

Edition 47 - 18th July, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to this week's Dean Scene, and what a week it is!

Today is the day of the **Lions Gala** at Saltdean Oval Park. Unfortunately, the Dog Show has been cancelled due to the hot weather however **the event itself is still going ahead as planned**. The Lions would love for you to come along and enjoy everything else on offer, including the stalls, refreshments, entertainment, and the fantastic community atmosphere.

The **History Corner** also makes a welcome return this week, with a wonderful new 2 part feature from Douglas d'Enno. A little local history to balance out all the excitement.

Plus, **Saltdean Lido** is having quite the summer, and we will be bringing you all the latest on their upcoming events as the season unfolds.

Thank you, as always, for reading and for keeping our wonderful community connected. Enjoy the newsletter!

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...

The Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club

Gala

Today!



**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

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

Admission Free

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund N° 1001889

Saltdeanistas
Rottingdean Terraces
Sunday 19th July
Tomorrow!



Tomorrow **The Saltdeanistas**, return to play some soul on the beautiful **Rottingdean Terrace Stage**.

They attracted such a big crowd last year, and it would be wonderful to see you all again....plus a few more, so tell your friends.

You'll hear songs by Stevie, Curtis, Gil Scott-Heron and more.

**Open Garden
Woodingdean
Sunday 19th July**

Tomorrow!



Come and visit **91 The Ridgeway, Woodingdean** when Gill Maskell, opens her garden in aid of the the Martlets.

This well-established garden features a wide variety of trees and shrubs, a beautiful pond, and winding paths that guide you around the grounds.

Please note that, unfortunately, the paths are not suitable for wheelchairs.

Visitors can enjoy homemade cakes and cream teas in the garden or take some treats home. There will also be a plant sale and raffle.

Entrance is by donation.

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The advertisement features a white taxi car driving on a road at night. The background is blue with white text and icons. The phone number 01273 301111 is prominently displayed in the center. Below the phone number, there are two boxes showing flight fares to Gatwick (£60) and Heathrow (£120). At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a coastal town and the names of the areas served: Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Saltdean, and Oivingdean.



Scan The QR Code that will take you to our APP

Social Terrains

A new walking group based in Saltdean



What is Social Terrains?

- We are a community outreach project created to encourage people to embrace the outdoors and meet new people in the process.

How does it work?

- There will be weekly free to attend walks arranged from the Telscombe Tye and/or Peacehaven's Centenary (big) park.

- To find out the walk details either e-mail, text message or ideally Whatsapp the number at the bottom to be added to the broadcast group and receive notifications of upcoming walks.

Who is it aimed at?

- Anyone who wants to attend. Walk routes will be ranked based on difficulty: White = Under 3 miles, Green = 3-5 miles, Blue = 5-10 miles, Red = 10-20 miles & Black = Over 20 miles.

What do I need to bring?

- Once you have messaged the below number or e-mailed you will receive our terms & conditions which contain advice on what to bring along with a waiver that will need to be signed.

Why would I want to attend?

- To improve fitness, to meet new people, to get outdoors more often, to loose weight, to improve your social skills, to gain confidence for walking alone, to talk to someone, because nature heals the soul.

WHATSAPP OR TEXT FOR MORE INFO  **07440 54 53 40**
OR EMAIL: SOCIALTERRAINS@PROTON.ME

Email For More Info

Saltdean Lido Quiz Night

Thursday 23rd July
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 Now!

Charity of the Month

Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club



The Lions in Action: Making a Difference Right on Our Doorstep

The work of the **Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions** never really stops, and the past year is a perfect example of just how much a small, dedicated group of volunteers can achieve.

This year alone, the Lions supplied **183 books** to reception class children at local schools including Woodingdean Primary and Rudyard Kipling. Every single child gets to keep their book, and if you have ever seen the look on their faces when they are handed their very own story to take home, you will understand why this matters so much.

But the books are just the beginning. Over the past year, the Lions have also:

- Donated to the **Woodingdean Carnival Committee** to help them purchase a new gazebo for their bar, keeping a beloved local tradition going strong.
- Funded a local **Guide** to attend an international camp, giving a young person an experience they will never forget.
- Helped a local **Scout** secure their place at the next **World Scout Jamboree in Poland**, one of the most extraordinary events in scouting.
- Contributed to the **Ukraine Appeal**, providing heaters for families facing a brutal winter and birthing kits for expectant mothers who cannot reach a hospital.

From the classroom to the other side of the world, the Lions are quietly getting on with it.

