

# East Sussex Centre CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB Summer Newsletter

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# **Chairman's Chat**

Hello Friends

I hope you have been enjoying the varied weather since Easter. It's been a bit of a mixed bag, with torrential rain, followed by a heatwave, now as I write this, it a bit uncertain of what it wants to do. Hopefully Summer will return soon.

Since the last newsletter, the centre has had a successful Easter at Buthland Farm, Ebernoe, sadly this may be the last time we visit that site, as the farm is being sold.

The next event was the Western & Country, May Day Bank Holiday, at the Bush Blackbird and Thrush at East Peckham, it was enjoyed by those who attended, the Adult Horseshoes was played there.

Unfortunately the next event was cancelled at Bridge Farm, Appledore, due to low numbers and no one to run it.

Our next event was moved 3 times from Bowbridge Marina to Copthorne and ended up at White House Farm, this was Not Messing about on the River. A well attended event, with fun & games, evening meal, quizzes and fire pits.

Another very well attended event was the 6 Bells 'a' Ringing at Berwick Parish Field, this saw 4 wedding anniversaries being celebrated that weekend and the following week. Congratulations to all those celebrating.

The Youth Take Over at a new site for us. Beeches Farm, Uckfield. The Youth had a



bouncy castle and slide, which kept them all entertained, even a couple of adults tried them out. Again good food and company was enjoyed by all.

Sandy & I attended the South East Region Question Time at Chatham Dockyard, there were around 50 members

attending, most of them had no idea about Regions, Centres or Rallies/Events there were a lot of question asked about joining in with these events. Hopefully some will follow up on the information.

The Event Cover competition is looming, please send entries in by the end of August.

As we get closer to September and our Nominations at Royhill Wood, please can I ask you to consider putting your names down to assist running the Centre, ALL positions are up for renewal, so if you think you can help, please do. Nominations need to be with Carole by 3pm on Saturday 23rd September.

Please note that the AGM will be a meeting only event no units on site due to circumstances beyond our control

See you all on an event soon.

Thanks

<u>Bob</u>

2023



Chairman's Chat

Information for you

Alterations to 2023 Event Book.

**Members Birthdays** 

**New Members** 

Past & Future events

Centre News

Watch out for any changes to the 2023 Programme.

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

www.eastsussexcc.org.uk

#### Note from the Newsletter Editor

We really need input from you for the newsletter, now that things are back to normal, any news you have to share with your fellow centre members would be gratefully received. Any future rallies/events you will be running also write-ups for rallies/ events that you have attended.

The **Autumn** Newsletter is due to be published for **Nominations** please get any input to me by the **10th September**. Email: newsletter@eastsussexcc.org.uk

Keep safe and we'll see everyone again soon

Thanking you in advance.

Sandy







# Event Book Cover Competition 2024

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 2024 cover

#### A Message from Doris Waddell

After 45 years with the Club, Dave and I decided to sell our motorhome. We have so many happy memories of the places we have been the excellent continental rallies with Derek Ransome and of course all the friends we have made over the years.

I had 6 years as treasurer with the Centre and 4 years as committee member, I wish the Centre every success for the future and hope some of you will pay us a visit.

Thank you for giving us so many happy memories

#### **Doris**

I know you will all join me in wishing Doris & Dave all the best in their future ventures. They will be missed on the field, but always welcome to visit.

#### Easter Butcherland Farm, Ebernoe, Nr Petworth

Despite the uncertain weather this weekend took place, with a good attendance of units.

Ralliers gathered in the Barn for entertainment, there were Easter Eggs for children and food and quizzes and game in the evenings. Well Done







#### **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

<u>MUST NOT</u> be ridden through

Caravans lines or after dusk.

# Welcome to new members

Mr & Mrs G Burge

Mr J Edwards & Miss K Edwards

Mrs M Crossways & Miss S Crossways

Mr S Heath

Mr & Mrs R Heffer

Dr S Kempton & Mrs S Kempton

Mr & Mrs G Price Mr & Mrs P Scotcher

Ms K Whelan

Mr & Mrs A Anscombe

Mr P Brinton Mr D Berry

Mr & Mrs G Goacher Mr & Mrs J Hicks Mr K Hodson

Mr I Johnson & Mrs L Boone

Mr G Kent

Mr & Mrs A Payne Mr & Mrs T Pepper Mr & Mrs G Tillman Mr & Mrs A Gane Ms D Lewis

Mr & Mrs M Marshall

Miss L Morris & Miss R Thomas

Mr & Mrs P Borthwick Mr & Mrs S Burchell Mr C Conetta

Mr S Betts & Ms J Dunkfed Mr P Ingerfield & Ms J Hurst

Mr & Mrs D Kale Mr S & Mr C King

Ms A King
Mr & Mrs C Leonard
Mr & Mrs K Morris
Mrs F Richards
Mr & Mrs J Stoner
Ms L & Ms C Turner
Mr & Mrs D Vasey
Mr C Wylde
Mrs R Adams
Mrs G Arnold

