

## Edition 41 - 6th June, 2026



Hi,

As we head into summer and the community event season gets into full swing, we're delighted to welcome Raystede Animal Welfare Centre as our Charity of the Month for June.

Raystede does incredible work caring for and rehoming animals in need, but like many charities, they are facing significant financial challenges. With increasing numbers of animals requiring care and the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis on donations, their support has never been more important. We hope you'll take a few moments to learn more about their work and consider supporting them if you can.

There will be no History Corner during June, but we're already planning ahead for July. If there's a local landmark, building, event, organisation or hidden gem from the Deans that you'd like us to feature, I'd love to hear your suggestions.

As always, thank you for reading and supporting your local community newsletter.

Please note: If you'd like to contact me, please email [lisa@deanscene.co.uk](mailto:lisa@deanscene.co.uk) rather than replying directly to this newsletter, as replies are not always seen promptly.

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

### **Rottingdean Beach Clean Sunday 7th June 11am - 12.30pm**



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 7 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!

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**St Nicholas Church  
Sunday 7th June**



The poster features a blue background. In the top left corner is the 'Messy Church' logo, which consists of the word 'Messy' in white and 'Church' in yellow, both inside a red, splatter-like shape. In the top right corner is a white dove in flight. In the center, the word 'FIRE' is written in red, with 'Sunday June 7th 2pm' and 'St Nicholas Church Hall' in white text below it. At the bottom center is a photograph of a fire. Below the fire, the text 'Bible story, Activities, Celebration, Hot Food.' is written in white, followed by 'All ages welcome.' and 'No charge, but donations welcome.' in a smaller white font.

If you have any questions please email Lis:  
[liscfwstnicholas@hotmail.com](mailto:liscfwstnicholas@hotmail.com)

Or message on 07726460765

**Friends of Beacon Hill  
Tuesday 9th June**



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 meet at 10:00 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.

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**Greener Deans Eco Fair  
&  
The Deans Repair Cafe  
Saturday 13th June  
10.30am - 3pm  
St Nicholas Church Hall**



Saltdean Climate Action Network is running an Eco Fair on Saturday June 13th from 10.30 am to 3pm, running alongside our regular Repair Cafe, but at a new venue: St Nicholas Church Hall, Saltdean.

It will be fun, with demonstrations and a chance to try your hand at different crafts, alongside stalls such as plants, bird boxes, refreshments and a range of information. As well as promoting what SCAN is about; resilience, adaptation and sustainability, it will be highlighting areas of focus and the groups we work alongside. There will be plenty of opportunities for interaction.

Our aim is to connect with the community locally as well as in the wider Deans area. Sharing ideas, working together and encouraging a greener outlook in our community.

It will be a free event but stallholders may charge to cover their costs, for example. There will be an opportunity to make a donation, as normal, for Repair Cafe as well as in the kitchen for lunch snacks. We look forward to meeting everyone at this new venture. For more information, email [Saltdeancan@gmail.com](mailto:Saltdeancan@gmail.com)

**[Visit The Website](#)**

**Saltdean Women's Institute**  
**\*\*\*\*\*Important News\*\*\*\*\***



Due to unforeseen circumstances the Saltdean Women's Institute will continue to meet at St Martins Church, Longridge Avenue.

The next meeting is the 10th June, 2pm - 4pm  
All ladies welcome!

**Charity Tea Dance**  
**Ovingdean Village Hall**  
**Saturday 13th June**



**Charity  
Tea Dance**  
**Supporting Chestnut Tree House**  
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dancing  
afternoon tea  
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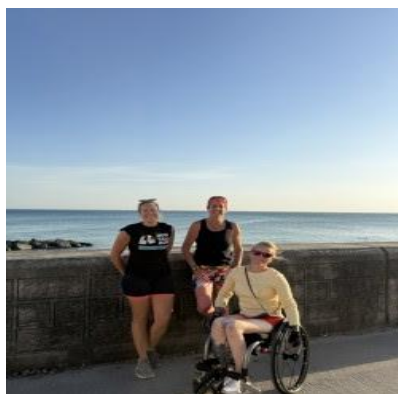
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# Run Talk Run Saltdean Every Wednesday!



