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Winter Newsletter

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Chairman's Chat

Hello Everyone.

I'm writing this as we're experiencing our first snow of the season. Only a light sprinkling that didn't last, lets hope it's not a sign of a harsh winter.



thanks to our thoughtful rally officers.

As I write, the next rally is the Christmas Party rally at Willingdon School which I hear is fully booked.

Our caravanning year didn't have a good start . Our biggest rally of the year, Hayling Island, was cancelled by the land owners due to a water logged site. A small rally was hastily arranged at Whitehouse Farm but as the hardstanding is only small only a few vans could be accommodated.

We are expecting a visit from Santa again this year.

We are still trying to raise money for Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice, which is my charity for the coming year, and are hoping to hold a fund raising auction during the New Year rally, donations and promises welcomed.

Rye Bonfire was well attended and the weather was kind to us, nice and dry. Most ralliers went to watch the parade. We went down to watch the bonfire being lit, we had a front row spot but had to move back as we got too hot. The fireworks were excellent. We celebrated 3 birthdays this weekend so all enjoyed chocolate birthday cake at Flagpole

Gerry and I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all out on the field in 2025.

Kind regards

Maisie Bennett

2024/25



Chairman's Chat

Information for you

Alterations to 2025
Event Book.

Members Birthdays

New Members

Past & Future events

Centre News

Watch out for any
changes to the 2025
Programme.

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

www.eastsussexcc.org.uk

Past Chairman Ron Bravery 1979—1982

Ron passed away on 23rd September 2024

At the age of 99½yrs

His funeral took place at Worthing Crematorium on
29th October 2024

It was attended by some members of the Centre who knew him
And as he was a keen radio ham members of his local group
attended



Event Book Cover Competition 2026

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 August for the Committee to choose at the September meeting.

Good Luck for 2026 cover



Welcome to new members

Mr C Bandy & Mr D Hammar	Peacehaven	Mr A Keetch & Mr R Bray	Brighton
Mr D Bennett	Peacehaven	Mr A Douglas	Netherfield
Mr & Mrs D Brabants	Battle	Mr & Mrs J Doyle	South Croydon
Ms J Burrage	Seaford	Mr M Smith & Mrs E Field	Hastings
Mr C Dunn & Mr N Leonard	Bexhill On Sea	Mr & Mrs P Mitchell	Pevensey
Mr & Mrs M McNeill	Seaford	Mr & Mrs S Old	Hastings
Mr & Mrs M Percy	Uckfield	Mr & Mrs M Southon	Uckfield
Mr & Mrs P Scott	Bexhill On Sea	Mr & Mrs J West	St Leonards On Sea
Mr J Wells & Mrs V Sharkey	Polegate	Mr A Bonnett	Robertsbridge
Mr & Mrs S Williams	Wadhurst	Ms D Lewis	Brighton
Mr & Mrs J Wiseman	Eastbourne	Mrs O & Mrs N Marshall-Edwards	Bexhill On Sea
Mr M Fullerton & Miss N Ewan	Eastbourne	Mr S McHale & Miss H Oliver	Tonbridge
Ms M Hickman & Ms J Adams	St Leonards On Sea	Mr & Mrs J Thorpe	St Leonards On Sea
Mr & Mrs J Puttock	Uckfield	Mr & Mrs P Collins	St Leonards On Sea
Mr & Mrs L Schofield	Uckfield	Mr & Mrs G Greathead	Bexhill On Sea
Mr & Mrs R Smith	Uckfield	Mr & Mrs T Lindley	Eastbourne
Miss A Stelling	Lewes	Mr R Ovens	Tonbridge
Mr & Mrs A Cory	Cranbrook	Mr & Mrs s Filmer	Seaford
Mr & Mrs A Dalziel	Uckfield	Mr & Mrs J Hawker	Tonbridge
Mr & Mrs D Edwards	Hastings	Mr & Mrs D Moore	Hastings
Mr & Mrs P Eldred	Tonbridge	Mr & Mrs P Murphy	Eastbourne
Ms R Evans	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs T Starkings	Uckfield
Mr M Arnell & Ms J Greenwood	Tonbridge	Mr N Gent & Miss R White	Robertsbridge
Mr & Mrs P Harris	Heathfield	Mr & Mrs M Jackson	East Grinstead
Mr & Mrs A Keevil	Crowborough	Mr & Mrs R Mockridge	Fareham
Mrs P Wright	Dover	Mr & Mrs D Mooney	Hastings
Mr & Mrs A Cook	Crowborough	Mr & Mrs J Murray	Seaford
Mr & Mrs J Crouch	Tunbridge	Mr & Mrs R Scrivener	Heathfield
Mr & Mrs K Dawes	Henfield	Mr & Mrs P Mills	Battle
Mr & Mrs S Forward	Hailsham	Mr & Mrs N Reed	Rye
Mr & Mrs S Franklin	Peacehaven	Mr & Mrs T Moloney	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs K Furminger	Haywards Heath	Ms C Pridgeon & Ms S Lemon	Bournemouth
Mr & Mrs A Honisett	Pevensey	Mr & P Snowdon	Seaford