Mrs K Bedwell Mr G Brain Mr & Mrs A Bright Mr & Mrs O Coffey Bexhill On Sea Brighton Hartfield Eastbourne

Crowborough Pevensey Hastings Brighton

St Leonards On Sea

Eastbourne Suffolk Lewes

Heathfield Crowborough Brighton

Haywards Heath

Hastings Uckfield Bexhill On Sea Tunbridge Cranbrook Brighton

St Leonards on Sea

Hailsham
Battle
Oxted
Hove
Eastbourne
Brighton
Bognor

Eastbourne Brighton Bexhill on Sea Hampshire

Hampshire
Horsham
Brighton
Peacehaven
Eastbourne
Bexhill On Sea
Crowborough
Burgess Hill
Uckfield

London Dorset St Leonards On Sea Mrs V Cooper Mr & Mrs R Daley Mr & Mrs P Gardner Mr & Mrs D German Mr C Gibbons

Mrs L Greenfield Mr & Mrs A Harris Mr & Mrs J Heal Mr & Mrs A Hoskin

Mr G Jeffs

Mr & Mrs R Josephs Ms N Richardson Mrs M Kenward Mr & Mrs N Mitchell

Mr J Morris

Mr & Mrs T Randall

Mr D Cunningham & Ms J Reid

Mr & Mrs A Simpson
Mr & Mrs B Stunell
Mr D & Mr J Tanner
Mr & Mrs D Terry
Mr & Mrs K Willoughby
Mr I Dunk & Ms S Brown
Mr & Mrs P Chandler
Mr & Mrs A Elsden
Mr & Mrs J Feltham
Mr & Mrs G Hodges

Mr S Aitken & Mr A Gatehouse

Mr & Mrs S Alcock Mr & Mrs M Cope

Mr D Hutchings

Mr M Dooner & Miss K Olah

Mr & Mrs B Foggon
Mr & Mrs A Granea
Mr & Mrs H Moullah
Mr A Rose & Ms W Snell
Dr C Avery & Mr S Avery
Mr D Bishop & Ms M Clubb
Mr A Carden & Miss M Church
Mr & Mrs G Constable

Mrs G Gillett & Miss C Gillett Mr D & Mr J Henry Mrs P Maidman Mrs S O'Leary

Dr S & Mr M Winchester Mr & Mrs S Woodward

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Haywards Heath
Hailsham
Bexhill On Sea
Bexhill On Sea
St Leonards On Sea
St Leonards On Sea

Hove Hailsham Crowborough Haywards Heath Eastbourne

Rye

Robertsbridge Brighton Uckfield Hailsham Peacehaven Eastbourne Hastings Eastbourne Hastings Hove Hailsham

St Leonards On Sea

Horam

Pevensey
Lewes
Hailsham
Robertsbridge
Seaford
Hastings
Battle
Seaford
Redhill
Lewes
Horsham
West Malling
Brighton

St Leonards On Sea Eastbourne St Mary's Bay Tunbridge Ashford Etchingham Haywards Heath

# We hope to see you on a

# weekend/event soon



We attend Weekend Events to

relax & enjoy the company of friends

Please consider others after 11pm and before 8am

As many of you will know The Chairman's Charity is



So far we have raised a total of

£662.33

The Green Bucket will be on show at all events during this year until the AGM

Please put your loose change into it

Many of you know someone who is fighting or has had their lives affected by this terrible condition

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY FOR THIS WORTHY
CAUSE

LETS TRY FOR £1000 if not more!

We aim to hold some fund raising at future events.

## Ladies ???

21st - 23rd July Laughing Fish, Isfield

Come and help the Chairman (Bob) celebrate his Birthday on this popular field



The Centre Boules competition will take place this weekend.

