



# East Sussex Centre



## Winter Newsletter

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### Chairman's Chat



Hello Everyone.

This is my first news chat since I became chairman in October and what a busy few months it has been! . Firstly we had it's not Hayling at Wisborough Green and guess what the weather did everything but hail.

But in true East Sussex Centre style we carried on regardless with food being supplied every day, entertainment sing songs party night it had the lot enjoyed by everyone and even when some people had to be towed off the field not one complaint not even from the land owner in fact it was lovely to see them come and join in all the activities.

Huge congratulations to everyone who helped and to both sets of rally officers Jez Karina and family Roy and Sandra for all their hard work, a lovely start to my first term in office, however sadly I have to report Jez & Karina have retired from running Hayling and are going to have a well-deserved family break hopefully they will do it again in the future I am sure it goes without saying what an amazing job they and their family have done over the past few years making this rally a great success.

If anyone would like to take on Its not Hayling I am sure both Jez & Karina would be only too happy to answer any questions you may have.

Next came Rye bonfire which I was unable to attend, but I have been informed that yet again it was a spectacular and the rally officers done a grand job.

The Xmas party went down very well with a evening meal set on the idea of a boxing day buffet very different and enjoyed by all I children's games, photo booth, meat raffle run by the youth a normal raffle, secret Santa and a visit from the big man himself ending up with a disco a very full fun packed weekend, thank you to everyone concerned for making it so enjoyable.

I would like to say how nice it is to see the rally attendee numbers creeping up I know we have lots more exciting venues and rally ideas coming up so hopefully the numbers will continue to grow looking forward to seeing you all on the rally field real soon.

*Marilyn Knight*

# 2025



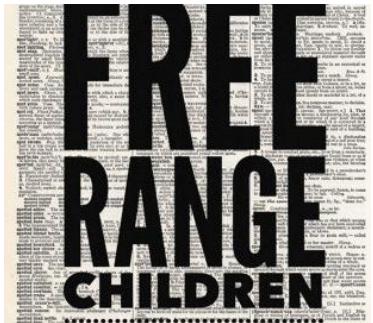
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Information for you  
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Watch out for any changes to the 2025 Programme.  
Changes also shown on Centre Website : News/Info page & Facebook - visit them frequently.  
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If you are running an event in the next quarter  
between Easter and Bulls Head Rally

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 **Easter Rally**

(Should be received by newsletter editor by **22<sup>nd</sup> March**)



**Event Book Cover  
Competition 2027**



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 2027 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.

Past Centre Member Marie Fuller  
Sadly, passed away 10<sup>th</sup> November at home with her devoted husband  
Ron by her side.

Ron & Marie were very active members of the Centre until health  
stopped them.

Marie's funeral was attended by several members of the centre  
including 5 Past Chairmen.

Our thoughts go out to Ron and his family  
Ron has asked me to Thank everyone who sent him condolences

## Rallies/Events we've held this year

### Nominations

This was held at Royhill Wood

The nominations were handed to the Secretary by 3pm for both Main  
Committee and Youth Committee.

The Darts competition was held on Saturday afternoon  
Saturday evening we had sandwiches and nibbles served by the Rally  
Officers.

Maisie, Gerry, Julia and David

### AGM

At Willingdon Community School

The Youth AGM was held at 2pm, followed by the Main AGM at 3pm

Voting took place and a new committee was elected.

Congratulations to the New Chairman and her committee.

In the evening we were entertained with music and a meal of  
Baked potatoes with all the trimmings.  
Well Done to all who worked so hard.

