



East Sussex Centre Spring Newsletter



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Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone,

I'm writing this as the weather is blowing a hooley and it's pouring down. Hopefully by the time you read it the weather will be much kinder to us and we can look forward to a lovely summer.

It has been nice to see our rallies so well attended. Blue Nose was full, some members went out for a meal, others enjoyed sitting round the fire pits having a chat.

Noggin and Natter this year had a Scottish theme and was enjoyed by those who attended, the Scottish themed prizes were a clever idea and it was nice to have a few past members join us too.

Wedding Bells at Willingdon will be remembered for a long time. The event was attended by over 85 people who were served a 3 course meal, wine was provided by our newly weds Carole and Bill. We also had wedding cake and entertainment ending with a selection of party music that got us all on the dance floor. It was lovely that everyone dressed to impress. It was



great to see Doris, Dave and Celia out with us again.

The 55th Birthday rally was held at Plumpton Racecourse and was attended by 24 units. We enjoyed a superb American Supper and entertainment. The birthday cake was cut by myself and 5 past chairman.

Unfortunately I won't be joining you at the Easter Rally as I will be cruising from Singapore. It was a difficult choice – Rye or Singapore but I'm afraid Singapore won this time.

Just a reminder that Chestnut Tree House is this years chosen charity. We are holding a charity fete at Chiddingly over the May Bank Holiday weekend and would love to see as many of you out supporting this as possible.

Gerry and I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and I hope to see you all out on a field soon.

Kind regards

Maisie Bennett

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Chairman's Chat

Information for you

Alterations to 2024
Event Book.

Members Birthdays

New Members

Past & Future events

Centre News

Watch out for any changes to the 2024 Programme.

Changes also shown on Centre Website News/ Info page & Facebook - visit them frequently.

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If you are running an event in the next quarter from
July to September

Send your advert into the Chairman or Secretary for forwarding
to the newsletter editor.

If no information/adverts received 2 weeks prior to next publica-
tion date 5-7 July (Milestones Event) they will not be included in
the Summer Newsletter. The Autumn Newsletter will be pub-
lished for Nominations 27– 29 October again ads needed 2 weeks
prior.



Event Book Cover Competition 2025

If your picture is chosen for the Event Book Cover you will now win a voucher for a “FREE WEEKEND” this will apply to a normal weekend event (not a bank holiday or special). With a further prize if the cover wins the Club competition.

The picture needs to be a typical East Sussex scene or compilation of pictures from an East Sussex Event.

(please note if the picture contains children then written permission needs to be obtained from parents/guardians)

Get snapping and let the Centre Secretary have your entry by the end of
for the Committee to choose at the September meeting.

August

Good Luck for 2025 cover



The New Year
At Steyning Grammer School

Despite low numbers this year, those who attended enjoyed this event.

Unfortunately due to the School reopening on the 2nd January, the event was a day shorter than normal and we all left site on the 1st January

Thanks go to those who worked to make it happen.

Maisie & Gerry, Marylin & Clive, Carole & Bill
Steve & Sally, Malcolm & Jan, Roy & Sandra, Michelle & Will, Sarah & Alan

Looking forward to next year
We should be back to the full 5 night event.

The Noggin 'n' Natter Social evening

This took place at Berwick Village Hall on 20th January

It was fairly well attended and we were served with a Beef Stew with a side of Haggis, neeps and tatties, with a whisky sauce.

A quiz & raffle followed

Blue Nose
White House Farm

This was very well attended, with several of the attendees joining in a meal on Friday evening at the Uckfield Community Centre.

Saturday was left for doing your own thing, some had a BBQ, others went out to celebrate a BIG birthday.

Thanks to Cathy & Phil, Kim & Barry for organising this.

**The Chairman's Charity for this year is
The Chestnut Tree**



Maisie has a collection box which will be available for you to put any donations in, please give generously.



