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A warm welcome to the Summer 2025 edition of Rottingdean Village News! To explain, we are moving to a quarterly format in line with the seasons, so our next issue – Autumn 2025 - will be out in September. While this means some adjustments (the Diary page for example), we think it better reflects the natural rhythms of the village. And, while we say goodbye and a heartfelt 'thank you' to Pallavi for all her hard work, we welcome Wendy Swift to the RVN team. Many of you will know Wendy through the amazing job she does at the Whiteway Centre. We are very lucky to have her help! Looking beyond our news, summer sports are already in full swing, St Martha's is in phased reopening, and the new floor at St Margaret's Church is finished at last. There will be so much happening in the village again this summer. In addition to the usual Rottingdean Arts events, art shows at The Grange, and the welcome return of the Lions Fayre, the opening of the community park at St Aubyns field will be marked with a special event on 28th June, and the 100th Village Fair takes place on 2nd August. No need to go anywhere else!

Roger Levy, editor

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What are you doing with your SPARE ROOM?

According to the latest government statistics there are over 66,000 households in Brighton & Hove with one or more spare bedroom.

Whilst many people stepped forward to host Ukrainians when war broke out, a much smaller proportion are joining the lesser known Sussex Nightstop movement - a growing network based in Brighton that offers a community response to the growing problem of youth homelessness.

A logical solution, Sussex Nightstop utilises spare rooms for short stays, supporting young people experiencing homelessness while they get back on their feet. Service co-ordinators connect them with local services and support their housing planning, working towards a safe, sustainable home, while hosts provide welcoming overnight accommodation. Excellent training and management is key to Nightstop's success - and avoids the issues reported by newspapers around some hosts feeling unsupported by the Ukrainian scheme.

"We don't expect hosts to make any arrangements - that's our job" say H, Tom and Michelle, Sussex Nightstop's service team. "All we ask for is a warm welcome, a spare room, access to a shower and washing machine, an evening meal, breakfast and a packed lunch, for which the service pays expenses. Guests typically stay for 4-7 nights with each host but it's a flexible service that our hosts can easily

incorporate into a normal evening at home. We also provide training and ongoing support to hosts, so they're never alone."



Hosts Liz and Patrick had always thought they should use their spare rooms when their kids left home. *"We liked the flexibility of Nightstop as it fits our lives and works around the host. I think we need to address the caricature that is a homeless person... and instead see the young person for who they are. Many are studying or working in Brighton & Hove. If one of our family became homeless, we'd want someone looking out for them and that's what we're here to do."*



Rita is a busy GP who also plays in a band, so her time is very much in demand: *"My house is a resource and I like helping people. I've enjoyed every single person who's stayed. I don't know why more people don't do it... it's just not hard!"*



There's something rather special about this service. It reminds people at the most desperate of times that people care, which builds confidence and belief - vital ingredients in a young person's ability to maintain the good stuff in their life, seize new opportunities and bring about positive change for themselves.



Sussex Nightstop needs more hosts and community champions, as the cost-of-living crisis and high rents in the city continues. To find out more, visit sussexnightstop.org.uk

• WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT •

PLEASE JOIN ROTTINGDEAN LIBRARY; USE IT OR (POTENTIALLY) LOSE IT

BHCC is looking to close three libraries to save money. The library at Saltdean Lido is unlikely to be one of them as it is new and well-used.

If you aren't already using Rottingdean library, then now's the time. If you haven't visited for a while (ever) you might be surprised at how much is available there.

Rottingdean library is staffed (usually by Anne who is super helpful and kind) on Mondays and Wednesdays and at other times your Libraries Extra card means you have full access to the library and books. You can join in-person when Anne is there – take proof of address – and online: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-arts/libraries/join-our-libraries>

THE YELLOW BOX

Repainted but still sadly ignored by too many drivers. BHCC doesn't have the power to install a camera to enforce this. It's a Police issue and so Chris Ward, our MP, has agreed to write to Sussex Police Chief, Katy Bourne, to request.

ROTTINGDEAN HIGH STREET

BHCC has recently informed us that this is now not a priority for resurfacing or pavement mending and is not on its list for works in 2025/6 financial year. We are discussing next steps with RPC.

ONGOING BIN COLLECTION PROBLEMS

Getting better but please do continue to report misses here and put for Mark's attention. <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/contact-your-councillor>

Earlier this month, Mark submitted a strong letter of complaint to BHCC's CEO Jess Gibbons, and Cllrs Bella Sankey and Tim Rowkins. This resulted in a public letter of apology to residents, and promises for a better service...

