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Hi,

Hello and welcome to this week's **Dean Scene**!

It's another busy one across the Deans, with plenty happening — from **Orchard Tree Care** to the **Friends of Beacon Hill workshop** (weather permitting of course!)
The **Rottingdean Whiteway Centre** is still on the lookout for **volunteers**, so if you've got a little time to spare and fancy giving something back locally, they'd love to hear from you.

As always, thank you for reading, sharing, and supporting *The Dean Scene*. This community only works because of you — and we're genuinely grateful.

Warmest wishes,

Lisa Staples

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

Orchard Tree Care
Rottingdean Cricket Club
Monday 9th February

BRIGHTON PERMACULTURE TRUST

Orchard Tree Care
Rottingdean Cricket Club

Monday 9th February 2026

10:30: 12:30

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Join us in a winter pruning of the newly planted orchard trees. We will be helping to look after them by pruning, weeding, mulching, checking supports and looking out for pests & diseases.

Session leaders will guide the work and provide training and tools; bring gloves & sturdy footwear.

Open to all, drop in's welcome, just come and meet the team

For more info and to sign up, email:
treeguardians@brightonpermaculture.org.uk

Join us online:

scan here to sign up:

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

To find out more email
Bill@rwc.org.uk

RWC FOR THE COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Email For More Info

Helping Paws Quiz & Raffle
The Plough Inn
Tuesday 10th February

Email to enter

South Coast Taxis
Call:01273 301111

Book Online

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Visit deanscene.co.uk/business to secure your spot and put your business in front of the Deans audience, where local really matters.

Email Lisa Now!

Friends of Beacon Hill
are back!
Tuesday 10th February

We are a group of people who value and appreciate our local Beacon Hill Nature Reserve and give a little time and practical help to maintain and develop it. We carry out tasks agreed by Brighton City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council who are responsible for the nature reserve.

All Work Sessions are 10:00 to 12:00. It's meet at 10:00 at the Beacon Hub on Beacon Hill.

We ask people to bring secateurs if they have them, to wear sturdy footwear and have good gardening gloves. We provide tools for scrub removal

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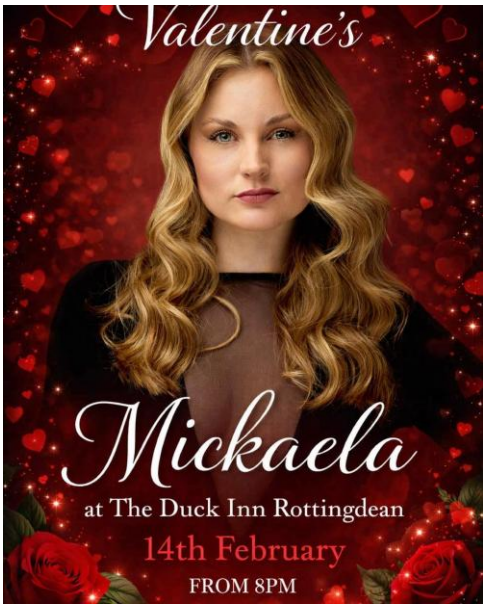
Looking for Somewhere to go on Valentines Day?

The Duck Inn
Rottingdean
Saturday 14th February



Join us for a truly romantic evening this Valentine's Day at The Duck Inn, Rottingdean
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Make a night of it – enjoy a meal with us before the music starts
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Live performance by Mickaela
📅
Saturday 14th February
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From 8pm

Set the mood with beautiful live music, delicious food, great drinks, and a warm, intimate atmosphere — perfect for couples and friends alike
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01273 390362
www.duckinnrottingdean.co.uk
We look forward to welcoming you
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Galentine's at Deco!
Saltdean Lido
Friday 13th February

Valentine's evening is officially FULLY BOOKED
But don't panic… we've opened up **Friday 13th for a Galentine's Evening!**

A night for friends, family, singles, besties, platonic soulmates — basically anyone who fancies great food and good company.

Same dreamy Valentine's menu!

