

Edition 43 - 20th June, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to this week's Dean Scene!

There's plenty happening across the Deans this week, including a fantastic **Community Fun Day at Rottingdean Bowls Club**, offering a great opportunity to meet new people, try something different and enjoy a day of local community spirit.

Fancy learning a traditional countryside skill? The **Woodingdean Wilderness Group** is hosting a chance to learn the art of scything, with expert guidance and a warm welcome for beginners.

This week we continue to shine a spotlight on **Raystede Animal Welfare Centre**, our **Charity of the Month**. Have you ever thought about fostering an animal in need? Discover how you could make a life-changing difference to a rescue animal while providing a temporary loving home.

As always, thank you for reading and supporting the people, organisations and events that make our community such a special place.

Please note: If you'd like to contact me, please email 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...

Saltdean Tennis Club Walking Tennis Session Monday 22nd June 10.30am - 12pm

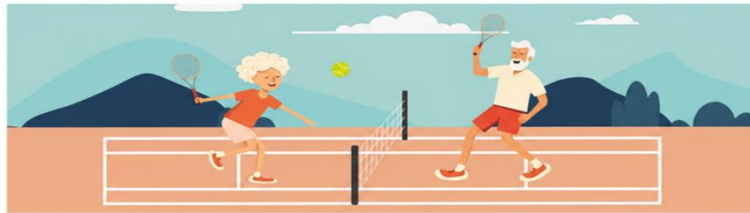
Walking Tennis Session at Saltdean Tennis Club
Monday 22nd June from 10.30am - 12.00pm



An introduction to this modified, low-impact version of tennis designed for all ages and abilities and those recovering from injury. It is played with slower balls than usual and the key rules include no running or jumping, and allowing the ball to bounce twice.

The session is open to both tennis and bowls club members as well as the wider community. It will be free to tennis and bowls club members but there will be a charge of £3 for non club members. The session will be followed by refreshments in the clubhouse.

There is no need to book a place but if you let us know if you intend to come by emailing saltdeantennis@gmail.com



[Email Here!](#)

Rottingdean Bowling Club Wednesday 24th June

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COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Join us for a fun-filled community day!

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

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

ONLY £5 PER PERSON

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

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

STAY ACTIVE • STAY SOCIAL • TEAM BUILDING

The poster features a green and yellow color scheme with a windmill illustration and a photo of a bowling green. It includes details about the date, time, and cost of the event, as well as a list of included activities and a website link for booking.

Nuffield Health
Wednesday 24th June
6pm



Dr Alexander Liu
Consultant Cardiologist
Meet the Expert

Dr Alexander Liu talks about heart disease awareness

 Nuffield Health Brighton

 **Wednesday 24th June 6pm**

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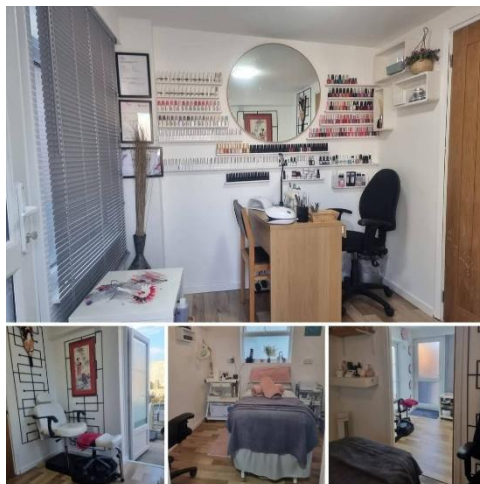
Inspire Beauty Your Local Home Beauty Therapist in Woodingdean!

Tucked away in the heart of Woodingdean, a welcoming home salon and spa run by fully qualified beauty technician **Danat** - a therapist with a true passion for helping clients look and feel their absolute best. Her salon is a private, peaceful space with its own entrance, easy access from surrounding areas, and free parking right outside.

Whether you're preparing for a special occasion, indulging in some much-needed self-care, or simply seeking a relaxing escape, **Inspire Beauty** offers therapies tailored to you - delivered with skill, kindness, and a personal touch.

Special Offer for the Dean Scene Subscribers:

Enjoy **10%** off your booking when you quote **"The Dean Scene"** on arrival at the salon.



Book At Inspire Beauty Now!

**Friends of Beacon Hill
Friday 26th June
10.00 am**



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.