Can you help? The Lions need a garage.

The Lions are still searching for a garage to store their fundraising equipment between events. If you know of anywhere suitable, please do get in touch. It would make a genuine practical difference to everything they do.

Get involved or make a donation

Whether you want to find out more, volunteer your time, or simply make a donation, the Lions would love to hear from you.

Call: **03458 339617** Email: info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk

Donate: www.rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk

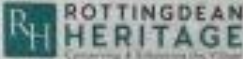
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Wednesdays at One

A series of lunchtime walks near The Grange at 1pm

Wednesday 22nd July

Jean Spray: Burne Jones Windows at St Margaret's Church



Wednesdays at One 2026

A series of lunchtime talks at The Grange at 1pm
Suggested donation £3 Admission is limited to 40 seats

6 May David Rudling FSA : History of the Penny from AD600
3 June Bob Smale : Brighton Rock : The Book, the Film, the city!
1 July Geoff Mead : South Downs National Park
5 Aug Cathryn Pearce : Shipwrecks and Smuggling
2 Sept Sarah Tobias : Mrs Beeton and Household Management

A series of lunchtime walks near The Grange at 1pm
Suggested donation to church or garden £3

20 May Tim Stevens : Tour of the Grange Gardens
17 June Mike Laslett & Bob Smale : Tour of the Churchyard
15 July Mike Laslett & Bob Smale : Tour of the Churchyard
22 July Jean Spray : Burne Jones windows at St Margaret's Church
19 Aug Mike Laslett & Bob Smale : Tour of the Churchyard
18 Sept Tim Stevens : Tour of the Grange Gardens
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Enquiries to Archivist@rottingdeanheritage.org.uk

Email For More Information

Run Talk Run Every Wednesday!



Run Talk Run is a completely free, relaxed 5km social run where chatting is just as important as the running. No pressure, no expectations, just a supportive space to get outside and connect with others.

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

Sign Up Here!

History Corner...

Tales of Woodingdean House...by Douglas d'Enno



Woodingdean House from the east among the trees

Woodingdean House from the east amongst the trees

In mid-October 1965, the 'Brighton and Hove Gazette' reported, with an accompanying photograph, that 'The Grange', just off Ovingdean Road, was being demolished to make way for bungalows. This development became our present-day Ovingdean Close.

'The Grange' had for most of its existence been known as 'Woodendean House', later 'Woodingdean House'.

The 'Grange' element was introduced by the owner of the property during the second world war, one TH Sargeant - better known as Max Miller. He christened the house 'WOODLAND Grange', possibly to dissociate it from the nearby suburb and its earlier ramshackle development. He spent little time in it, preferring to let the place.

One prominent occupant for a time during the war years was Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, whose country had been invaded by Italian troops in 1935. It was liberated by the British in 1941 and Selassie returned there in triumph.

The house certainly existed a century before the war, since it was plainly marked on the 1839 Tithe Map, ensconced among trees. 'Woodendean' does, after all, mean a 'wooded valley'.

Not far off were farm cottages, also dating from before 1839 ('Woodingcote', 'Woodingcote Cottage' and 'Gable End'). These buildings, which survive today near the corner of Ovingdean Road and Falmer Road, were part of Woodendean/Woodingdean Farm and existed from before 1714 until about 1979. The farmlands stood to the north of today's Meadow Vale and extended over roughly 440 acres. On them was to be built a large part of the present-day suburb of Woodingdean.

In her book, 'Rottingdean – The Village', Laurian d'Harcourt mentions Sir Thomas Lennard (1762-1857), MP for South Essex, who was created a baronet in 1801. He leased and altered Gothic House overlooking The Green by building a tower block behind it. His son of the same name built himself a mansion further up the valley, which he called Woodingdean House. Here he bred Arab horses and lived like a workman.'

The grounds were 'treated ... as an open-air zoo, with monkeys running wild in the trees, and bladders of lard and raw meat hanging from branches for his exotic birds to feed on. None of the farm labourers were allowed to use a stick or goad to urge on the team of oxen.'

From 1841 there was a series of other occupants. Forty years on, the mansion was occupied by a widow, Ellen Macnaghten, with her numerous nieces, grand-nieces and servants. She was related to Elliot Macnaghten, a former Chairman of the East India Company, who owned, and was living in, Ovingdean House/Hall.

Curiously, the Lennard family again came to occupy Woodingdean House after many years, for a second Thomas lived there, with his wife, two young children, a nurse and two servants, from 1888 until 1893.

