



East Sussex Centre Autumn Newsletter



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Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone,

Autumn Newsletter already! Where has this year gone. I was still hoping for a decent summer – mind you the weather hasn't really deterred us.



Our summer rallies started off with Milestones which was a celebration of 40, 50 and 60th birthdays plus a wedding anniversary. Our hosts were Jez, Karina, Roy, Sandra, Mark and Michelle. They very generously treated us to all the food and drink plus entertainment in the form of a live band, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you all.

This was closely followed by another wedding anniversary, Dorothy and Allan who also treated all the ralliers to a tasty supper and a free bar. Thanks to you too. Allan also devised an ingenious treasure hunt which had us all traipsing up and down the field.

I missed the August bank holiday rally which had a reverse vicars and tarts theme, as I was away on holiday, but the photos were something to behold!

The next rally was Uckfield Carnival, the weather was very changeable but

Bob said it wouldn't rain and we were lucky enough to have a dry evening to watch the parade. We were provided with a bacon butty and drinks after the walk back from the festivities.

This newsletter is due out at Nominations so I'm hoping we get plenty of names on the board.

We can now look forward to the coming year. We still have spaces on the rally board so if you could put your name down we will be very grateful. No rally officers – no rally.

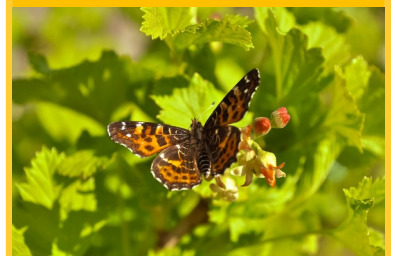
The Chairman's charity has raised over £1,000 so far for Chestnut Tree children's hospice, a brilliant amount. Lets hope we can build on this in the coming year and give them a huge donation.

I'd like to thank you all for the help and support you have given to me over the past year I look forward to seeing you out of a field (or school playground) soon.

Kind regards

Maisie Bennett

2024



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.**

www.eastsussexcc.org.uk

**If you are running an event in the next quarter from
After New Year to Easter**

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 which is the New Year Event, they will not be included
in the Winter Newsletter.

(Should be received by newsletter editor by 8th December)



**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



Welcome to new members

Mr P Bauschard & Mrs W Brampton St
Leonards on Sea
Mrs M Cheeseman Maidstone
Mr & Mrs G Collins Polegate
Mr & Mrs C Dowling St Leonards On Sea
Miss J Fligelstone Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs J Hall Brighton
Mr & Mrs S Jacob Bexhill On Sea
Mr B Magee & Mr A Camper Brighton
Mr & Mrs R McKinney Leatherhead
Mr C & Mr B Regent Polegate
Mr & Mrs M Skitrall Staines
Mr & Mrs P Sainsbury Hastings
Mr & Mrs D Shayler Rye
Mr & Mrs N Ward Bexhill On Sea
Mr & Mrs S Warren Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs S Bancroft Seaford
Mr & Mrs S Barton Hailsham
Mrs S Fuller Hailsham
Mr & Mrs B Lindon Pevensey
Mr P Musselle Uckfield
Mrs T Message Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs M Monkhouse Romney Marsh
Mr & Mrs C Morrell Lewes
Mr & Mrs P Oakford Tunbridge
Mr & Mrs C Oliver-Taylor Bexhill On Sea
Mr & Mrs R Parsons Peacehaven
Mr & Mrs I Paull Tonbridge
Mr & Mrs D Price Broadstairs
Mr Z Street Brighton
Mr S Tarbox Hitchin
Mr I Tzilalis & Mr J Tzilalis-Walker Brighton
Mr & Mrs D Andrews Hailsham
Mr M Sherrad & Miss C Clow Brighton
Mr G English Redhill
Mr & Mrs J Fahey Lewes
Mr C Green & Miss G Tozer Brighton
Mr I Holland & Miss L Penny Brighton
Mr & Mrs P Neilson Caterham
Mr P Brimstead & Mrs M Tennant Chatham
Mr & Mrs K Townsend Seaford
Ms E Beard & Ms M Beard Uckfield

