

DEANS FESTIVAL 2011 – fun for all!

H Saturday 21st May, 11am to 4pm H

The Deans Festival is a fabulous funday with activities and entertainment for visitors of all ages to enjoy! This year's event takes place in the grounds of Woodingdean Primary School on Saturday 21st May from 11am to 4pm.

Come along to enjoy a mix of modern attractions alongside traditional fête-style stalls. Be sure to look out for the go-kart track, sports displays, bouncy slides, table-top games, climbing wall, children's entertainer and much more. Refreshments on offer include a beer tent, fair trade café, BBQ, mouth-watering curry and delicious cakes. Entry is free! Details of everything going on at

this year's festival are regularly updated on the website:
www.deansfestival.org.

The Deans Festival is organised through the combined efforts of local volunteers and supported by five schools in Woodingdean and Rottingdean. The event links Downs View, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Margarets, Woodingdean Primary School and Rudyard Kipling in an unprecedented show of unity for our young people. The event also aims to cater for all ages and abilities, making sure many of the top attractions can be enjoyed by everyone. The climbing wall, for example, is run by an organisation trained in helping people with special needs have a go at scaling the heights.

As part of Brighton Fringe, the funday is also open to a wider audience and welcomes visitors from all over the city. At heart though, the Deans Festival is a community social event organised by and run for local people. This year's funday promises to be bigger and better than ever thanks to much hard work from all involved and with support from generous local business sponsors.

So please come along and be part of the Deans Festival 2011 on Saturday 21st May, 11am to 4pm, Woodingdean Primary School, Warren Road.

Swimming Pool in Crisis!

It is very unlikely that Woodingdean Swimming Pool can open this summer.

The pool is 34 years old this year. At the start of last season, the boiler broke down and £5,000 is needed for a new one. The buildings are getting older each year, and will need more refurbishment. Many other problems have arisen since last year. The pool needs repairs

because of subsidence and checking of pipework, which together would cost up to £30,000.

Do you want your local community pool to open in the future?

If you support a future for a pool in Woodingdean, please contact: John Homewood on 01273 684139.

Woodingdean Swimming Pool ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 4th April 7.45pm

at Holy Cross
Parish Room

All welcome to
attend
New members
needed



New Committee gets Housing Campaign Targets

The annual general meeting of Woodingdean Tenants and Residents Association on Wednesday 16th February was a lively and well attended event. Nearly forty people packed into the Community Centre to hear one of the Council's new strategic directors, David Murray, explain how he wanted to improve services for local communities and communications with local people. Local Councillors Dee Simson and, between Mayoral duties, Geoff Wells took part together with the Police and Council officers.

There was plenty of communicating when Delia Hills, from Mears, the council housing repairs and maintenance contractor, explained about the improvements to kitchens, bathrooms, external doors, rewiring and external decorations

planned to start in the financial year 2011/12. There will be surveys, newsletters, surgeries and meetings in Woodingdean, and all council homes will be surveyed but the improvements will be done in stages. Homes that have old kitchens and bathrooms will only have one of these rooms updated and have to wait for the other until after 2013.

The meeting also made it very clear that tenants in Woodingdean should not have to wait for new weather-proof external doors to be fitted. The new committee is expected to lead a campaign to get the Council to move our area up the list for homes with a front door that fits and doesn't let in the weather.

The Association decided by overwhelming vote to ask the Council to go ahead and seek planning permission to create ten

new parking places in Sutton Close to protect the greens and verges there, and give people an alternative to anti-social parking.

A new committee was elected and given the task of making sure the voices of Woodingdean residents are heard when decisions that affect them are made.

Leigh Farrow was re-elected Chair of the Association and Local Action Team, with David Brown as Treasurer. They are joined by Committee Members Bob Scott, Lynda Whymark, John Homewood, Peggy Cuthbertson, Sally Wells, Rob McCormack, Linda Paddock, and new members Janet Gearing and Kim Gearing – elected to represent Woodingdean Council Tenants at meetings we are invited to by Housing.

Look out in future issues of this newsletter for news of our campaigns this year.

Woodingdean Newsletter

Calling all
advertisers



The next newsletter will be published in the second week of June. The deadline for articles and adverts will be:

FRIDAY, 13TH MAY.

