

Edition 11 - 8th November, 2025



Hi,

Hello and welcome to issue eleven of *The Dean Scene*!

It's fantastic to see our community of readers continuing to grow each week — thank you for being part of it.

A reminder about Saltdean's remembrance event this Sunday. It will be held as usual at the Peace Stone on Longridge Avenue (junction of Wicklands Avenue opposite Grand Ocean).

Please arrive by 10.55am as the two minutes silence will be at 11am.

This week's *History Corner* has been written by local historian and author **Douglas d'Enno**, who was, in fact, responsible for restoring **Harvey's Cross** to its former glory — a fascinating story you won't want to miss!

Each weekend, *The Dean Scene* brings you the very best of life across the Deans — from local news and events to inspiring people, hidden history, and community stories that celebrate where we live.

Thanks, as always, for reading and supporting your local newsletter!

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...

**The Parish Church of the Holy Cross
Woodingdean
Sunday 9th November
10:30am**



**Remembrance Service
Woodingdean Community Centre
Memorial Garden
Tuesday 11th November
10:30am**

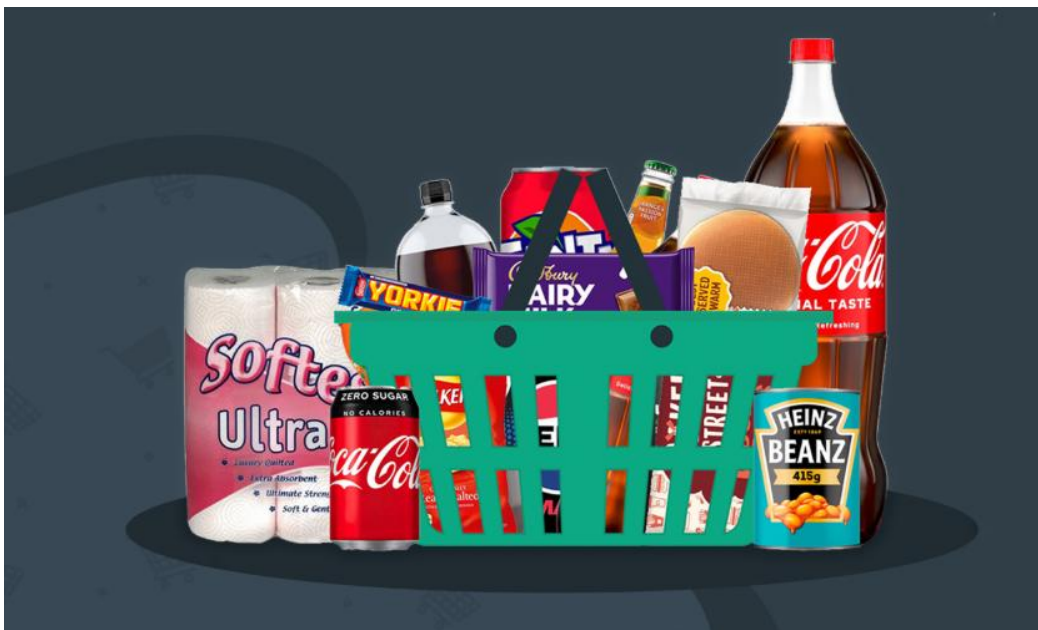
The service will be held by the Reverend Helen Rose

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Harveys Cross By Douglas d'Enno



High on the Downs, a mile or more from the end of Saltdean Vale as the crow flies, stands a memorial to John Harvey, first erected

in 1819 in the form of a simple milestone-hike marker placed at the spot where the rider fell from his horse and was killed.

Harvey, from Bedfordshire, left a young widow and five children. He had been staying with friends in Rottingdean – ironically, for the improvement of his health. His home was a mansion in Ickwell Bury, and the grounds of his estate still exist although they are no longer in the family's possession. Nor are the buildings standing on them the original ones.

Colonel Harvey was held in high esteem in his locality and is known to have raised a militia for service in the Napoleonic War. The memorial we see today is not a tomb. Harvey's body was conveyed to Bedfordshire at enormous expense with a great number of mourners forming the cortege. In the 1880s, the Harvey family erected a memorial at the site of his death. By the mid-1920s, we know (from a Sussex survey photo in the old Reference Library in Brighton) that a cross surmounted the slab, with an inscription recording details of the tragedy.

Sadly, this was destroyed by our troops in the course of target practice during the Second World War.

On 21 July 1998, this author and his good friend and neighbour in Saltdean, Peter Dutton, visited the forlorn remains of the memorial – so forlorn that we thought it was a drainage structure or similar (see first photo below). Following clearance work and fundraising, we had, by the following year, restored the memorial to its former glory, an event celebrated with a gathering of selected supporters, including Harvey family members, who were major donors.

Suitable rustic entertainment was provided by the legendary folk singer, Bob Copper, and his family.