Perfect for groups getting together, solo dates with yourself, or a catch-up with people you love.
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Friday 13th – now open for bookings
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Limited tables available, so don't hang about!
Tag your Galentines & book in
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Book your table between 6 - 8pm:
www.saltdeanlido.co.uk/eat-and-drink

The Black Horse
Rottingdean
Saturday 14th February
For anyone who doesn't do Valentine's... we got you!

Holy Cross Church
Saturday 14th February
10.00 - 12.00

£4 per child
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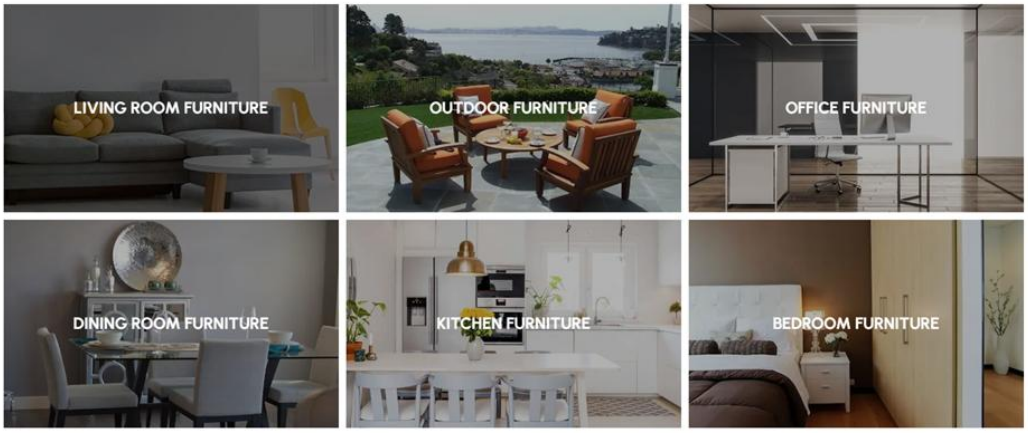

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The Goldstone Ground...

The Goldstone Ground stood on Old Shoreham Road, Hove, opposite Hove Park, in a partly residential area. The area was previously part of Goldstone Farm and was first used for a football match by Hove F.C. on 7 September 1901.-Albion played there for the first time on 22 February 1902, and it became the club's permanent home the following season.

The first North Stand at Brighton's Goldstone Ground was inaugurated in January 1931, with construction taking place in 1930 following improvements to the terracing behind the north goal. This initial structure was destroyed by a German bomb in 1942. A later, well-known North Stand, consisting solely of terracing, was built in 1984. The main West Stand was largely built in 1958 and consisted of seating and terraces. The South Stand was originally built in 1949 and served family spectators. .. The East Stand was formed of uncovered terraces. Floodlights were first installed in 1961.The ground also hosted football games for the 1948 Olympic Games, one of only two grounds outside London (the other being Fratton Park).

On 23 September 1992, David Beckham made his professional début at this stadium, coming on as a substitute for Manchester United in a League Cup second round tie.

The ground was used as the home venue for both Tottenham and Wimbledon for their pre-season 1995 UEFA Interoto Cup campaigns, where after both clubs received one season bans from European football by UEFA for fielding under-strength teams. The bans were later overturned on appeal.

The Taylor Report of January 1990 required all English clubs in the top two divisions to have an all-seater stadium by August 1994. Brighton were in what was the old Second Division at the time and reached the playoff final the following year, but defeat to Notts County ended their hopes of reclaiming their place in the top flight which they had previously held from 1979 to 1983.

Relegation a year later meant that Brighton were no longer covered by the requirements of the Taylor Report, and rising debts meant that the Goldstone Ground remained undeveloped and there were no serious plans for relocation. In 1996, Brighton were relegated to the fourth tier of the English football for the first time since the 1960s.

The final match at The Goldstone Ground was held on 26 April 1997, in which Brighton beat Doncaster Rovers 1–0. The result lifted Brighton off the bottom of Division Three and meant that either a draw or a win in their visit to Hereford United for their final game of that season the following weekend would prevent relegation to the Conference and preserve their Football League status. Brighton went on to draw that game 1-1 with a late goal from substitute Robbie Reinelt and thus secured survival, avoiding becoming the first former members of the top flight or the first major cup finalists to be relegated to the Conference, and sending their opponents down instead.