Local businesses or services who would like to advertise should contact David Brown at davidbro14@hotmail.com

Thank you to all our volunteer deliverers.

We always need extra people to deliver the newsletter to a few roads (only four times a year).

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The next Tenants and Residents
Association Public Meeting will be on:
Wednesday 18th May

At the Community Centre, Woodingdean
7.30pm sharp start

The meeting is open to everyone living and working in Woodingdean

If you wish to get in touch with us before then, please contact:

Chair:

Leigh Farrow, leigh.farrow@btinternet.com

Community Development worker:

Tony Silsby, tonysilsby@trustdevcom.org.uk, 01273 605621

www.woodingdean.info

Woodingdean has a website again!

Thanks to the Open House Community Club in partnership with Age Concern Brighton, Woodingdean has got a working website again.

Although it is early days, the small group of volunteers would like the site to become a central point where anyone can find out what clubs there are, what events are happening in Woodingdean and where to find services in the village. Many of the pages currently are showing as examples but this will change as information is provided to update the site.

If you are involved in a group that has a website, why not link it to Woodingdean's?

If your club or group does not have a website, don't worry, all we need is a single sheet (email

or paper) telling us what you do, where and when you meet and we will provide a page for you!

We hope to have an online 'Get Active' list of groups and to have a full monthly calendar of every club and activity taking place. If you give us the info we will include it.

Please look at the site, give us your views and the info to put on.

Let's make it a site worthy of Woodingdean!

If there are any volunteers out there with skills, experience and interest in websites, please do get in touch.

www.woodingdean.info

Do you own or run a small business?

The Federation of Small Businesses can help!

There are currently 95 members of the Federation of Small Businesses in Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Ovingdean & Saltdean. Brighton's total membership is approx 1,500, Sussex is 15,000 and UK 220,000. Over 30,000 businesses nationally became members, taking our total membership to over 220,000.

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I invite you to visit our website at www.fsb.org.uk. If you navigate to the 'Benefits' section, and particularly to the 'Legal Benefits' at www.fsb.org.uk/benefits/legal-benefits, I am sure you will see why the FSB has become the largest business organisation in the UK today.

If any of you who own and run your businesses would like to know the benefits to you, and your business, of membership to the Federation of Small Businesses, I would be happy to put on an evening where you would be welcome to find out more. Should you wish to contact me you can reach me or leave a message on 07753738466, or my land line 01273 307777.

*Malcolm Harvey, Membership Secretary,
Brighton & Hove branch*

Jumble Sale

in aid of Woodingdean
Swimming Pool

Sat 26th March 2011
10am-12 noon

Woodingdean Community
Centre

ADMISSION 20p

To donate jumble, please
contact: Dee: 07795336425
Sally: 307218

Having a party?

Did you know you can book
Woodingdean Community
Centre for parties and
receptions?

The Letting Officer is available
to give details and take
bookings on Mondays and
Thursdays, 10 am-12 noon.
Tel: 685940

Bexhill Road Playground refurbishments



Some clearing of shrubs and undergrowth has been done in the area of Bexhill Road opposite the top of Balsdean Road. This is preparatory work for the new playground equipment and landscaping which should be going ahead in October.

Funding under the 'Playbuilder' project is back on, after being on hold for a while. This means that exciting new equipment such as a new double swing, a flying carpet swing, ropes and poles, and a timber multi-unit climbing structure together with boulders and a play ship should be going into place later this year.

Longhill School News

A recent change at school has seen the introduction of a cashless system in the school canteen. This uses biometrics, a process which 'reads' customers' fingers from a scanner, linking their fingerprint to an account balance. It is a very secure system and fast and easy to use.

A group of 'Aimhigher' students had the opportunity to quiz undergraduates on student life at Oxford University. They were able to have lunch at the top table in the formal hall in St John's College, Oxford.

With year 11's hard at work on the run up to their exams, Longhill is expecting its best ever GCSE results in summer 2011.

Keep up the good work to recycle for the city

Residents play a crucial part in helping the city recycle waste materials. The council collects glass jars and bottles, plastic bottles, cardboard, paper and cans through its black box scheme. The black box recycling scheme is used by over 80 per cent of properties across Brighton & Hove.