If RVN readers have any views on the above, please contact us at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-committees/contact-your-councillor or www.facebook.com/independentcouncillorinbrighton

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• THE VILLAGE FAIR – 100 YEARS AND GOING STRONG •

Originally a Flower Show at St Aubyns, it moved to The Elms Garden where dainty tea tables were hosted by the Girls Club, dressed in long floral dresses with puffed sleeves and poke bonnets. Opened in 1925 by Lucy Baldwin, wife of the Prime Minister, it raised £392 for the school, church and windmill restoration. Pump Green had a track beside the pond, where Mr Hilder nightly gathered in the ducks for fear of the fox. Here, a beer stall was set up and young farmers would shimmy a greasy pole to claim a prize.

So the annual fair was born! 25 years ago I started decorating the guest speaker podium with artworks helped by local children from the Whiteway Centre to echo the themed cavalcade by Winifred Hoyle, a theatrical costumier.

Elizabeth Taylor wrote good wishes for our fair to Marcus Bagshaw, then Grange Museum curator, with fond memories of our village when filming for Enid Bagnold's 'National Velvet'.

With so many tales of actors, writers and artists who graced our village, we also remember passed organisers Peter and Margarey Hampton, Harold Williams, Hilary Feltham of the W.I and artwork contributors Mike Jerrome and Mick Bensley. In hand drawing this year's poster, I hope I have captured that boundless energy of community spirit.

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4 - 15 JUNE

PHILLIP FORSYTH
DOUBT THE STARS

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2 - 13 JULY

**HOLLY CROMPTON, CLAIR BUTLER,
SARAH GOODFELLOW &
OCTAVIA BELL.**

CONNECTING WITH NATURE

An exhibition celebrating the world around us. As artists we all share a love of the natural and man-made world, being inspired by its animals, landscapes and architecture. Our shared love of colour and form unites the work.



18 - 29 JUNE

**SOCIETY OF SUSSEX PAINTERS, SCULPTORS &
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We've eaten last year's Centenary Cake, so now, in celebration of our Society's 101st year, we have ditched the old website, ramped up our social media and re-branded our SSP logo. Come visit our latest exhibition of work and pick up our first ever group business card then follow us on our new instagram page.



18 JULY - 10 AUGUST

EDWARD BURNE-JONES

**THE FLOWER BOOK (MYTHS, ROMANCES, AND
RELIGION)**

Throughout his time living in Rottingdean (1880-98), Edward Burne-Jones worked on his most personal of projects; a group of 38 watercolour paintings inspired by the common names of flowers. Leaving them to his wife, Georgiana. Georgiana and the Fine Art Society collated them, then published them posthumously in 1905 as a Limited Edition of 300 copies.

Now 120 years later, Rottingdean Heritage is exhibiting one of those editions, with its original colour plates, back in Rottingdean where the paintings were created. A truly once in a lifetime exhibition.



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• ROTTINGDEAN HERITAGE •

The summer season has arrived and at Rottingdean Heritage we are in full swing. We have enjoyed a series of excellent art exhibitions so far this year at The Grange Gallery and the next few months will be no exception. An exciting highlight coming up in July will be an exhibition of prints from Edward Burne-Jones' "Flower Book", kindly loaned to us by Brighton Museum & Art Gallery and curated by our own Grange Gallery Director, Dimitrios Evangelou.

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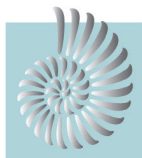
We also look forward to welcoming the ever-popular Castle Theatre Company back on their annual visit, this time with their touring production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. The play will be performed in The Grange Garden on 21 and 22 July. Our overall programme is as packed as ever, with The Windmill reopening on 15 June after being closed for some major renovations.

The well attended "Wednesdays at One" series of talks are up and running, and Gertrude's Arts and Crafts shop is open again for the season in beautiful tea garden at The Grange. For details of all our events and activities, and information on how to join us as a volunteer or member, please visit our website at www.rottingdeanheritage.org.uk.

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Here are 5 reasons why you should quit smoking

1. Mouth Cancer

According to the NHS, more than 93% of cancers (in the gullet part of the throat) are caused by smoking, and if you smoke you are 6 times more likely to develop mouth cancer than non-smokers. The odds also rise when combined with alcohol. However, if you stop smoking your risk of cancer begins to decrease even if you have been a heavy smoker. Unfortunately mouth cancer is very virulent and can grow quite rapidly. Your dentist examines you for early signs of cancer EVERY check up, so make sure you have regular appointments.