**Woodingdean Wilderness
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

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](https://www.what3words.com/#!/apples.shade.fans)

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

info.woodingdeanwilderness@gmail.com



Email For More Information

**Bingo at Tiffany's
Saltdean Lido
Thursday 25th June
7pm - 9pm**



Calling all dream makers, heart breakers and bingo lovers!

Join award winning character comedian Tracey Collins (Audrey Heartburn, Elvis Lesley) as she returns to Saltdean Lido with Bingo at Tiffany's with Audrey Heartburn.

Laugh, dance and play to win life changing prizes as Audrey spins her cage of bingo balls and shakes her musical maracas to an outrageous party soundtrack.

Join Audrey as she leaves Hollywood behind in search of real love, a pint and a packet of crisps in the real world!

It's a new high in bingo entertainment delight. Go for gold, darlings!
All seats/tables are unallocated and on a first-come-first-served basis

Book Now!

Crossfire On The Coast
Saltdean Lido
Saturday 27th June
3pm to Midnight



crossfire ★
ON THE COAST

≡ Sat 27 June 2026 ≡

Ballroom: Northern & Rare Soul
With huge wooden dancefloor, pool-side balconies!
DJs: *Irish Greg, Alan Handscombe, Chris Dale, Sue & Amanda, Shaafi Parvez & Schaeffer Mclean*

Basement: Mod & Sixties Club Sounds In The Basement from 7pm!
DJs: *Rob Bailey, Niamh Lynch & Jake Bonnici*

★ **SALTDEAN LIDO** (Near Brighton)

Tickets & Info: >> NEWUNTOUCHABLES.COM

After last year's sell out **CROSSFIRE ON THE COAST** returns for one night only with stellar DJ line-Up across 2 rooms at this incredible venue.

Ballroom: Northern & Rare Soul with huge wooden dancefloor, balconies over the pool & DJ's **Irish Greg, Alan Handscombe, Chris Dale, The Soul Sisters- Amanda & Sue, Shaafi Parvez (Heart Of Soul) & Schaeffer Mclean (Bristol Northern Soul Club)**

Basement: from 7pm- Mod & Sixties sounds with DJ's, **Rob Bailey, Niamh Lynch & Jake Bonnici**

[Book Tickets](#)

Ovingdean Choral Society Summer Concert
Ovingdean Village Hall
Sunday 28th June at 7.30pm



Ovingdean Choral Society
Summer Concert
Sunday 28 June, 7.30pm
Ovingdean Village Hall

**A summer evening of beautiful and
uplifting choral music**

Bar and complimentary interval canapés.

Tickets £15 from: Ewart Wooldridge
(07584 496190)



**Do you enjoy singing? We are recruiting new
singers for the autumn term. Come and try out
our friendly choir— all welcome, no auditions .
Contact Ewart –see above**

Many of you saw and heard Becky, our new Director of Music, at the Spring Concert in Rottingdean. She is spectacular. And she has put together a tremendous programme for the Summer Concert. The first half is some wonderful favourites - Handel's "Zadok the Priest", a beautiful Schubert Mass, and Brahms "How lovely are thy Dwellings".

And by contrast, the second half is full of beautiful, sometimes funny pieces from "Funiculi Funicula" to an amazing version of "Old Mother Hubbard", as well as some gorgeous English Folk Songs. Becky will also sing Gershwin's "Summer Time"

Do come to **Ovingdean Village hall** on **Sunday 28 June** at **7.30pm**, where the bar will be open and you can enjoy beautiful canapés made by the choir.

Tickets from **Ewart Wooldridge 07584 496190**; ewart.wooldridge@uwclub.net.

Email For Tickets

Rottingdean Arts 2026 Season Coming Soon...

ROTTINGDEAN ARTS 2026 SEASON

FREE CONCERTS ON ROTTINGDEAN TERRACES STAGE

June-August

Supported by a generous grant from Rottingdean Parish Council
and maintenance of the Stages by Supreme Clean of Saltdean

THE BRIGHTON BIG BAND

This popular local band returns to sing and play swing music with songs by Frank Sinatra, George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter and Glen Miller.



Sun 28 June 3.00pm

St Margaret's Church if wet

Sponsor Jane Adkin in memory of her husband Dave

THE BRIGHTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS

BGMC have created a space where people can celebrate music, enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded people and contribute to the local communities. Popular songs about love and loss by a huge choir.