One servant employed there was the mother of renowned local author and folk-singer, Bob Copper. In his classic study of village life, 'Early to Rise' (1976), he recalled:

' ... serving as kitchen-maid, parlourmaid and house-maid, and changing households whenever a chance of advancement offered itself, she worked in various parts of London, then went down to Ongar in Essex and finally, on the staff of Sir Thomas Leonard, she came to Woodingdean House, a mere mile away from the home of the lusty young carter who was eventually to become her spouse, and where she was to spend practically all the rest of her life.'

That location was Northgate Cottages on the Falmer Road, Rottingdean.



Woodingdean House, Ovingdean Road, Woodingdean 9th June 1912.

From collection of R.G. Curtis



Woodingdean House & Woodingdean Farm, Ovingdean Road, Woodingdean

The little girl on the horse (Tommy) us Edna Drake aged about 8 years old

Ovingdean Gardening Club Show
Saturday 25th July
2pm



GARDENING CLUB SHOW

FRUIT, VEGETABLES, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS,
COOKING & PHOTOGRAPHY



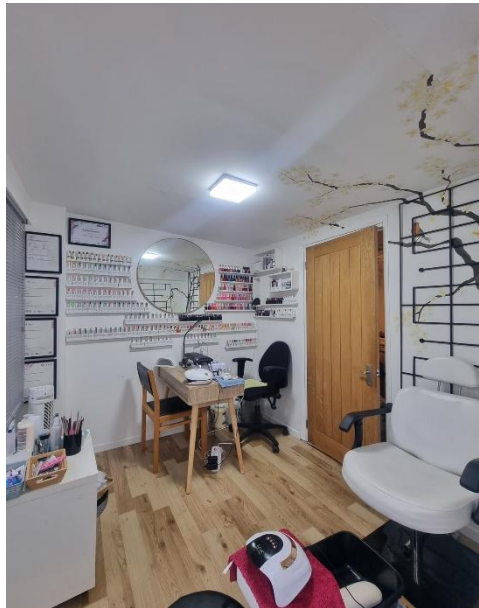
Saturday 25th July at

THE VILLAGE HALL, OIVINGDEAN

OPEN to Public at 2.00p.m.

**Teas & Home-made cakes served, Raffle and
Auction of Produce**

Inspire Beauty Woodingdean



Hello, my name is Danat I am a fully qualified beauty technician providing bespoke beauty therapies at my home salon and spa. I pride myself in providing professional therapies in a relaxed and friendly environment creating calm atmosphere mixed with fun and friendship.

I am based in Woodingdean with easy access from the surrounding areas with easy and free parking.

[**Visit Website**](#)

Later In The Deans...

Saltdean & Rottingdean Youth Club

FREE Summer Youth Programme



A super rota of activities for young people to do this summer!

Date	Activity Location	Planned Activity
Friday 31 st July	Saltdean Oval/MUGA Time: 4:30-6:30pm	Canvas Painting with Acrylic Paint Pens and Picnic
Friday 7 th August	Connors Court Time: 4:30-6:30pm (TBC)	Frisbee, Football, Swing ball and Archery
Friday 14 th August	Rodean Pitch and Putt Trip. Time: 1:30-5:00pm	Food Provided, travel by bus (Unless young people can meet there)
Friday 21 st August	Newhaven Skatepark and Pump Track? Time: 4:30-6:30pm	Newhaven Skatepark and Pump Track
Friday 28 th August	Saltdean Lido Swim Session (Free swim voucher provided) Time: 2pm-5:45pm	Free Swim with Snacks Provided

Check the updated summer schedule on our website:
<https://trustdevcom.org.uk/project/youth-activities>
Dear Adults: Please ensure that your young person is equipped with a water bottle and sun cream if needed! Thank you!



ROWSLAT in partnership with the **Trust for Developing Communities** are delighted to present this year's **FREE Summer Youth Programme** which promises a diverse range of activities for young people aged 10-18. Please see above for details or visit the website

Visit The Website

Lido Kids Pipe Cleaner Lily Making

Saltdean Lido
Tuesday 28th July
11am - 12.30pm



Join us for a fun and creative children's craft workshop. Young makers will learn how to transform colourful pipe cleaners into Lilies

Join us for a fun and creative children's craft workshop at Saltdean Lido - Brighton. Young makers will learn how to transform colourful pipe cleaners into beautiful lily flowers to take home. This hands-on session encourages creativity, fine motor skills, and imaginative play in a friendly and welcoming environment. Suitable for children of all abilities, with materials provided. Perfect for little crafters who love making something unique and colourful.