2. Risk of Gum Disease

Smoking causes lack of oxygen to the blood stream, so infected gums do not heal. This then accelerates the effects of gum disease, which can also lead to the loss of a tooth.

3. Tooth Loss

Smoking is a major contributory factor to tooth loss. Smoking worsens the effect of gum disease and if left untreated, the bone in your jaw may be damaged and small spaces can open up between the gum and teeth resulting in them becoming loose and falling out.

4. Bad Breath

It's not surprising that bad breath occurs in smokers, as over 4000 chemicals pass through your oral cavity each time you smoke and many of them end up collecting on the surfaces inside your mouth. Smoking can also contribute to bad breath by drying out the mouth.

5. Stained Teeth

Nicotine and tar leave unattractive yellow stains that discolour the tiny cracks in the tooth enamel and long-term smokers often find that their teeth are almost brown. Visiting a hygienist regularly for a clean and stain removal can help to get rid of the give-away smokers stains.

• PAST LIVES •

WILLIAM SAXBY: GRAVE 5019

This is the grave of William Saxby who lived from 1837 to 1893 and of his wife Fanny Saxby who died in 1901. He left £770 to her in his will.

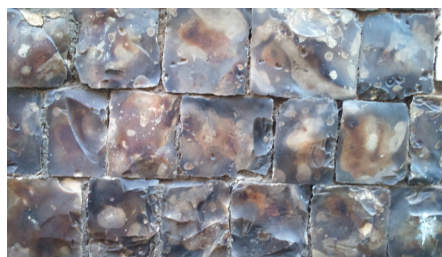


William Saxby lived with his family at Court House, one of the four farms in Rottingdean, the other three being West Side Farm at Hillside, Challoners Farm at Challoners and East Side Farm based at Down House. The house was originally built by Nicholas Beard around 1745 and passed through several hands before being sold in 1824 with William Saxby as the tenant. Court House was the Farmhouse for Court Farm whose barns formed the basis of Tudor Close.

William farmed 730 acres and employed 24 men and 9 boys according to the 1871 census. This also listed two sons, two daughters and four servants: a cook from Alfriston, a nurse from Dublin and two housemaids.

His next door neighbour was Steyning Beard at Down House, who farmed 550 acres which employed 28 men and 8 boys according to the 1871 census. This also listed a nursemaid, a cook and a housemaid. They came from as far afield as Norfolk, Shropshire and Jersey.

Both Court House and Down House were re fronted with squared knapped flints. This was a sign of wealth



since it was a laborious process to cut the flints in this way. It did produce a fairly maintenance free frontage as there was hardly any mortar exposed to erosion by the elements.

William Saxby's grave is currently being restored by one of our churchyard volunteers. If you would like to join the adopt a grave scheme, please email Mike Laslett at mike18j37@gmail.com

Mike Laslett

• PARC •

We can report back from a very successful 3-day Pop-Up Charity Shop at the Whiteway Centre in April. Thanks to everyone who donated goods, bought bargains and volunteered to help us raise £1,000 for our current projects. These projects are continuing to fund a weekly youth activity programme locally and to finally see the new Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) built in Saltdean. PARC has had to increase our capital funding of this project due to the failure of a developer to make their S106 contribution.

This summer's event will be taking part in the OvingGreen Farm Festival on Saturday 12th July. Proceeds to PARC and the Air Ambulance.

Cathy Taylor

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• IN BLOOM •

What a delight to watch spring unfolding into summer with new green leaves and colourful flowers! It's reassuring and uplifting in these uncertain times!

The Rottingdean in Bloom volunteers are full of renewed enthusiasm, boosted by the great generosity of so many local residents. Our annual appeal has been very successful, with all the hanging baskets sponsored and sufficient



donations to buy some replacement planters.

The winter work on the large Golden Square bed is paying dividends with lavenders and achillea and cordylines growing well. The wall round the short stay car park has been top dressed with soil improver and planted with various hardy species. Let's hope for some rain and warmth to help them flourish.

Summer tasks include the inevitable pavement weeding – never one of our favourite jobs! But there is also the enjoyment of new planting to keep as much continuity of colour as possible.

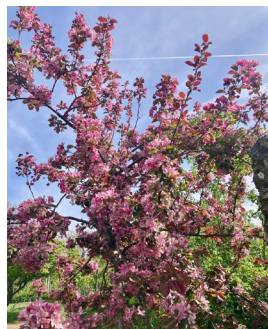
We will, once again, have a stall at the Village Fair so do come along to meet us and share thoughts and ideas. While we're not entering any regional competition this year, we will do our best to ensure that the village looks tidy and full of colour all summer long.

