

Edition 40 - 30th May, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to the 40th edition of The Dean Scene!

A huge thank you for your continued support - it really does mean so much and helps keep this wonderful community newsletter thriving week after week.

As May comes to a close, so does our month supporting **The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity**. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated, shared stories and helped raise awareness for such an important cause.

Looking ahead to June, we're delighted to welcome **Raystede** as our new Charity of the Month .

If there's a charity close to your heart that you'd love to see featured in The Dean Scene, please do get in touch and tell me why it matters to you - I'd love to hear your story.

With the Summer Fair Season upon us there are lots of exciting events happening in the Deans in the coming weeks - make sure your event is featured here!

Contact me directly: lisa@deanscene.co.uk

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

St Aubyns Chapel

Sunday 31st May

2pm - 4pm



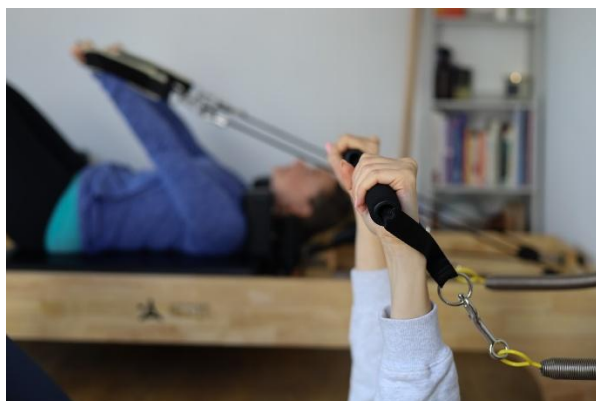
St Aubyns Chapel – Open this Sunday.

Don't miss this opportunity. The fully refurbished Chapel, at 21 Nicholson Place Rottingdean, will be open to visitors **from 14:00 to 16:00 every Sunday in May.**

You will be able to see the fully restored stained glass window depicting three former pupils and photographs of former pupils of St Aubyns School who were killed in the First and Second World Wars including John Kipling, son of Rudyard. Come and have a look round! Parish Councillors will be on hand to answer questions.

The Pilates Corner

Observe. Get curious. Connect and re-centre.
Make moves mindfully with **Pilates** and movement teacher
Anna Pearce at The Pilates Corner.



A nourishing space to get curious about, strengthen and move your frame, **The Pilates Corner** is a small, specialised, fully equipped studio guided by principles of accessibility of language, movement and sensorial experiences for all.

Located in the heart of **Rottingdean Village**, it offers one-to-one or small-group Pilates classes that are – as described by existing clients – playful, rewarding and transformative.

Anna's pilates teaching career spans more than ten years, and is constantly evolving. Her classes are designed to bring about awareness, guiding you with kindness towards ease of movement while challenging the body with (and through) motion.

For further details of what's on offer, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at the link below or visit our website: [The Pilates Corner, Rottingdean](#)

[Contact The Pilates Corner](#)

Surfers Against Sewage

The Southern Belle, Hove

Wednesday 3rd June 6:30pm - 9pm



Due to the cancellation of the **Brighton & Rottingdean Paddle Out Protests**, we're bringing all ocean defenders together in a different way.

Join the local **Surfers Against Sewage** communities for a relaxed and informative evening to reconnect, watch a SAS film, hear the latest updates, and find out how you can support our campaign for clean seas.

We'll be sharing:

- Progress on the national End Sewage Pollution petition
- Updates on Brighton Marina dredging
- Upcoming beach clean dates and ways to get involved
- A short SAS film to inspire us all

This is a chance to come together, to keep the energy going, and turn momentum into meaningful action.

Bring along the placards & banners you made for the Paddle Out Protest so we can get a photo on the night!

This event is free, but we'll have our charity tins out so bring some cash for those if you want to support SAS ☺

Only 70 tickets so grab your spot!