## ***Saltdean Run Talk Run – The First Few Weeks***

Saltdean Run Talk Run has got off to a positive start, with two free weekly runs taking place so far. Six people joined the first session, followed by three runners the following week.

Run Talk Run provides a welcoming space for people to connect while enjoying a gentle, conversational-paced run. The focus is on supporting mental wellbeing, building social connections and creating a friendly, inclusive community.

The group meets weekly and remains completely free to attend. As awareness continues to grow locally, we're looking forward to welcoming more people to future runs along the seafront.

Every Wednesday  
Meeting at 7pm  
Start at 7:15pm  
Completely free  
Everyone is welcome.

[\*\*Sign Up Here!\*\*](#)

# Charity of the Month

## Raystede Animal Welfare



June's Charity of The Month is Raystede Animal Welfare which has been nominated by our reader Ann Chrisfield.....

"I would like to nominate our local rescue charity Raystede, which does such a sterling amount for unwanted and difficult to re home animals.

From small creatures such as rats, gerbils and terrapins to larger ones such as donkey's, horses, cats and dogs plus unwanted parrots and exotic birds. The standard of care is exemplary as you can see when visiting the site.

The charity also provides excellent outreach in the community in different areas of Sussex including Brighton and putting on fun days for children, which involves learning and seeing the animals in Raystede's care.

The charity is now arranging pop up meeting places with staff from Raystede for people to go and be helped with any current problems with managing their animals health or behaviour. The aim being supporting these companion animals in their own home for as much as possible.

I know this first hand, having shared the care of a very damaged little dog who had experienced ill treatment. Raystede rehabilitated Nigel and then he became such a wanted and loved companion for us.

Currently the charity needs as much support as possible with so many owners experiencing cost of living problems and the high expenses of veterinary treatment."

We look forward to featuring lots of information and events relating to Raystede over the coming weeks.

[Visit The Raystede Website](#)



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## The Open Art Cafe Rottingdean



Looking for the perfect spot to relax, unwind and enjoy great coffee? Why not visit The Open Art Café, where you can escape to a peaceful shaded garden and watch the world go by with a delicious Trading Post Coffee in hand.

Dog owners are especially welcome, with doggy ice cream available for your four-legged friends too!

While you're there, take time to browse a wonderful selection of locally made arts and crafts, featuring a selection of local talented artists.

Whether you're meeting friends, enjoying a quiet moment, or looking for a unique gift, The Open Art Café offers a warm welcome and a truly relaxing atmosphere.

★ Dean Scene Deal of the Week! ★

Mention The Dean Scene and enjoy coffee and cake for just £6. Support local, discover local, and treat yourself to a visit to The Open Art Café this week.

**Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Fayre**  
**Saturday 13th June**  
**11am - 4pm**



**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

The countdown is on! Only 1 week to go!

The traditional Lions Fayre has been running in Rottingdean for well over forty years, and as a regular event has grown significantly in stature with it becoming one of the highlights of the summer season in Rottingdean.

The Fayre will have many games and stalls. Refreshments will be there including our BBQ and licensed bar plus teas, coffees and cakes. Summer Draw tickets will also be available and this will be drawn at the end of the Saltdean Gala in July, first prize is £200! So come and join us for a fun day out whilst supporting your local Lions!

If you would like more information on any of our service or other activities or would like to lodge an interest in helping us please contact Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions on 03458 339617 or email at [info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk](mailto:info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk).

You can also contact us through our website.

**[Visit Our Website](#)**

## The Rockpool Project Saturday 13th June, 3pm



Explore Ovingdean's rock-pools, discover marine life, meet like-minded people, and contribute to vital citizen science. Join us for a free monthly 'bioblitz battle' on Saturday June 13th at 3pm. You'll be amazed what incredible wildlife can be found!

