

Edition 16 - 13th December, 2025



Hi,

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

A quick reminder for those keen to get involved locally: the **rescheduled Deans Environmental Beach Clean** is happening this **Sunday 14th December**, down on **Rottingdean Beach** from **11am–12.30pm**. A great way to meet neighbours and make a difference!

There's one more chance to get your raffle tickets at **Woodingdean Medical Centre** for the chance to win one of 10 fabulous hampers. **The draw will take place on Tuesday 16th December. Pop in Monday between 11am and 1pm and get in the draw!**

As always, we've gathered the very best of what's happening across the Deans — community news, local events, fascinating history, and the inspiring people who make our villages such special places to live.

Thank you for reading, sharing, and being part of our growing community.

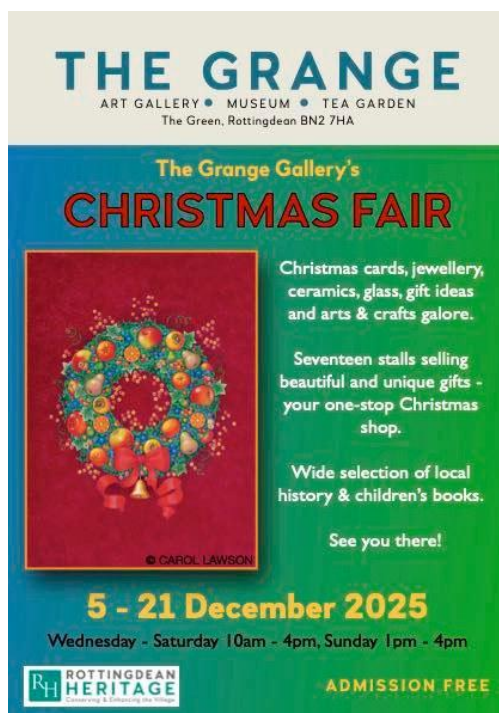
Best wishes,

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...

### Grange Gallery's Christmas Fair 5-21 December 2025



### Roll up, roll up for The Grange Gallery's 2025 Christmas Fair!

**Open between 5th to 21st December, with no less than seventeen  
stands, it's your one-stop Christmas shop!**

We have a stellar set-up this year and will be offering a fantastic range of Christmas-goodness including Christmas cards, ceramics and glassware, gift ideas and arts and crafts galore!

We do hope you can make it and look forward to welcoming you.  
**Gallery opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00  
pm and Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Admission free.**

[Visit Website](#)

**Christmas Concert  
St Martin's Church  
Sunday 14th December  
3pm**

*The Tone Rangers Choir present :*

**SONGS  
ON THE  
HILL**



**Christmas Concert**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm**  
St Martins Church, Longridge Avenue  
Saltdean, BN2 8RB



Enjoy an afternoon of Pop Classics, Festive songs and sing alongs with **The Tone Rangers Choir**. Bring your favourite drink (alcoholic or not) and lets get into the Christmas spirit together.

Supporting **The Deans Senior Tea Club** and the local food bank. Please bring a tin!

**Tickets £5, Book now!**

Scan the QR code above to book your tickets

[www.thetonerangerschoir.com](http://www.thetonerangerschoir.com)

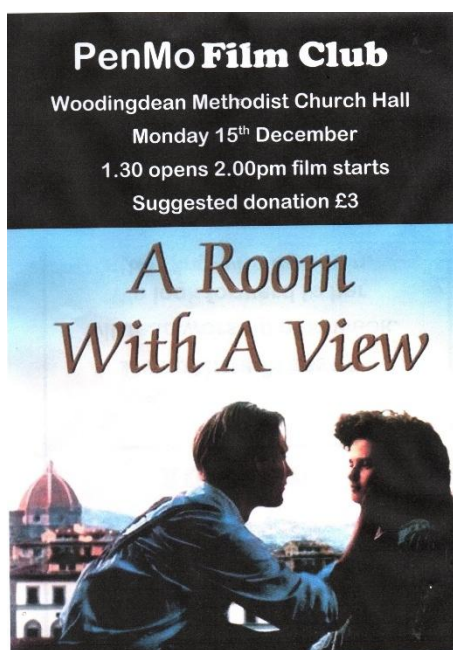
Join us for a heartwarming afternoon of pop favourites, festive tunes, and plenty of sing-along fun with **The Tone Rangers Choir in Saltdean!**

Bring your favourite drink — alcoholic or not — and a non-perishable food item to help support our local food bank.

This Christmas, we're also proud to be supporting **The Deans Senior Tea Club**, a wonderful local group that brings friendship and support to older members of our community.

We keep our ticket prices low so everyone can join in and enjoy the event. All profits after expenses will go directly to the charity — and if you're in a position to give a little extra, we'll have donation tins available on the day. Every bit of generosity is much appreciated!

