



Welcome to this week's Dean Scene!

We had a fabulous time at last Sunday's **Helping Paws Dog Show**, catching up with the fantastic team and, of course, watching the stars of the show strut their stuff! There were plenty of happy faces, wagging tails and some very proud owners.

A huge thank you to the amazing **Deans Beach & Environment Volunteers**, who collected an incredible **18.5kg of waste** during Sunday's beach clean. It's brilliant to see our community coming together to look after one of our most precious local spaces.

This week we're delighted to feature the **first in a series of images of central Rottingdean**, kindly shared with us by local historian **Douglas d'Enno** from his unique collection. These wonderful images offer a fascinating window into how our village looked in years gone by.

Thank you, as always, Douglas, for sharing your collection with The Dean Scene.

And today... the circus is in town!

If you're looking for something a little different to do, head to **Woodingdean Primary School** for an afternoon of **circus magic**.

As always, we've packed this week's **Dean Scene** with local events, community news and stories about the people and organisations making a difference across our area.

♥ **And don't forget:** if you'd like to nominate a charity for our **Charity of the Month**, we'd love to hear from you. Simply email lisa@deanscene.co.uk.

Thank you for reading, supporting local and helping make our community so special.

Enjoy this week's Dean Scene! ♥

was this result?

Best Wishes,

Lisa Staples

Please note: For enquiries, email lisa@deanscene.co.uk. Please don't reply to this newsletter, replies may be missed.

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

Woodingdean Primary School Saturday 12th September Circus Pazaz!



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO WOODINGDEAN!

Step right up for an unforgettable day of laughter, thrills and family fun at **Circus Pazaz!**

Bring the whole family and enjoy an action-packed show featuring:

Amazing aerial skills, incredible juggling, hula hoop performances, hilarious comedy....and so much more!

Woodingdean Primary School

Today - Saturday 12th September

Shows at 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Tickets: £8.50 each or Family of 4 for just £30

Don't miss this fantastic event that's perfect for all ages! Gather your friends, neighbours and family and make some magical memories together.

Helping Paws Fun Dog Show last Sunday....

We had an **absolutely pawsome day** at the **Helping Paws Dog Show** last Sunday!

I was quite honestly in dog lover paradise, surrounded by an incredible collection of gorgeous characters – from adorable and beautifully behaved to downright hilarious!

A **BIG** thank you to the **Helping Paws team** for putting on such a fantastic event and for all the amazing work they do.

A huge congratulations to all of the winners but I have to give a special mention to my neighbour "**Dave**", **winner of The Golden Oldie!**

Helping Paws founder, Karen is delighted to tell us that the dog show raised a whopping **£7010.00** which is brilliant and will help SO many animals.

Here are a few words from Karen....

*Our Golden Ticket winner, who won a fabulous hamper from Paws with a Cause in Woodingdean was the beautiful **Pepper**. Pepper has made a difference to so many lives by visiting care homes and sitting with people suffering with dementia. What a deserved winner.*

*Our Best in Show was **Wilson**. Wilson was originally from The Dogs Trust and is blind and deaf. He has the MOST amazing family and is living his best life!*

HUGE thanks to all our lovely volunteers (Pawsters), our fabulous judges, stallholders and to everyone who came along.



Me with some of The Helping Paws Team, Karen and Nush



Golden Ticket Winner, Pepper



My neighbour, "Dave", winner of the Golden Oldie!



Best In Show, Wilson



And we can't forget Karen's very own beloved "Dottee"

[Visit The Helping Paws Website](#)

Community Film Night
Woodingdean Community Centre
Wednesday 16th September
7.30pm

**COMMUNITY
FILM NIGHT**

★ **SEPTEMBER 16TH 2026** ★
7.30PM

📍 **WOODINGDEAN
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**CHRIS PACKHAM'S
THE
PEOPLE'S
EMERGENCY
— BRIEFING FILM —**

THE FUTURE
IS IN OUR
HANDS

GOVERNMENT IS CHOOSING NOT
TO BE FULLY TRANSPARENT WITH THE UK PUBLIC.
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CONNECT.** | **ACT.
TOGETHER.**

LOCAL PEOPLE. BIG ISSUES. BETTER FUTURES.

The 50 minute film will be followed by a discussion on what we can do to make our community more resilient in the face of climate change. Please put it in your diary and come along.

All are welcome. and there will be cake!

Rockpooling In Ovingdean Saturday 19th September 10am



Family-friendly Rockpooling Events in Ovingdean 19th September
10am

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 19th September 10am.

Look out for our gazebo on the beach in front of the cafe.

Sophie Crocker, volunteer hub leader, said: "There's something magical about discovering the tiny creatures living in our rock pools. These events are a brilliant way to connect with nature, learn something new, and help protect our coastline. I'm so excited to be leading the Ovingdean hub and can't wait to welcome volunteers and participants to build a community of like-minded people to share the experience with."

Visit our website for more information and to sign up.

You can also find us on Instagram and Facebook.

