

Edition 19- 3rd January, 2026



Hi,

Welcome to the first Dean Scene of 2026!

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a relaxed start to the New Year, spending time with those who matter most.

As we step into January, we're looking forward to another year of celebrating everything that makes the Deans such a special place to live.

This week's edition features a real variety of local events from Beach Cleans to Inspirational Talks.... and an important meeting affecting East Saltdean residents. History Corner features **Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club**, an inspiring organisation that helps hundreds of residents within our community.

Here's to a year of connection, kindness, and community spirit — and thank you, as always, for being part of The Dean Scene.

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...

FREE Under 5 Activities in Libraries! Back from 5th January 2026

FREE Under 5s activity in libraries Term-time



Storytime 10.15am
Jubilee Mon, Tues, Thurs Fri
Hove Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
Coldean Weds stories, stay & play
Patcham Tues
Portslade Fri at 2.30pm
Saltdean Third Tues of the month 10.30
Rottingdean Second Mon of the month
Hangleton First Mon of the month

Baby Boogie 10.15am Baby Boogie days have changed!
Jubilee Wed
Hove Thurs

Dad's Baby Boogie 10.15am
Jubilee Third Sat of the month

Libraries Legacy Fund
Our Legacy Fund supports our outreach activity across the city, ensuring that everyone can benefit from the library service.
To donate online, follow the QR code, or donate cash in any library.



The Deans Senior Tea Club

www.thedeansseniorteclub.org registered charity no 1191298
No need to book just turn up for a warm welcome. Call 01273582333

THE DEANS SENIOR TEA CLUB



Join our Tea Clubs

Peacehaven Tea Club
Mondays 2pm to 4pm - The Immaculate Conception, 38 Horsham Ave, Peacehaven.

Telscombe Tea Club
Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm - The Civic Centre, Southcoast Road, Telscombe.

Saltdean Tea Club
Fridays 2pm to 4pm - St Nicholas Church Hall, The Vale Saltdean.

Clubs are **FREE**

our new Rottingdean Tea Club, First Thursday of the Month, 10am to 12pm - The Plough Inn, Rottingdean.



Please support your only charity shop in Rottingdean Village.
All your donations go towards supporting our Local Tea Clubs, helping us to combat loneliness and isolation in our community.
find us on The High Street, opposite The Black Horse Pub.

**Artists Open Houses
Registration opens
5th January 2026!**



Registration for the AOH May 2026 festival opens online on Monday 5th January.

Whether you're just starting out in your career, returning after a break, or are a professional and established artist, the Artists Open Houses is a great place to exhibit and be noticed.

"Artists Open Houses connect artists and makers with an audience of art-lovers, buyers and industry professionals - and is also fun to take part in , exhibiting with your friends in your own home". (Judy Stevens, Artists Open Houses Festival Director).

For more information contact info@aoh.org.uk

[Visit Website](#)

The Deans Grab Volunteers!
Back in action on Saltdean Beach on Sunday 4th January 2026!



BEACH CLEANING IN 2026!

Join us between 11am and 12.30pm on the dates below – equipment available or bring your own if you prefer

4 January	Saltdean
1 February	Ovingdean
1 March	Rottingdean
5 April	Saltdean
3 May	Ovingdean
7 June	Rottingdean
5 July	Saltdean
2 August	Ovingdean
6 September	Rottingdean
4 October	Saltdean
1 November	Ovingdean
6 December	Rottingdean

More information available at
www.facebook.com/thedeansvolunteers
See you on the beaches!

First thing to put in your new diary for 2026, our Beach Clean dates!

We're back in action on **Sunday, 4 January 2026 at Saltdean Beach** and all the other dates are here too. So, mark them in your new diary or calendar now, and maybe print the sheet out and give it to a friend, colleague, local shop or volunteer group near you....let's see how many new members we can enrol for the new year!

As usual, we'll be there from 11am-12.30pm and all equipment will be provided, or feel free to bring your own.

Divine Light Holistics



✦ **Start 2026 with Calm, Balance & a Little Self-Care**
Why not begin the new year by focusing on **you**?

I'm **Jacqueline**, a **holistic therapist for women**, here to help you relax, restore and recharge for the year ahead. To welcome new clients, I'm offering **special introductory prices throughout January** — the perfect opportunity to unwind and reset your energy after the festive rush.

🐾 **January Introductory Treatments**

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

Take time to nurture your body, calm your mind, and start 2026 feeling centred, balanced and renewed.

Book your space now at www.divinelightholistics.com

Book Now!

**Wednesday 7th January
5pm - 7pm**

**Meet The Leaders of
East Sussex County Council &
Brighton & Hove City Council**

The Government is reorganising local councils
across the country.

A number of options are now out for public consultation
until 11th January including one which would
bring East Saltdean into Brighton and Hove.