[**Reserve Your Place**](#)

Nuffield Health

Wednesday 3rd June

6pm

Walking Without Limits



Nuffield Health Brighton

Mr Adam Ajis
Consultant Foot & Ankle Surgeon

Meet the Expert
Walking without limits: All about ankle arthritis

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Meet the Expert: Mr Adam Ajis Consultant Foot & Ankle Surgeon

Walking Without Limits: All About Ankle Arthritis

 **Wednesday 3rd June**

 **6:00 pm**

Nuffield Health Brighton Hospital

Join us for a free informative session with Mr Adam Ajis, one of our expert Foot & Ankle Consultants, as he explores the causes, symptoms, and modern treatment options for ankle arthritis, from conservative therapies to advanced surgical solutions.

Whether you're a patient, carer, or simply interested in foot and ankle health, this is a fantastic opportunity to ask questions and learn directly from a leading specialist.

 To reserve your place:

01273 627051 / 01273 627075

[Email For More Information](#)

Woodingdean Primary School

Summer Fair

Saturday 6th June



Jazz at Woodingdean Methodist Church

Saturday 6th June



South Coast Taxis

Call 01273 301111

SOUTH COAST TAXIS 



01273 301111

GATWICK £60 **HEATHROW £120**

WOODINGDEAN / ROTTINGDEAN / SALTDEAN / Ovingdean

Book Online

St Nicholas Church

Sunday 7th June



FIRE
Sunday June 7th 2pm
St Nicholas Church Hall



Bible story, Activities,
Celebration, Hot Food.
All ages welcome.
No charge, but donations welcome.

If you have any questions please message

Lis: 07726 460765

Email Lis Here!

Saltdean Women's Institute

The new venue is

St Nicholas Church

and the next meeting is

10th June, 2pm -4pm



Rottingdean Beach Clean

Sunday 7th June



These are microplastics. Tiny, tiny pieces of harmful plastic that have broken down from larger lumps and are now small enough to be ingested by wildlife and, ultimately, humans.

We want them gone from our marine conservation zone - which is why we hold regular Beach Cleans

Our next one is on **7th June** at **Rottingdean Beach** from **11am-12.30pm.**

All equipment provided or feel free to bring your own. Let's all do our bit to stop the dangers of plastic pollution from spoiling the natural world.

Hope to see you there!

Follow Us On Facebook

Rottingdean Yard Sale Trail

Sunday 7th June

10am - 1pm



Enjoy a day out in Rottingdean...

Follow the trail, wander around Kipling Gardens, have some lunch at one of the pubs or cafes, explore The Grange Gallery & Museum and finally leave with an array of really cool finds!

Rottingdean Croquet Club will be taking part in order to raise funds towards replacing their crumbling pavilion in Kipling Garden. They will have several tables along Vaughan Williams Way opposite Saint Aubyn's field.

Charity of the Month

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity



The ROYAL
MARSDEN
Cancer Charity

A message from our reader Mark Earthey who nominated this month's charity of the month...

*"On behalf of the **Royal Marsden Cancer Charity** and myself, I would like to thank everyone in the 'Deans' for their love, support, and donations to the fight against cancer. Your generosity made every step worthwhile, and I hope I conveyed this in last Saturday's 'Reflections' feature. I am well aware that there are several cancer charities to choose from, so please accept my sincerest gratitude for selecting mine. While the **Royal Marsden Cancer Charity** will always hold a special place in my heart, I do support a number of other cancer and Alzheimer's charities, and you will hear from me again!*

I must also give a special thanks to Lisa and The Dean Scene team for creating the 'Charity of the Month' feature. It made a real difference to me and the Royal Marsden, and I'm sure it will give many more charities a well-deserved local boost. I give Lisa and this feature my full support, and I hope you will too!

Thank you all again, and maybe one day we shall defeat these dreadful diseases."





(Some photos of Mark completing the Marsden March on the 10th May)

It's not too late to sponsor Mark!

[Visit Mark's Fundraising Page](#)



The Athina B...



