

LATEST NEWS - May 1st 2018

Ovingdean GREEN FESTIVAL

2018

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Ovingdean Green Festival 2018
Saturday 23 June - 12 noon to 5pm
Greenways/Ovingdean Road, Ovingdean

The **Ovingdean Green Festival 2018** is a mid-summer celebration which will bring together a variety of groups concerned with the local environment, ecology and heritage. The stalls, activities and speakers listed below are correct at the time of going to press but there is much more to come! We are very keen to hear from anyone interested in being involved...

Stalls, displays and attractions already confirmed:

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Brighton Bee Society: *apiculture for all*
- Ovingdean Gardening Club: *local green fingers*
- RSPB: *UKs largest conservation charity*
- Sussex Wildlife Trust: *promoting wildlife and habitats*
- Friends of Beacon Hill: *local volunteer group*
- Beacon Hub Brighton CIO: *eco-education project*
- HK hedgehogs: *helping hedgehogs thrive*
- Recycling & plastics education stalls: *watch your waste!*
- The Green Centre: *recycling stall*
- Incredible Oceans: *plastics/ocean education stall*
- Archaeological finds from St Wulfrans' field: *John Funnell, Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society*

RETAIL

- Mary Bacho Eco Bricks: *Art installations using plastic bottles*
- Barcombe Nurseries: *fresh local veg boxes*
- Fee & Friends: *crafts stall*
- Evergreen Woodworking: *bespoke wood crafts*
- Imagine studios: *hand crafted ceramics*
- bip-Art & screen-Art: *open access printmaking studio*
- Claudia Rivers Bland: *gift boxes, prints, bead necklaces*
- Jams from foraged & garden fruits: *Bernadette Skinner*

FOOD & DRINK

- The Forgotten Cuts company: *fantastic gluten-free food*
- Pimms Plantation: *perfect for a summer's afternoon!*
- HISBE Rebels: *a different kind of supermarket*
- Nomad Café coffee wagon: *fresh ground 'local' coffee*

OTHER INFORMATION STALLS

- Ovingdean Arts Club: *social events and cultural visits*
- Neighborhood watch: *on the lookout for local crime*

ACTIVITIES

Dog Show

All family dogs are welcome to enter this fun event. There will be 4 categories of entry:

1. **Most handsome dog**
2. **Prettiest bitch**
3. **Best crossbreed or rescue dog**
4. **Best veteran (8 years and over)**
5. **Best puppy (under one year)**

Rosettes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and 'Highly Commended' in each class.

Children's play - 'Midsummers Nights Green'

The wildlife of Ovingdean miss their annual midsummer night's party... I wonder why? A short ecologically themed play, performed by members of Ovingdean Little Theatre, on the village green at 2pm & 4pm. Enquiries: **Jeanie Civil 01273 305221**

Nordic pole dancing - flower pole ceremony where children first decorate a pole with flowers then dance round it to a traditional nordic song about a frog!

Children's Activities - to include animal face painting, Giant Jenga etc.

Catering

- Wildflower Pizza: Ovingdean Road (opposite Village hall)
- Village Hall: WI teas and cakes PLUS licensed bar

TALKS

A lively programme of talks will take place throughout the afternoon in Ovingdean Village Hall. These can be prebooked on the village web site: **Ovingdean.co.uk**

Talks so far confirmed are:

Brighton House Sparrow Project: Anne Hyatt
Ensuring a sustainable population of (rare) house sparrows across Brighton & Hove, and raising awareness of their needs in order for them to thrive.

Beacon Hub Brighton: Atlanta Cook
An introduction to this exciting project to redevelop the redundant golf pavilion near Rottingdean windmill as an Eco-education and Visitor Centre.

Practical Composting: Rea Hollis
Local gardening expert Rea Hollis talks about getting the most from your garden through composting.

Which bin?: Jessica Bavington
Easy steps to reducing, reusing & recycling your household waste.

Beach cleaning & plastic free lifestyle: Libby Darling
The Deans unwrapped and plastic free.

It's not waste until you waste it!: Cat Fletcher
Award-winning waste activist Cat Fletcher with the low-down on some fab waste-prevention projects and how to be more resourceful.



FESTIVAL SITE AND ROAD CLOSURE

Please note that although the road will be closed to traffic, residents and the local farmer are allowed to use Ovingdean Road to gain access to and from the festival site and may possibly do so on the day. Visitors should be especially careful on the stretch of Ovingdean Road marked in pink.

POSTER COMPETITION

On the day we will be displaying and announcing the winners of our **Eco-poster Design Competition**. This is aimed at children aged 3-13 who are being asked to design a poster whose theme is an environmental call to action to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of pollution on wildlife and the environment.

