

Lordship of Raddingdean

Borough/ County	Brighton Sussex	Principle source	Victoria County History
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	Creation of the English Monarchy		Alfred the Great 871-899 Edward Elder 899-924 Athelstan 924-939 Edmund I 939-946 Edred 946-955 Edwy 955-959 Edgar 959-975 Edward the Martyr 975-978 Ethelred 978-1016 Edmund II 1016 Canute 1016-1035 Harold I 1035-1040 Harthacnut 1040-1042
Pre 1066	Three freeholders held Raddingdean from King Edward.		Edward the Confessor 1042-1066
1066	Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings		Harold II 1066 William I 1066-1087
1086	Domesday Wiard (possibly the son of Osbern, son of Geoffrey de Balliol) is the first known lord of Raddingdean owing one knight's fee (the military commitment for the lordship) of service to William de Warenne, Earl of Surrey.		
1215	Magna Carta		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35 Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215-1217	First Barons War		Henry III 1216-72
Unknown	Raddingdean passes to William de Ratenden.		
Circa 1256	William dies without issue (childless) and Raddingdean passes to his brother Walter.		
Unknown	Walter marries one of the sisters and co-heirs of John de Mucegros.		
1264-1267	Second Barons War		
Unknown	Walter dies leaving a son and heir John.		Edward I 1272-1307

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1318	John settles (make provision for future generations) Raddingdean on himself with the remainder (after his death) to his three daughters Alice, Maud and Agatha and to John (son of John de Hyndale).	Edward II 1307-27
1335	John dies and Raddingdean passes to his eldest daughter Alice (wife of Roger, son of Thomas Dalyngrigge).	Edward III 1327-77
1362	Alice dies and Raddingdean remains with Roger.	
Unknown	Roger marries Alice (widow of Thomas Seymour).	
1372	Roger is appointed High Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex.	
1380	Roger dies, his heir is Sir Edward Dalyngrigge (who had accumulated a great wealth as a mercenary). Raddingdean passes in dower to Roger's widow Alice.	Richard II 1377-1399
1380/8	Sir Edward serves as a Knight of the Shire and Member of Parliament for Sussex.	
1385	Sir Edward receives a grant from King Richard to crenellate his manor house (convert it to a castle) to defend against a French invasion. He also receives a grant to divert a stream for a watermill but also as part of the defences for a new castle.	
1386/7	Sir Edward is appointed Captain of Brest (in France) which means he has to spend time out of the country during the construction of Bodiam Castle.	
1390	Sir Edward is appointed to survey the castles and fortresses of Calais and Picardy.	
1392	King Richard appoints Sir Edward as Warden of London. Bodiam castle is finished.	
1393	Sir Edward dies but Raddingdean has remains in dower to Alice with the reversion to Sir Edward's son and heir John.	
1401	Alice dies and Raddingdean passes to John. He serves in the Royal household and King Henry looks on him fondly. His position is further enhanced when he marries the sister of Sir William Beauchamp. He is appointed High Sheriff of Gloucestershire however only holds the post for two months probably due to his responsibilities in the Royal household.	Henry IV 1399-1413

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1402/7	Sir John serves as a Knight of the Shire and Member of Parliament for Sussex.	
1405	Sir John is made Keeper of Braden and St Leonard's Forests and appointed Constable of Bramber Castle for life.	
1408	Sir John dies and Raddingdean is granted to his widow Alice in dower on the condition that she maintains his two cousins, Richard and William (the sons of his uncle Walter Dalyngrigge. Raddingdean will then pass to the younger cousin William and his heirs then to his brother.	
1420	King Henry pays Alice a royal annuity and asks her to attend his French Queen, Catherine de Valois.	Henry V 1413-22
1421	Alice looks after the infant Henry VI.	
1441	Raddingdean consists of the demesne farm, 132 acres of arable land, 300 acres of pasture and a dovecot.	Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71
1443	Alice dies, William has pre-deceased her with no heirs, so Raddingdean passes to Richard.	
1455-1487	War of the Roses	Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83
1471	Richard dies without issue (childless) and Raddingdean passes to his nephew Sir Roger Lewkenor (son of his sister Philippa, former High Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex and Knight of the Shire of Sussex).	
1478	Sir Roger dies leaving Raddingdean to one of his younger sons Reynold, in tail male (only to his male heirs).	Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5
1492	Reynold dies with no male heirs and Raddingdean reverts to the elder line of the family; Roger Lewkenor (son of Sir Thomas and grandson of Sir Roger above).	Henry VII 1485-1509
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	Henry VIII 1509-47
1543	Roger dies leaving Raddingdean to his daughter Joan for life with the remainder to her three daughters.	
1540	Joan dies and Raddingdean passes to her eldest daughter Anne (wife of Sir Henry Knyvet).	

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1547	Sir Henry dies.	Edward VI 1547-53
1549	Anne marries Sir John Vaughan MP (he serves as a Member of Parliament on 11 occasions).	
1559	Sir John is appointed High Sheriff of Yorkshire.	Mary I 1553-58 Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1567	Anne and John sell Raddingdean to Richard Elrington who is leasing Preston manor.	
1569	Richard dies leaving his estates in Sussex to his widow Mary and her heirs.	
1596	Mary dies and Raddingdean passes to her younger son Anthony Shirley (by her first marriage to William Shirley of Wiston).	
1642-1651	English Civil War	James I 1603-25 Charles I 1625-49 Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702
1705	Sir Richard dies unmarried and Raddingdean passes to his sister Mary (wife of Thomas Western).	Anne 1702-14
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60
1765	Thomas dies leaving a son and heir Charles.	George III 1760-1820
1771	Charles dies in a chaise (open carriage) accident leaving a son and heir Charles Callis Western who is 4 years old.	
1788	Charles comes of age and receives his estates.	
1790	Charles is elect Member of Parliament for Maldon.	
1794	Charles sells Raddingdean to William Stanford of Preston who also purchases the manor of Preston. This is the last record of Raddingdean and a lordship or manor.	George IV 1820-30 William IV 1830-7 Victoria 1837-1901 Edward VII 1901-10 George V 1910-36 Edward VIII 1936 George VI 1936-52 Elizabeth II 1952-
2020	The title appears not to have been used for 226 years.	

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