

Edition 18- 27th December, 2025



Hi,

Hello and welcome to this week's edition of the *The Dean Scene!*

We hope you all had a truly wonderful Christmas and enjoyed some well-earned time with friends, family and festive cheer!

As we approach the end of the year, we want to shine a spotlight on the incredible effort that has gone into protecting **Rottingdean Library**. The community response has been truly inspirational — residents, volunteers, campaigners and supporters have all come together with determination and heart. While the fight to secure the library's future isn't over yet, the passion behind this cause shows just how deeply valued it is. We remain committed to supporting the campaign and celebrating the people who refuse to let such an important local resource slip away.

And now, with New Year's Eve fast approaching, this week's edition is packed with celebrations, countdowns and events happening across the Deans. Whether you're looking for a lively night out or a cosy local gathering, there's plenty going on to help you see in 2026 in style!

Thank you for reading, sharing, and being part of our growing community, wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2026!

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...

Twixtmas Follies at the Lido! 27th - 29th December



Join us for an unforgettable night of glamour, giggles, music, and mischief as **Saltdean Lido** transforms into a glittering winter cabaret wonderland. It's the perfect antidote to that in-between bit when you've forgotten what day it is but still fancy a bit of fizz and festivity!

 **Tickets on sale now!**

Gather your friends, grab your sequins, and step into the spotlight at **Twixtmas Follies at the Lido** — where Christmas isn't quite over, New Year hasn't yet begun, and the party is most definitely still going!

Dates: December 27–29, 2025

Time: 6:30pm doors open
7pm show starts

Venue: Saltdean Lido

Dress Code: Festive fabulous

Because why let the sparkle stop on Christmas Day?

[**Book Tickets**](#)

Spanish Lady Christmas & New Year Kid's Party
30th December
2 - 4pm



We are hosting a Christmas/New Year Party for the kids between Christmas and New Year!!!

There's so much going on for everyone leading up to Christmas and it can be quite overwhelming so we thought it would make sense to have a party after Christmas!!!

We will be incorporating New Year celebrations too! Dancing, Games, Balloon drop!!! Dress to impress as there will be prizes for the most glamorous kids!!!

FREE ENTRY!

New Years Eve Celebrations!

The Duck Inn Rottingdean



The Duck Inn presents... **THE PARTY OF THE YEAR!**



Join us this New Year's Eve for a night you won't forget!
Party starts at 8pm – and goes on until late!

Get ready to dance your way into 2026 with live DJ sets from DJ Bish & DJ Meakin, bringing all the dance floor fillers, house beats and party vibes!



Dress to impress



Normal menu served until 3:30pm



£5 Burger Meal Deal — 5pm–10pm!

Tables will go fast — booking is strongly advised! Call us on **01273 390362**



Let's make this New Year's Eve unforgettable at The Duck Inn!



Saltdean Lido



Join us for a New Year's Eve party, and let's celebrate in style as we ring in the New Year together!

Kick off the year in style with our local favourite band, Maida Vale, this soulful and funky, five-piece band performs the biggest hits of James Brown, Amy Winehouse, Bowie, The Police, Earth Wind & Fire, Beverley Knight, Cindy Lauper, Annie Lennox, Chaka Khan, Bob Marley and many other musical legends DJ Nick will be spinning your favourite tunes for the rest of the night.

Enjoy a complimentary glass of fizz at midnight to bring in the New Year!

Grab your friends, choose the ones you want to start 2026 with, and book your tickets!

Fancy that little bit extra? Book a table for dinner at Deco before the party.

Dinner bookings from 6pm - 8pm. Book below.
General admission - doors open at 8pm

Dress Code: Dress to impress. Glitz, glamour and sparkle welcome!

Book Now!

The Plough Inn Rottingdean



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
**NEW YEAR'S
EVE
Celebration**
WITH
DJ MICKLOS
WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 31ST | 9 PM- LATE

80'S THEMED DISCO

Let's celebrate together!

£10 A TICKET
INCLUDES FIRST DRINK & A GLASS OF
BUBBLES AT MIDNIGHT!

The Black Horse Rottingdean



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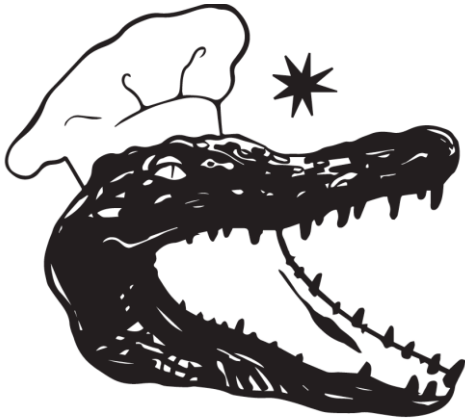
**NYE!
2025**

**SET 3 COURSE
FINE DINING
MENU £60
FREE BUBBLY
AT MIDNIGHT**

**FEATURING:
THE INFORMERS
FUNK . SOUL . BLUES**

07376223988  BLACK HORSE PUB
BLACK HORSE, 65 HIGH STREET, ROTTINGDEAN BN2 7HE

Crocodile Cafe Restaurant Saltdean



NEW YEARS EVE EVENT

-Live music from

[Betty Accorsi Music](#)

- Al a Carte menu
- Fireworks

What more could you want? Come join us to celebrate whether its for a meal or a midnight cheers.

The Spanish Lady Saltdean



**NEW YEARS EVE
at The Spanish Lady!!**

The ultimate New Year Party with DJ Maxx playing all the best party tunes throughout the decades!

Tickets only £10 which includes a drink on arrival (Pint, Wine or spirit with mixer)

Divine Light Holistics



Why not begin 2026 by taking care of you?

