

Edition 45 - 4th July, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to this week's Dean Scene!

We're kicking off July with a very special announcement: a huge welcome to the **Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club**, our **Charity of the Month!** Over the coming weeks we'll be shining a spotlight on the fantastic work the Lions do, both here in our community and further afield.

It's a packed weekend too. Today brings a charity match at **Saltdean United FC**, and tomorrow there's the **Saltdean Beach Clean** alongside free live music on the **Terraces in Rottingdean**. Plenty of reasons to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

As always, thank you for reading, for supporting local organisations, and for being part of what makes this community so special. Enjoy this week's edition!

If you'd like to get in touch, please email lisa@deanscene.co.uk rather than replying directly to this newsletter, as replies aren't always picked up promptly.

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

Saltdean United Charity Match Today!



We are excited to be hosting a fantastic charity match on Saturday 4th July, raising funds for **Air Ambulance Charity Kent, Surrey, Sussex**.

A specially selected squad of Saltdean United volunteers, coaches, & players welcome Shepherd Neame to Hill Park stadium where they will go head to head in the inaugural **Flavell & Brown Charity Cup**



Come down and support the teams and this incredible charity in our brand new stadium.

Gates: 11:00am

Kick Off: 12:00pm

Voluntary donations on the gate (Suggested £5)

Food available and the bar will be open, serving a selection of Shepherd Neame cold beers!

Why not stay for our Men's 1st Team preseason friendly too against Wick FC which kicks off at 3.30pm

**The Deans Beach & Environment Volunteers
Beach Clean Tomorrow!
11am - 12.30pm**



We'll be at Saltdean Beach tomorrow, **Sunday, 5th July from 11am-12.30pm**. All equipment provided or feel free to bring your own.

And why not bring your friends and family with you too - after all the recent fantastic weather and the crowds on our beaches, we're bound to be busy!

**Rottingdean Terraces
Brighton Gay Men's Chorus
Tomorrow!
3pm**



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

(The event will be held in St Margaret's Church if wet).

Saltdean & Rottingdean Women's Institute
Wednesday 8th July
St Martins Church
Saltdean



Come and join the **Saltdean & Rottingdean Women's Institute** on **Wednesday 8th July**, 2pm - 4pm.

We have a guest speaker, Ian Everest, with stories of the Sussex Downs.

The WI will also have a stall at The Lions Gala & Dog Show, Saltdean on the 18th July with a "Guess the name of the Teddy" competition, where we hope to meet lots of ladies from the surrounding area!

Our very thriving Flower Arranging Group, Wellness Group, Book Club and Games Club are all open to members when they join, as well as the Coffee Morning and Lunch Club.


We are currently preparing a programme of outings for the autumn and winter so do come and join us!

**Run Talk Run
Saltdean Beach
Every Wednesday**



More Information

**Rudyard Hall, Woodingdean
Friday 10th July**

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.

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Ovingdean Farm Fest
Saturday 11th July
11.30am - 4pm

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OVINGDEAN FARM FEST

TIMETABLE

11.30 - 12.00	Line Dancing
12.00 - 13.00	First Half Dog Show
13.00 - 14.00	Sheep Race 1
14.00 - 15.00	Second Half Dog Show
15.00 - 16.00	Sheep Race 2

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- Laser Clay Shooting
- Shopping
- Eating
- Live Music
- Scarecrow Trail
- Raffle
- Ice cream
- Cakes
- Children's Activities
- Digger Game
- Meet The Sheep
- Bar
- Pimms Bar
- Tractor Rides

KSSX AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
 Andy's Angels

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

WOMEN TOGETHER

A PLACE TO BELONG

Guest Speaker: Emma Loomes

A relaxed evening gathering for women, with book stand from Books Alive.

Refreshments of cheese, fruit and wine provided, non-alcoholic also available.

