

Edition 37 - 9th May, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to this week's Dean Scene!

Wishing Mark Earthey the very best of luck as he takes on his charity walk tomorrow for **The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity**. There's still time to sponsor him and get behind this fantastic cause!

<https://march.royalmarsden.org/fundraisers/markearthey13143>

In this week's History Corner, we feature **The Beacon Hub** - a big thank you to Vanessa Devitt for her input.

The **Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions** still have a few remaining spaces for stallholders at their popular Summer Fair - see details below.

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

What's Happening In The Deans This Week...

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Friends of Beacon Hill

Tuesday 12th May



Come and join the **Friends of Beacon Hill!**

We are a group of people who value and appreciate our local **Beacon Hill Nature Reserve** and give a little time and practical help to maintain and develop it. We carry out tasks agreed by Brighton City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council who are responsible for the nature reserve.

All Work Sessions are **10:00 to 12:00 at the Beacon Hub on Beacon Hill.** We ask people to bring secateurs if they have them, to wear sturdy footwear and have good gardening gloves. We provide tools for scrub removal.

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Fayre
Rottingdean Village Green
Saturday 13th June
11:00am - 4.00pm



**Rottingdean & Saltdean
Lions Club**



Also serving Woodingdean, Ovingdean and Falmer



Lions Fayre

Saturday, 13th June 2026

Rottingdean Village Green

11.00 am to 4.00 pm



Licensed bar with REAL ALE, barbeque,
stalls, raffle, arena events
and refreshments

Admission Free

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund N° 1001889

Come Along and Support Your Local Lions!

This will be a great day out for the whole community and there's still an opportunity to get involved.

We have space available for outside stallholders!

Whether you're a local trader, small business, charity or organisation, you can take part for a small fee and be part of these brilliant community events.

For full details and to book your stall,

please email: info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk

or call us on **03458 339617**.

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Coastal Trail
Until 24th May**

Artists Open Houses Coastal Trail 2nd - 24th May 2026

Seablue Studio Saturdays 11am - 5pm
Sundays 11am - 4pm
Monday 4th May 11am - 4pm

Continue the Coastal Trail at Seablue Studio, 49 Chalkland Rise, Woodingdean, where you'll find ceramics workshops, artists and makers showing their work plus gifts, art prints, cards & tea and cake on the patio.

 **Danni Durai** New Abstract Watercolours & more 

 **Diane Rogers** Textile art 

 **Rosario Gregori** Silver Jewellery 

 **Tracey Locke** Ceramics 

 **Leila Atherton** Felt art 

 **Jureambox** Textiles 

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Email For Info

Charity of the Month

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity



We are **The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity** and we raise money for **The Royal Marsden**, to save the lives of people affected by cancer, everywhere.