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Deans Beach And Environment Volunteers Another Successful Beach Clean!





It was all systems go at **Rottingdean** for the end of summer Beach Clean when **27 amazing GRABers focused on getting the beach winter ready - to stunning effect!**

As we know, this is our beach that sees the most visitors and with them comes a whole heap of plastic pollution. The team lifted and removed over **18.5kg** of rubbish last Sunday morning, most of it tiny, light pieces of plastic that would be fatal to wildlife off our coast if left in situ - bravo to everyone who joined in.

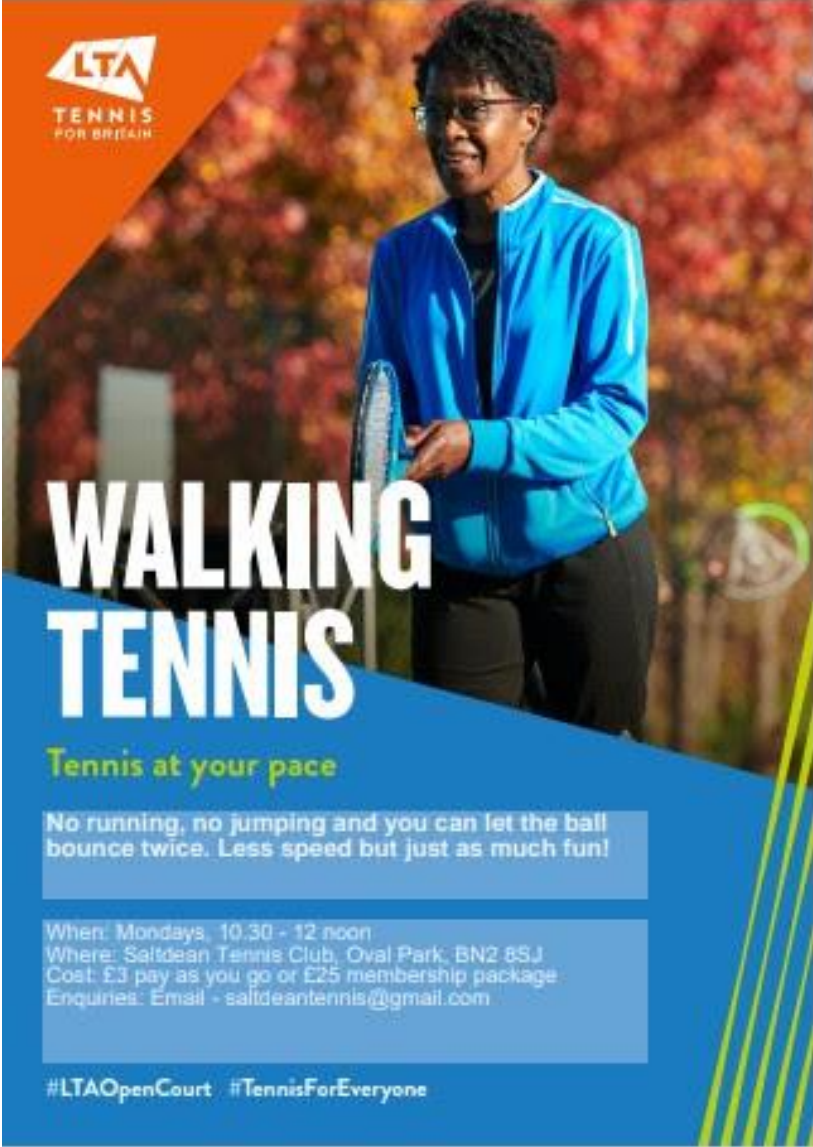
The other great news is that the team were able to sort the finds and recycle over 75% of them, thanks to the partnership with the team **REAP UK** - more great news for the environment.

Final thanks go to Romy and the gang at **The White Horses** for providing hot drinks to all the volunteers - so generous and very welcome. Thanks so much.

The Deans Beach & Environment Volunteers go again on **Sunday 4th October** at **Saltdean Beach** - mark the diary now and bring all your friends. It's going to be another fantastic day!

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**Helen Hilliard - Botanical Artist
The Grange Gallery
Until Sunday 27th September**





We are very pleased to give details of our new exhibition that opened at The Grange Gallery on Wednesday 2nd September.

This features the beautiful work of Helen Hilliard, Botanical Artist, and shows botanical watercolour painting by Sussex artist Helen (1921-2004).

The exhibition is sponsored by the Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group [RHSRCM Group](#) of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Proceeds from sales are going to be donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

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. The exhibition is on until Sunday 27th September. 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.

Rottingdean Heritage Website

**Rottingdean Whiteway Centre
Evening Courses
Autumn 2026**

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Autumn 2026**



Astronomy, Space & the Universe
Mondays - 8 weeks (from 21/9)



Creative Writing
Tuesdays - 10 weeks (from 22/9)



Tai Chi & Chi Kung
Tuesdays - 10 weeks (from 22/9)



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Thursdays - 10 weeks (from 24/9)

Creating a Children's book
Monday - 5 weeks (from 9/11)



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www.rwc.org.uk

Our Autumn courses are booking now. We also have a range of evening courses for those who can't attend during the day.