Come and find out more and discuss what this means
for Saltdean's residents with:

- Councillor Bella Sankey, leader of Brighton & Hove City Council
- Councillor Keith Glazier, leader of East Sussex County Council

Please reserve your seat here where you
can also find a link to The Government's formal consultation:
www.saltdeanonline.org.uk/news

**Wednesday January 7th,
St Martin's Church, Longridge Avenue
5pm - 7pm**

Please bring proof of address to the meeting.
If you'd like to submit a question in advance please email it to
saltdeancommunitycharity@gmail.com

SALTDEAN Make Your Voice Heard

With The Government reorganising local councils, including the abolition of Lewes District Council, Saltdean Residents' and Community Association has arranged for the leaders of East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council to come to Saltdean to make their pitch to residents of East Saltdean, Telscombe and Peacehaven.

Weds 7th January from 5pm-7pm at St Martin's Church on Longridge Avenue in Saltdean.

Tickets are limited so please register below

[Tickets](#) will only be allocated to people living within our area with priority given to Saltdean residents.

More details about the reorganisation in the story linked below.

<https://www.brightonandhove.com/news/2025/12/23/leaders-to-take-questions-at-public-meeting-on-councils-shake-up/>

Register Here!



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Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club...



Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club has been a proud part of the local community for over 50 years, living out the Lions motto “**We Serve**” through countless volunteer efforts and fundraisers.

The club was officially chartered in April 1973, making it one of the longstanding service organisations on the east side of Brighton. Its first president was Peter Shannon, who transferred from the nearby Brighton Lions Club — one of the earliest Lions clubs in the UK, originally formed in 1950.

From the outset, the club brought together people from all walks of life — civil servants, airline captains, veterinary surgeons, funeral directors and even professional musicians — united in a common aim: to support those in their community who needed a helping hand.

Their first Charter Dinner was held at Brighton’s Old Ship Hotel, with the Lions International Charter presented by the District Governor and attended by local dignitaries.

Over the decades the club has become synonymous with major local community activities, fundraising events and hands-on service.

In 1983, the Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions helped establish the Woodingdean Lions , extending their community reach. Although that club closed in 2007, Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions continued to provide support across Woodingdean and Falmer in addition to their original patch of Rottingdean, Saltdean and Ovingdean.

Every year, the club raises thousands of pounds through local events — from sponsored events and galas to fairs and quizzes — with 100% of funds raised going directly to good causes, thanks to members funding the running costs themselves.

They support a wide range of needs in the community, including food banks, Christmas parcels for families in need, reading books for primary pupils and health-related fundraising projects.

Through five decades of dedication, the Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club has become a cherished part of life in the Deans — a group of everyday people making extraordinary contributions right where they live.

R&S Lions Club are always looking for new members. Why not contact them to find out more.

info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk

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**Learn More about Rottingdean & Saltdean
Lions Club**

Ovingdean Choral Society



The Ovingdean Choral Society is your local Community Choir. Please come and join us this term to sing beautiful music by John Rutter, Cesar Franck and Howard Goodall.

There is **no requirement** for auditions. You simply need to enjoy music.

**Just turn up from Monday 5th January at 7.15pm
at Ovingdean Village Hall.**

**For more information contact the Chair of the Choir, Ewart
Wooldridge on:**

07584 496190 or Ewart.wooldridge@uwclub.net.

Later This Month In The Deans...

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre
An Inspirational Talk by Dr David Rudling
Friday 16th January 2026
19:30 - 21:30

“Inspirational Talks from Inspirational People in Sussex”

**Border Controls in Roman Britain: the walls of Hadrian
and Antoninus Pius and the Forts of the Saxon Shore**



Dr David Rudling Friday 16 January 2026 at 19.30 - 21.30

How we manage the borders both around and within the UK today is constantly in the news. Yet, many of the problems we currently face are very similar to those of historical times. This talk will explore the challenges faced in Roman history with a land border to the north for which the solution was fortified walls of stone or turf (created by the Emperors Hadrian and further north by Antoninus Pius). This will be contrasted with the need for a border extending from Norfolk to Hampshire achieved via a string of coastal fortifications. We will consider the relative effectiveness and fates of these various border measures and discuss whether these learnings can have implications for us today.

£10 including a refreshment. Book on www.rwc.org.uk

Book Here

Saltdean Lido
Saturday Jan 17 2026
3pm to 7pm



Hey Kats & Kittens, Swing, Jive and Stroll to 1940's & 1950's hits at Saltdean Lido!

Get ready for an afternoon of non-stop dancing and groovin' to the timeless tunes of the '40s and '50s! Join us for *Rockin' Rendezvous* — a swingin' celebration featuring all your favourite classics.

Whether you're into swing, jump jive, doo-wop, R&B, rock 'n' roll, or western swing, there's something for every dancer to enjoy. So dress up in your finest vintage attire and hit the dancefloor floor, and let's rock around the clock!"

[Book Now!](#)

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