# Welcome to our New Members

Ms C. England – Brighton	Mr & Mrs J Fidgett – Bexhill-on-Sea
Mr & Mrs N Fawcett – St Leonards-on-Sea	Lord P Henderson – Eastbourne
Mr & Mrs M Gillam – Henfield	Mr & Mrs I Hunter – Tunbridge Wells
Mr D. Robinson – Hastings	Mr A Jenner – St Leonards-on-Sea
Mr & Mrs M Venn – Hailsham	Mrs D Martin – Eastbourne
Mrs S Whittaker & Ms M Cobbold - Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs R Morgan – Ashford
Mr & Mrs M Winter – Bexhill on Sea	Mr & Mrs S Pitts – Newhaven
Mr & Mrs M Green – Bexhill-on-Sea	Mr D Standen – Tenterden
Mr & Mrs J Heron – Littlehampton	Mr M Ward – Mansfield
Mr & Mrs A King – Cowbeech	Mrs T Beer – Hailsham
Mr & Mrs J Baker – South Croydon	Mr & Mrs M Boyd – St Leonards-on-Sea
Mr S Arnold – Peacehaven	Mr & Mrs P Coppen – Gillingham
Ms M Banks-Murayama & Mr S Crisp – Tunbridge Wells	Mr & Mrs A Mckean – Sittingbourne
Mr & Mrs L Barton – Uckfield	Mr J Rimmer – Bexhill-on-Sea
Mr & Mrs B Humphries – Newhaven	Mr M Vercellesi, Mr J Vicary & Miss J Irwin – Newhaven
Mr & Mrs G Kerr – Mayfield	Mr C Welch & Ms L Zemaityte – Haywards Heath
Rev G. Partridge – Bexhill-on-Sea	Mr & Mrs O Winslade – Forest Row
Mr R. Street – Southampton	Mr D Hegarty – Billericay
Mr D Strevett – Bexhill-on-Sea	Mr & Mrs J Hubbard – St Leonards-on-Sea
Mr J Williams & Mrs C Simpson – Bexhill-on-Sea	Mr & Mrs N Little – Bexhill-on-Sea
Mr & Mrs T Woodhall – Lewes	Mr & Mrs J McDonald – Rye
Mr & Mrs M Beaumont – Cranbrook	Mr A Allen – Alton
Mr M Thain – Eastbourne	Miss J Fortescue & Mr M Collins - Orpington
Mr & Mrs G Virgo - Seaford	Mr & Mrs L Hill - Lewes
Mrs L McIntyre-Vick – Egham	Mr & Mrs M Hunter – Hailsham
Mr & Mrs P Benians – Heathfield	Mr D & Mrs A Rae – Eastbourne
Mr B Cheek & Miss T Oatham – Clacton-on-Sea	Mr & Mrs F Rengers – Ratingen
Mr & Mrs A Clark – Ashford	Miss A Steele – Hastings
Mrs C Morgan & Mr A Hill – Uckfield	Mr & Mrs G White – Bexhill-on-Sea
Mr D Smith – St Leonards-on-Sea	Mr & Lady S Allen - Plymouth
Mr P Sutherland – Eastbourne	Mr & Mrs T Eastwell – Ashford
Mr & Mrs M Wells – Eastbourne	Mr P Massey - Eastbourne

## We hope to meet you on a weekend/event soon

### Message from our Rally Secretary

I would like to thank everyone who has put their names down to run a rally/event next year , we still have three rallies/events that need officers. These are:- Valentines 13-15th February  
AGM 9-11 October

Beeches half term 24 October-1 November this rally can be run by one set of officers or by splitting in to three separate rallies/events officers each taking a few days each.

I would like to wish you all a Happy New year .

Jane



## 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.](http://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 all East Sussex 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

Jayden 20/12  
Keith Goodsell 22/12  
Peter Bolingbroke 25/12  
Maisie Bennett 27/12  
Will Baughurst 1/1  
David Crouch 2/1  
Henry Tilbury 3/1

Clive Knight 27/1  
Jean Unwin 4/2  
Scarlet 5/2  
Sandy Hutchings 5/2  
Kim Colbran 2/3  
Chris Page 4/3  
Lisa Page 18/3

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.

### It's Not Quite Hailing Rally

What a whirlwind final week of October!! A great half-term “Halloween” experience was had by ralliers, in spite of it’s “on & off” rain showers. Not that it deterred the hardy caravanners and motorhome owners amongst us.

I would like to thank Jez and Karina and the Matheson children(always a pleasure to have around) along with Roy and Sandra, who kept us all fed and entertained with such ease, a lovely partnership has been formed?.