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

Nominations

Unfortunately due to the bad/wet weather we experienced in September this event had to be cancelled.

Nominations were sent via email to the Secretary

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 publication 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)



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

Clive Knight 27/1

Jean Unwin 4/2

Scarlet 5/2

Sandy Hutchings 5/2

Jeanette Manning 5/2

Bill Shallcrass 11/2

Kim Colbran 2/3

Chris Page 4/3

Lisa Page 18/3

Dave Waddell 31/3

Dave Fuller 3/4

Phil Grant 3/4

Pat Churm 14/4

Amy 18/4

Steve Hornsby 23/4

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.**

AGM

This took place at Willingdon Community School

At the meeting, the new committee for the following year was announced, trophies were handed out and Rally Officers were given gifts for their time and efforts put into running the rallies during the past year.

At the end of the meeting there was a lot information given in respect to the changing of Club Regions to Divisions, this would take place at the Regional AGM.

The evening we were fed with Pie and Mash with vegetables followed by a sweet

Then we were entertained by a band.

Well done to all who arranged this weekend.

The South East Region AGM Was held at Steyning Grammer School

This was well attended and the change from Region to Division was discussed in full
The Change is said to enable more support to the Centres.

We had a Tia Curry meal and were entertained by a Disco in the evening.

Well done to Mark, Michelle, Jez & Karina

Hayling Island

Unfortunately this was another victim of the weather and had to be cancelled as the site was waterlogged.

Not Hayling

However a last minute suggestion to host a small rally at White House Farm was suggested, again due to the weather only the hardstanding was available so it was a very limited event over the weekend at the end of October.

Those who were lucky enough to attend enjoyed the weekend although it was a bit cold in the evenings.

Well done.

Rye Bonfire

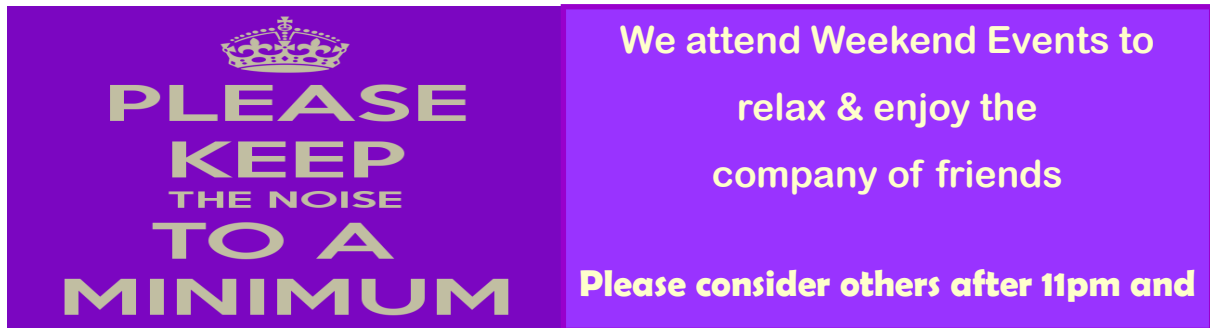
Again this proved to be a popular event at Rye College

The Bonfire procession was watched by those attending and some ventured down to the bonfire site to watch the fireworks.