Sit & enjoy the sport with friends.

Saturday evening bring your dinner to the area outside the Rally Office (weather permitting)

There might be a Cake to share, along with some drinks



**Bookings to Sandy** 

# Veterans White House Farm

4th - 6th August

Join us for a military themed event



Including Nerf gun challenge, Range Curry,



And a Military Themed Quiz

Officers in charge
Steve & Sally
With Allan & Dorothy
Slips or Booking forms to
Steve



18th - 20th August

Join us for a Laid Back weekend

Nothing laid on just enjoy this
new site for our centre and take

in the area.

Take a stroll down to the Green Man in Ringmer or just relax.



Event Officers
Jane & Bob
With Jenny & Peter
Slips or Booking forms to
Jane

# Western & Country Bush Black Bird & Thrush May Day Bank Holiday

This event had lots going on over the weekend, Flower arrangement and Cake Competitions, lasso and nerf gun shooting along with bow & arrow shooting. The Centre Adult Horseshoe Competition took place, with Bob the overall winner. A cream tea was supplied on Sunday and firepits during the evenings.





## Not Messing about on the River White House Farm

This event was moved 3 times, before we could guarantee a site that could be used due to ground conditions.

There was food, quizzes and fun and games during this weekend, with firepits in the evening.



#### 6 Bells 'a' Ringing Berwick Parish Field

This event saw us celebrating 4 wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to all who Celebrated over the weekend and following week. A laid back event with wall to wall sunshine an American Supper on Saturday evening. Well done to everyone who contributed to the fantastic spread, there was

plenty for everyone.









#### Youth Take Over Beeches Place Farm, Uckfield

Another hot & sunny weekend, at a new site for our centre. The Youth were out in force for this weekend, there was a big bouncy castle & slide for both youth & adults, baby ducks were brought out for petting and the Lawn Darts Competitions were held, winners were JJ Winn for the Youth and Roy Eldridge won the adults. Big BBQ Food on Saturday evening followed by Candy Floss.

Well Done All













Bob Hutchings 21/7 Allan Martin 24/7 Jez Matheson 25/7 Jane Miller 2/8 Alan Brooks 16/8 Marilyn Knight 17/8 Scott 20/8 Mason 30/8 Wendy Chrismas 3/9 Barry MacLeod 16/9 Doris Waddell 17/9 Sharon Fuller 20/9

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.



CLOs (Centre Liaison Officers) wanted
We have one set, ideally we need 2 sets
You will arrive early & help set up East Sussex Lines, also Liaise
with the SC organisers as events occur

## **Come Fishing**

Wylands Fishing Lakes
Catsfield

8th—10th September 2023



Enjoy a relaxing weekend

Or

Calling all budding Fishermen

If you wish to fish you will have to book a space on the lake with Wylands

If fishing you will need a Rod Licence
Purchase this online or at a Post Office if you
don't have one.

More Details

On Face book nearer the time

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Royhill Wood

22nd - 24th September



Join us this weekend for this important time of the year. Please consider putting your name down for Committee to help run our Centre.

Nominations Slips
To Secretary by 3pm
Saturday 23rd

All positions on Committee are open to members whose membership has been registered with the Centre for 35 days.

Youth Horseshoes Competition will be held on Saturday

There will be an evening supper provided, with some entertainment.





Hosts this weekend are
Jenny & Peter with Anne & Derek
Bookings to Jenny

# 7th October 2023 Willingdon Community School

Due to circumstances beyond our control

This is a Saturday only event.

Youth AGM will take place at 2pm

Main Centre AGM will take place at 3pm

Please make sure you bring your membership
 cards with you - NO CARD - NO VOTE

Please arrive in time to sign in before the
 meeting at 3pm

# **SNIPPETS**

#### Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Tuesday 14th March 2023

PRESENT: S. Smith, C. Page, B. Hutchings, C. Warren, J. Goodsell, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, M. Knight, S. Gibson, M. Smith. M. Sinclair-Watson joined the meeting later.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** CHAIRMAN: Secretaries (Sandy received it as SER Sec) asking for updates for the Rally Programmes for the 2023 Rally Suppliment. We have sent alterations into club for the Chiddingly eventmoved to Berwick and also Bowbridge Marina to Copthorne. These had to be entered by Friday this week. Sue reported that there was one correspondence and she had passed it to Jan. SECRETARY: An email from S.Hornsby informing her that he and Sue had renewed their membership of the Centre. TREASURER: FM Tags regarding an invoice of 20 pence unpaid on account. Jan has resolved this and the 20p will be added and paid on the next invoice.