Despite vandalism (more than once) in the years that followed, the memorial largely survived and was repaired and fully restored by 2019, when the 200-year anniversary of John Harvey's unfortunate fall was suitably commemorated.



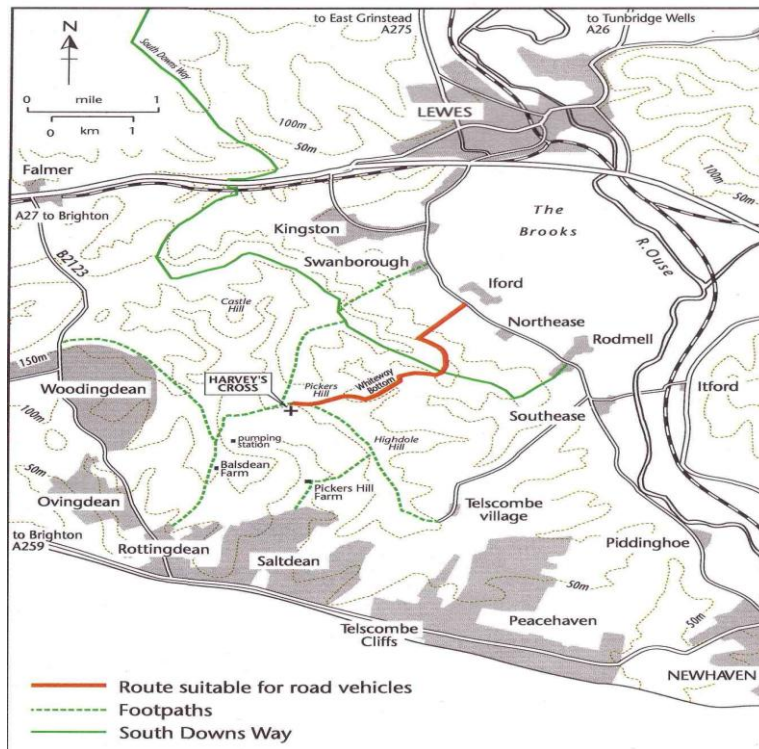
The celebration in 1999 ('Harvey 180') marking the first restoration of the cross and stone. Descendant David Harvey is speaking, Bob Copper is holding a collapsible seat



Renovating Harvey's Cross



A typical gathering, on 21 June 2019, of well-wishers at the site taking a break from the traditional summer clean-up and clearance.



Map showing the location of Harvey's Cross

Later This Month In The Deans...

**Daisy's Pantry Artisan Bakery
are hosting a Christmas Market
Sunday 16th November
10am - 4pm
Rottingdean Village Hall**



Join us for an exciting Christmas Food, Gift and Craft market where you will find festive food, unique gifts & magical atmosphere & festive spirit.

Christmas Food stalls
Alcoholic Drinks
Gifts
Tea & Coffee & Cakes
Father Christmas will join us
Christmas carols to keep kick start the festive season.

Entry £1, children under 10 yrs Free.

Nanny Bears Crochet will be there...



Exciting News!



I'll be at the Christmas Markets soon — so get those dates in your diaries!



Come and browse my handmade crochet ornaments, gifts, wreaths, and bags — perfect for adding a cosy touch to your festive season.



Plus! I'm holding a raffle to win one of my blankets! Don't miss your chance to take home a unique, handmade piece of comfort.

Come say hi, have a chat, and get into the Christmas spirit with me!



**Rottingdean Whiteway Quiz
Friday 21st November
6.30pm for a 7pm start**



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Enrol individually or in
a team of up to 6
people

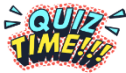
£15 a person



Ploughman's and a drink included in price

Paid bar with drinks at reasonable prices

Prize for winning team plus spot prizes



Book at www.rwc.org.uk/specialevents

The countdown to our next quiz evening at Rottingdean Whiteway Centre has started!

Shall we re-ignite the competition from last year?
Entry is £15 per person which includes food and a refreshment.

Sign up at www.rwc.org.uk

[Sign up here](#)

**St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre
Saturday 22nd November
10:30am - 4pm**

Admission is free with lots to see, listen to, join in & purchase at our popular Christmas Fayre.

Father Christmas arrives in the Church at 10.30am.

11.00 in the Church "Drumming for Children" with Alibaba
Followed by wreath making by Sonia

11.15 in the hall Haven Harmonies entertain

1.15pm Saltdean Jazz Band liven us up

There will be an excellent cafe aswell as authentic German gluwein & stollen.

Plus a first class raffle, unusual gifts by local artisans & our craft group & friends.

Come and Join us!

Holy Cross Church Friday Meet Ups

TOTS TILL 12

Every Friday 9-12
a group for parents and carers to
meet others whilst their tots play
(parent/carer supervised) with
tea and cake

£2 donation on entry

at Holy Cross Church, Downsway,
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