Well done, we all enjoyed ourselves. Finally, I would like to thank everyone for all the kind wishes and cards for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, also the surprise buffet, chocolates and flowers, what more could a lady ask for.

So, thank you all, everyone once again.

Best Wishes

Jan (Grinyer)

### Rye Bonfire Rally

This took place on the weekend of 14 – 16 November

When the Rye Bonfire Society held their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a torchlight procession through the town culminating in the lighting of the bonfire and a spectacular firework display.

Everyone who attended this weekend enjoyed it.

Well done.

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

This took part with lots of anticipation from Adult and children alike. The hall was decorated spectacularly which added to the party spirit. The children had a party with games in the afternoon on Saturday. In the evening, we all gathered in the hall for a “Boxing Day” type meal with cold meats & pickles. Followed by a sweet. Then the Secret Santa gifts were handed out, the Meat Raffle was pulled, followed by the Rally Raffle. A Christmas Jumper parade also took place followed by a night of disco music.

A BIG thank you to Marilyn & Clive with 1<sup>st</sup> time Rally Officers Lorraine & Ade  
Well Done to everyone.

## **Coming up in the next Quarter**

Noggin ‘n’ Natter  
17<sup>th</sup> January 26  
Berwick Village Hall

**This is a Saturday Evening Social only – Doors open 6pm**

This is a “Noggin & Natter” theme evening with a hot meal provided (with a possible dessert). Please bring any plates, dishes, cutlery, drinking vessels for your favourite tipple.

Fees £7.50 per person (inclusive of Hall Hire & VAT  
Child £3.00 each  
Please pay when booking (if possible)

Rally Officers: Malcolm & Jan 07719 622484  
Richard & Joy 07889 142827

### Blue Nose

### White House Farm

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026**

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 to 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

This is a very popular event so contact for availability

### Valentines

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 26**

### Willingdon School

Come to join us for a romantic Valentines Event

More details on the website and Facebook page.

At the time of printing this event still needs Rally Officers if you wish to run this event for the centre, please contact Jane the Rally Secretary.

### Beeches but no Sand

Beech Farm, Wisbrough Green

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 26**

This rally is on hard-standing, and will have a Tropical Theme, so bring your Hawaiian shirts, hula skirts and Leis to join in a Caribbean supper (bring some food with a tropical twist) Games, music and fun.

Your hosts are Roy & Sandra with Maz & Clive

Slips to Roy

### BIRTHDAY

**20<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> March**

Plumpton Racecourse

Join us for a free & easy weekend at Plumpton Racecourse. We will be on hardstanding.

Saturday evening, we will celebrate the Centre's Birthday with a slice of cake.

We will have an American Supper so please bring something to create a lovely spread to share.

Rally officers are Carole & Bill with Karina & Jez

Slips to Carole

### Easter at 'Sethern'

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dunsfold, Guildford

Join us for Hot Cross Buns, Youth section serving Hot Dogs & Burgers (for youth funds) Jacket Potatoes with various fillings. Easter Egg hunt, Easter Bonnet Parade & a Cream Tea.

Easter Bunnies are Richard & Joy, with Malcolm & Jan

Slips to Richard

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Warners Group Southern Motorhome & Campervan Show, Newbury Showground, RG18 9QZ