We've enjoyed the company of 4 new volunteers this Spring and will always welcome more. Even just the occasional participation in dead heading, watering or weeding is hugely valued. Do get in touch.

Helen Clark 01273 390467 helen@azygos.co.uk

• FRIENDS OF KIPLING GARDENS •

We have had a very positive first half of 2025. The winter and spring weather delivered just the right amount of moisture and warmth. The more delicate species overwintered well. We then had an abundance of spring blossom which will hopefully lead to plenty of fruit on our medlar, quince and ornamental cherry trees.



Some enthusiastic new volunteers have joined the group and together with our sharpened tools (thank you Andrew Clark) this is making the task of maintaining and developing the gardens rather easier. Visitor numbers also appear to be increasing, no doubt helped by the gardens being very highly rated on both trip advisor and google maps.

Our next development will be to make raised beds (using recycled timber) and for these to go into gaps in the existing herb garden. We will then plant some attractive but edible varieties of ornamental courgettes, borlotti beans, red chard and a greater range of herbs.

Quite remarkably it has been great to see that the tree vandalised by bark stripping a couple of years ago still seems healthy and has not only come into leaf again this year but is also growing new bark.

Please email kiplinggardens@btinternet.com for more details about volunteering with us.

Keith Young (volunteer) and Nicolas Collins (gardener)

JUNE DIARY

Sun	1	10-4	Heads Up, Sarah Reeve, exhibition	G
		11.00	Beach Grab / cleaning	RB
Mon	2	7.30	Parish Council meeting	W
Tue	3	10-4	Doubt the Stars, Philip Forsyth, exhibition (until 15/6)	G
Wed	4	1.00	Talk: Tracing your family history, Bob Smale	G
Thu	5	10-12	Rottingdean Senior Tea Club	P
Mon	9	2.15	Rainbow poetry group	GL
Tue	10	10.00	Friends of Beacon Hill Volunteer workday	B
Wed	11	1.00	Talk: Bazehill Manor: Schools, soldiers & Royalty, Rob Upward	G
Sat	14	10-4	Lions' Fayre	VG
Sun	15	2-4.30	Windmill open	B
Tue	17	7-9	Rottingdean Writing Group	P
Wed	18	10-4	Soc. of Sussex painters, sculptors & printmakers (until 29/6)	G
		1.00	Talk: The challenges of Conservation, Sarah Peek	G
			Tickets on sale for Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, Drama Society	
Sat	21	11-4	Windmill open. Art exhibition Oxford Int. College	B
Sun	22	11-4	Windmill open. Art exhibition Oxford Int. College	B
		3.00	A Soprano and 2 Tenors, free concert	RTS
Wed	25	1.00	Talk: The Church pit furlong, Geoff Mead	G
Fri	27	10.00	Friends of Beacon Hill Volunteer workday	B
Sat	28	12-4	Official inauguration, St Aubyns Community Park	STA
Sun	29	2-4.30	Windmill open	B

JULY DIARY

Wed	2	10-4	Holly Crompton, Clair Butler, Sraha Goodfellow & Octavia Bell, Connecting with Nature, exhibition (until 13/7)	G
		1.00	Talk: The Daddy Longlegs Volks' railway, Ian Gledhill	G
Thur	3	10-12	Rottingdean Senior Tea Club	P
Sun	6	11.00	Beach Grab / cleaning	SB
		2-4.30	Windmill open	B
		3.00	Brighton Beachcombers, free concert	RTS
Mon	7	7.30	Parish Council meeting	W
Tue	8	10.00	Friends of Beacon Hill Volunteer workday	B
Wed	9	1.00	Talk: Gertrude Jekyll, Sarah Snow	G
		7.45	Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, Drama Society	VH
Thur	10	7.45	Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, Drama Society	VH
Fri	11	7.45	Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, Drama Society	VH
Sat	12	2 & 7.45	Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, Drama Society	VH
		12-6	PARC Farm Festival	BFO
Sun	13	2-4.30	Windmill open	B
Mon	14	2.15	Rainbow poetry group	GL
Tue	15	7-9	Rottingdean Writing Group	P
Wed	16	1.00	Talk: Blessed servants!, Sarah Tobias	G
Fri	18	10-4	Edward Burne-Jones, The Flower Book, exhibition (until 10/8)	G
Sat	19	10-4	Lions' Gala	SP
Sun	20	2-4.30	Windmill open.	B
		3.00	The Brighton Big Band, free concert	RTS
Mon	21	6.30	Twelfth Night, Castle Theatre Company, open air theatre	GG
Tue	22	6.30	Twelfth Night, Castle Theatre Company, open air theatre	GG
Wed	23	1.00	Talk: Burne-Jone windows inc. church visit, Jean Spray	G
Fri	26	10.00	Friends of Beacon Hill Volunteer workday	B
Sat	26	11-4.30	Windmill open, Wilde Volk exhibition	B
Sun	27	11-4.30	Windmill open, Wilde Volk exhibition	B
Wed	30	1.00	Talk: The gardener's tour of The Grange Garden, Tim Stevens	G