Between 1902 and 1997 the ground had admitted 22.9 million supporters to 2,174 games. The largest attendance at the Goldstone was 36,747 when the Albion played Fulham on 27 December 1958.

The ground's freehold was sold by the club's board of directors, who were trying to clear the club's mounting debts in an attempt to avoid bankruptcy, although no alternative home ground had been arranged, and the fans were not consulted.-The then-chairman, Bill Archer, aimed to profit from the sale of the lucrative development land on which the Goldstone stood. A proposed ground-share with Portsmouth – their nearest Football League neighbours – never materialised and the club eventually arranged a ground-share with Gillingham at their Priestfield Stadium, over 70 miles from Brighton.

The planned sale of the club's stadium provoked two pitch invasions by angry fans in protest against it. A pitch invasion late in the 1995-96 season, when the Seagulls were relegated to Division Three, resulted in a suspended sentence of three points deducted and a game played behind closed doors for the club.

A similar protest on 1 October 1996 in a league game against Lincoln City, meant that a Football League hearing on 9 December that year saw them deducted two league

points.-The club later appealed against the points deduction but their appeal was rejected.

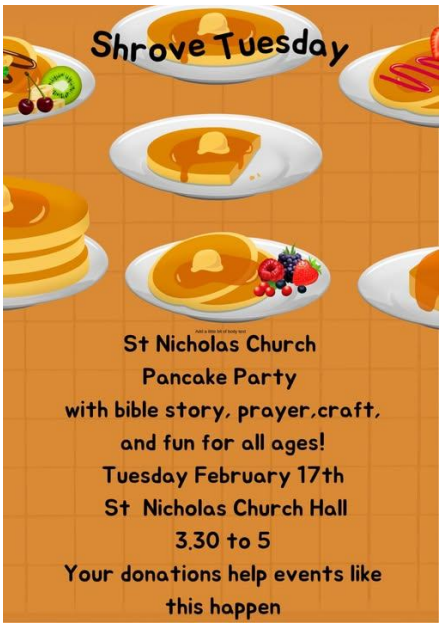
The Goldstone Ground was subsequently sold to property developers and the site was redeveloped as a retail park, currently known as the Goldstone Retail Park. After returning to the Brighton area in 1999 following two years in Gillingham, Brighton & Hove Albion played at the Withdean Stadium, an athletics stadium about two miles north of the city centre. By this stage, a site at Falmer had been identified as Brighton's preferred location for a new stadium. This was finally completed in 2011, when the American Express (AMEX) Stadium was opened on a site four miles north-east of the city centre.

(The stadium before closure in 1996)

Later This Month In The Deans...

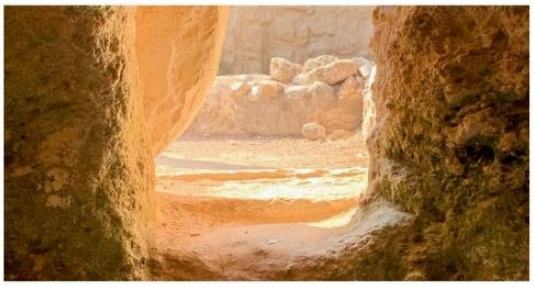
Holy Cross Church
Woodingdean
Shrove Tuesday
17th February

St Nicholas Church
Saltdean
Shrove Tuesday
17th February



What's going on at Holy Cross Church this Easter...

Easter Services



Come and celebrate with us at Holy Cross Church, Downsway

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, 17th February 3.30pm

Ash Wednesday, 18th February 9.30am & 6pm

Lent Course - Sundays after morning service commencing 22nd February

Palm Sunday, 29th March 10.30am

Tues 31st March & Weds 1st April, 9.30am Eucharist followed by Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 2nd April, 7.30pm

Good Friday 3rd April, 10.30am

Easter Day 5th April, 5.30am & 10.30am with egg hunt

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