Sun 5 July 3.00pm

St Margaret's Church if wet

Sponsor Bridget Fishleigh

Charity of the Month

Raystede Animal Welfare



A legacy of love to animals

If you're an animal lover, then leaving a legacy to **Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare** is a powerful way to make a lasting impact – one that will live on for years to come. The charity, which has been rescuing and rehoming animals for over seven decades, can only continue its crucial work with the help of gifts left in wills. These donations cover around half the cost of caring for the 2,000+ animals that pass through Raystede's doors every year.

Gifts of any size are welcomed by the charity – and, thanks to its Free Wills offer, it couldn't be easier to leave your own legacy. In the words of Mary and Nigel Woodward, who recently opted to leave a gift in their will, any donation can help "to make sure the future is bright for all animals who come into the care of Raystede." To find out more, visit www.raysede.org/legacy

Show your love for animals through sponsorship.

Last year, Raystede rehomed 588 animals and helped 1,724 animals in total. But not every animal can be rehomed – some have permanent sanctuary at Raystede.

That's where you come in. Through sponsorship, you can help towards the daily costs of caring for these special residents.

How sponsorship works

1. Pick your animal or area. Will it be Frankie the goat or maybe Poppet the donkey? Get to know them before you decide.
2. Set up your sponsorship. Choose your payment amount, where to send updates, and whether it's for you or as a gift.
3. Stay connected. Receive twice-yearly updates about your animal AND enjoy exclusive visiting opportunities.

With so many animals to choose from, you're spoilt for choice. The hardest part? Deciding between all the adorable options!

Heather and Steve have sponsored Dot since 2021. Here's why they chose her:

"We decided to sponsor Dot as we feel donkeys sometimes get ignored – they're not seen as glamorous as horses. We love knowing Raystede will provide a home for her for life and she'll be looked after. It's also great that she's so local we can visit her."

[Learn more About Animal Fostering](#)

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The Grange
"From the Land To The Sea"
Wednesday 24th June - Sunday 12th July



THE GRANGE
ART GALLERY • MUSEUM • TEA GARDEN
The Green, Rottingdean BN2 7HA
Wed 24 June - Sun 12 July

FROM THE LAND TO THE SEA

Allison Murphy - Painter/printmaker,
Caroline Martin - Painter, **Clair Butler** - Printmaker,
Gitte Porsgaard - Ceramics, **J. D. Liebe** - Painter,
Kate Aekbote - Painter, **Michael Steven Harris** - Photographer,
Suzi Lowe - Painter, **Vicky Gomez** - Printmaker

ROTTHINGDEAN HERITAGE
Conserving & Enhancing the Village

Gallery open:
Wed to Sat 10am - 4pm
Sun 1 - 4pm
www.rottingdeanheritage.org.uk



About This Exhibition:

Nine local Sussex artists capture the soul and essence of our changing environment. Through differing art mediums, we tell the stories of our constantly inspiring muses of the Downs and the sea exploring our dreams, walks and experiences. Come travel with us in our journey from the land to the sea.

Artists: Vicky Gomez (printmaker), Clair Butler (Printmaker), Suzi Lowe (Painter), J. D. Liebe (Painter), Kate Aekbote (Painter), Michael Steven Harris (Photographer), Caroline Martin (Painter), Gitte Porsgaard (ceramics) Allison Murphy (painter/printmaker)

The Grange Gallery (Rottingdean Heritage) is located on The Green in the picturesque village-on-the-sea of Rottingdean in East Sussex. We are opposite the village pond and The Plough Public House. The exhibition is on a 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.

Later In The Deans...

Woodingdean Carnival Saturday 4th July



Come and join us for summer fun on the field at

Woodingdean Primary School, Warren Road

for our **59th Woodingdean Carnival**.

Our annual community celebration is a fabulous event for all ages and entry is free! There is always plenty to do! Family focused activities and of course the performances, from local groups, in the central arena throughout the day. Subsidised attractions include a soft play fun house and rocking galleon. Delicious food will be available and there is a licensed bar.

Our Carnival Procession starts the day in style with the traditional community parade from Central Park (Lockwood) to the Carnival field. The parade's energetic and colourful arrival heralds the start of the celebrations and sets a happy tone for the day ahead. If you run a local group and would like to take part, please contact us (details below).

Stalls run by local organisations, groups and businesses are set up around the school field to sell wares and raise awareness for good causes. Stall bookings can be made online until all pitches are taken (application form: <https://bit.ly/4aBA7Rv> Stall fees are £30 for businesses and £15 for community groups or charities. Priority is given to local community groups, local charities and local small businesses.