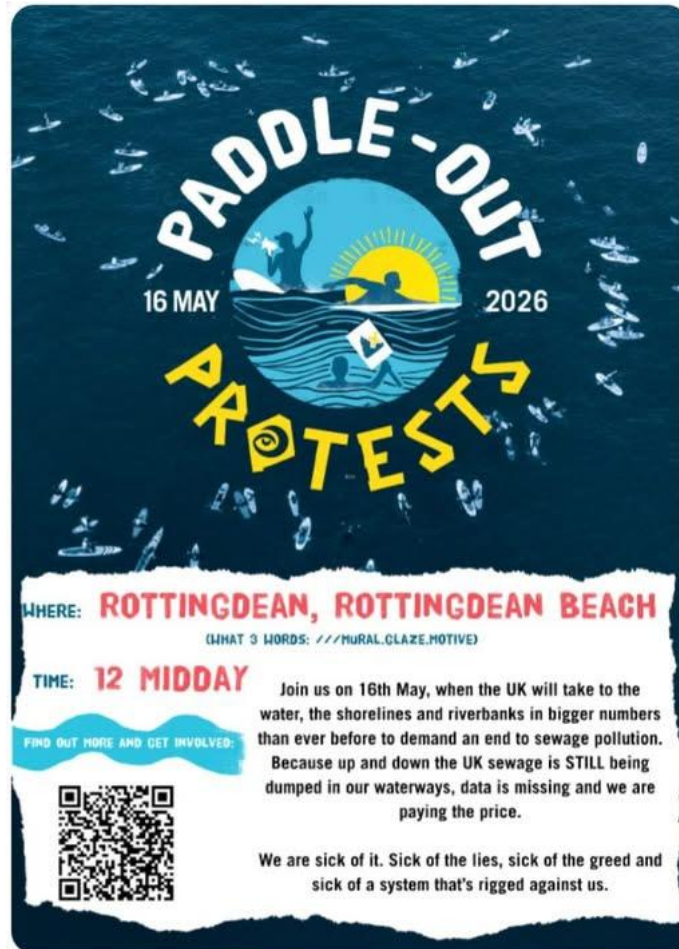
Together, we're revolutionising cancer diagnosis and treatment and, with your donations, we're funding life-saving research at **The Royal Marsden** to develop the next generation of cancer treatment. We are living in a golden age of cancer research. The use of technology, AI and big data is driving how we diagnose cancer earlier and personalise treatment so that we can save more lives.

What may have seemed impossible a decade ago has been made possible by rapid developments in technology and the support of people like you.

We help staff at The Royal Marsden to care for the whole person, not just their illness. Your support helps patients to live well from the point of their diagnosis, throughout treatment and beyond.

[Visit The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity Website](#)

**Surfer's Against Sewage
Rottingdean Beach
Saturday 16th May
From 12 Midday**




Join us on the beach for Rottingdean's first ever **Surfer's Against Sewage Paddle Out** for a show of unity to protect our ocean and coastline.

Everyone welcome. Whether you're paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming or just just supporting from the beach, your voice matters. Join us to call for clean seas, safer swimming water and accountability for pollution.

Please share and help spread the word!

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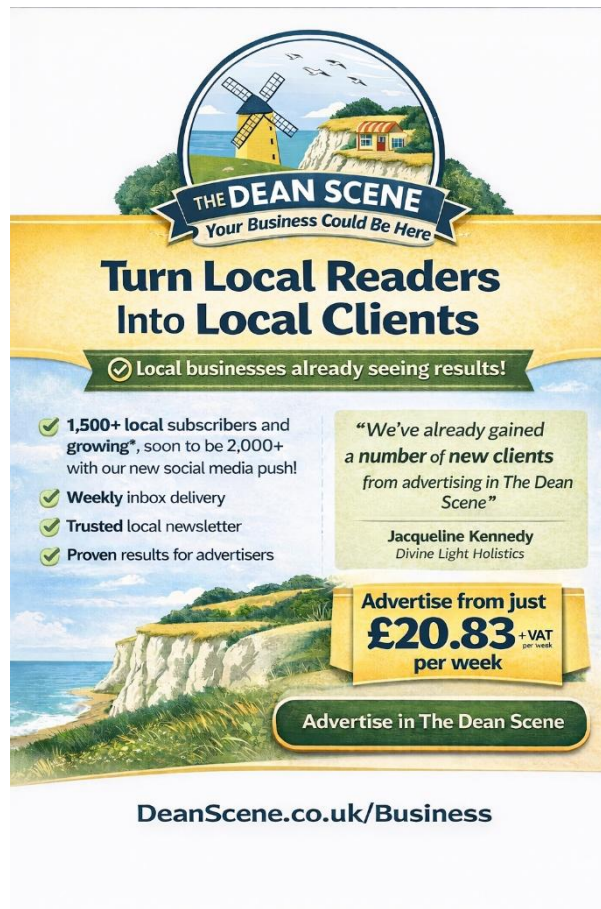
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Kempton Arts Trail....Weekends in May

Featuring local illustrator, Holly Crompton!