East Sussex Centre will run a group for this event

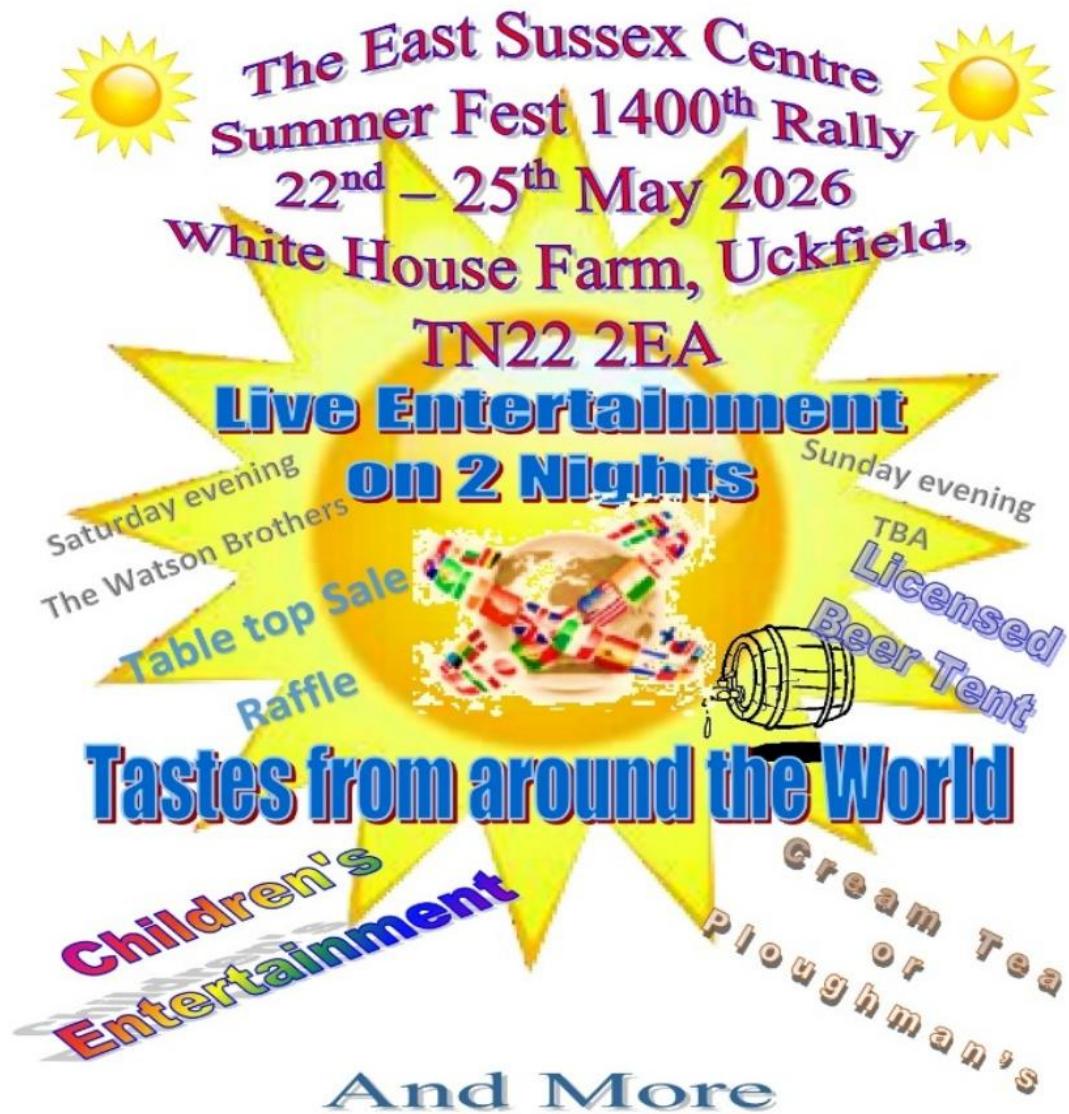
Book online and choose Club booking – look for Caravan & Motorhome Club (East Sussex)

Bookings are live NOW visit Warners Motorhome Shows to book

We will be hosting 2 more groups, see online bookings for more information

The group bookings close a week before the relevant shows.

If you have problems booking contact Sandy to see if any spaces can be made available.