Talk starts at 7:45pm

Saturday July 11th, 7-9pm

Tickets £5

Ascension Church Hall, BN10 8HR

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The Healthy Neighbourhood Fund Grants Available 2026



THE HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND GRANTS AVAILABLE 2026

Small grants available of up to £250 for groups and projects that support healthy living in the Woodingdean Area

Grants are available for groups or projects that

- Promote Active Living
- Support Mental Health
- Encourage Activities for Ageing Well
- Promote healthy living initiatives
- Raise Awareness of Health Issues

How to Apply

For an application form & guidance
Contact : Claireburchell@trustdevcom.org.uk
07809 829734

Open 1st July - Deadline 30th September 2026

Woodingdean Community Association
Trust for Developing Communities

Email For More Information

Longhill High School
Saturday 11th July
11am - 1pm



LONGHILL HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 5 FUN DAY

SATURDAY
11TH JULY
11.00AM - 1.00PM

FREE ENTRY

COME AND MEET STAFF AND STUDENTS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

COMPETITIONS
GAMES
POP UP CAFE
AND LOTS MORE!

LONGHILL HIGH SCHOOL, FALMER ROAD, ROTTINGDEAN

Join us for Longhill High School's Year 5 Fun Day on Saturday 11th July, 11am–1pm.

Meet our staff and students, and take part in competitions, games, a pop-up café and plenty more.

It's a great chance to explore the school grounds, meet the people who make Longhill School special, and discover what our school can offer your child as they take their next steps in education.

Saltdean Residents & Community Association Refurbishing Saltdean Tunnel's Mural



Our aim is to refurbish the mural in Saltdean tunnel and repaint the turquoise railings... and we need **YOUR** help!

It's been six years since the mural in Saltdean tunnel was completed. It's weathered the elements pretty well but really needs some TLC now as parts are peeling off/have faded.

If you, your family and friends love the mural then please would you contribute to our crowdfunder. The £20s, £10s and £5s will all add up and every contribution will help us restore and preserve this unique piece of community art for years to come. We have some money already from the bricks that people have bought. You can also buy a personalised brick in the tunnel for £125 for your loved ones.

If we reach our target we will also get the turquoise railings on the undercliff at West Saltdean repainted too.

The crowdfunder is being run by the **Saltdean Residents and Community Association** which is a charity that can claim gift aid. So every £20 donation from a UK tax payer becomes £25.

We Can Do It!

Please email, message or call if you would prefer to make a bank transfer or send a cheque, donation cash: **07946 342 903** and saltdeancommunitycharity@gmail.com

Donate Now!

The Open Art Cafe Rottingdean



If you haven't discovered the **Open Art Café** yet, you're missing something special!

Yes, we do great coffee and fresh, homemade food, but there's a lot more going on here. Browse a beautiful collection of gifts and artwork from local artists, or check out our latest bold and quirky new pieces.

Whether you fancy a summer salad, a slice of homemade cake, or something in between, we cater for all dietary requirements, so nobody gets left out.

Every Friday we host a pottery class, and it's become one of our favourite parts of the week. A brilliant way to get creative, meet people, and try something you've probably been meaning to do for ages.

And on a sunny day, there's nowhere better to be than our shaded garden.

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

Come and pay us a visit. We'd love to see you!

★ **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.

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Email For More Information

Charity of the Month

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club



Welcome to the Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club! We look forward to sharing the all the good work the Lions do over the coming weeks. This month's charity has been nominated by our reader Arthur, and here is what Arthur had to say.....

"The Club has helped the community in so many ways over the years, and still do every day...."

In the past they provided a specialist wheelchair which enabled a young boy at Woodingdean School to stand unaided.

For many years the Club have liaised with local pubs to provide a Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens. Many of these lived alone and welcomed the opportunity to talk to others . The numbers are usually about 50.

There is a close relationship between the club and local primary schools by providing reading books for the younger pupils which they can keep and take home.

A more recent project is to provide Christmas presents for the young children in families nominated by the school as being in need of help. The members give all their time freely and organise events throughout the year in order to raise money for the above projects."

Do you want to help others and have some fun?

If you think that is for you, join Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions and help us to support our local community.