This year the council would like to recycle even more, but we need your help. There is no limit on our recycling capacity and there are big benefits in doing so, not only for the environment, but also in savings to the council taxpayer as it is much cheaper to recycle than to send waste to landfill.

Remember to put out glass items separately to avoid it breaking and getting mixed up with other recycling. The council does not currently collect plastic other than plastic bottles because there is no suitable end market for them. However, many more materials can be recycled at our household waste sites.

For comprehensive information, including a video on how to use your black box recycling service and tips on how to reduce your waste, go to www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/recycling.



Adult & Community Education in Woodingdean & The Deans Summer Term 2011

Varndean College are offering a fresh programme of adult education classes in Woodingdean and The Deans this summer term. Classes next term will include:

- Computing for Beginners & Brush up your IT Skills at WYC
- Creative Writing at the Java Internet Cafe
- Cooking for Health & Grow your own Vegetables at Longhill School
- Drawing & Painting at the Community Centre.
- Tai Chi – beginners and intermediates (different venues)

All classes are subsidised; concessionary rates are £9 (for people over 65 and those on means tested benefits) or full cost £30.

As usual we are keen to hear about what you would like to see provided locally so if you have any suggestions please get in touch; examples of the sorts of courses we can provide include exercise classes, dance, languages, arts and crafts, alternative health, a range of computing courses, digital photography... and more! Our community education worker is also available for one-to-one support around training, volunteering and other employment-related issues – so please get in touch if you would like a chat.

For further info or to be added to the mailing list, call Debbie on 07747 442057 / 01273 546602. Email: dem@varndean.ac.uk

Woodingdean Horticultural Society

Meets in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

- APRIL 12TH SPRING SHOW
MAY 10TH AUCTION
JUNE 14TH Pruning – Mark Saunders
JULY 12TH Plant Propagation – Laurie Manser

On Saturday 20th August, the Society has its 73rd Annual Show of Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Domestic Science and Handicrafts.

Open House Community Club

A Lunch Club & additional activities at Woodingdean Open House Community Club
(in association with Age Concern Brighton, Hove and Portslade)

- μ A healthy lunch for £3.50
(a choice of menus – including vegetarian)
- μ A chance to make NEW FRIENDS
- μ And learn more about your local community
- μ Short mat bowls, table tennis, scrabble, rummicub and other table games
- μ New activities including Nintendo Wii
- μ A chance to just sit and chat with new people

On Thursdays at Woodingdean Community Centre, Warren Road

Lunch: 12 for 12.30pm
All are welcome to activities from 1.30pm

See www.woodingdean.info for details, or call Peter and Barbara on 01273 692987

TS Valiant Nautical Training Corps.
Meet @ Woodingdean Primary School
Wednesday evenings 6.30–8.30pm.

Age range 7–18. Adult helpers always welcome.
Various activities on offer include Sailing/Power boating, Camping, Activity days.

Contact Keith Larsson 01273 676784

Kipling Lions



Kipling Lions is situated within the grounds of Rudyard Kipling school, Downs Valley Road. We accept nursery education funding for 3-year-olds and charge between £3.20 – £3.50 per hour. We have now started our waiting list for September 2011 and will have availability for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. We are open term-time only between 8.30am–3.30pm.

For further details contact us on 309352 or check out our new website www.kiplinglions.co.uk

WOODINGDEAN BOWLS CLUB

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2011

11am to 4pm

New members welcomed

Come along to get a taster of the game of Bowls and view our club.

Central Park, Woodingdean

Tel: 01273 304297

Club Secretary Kate Paton 01273 502570

Club Chairman Trevor Smith 01273 302642

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Parish Church of the Holy Cross.
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Regular Sunday worship:

9.00am: Holy Eucharist

10.30am: Parish Eucharist.

10.30am: Praise & Prayer (3rd Sunday every Month)

Rev. Richard Bromfield: 681582

Downs Baptist Church Community Resource
Centre

544 Falmer Road, Woodingdean: 01273 232414

The Methodist Church, The Ridgway, Woodingdean.
10.00am every Sunday.

8.30am: Early Holy Communion
(4th Sunday of the month)

6.00pm: United Evening Service, with Holy Cross Church.
(1st Sunday of the month, alternating venues)

T.M.Hammond: 01273 887618

Our Lady of Lourdes Whiteway Lane, Rottingdean

Mass: Saturdays at 6.30pm

Sundays at 10.30am.