**Happy Birthday
To our Members
Who celebrate
their Birthdays
during this quarter**

Cathy Grant 7/5

George 10/5

Norma Fisher 13/5

Carole Warren 19/5

Ken Scrase 31/5

James 5/6

Jan Goodsell 16/6

Anne Marret 24/6

Derek Marret 24/6

Bob Miller 29/6

Lynne Davies 2/7

Steve Allen 5/7

We also wish any other members who's Birthday falls in this quarter **"A Very Happy Birthday"**

Let me know of any Birthdays so we can publish them in future editions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



In the interest of safety please place a Fire Bucket (Red if possible) full of water outside your caravan on Rallies.

In the event of a fire these buckets would be our 1st line of defence, are easy to pick up and may help save someone's caravan.

Fire Extinguishers

Caravanners are advised to carry a Fire Extinguisher, ideally this should be a dry powder (for LPG) and/or an Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFF).



It makes sense to be prepared!!

REMEMBER

Dog owners always keep your dog on a lead on the Rally Field.

Excercise them away from sited vans.
If they "Poop" please "Scoop"



**Remember
Renew your Centre Membership
when your club membership
is due. It isn't automatic**

DRONES ON CENTRE EVENTS



**PLEASE NOTE DRONES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE FLOWN ON A RALLY/
EVENT WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM CLUB VIA COMMITTEE.**



A drone operator must provide evidence of insurance and a certificate that they have registered the drone with the CAA see

(www.dronesafe.co.ukformoreinformation.)

The Centre also needs to ensure that the attendees have provided permission and are aware of the drone being flown under GDPR.



**ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE
Safety on Weekend Events
Bikes, Scooters or Boards
MUST NOT be ridden through
Caravans lines or after dusk.**

Welcome to new members

Mr M Field & Mrs P Kollinsky	Forest Row	Mr & Mrs S Burdon	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs N James	Brighton	Mr T & Mr T Chichester	Hailsham
Mr A Jarvis	Pevensey	Mr S Bacon & Mrs J Evans	Dartford
Mr & Mrs S Morris	Lewes	Mr & Mrs R Honey	Hastings
Mr P Roberts	Littlehampton	Mr & Mrs G King	Hove
Mr & Mrs P Spain	Heathfield	Mr & Mrs L Smith	Redhill
Mr & Mrs K Tester	Hastings	Mr & Mrs P Sweeney	Oxted
Mr & Mrs D Aubyns	Hove	Mr & Mrs P Trainor	Rye
Mr G Balaam & Miss K Allan	Brighton	Mr & Mrs L Constable	Edenbridge
Mr & Mrs A Blake	Tenterden	Mr & Mrs N Deeprise	Cranbrook
Mr & Mrs G Dwart	Pevensey	Mr & Mrs S Hulme	Rye
Mr & Mrs D Hart	Lewes	Mr & Mrs G Larking	Hailsham
Mr & Mrs S Hawdon	St Leonards On Sea	Mr & Mrs M Lowe	Seaford
Mr & Mrs M Link	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs A Towing	Haywards Heath
Mr & Mrs P Nelson	Horsham	Mr & Mrs J Walters	Hastings
Miss S Norman	Chelmsford	Mr & Mrs K Wilson	Uckfield
Mr & Mrs G Odd	Polegate	Mr & Mrs C Austin	Crowborough
Mr & Mrs R Quinn	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs A Bennett	Seaford
Mr & Mrs D Spiller	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs D Burke	Hove
Mr J Vannufel & Miss N Edinburgh	Seaford	Mr & Mrs P Chandler	Hailsham
Mr & Mrs O Fermor	Bexhill On Sea	Mr & Mrs S Crowhurst	Ashford
Mr & Mrs P Goldring	Rye	Mr & Mrs G Giles	Peacehaven
Mr & Mrs P Skinner	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs D Jackson	Bexhill On Sea
Mr & Mrs J Williams	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs N Johnson	Hastings
Mrs L Hider	Eastbourne	Mr D McGuinness & Mrs K Nagy	Boreham Wood
Mrs A Honey	Hastings	Mr & Mrs A Parry	Battle
Mr & Mrs S Lux	Polegate	Mr & Mrs K Penfold	St Leonards on Sea
Mr R Collier	Brighton	Mr & Mrs T Roca-Martin	Seaford
Mr & Mrs D Murton	Uckfield	Dr L & Mr D Salmon	Uckfield
Mrs M Paton	St Leonards On Sea	Mr & Mrs M Ayling	Lewes
Mr & Mrs K Rickard	Tonbridge	Miss S Barnett	Seaford
Mr & Mrs P Whiteman	Rye	Mr B Brown & Ms J Emmerson	Horsham
Mr & Mrs D Dallow	Rugby	Mr S Mason & Ms C Dart	Lewes
Mr & Mrs R Ellis	Lewes	Mr N Law & Ms K Hardy	Heathfield
Mr & Mrs M Hobbs	Bexhill On Sea	Mr & Mrs I Parks	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs F Lee	Wadhurst	Mr & Mrs T Parsons	Brighton
Mr & Mrs R Morris	Battle	Mr & Mrs B Skingle	Pevensey
Mr & Mrs N Palmer	Hastings	Mr & Mrs I Smith	Hailsham
Mr & Mrs W Shaw	Pevensey	Dr K Tan & Mr M Hubbard	Tunbridge
Mr G Terrell	Bexhill On Sea	Mr & Mrs K Todd	Lewes
Mrs T Tillbrook	Lewes	Mr T Unwin & Miss F Jeffery	Lewes
Mr & Mrs S Adams	Battle	Mr & Mrs K Watson	Tonbridge

