



Hi,

Welcome to the third edition of The Dean Scene - now with over 1200 subscribers! A huge thank you for being part of our growing community of readers—it's been wonderful to see so many people signing up and sharing our enthusiasm for celebrating life in Rottingdean, Saltdean, Woodingdean, Ovingdean and Roedean.

Firstly, we'd like to give a huge **congratulations to Helping Paws**, who raised over **£7000** at last Sunday's Fun Dog Show in Saltdean Oval Park! What an incredible achievement by Karen and the whole team! They also raised £289 at the Tuesday Night Quiz at the Plough Inn!

And well done to the Plough Inn Golf Society who raised £200 on Wednesday in the Chris White Cup - playing golf in extremely stormy conditions over at Seaford Head GC! All proceeds go to The Plough Inn Deans Foundation, a newly formed registered charity to support local causes within the Deans.

Tuesday night saw St Margaret's School hall full to capacity in support of **Save Rottingdean Library**. Please visit the website for the latest updates and ways to get involved at <https://www.saverottingdeanlibrary.co.uk/>

Our subscriber list is growing fast, but we'd still love your help to spread the word. If you know a friend, neighbour or colleague who would enjoy a positive weekly update about local life, please encourage them to sign up at www.deanscene.co.uk.

Thank you once again for your continued support—it really does mean so much as *The Dean Scene* takes shape week by week.

Best wishes,

Lisa Staples

P.S. Got an upcoming event, story, or photo you'd like us to feature? Send it over to hello@deanscene.co.uk—we'd love to hear from you!

P.P.S. Local business owner? We're still offering our special early opening rates—email me directly or visit <https://deanscene.co.uk/business>

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

Saltdean Climate Action Network



Call out for kind homeowners to be on our second Eco-Trail!

Saltdean Climate Action Network is running an **Eco-House Trail** (Saltdean and nearby, inc Telscombe, Rottingdean and Ovingdean) during September again this year (starting Mon 8 September). Would you like to be involved? The idea is to help neighbours to make their houses more fuel efficient.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You don't have to be an Eco Superstar! We are all works in progress.

If so, here is what will happen:

- Saltdean Climate Action Network (SCAN) will create a Saltdean and Locality Eco-Trail event online with a broad explanation of what each house offers to a visitor: ie, **insulation**, ideas to combat **damp** and **drafts**, **solar panels**, **batteries**, **heat pumps** - any other interesting ideas/actions. These can be simple or complicated, costly or cheap, so long as they are all improving cosiness, and reducing bills and CO2. No addresses or contact details at this stage.
- Anyone who replies will drop into our SCAN email and I will ask them for more info if necessary, including phone number.
- House owners will be notified of these details including contact details and then it's up to them to make a suitable appointment. Appointment lengths are recommended at 30-50 mins. No

Fiveways Artist Group



The Fiveways Artists are a collective of Artists and Artisans living in and around the Fiveways area in Brighton. The group came into being in the early 1980's when the artist Ned Hoskins opened his front door to the public so they may view his own work and that of his friends. Other artists then followed suit, forming the Fiveways group and launching the concept of Artists' Open Houses.

A concept which developed more widely in Brighton, Hove and then nationally. Fiveways has become known as an artistic quarter with 23 venues having opened their doors in May 2025 as part of the Artists Open Houses in the Brighton Festival. Within the current group are a number of artists who regularly exhibit in the Brighton Festival as well as participating in other local and national exhibitions' their work is frequently met with great critical acclaim.

The group is comprised of painters, ceramicists, photographers, sculptors, textile artists, printmakers and more. Featured Artists:

prep needed – just inspiration and chat.

Please email me, Gill, at saltdeancan@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer your home at times to suit you during September.

All the best, from Gill, and Saltdean and local areas Energy Champions.

(Thanks to [Energise Sussex Coast](#) for their support.)

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Sam Beck, Martin Brown, Stuart Bullen, Linda Church, Jude Clynick, Angie Harrison, Hiroko Lewis, Val Mager, Carolyn Nicholls, Jane Palmer, Jing Wang & Eva Wibberley.

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Featured Business Of The Week!

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QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 25th September 2025

Rottingdean Village Hall

Park Road, Rottingdean, BN2 7HL

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History Corner – This week, a brief history of Rottingdean!

How It All Began....

Rottingdean is one of the oldest of the Deans, with its roots stretching back over a thousand years. Its name is believed to come from the Old English “*Rota’s Valley*” (*denu* meaning valley). The village appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as a small farming and fishing settlement nestled at the base of the Downs, with fertile land and easy access to the sea. Over the centuries, its strategic seaside location shaped much of its colourful history.

1. **A Smugglers' Haven**

During the 18th and early 19th centuries, Rottingdean's beach was a perfect landing point for smugglers bringing in contraband. Narrow twittens (alleyways) and hidden cellars made it easy to move goods inland. Locals still whisper about underground tunnels, although many remain more legend than proven fact.

2. **Kipling's Country Retreat**

Rudyard Kipling lived here from 1897 to 1902 at *The Elms* on the High Street. Surrounded by the Downs, he found peace and inspiration for his poetry. Today, his legacy remains an important part of the village's literary heritage .

3. **The Historic Windmill**

The windmill on Beacon Hill, built in 1802, is one of Rottingdean's most striking landmarks. No longer working, it stands as a proud reminder of the village's agricultural past and remains a much-loved feature of the skyline.

4. **A Magnet for Artists & Free Thinkers**

Rottingdean has long attracted creative minds. Pre-Raphaelite painter Edward Burne-Jones lived here, and he is buried at St Margaret's Church. Later, members of the Bloomsbury Group, including Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, were frequent visitors. The village became known for its bohemian and artistic character.

5. **The Grange From Vicarage to Village Landmark**

The Grange, built around 1740, originally served as the vicarage for the nearby St Margaret's Church. Extended in the early 19th century by the long-serving vicar Rev Dr Thomas Redman Hooker, it later became a renowned boarding school for boys, earning it a strong place in the village's heritage. In 1953, the local council acquired The Grange and installed the **Rottingdean Library** on the ground floor, preserving the building's role at the heart of community life

By 2014, the library celebrated its 60th anniversary with afternoon tea, photo displays, quizzes, and crafts, highlighting its place as a vibrant gathering spot.

Now operated in partnership with Rottingdean Heritage, The Grange houses:

- The public library
- A museum, Kipling display, and toy museum
- A gallery and tea garden, providing cultural and social space for locals and visitors alike



Coming Soon In The Deans ...

MacMillan Coffee Mornings!

Let us know about your upcoming coffee mornings!

Email: lisa@deanscene.co.uk



Come along to St. Nicholas Church, Saltdean Vale on Saturday 27th September and help us do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer. We have lots of home made savouries & cakes for you to enjoy as well as a raffle & plenty of tea/coffee served by our chatty volunteers. We are happy to take cash or card payment for your donations

A Harvest Festival Soiree



Come and join a Harvest Supper entertainment called "At Table" presented by Jane Arden and Julien Ball on Friday 10th October at 7pm at St Martins Church.

The evening will start with a simple jacket potato supper (bring your own bottle), followed by a fun menu of poems, prose and songs on the subject of meal times.

Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from Saltdean Post Office or Megan's Hair and Beauty on Lustrells Vale.

All proceeds go to St Martins church funds!

St Martins Church
Longridge Avenue
Saltdean



Come along to Ovingdean Village Hall on 27th September. All welcome! If you wish to donate any goods to our Bring & Buy stall or any baked donations, please email Christine Robinson at ckosuk@hotmail.com "



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