AUGUST DIARY

Fri	1		RVN deadline for articles etc for Autumn issue	
		10-4	Edward Burne-Jones, The Flower Book, exhibition (until 10/8)	G
Sat	2	10-4	Village Fair	VG
Sun	3	11.00	Beach Grab / cleaning	OB
		2-4.30	Windmill open	B
		3.00	The Vox Beatles, free concert	RTS
Thur	7	10-12	Rottingdean Senior Tea Club	P
Sun	10	2-4.30	Windmill open	B
Mon	11	2.15	Rainbow poetry group	GL
		7.30	Parish Council meeting	W
Tue	12	10.00	Friends of Beacon Hill Volunteer workday	B
Fri	15	9.00	Autumn courses Launch, Whiteway Centre	W
Sun	17	2-4.30	Windmill open	B
		3.00	Rottingdean Performers, free concert	RTS
Fri	22	10.00	Friends of Beacon Hill Volunteer workday	B
Sun	24	11-4	Windmill open.	B
Sun	31	11-4	Windmill open.	B
		3.00	Pollito Boogaloo, hot chilli sounds, free concert	RTS

B	Beacon Hill	OB	Ovingdean beach	STA	St Aubyns Field
BFO	Bullstrode Farm, Ovingdean	P	The Plough	VG	Village Green
G	The Grange,	RB	Rottingdean beach	VH	Village Hall
GG	Grange Gardens	RTS	Rottingdean Terraces Stage	W	Whiteway Centre
GL	Grange Library	SB	Saltdean beach		
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• ROTTINGDEAN ARTS •

We have been busy planning a lively programme for this year. There will be some favourites with new programmes and some new performers with fantastic programmes.



The Terraces

There will be 6 free concerts on the Terraces starting on the 22 June. Many of the performers were so popular last year that we have asked them back again. There is a full page listing in this edition of The Rottingdean Village News so, note the dates in your diary.

The Autumn Festival

Once again there will be a full 6 performance programme beginning 13 Sept with jazz players from

Ronnie Scotts playing The Best of British. The highlight of the season will be the world famous Armonica Consort who will give us Dido and Aeneas and Stabat Mater. We have humour too with The Totties sending up opera and musicals. The full programme will be in a leaflet delivered to your home in the first week of June with ticket arrangements and venue.

If you are not already a Sponsor, Patron or Friend and want to get priority booking then email info@rottingdeanarts.org.uk for further information. We look forward to seeing you again at our events.

Bernard Turnbull, Chair, Rottingdean Arts

• FRIENDS OF BEACON HILL •

We were very fortunate with the spring weather and continued our hard work removing bramble, hawthorn and blackthorn roots from the area on the north-eastern side of the hill which was mown last year. We hope this will keep the scrub which has encroached on the area in recent years under control, allowing sheep to safely graze the area and native wild chalkland flowers to re-establish themselves.

We were pleased to discover the first cowslips (*Primula veris*) flowering at our first April workday. Hopefully orchids will follow them as we move into summer. As we worked, we were serenaded by skylarks soaring overhead. We are lucky to have a relatively healthy population. They are ground nesting birds and the nests can be easily disturbed or damaged, so it is important to remain on the designated footpaths on the hill and not let dogs run into the grass, thus ensuring they can continue to breed here safely to delight us.



The Friends of Beacon Hill are a welcoming group of volunteers who help maintain this wonderful natural environment for all to enjoy. We meet at 10 AM on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday of each month at the Beacon Hub for a 2 hour session. You can contact us at FOBeaconHill@gmail.com. See our Facebook page @beaconhillrottingdean for up-to-date info.