We hope to see you on a weekend/event soon



**PLEASE
KEEP
THE NOISE
TO A
MINIMUM**

We attend Weekend Events to

**relax & enjoy the
company of friends**

**Please consider others after 11pm and
before 8am**

Valentines - AKA "Wedding Bells"
Willington Community School

This was also a very well attended event

We celebrated the recent marriage of Carole & Bill on this event.

The hall was set out for a Wedding reception a three course meal was provided
Followed by a duo, then a disco.

Congratulations to Carole & Bill and Thanks for the wine & entertainment.

Well done to Maisie & Gerry with Karina & Jez and their team for the setting up and
the food.

Birthday - AKA "What's in a Number"
Plumpton Racecourse

This was a laid back event, for most, a chance to go walking or biking.

Saturday evening there was an American Supper, as usual the attendees outshone
themselves with the fantastic spread. Fun & Games followed then the cake was
cut, by the Chairman & five Past Chairmans.



Some Like it Hot

19—21 April

Mill Barn Farm, Silver Hill, Hurst Green,
TN19 7QD

Now the rally season has finally started,
why not join us for the Rally following
Easter to continue the flow?
As the rally name suggests, we are hoping
for a hot/warm weekend to enjoy at this
popular venue.

A relaxing area with places on interest
nearby.

A meal of Chilli-con-carne (homemade,
but not too spicy or hot).

Hope to see you soon

Bookings to Malcolm
1st Contact 07719622484
Richard 2nd contact

MAY BANK HOLIDAY - ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR -
MAY 3-6

At Chiddingly Campsite High Lands Lane Chiddingly
BN8 6HE

This will be a charitable event and any money raised
will go to the Chairmans Charity.

This year the charity is The Chestnut Tree House so
please come and join us and help support this most
worthy cause.

There will be loads to do! The weekend programme
will include; A tabletop sale and a coffee and cake
stall on the Saturday and Fair Ground Games on the
Sunday.

The Fair Ground games will include; Hook a Duck,
Coconut Shy, Tombola Raffle, Jez's Delicious Hot
Dogs, Burgers with all the trimmings and much more!

However, the highlight of the day will be 'Wet
Sponge your Chairman' so come along and join in all
the fun and help us raise money for
Chestnut Tree House.

If interested in having a table for the tabletop sale,
please contact Marilyn or Charlie
on the emails below for more details.

marilynandcliveknight@hotmail.com

Charlotte.fuller55@hotmail.com

Spring Bank Holiday weekend at Sussex Farm with a difference

Come and join us on a weekend with a twist
or two.