Mr & Mrs I Bowles Framfield
Mr & Mrs T Davis Bexhill On Sea
Mr Mr & Mrs J Glippin Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs A Hill Heathfield
Mr & Mrs G Hutchinson Brighton
Mr S Jolly Croydon
Ms G Lawrenson Chessington
Mr B Standen & Mrs B Levett Eastbourne
Mr R Newton & Mrs L Smith Pevensey
Mr & Mrs T Paul Hove
Mr A Aitkin Haisham
Dr C Avery Horsham
Mr & Mrs D Burley Lewes
Mr & Mrs D Cliff Hove
Mrs E Conner Haisham
Mr & Mrs T Diment Portsmouth
Mr & Mrs M Macgowan Pevensey
Mrs L Miller Seaford
Mr P Munlow & Miss J Morris Tunbridge
Mr & Mrs A Ottaway Roberstsbridge
Mr & Mrs R Shearer Hastings
Mrs L Thomas Battle
Lord P Tillett Bexhill On Sea
Mrs M Walsh Wadhurst
Dr S Winchester Etchingham
Mr & Mrs S Gilkes Hailsham
Miss E Lee Rye
Mr & Mrs C Parsons Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs C Pickering Bexhill On Sea
Mr & Mrs J Adam Brighton
Mr & Mrs G Ellis St Leonards On Sea
Mr J & Mr C Hoole Henfield
Mr & Mrs T Jones Eastbourne
Mr M Jackson & Miss S Lacey Brighton
Mr K Nichols & Miss E Sims Uckfield
Mr & Mrs A Patterson Hove
Dr A & Mrs A Pearce Lewes
Mr & Mrs M Buckwell Lewes
Mr & Mrs R Curd Rye
Mr & Mrs A Hewitt Rye
Mr & Mrs J Harmer Hailsham
Mr L Seymour Croydon

**We hope to see you on a
weekend/event soon**

Milestones Mill Barn Farm

This was a well attended event, which was celebrating some of the members "Milestone" events.

Jez, Karina & Roy were celebrating Significant birthdays
And Michelle & Mark their wedding anniversary.

We were treated to a BBQ meal with a Bar for the Saturday evening
With a Live band entertaining us during the rest of the evening.

Jez & his eldest son Josh showed us that could both play the drums.

Well done to all who had a hand in this event.



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

Marie 27/9

Graham (Milky) Smith 27/9

Erica Buckingham 27/9

Sarah Brooks 28/9

Dave Fisher 12/10

Clive Page 16/10

Charlie 27/10

Jan Grinyer 31/10

Savanna (November)

John Davies 16/11

Malcolm Grinyer 24/11

Karina Matheson 25/11

Savanna (November)

Dorothy Martin 6/12

Shirley Allen 18/12

Keith Goodsell 22/12

Peter Bolingbroke 25/12

Maisie Bennett 27/12

Will Baughurst 31/12

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.**



Gerry, Carole, Bill and I were lucky enough to be invited to visit the house in July.

The house was purpose built and opened in 2003 on land rented to the charity by the Arundel family, at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year. The Arundel family are huge supporters of the charity.

Chestnut Tree house costs a massive £5.5 million each year to run, this works out at about £15,000 a day. 17% is funding from the Government, 10% from the National Health Service and 7% from West Sussex County Council. The balance has to be made up by fundraising.

We were given a tour of the gardens first, a large marquee was being erected for summer activities and festivals. The garden is immaculately kept and is divided into lots of different areas, it is sensory focussed. There is a adapted playground which is used by patients and their siblings, it even has a wheelchair friendly trampoline. Siblings are well catered for and activities are often put on for them. This really helps as parent are more focussed on the sick child which is understandable.

There are lots of other areas which include a woodland walk, story telling area, campfire and camping area, all accessible and wheelchair friendly. The Memorial Garden is a quiet area, where parents can relax or visit when they've lost a child. After a child's death, the family are given 2 large pebbles engraved with their child's name. They can choose what to do with these but many place one pebble in the memorial garden and take the other home. The gardens can be visited whenever people wish.

The house is very well thought out with lots for the families to do. There is a music room complete with drum set, Jack the activities co-ordinator is a musician. Noise is encouraged as they want children to be children. There are play areas everywhere, computers, a sensory room which can help calm a child or be somewhere for parent to relax. Parents have been found fast asleep in there. An accessible indoor swimming pool is also within the house.

There are 12 bedrooms and children are encouraged to bring belongings from home to make their rooms more homely. Four of the rooms are designed for teenagers who also have their own lounge and like to send out for take away pizza, normality is key.

There is also a temperature controlled bereavement room where parents can spend time with their child after their death. It made us all a bit choked up but it was explained that often a parents last memories are of tubes and medical paraphernalia and having the opportunity to dress a child in their own clothes and spend uninterrupted time with them gives better memories. This room is available to anyone in Sussex.

The house is staffed by between 75 and 100 people, a mix of nursing, catering, cleaning and maintenance covering 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

We all came away feeling humbled and amazed. At the time of our visit East Sussex centre had raised almost £1,000 which I felt quite proud of but now realise it's just a drop in the ocean and wish we could do a lot more. Having said that, the charity are extremely grateful for any fundraising that is done for them.

Keep up the good work East Sussex Centre

Maisie

Summer Garden Party Weekend

Berwick Parish Field

This weekend we had an Afternoon Tea on Saturday and a Teddy Bears Picnic
Children brought their cuddly toys.