St.Patrick's Catholic Church.
Broad Green, Woodingdean.

Mass: Sundays at 9.00am.

Fr.Graham Ricketts, 302903.

Woodingdean Churches Together
prayer meetings

We meet at 9am for one hour on the first Saturday
of each month.

Our next few meetings are on:

Saturday, 5th March at Downs Baptist Church
Resource Centre, 544 Falmer Road

Saturday, 2nd April at St Patrick's, Cowley Drive,
Broad Green

Saturday, 7th May at the Church of the Holy Cross,
Downsway

Saturday, 4th June at The Methodist Church, The
Ridgway



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Hi I'm Jan. I've been teaching Body Control Pilates matwork classes for over 9 years, following very thorough training. I am passionate about my work.

Pilates exercises target the deep stabilising muscles around the spine, pelvis and shoulders creating core strength which leads to improved posture and management of back problems in particular. My classes have a max of 12 people of any age and physical ability.

10-week beginner courses will run from Tuesday 5th April

10-11am / 11.15am-12.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall on the Ridgway.

6.30-7.30pm / 7.45-8.45pm in a venue TBC.

Courses cost £90 (£80 conc.) payable in advance.

I look forward to working with you.

Jan Davies 07904 187257

www.movementandhealth.co.uk



Get Active in Woodingdean: Additions & Amendments

In the last issue, we published a list of all the community organisations active in Woodingdean. Our thanks to all the groups who got back to us with additional information. We have listed these below. Our apologies for the following errors in the Get Active insert in the Winter 2010 issue of our newsletter: St Patrick's Book Club is not active and therefore should not be contacted, and the correct number for the 19th Brighton Scout Group is 01273 587246.

19th Brighton Scout Group (10.5 to 14 years)

Meet: Mon, 7.30 to 9.30pm at Scout HQ Old Parish Lane

Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 years)

Contact: Sarah (01273 587246 Meet: Mon, 6.30 to 7.30pm at Scout HQ Old Parish Lane

Cub Scouts (8 to 10.5 years)

Contact: Sarah (01273 587246 Meet: Tues, 6.30 to 8pm at Scout HQ Old Parish Lane

Drama Academy

Contact: Rosie (01444 458039 Meet: Fri, 5.30 to 6.30pm at the Methodist Church

Funky Feet for All (for children)

Contact: Vanessa (273227 Meet: Wed, 3.40 to 5.50pm at the Methodist Church

Lunch Club

Contact: Fletchers (304812 Meet: Last Thursday of the month, 12 noon at the Methodist Church

Messy Church

Contact: Mr Hammond (887618 Meet: 2nd Sunday of the month, 3 to 4.30pm at the Methodist Church

Pilates

Contact: Jan (07904187257 Meet: Tues, 10 to 11am at the Methodist Church

Woodingdean Bowls Club

Contact: Kate Paton (502570 , Kate.paton@sky.com

Woodingteenies

Contact: Emma (305323 Meet: Wed & Fri, 9.30 to 11.30am at the Methodist Church

New Book from Local Author

THE HUNNS MERE WAY
The Untold Story of
Woodingdean
by Peter Mercer



Copies can be purchased for £11.99
Please call John Homewood: 01273 684139

Carnival Queen & Princess Contests

Saturday 4th June, 2–5pm

Holy Cross Church Parish Room

Queen Contest:

Girls aged 15 and over. 1st prize: £50

Princess Contest:

Girls aged 8–11. 1st prize: £15

For entry forms

ring John Homewood: 01273 684139

Fundraising in aid of Woodingdean Community Association

Mark 'Elvis' Wright

is performing on

Saturday 17th May 2011

Community Centre, Warren Road
doors open 7.30pm



Entrance by ticket only at £20 (including buffet)
Over 18's only

H Raffle H Bring your own drinks H

Tickets available from:
Margaret 304117 or Community Centre 685940

Carnival Day & Procession

Saturday 25th June 11am–5pm

To apply for a stall on the carnival site or in the community centre, or for entering the procession, ring John Homewood: 01273 684139.

Thanks to the Resource Centre for their help with this newsletter. They offer great resources and support for all community groups.
www.resourcecentre.org.uk Tel: 01273 606160