



This Week in The Dean Scene 🌸

Another busy week is upon us across the Deans, and as always, there's plenty happening in our wonderful local community! A huge thank you to all the organisations, charities and local businesses who send me their events, news and adverts each week - **you're what makes The Dean Scene possible!** ❤️

I'm particularly excited to share another fascinating collection of photographs from local historian **Douglas d'Enno**. These images offer a wonderful glimpse into the past, and they really are quite amazing. If you enjoy local history, Douglas' book ***Rottingdean Through Time*** is definitely worth a read!

Today, Ovingdean Village Club is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning, so if you can, pop along, enjoy a cuppa and some cake, and help support this fantastic cause.

We're also highlighting an opportunity to help **The Dean's Senior Tea Club**, who are looking for retired professionals who could lend their expertise to help with writing grant applications and securing financial support. It's a brilliant way to use your experience to support a much-loved local charity.

And looking ahead, next week we'll be introducing our **October Charity of the Month – Say Aphasia**, so keep an eye out for that and find out more about the important work they do.

As ever, there's lots to discover in this week's Dean Scene — so grab a cuppa and have a read!

♥♥ **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.

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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...

Ovingdean Village Club Macmillan Coffee Morning **Today!** Saturday 26th September

Ovingdean Village Club
We are hosting a
Macmillan Coffee Morning

 Ovingdean Village Hall
Saturday 26th September
From 10.30am
Tea, coffee & cake
Bar Open 12pm







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Harvest Festival Celebrations

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



St Patrick's Church
Saturday 26th September
6pm



St Nicholas Church
Sunday 27th September
10.30am



St Martin's Church
Sunday 27th September
10.15am



Our Harvest Festival service will be at **10.15am on Sunday 27 September.**

We are collecting food donations for the **Sussex Community Development Association** who run various local community food projects. They are finding it hard to keep stock levels and are particularly asking for tinned veg, tinned fruit, pasta and cereal.

They are also expanding their outreach by giving advice on benefits, housing, social care, and energy. This is to try to help reduce reliance on some of the food services.

Ovingdean Village Hall Saturday 3rd October, 6pm



Traditional Harvest Supper and Entertainment
Ovingdean Village Hall - Saturday 3 October 6pm.
Lovely food, local entertainers, live music.
Tickets £10
Ewart Wooldridge (ewart.wooldridge@uwclub.net
07584 496190)
and
Pat Couchman (couchmanpatricia6@gmail.com).
Children free!

Woodingdean Wilderness Group



Woodingdean Wilderness Group
Monthly volunteer sessions 10 am to 1 pm

Sun 27 Sept
Wildflower planting and practical tasks
At the patch usual meet up, outside the lawn memorial park west entrance
Warren Rd. w3w location /apples.shade.fans

Sat 17 Oct
Bee bank autumn management
Meet up at the bee bank, South boundary of the lawn memorial park
w3w location /snow.store.penny

Sat 24 Oct
Wildflower planting at the top of Balsdean Rd
Meet up at the corner between Balsdean and Bexhill Road
w3w location /signal.pays.shorthand

Sat 14 Nov, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
AGM featuring a talk by James Power
Author of Bees of Sussex
Advanced booking needed. For further detail, please email us.

Bring your own gloves, covered sturdy footwear, and refreshments
For more info email: info.woodingdeanwilderness@gmail.com
Supported by BHCC city park ranger team: 01273 292929



Woodingdean Wilderness Group Autumn WWG dates for your diary:

- **Sun 27 Sept, 10am–1pm:** Wildflower planting, seed sowing and practical tasks at the WWG patch.
- **Sat 19 Oct, 10am-1pm:** Bee Bank maintenance session in Lawn Memorial Park.
- **Sat 24 Oct, 10am–1pm:** Wildflower planting at the top of Balsdean Road, Woodingdean.



Advance notice: You're invited to our Annual General Meeting, 2–4pm, Sat 14 Nov, featuring a talk from local bee expert James Power, author of Bees of Sussex. More details and how to book a place soon.

Autumn here we come



WWG Committee.

Walking Tennis
Saltdean Tennis Club
Mondays
10.30am - 12pm



Email For More Info

History Corner...

Following on from a previous issue, we have here a few more images depicting Rottingdean's pre-Car Park area which represent such a contrast to the scene today. The 1930s were a period of great change in the village, not only at this location but also south of the crossroads. Pictures illustrating that change will feature in a future issue.



The south side of West Street looking west. All the properties shown would be sacrificed for the Car Park. On the left, further up, can just be seen the narrow entrance to Royal Oak Lane. Among the properties are Satis House and Virginia Cottage. Note the advertisement on the wall for 'Rottingdean Hunting Stables – Hacks and Hunters'. The business was run by a Jeff Boreham, who was killed in WW2.