Saturday morning how about joining Robin
where he will take you on an off road cycle
ride on the Downs Link.

(You will need your bikes though)

Saturday Evening. A fifties theme. Come
dressed in your fifties outfits, best dressed
adult and child wins a prize - we will be hav-
ing a BBQ of Burgers/or Sausages and salad
with fifties music to jive the evening away.

We will also have an envelope quiz.

Sunday we hope to start the seasons club
tournaments where we will be playing the
new Hagars Chess, it's a good game, and or
maybe create some other fun games of your
choice. Followed by a cream tea

Bookings to Jan

Broomfield Farm, Club Site East Hoathly 7 - 9 June

Join us in the beautiful East Sussex
country side at
Broomfield Farm CAMC site.

Strictly no vans to arrive before 1 pm on
the Friday please.

Saturday from 12 noon we will be hosting
the centres boules competition, with a
cheese and pickle platter with French
bread and crackers after.

Michelle will be having a "competition"
quiz on the Saturday evening.

Midsummers Dream

21 - 23 June

Yew Tree Inn, Chalvington, BN27 3TB

Medieval Midsummer Night Evening (21st June)

Can you please design and make your own Medieval Hat. Will have a competition for best hat. You can make them before hand or bring your materials to make in the afternoon.

Food, bring your own BBQ or what you like to the Event Shelter and we will eat together we will provide the dessert and nibbles.

Rally fees £23 (including Admin + VAT) Entertainment Fee additional but will be reduced from normal costs.

Jan & Keith with Jan & Malcolm

Slips to Jan

Milestones

Stone Cottage CL, Hurst Green

5 - 7 July

Milestones to be Celebrated

As Jez turns 50 and Karina 40
They have decided to lay it on!

The Milestones rally will be a
Birthday Party

For all to enjoy.
Food, drinks, music, games and
Fun, fun, fun.....

Karina & Jez with Maisie & Gery

Slips to Jez

Hello again,

What an eventful first year as the centres Rally Secretary this year has been !

The 2025 rally officers meeting will be held at the "Milestones" rally at Stone Cottage, Etchingam on Saturday 6th July from 11:30 am to around 1 pm. leaving you to enjoy the rest of your day.

Tea and Coffee will be provided for those attending, as usual, please bring your cups.

Never run a rally before? Or just curious about running one? Pop along to the party tent for the meeting where you will be made most welcome ! You never know, running a rally might not be as scary as you think !

Also, If you have any ideas for site you would like me to look into, pop along and pass me as much details as you can about the site. You might even get a "Site Finders" plaque for your collection.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

See you on the Field,

Steve.

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Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Tuesday 12th December 2023

PRESENT: M. Bennett, C. Warren, M. Smith, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, M. Smith, R. Eldridge, S. Brooks,

1. **APOLOGIES:** M. KNIGHT, M. WESTON, S. GIBSON

2. **MINUTES:** Signed by Secretary

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** 4.1 Maisie now has access to Box. Maisie has booked Ian Harley for New Year 2024 at a cost of £250

4. **CORRESPONDENCE: CHAIRMAN:** Claire Notley thanked Maisie and the committee for the warm welcome that they received at the Christmas party event. Ian Harley confirmed that he would be attending the New Year Event 2024. **SECRETARY:** Received post from Flo Gas informing members that Campingaz refill prices are increasing. Invoice from FM Tags. Reminder from Sandy to prepare items for Newsletter. **TREASURER:** Has received paperwork from Carole from the bank.

RALLY SECRETARY: Letter regarding Berwick hall stating hall is £10 per hour

5 **OFFICERS REPORTS: CHAIRMAN:** Sadly, Peter Thripp has passed away. Condolences and a card were sent to Celia. His funeral was today, 12/12/23 and Maisie said there were a large number of East Sussex Centre members in attendance, Maisie had been asked to attend a brief meeting at Willingdon on Saturday. There is going to be a SE Region event in 2024 as the region has monies to spend. Items brought to the Centre's attention a) Membership numbers should be checked by rally officers as they turn up for an event. If no card is presented then phone this number 01342 477080.