For more information email: jay@becreative.co.uk

'PLASTIC FREE OIVINGDEAN' INITIATIVE

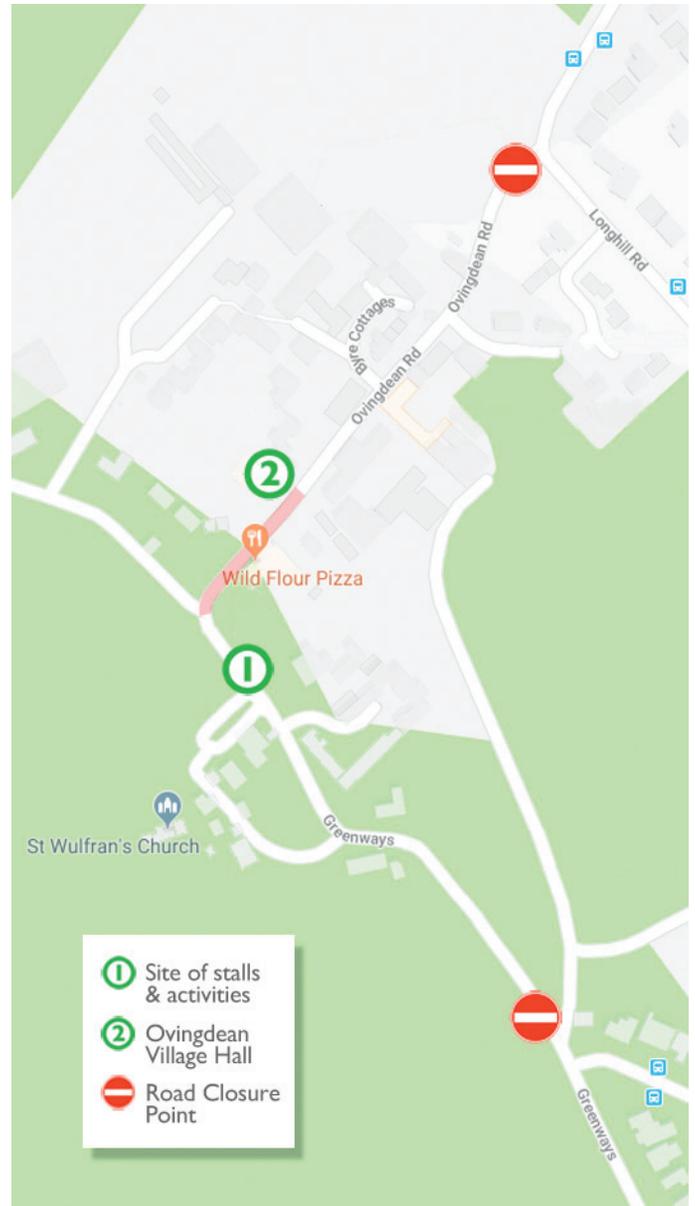
The festival will launch our 'Plastic Free Ovingdean' Initiative. Its mission is "To take direct action on reducing single-use plastics in Ovingdean and achieve a **Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Coastlines Award**, inspiring the local community and surrounding areas by providing educational resources, opportunities and recognition for participation."



So come along and hear about how you can take personal action and make a real difference! If you are as passionate as we are on this subject then why not talk to Jessica Bavinton who is leading our campaign: jbavinton@me.com

PLUS

- **Guided tours** of St Wulfran's church
- **Health Walk** from the village green to the Beacon Hub Eco-education & Visitor Centre with experts identifying birds, insects and plants along the way.
- **Musical entertainment** will be provided by a local jazz band and the Ovingdean Hall ukulele group.



- ① Site of stalls & activities
- ② Ovingdean Village Hall
- ⊘ Road Closure Point

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Entry to the event is FREE, but it would help raise funds for our festival if you could purchase a programme (including a diary of events) on the day.

Please note that there will also be coffee, teas and homemade cakes for sale at the village hall, whilst members of the Village Hall Club also invite non members to buy drinks from the bar. The village hall has toilet facilities.

Parking will not be available at the village hall, nor on the parts of Ovingdean Road and Greenways which we are now pleased to report will be closed on the day from 11am to 5pm.

Come to the festival by bike and get it serviced for FREE!

In the spirit of being 'green', why not come by bike? In order to encourage visitors to come by bike (rather than driving) we have arranged with 'Bike for Life' the attendance of Doctor Bike mechanics who will perform a FREE service on your bike.

For more information on the Ovingdean Green Festival 2018 please contact: jrussellsmith@icloud.com