The weather was kind this year

And there were birthdays celebrated over the weekend.

Well Done to all.



Winter Wonderland Christmas Party Was held at Willingdon Community School

There were approximately 20 vans on site, with more members joining for the festivities on Saturday evening.

The hall was decorated beautifully with Christmas themed banners and blow up decorations. A lot of effort was put into making it a Winter Wonderland.

We enjoyed a roast pork dinner, followed by mince pies and custard.

The children were entertained with party games, then a visit from the Big Man himself all the children received a present.

After that there were presents for the adults in the way of Secret Santa gifts, Christmas cards were handed out.

There was a lovely raffle, followed by a meat raffle, lots of people at the evening won something

Then it was dancing until the end of the evening

Well done to Mark & Michelle, Marilyn & Clive and Jez, Karina and Family
For a very good start to Christmas

Warners Motorhome & Campervan Shows

East Sussex hosted 2 groups during the 2024 season, these were both attended by 30 vans at each show.

We are hosting 3 groups in more shows in 2025. Bookings for 2025 will be live in December 2024. Book via 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 are running groups at the Southern Show in Newbury Showground in May, also the Western Show in Malvern Three Counties Showground in August & the Finale at Lincolnshire Showground in September. If you have any problems finding our group on the list, please contact me & I'll see if I can increase our group pitch allocation. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Sandy (07881788765)

Noggin 'n' Natter
Berwick Village Hall
18th January 2025

Social evening only doors open 6pm

Come & join us for this 1st event of the year. There will be a meal supplied & dessert provided (Sausages (vegetarian if requested) Yorkshire, potatoes & veg. Bring plates, bowls & cutlery along with your favourite tipple. Tea & Coffee will be available so bring your mugs too.

£7.80 per person, £15.60 per couple, children £1.80 per child **(inclusive of hall hire and VAT)**.

Pricing correct at time of printing.

Payment with booking

Jan & Malcolm with Dorothy & Allan
(Slips to Malcolm & Jan)

Blue Nose

White House Farm

30th Jan - 4th Feb 2025

This is the first weekend of the New Year

The weekend will start on Thursday, but you can also arrive Friday if more suitable.

A meal will be arranged for those wishing to participate during the weekend,

Venue, time and menu will be confirmed

The organising officers will contact you regarding the meal choice.

Saturday free and easy day

Come and enjoy the area and the company of friends

Officers are Kim & Barry with Cathy & Phil

Bookings to Kim & Barry

via website, email, rally slip or telephone

Valentines School Disco 14th—16th February 2025 Willingdon School

Limited vans however you can join us for evening entertainment

Join us for a School Disco.

We are planning a meal followed by entertainment.

More details on website

Jez & Karina with Steed

Birthday Rally
7th - 9th March 2025
Willingdon School

Join us for our Birthday Celebrations, there will be a 2-course meal followed by entertainment by the Watson Brothers and of course a Birthday Cake.

This event will be limited to 20 units, however, there if you wish to join us for the evening, you will be most welcome

There are no actual Rally Officers as this newsletter is being printed. If you are interested in assisting the committee, please contact the Rally Secretary

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY
21ST - 23RD MARCH
MILL BARN FARM, HURST GREEN



Join us for the 1st event on grass this year
Saturday afternoon there will be a tea party.

No hot food will be provided on Saturday evening.

But there will be related quizzes and games of sorts.

Your Mad Hatters are
Jan & Keith with Linda & Graham

Slips to Jan



Easter at Sethern

17th - 23rd April
Dunsfold, Surrey



Join us at this new site for East Sussex Centre over the Easter weekend.

There are several Local attractons that can be visited, including Cranleigh which is England's largest village, Guildford with it's Castle Ruins, shops and Catherdral.

And Winkworth Arboretum National Trust. All worth a visit.

The Youth Section will be fundraising over this weekend.