The ***Athina B*** was a Greek merchant ship.

On **21st January 1980**, while sailing from Portugal, she suffered engine failure in bad weather and beached at the seaside resort of Brighton, to the east of the Palace Pier.

The ship became a temporary tourist attraction, with the Volk's Electric Railway opening out of season to serve the large number of sightseers.

The anchor is on display on Brighton seafront, a restaurant in Brighton bears the name of the ship and a painting of *Athina B* by Dennis Roxby Bott is in Brighton Museum.

Built as the ***Kojima Maru*** at Hiroshima in 1968, the *Athina B* initially sailed under the Japanese flag. She was renamed ***Hung Wei*** in 1973 and ***Nina Pa*** in 1976, before being sold and renamed the ***Athina B*** in 1979, sailing under the Greek flag.

The *Athina B* left the Azores on the **11th December 1979** laden with 3,000 tonnes of pumice . Her destination was the port at Shoreham, West Sussex. During the voyage, she had problems with her generator, gyro compass and radar, and put in at La Rochelle in France for repairs. On arrival at Shoreham on the 20th January, force seven or eight winds meant she was unable to enter harbour.

Her engines failed, and a MAYDAY call was issued. The Shoreham lifeboat ***Dorothy and Philip Constance*** took off half the crew and the captain's family, with the rest being rescued on the morning of 21st January. Four missions were needed to rescue all those on board. The ship drifted eastwards and eventually ran aground to the east of the Palace Pier. The ship broke her back and was declared a write-off

Awards

Coxwain Ken Voice was awarded a **RNLI Silver Medal**; Crew members Ken Everard, Michael Fox, Peter Huxtable, John Landale, Jack Silverson and Geoff Tugwell were awarded the RNLI's **Thanks of the Institution on Vellum**; Crew members Peter Everard and Derek Silverson received letters of thanks signed by the director of the RNLI for their part in the rescue of the crew of the *Athina B*.

Salvage

The ship remained on the beach for a month, guarded by the police to prevent looting. After a mobile crane was used to remove the cargo, she was re-floated and towed to a scrapyard at Rainham, Kent on the 21st February 1980, where she was scrapped.



(The *Athina B*'s anchor is still displayed on Brighton seafront)

Later This Month In The Deans

Charity Tea Dance
Ovingdean Village Hall
Saturday 13th June



Join us for a Cream Tea Dance in aid of the **Chestnut Tree House Hospice for Children**

Advertise In The Dean Scene!

An advertisement for 'The Dean Scene' featuring a scenic background of a cliffside with a windmill and a house. The text includes: 'THE DEAN SCENE Your Business Could Be Here', 'Turn Local Readers Into Local Clients', 'Local businesses already seeing results!', a list of benefits (1,500+ subscribers, weekly delivery, trusted newsletter, proven results), a testimonial from Jacqueline Kennedy of Divine Light Holistics, and a price of '£20.83 + VAT per week'. A button at the bottom says 'Advertise in The Dean Scene' and the website 'DeanScene.co.uk/Business' is listed below.

Email Lisa !

**The Circus Summer Fair
St Margaret's School
Saturday 20th June
12pm - 5pm**



Roll Up, Roll Up!

The Circus Summer Fair is coming to St Margaret's on 20th June from 12–5pm for an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and amazing circus entertainment for all ages.

✦ Live Circus Shows hosted by Circus Pazaz ✦

Choose from one of three fantastic 55-minute performances:

🕒 12:00pm

🕒 2:00pm

🕒 4:00pm

Babies in arms go free.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

🕒 Please note:

All ticket holders are kindly asked to arrive 30 minutes before their chosen showtime to allow time for entry and seating.

All seating is unreserved.

🎫 Ticket Information

Tickets are £8.50. This price includes booking charge.