Who are Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions?

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions are part of **Lions Clubs International**, which is the world's largest service club organisation, now having over 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs based in over 200 countries around the world.

Working together locally and internationally, the worldwide network of Lions has vastly more resources and is able to accomplish much more than individuals and small groups working alone.

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions have members who help to raise funds and provide services for those less fortunate than themselves at home, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Locally - throughout the year we are supporting families in need and give out free Message in a bottles, books for all Reception Class children and hampers at Christmas.

Regionally - We as a District of Lions Clubs have donated £530,000 to KSSAA, which provided them with night vision goggles allowing them to be the first 24 hour Air Ambulance service in the UK. We have also enabled them to buy their updated kit bags that create an outdoor operating theatre for patients and some rapid response vehicles.

Nationally - We support our own charity, Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) at Kings College Hospital and support The Brain Tumour Trust, who both support children with cancer and undertake valuable research.

Internationally - With other Lions Clubs around the world, this year we have made donations to give over 13,000 families in Ukraine a log burner stove to cook and have heating when they don't have any electricity.

None of these things would be possible without our members and you **Please contact The Lions on 03458 339617 or email at info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk**. You can also contact us through our website: (www.rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk)



**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

This traditional **Lion's Gala** has been running for well over thirty years, and as a regular event has become increasingly popular over the years with it now being one of the highlights of the summer season in Saltdean.

The Gala includes various stalls. Our bar will be there along with the delicious Lions barbecue using locally sourced meat including big sausages, meaty beef burgers and tasty veggie options . There will be the annual **Saltdean Gala Dog Show**. Arena events during the day will include: dancing, music and song.

We would like to thank Sussex Blinds & Shutters Ltd for sponsoring the arena events. Our Summer Draw tickets will also be available on the day with the first prize being £200!

The Saltdean Gala Dog Show begins with registration starting from 11 am with competitions beginning from 12 noon onwards. There is a registration fee of £2.00 per dog per class. There will be prizes in all classes. There will be an overall winner by taking the winner of each of the classes to take part in the judgement of best in show. As you can imagine, the dog show is great fun. We would like to thank The Mewes Vets for sponsoring this part of the Gala.

The Lions Club need help setting up at their Gala & Dog Show in Saltdean Oval Park on Saturday 18th July from 08.00am until 10.00am - please do contact them if you can help- it really would be appreciated.

They also still have space for stallholders!

Please contact The Lions on 03458 339617 or email at info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk. You can also contact us through our website: (www.rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk)

Later In The Deans...

Actually Gay Men's Chorus



☰ Pride is 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

Merry Wives of Windsor

The Grange

20th - 21st July



william shakespeare's
**the merry wives
of windsor**

20th-21st July | 6:30pm
the grange, rottingdean



The Castle Theatre Company is back with its 2026 production of one of Shakespeare's most entertaining comedies: **The Merry Wives of Windsor**.

Set in 1960s suburbia, the show includes a number of musical interludes sure to put a smile on your face! Packed with trickery, duels, and a whole array of unique costuming, The Merry Wives of Windsor promises a side-splitting night of laughter and chicanery.

Castle Theatre Company is one of the oldest performing arts groups at Durham University, and for over four decades has taken an annual summer Shakespeare tour around primarily the south of England and the USA, performing classic comedies on the lawns of stately homes, gardens, and abbeys.

The company is renowned for its high standard of performance, offering a full-length Shakespeare comedy that is suitable for all the family. 2025's touring production of Twelfth Night was performed to sold-out audiences across England.

Performances take place in The Grange Garden on 20th and 21st July at 6.30 pm. If wet, they will be in Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Whiteways Lane.