Andrew Rose

ROTTINGDEAN ARTS 2025 SEASON

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<p>Sunday June 22 3pm Terraces Stage St Margaret's Church if wet</p>	<p>A SOPRANO AND TWO TENORS A welcome return by our favourite soprano, Jo Appleby and Friends singing musical and operatic favourites.</p>
<p>Sunday July 6 3pm Terraces Stage Whiteway Centre if wet</p>	<p>ZONE TUMBAO This may be afro-jazz rhythm, but these guys are all from Rottingdean. A great 5-piece line up playing hot jazz to get you moving.</p>
<p>Sunday July 20 3pm Terraces Stage St Margaret's Church if wet</p>	<p>THE BRIGHTON BIG BAND Regular performers on the Rottingdean Stage, Brighton's popular Swing Band return and play popular instrumental and vocal favourites</p>
<p>Sunday Aug 3 3pm Terraces Stage Village Hall if wet</p>	<p>THE VOX BEATLES We welcome back to this very popular band. They consistently draw the largest crowd to the Terraces. A great cover band playing all your favourite Beatles songs. Join in, dance, enjoy!</p>
<p>Sunday Aug 17 3pm Terraces Stage Village Hall if wet</p>	<p>ROTTINGDEAN PERFORMERS A lively concert by performers from Rottingdean and Saltdean They played a short set last year and were so popular we have asked them back.</p>
<p>Sunday Aug 31 3pm Terraces Stage Village Hall if wet</p>	<p>POLLITO BOOGALOO (Hot Chilli Sounds) Remember Son Pikkante last year ? Carefree dancing to Latin rhythms? RAFAEL BERRIO, our local resident, is back with his Pollito Boogaloo lineup. This charismatic Afro-Colombian band playing salsa, cumbia and vallenato. A slice of summer feeling to break up a cold winter!</p>

• FOOTBALL CLUB •

The football season has come to an end and finished with a nail-biting play-off final for our under 12s (pictured) against Hangleton.

A tense first half resulted in no goals, but some clinical finishing in the second half, combined with great defending and goalkeeping, gave Rottingdean a 3-1 victory. Our under 17s also played well in their final match, narrowly missing out on being runners up. Our under 14s and other under 12s teams also finished strongly, so we're already looking forward to next season.

Our formal fixtures have now finished but we don't have much of a break as there are numerous football tournaments in the summer months across the county. We also continue to hold our usual practice sessions on Saturday mornings throughout the summer and have recently engaged with the Brighton and Hove Albion Foundation to help coach our youngest players – the 4- and 5-year-olds. If you'd like your child to join those sessions (or any other age groups) please contact us. For more information on your local football club contact Keith on 07803 899472.

Keith Meeres



• CRICKET CLUB •

There is excitement in the air amongst all cricket fans! The season has started! Our first friendly matches were played in sunshine although there was a cold wind. It was great to see the players and to welcome some new faces.

Dorian has been working hard to get the ground and wickets prepared. Club members turned out in force to prepare the nets, to sort out the artificial wicket, get the covers ready (rain? Surely not!); chairs have been cleaned and some painting in the pavilion and round the ground has given a fresh look to the facilities.

I am very pleased with the scoreboard improvements. A heater, a proper door, kettle, tea/coffee! All I could want! Thanks to Dorian and Chub. It was so much cosier and safer not having the wind and cold blasting through. The scoreboard will be dedicated to the late Sarah Hunt who was the life, soul and heart of the club. We miss her very much.

We have been playing a series of friendly matches to give everyone some practice, and a chance to assess new players. The League Season in the Sussex Cricket League started on 10th May at 1pm. There is a home game every Saturday with 1st/2nd Elevens playing alternate fixtures. We also have a Sunday team and a 20/20 team.

Sadly we have said goodbye to Ben Dye and to our overseas player from Australia. Connor Bettsworth is hoping to be back for the League fixtures which is good news as we missed his wicketkeeping. We have also welcomed back Raf Swinscoe from his travels!

If you are interested in playing, umpiring, scoring, please do contact the secretary – details on Rottingdean Play cricket website. Do remember, we welcome visitors – no charge! I will be in front of my computer in the 'improved' scoreboard so do come and say hello!

Rottingdean Cricket Club has a lengthy history, as the Heritage Board on the Falmer Road opposite the Club shows!

Frances Low



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Hello Parishioners. What a happy event this was! The Jumbo Ensemble performing songs from stage and screen in the newly reordered church on 26 April, raising money for the Chailey Heritage Foundation. Everyone was dancing in the aisles to ABBA's Mamma Mia! and Dancing Queen. Services remain dignified and there is the opportunity for quiet reflection during the week, but St Margaret's is now well and truly a community space that can be enjoyed by all. Exactly what Fr Anthony and the Church Council hoped to achieve – but watch this space...! I'm excited for the future.