Friday - free daytime, early evening it is hoped to have either a Fish & Chip or Pizza van call into the site for anyone who would like it (TBC)

Saturday - Robin will lead you on another of his famed Cycle rides, this time along the Wey & Arun Canal, I'm sure there will be public houses involved somewhere along the ride. Evening Jacket potatoes from the fire pit, with cheese and beans.

Sunday - Morning Easter egg hunt, pm Eater Bonnet Parade and a Cream Tea

Richard & Joy with Malcolm & Jan (Bookings to Richard)

SNIPPETS

Meeting held 10 September 2024

PRESENT : M Bennett, M Knight, C Kennedy, M Smith, J Matherson, S Brooks, R Eldridge, M Grinyer, M Weston, M Smith

CORROSPONDENCE : SECRETARY Carole had received a written resignation from rally sec Steve Gibson. No other correspondence received.

Officers Reports : Chairman - Maisie thanked everyone for their hard work and support over the last year. She also thanked Michelle for taking on Treasurer Position and Mark for stepping in as rally sec until AGM.

Vice-chairman DATA-20 RALLIES 462UNITS -Made up off 430ESCC (two of which were first time ralliers)32 visitors, giving an average of 23.2.

Treasurer : £4146.34 in current account, and the new card machine is now in operation.

Rally Sec : Mark had received all paper work and equipment from Steve and was busy sorting rallies for 2025 .

Youth Report : Jez said as only one youth had qualified for youth treat this year he would think of a suitable gift.

Web Project Manager: Sarah had not received all details from various people to go on the site so was chasing this up.

Past Events : MILL BARN FARM - A good weekend but it still lived up to its name of windy city.

Uckfield Carnival Rain stayed away for the carnival Sandy Bob did bacon rolls afterwards and this was much appreciated as weather was very cold.

The meeting ended at 20.40 pm

Meeting Held on Tuesday15 October 2024

Present : M Bennett, M Knight, C Kennedy, M Smith, J Matherson, R Eldridge, M Grinyer, M Smith

APPOLOGIES : S Brooks

CORROSPONDANCE : CHAIRMAN Request for New Year booking forms and request from Sandy for items for rally book. No other correspondence received.

Officers Reports: Chairman. Maisie thanked everyone for standing at AGM for a further year she said was a shame we didn't have any new committee but was grateful for those who had put their names forward. And proceeded to thank them for all hard work at the AGM and thought all had gone well.

Secretary: Carole thanked everyone for their help and ongoing support at AGM.

Treasurer: £3,806 in the current account. The deposit account £7316.83

Rally Sec: Mark said he was slowly getting to grips with paper work and was in process of sorting August Holiday at Norfolk, he asked committee where they would like Noggin & Natter in 2025 they all agreed to leave it at Berwick.

SOUTHERN CENTRES : no report as meeting not until November.

SOUTH EAST REGION : Maisie said this was a face-to-face meeting which she found to be better, The club will be closing various sites across the region and are looking to hold a question time. There will be Meet The Members Festival to be held at Mill Barn Farm on 9-11 MAY 2025. Moving forward after their AGM only one member need attend meetings, and they will be known as The South East Division.

WEB PROJECT MANAGER. Jez said everything was up and running with no issues and when Sarah returned, they would be working on getting committee new emails set up.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION : New Year Plans are coming along nicely & Marilyn has agreed to do the raffle .

The new job allocation for committee members was approved.

PAST EVENTS: NOMINATIONS This was a Complete wash out and had to be cancelled with committee approval Carole donated all the food to a charity who were extremely thankful.

AGM This went very well and food and entertainment excellent as usual.

Any Other Business: Jez said that the Gas Tea Urn had been condemned by Tony Callow, therefore he will look into obtaining a replacement. It was agreed that photos for the competitions at the AGM should be as stated in the rally book

Photos must have been taken at a Centre event during the current year.

The Meeting Ended at 20.07 pm

Meeting 12th November 2024

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

Also in attendance were Mark Sinclair-Watson (Vice – Chair CAMC) and Sue Smith (Chair SE Division).