There was a treasure hunt, clues were to be found around the field.

Saturday evening there was a buffet supper and drinks courtesy of Dorothy & Allan to
celebrate their wedding anniversary. Music was also played during the evening.

All the children received a cuddly toy at flagpole

Well done to all



**PLEASE
KEEP
THE NOISE
TO A
MINIMUM**

We attend Weekend Events to
relax & enjoy the
company of friends

Please consider others after 11pm and

August Bank Holiday Mill Barn Farm

Vicars and Tarts in reverse

This was a return to the “windy” Mill Barn Farm, again the weather wasn’t the best,
however the East Sussex members do not let that stop them.

Saturday evening we gathered under the Event Shelters and enjoyed a nice plough-
mans supper with puddings to follow. Some took part in the reverse Vicars & Tarts
theme by dressing the part.

Sunday afternoon we gathered again for a cream tea supplied by the rally officers.
Some late comers in the fancy dress attended this afternoon.

Sunday evening there was a quiz evening. Enjoyed by those who took part.

Well done all involved in the organisation.

Uckfield Carnival
6th - 8th September

This was the 1st weekend of the Sussex Bonfire Celebrations

Unfortunately there wasn't any Fireworks on the Friday evening.

But members enjoyed the Carnival atmosphere in the town on Saturday evening. They returned to site after the processions and gathered under the Event Shelters for Bacon butties and Mulled Wine or Hot Chocolate drinks.

Thank you for those attending and your comments.

Warners Motorhome Show, Season Finale at Lincolnshire Showground 20 - 22 September

East Sussex hosted a group at this event, evening entertainment was on offer every evening over the weekend. There were lots of stalls and vehicles on sale at the show from Friday to Sunday, plenty of opportunities to buy.

Again we had 29 units in the East Sussex Lines

We are hoping to host groups in some more shows in 2025. Bookings for 2025 will go live in November 2024. Book via the the Warners Motorhome Show website, Group bookings (there is a slight discount on group bookings) look on the drop-down list of groups at those shows for **Caravan & Motorhome Club (East Sussex Centre)**. We will confirm in the Winter Newsletter which shows we can run groups at.

AGM

11 - 13 October

Willingdon Community School

NO VANS BEFORE 6PM FRIDAY

Come and join us for our AGM at Willingdon School

The youth AGM will take place at 2pm.

Followed by the Centre AGM at 3pm

Remember you must bring you membership cards (either physical or electronic)

both are accepted for voting purposes.

You must sign in before 3pm for the AGM

NO CARD - NO VOTE

Booking forms for the New Year rally will be available at this meeting.

Followed by an evening of fun and a live band with a meal of traditional East End pie & mash, all served up by Mark, Michelle, Jez & Karina.

With Pearly King's & Queen's fancy dress for the evening entertainment.

Slips to Jez

South East Region AGM

Steyning Grammar School

18 - 20 October

(hosted by East Sussex Centre)

No vans before 6pm Friday 18th

The South East Region AGM

Will take place on **Saturday at 11am**

You will need your membership cards to be able to speak at this meeting.

If you do not wish to attend the AGM with your unit. You are welcome to attend just the meeting.

Saturday evening, there will be a meal of Red or Green Thai Curry followed by a disco

Bookings to Jez

Halloween

26th Oct - 3rd Nov 2024

Lower Tye Farm, Hayling Island



Come for a week of fun
Lots to visit within the area
EHU available on site.

At the time of Printing this event is Full with a waiting list. Contact Event officers for update



Explore Hayling Island or Visit Portsmouth docks or shopping centre

At the time of printing this event if full with a waiting list.

Contact Event Officers for any availability

Rye Bonfire Event

8TH-10TH NOVEMBER 2024

RYE COLLEGE, RYE

NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 6PM FRIDAY

Join the East Sussex Centre at this annual event
The Bonfire Societies of Sussex come and join the Rye Bonfire Boys & Girls in a torchlight procession through the street of Rye on Saturday, this ends with a Bonfire and Firework Displays

As this is an Event there will be minimal entertainment provided.



Booking forms to Jez



Winter Wonderland - Christmas Party

29th November - 1st December

Willington Community School

A weekend of fun for everyone,
games for the children
A meat raffle, Secret Santa,
a 2 course roast dinner
followed by dancing the evening away
with music by DJ Jez
and

Oh Yes, if your really good a visit from the Big Man himself.