Mr Churchmouse



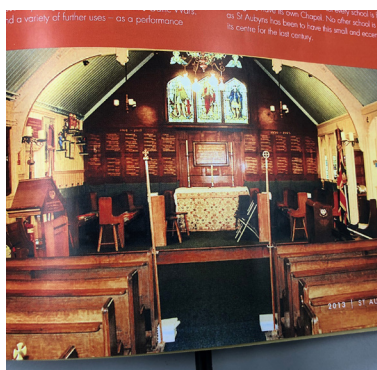
• ST AUBYNS FIELD •

On the 28th of June, Rottingdean Parish Council will be officially opening the new St Aubyns Community Field. We are really looking forward to welcoming people of the Deans into this new public space.

We start at mid-day, so bring your picnic and a blanket to sit on and we will provide entertainment in the form of the Brighton big band. There will also be food and drink provided by local pubs. There will be one or two speeches and people on hand to explain what life was like at St Aubyns school. It is an opportunity to see inside the old school chapel with its recently restored stained glass windows and the sports pavilion where there will be a photo-exhibition of life at the school.

This event is aimed at introducing local people to what we hope will become a much-loved space so we are also keen to find people who might be interested in helping look after the field or become a friend of the chapel. Please don't hang back. We look to welcome children and their parents to the new play area and will be organising games and races over the course of the afternoon.

Look out for regular event updates on Rottingdean Chat!



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Weekday Masses:

No Mass on Wednesday

Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:30am at OLOL Church. Saturday 10.00am at OLOL Church

If there is a funeral mass – mass times may change. Please check website/newsletter.

Holy Days of Obligation : masses 9:30am and 7:30pm

Confessions on Saturday at OLOL after 10.00am Mass and 5.45-6.15pm. Tuesdays 10.00 – 10.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9.00-10.00am at OLOL

Times of other Devotions (Rosary and Divine Mercy) and services can be found in the Newsletter and on the Website and Notice Board on Steyning Road.

Feasts :

14 May St Matthias, 29 May The Ascension of the Lord, 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

09 June Mary, Mother of the Church, 22 June Corpus Christi, 22 July St. Mary Magdalene, 06 August The transfiguration of The Lord, 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Hall Events:

Weekly : Monday Standing Tall, Thursday Breakfast Club 10am (Everyone welcome), Friday 10am Coffee after mass.

Monthly: First Monday of the month 7-9pm Hand in Hand. Second Tuesday of every month 10am Ministry of Consolation Meeting (everyone who is suffering a bereavement is welcome to attend).

• OUR LADY OF LOURDES RC PRIMARY SCHOOL •

The 20th March started out as just another Thursday, then something special happened here.....We got a visit from the Gladiators, Phantom and Dynamite, and were filmed for the BBC!!!

OLOL entered a BBC National competition, in a contest to design a fitness gadget for the Gladiators using a micro:bit. Our team, led by Mr Hill, our site manager, beat hundreds of primary schools across the UK and were crowned the winners!! Watch us on the BBC News here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m002991s> at minute 23.

We have another full reception class waiting to join the OLOL family in September 2025. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to look around and put in applications. If you did not get a place this year, please do contact us to be put on the waiting list.

Those children joining us will begin coming in to their new surroundings to meet their peers, teachers and for parents to meet each other. A new chapter of their journey is about to begin! We have had such an overwhelmingly positive and exciting school year with so much going on. As our year 6s move on to their new schools we wish them all the luck in the world and will miss them dearly.

Michelle Ricetti, Family Liaison Officer



• THE DEANS SENIORS TEA CLUB •

At the beginning of April members and volunteers of the local Deans Senior Tea Club enjoyed a special outing to the Brighton Theatre Royal to see the classic musical, Calamity Jane, thanks to the generosity of the Paley Trust and in particular Trustee, ex councillor and former Mayor, Linda Hyde, for funding and supporting the trip.



The Deans Senior Tea Club was able to organise special transport and group seating for the members. A rare treat for many, it became emotional for some who remember the days when a trip to the theatre was something they did with a partner. Hearing the chatter and seeing the happy faces. It's times like this that makes volunteering so rewarding.