**Woodingdean Methodist Church  
Monday 15th December  
1.30pm Doors Open  
2pm Film Starts**



**Friendship Café  
St Martin's Church Longridge Avenue, Saltdean  
Monday 15th December**

Our final friendship Café of 2025 is on Monday 15 December. We offer a warm space, a hearty welcome and refreshments, including home made cakes.

We offer a place to chat and make new friends.

We normally have a craft table and a jigsaw on the go most weeks. We also have a selection of games to play, but if you have a game you enjoy, bring it along to share.

We do not charge for the session but there is a box for donations. Come and meet us. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Art Pod Christmas Stars Trail



This is your sign to make magical memories this December! [Artpod](#) are back at the Marina – and this time they're bringing Santa with them! Get ready for the **Christmas Stars Trail**, a magical festive experience that leads the whole family on a sparkling journey to Santa's Grotto.

Follow the Grotto signs to discover Cloud Alley's twinkling lights and help to make and decorate the Christmas Stars Constellation. Plus, keep an eye out for the mischievous Elf on the Shelf hiding along the way!

And then... the moment everyone's been waiting for – meeting Santa in his cosy grotto.

**The Christmas Stars Trail is happening on 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st December 2025, and offers a joyful, creative winter adventure for all ages.**

<https://artpodbtn.com/christmas-stars/>

[Book Tickets Here](#)

## Last-Minute Christmas Shipping? ParcelABC Has You Covered!



**Parcelabc.com**  
send it easy, send it safe

Still need to send Christmas gifts across the UK or abroad?  
Don't panic!

ParcelABC specialises in fast, reliable, and affordable last-minute deliveries. With access to hundreds of trusted couriers worldwide, ParcelABC instantly finds you the best shipping price, the quickest route, and the most secure option for every parcel — big or small.

Whether you're sending festive treats to family, gifts to loved ones overseas, or urgent business packages, ParcelABC makes it effortless.

Simply compare prices, book online in minutes, and track your shipment every step of the way. No queues, no stress, no holiday headaches.

This Christmas, don't risk late deliveries — choose the smart, seamless way to ship.

 **Click now and send your parcel with confidence  
at [ParcelABC.com](https://ParcelABC.com).**

**[Visit ParcelABC For Your Shipping Quote](https://ParcelABC.com)**

**Saltdean Lido  
Tropicana Christmas  
70's and 80's Disco  
19th December  
19.00 - 23.50**



Get ready to *jingle and mingle* at our **Christmas Disco Party!** Step onto the dance floor as we turn up the festive vibes with glittering lights, classic disco beats, and all your favorite holiday hits.

Dress to impress in your sparkliest attire and dance the night away under the mirror ball - it's the most wonderful time to party!

**Book Here!**

## Shelter Hall

The festive season is well underway at [Shelter Hall!](#)

Enjoy 15% off food and drinks at the seaside venue when you travel by bus and show a valid bus ticket!

**Shelter Hall** Brighton's Food Hall with seven kitchens & two bars

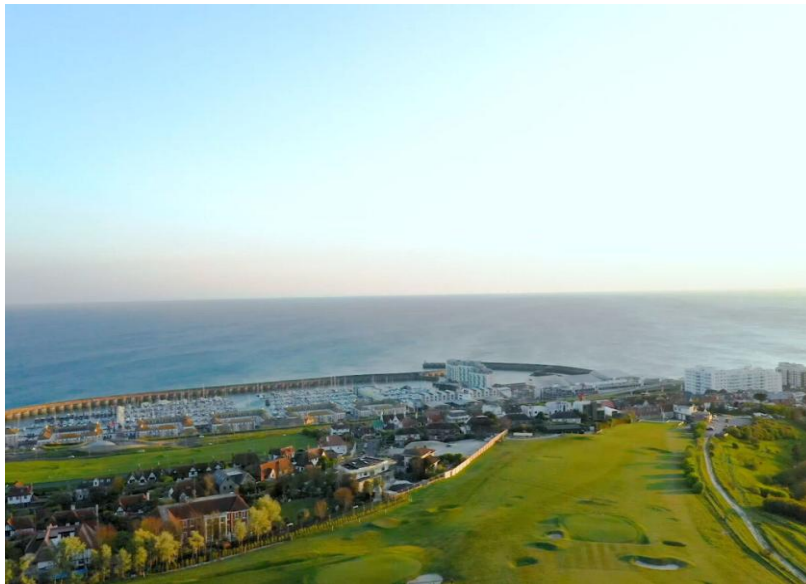
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BRIGHTON & HOVE METROBUS

A collage of four images showcasing Shelter Hall. The top-left image shows the interior of the food hall with long tables and yellow lighting. The top-right image shows a chef in a white coat working in a kitchen. The bottom-left image shows a person wearing sunglasses eating a burger. The bottom-right image shows the exterior of the building with people sitting at outdoor tables.