There'll be plenty to enjoy throughout the afternoon, including:

✦ Family-friendly workshops

✦ Stalls and activities

✦ Giant bubbles and interactive fun

🎉 Food, treats, and more surprises along the way

We hope you'll join us for a brilliant afternoon of fun, colour, and community spirit - perfect for families, friends, and circus lovers of all ages!

Buy Tickets

Brighton Racecourse Fathers Day Fun! Sunday 21st June



Enjoy the thrill of live flat racing with something extra this Father's Day at Brighton Racecourse



Take in the stunning south coast views while enjoying an afternoon packed with interactive entertainment to level up your raceday experience.

Challenge friends and family on the golf simulator



, inflatable bungee run



, gladiator duel



and extreme assault course



, plus football penalty shoot-outs



, last man standing sweeper



and giant foot darts



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All listed entertainment is included and children aged 17 and under go FREE



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Sunday 21 June 2026.

Buy your tickets now and make a day of it



[Book Tickets!](#)

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- Easy to get to location. Bus stop right outside on Warren Road. Car parking spaces on site
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- For more information email us at holycross.woodingdean@gmail.com

Downs Way, Woodingdean, Brighton BN2 6WG

MORE INFORMATION

www.woodingdeanholycross.org.uk

Visit the Website

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre Volunteer Needed



RWC
FOR THE COMMUNITY

WE WANT YOU!

Volunteer Purchasing Administrator

We are looking for a Volunteer who can:

- Be responsible for buying all consumables & equipment at the Centre, such as tea & coffee and cleaning products
- Car use is essential, as will involve a visit to Bookers in Brighton
- Time commitment - on average an hour a week
- Part of Management Committee

WE WANT YOU!

For more information or to discuss, please contact Bill@rwc.org.uk

Email for more information

**Rottingdean Bowling Club
Community Fun Day
Wednesday 24th June
1.30pm**

EVER WANTED TO TRY BOWLS?

ROTTINGDEAN BOWLING CLUB
-- EST. 1934 --

CALLING ALL LOCAL SOCIETIES, GROUPS OR CLUBS!

PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER
AT OUR
COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Join us for a fun-filled community day!

DATE: WEDNESDAY JUNE 24TH | **TIME: 1:30 PM**

ONLY £5 PER PERSON

BOOK SPACES NOW
www.rottingdeanbowlingclub.co.uk/find_us/

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ Coaching and guidance on how to play
- ✓ Afternoon tea, quiz and prizes
- ✓ Club bar open

STAY ACTIVE • **STAY SOCIAL** • **TEAM BUILDING**

Are you in a local group, society, club or social group?

Would you like to get a team together for a fun day out in Rottingdean?

Contact us on events.rottingdeanbc@gmail.com or via our website for more information or to book your place.

Contact Us Here!

Rottingdean Village Fair

Saturday 1st August 2026



Get ready for a spectacular celebration as the **Rottingdean Village Fair** returns, marking "**A Hundred and One Years of Fun**"!

Last year we celebrated our centenary with a bang, and this year, we're channeling the spirit of the 1920s with a dazzling Art Deco theme - reflecting that iconic era when our fair was first held.

We're thrilled to bring this beloved event back to our village green, offering more stalls and food options than ever before! Prepare for a delightful array of local crafts, unique treasures, and a culinary journey to tempt every taste bud. You'll also find diverse entertainment throughout the day, alongside a vibrant mix of commercial, community, and charity stalls, ensuring there's something for everyone. Naturally, we're all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather once again!

And this year, we have a rather sensational surprise in store! We're delighted to announce a special and rare appearance by the creator of one of the most famous controversies of all time – his story not only made into a feature film but soon to be the subject of a Sky documentary too - and he will be exhibiting the somewhat creepy subject of the global phenomenon to those who wish to see it in the flesh (and have the nerve to step behind the curtain to experience it in the dark!).

Join us for a day packed with fun, festivities, and a touch of cinematic intrigue. Let's make this year's fair the best one yet and continue creating those unforgettable community moments, knowing that profits from the fair are distributed every year to local good causes.

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