Carnival would not be possible without the generous support of local businesses, many of which have contributed towards Carnival for decades! The event is organised by volunteers and relies on donations to go ahead each year. Donations towards running costs are gratefully received. If you can help, please let us know. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters and volunteers.

We always require volunteers on the day, and if you can spare an hour or more, support us with a donation of any kind, or would like to take part in the Carnival Parade, please email woodingdeancarnival@gmail.com and one of the team will be in touch.

Everyone can keep up to date with the latest news and calls for volunteers as we countdown to Carnival by following us at **Facebook.com/Woodingdeancarnival**

Follow Us On Facebook

Saltdean & Rottingdean Women's Institute



As you can see from the heading we voted unanimously to change our name to incorporate the growing number of members joining from Rottingdean and surrounding areas.

We had an amazing meeting in our new venue , St Martins Church on Wednesday 10 June . We are thrilled to acknowledge the way St Martins authorities welcomed us back so kindly after our move to St Nicholas was not to be.

It was delightful to see so many new members and heartening as well to find a much wider age group also represented. The speaker was to be a Police Officer , who unfortunately, forgot the speaking engagement!

However, and very luckily for us , **Ann Bickmore BEM** from the ABC local Children's charity was able to fill in at very short notice. We heard of the wonderful work they do for our local children and £238 was raised in a collection by the members .

We had a bring and buy sales table of baked and tinned goods, with proceeds of £72.50 going to the Saltdean Food Bank .

Together with an hilarious quiz, invented by the President Elaine Self, our first full meeting as a new branch of the WI was a resounding success.

Our next meeting is **July 8th at St Martins Church 2pm - 4pm**

Saltdean and Rottingdean WI have well and truly arrived!

For more information contact:

Sonia Copland (Vice President) 07709 944902

Elaine Self (President) 01273 302 375

National Year of Reading Rudyard Hall, Woodingdean

National Year of Reading

We're reading Bible story books for children at Rudyard Hall - BN2 6UB

JOIN US ON THESE DATES:

JUNE 12 3.45PM - 4.15PM	JULY 10 3.45PM - 4.15PM
SEPTEMBER 11 3.45PM - 4.15PM	OCTOBER 9 3.45PM - 4.15PM
NOVEMBER 13 3.45PM - 4.15PM	

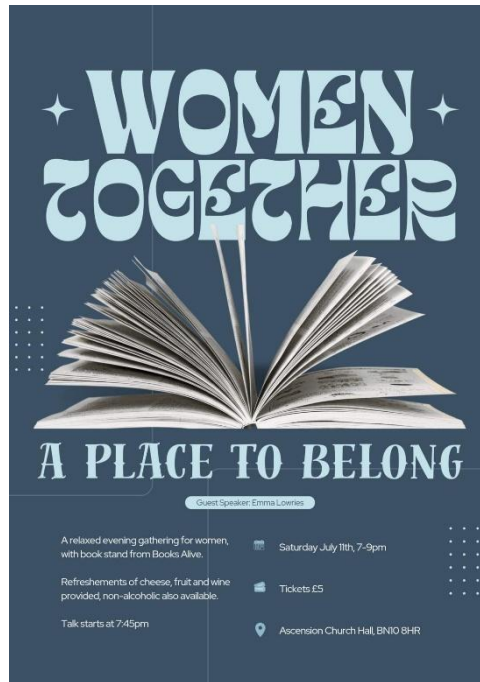
No registration required.

On every occasion we're giving away 10 free copies of the book we're reading. Come each time, and get a bonus book!

Browse the "borrow or keep" community bookshelf for half an hour before each session.

Rudyard Hall, Woodingdean, BN2 6UB

**Women Together
Saturday 11th July
7pm - 9pm
Ascension Church Hall**



**Ascension Church Hall, Bramber Avenue,
Peacehaven, BN10 8HR**

Actually Gay Men's Chorus



☰ June 1 marks the beginning of Pride Month — a time to celebrate visibility, community, resilience, and the freedom to live openly and authentically.

But Pride has always been about more than celebration alone. It is also about the journey from hiding to being seen.

