



Hi,

Welcome to the sixth instalment of The Dean Scene. We're delighted to see our subscriber community growing week by week, and we truly value your support. It's a pleasure to bring you the latest news, stories, and events from across Rottingdean, Saltdean, Ovingdean, Woodingdean and Roedean.

And if you've only recently joined us, please feel free to access previous editions on our website at <https://deanscene.co.uk/archive>

Every Friday we bring you the latest local news, events, community stories, history snippets, and spotlights on the fantastic people and businesses that make the Deans such a special place to live. From pub gigs to inspiring neighbours, and from quirky history to family fun — you'll find it here!

And if **you** have an event coming up, we'd love to hear about it! Get in touch and we'll do our best to feature it in a future edition.

Thank you once again for your support—it means the world to us as we shape this new local newsletter together.

Best wishes,
Lisa Staples

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

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

Rottingdean Drama Society



Tickets are on sale now for the performance of
Jeeves & Wooster... In Perfect Nonsense.
At Rottingdean Village Hall from 8-11th October 2025

In 1920s London, Bertie Wooster decides it's time for the world to be privy to his extraordinary theatrical talent. He decides to regale the audience with 'The Tale of Tottleigh Towers', a riveting riot of a story involving love, intrigue, secrets and, of course, the infamous cow creamer.

There's just one small snag to his brilliant plan: Bertie finds himself incapable of doing anything unless his trusty valet Jeeves is there to hold his hand. Between them, and the enlisted help of Seppings, the formidable Aunt Dahlia's butler, they trudge through this tale – much to Bertie's constant amazement.

Despite the tight spots that Bertie manages to get into, Jeeves always manages to get him out again. An inventive, fast-paced comedy featuring P.G. Wodehouse's iconic double act. A classic 'play within a play'

Book Tickets

The Deans Environmental Volunteers Beach Clean



Saltdean Beach!
Sunday 5th October - 11am until 12:30pm

Come and join The Deans Environmental Volunteers monthly beach clean and help keep local shorelines litter-free and protect the sea from pollution.

All equipment is provided – buckets, bags, gloves and litter pickers – or you can bring your own.

Feel free to come alone or with friends or family – all ages welcome too! The group is incredibly friendly and you'll soon find yourself chatting with regulars as you scour the shoreline for “treasure”. In the past the group has found everything from discarded clothing to a set of false teeth, a tombstone and even a false limb! So why not join the team and see what you can find – it's addictive!

Follow @thedeansvolunteers on Instagram or Facebook for updates, and look out for their flag on the beach.

Pride of Britain Awards



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We want to say a huge congratulations to **Alex Eades** for being granted a regional Fundraiser of the Year award by the Pride of Britain Awards! Alex's daughter Charlotte tragically died of a rare brain cancer in 2016, but she'd become famous before she died for her YouTube channel, which she used to spread positivity, hope and awareness about her condition. Since then, Alex has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for **Glioblastoma research**.

One of Brighton & Hove buses is named after Charlotte as she was a regular bus user and loved to travel. We wish all the best to Alex as she will attend the Pride of Britain awards ceremony in October as a nominee for the overall Fundraiser of the Year award.

Art Exhibition at St Margaret's Church - Results!!

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Art Exhibition to **Save Rottingdean Library**.

Many thanks to local children's illustrator Ulrike Mieke who selected a winner from each age category while the overall public vote decided one more winner across all categories.

All of the posters were brilliant and meaningful - and the results are in.....

Please take the time to complete the online survey - you can have your say until Friday 10th October 2025.

**People's Choice Winner:
James & Teo**



**Winner Under 5s category:
Apple Tree Nursery**



**Winner 6-8 yrs category:
Sorena**



**Winner 9-11 years category:
Ruby**



Online Survey



Our Undercliff walk and the coast road on the silver and TV screens. By Richard Whiting



Our undercliff walk from Black Rock to West Saltdean (west of Longridge Avenue), was completed in 1935, three years after the completion of today's coast road. The undercliff section to the limits of East Saltdean was extended three decades later, while the coast road was modified much more recently.

But how have they both fared in films? Infrequently is the answer, but memorably for cinema buffs and for some local or past 'Dean' residents.

The 1991 thriller 'Under Suspicion' starring Liam Neeson has an exciting sequence with the police detective (actor Kenneth Cranham) driving on the undercliff between Rottingdean and Saltdean. The film is set in Brighton and around in 1959, and the mixed reviews included a very favourable one from The New York Times.

On the 'box', a mere fifteen years or so ago, Mr. Bean performs gymnastic feats - at the bottom of the St. Dunstan's Ovingdean steps to the undercliff- to change into his swimming trunks. The steps are extended artificially by the TV camera for the visual effect and the result is surely one of the funniest Mr. Bean sketches. Charlie Chaplin would have been proud of it!

The coast road makes rare appearances in films.

However, the 1948 film 'The Adventures of Jane', a low budget film and much dated when viewed today, has a clear view of the coast road and clifftop walk from Beacon Hill. I am not sure if the miniature golf course existed then, but if it did exist then, I presume that 'play' was suspended during filming.

The film, the first produced partly in the old Brighton film studios which had just opened, was directed by my father, Edward George Whiting, and premiered...in Brighton.

Later This Month In The Deans...

MacMillan Prosecco Afternoon Upstairs at The Coach House - Sunday 26th October 2025, 5pm - 7pm

We are hosting a Macmillan Prosecco Afternoon 🥂 (a cheeky spin on the traditional Coffee Morning ☺️) in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support for everyone that has been affected by cancer. And that is probably almost all of you whether directly or indirectly ❤️
Come and join us for a fabulous evening of laughter, prosecco and cake! Plus a raffle!

If anyone would like to donate prizes for the raffle please contact The Coach House directly on **01273 301945**
If you would like to donate now please click on the link below!



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Harvest Festival at Parish Church of the Holy Cross, Woodingdean

Flower Arranging Workshop
Saturday 11th October 2025
10am - 12pm



Come and join the workshop for the Church Harvest Flower Display.
Sign up for a place on the sheet at the back of the church - this must be booked in advance!

Harvest Celebration Service
Sunday 12th October 2025
10:30am - 12pm



Come and join us at our family service.
There will be a collection of tinned, packet and dried foods for the **Woodingdean Food Hub**.

Visit Holy Cross Church's Website Here

'Willow' is now in Rottingdean!



Back in 2005, Sonia launched **Willow** in Hove with a simple but powerful idea: to create stylish clothing for women of all ages and sizes, without being tied to the throwaway trends of the high street. Her vision quickly grew, leading to the opening of a Brighton boutique – and now, a fresh chapter here in Rottingdean.

“Moving to Rottingdean has been a breath of fresh air,” Sonia says. “Everyone has been so positive and friendly.”

The boutique is already becoming a local favourite, and Sonia has exciting plans ahead – from expanding the clothing and accessory ranges to introducing a hand-picked collection of gifts.

Open seven days a week, Sonia and her friendly team can’t wait to welcome both familiar faces and new visitors into Willow’s world of style.

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