Look out for our flag and gazebo on the beach in front of the cafe.  
For more information and to sign up  
visit: <https://www.therockpoolproject.co.uk/hubs/ovingdean>

You can also find us on Instagram and Facebook.



[Visit The Website](https://www.therockpoolproject.co.uk/hubs/ovingdean)

## The Grange Gallery '6 Perspectives'



Our current exhibition is looking wonderful!

On until Sunday, 21st June, '6 Perspectives' features Ian Boutell, Dawn Carey, Michael Hutley, Jill Morris, Maggie Philo and Jill Wilkinson.

Fourteen years after graduating together, these six artists reunite to present a dynamic group exhibition shaped by shared beginnings and distinct creative paths.

Spanning abstract painting, assemblage, collage, still life, textiles and sculpture, the show brings together diverse practices in a conversation about time, material and artistic evolution. The exhibition is on the first floor (above Rottingdean Library) and a chairlift is available.

Gallery opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Admission free.

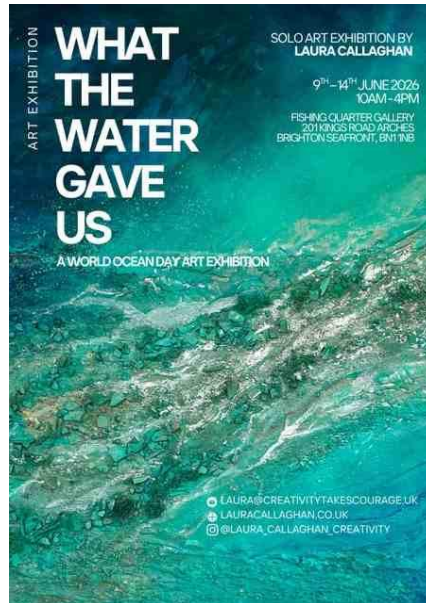
Rottingdean Heritage CIO is a locally run charity. Please do look at our website for information on what Rottingdean Heritage looks after in our beautiful village, and please do sign up if you'd like to receive quarterly newsletters.



**Visit The Website And Sign Up!**

## Local Artist – Laura Callaghan

*What the Water Gave Us*, Laura's upcoming solo art exhibition for World Oceans Day, taking place at Fishing Quarter Gallery, Brighton Seafront, from 9–14 June 2026.




The exhibition brings together paintings, found marine objects, reclaimed coastal materials, sound, and moving image exploring our relationship with the sea through recovered marine materials, shoreline collecting, and collaborations with Sussex marine voices including Sussex Dolphin Project and Sussex Underwater.

Alongside the exhibition, there will be a programme of associated public events developed with Sussex Dolphin Project, Sussex Underwater, and Sussex Bay.

Some of the work that Laura is showing is the result of the Deans Volunteers Beach Clean from her February exhibition in Rottingdean.

AS PART OF  
**WHAT THE WATER GAVE US**  
AN EXHIBITION BY LAURA CALLAGHAN

## DOLPHIN LAND WATCH

WITH  **Sussex Dolphin**

**A COASTAL OBSERVATION SESSION EXPLORING THE MARINE LIFE JUST BEYOND THE SHORELINE**


Learn more about how dolphins and other sea life are monitored from land, spend time looking closely at the sea, and explore ideas of attention, presence and marine conservation connected to the exhibition

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
3PM - 5PM  
FISHING QUARTER GALLERY  
201 KINGS ROAD ARCHES  
BRIGHTON SEAFRONT, BN1 1NB

**DROP IN – ALL AGES WELCOME. – FREE**

AS PART OF  
**WHAT THE WATER GAVE US**  
AN EXHIBITION BY LAURA CALLAGHAN

## EXPLORE THE SHORE

WITH **Sussex Underwater** 

**A FAMILY FRIENDLY DROP-IN COASTAL TREASURE HUNT, DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOP**

Visit the exhibition, explore the shoreline, collect what the sea has left behind, and return to share and respond with members of the Sussex Underwater team

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
10AM - 12 MIDDAY  
FISHING QUARTER GALLERY  
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BRIGHTON SEAFRONT, BN1 1NB

**DROP IN – ALL AGES WELCOME. – FREE**

[Visit Laura's Website](#)

## Later This Month In The Deans...

Quiz Night  
Saltdean Lido  
Thursday 18th June  
7pm - 9.30pm



Join us 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!