That idea sits at the very heart of **Façade**, the new summer concert from **Actually Gay Men's Chorus**

Through music spanning genres and generations, Façade explores identity, self-expression, vulnerability, and the masks people wear to navigate the world. For many LGBTQ+ people, those questions are deeply personal: What do we reveal? What do we conceal? And what happens when the façade begins to crack?

This Pride Month, join us for a concert that celebrates not just performance — but authenticity, courage, and connection.

✍️ **FIRST RELEASE TICKETS HAVE NOW SOLD OUT**
Thank you for the incredible support.

Remaining tickets are available now at £20 (+ booking fee), and availability is becoming limited.

📅 **17 & 18 July 2026**

📍 **St Mary's Church, Kemptown, Brighton**

Be proud. Be visible. Be part of it.

Book Tickets

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club Saturday 18th July



**Rottingdean & Saltdean
Lions Club**

Also serving Woodingdean, Ovingdean and Falmer



Lions Gala and Dog Show

**The Oval, Saltdean
Saturday, 18th July 2026
11.00 am to 4.00 pm**

**Dog Show
Registration from
11.00 am**



**Licensed bar with REAL ALE, barbeque,
stalls, arena events, raffle and
Refreshments.**

Admission Free

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund N° 1001889

Art Pod
St Margaret's School, Rottingdean
23rd July - 28 August



Imagine if your young artist could create Art all day!

They can with Artpod this Summer at St Margaret's School.

FREE art club! for HAF families

5-10yr olds attend Mondays, Tuesdays , Thursdays or Fridays

10-13yr olds attend on Wednesdays. Bookings open 2nd June for summer 2026.

Email To Book!

Rottingdean Village Fair

Saturday 1st August



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.

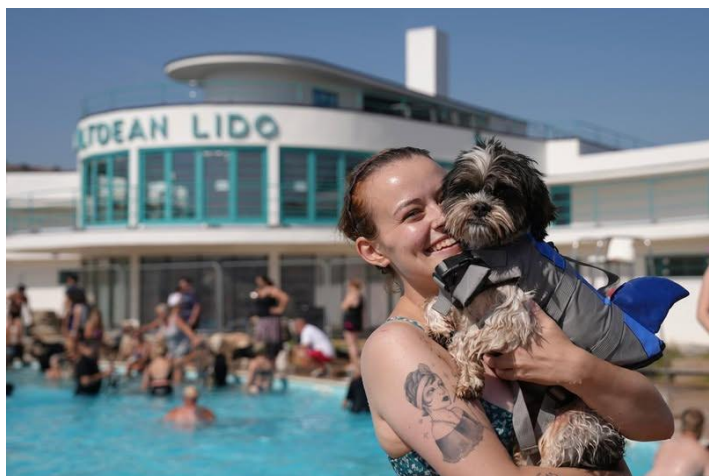
We're thrilled to bring this beloved event back to our village green, offering more stalls and food options than ever before! Prepare for a delightful array of local crafts, unique treasures, and a culinary journey to tempt every taste bud. You'll also find diverse entertainment throughout the day, alongside 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.

[Visit The Rottingdean Village Fair Website](#)

Dogtember Saltdean Lido



Tickets for **Dogtember 2026** (our tenth year!) are now Live!

The event is spread over 4 weekends from 12/13th September and we have four 90 minute sessions and one Quiet session each day. If you want to swim with your dog in our 40m heated (!) pool, you'll both need swim tickets, but if you prefer to stand poolside and throw a ball (provided), then a swim ticket for your dog & a spectator ticket for you is fine.

Children under the age of 16 are NOT allowed in the main pool, for H&S reasons, though they're welcome in the splashpool, on a spectator ticket. A full list of breed meet-up sessions has been posted in our Saltdean Lido Dog Swimmers Facebook group.

You can book with confidence now as, because we realise that things can happen unexpectedly, tickets bought now can be changed to an alternative session (subject to availability) nearer the time.

This event is organised, run & stewarded by volunteers as a fundraiser for the Saltdean Lido Trust, a registered charity, and is proudly sponsored by [Petgevity UK](#)

Last year, we had to disappoint so many locals who thought they could just show up, as they can on most of the summer season, whereas we'd completely sold out 38/40 sessions by mid-August. So far this year, we've sold over a third of all tickets in the first 5 weeks!

Just a reminder, it's a charity event, organised and run by volunteers to raise funds for the Saltdean Lido Trust.

And don't forget- we keep the pool heated to summer levels through Dogtember and the cafe is now dog-friendly!

Book Your Tickets Now!

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