A good view of the doomed properties in the High Street on the corner of West Street, left. The balusters and steps mark the entrance to the Queen Victoria Inn, a name which would be transferred to premises over the road. The public house was informally known as the 'Hole-in-the-Wall'. Next to it (left) is O'Connell's fish shop. Note the tunnel beside the steps.



Destructive clearance in the High Street/West Street. The image is captioned '1933' which seems somewhat early. The 'Queen Victoria' building stands opposite but is not listed in the 1934 Kelly's street directory. Beside it is the (then very new) corner property we are familiar with today. On the right are two semi-demolished High Street cottages.



The Brighton Road down into the village in probably the early 1920s. The approaching vehicle appears to be an early Southdown single decker bus. A little way behind it may be seen Field Cottage, formerly a school and occupied at one stage by Chief Coastguard David Hennessy (the coastguard cottages stood opposite) and his large family. He died in 1920 aged 77. The property was demolished in the mid-1930s.



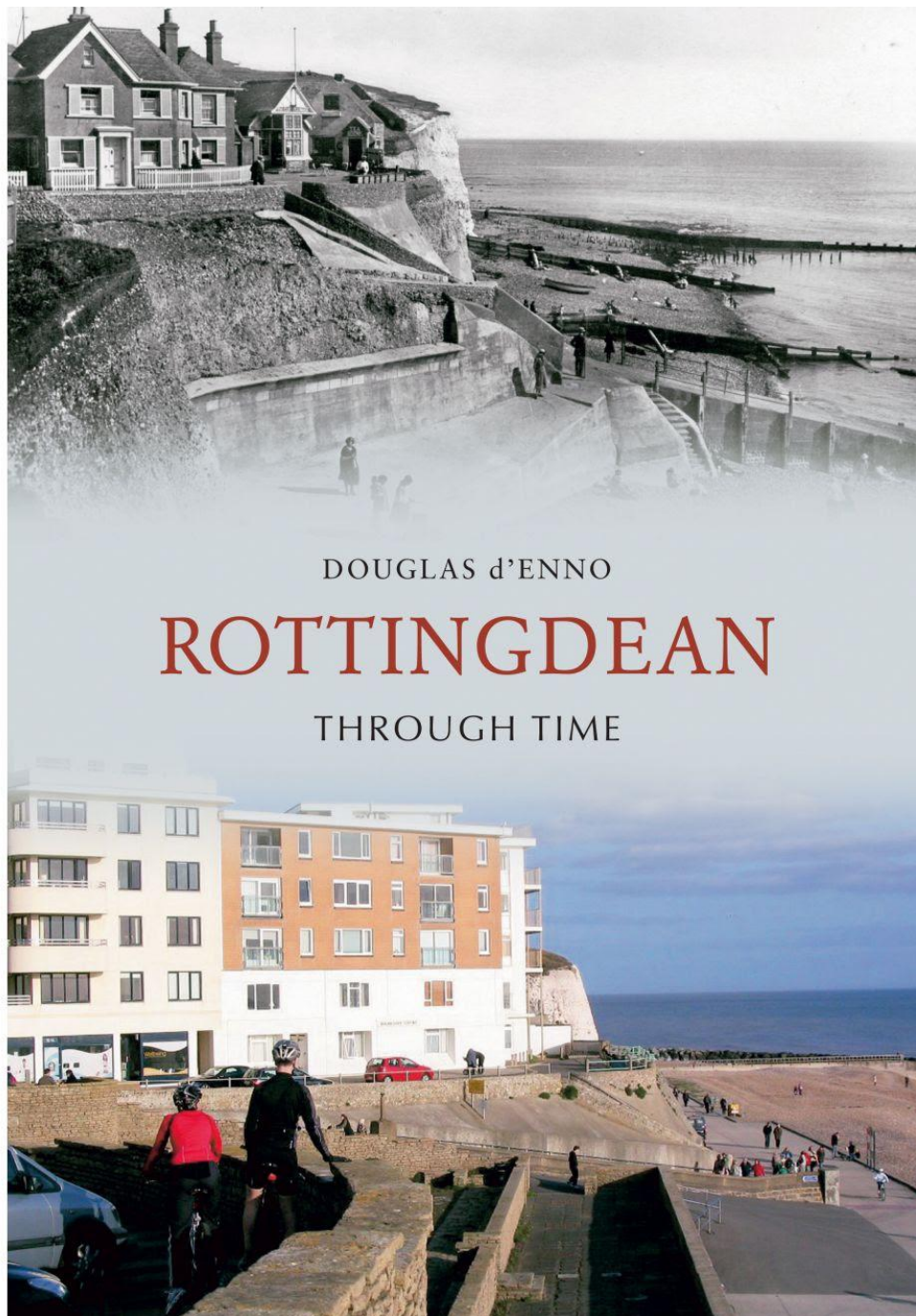
Old cottages, 1-4 West Street, photographed on 27 November 1966 from the Car Park looking down towards the High Street. They would be removed before long to make way for an extension to the nearby motor dealer's premises.