SECRETARY: Has received 50 printed Event Books from Bob and Sandy.

TREASURER: Michelle said she is starting to look through all the paperwork and making sense of it all. There is over £8000 in the current account, but this includes New Year. She is still waiting for T & C's from Mill Barn Farm and Yew Tree.

YOUTH: Jez said as there were very few children, he was struggling to know how to approach a Youth Treat in 2024. He talked about fundraising. Maisie confirmed that only eligible children (those who attend 8 rallies and have their cards stamped) have the cost paid for, but ALL children can attend and there is a pro ratio system for those who do less rallies.

IT Project Manager: Sarah has been adding rallies to the website but has very little information to go on so is just adding 'the bare bones'. She enquired about the holiday event but Maisie said it was too late now to add one for 2024.

NEW YEAR: 30 units booked in, all paid. the Event will run at a loss this year as Clint is expensive and there are only 65 attendees. Maisie is working out quantities and lots of the shopping has already been done. The site visit has been done. Balloons purchased and Malcolm has collected the gas. Roy asked how much can he spend on the raffle – Michelle S said £100. He has acquired some large items and will auction separately. Carole to purchase the party poppers.

6 **PAST EVENTS:** Christmas Party – Maisie thanked Mark for the amount of time and effort he spent in the kitchen (7 hours). She said he'd done a wonderful job. There was a discussion on the flow of events as there was too much time between food courses, Father Christmas attendance, the children's events and so on.. Next year Mark/Michelle, Marilyn/Clive will be heading the event but the committee should help run it

7 **AOB :** Maisie said she was struggling to call a rally and event and did not like the term. Everyone voted to now revert back to 'RALLY'. Maisie reminded Carole that she needed to do the questionnaire for Club before the 15th December. Maisie asked about the Birthday Cake. Carole said she would talk to Marilyn. Maisie has had a visit for Jane Todd, from Chestnut Tree Hospice. She is prepared to attend a rally and give a talk on the hospice. Maisie said the cost of the SumUp machine prices are extortionate. The contract ends in February. Michelle will research for a new one. Perhaps cheque or cash to support the cost. Roy suggested paying by BACS in advance? This will be added to the agenda for January. Carole asked the committee if she could purchase a new printer Michelle proposed, Jez seconded printer. Jez spoke about the sound system and its unfit for some purposes. The plug got very hot when in use. This will be added to the agenda in January for discussion.

Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Wednesday 9th January 2024

PRESENT: M. Bennett, C. Warren, M. Knight, M. Smith, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, M. Smith, R. Eldridge, S. Brooks, M. Weston, S. Gibson

1. **APOLOGIES: NONE**

2. **MINUTES:** Signed by Secretary

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** 10.2 Maisie asked if the Questionnaire had been done and Carole said no. Maisie asked her to do it.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE: CHAIRMAN:** Maggie Scrase had sent Maisie an email congratulating her on a successful New Year Rally. **SECRETARY:** Email from Governance with Guidelines for checklist for rallies. Submissions from Sarah to check through for website. T & C's from Steve (coming through for treasurer until Michelle is signed to the banking). **RALLY SECRETARY:** Email forwarded from Carole regarding Fowlmere in Cambridgeshire. Steve said he was looking at it with a view to a holiday rally in 2024. Maisie said it was too late for that and to please concentrate on the 2025 rally board/holiday.

5. **OFFICERS REPORTS: CHAIRMAN:** Maisie thanked everyone who attended the New Year Rally and said it had been a 'learning curve'. She added that she had made the mistake of assuming some of the new committee knew their roles but next year she would ensure they did. On the whole, it was a huge success.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Total 116 units. 12 visitors and 4 new ralliers. Average 29%

TREASURER: Michelle has spoken to NatWest about the banking and the online account. There was a bit of confusion at the bank with a crossover of forms/online cancelling each other out. Mandate has now been completed and changes should soon take place. New Year looks like it may have been run at a small surplus but final accounts not complete.