Book Now!

Kids Origami Workshop
Saltdean Lido
Wednesday 29th July
1.30pm - 3pm



Hop into the world of paper folding with this fun and interactive Lido Kids workshop!

Hop into the world of paper folding with this fun and interactive Lido Kids workshop! Children will learn simple origami techniques to create their own jumping frogs and classic paper fortune tellers. Along the way, they'll develop creativity, concentration, and fine motor skills while enjoying hands-on crafting and imaginative play.

Every child will leave with their handmade creations and the skills to keep folding at home. Suitable for a range of ages, with all materials provided.

Perfect for young crafters who love making, playing, and sharing their creations with friends and family. 🧐 ✨ 📄

Book Now!

Rottingdean Village Fair
Saturday 1st August
10am - 4pm



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 - but come rain or shine, the Fair will always still happen - even if we have to move it indoors to the various locations that are always on standby, just in case!

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

Rottingdean Heritage



This year the Rottingdean Village Fair celebrates 'One Hundred And One Years Of Fun' and we will be there to join in.

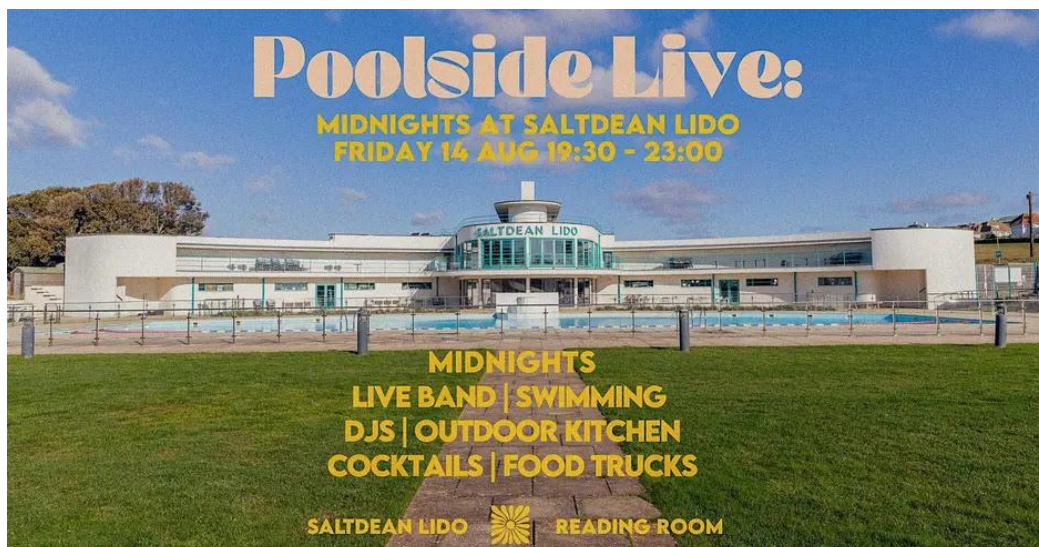
Do come along and meet us on our Rottingdean Heritage stand and find out what we do and what we look after in our wonderful village.

We look forward to seeing you on the village green, Saturday 1st August, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre



Poolside Live
Saltdean Lido
Friday 14th August
7:30pm - 11pm



Celebrate the biggest hits of the 80s - 2020's with an unforgettable evening of live music beside our iconic floodlit pool.

Join us for an outdoor poolside summer night of feel-good anthems as **Midnights** bring the soundtrack of the 80s and 90s to life, with a handful of modern favourites thrown in for good measure. Expect classic non-stop singalongs anthems from one of the South Coast's most exciting live bands.

Dance the night away to classics from **Queen, George Michael, Madonna, Billy Idol, Tears for Fears, Bruce Springsteen, Tina Turner, Nirvana, Blur, Stereophonics, The Killers, Kings of Leon**, plus selected favourites from artists including **Harry Styles, Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars** and more.

Having trained at the prestigious **British & Irish Modern Music Institute** alongside artists including James Bay and George Ezra, Midnights have spent years perfecting their high-energy live performances. Members of the band have shared stages with **Bastille, Tom Odell, Rag'n'Bone Man** and have performed at major venues and festivals including **Glastonbury, Reading & Leeds Festival, Secret Garden Party, Alexandra Palace** and O2 Academies across the UK.

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