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 1400<sup>th</sup> 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

Committee meeting held on Zoom on Tuesday, the 9th of September 2025

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

Maisie welcomed Stuart Johnson who is joining as a consultant and advisor

1. **Apologies** none
2. **Minutes** signed by secretary
3. **Matters arising** there was a problem with the pricing at Latchet and a question on the fee for Southeast division AGM, contact with division secretary was suggested
4. **Correspondence:** Chairman : email from governance clarifying the role of division and the importance of rally statistics  
Vice - none  
Secretary - One nomination for Derek Ransom memorial shield  
Rally Secretary - none  
Youth – none
5. **Officers reports:** Chairman – none  
Vice - 18 rallies 372 units 32 visitors two new members average 20.6  
Secretary getting to grips with new laptop new members sent to Sandy for autumn newsletter  
Treasurer Stuart has started assisting and advising the treasurer  
Rally Secretary asked that all copies of T&Cs go to the treasurer as soon as possible  
Youth - none  
Southern Centres - East Sussex did well in the competitions and the Youth hub was highly praised
6. **Past Events** - the Uckfield Carnival had 13 units
7. **AOB** there was an issue with the holiday rally, but that has been resolved  
Meeting closed 21:01 pm

Committee meeting Tuesday, the 14th of October 2025 at 7pm via Zoom

Present : M Knight, G Smith, S Hutchings , R Eldridge, J Miller, J Matheson, M Grinyer, S Brooks, K Goodsell, L Berry, S Gibson also present S Johnson.

- 1 **Apologies** none
- 2 **Minutes** Agreed as correct.
- 3 **Matters Arising from the minutes** : There was a request to have something removed from the last minutes. No one objected so request granted.
- 4 **Correspondence :**  
Chairman - none  
Vice - none  
Secretary : has informed Club that she has now taken over the role
- 5 **Officers report** : Chairman thanked everyone for joining the committee  
Vice : none  
Secretary : Pauline Page Twit of the year cup & Derek Ransom shield have been taken to the engravers.  
Treasurer : Stuart and Roy are working together on the accounts  
Youth, : They are glad to report they have two new committee members  
Division : AGM will see Chris Page taking over as the new chairman  
Rally Secretary : most of the 2026 board is nearly completed  
IT manager: Is starting to get information about next year's rally to put on the website  
New Year : to be discussed in greater detail at the next and subsequent meetings

# Snippets of The Minutes

- 6 **Items for Discussion** : Allocation of duties  
Youth and IT Jez, Newsletter Sandy, Signs and Rally Equipment Malcolm, Catering Equipment Sarah, Sports Officer Lorraine, Safety Officer Kieth, Sound Equipment Steve, Southern Centre Reps Alan and Milky with help from Marilyn, Division Rep Marilyn.
- 7 **Past Events** : Nominations and AGM good and bad about both and the committee hope to correct it so that it is good for both next year.
- 8 **AOB** Committee are hoping to have four physical meetings in the New Year and bingo tickets and raffle tickets are on order.  
Meeting closed at 21:00 hours

Committee meeting Tuesday, the 4th of November 2025 at Polegate Community Association

Present : M Knight, G Smith, S Hutchings, R Eldridge, J Miller, J Matheson, M Grinyer, S Brooks, L Berry, K Goodsell, S Gibson also present S Johnson

- 1 **Apologies** none
- 2 **Minutes** received by everyone no matters arising – Signed by Chairman
- 3 **Correspondence** : Chairman request from Peter Emma and Norma Fisher to run a separate bottle raffle to boost 1400th funds at New Year - No objections  
Secretary future emails amongst committee to be sent to personal as well as committee email addresses - agreed

## 4. Officers report

Chairman: Thanks for the committee for working together

Secretary : Have had issues with membership updates and is taking it up with the Club

Treasurer : Stuart and Roy are doing well on getting the accounts up-to-date. Committee praised him for their commitment.

Youth : training ongoing for two new committee members with a planned youth committee meeting at Christmas party to discuss future fundraising.

IT Manager : rally ready to be put on website

5. **Items for discussion** The committee Code of conduct was passed around and read by all  
The future annual agenda was also discussed. New Year jobs discussed and allocated to be confirmed at subsequent meetings.
6. **Past events** : It's not Quite Hailing was excellent despite the weather the need for new yellow and red flags was highlighted.
7. **AOB** : new badges for rally secretary and vice chair have been ordered also ground spikes and ratchet straps. Chairman will have a book on her for the Pauline Pages tweet of the year nomination

The meeting closed at 21.10pm



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