



East Sussex Centre

Autumn Newsletter

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Chairman's Chat



Hello Everyone.

Well, this is my last Chairman's chat for the Newsletter where on earth have those two years gone?

The rally officers meeting was held at Heaven Farm, it's a few years since we've been there and it has changed a lot.

Ralliers enjoyed a superb American Supper, yet, most of us still found room for their lovely ice-creams.

Rye Knot had a change of venue; we went to the Old Dairy at Playden. There was a microbrewery next to the site which most of us visited.

East Sussex members did well at Southern Centres we got first in Boules, Horseshoes, Cribbage, Handicrafts and Watercolours, with a few highly commended. Some of our members put in lots of hours and efforts to help make this a brilliant rally.

The Uckfield Carnival rally was held at White House Farm again with ralliers having the choice of walking into town to watch the parade or socialising on site.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming Chairperson and committee a successful year.

And Thank You all for your support over the last two years.

Kind regards

Maisie Bennett

2025



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.

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**If you are running an event in the next quarter
between AGM to New Year**

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 Newsletter**.

(Should be received by newsletter editor by **14th December**)



**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

Don't forget the Secretary will need your **Picturesque or Humorous** photos for the Photo Competition held at the AGM. She will need them at Nominations if possible or early at the AGM rally.

Put your name and which category you are entering on the back.

Some of you may already have heard this news.

It is with extreme sadness that I am reporting the passing of

Past Chairman William Shallcrass on 26th August

Bill, as many knew him had been an active member of our Centre for many years, including serving on committee.

He was Chairman from October 2005 – 2007

He regularly rallied with his family from 1988 firstly with a caravan then lately with Erica in a motorhome.

He will be greatly missed by all his family & friends

Our sincere condolences go to Erica and all his family

Rallies/Events we've held this year

Independence Weekend

This was a laid back weekend, with plenty of sunshine.

The 2026 Rally Officers meeting was held on Saturday afternoon.

An American Supper was supplied by all the ralliers, East Sussex members really know how to supply a good spread.

Well done Joy, Richard, Jan & Keith

Rye Not?

This event had a change of venue to the Old Dairy, Rye.

The site was next to a microbrewery, which several ralliers visited.

Welcome to our New Members

Mr & Mrs G Burrell	Tunbridge Wells	Mr G Wilson & Mr T Allsop	Surrey
Mr & Mrs T Clark	Rye	Mr & Mrs I Alter	Hastings
Mr & Mrs P Dodd	Lewes	Mrs E Andrews	Hailsham
Mr J Norman & Miss L Gaunoo	Surrey	Mr & Mrs N Beacham	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs P Hardy	Brighton	Mrs H Bell	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs M Hobday	Hove	Mr & Mrs P Cavalli	Crowborough
Mr A James & Ms H Nicolaou	Wadhurst	Mr & Mrs H Claridge-Cole	Kent
Mr M Knight & Miss C Hodges	Eastbourne	MMr & Mrs L Coombs	Kent
Mr & Mrs D Mattess	St Leonards On Sea	Mr & Mrs A Giles	Bexhill On Sea
Mr B Prince	Polegate	Miss G Green	Brighton
Mr & Mrs Austin	Gillingham	Mr & Mrs H Hills	St Leonards On Sea
Mr D Beckinsale	Brighton	Mrs A Kirkwood	Eastbourne
Mr N Bushrod	Uckfield	Mr J Newbury & Ms G Mooney	Horley
Mr & Mrs R Davies	Kent	Mr & Mrs C Newton	Polegate
Mr & Mrs C Fox	Etchingham	Mr & Mrs R Rousell	Mayfield
Mr M Francis & Mrs S Penwil	Southampton	Mr D Wood	Newhaven
Mr K Grant	Hassocks	Mr & Mrs Woodman	Seaford
Mr I Hardy	Battle	Mr & Mrs J Zanelli	Bexhill On Sea
Mr & Mrs S Jones	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs L Carey	Hastings
Mr & Mrs D King	Peacehaven	Mr E Huxham	Brighton
Mr & Mrs R McClung	Heathfield	Mr & Mrs P Kent	Seaford
Mr & Mrs D Pike	Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs M Little	Ninfield
Mr & Mrs S Strong	Bexhill On Sea	Mr & Mrs D McConnel	Rye
Mr & Mrs A Turnbull	Hove	Mr & Mrs N Cox	Rochester
Mr & Mrs J Venegas	Brighton	Mrs L Demott	Lewes
Mr & Mrs C Burrige	Crowborough	Mr D Dobbs	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs J Gallagher	St Leonards On Sea	Mr & Mrs A Lam	Lewes
Mr & Mrs M Gray	Tunbridge Wells	Mrs L Mayatt	Hastings
Mr & Mrs J Halpin	Brighton	Mrs R Newman	Wadhurst
Mr R Haughton	Uckfield	Mr & Mrs M Pollard	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs S Peel	Hailsham	Mrs S Potter	Hailsham
Mr & Mrs T Pope	Heathfield	Mr & Mrs R Proctor	Maidstone
Mr & Mrs C Pullinger	Polegate	Mr & Mrs R Redford	Staplecross
Ms S Richardson	Redhill	Mr J & Miss G Tudor	Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs A Smart	Eastbourne	Miss H & Miss M Young	London
Mr & Mrs E Vidler	Robertsbridge		