RALLY SECRETARY: Steve has received the T & C's for the Yew Tree. He is in contact with Richard Thomas for Easter 2025. Maisie said the rally board is not out often enough and should be accessible at every rally. Steve said ralliers complained that committee put their names down first and this year he will bring it out without any bookings before Easter.

YOUTH: Jez said there was not much on at the moment and not many children out. Maisie said that there were quite a few children in the centre. The committee will discuss new ways to encourage new members, but that does not ensure they will have children.

SOUTH EAST REGION: Maisie and Michelle W will attend a Zoom meeting on 28th Jan 2024

6 **IT Project Manager:** Sarah said the rallies were up to date on the webpage. She and Jez have been 'working everything out'. Sarah asked about the contact forms. Carole said she answers them or passes them to the relevant pers.

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Rally Vouchers – this was discussed, decided it is not viable and disbanded. Sound equipment – Steve, Clive and Roy managed to sort it and get it up and running but it is outdated equipment. Jez will source and price up a system that incorporates Bluetooth, speakers etc. it should include microphones as the centre ones are going to cost to be repaired. Maisie said Barry had told her that big purchases should go through the membership. The committee questioned this –

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What is a big purchase? What is the purpose of the committee if we cannot decide these things? Carole said we are the committee and that is what we have been elected to do. Michelle is going to check ' what is a big purchase'.

8. **PAST EVENTS:** New Year – Maisie said she was proud that we had 'pulled it off'. We were low on numbers and it had been a huge learning curve. There was a discussion about releasing the New Year Booking forms before the AGM but this can only be done as a when the new prices have been set. Sarah said a budget for the entertainment should be set. Marilyn will start to look for an act for Practice Night.
9. **AOB** Maisie will not be attending Blue Nose and asked Michelle S to be acting Chair. Maisie asked Steve to let her know as soon as the birthday rally for 2025 is booked so she can approach an act she has found. Marilyn has started her weight loss journey and her starting weight has been logged with Carole. She already has £375 in sponsorship and asked the committee to promote her fundraising. Carole has printed sponsor forms. Steve has a swear box from New Year to AGM but Maisie gave him a short sabbatical as he has been made redundant. Steve said he had been disgusted at the way some of the committee had been spoken to at the New Year Rally by some of the members. This was discussed at length. The rally book does state that rude or abusive behaviour will result in a member being asked to leave the rally field .

Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Tuesday 20th February 2024

PRESENT: M. Bennett, M Knight, C. Warren, J. Goodsell, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, S. Gibson, M. Smith, R. Eldridge, S. Brooks, M. Weston