The charity shop in the Rottingdean High Street continues to support the Tea clubs, as Rottingdean's only charity shop we are fortunate to receive regular donations from the local community and have many regular customers. Next time you are in Rottingdean why not

pop in. If you would like to know more about The Deans Senior Tea club, how to join or would like to volunteer please visit www.thedeansseniorteclub.org Reg charity 1191298

Julie Frith

• NEVILL ROAD PARKING •

Residents on the private unadopted section of Nevill Road in Rottingdean will implement new parking restrictions from early summer. It follows persistent road blockages that have prevented access by fire, ambulance and other emergency services to their homes.

The private unadopted section runs to the top of the hill from the side of The Bistro Gourmand and the entrance to the Royal Mail depot. Through the Nevill Road Residents Association, which oversees its upkeep, the residents have consulted on their solution with Brighton & Hove Council, Rottingdean Parish Council, the local Member of Parliament and the emergency services, as well as neighbouring businesses including Royal Mail also affected by inconsiderate parking.

The new measures are expected to come into force by June. These will include double yellow lines and designated permit-only parking bays. A private contractor will manage the restrictions through camera technology and levy a penalty on drivers breaching them. It is important to note that blue badge holders will not be exempt, as this is private land.

The NRRRA stresses that these measures do not affect the road's status as a bridle path and right of way for walkers and cyclists. Indeed, they should improve safety for all.

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• CROQUET CLUB •

Having closed in the autumn of 2024, our new playing season began in mid-April 2025 when we were blessed with an extended period of warm, dry spring weather. Not only does the spring signal the time for hibernating creatures to emerge from their slumbers, but it also brings out that rarest of beings, the Village Croquet Player. They recover their mallets from a variety of winter resting places, dust them off and prepare them for play in Kipling Gardens which goes on throughout the entire summer.



We have slightly more than sixty members in our Club and accommodating this number of players means that we frequently have two games playing at the same time on our one lawn. You might think that that this could be somewhat chaotic, as this requires two full sets of croquet balls. Play with two sets of the standard colours of blue, red, black and yellow would surely soon become intermingled and somewhat chaotic.

However, the Powers that Be in the croquet world have thought of this issue and overcome the problem by producing what is called a Secondary set of croquet balls for this purpose, which are coloured green, pink, brown and white. Result – no confusion at all and the order in which they are played is also easy to remember: Green (spring), Pink (summer), Brown (autumn), White (winter).....and that's where we came in.

Brian Aikens

• BOWLING CLUB •

Rottingdean Bowling Club has officially opened its doors for the new season, with a strong turnout of members gathering for the first drive. The well-attended event marked the start of what promises to be a vibrant and inclusive year for the club.



Behind the scenes, dedicated volunteers have been working tirelessly to prepare the grounds for play. From tending the greens to sprucing up the clubhouse, their efforts have ensured the club is in excellent condition to welcome both returning members and newcomers alike.

This season, the club is putting a strong emphasis on community involvement. On April 26th, an Open Day gave prospective members a chance to try their hand at bowls for free, meet current members, and experience the friendly atmosphere that defines Rottingdean Bowling Club.

Adding to the excitement, the club participated in the nationwide Big Bowls Weekend on May 23rd. This special event invites everyone—regardless of age or experience—to give the sport a go at no cost. With community spirit high and the greens looking better than ever, Rottingdean Bowling Club is set for another successful and welcoming season. Whether you're a seasoned bowler or a curious beginner, there's never been a better time to get involved.

Sue Henning

• NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH •

We will once again have our promotional stall at the Lions fairs on June 14th and July 19th and indeed at the Rottingdean Village Fair on August 2nd. This is an opportunity to spread the word about the benefits of being a NHW member and also to talk to residents about any concerns or worries they may have. Please pop along and have a chat with us!

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• ROTTINGDEAN AND SALTDEAN LIONS CLUB •

Help at our summer fairs would be greatly appreciated, particularly in setup and take down at the beginning and end of the day.

The Rottingdean Lions Fayre is on Saturday 14th June and will be held on the Village Green. There will be our BBQ, bar and a variety of games for the children along with the usual stalls. There will also be a full programme of entertainment for all the family.

Our Saltdean Gala will be held on Saturday 19th July. Along with all the activities of our Rottingdean Lions Fayre, we will have a dog show, races for children and a family fun tug-of-war competition. It should be a great day out for all the family.

If you would like more information, please contact Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions on 0345 833 9617 or email at info@rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org.uk. If you would like to make a donation to us please click on the 'Donate' button on the home page of our website: (www.rottingdeanandsaltdeanlions.org).

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