We hope to meet you on a
weekend/event soon



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.



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).



Remember



Dog owners always keep your dog on a lead (no more than 6ft) while on the Rally Field.

Exercise them away from sited vans.

If they "Poop" please "Scoop"

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR

Centre registration when your club renewal is due. It is not automatic, you can contact Club Membership by logging onto your account, or by phone

DON'T FORGET.



ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE

Safety on Weekend Events

Bikes, Scooters or Boards

MUST NOT be ridden through

Caravans lines or after dusk.



Happy Birthday to all Our members who celebrate Their birthday 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
John Davies 16/11

Malcolm Grinyer 24/11
Karina Matheson 25/11
Savanah November
Dorothy Martin 6/12
S Jayden 20/12
Keith Goodsell 22/12
Peter Bolingbroke 25/12
Maisie Bennett 27/12
Shirley Allen 18/12

We also wish any other members whose Birthday falls in this quarter ["A Very Happy Birthday"](#)

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

Rallies/Events we've held this year

Warners Western Motorhome & Campervan Show 15th – 17th August

The East Sussex Centre group at this event was supported by 31 vans attending.
Lots of stalls and entertainment was available for the attendees.

Southern Centres Family Weekend

This was a very full and busy Event held over the August Bank Holiday
There was entertainment every evening with a licenced bar, with McMilky's burgers
& chips were on sale for those with the munchies

Youth Hub, which had a full daily programme for children of all ages.
Inter-centre sports were held over the weekend for those who wished to take part.

The Uckfield Carnival Weekend 5th – 7th September

Once again it was a cosy rally.

A relaxing day for some on Saturday, with the events in the town.
After returning from watching the parades back on site there were Bacon Butties and hot
drinks for all.

Warners Season Finale Motorhome & Campervan Show 19th – 21st September

The East Sussex Centre group at this Show at The Lincolnshire Showground
We had 30 attendees in the East Sussex Group. Again lots of stalls and entertainment for our attendees.

Coming up in the next Quarter

AGM

10TH – 12TH October

Willingdon School, Broad Road. BN20 9QX

NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 6PM

The AGM is a chance for you to vote for the committee you wish to run the Centre for the next year. The meeting will start at **3pm on Saturday 11th October** Don't forget to bring your membership cards, either electronic or physical will be accepted.

No Card – No Vote

The Youth AGM will be held at **2pm on Saturday 11th October**.

More Details on any entertainment after the AGM to follow see Facebook page

South East Division AGM

17th – 19th October 2025

Churchill School, Westerham, Kent

The AGM will be held on Saturday 18th October at 11am

See CAMC South East Division Facebook page for details of bookings.

It's Not Quite Hailing

25th October – 1st November

Beech Farm, Roundstreet Common, Loxwood RH14 0AN

Confirmation of programme for this holiday event will be sent out
in the near future

Rye Bonfire Event

14th – 16th November

The annual Rye Bonfire Celebrations coincide with the 30th Anniversary of the Rye Bonfire Society, so hopefully there will be a very special display this year.