Slips to Mark & Michelle

Steyning Grammer School
28th December 2024 - 2nd January 2025



Come and join the East Sussex Centre
Celebrate the New Year in style

New Year "Practice Night"

Dancing to live music

Wine will be provided this evening

Full details of the evening will be in the update letter

Again there will be full programme of entertainment
For you to join in if you wish

During the Curry Night there will be an Auction for charity
(any donations of goods or promises will be gratefully received)

New Year's Eve
(Formal Dress)

We will have a traditional 3 course meal
With wine provided

Followed by an evening of dancing to a disco
To take us into 2025



Bookings for the New Year
will be available at the AGM

SNIPPETS

Minutes of committee meeting held by zoom on Tuesday 11th June 2024

Present: M.BENNETT, M.KNIGHT, M.SMITH, J.MATHESON, S.GIBSON, R.ELDRIDGE, M.GRINYER, S. BROOKS, M.SMITH

APPOLOGIES: C.KENNEDY, M.WESTON

Previous meetings minutes read agreed and signed by chairman.

Correspondence:

Chairman - Had a request that if holding a raffle could all rally officers, please make sure all prizes are fit for purpose. Request from Sandy could all adverts be with her by 26 June for summer Newsletter.

Rally SEC - received a possible new site from club member he will be looking into it .

Officers Reports:

Vice Chairman - Entertainment for practise night booked and asked for treasure to please pay deposit of £50.

Treasurer : There is £7075.72 in the account £7316.83 on deposit with club.

Rally Secretary : asked permission to change one of the venues for 2025 this was agreed.

Youth : A new ESCC member has just been born congratulations to RAZ and family.

Web project manager : There has been a lot of research done trying to find a new web host and committee will be kept updated on any progress.

Past Events:

Sussex Farm lovely rally good food but shame Hagars Chess couldn't be located other games were played instead. Broomfield farm. Lovely site lovely food and congratulations to Dave Fisher and Pat Churm for retaining the Boules title.

A.O.B.

Update on Milestones was given by Jez

Mark Michelle Jez Karina will be R.O for our AGM.

Meeting closed at 20.36

Minutes of Committee meeting held on zoom Tuesday 9th July 2024

Present : M.BENNETT, M.KNIGHT, C.KENNEDY, M.SMITH, J.MATHESON, S.GIBSON, R.ELDRIDGE, M.GRINYER, M.SMITH

APPOLOGIES : S.BROOKS, M.WATSON

Minutes agreed and signed

Correspondence :

RALLY Secretary : received an email from Steyning re prices for new year.

OFFICERS REPORTS :

Chairman : had paid a further £53.90 into the chestnut tree charity fund making total so far £999.49

Vice Chair : R.O were slow on sending numbers through so no new averages available.

SNIPPETS

Treasurer: £7209.49 in account and £7316.83 on deposit with club. A new card reader is being looked into in view to saving club money on transaction fees.

Rally Secretary : As Broomfield is now closing Steve ask if he could move June 2025 rally to Latchets.

Southern Centres: The 2025 booking forms are now on the web site .

South East Region: Maisie attended and said It was stated that the average age of ralliers is 61 .

Web Project Manager : Jez spoke on Sarah behalf and said they have been working together on the new Domaine and work was well under way after lots of correspondence the new web site should be up and running shortly the committee thanked them both for their ongoing hard work.

Past Events : Yew Tree lovely site lovely weekend enjoyed by all

Milestones : A brilliant rally all though a touch windy a little wet and lots of hard work by the RO everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. Carole thanked Jez, Karina, Mark, Michelle, Roy & Sandra for their generosity in providing food drink entertainment and lots of laughter for the whole weekend this was echoed by all the committee.

AOB : As damage to the marquees caused by high winds was found to be unrepairable a lengthy discussion was had and decision for Jez and Mark to source new ones was unanimously agreed by the committee.

the meeting ended at 20.36pm

Minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2024 via Zoom

Present : M.BENNETT, M.KNIGHT, C.KENNEDY, M.SMITH, M.SMITH, J.MATHESON, M.GRINYER, R.ELDRIDGE, M.WESTON.

APPOLOGIES : S GIBSON.

OFFICERS REPORTS :

Vice-Chairman : Still awaiting figures from five R.O, so no updated figures

SECRETARY : There are 1369 on nominal role for August.

Treasurer : There is currently £5110.93 in current account as £1200 was spent on new marques.

Youth : Jez asked if committee could think about suggestions for youth treats .

WEB PROJECT MANAGER : Sarah and Jez have worked hard on setting up new email system this seems to be going well but is still a work in progress the committee thanked them both or there continued hard work .

PAST EVENTS :

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY - This was enjoyed by all who attended and thanks were given to Dorothy and Alan Martin for providing the food and drink to help them celebrate their anniversary.

CHAIRMAN'S RALLY - A good event with Glorious weather good food good company enjoyed by all.

AOB :

The Derek Ransome Memorial Shield was discussed in detail and nominees would be voted on at the AGM

The meeting closed at 20.19 pm



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