Visit The Website

History Corner....

ROTTINGDEAN by Douglas d'Enno

Rottingdean before the Car Park (1).



This row of coastguard cottages stood roughly where the bus stop for eastward services is now located. It fell victim to the major road widening and other works which took place in the crossroads area during the 1930s.



The site of the cottages, by now demolished, can be seen to the left of this 1935 view of the fine *Royal Oak Hotel*. This stood on what is now the West Street Car Park. The clearance of the 'West Street Triangle' has begun! The last manager of the Hotel was one Irving Goodman.



This rare image of soldiers marching eastwards, almost certainly before the First World War, shows Cliff House straight ahead. A portion eventually succumbed to cliff erosion, with demolition removing the rest. Novelist Angela Thirkell (grand-daughter of Victorian artist Burne-Jones and cousin to Rudyard Kipling and Stanley Baldwin') wrote in her memoir *Three Houses*: 'Its garden wall was perilously on the edge of the cliffs and summer after summer we would see how more of the garden had slipped into the sea till at last the house itself began to fall piecemeal and its remains were carted away!' Also interesting, on the right, is the first of the row of cottages in the High Street which would be demolished along with the Royal Oak – a further sacrifice for the Car Park.



This similar westward view shows the second of the doomed cottages on the far right and the horse-bus operated by the Hotel in the Edwardian era in competition with the service provided by the White Horse Hotel. The journey to Brighton Station took one hour.



The *Royal Oak* as viewed from the coast road running eastward. The ground floor of the building which has replaced the long since demolished distant building is today occupied by business premises, notably Fox & Sons estate agents.



After the horse bus came the Hotel's fine motor bus – a vehicle evidently not, however, designed for inclement weather. The fact that it bears no licence plate with registration letters and numbers (introduced in 1903) suggests that this picture was taken before then.

These and many other equally interesting images may be enjoyed in Douglas d'Enno's book '**Rottingdean Through Time**' (Amberley Publishing, 2009).

Buy 'Rottingdean Through Time' here ...

Later In The Deans...

Spine Health & Surgery Explained..... Wednesday 23rd September, 6pm

Nuffield Health
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Wednesday 23rd September
6:00pm
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Wednesday 23rd September



6:00pm



Nuffield Health Brighton Hospital

Mr Foroughi will discuss:



Common spinal conditions



Treatment options available



When surgery may be appropriate



Recovery and outcomes



Your questions answered by a specialist

Whether you're considering treatment or simply want to learn more about spinal health, this free event is a great opportunity to hear directly from an expert.

To book your place:

Ring 01273 624488

Free to attend, but places are limited so booking is essential.

Email for More Information!

Macmillan Coffee Morning
St Martin's Church, Saltdean
Friday 25th September



St Patrick's Church
Woodingdean
Saturday 26th September
6pm



Come and join us to support our local farming community,
and enjoy the delicious food produced!

Tickets are £10 each which includes a 3 course meal
Plus some entertainment!! BYO alcohol.

Tickets from Bernadette - 01273 309118
or berskin@hotmail.com

Holy Cross Church, Woodingdean
Saturday 26th September
10am - 12pm

Harvest Flower Arranging Workshop

Saturday 26th September 10am-12pm

8 places available

Join Andi at this fun workshop preparing the
arrangements for Harvest.

Please bring

- flowers, 3 bunches ideally (foliage & oasis provided)
- a pair of scissors
- donation towards running the workshop

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.



St Nicholas Church , Saltdean
Sunday 27th September
10.30am

ST NICHOLAS
CHURCH, SALTDEAN

HARVEST *festival*

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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

27

AT 10 30

DONATIONS OF TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, UHT MILK, CEREAL,
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All are welcome!

Ovingdean Village Hall
Saturday 26th September
7pm



ESCAPE THE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER 7PM

Join friends and neighbours for a fun and immersive evening of puzzles, games and quizzes, in Ovingdean Village Hall's first ever Escape Room

Think 'The Crystal Maze' meets 'Taskmaster'. with booze.

Newhaven Lifeboat Open day
27th September
10am- -3pm

Lifeboats

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Book now to guarantee your tour time ..

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Rottingdean Drama Society



Introducing (most of) the cast and crew of our autumn production, **London Assurance**



Rehearsals are in full swing and this weekend, we are beginning set and prop construction



Interested in set/prop/costume making? Or are you more of a front-of-house person? There's still time to get involved in our autumn production if you are local to Rottingdean and want to add some drama to your life this season!



Drop us a message if you're interested in getting stuck in, otherwise... mark your diaries for ticket sales!



London Assurance, by Dion Boucicault



14th-17th October 2026



Tickets on sale 23rd September



Rottingdean Public Hall

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