Old cottages, 1- 4 West Street, also photographed on 27 November 1966 from the Car Park, which they had faced for some 30 years but had before then been hidden from view by the Royal Oak Hotel and adjoining buildings on the coast road.



This photograph of West Street looking east in 1904 is a rarity indeed. It shows the coastguard cottages on the right, located on the Brighton Road. The houses on the left therefore stand roughly where the Tesco store is situated today. The small group is standing at the western apex of the Car Park. (Sam Flowers Collection)



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

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New Investment In Woodingdean Shop Parades!

An update from Councillor Jacob Allen

*Funding has been secured to invest in public realm improvements at Cowley Drive shops and Warren Way shopping parade. **We have £11,000 devoted to Cowley Drive and £10,000 for Warren Way.***

*This comes from the **Better Brighton & Hove Fund**, established by Brighton and Hove City Council to provide a way of investing money received through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from property developers back into communities across our city.*

Before decisions are made about how this money should be spent, we are asking local residents, businesses and community groups to let us know what improvements they would most like to see.

That's why we are consulting with the public via this survey.

Complete Survey Here

Deans Senior Tea Club Volunteers Needed!

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Later In The Deans...

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre Inspirational Talks Saturday 3rd October

“Inspirational Talks from Inspirational People in Sussex”

Ooooooh! I remember that! The Evening
Argus photographic archive 1930-1993



Andy Garth Saturday 3 October 2026 10.30-12.30

With his guardianship of the Argus photographic archive, Andy will take us on a journey of the trivial to not so trivial events that have been a part of our local news, going as far back as the 1930's. With press photos, the talk will be centred on Rottingdean and the surrounding areas, but will also include Brighton, Hove, people, places and events that will bring back many memories, and you may even find yourself saying "Ooooooh I remember that"!

£10 includes a tea/coffee & biscuit. To book go to www.rwc.org.uk

Our first 'Inspirational Talk' of the new season is by Andy Garth, who will take us on a journey through the local news using the Argus photographic archive. Who'll end up saying 'Ooooooh! I remember that'?

Book Now!

Keys to the Lido Lunchtime Piano in the Ballroom Saltdean Lido, Multiple Dates



Join us at the Wednesday Lunchtime Piano Concert, at the accessible Lido Ballroom, £7 in advance or £9 on the door. Jump on a bus or free parking with refreshments and lunch options at the Reading Room at The Lido. 12pm for a 12:30pm concert to 1:15pm.

[Book Tickets Here](#)

Nuffield Health Wednesday 7th October, 6pm

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when surgery is recommended



treatment options



what to expect before, during and after your procedure



recovery and rehabilitation

Enjoy free parking and refreshments on arrival.

To book your place, email brighton.enquiries@nuffieldhealth.com or call 01273 624488.

We'd love to welcome you along.

Friends of Beacon Hill Tuesday 13th October



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 carry out tasks agreed by Brighton City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council who are responsible for the nature reserve.

All Work Sessions are 10:00 to 12:00. It's 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.

**St Nicholas Church, Saltdean
Tuesday 13th October, 7pm**



Film show, People's Emergency Briefing -

All about climate change, but not scary,

all about what we need to do!

Our show date has just been confirmed **Tues October 13th** - this film has been/is being shown thousands of times throughout the UK and there's a petition building to get its message top of the agenda with government. Discussion follows.

Bring your ideas as well as your questions and meet each other so we can make things happen together.

All the best, **Gill (for Saltdean Climate Action Network) 07860515217**

Visit The Website

RISE 8K Undercliff Run For Women 2026

Volunteers Needed!

Sunday 18th October



We are still in need of LOTS of lovely volunteers to help us at the **#RISE8K Undercliff Run For Women 2026!**

There are a range of roles available including marshalling, supporting runners, water stations, medals, event village and start and finish support.

Its great fun and what's more for any Traitors fans out there, you will get to meet Amanda Collier from season 4!

Sunday 18 October | From 730am to Midday |

Undercliff Path, Saltdean.

If you can spare a few hours, we would love you to join us!

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