Bookings to Jez & Karina



Christmas Party
5th – 7th December 2025
Willingdon Community School

A weekend of fun for everyone,
games for the children
and
Oh Yes, if you're really good a visit from the
Big Man himself.
More Details on website & Facebook

Steyning Grammer School
28th December 2025 - 2nd January 2026



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 2026



Bookings for the New Year
will be available at the AGM

2026 – SAVE THIS DATE



The East Sussex Centre
Summer Fest 1400th Rally
22nd – 25th May 2026
White House Farm, Uckfield,
TN22 2EA

Live Entertainment
on 2 Nights

Saturday evening
The Watson Brothers

Table top Sale

Raffle

Sunday evening
TBA

Licensed
Beer Tent

Tastes from around the World

Children's
Entertainment

Cream Tea
Ploughman's

And More

An Invitation from Chichester Caravans on Sunday afternoon

Special booking form with prices & more details will be available from the Event Secretary or online nearer the time

This event is to celebrate our 1400th Rally

If you are willing to run a taster stall, or offer your services to assist the sub-committee and committee in helping to make this event run smoothly, please contact Dave Fisher or Marilyn

Snippets of The Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 VIA ZOOM AT 7.PM

PRESENT : M.BENNETT, M.KNIGHT, C KENNEDY, M.SMITH, J.MATHERSON, R.ELDRIDGE, M.GRINYER.

APOLOGIES : M.SMITH, S.BROOKS.

Correspondence : Chairman : Had a reply from Division regarding her question.

Purchase of 2 laptops providing it was agreed by a Quorum of the Committee it wasn't a problem the Laptops were one for Secretary and one for the Rally Secretary. These will remain the property of the Club and will move with position change.

Secretary: email from Governance stating where to find new items in box.

Rally Secretary : email from Sussex Farm not happy with how land was left, Marilyn made a phone call and the issue was resolved, another issue regarding payment was passed to Treasurer and an apology email from Chairman was sent.

Officers Reports: Chairman thanked Marilyn on the Rally Boards as she was working blind, as no information to work with due to equipment loss.

Treasurer : £8559.87 in current account still chasing Nat West re Youth Account.

Rally Secretary: Marilyn said she had discovered 3 different versions of wording on the Terms & Conditions for landowners and asked if some wording could be changed to say grass must be of a reasonable length and payment will be made within 14 days of Rally, unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

Youth: Jez had no idea officially what is in Youth Fund, Jaden has record of tuck shop.

Southern Centres: Marilyn said all is going to plan and it should be a good event, with lots going on.

South East Division : Nothing to report, next meeting 19th June.

WEB Manager : Not enough information getting through.

PAST EVENTS : **Dunsfold**, lovely new site, rally officers worked hard, enjoyed by all. Definitely a site to use again. **Partridge Green**, Another good rally, lots of effort gone into making it a success. **Breamore House**, another great venue, well worth going again.

A.O.B. : Club 1400th is in 2026, plans underway with a sub-committee being formed. Sandy has agreed to still do Rally Book, but needs information ASAP.

No other business meeting closed at 21.05pm

Snippets of The Minutes

Meeting held Monday 14th July 2025 at 7pm

PRSENT :M.BENNETT, M.KNIGHT, C.KENEDY, M.SMITH, R.ELDRIDGE, M.GRINYER, S.BROOKS.

APPOLOGIES : J.MATHESON

Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Stuart Johnson and Claire Notley.

Correspondence : Chairman email from Division data was incorrect Michelle dealing with this email from member enquiring about rally fees and admin fee, as rally envelop, website and rally book all different. Stuart said this shouldn't be and needed looking into.

OFFICERS REPORT: **Chairman** has sent an apology to Sussex Farm.

Vice Chair : No Data received, so no figures available.

SECRETARY : Has spoken to bank, youth has £305.20 in account but still a long way to go before all sorted

RALLY SEC : Rally Officers meeting was held on 12th July and went very well.

TREASURER : £8986.85 and unfortunately a landowner had been paid twice, this was a result of landowner being paid late. Stuart offered advice on this matter.

SOUTHERN CENTRES : Stuart gave a report on this and all plans going very well.

SE DIVISION : AGM will be held in WESTERHAM and the cost will be £40. Lovely tribute to Nick Childs who will be missed by all knew him. The newxt meeting will be a physical one and all Treasurers are invited to attend.

PAST EVENTS: Latchetts, nice free and easy rally enjoyed by all, very much an old school event. Heaven Farm, hot didn't cover it, a brilliant rally ans a super American supper.

AOB There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Claire and Stuart for their input.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.15pm

NO MEETING IN AUGUST DUE TO HOLIDAYS



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