SNIPPETS

Mark S-W and Sue S joined the start of the meeting to clarify the unit spacing at rallies. CAMC have since issued guidelines that ALL units must be 6 METRES apart from each other. Rallies may have to be limited numbers and if it is not possible than a rally will have to be cancelled. Once this had been clarified Maisie thanked Mark and Sue and they left the meeting.

APOLOGIES NONE

CORRESPONDANCE: CHAIRMAN: Invitation to join a zoom meeting in December regarding the ClubFest. Email from Sandy with a list of everything she still needs to enter into the rally book. Reams of paperwork from Division with updates. Maisie has 39 bookings for New Year.

SECRETARY: E mail from Rebecca Newman attaching the new insurance document for entry into the Rally Book.

YOUTH: Jez said Karina had received an email from a member, supporting Mark, the spacings etc and said he and his family always felt safe, valued and looked after. Another said she was grateful to the Rally Officers for putting on a rally at WHF after the sad cancellation of Hayling Island. She had written a very concise letter and had sent copies to Club and Division supporting the ESCC. Jez said Chris Page had sent an email to Mark S requesting he be removed from the East Sussex Rallies he was running.

OFFICERS REPORTS: CHAIRMAN: Maisie said she had 39 booked in for New Year. TEN has been applied for.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: None – no figures yet.

TREASURER: £5861.70 in the current account. Holds £800 to pay in.

RALLY SECRETARY: The deposit for the Norfolk holiday rally has been paid. The T & C's are from them and the centre has to abide by their guidelines. Willingdon and WHF have returned their completed T & C's. Others are still pending. Mark is meeting Andy at Willingdon to measure the site. All sites will have to be measured and plotted to follow the 6 metre rule. Steed has stepped in to work with Jez and Karina for Valentines. Anne and Derek have stepped in to Yew Tree with Sue and Graham Smith. Rally officers for Lachetts are Bob and Jane Miller with Marilyn and Clive. Rally Officers still required for Birthday, Christmas and Braymore rallies.

YOUTH: The selection boxes are organised for the Christmas party and the £5 reimbursement for eligible Youth is in hand. Rally Officers must sign the attending children's card only if they attend the full weekend. A ledger will be kept to ensure everything is done correctly.

SOUTHERN CENTRES: none

SOUTH EAST DIVISION: Maisie attended the AGM. There was a discrepancy with attendees regarding the new constitution they wanted signed. Many members said they had not received it. Maisie asked Carole if she'd received it. Carole said not to her knowledge.

WEB Project Manager: Sarah said she is still waiting for many things so she can update the details on the website.

NEW YEAR; Many items have been purchased and deposits paid but until the site is measured/planned the arrangements are on hold. Maisie, Malcolm and Marilyn will go one afternoon as school finishes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Gifts are sorted for the Youth for the Christmas Party. Alan will help with the electrics at NY.

PAST EVENTS: WHF – replaced Hayling Island. A brilliant rally where everyone mucked in, helped and had a thoroughly good time but sadly was tainted by the call from a senior official from CAMC regarding the unit spacing. Otherwise it was East Sussex at its BEST!

Rye – Members complained about the huge spacing. Jez had negotiated the carpark and adhered to the ruling but everyone was spread out and felt isolated. There were 20 vans on site and Karina received great feedback for how hard they'd worked. Maisie thanked Jez for the boys birthday cake and said they were thrilled.

AOB : Michelle has sourced a company that can provide the defibrillator pads for approx.£180. The defibrillator will be serviced at a cost of £80. Michelle said that as long as the child is over a year, the adult pads could be used. Jez said this was good news as it had been a request at the AGM from the members and a stamen could go on Facebook informing them of the updates.

Maisie had won a free weekend at the SE Division AGM. It was valid for any rally at a centre in the division. She is hoping to auction it at New Year.

Maisie read a list of all the items Sandy is waiting for. She asked everyone to get the information to Sandy asap. Michelle said she is still waiting for some T & C's to do the pricing required.

here being no further business meeting closed 20.44 pm.



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