We are delighted to announce that Reading Room is joining Saltdean Lido to offer fantastic food and drink options to all our guests. A bar snack menu will now be available for you to enjoy alongside your evening of fun! A curated selection of plant and meat options, summery, light and delicious. Reading Room has partnered with some local drink heroes and will offer a fabulous list of drinks and cocktails. Their bar will be open throughout your evening. We look forward to welcoming you!

[\*\*Book Tickets\*\*](#)

**Tropicana Nights  
Saltdean Lido  
Friday 19th June  
7.30 pm - 11.30pm**



Our 90s Party isn't just a trip down memory lane — it's a full-blown celebration of a decade that gave us the birth of the internet, boy bands, the heyday of MTV, and some of the most iconic music and pop culture moments ever. Whether you grew up in the 90s or just love the era, this is your chance to embrace your inner 90s kid and dance the night away!

Break out the scrunchies, slap bracelets, bucket hats, and denim everything, because the dance floor will be alive with the Macarena, the Running Man, the Cha-Cha Slide, and all the classic moves that defined a generation. From pop and R&B to grunge and hip-hop, our playlist is packed with the songs that made the 90s unforgettable.

A bar snack menu will now be available for you to enjoy alongside your evening of fun! A curated selection of plant and meat options, summery, light and delicious. Reading Room has partnered with some local drink heroes and will offer a fabulous list of drinks and cocktails. Their bar will be open throughout your evening. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Important:** All seats and tables are unallocated and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure you arrive early to secure your spot on the dance floor!

**[Book Tickets!](#)**

The Plough Inn  
Rottingdean  
What's On!

THE PLOUGH INN  
**JUNE EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**SUGAR RUSH**  
Upbeat, acoustic duo performing crowd pleasers from all the decades!

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**CHARITY QUIZ**  
Book in early to avoid disappointment

**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**P.I.G.S GOLF SOCIETY**  
Mid Sussex Golf Club

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
**FATHERS DAY**  
Book in early to avoid disappointment

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**PLOUGH MUSIC QUIZ** 8.30pm Start

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**MEAT RAFFLE** 7pm Start

**WATCH THE WORLD CUP FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**



St Patrick's Church  
Friday 26th June  
6.30pm

St. Patrick's Church,  
Woodingdean  
**Our Summer Party**  
with an Italian theme  
Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June from  
6.30pm  
**Tickets £10 including food.**  
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Churches after the Sunday masses.  
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Not to be  
missed!  
Book now.  
Numbers  
limited.  
**Buon appetito!!**



**Woodingdean Wilderness Group**  
**Saturday 27th June**  
**10am - 1pm**

**Woodingdean Wilderness Group**

**Would you like to learn to Scythe?**



Join us at one of our scything workshops on the WWG Nature Site, Warren Road. It is free, fun, environmentally friendly and good exercise. Full instructions and safety briefing will be given before we begin. Please wear tough, enclosed footwear with trousers and bring your own refreshments for the afternoon sessions.

**Sat 27 June 10am - 1pm**

**Fri 10 July 2 - 4pm**

**ADVANCE BOOKING**

is required and no under 16s or dogs at these sessions for Health and Safety reasons.

All Sessions will be at the WWG Nature site, outside the West Lawn Memorial Park entrance, Warren Road, BN2 6DD.

What3Words: [///apples.shade.fans](#)

For more information and to book a place on any of the above sessions please contact

[info.woodingdeanwilderness@gmail.com](mailto:info.woodingdeanwilderness@gmail.com)



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