## East Brighton Golf Club...



📍 Perched high on the chalk cliffs overlooking the sea, **East Brighton Golf Club** has one of the most dramatic settings of any club in Sussex — but its history is just as entertaining as the view.

### 📖 From Ovingdean to Kemp Town to... East Brighton

The club began life in **1893**, but not under its current name. It was founded as **Ovingdean Golf Club**, then briefly rebranded as **Kemp Town Golf Club**, before finally settling on the more dignified “**East Brighton**” in 1901. By 1897, the club had grown from a simple downland layout to a full **18-hole course**, and Victorian golfers were tramping across the hills in tweed jackets and stiff collars — regardless of how windy it was. (And it *was* (*and still is*) windy!!)

### 🏌️ Enter James Braid — The Golf Wizard

Much of today’s layout is thanks to **James Braid**, five-time Open Champion and one of golf’s most influential course designers. Braid swept through in the early 1900s and sprinkled his magic over the land, creating a routing that still challenges modern players.

## Life on the Chalk Downs

East Brighton sits on pure chalk — which means **the course drains brilliantly**. While other clubs around Sussex become muddy winter swamps, East Brighton stays crisp, firm and playable. Local golfers joke that “you can play here when everywhere else needs a lifeboat.”

The elevation also means one thing: **wind**. A gentle breeze in Brighton becomes a personality test on the 17th tee. Many a golfer has watched a seemingly perfect drive be snatched by a rogue gust and deposited somewhere near Whitehawk!

## Quirky Downland Tales

Over the years, the course has collected its share of stories:

- Early members regularly shared the fairways with wandering **sheep and cattle**, who treated bunkers as personal lounging pits.
- The neighbouring **Brighton Racecourse** occasionally adds drama — stray cheers and distant commentary drift across the fairways on race days.
- In thick sea fog, golfers claim you can hear drives land... without having the faintest idea *where*.
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## A Club with Character

The clubhouse has hosted everyone from local families to aristocracy; past presidents have included **the Marquess of Abergavenny** and **the Earl of Chichester**. Today, it's far more relaxed — a friendly, community-focused club with a modern spirit and a sense of fun.





East Brighton Golf Club are proud to be part of the movement to increase women and girls participation in golf and encourage more opportunities for women to work in the golf industry.

Email: [holly@ebgc.co.uk](mailto:holly@ebgc.co.uk) for more information

## Later This Month In The Deans...

**80's Pilates at  
Saltdean Lido  
Saturday 20th December  
6.30pm**



**Jingle those leg warmers — it's 80s Pilates at Saltdean Lido!**

🎄 Throwback tunes, feel-good movement, and a **FREE Pausa vest**.

 **Saturday 20th Dec | 6:30pm**

 **£12**

Swap the stress for spandex (optional!) and join us for a festive Pilates night with zero pressure and all the fun. Beginners welcome!

A brilliant way to try Pilates in a relaxed, welcoming space — no mirrors, no coordination needed, just music, movement and me-time before the Christmas chaos.

**Book your spot:**

[pausapilates.co.uk/pausa-events](https://pausapilates.co.uk/pausa-events)

or email [pausapilatesbrighton@gmail.com](mailto:pausapilatesbrighton@gmail.com)

**Book Now!**

**Saltdean Lido  
Kids Christmas Decoration Making  
22nd December  
1 - 2.30pm**



It's time to sparkle this festive season!

Join us for a fun-filled day of creativity, colour, and Christmas cheer as kids design and craft their very own holiday decorations to take home.

**Activities include:**

Ornament decorating, festive crafts and glitter galore!

**Book Here!**

**St Margaret's Church  
Sunday 21st December  
2pm**

**SHEPHERDS ARISE!**  
Bygone Sussex Christmas  
*from Sussex Sources*  
*Carols, Tunes, Readings, Mummings' Play*



A regular Christmas fixture, this Lewis singing group Shepherds Arise! will perform a programme of traditional Sussex carols and tales from yesteryear.

**Join us at  
St Margaret's Church,  
The Green,  
Rottingdean.**

**Saltdean Lido  
Disco with Santa Elves!  
23rd December  
4 - 6pm**

Get ready to dance, sparkle, and jingle all the way at our magical Kids Christmas Disco!

Join us for an afternoon filled with festive fun, music, and cheer as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year!

Music, games, prizes for "Best Christmas Outfit".  
Reindeer food making and a Goodie Bag for every Child!

**[Book Here!](#)**

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