1	Bonnita Apperley+guests 4 Valley Close BN1 5FB	11.00-17.00 May 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24 07962 885354
2	AfricArt 18 Redhill Drive BN1 5FH	11.00-17.00 May 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24,BH25 07804 302265
3	Foxhill 3 Wayland Ave BN1 5LW	10.00-17.00 May 2,3,BH4,9,10,16,17,23,24,BH25 07396 698396
4	Pioneer Arts @ Modern Funeral 19 Station Road BN1 6SF	12.00-16.00 May 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24 07848 456103
5	The GloohBaah House 22a The Drove BN1 5AF	11.00-17.00 May 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24 07852 131971
6	The Trojan House 26 Maldon Road BN1 5BE	11.00-18.00 May 2,3, BH4,9,10,16,17,23,24,BH25 07885 911049
7	For The Man I Love 13 Maldon Road BN1 5BD	11.00-18.00 May 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24 07736 656049
8	Art@theGoodShepherd * 272 Dyke Road BN1 5AE	Sa 14.30-18.00 Su 12.30-18.00 May 2,3,9,10,16,17,23 01273 532000



DYKE ROAD Arts

A small but perfectly formed trail of 8 artists' open houses, with a vibrant and varied selection of artists and makers. AOH weekends start 2 May 26 (see brochure or website for details)

www.dykeroadarts.co.uk

Visit Holly's Website



The Beacon Hub...



The Beacon Hub is a charity based on the Southeastern corner of the Beacon Hill nature reserve, west of Rottingdean village. It is an area that over time has been used for various purposes.

In 1802 it was identified as a Saxon "warrior" burial site. In the second half of the 19th century it was home to Rottingdean cricket club before the club's relocation to its current home on Falmer Road. More recently, and just prior to the Beacon Hub's existence, the area was the location for the Rottingdean pitch and putt golf course which closed in 2013 having become economically unviable. Subsequently the disused pitch and putt kiosk was leased by the charity from Brighton & Hove City Council and given a fresh start by the local community to become the current building for The Beacon Hub.

The charity's vision is to create a place where people can connect with nature, learn about the environment, and share in the beauty, history and creativity of this exceptional landscape.

With support from volunteers and through various fundraising initiatives the charity intends to develop the site into an accessible Eco Education and Visitor Centre. With an abundance of natural wildlife and stunning sea views to explore, this is the perfect location to teach children and adults about land and marine conservation.

We currently have a small cafe kiosk and classroom from which various events are run. In the past we have facilitated schools, scout and beaver groups on nature walks identifying the rich biodiversity of the nature reserve, taken groups rock pooling, held stargazing evenings, supported art exhibitions at the windmill, as well as providing hot drinks, ice lollies and pastries for the many dog walkers and visitors to Beacon Hill.



Beacon Hill is a rare chalk grassland habitat, one that has almost disappeared across the UK where chalk grassland has declined by over 80% since the 1940s, so it is urgent that current and future generations have an opportunity to learn why this type of habitat is so important to British wildlife.

Many species of wildflowers, rare plants, butterflies and ground nesting birds such as skylarks can be seen in the area. Extending the chalk grassland down to the coast was a major aim of our initial project in taking on the former Rottingdean Golf Course & Pavilion and will help preserve and diversify the 'island' flora and fauna populations found there. In 2017 the area which the Beacon Hub occupies was successfully incorporated as part of the existing Beacon Hill nature reserve.

What's happening now?

Over the winter months we have been catching up with repairs and maintenance to the 1960's building ready to reopen our doors to the public. The brutal weather necessitates a lot of ongoing repairs but with thanks to volunteers and the generosity of local trades, we are now in a position to move forward again with our projects.

A couple of weeks ago on the last Saturday of April we hosted one of our much needed regular 'hub scrubs' where we were supported by some amazing volunteers to help clean and spruce up both the building and outside space in readiness for hosting events and setting up the cafe kiosk again.



How can you be involved?