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** NONE
- 2 **MINUTES:** Signed by Secretary
- 3 **MATTERS ARISING:** Maisie asked if they had sourced a sound system. Mark and Jez explained what they had found at a cost of £400 and it was agreed unanimously to purchase it.
- 4 **CORRESPONDENCE:** CHAIRMAN: FM tags new pricelist and dates of closure. events. Email from Club over the recent Cyber incident, how to be more vigil. A centre rally was advertised with EHU and this is not the case. **SECRETARY:** Mostly the same as Chair. Maisie has forwarded the Summary of Events. Warwickshire Centre is in hibernation. **TREASURER:** Has received bank statements and is now fully signed up to the bank account. **RALLY SECRETARY:** Steve has had information that one site is Adults only and not suitable to use. He has had the same info from FM Tags and has therefore asked the relevant RO to order their plaques in time. Carole forwarded details of the Welsh National Rally.
- 5 **OFFICERS REPORTS:** **CHAIRMAN** At new year one lady had arrived on her own, she had received help from two of the men with parking, water and setting up and passed on her gratitude and thanks.
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Marilyn has not had had the Blue Nose figures but to date 144 vans, 15 visitors and 4 new. Average 36%. Maisie commented on the improvement. Michelle said she had sent the figures but Marilyn could not find them. Michelle S will resend. She will also send names to enable Marilyn to track the Fellowship Plaque recipients.
SECRETARY: Carole apologised to the committee that she was behind on her paperwork, but would do her best to catch up.
TREASURER: Michelle said the last few rallies had all made a small surplus. There is over £8500 in the current account with more to come in. She can now pay all the expenses. Michelle has paid Willingdon for the Christmas rally, Berwick for Noggin and Natter and is currently dealing with Steyning for New Year.
RALLY SECRETARY: Steve informed the committee of his communications with Heaven Farm at £10 night, Dunsfold /Surrey for Easter 2025. T&C's have been sent. He is arranging a site visit to Ditchling. Horam Manor want £15 per night, this includes VAT. Minimum is 10 units,. He's looking at a Holiday rally for August 2025. Also trying to contact Cogshill Farm in Bexhill.
YOUTH: There were no children at the Blue Nose Rally. There were about 13 Youth at the Wedding Bells rally.
SOUTHERN CENTRES: AGM 21/2/24
SOUTH EAST REGION: Maisie and Michelle attended a zoom meeting. The next meeting will be a physical at Westerham.
- 6 **Project Manager:** Centre news page is growing, it has Marilyn's sponsored diet, Welsh National etc. Maisie said it looked good and very professional..
- 7 **Charity Rally:** Marilyn is running the rally, Charlotte Fuller is second. Steve will help her, if required but will step back unless asked to help. He will run a coconut shy and tin can alley. Jez offered a plan as to how the food will run charity rally , therefore each stall owner bears the cost of their stall and hands their profit to the charity with no cost to the centre.
8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Rally Officers meeting is set too soon after Easter, therefore it is being moved to 11am at Milestones Rally. Jez said this is not to sit back and do nothing but to get as many rallies booked, more people in attendance and for it to be a positive occasion. - PAT Testing. Jez is doing the centres testing. Anything that needs tested should be flagged up to Jez who will do. - Marilyn asked about her budget for Practice night and the AGM. She was informed that both should be booked for around £250 - £400. A disco is booked for New Year. - Fellowship Plaque leave the same, just change boarder and badge colour. - Next Year's Rally board – discussed at length. Maisie asked for some changes – Plumpton/Willingdon to be swapped so that the birthday rally is at Willingdon. Also the Christmas party should be a week later. Steve will work on it. - Easter Eggs – Jez will purchase once Roy confirms numbers. - Onboarding – Jez explained about the 'buzz word' for getting new members. Find them (Carole has on the system)/ get them onboard (Carole to send introduction to centre and summary of events/ encourage them to come out (Jez to make introductory phone calls)
9. **PAST EVENTS:** Noggin & Natter - Not very many there which was a shame but a very good Scottish themed evening. Blue Nose – as always, a good event. A small incident with a firepit occurred. It was checked/sorted but ralliers need to be mindful. - Wedding Bells – Carole thanked everyone on behalf of her and Bill for making it such a successful event. Her thanks were extended to the Rally Officers, the Matheson children. Millie and all those who helped and attended. Over 90 people attended. A fantastic event. Maisie said it was ESCC at its best
10. **AOB** : Malcolm asked about the Club Insurance, Carole will check to see if it's in Box and print. - Malcolm asked about the status of the equipment bags that Carole is making – she said they are on the table to do. - Michelle and Mark discussed the defibrillator. The pads are out of date and will now cost £400. Decision made not to replace pads or unit but to use the map location near to the rally sites and include this in the pack for the Rally officers. - Michelle explained about the Dinner Dance. One venue had out priced themselves but she was working on a second one. The meal would cost £45 per head but she was still negotiating the rally price. This id possibly for June/July 2025 - Mark pointed out that there were very few fire buckets set out at Willingdon and this should be enforced by the Rally Officers when the ralliers set up. - Carole pointed out there were cables running across the open gate. She proposed we bought two rubber cable covers. Jez seconded this and it was agreed unanimously. Mark will purchase. - It was discussed about purchasing head/radio microphones to go with the sound system. Jez proposed. Marilyn seconded and it was agreed to buy these at a total cost with the sound system for around £500. - a price increase was requested to £5 for the Easter Rally. It was agreed £2 was too much and £1.suggested This was agreed.



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