[Buy Tickets For 20th July](#)

[Buy Tickets For 21st July](#)

**Helping Paws Dog Show
Advertisers & Stallholders Still Required!**

A promotional poster for the 'Helping Paws Fun Dog Show'. The background is light green with a blue border. At the top, the text 'HELPING PAWS FUN DOG SHOW' is written in pink and green, with 'SALTDEAN OVAL PARK' below it in pink. There are several green paw print graphics scattered around. In the center, a green ribbon-shaped badge with a pink border contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in white. To the left of the badge is a brown and black dog sitting, and to the right is a white dog wearing blue sunglasses. At the bottom, the date 'SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER' is written in blue, followed by 'ENQUIRIES 07818 402771 - KAREN@HELPINGPAWS.CO.UK' in pink. The 'HELPING PAWS' logo is in the bottom left corner.

HELPING PAWS FUN DOG SHOW
SALTDEAN OVAL PARK

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
ENQUIRIES 07818 402771 - KAREN@HELPINGPAWS.CO.UK

HELPING PAWS

Our fun dog show will be at **Saltdean Oval Park on 6th September**. As well as the dog show there will be stalls, a raffle and tombola plus dog games and all sorts of other things. We still have spaces for stall holders, stalls are £35 for a 3m pitch.

And there is still time to advertise in our fancy programme, costs are

Full page £80

Half page £55

Quarter page £35

Contact Karen by 6th July to advertise!

Email Karen Now!

Saltdean Lido's Quiz Night
Thursday 23rd July
7pm - 9.30pm



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

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 Now!

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!

The Deans Senior Tea Club Needs Volunteers!

The Deans
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ON A TUESDAY

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AT THE TELSCOMBE
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⇒ *Please get in touch!* ⇐

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Email Us Now!

Good News On The Buses!



(The updated 23 Bus Route from 19th July)

Good Bus News!

In the link below you can read about improvements to the 12, 14 and 27 bus routes from Sunday 19 July - and the extension of the number 23 from/to the marina/hospital/universities to out this way.

12X - will run up to every 12 minutes, with additional early morning and late evening journeys.

N12 - will operate hourly 7 nights a week between Brighton Station and Eastbourne.

13X - The Sunday & Public Holiday timetable will be enhanced, with buses running every 15 minutes between Brighton and Eastbourne via Birling Gap and Beachy Head.

14/14A/14B/14C - Journeys currently operating as routes 14A, 14B and 14C will be replaced by route 14 and route 23. On Mondays to Saturdays, buses will continue to run up to every 15 minutes between Brighton and Peacehaven, with hourly off-peak journeys extending to and from Newhaven Sainsbury's

On Sundays & public holidays, buses will run every 20 minutes between Brighton and Peacehaven, with many journeys now continuing to and from Newhaven Sainsbury's.

N14 - will operate hourly seven nights a week between Brighton Station and Peacehaven.

23 - Many route 23 journeys will be extended beyond Brighton Marina to and from Rottingdean, Saltdean, North Peacehaven.

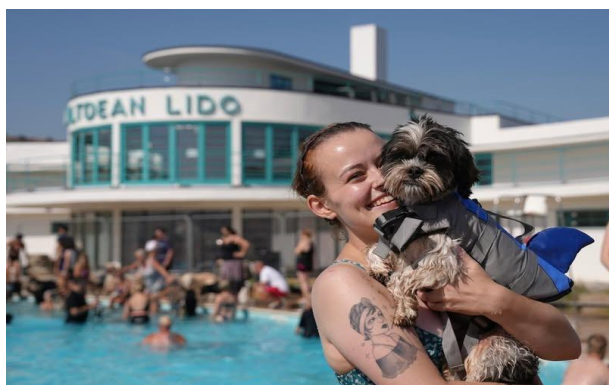
The 23 will provide direct links between our area, Brighton Marina and the Royal Sussex County Hospital and the universities. This replaces the current route 14B & 14C journeys.

Routes 12, 14 and 27 will be timed to provide a better spacing, with a combined frequency of up to every 5 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays and up to every 7 minutes on Sundays between Brighton Station and Saltdean Lido in both directions.

(NB. Brighton & Hove Bus Company is owned by the Go-Ahead Group not B&H Council).

[More Info Here!](#)

Dogtember Saltdean Lido Don't Miss Out!



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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