We are always keen to involve people from the local community and have welcomed many volunteers over the years. Whether for ad hoc events or as a regular volunteer in the cafe kiosk. If you would like to be involved please get in touch.

Further details about us are on our website <https://beaconhubbrighton.org/>
And if you want to get in touch please email us
at beaconhubbrighton@gmail.com

Or find us on Facebook [Beacon Hub Brighton | Rottingdean](#)

Later This Month In The Deans...

Nuffield Health 'Understanding Snoring & Sleep Apnoea' Tuesday 19th May



Mr Simon Watts
Consultant ENT Surgeon

Meet the Expert: Understanding snoring and sleep apnoea in adults and children



Nuffield Health Brighton



Tuesday 19th May 6pm



01273 624488



[Email For More Info](#)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre



Still time to book these 5 week courses at RWC

Discovering Classical Music - starts Thursday 28 May

An introduction to classical music through a series of five pivotal moments in its history. These include the birth of opera, the rise of the symphony, Music and revolution, the birth of musical modernism and Musical uproar in Paris.



Exploring Brighton Walking Tours - starts Friday 5 June

Over 5 weeks we will explore central Brighton looking for examples of its physical landscape, historic features, architecture and overall history and geography; starting in The Lanes, we will move on week by week to the beach, North Laine, St. James Street and the Valley Gardens.



For these (and lots of other courses) sign up at rwc.org.uk

[Sign Up On The Website](#)

Quiz Night Saltdean Lido Thursday 21st May



🍷 Get ready for a fun-filled evening at Saltdean Lido's Quiz Night! 🎉 ✨

Join us in person for a night packed with brain teasers, laughter, and friendly competition. Whether you're a trivia whiz or just in it for a good time, this event is perfect for everyone who loves a little challenge and a lot of fun!

Bring your friends, form a team of up to 6 players, and see if you've got what it takes to claim the fantastic prizes up for grabs. Beyond the trivia, it's a perfect opportunity to make new friends, enjoy the lively atmosphere, and unwind in great company.

Whether you're a seasoned quiz master or a casual participant, this is your chance to test your knowledge, enjoy some laughs, and be part of a fantastic local gathering. Don't miss out on this exciting inaugural event — get your team together and join us for a night to remember!

Set within our stunning Art Deco venue, guests can enjoy a relaxed bar menu offering drinks and light bites — with the option to pre-order food in advance to make the evening even more seamless. Simply order ahead and have everything ready to enjoy on the night.

Book Tickets

First Press Record Fair x We Love 45s
Saltdean Lido
23rd May



We Love 45s comes to Saltdean Lido for the first time in collaboration with First Press, with the Record Fair returning after an excellent day out last summer. This special event celebrates 7" vinyl culture with a curated record fair and a soundtrack of four hours of 45s spun by selectors from the 45 Day community, alongside some of Brighton's finest stores, dealers and collectors opening their crates.

Set against the iconic architectural backdrop of Saltdean Lido, a beloved modernist landmark by the sea, DJs will bring deep, eclectic, and soulful 45s to life, complementing the vibe of this historic venue and seaside setting.

£2 entry with half of proceedings being donated to the excellent charity Help Musicians, who help the next generation of music makers to get a break - free after 2pm, but donations welcome.

What to expect...

— **Record Sellers** —

We're welcoming some brand new faces as ever to the line up and working with some excellent sellers who time and again have proved to have those crates of gold we are all looking for...

Featuring Balearic Mike, Brad HBSMA, Chris HBMSA, David Loja, John Warr, Josh Dean, Khaled Lowe, Liberation Records, Rarekind Records, Rob Life, So Far So Real, The Wilson Brothers, Union Music Store, Vinyl Selector and more.

More Info

Woodingdean Carnival Saturday 4th July



Woodingdean Carnival Parade 2026!

We are looking for local groups who would like to walk in this years parade.

If you'd like more details please get in touch!

[Sponsorship Opportunities](#)



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