My name is Jacqueline and
I am a Holistic therapist for women

I'm welcoming new clients with reduced treatment prices throughout January

 **Introductory Treatments:**

- **Holistic Body Massage (1hr) — £40**
- **Reiki Energy Healing (1hr) — £40**
- **Crystal Therapy (1hr 15mins) — £50**

Relax, reset, and restore your energy for the year ahead.

Book your space at
www.divinelightholistics.com

Book Here!



Founded in 1982, Skiworld is one of the UK's leading ski holiday specialists — and proudly *run by skiers, for skiers*. What began as one man's passion for better skiing holidays has grown into a trusted tour operator offering over 200 hand-picked accommodations across Europe and North America, from great-value apartments to indulgent luxury chalets and hotels.

As a fully ABTA and ATOL bonded operator, Skiworld packages flights, transfers, and accommodation together, giving you complete peace of mind from booking to après-ski. Their focus is simple: top snow-sure resorts, long seasons from late November to mid-April, and excellent value without compromising on service.

With prices still carefully overseen by founder and chairman Ian Coleby, Skiworld delivers crowd-free skiing, outstanding resorts, and exceptional value — whether you're travelling solo or with a group.

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Visit The Skiworld Website



Rottingdean Library.....



The Curious and Charming History of Rottingdean Library

Tucked just off Falmer Road, **Rottingdean Library** has long been one of the village's quietest treasures — though its history is anything but quiet.

A Library with Literary Roots

Rottingdean's reputation as a haven for writers and artists is well known, and the library's origins sit firmly within that creative spirit. Opened in the early 20th century, it emerged during a period when Rottingdean was buzzing with cultural energy. Rudyard Kipling was living at The Elms, Edward Burne-Jones was bringing Pre-Raphaelite glamour to the village, and a growing population demanded a place to read, learn, and escape. The library quickly became a focal point for village life — a warm, dependable place in a community known for its bracing winds and lively characters.

A Wartime Survivor

During both World Wars, Rottingdean Library played its part. It served not only as a reading space, but also as a hub where locals gathered for information, reassurance, and the latest news — long before the days of smartphones and rolling headlines. Many older residents still recall parents whispering over borrowed books while listening for aircraft overhead.

A Place for Curious Minds

Over the decades, the library's collection expanded, reflecting the eclectic tastes of the village: books on smuggling along the Sussex coast, the history of the Downs, famous Rottingdean residents, maritime tales, Kipling first editions, and even early Brighton & Hove bus timetables (riveting in their own way!).

One of the library's quirkiest features is its enduring tradition of **community-led activities**. From book clubs and craft mornings to children's storytime and local history sessions, Rottingdean Library has always been more than a building — it's a living, breathing meeting place.

Modern Day Magic

In recent months, Rottingdean Library has faced the very real threat of closure, and the response from local residents has been nothing short of remarkable. The community rallied with determination, petitions, meetings, and a united voice — a modern chapter that echoes the village's long tradition of protecting its cultural heart.

The outpouring of support has been inspiring and serves as a powerful reminder of just how much this little library means to the people who use it. With continued backing, we can only hope that Rottingdean Library not only survives, but continues to thrive for generations to come. It's a testament to the strength of our community — past, present and future.



Later This Month In The Deans...

**Rottingdean Drama Society Presents
Dick Whittington
Tickets Now On Sale!**



Heard the bells?



Dick Whittington is coming to Rottingdean!



16-18 & 22-24 January 2026



Tickets on sale from Boxing Day

The cast are rehearsing, the jokes are flying, London is calling...



Join us for a fun-filled family show full of laughter, music and panto magic!

Book Now!

A Reminder of Christmas Recycling & Refuse Collection Dates



Changes to Christmas and new year recycling and refuse collection dates

Usual Day	Collected
Monday	22 Dec
Tuesday	23 Dec
Wednesday	24 Dec
Thursday	25 Dec
Friday	26 Dec
Monday	29 Dec
Tuesday	30 Dec
Wednesday	31 Dec
Thursday	1 Jan
Friday	2 Jan

Brighton & Hove City Council

Your collection days might change over Christmas and New Year so please double check



Put your refuse and recycling out by 6am and food waste by 5am.

You can now check or track all your collections in real time – with updates available as they happen. Follow the progress of your refuse and recycling collections on the website.

Collections will return to your usual schedule from Monday 5 January.

[Learn More](#)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Spring Term 2026 Evening courses



Exploring the Planets
- Monday evening



Creative writing
- Tuesday evening

Tai Chi & Chi Kung
- Tuesday evening



*Creative
Writing*



Burning Issues of the day (zoom)
- Wednesday evening

Spanish Level 2 -
Thursday evening




Book online at
www.rwc.org.uk


Book Online

East Sussex Fire & Rescue

What **is** and **isn't** the responsibility of the Fire & Rescue Service during a storm



 **What *is* and *isn't* the responsibility of the Fire & Rescue Service during a storm**
If in doubt - Call 999 immediately

Problem 	Who to call 
Person in trouble in sea	Coastguard - Call 999
Person in trouble in inland water	Fire & Rescue - Call 999
Fallen tree on road NOT endangering life	Local Authority
Fallen tree on road or vehicle endangering life	Fire & Rescue - Call 999
Fallen tree on property NOT endangering life	Personal Responsibility
Fallen tree on property endangering life	Fire & Rescue - Call 999
Unsafe structure overhanging a public highway or footpath	Fire & Rescue - Call 999
Unsafe structure overhanging property NOT endangering life	Personal Responsibility
Unsafe structure overhanging property endangering life	Fire & Rescue - Call 999
General flooding	Wait for water to subside
Flooding with life risk	Fire & Rescue - Call 999
Flooding affecting electronics	Only if safe to do so, isolate any electronics. If in any doubt call the Fire and Rescue Service - Call 999

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