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN: Jan Pipe passed away at the end of February, her funeral is to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April nr Canterbury, Sandy & Bob attended the funeral of Mick Ayling on 23rd February. As he was a former Fireman he had a guard of honour by the Fire Brigade along with a Fire engine. Bob has received the first lot of new badges and has ordered the remaining officer's badges. Everyone will all have the same design badge. VICE-CHAIRMAN: Figures Year to date - ES 152, Visitors, 32. One new member. Total 184 average 20.44%. SECRETARY: Nominal 1580. Carole reported that she had been to Superstitch to source the Centre Shop Garments. She had some samples of fleeces, a hoodie, a full length zip hoodie and T shirts. TREASURER: There is £6700.72 in the current account. Youth account £415.20. Jan said she was hopeful that the figures would soon be signed off with the accountant. RALLY SECRETARY: Bob started the report and stated the Bowbridge Marina in Wateringbury has cancelled the booking for the Spring Bank-Holiday. Bob has booked into the Southern Counties Historic Vehicle site at Copthorne. The cost is £14 per unit per night plus £3 admin & VAT if electrics are wanted it is £16 per night. Bob has emailed Sharnfold to enquire the cost of hiring their field, and was told £15 per night when he visited the site. As yet I he has not received a reply. Bob said that Steve had been working closely with him and Chris and would be taking over as Rally Secretary. Carole thanked Steve for stepping up and asked if he had received his badge of office and window bar. Hopefully he will be presented at the next event. Jez asked if Steve should be co-opted on and this was done with a show of hands. Steve reported that he had been to view a new site in the hope of adding it to the itinerary in 2025. Steve requested that the provisional board for 2024 be deferred to next month's agenda to give him time for preparation. This was agreed.

**SOUTHERN CENTRES**: Sue reported that the event is filling up slowly. There needs to be more attendees to make it profitable. She said there will be many activities including a Caribbean day; breakfasts with East Sussex cooking the tradition breakfast on B/H Monday. The programme is nearly ready – there will be handicrafts; photography; sports; a bar; entertainment every night. CLO's are required to site vans from Thursday. The next meeting is 16/3/23. Jez can't attend but has sent an email with ideas for the Youth Section. The following ideas have been submitted – bouncy castle; infinity table; evening disco; competitions; Sth centres tuck shop; bingo; uni-cycle; pogo sticks; karate demos.

**SOUTH EAST REGION**: Chairman attended a Zoom meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting as several of the Council will be on their way to the Scottish National this will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April. The next meeting after that will probably be a physical meeting in June then again in September. They are allowed three physical meeting's per year, the 1<sup>st</sup> is held directly after the SER AGM. The Region's Question Time will take place at Chatham Historic Docks on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, there will be invitations sent out via email to members within a 50-mile radius. The Region would like to know if there are any of our members going to Club-fest this year as they could do with some help siting vans in the region block.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Jan discussed the event shelter and Jez explained the logistics to the committee. Jan proposed and Jez seconded that the centre but one full shelter with three sides and a door and one extra side. These can all be utilised to use individually or attached together with sides. This was agreed unanimously.

New Year 2023 practice night entertainment, Dreamboats & Petticoats booked. It doesn't appear that a deposit was paid, however as we only had them a couple of years ago, so should we have someone different? (not only that they were at the Club-Fest last year and are due to attend Southern Centres this year in August). Bob has been in touch with a duo that we had some years ago 2 Bro (sax player & singer), they are available. Clint, the disco that we had previously, has been in touch with us via the website. Bob replied to him and enquired how much he would charge us, he has indicated he would charge £750. Carole said he had been stepped down because of the cost and his material was always the same. Chris said he would make enquiries for someone new.

**PAST EVENTS: Valentines** This was a very enjoyable weekend, with a meal and quizzes on Saturday evening. Unfortunately the **Birthday** at Royhill was cancelled due to weather, low numbers and ground conditions.

# **SNIPPETS**

The Birthday Cake will be taken to the next event - it is on ice at the moment.

**AOB** Chris asked about the Easter eggs x 8. Jez will get them. There are 12 units currently booked on. Jan showed concern about Townings Farm i.e. the ground and asked about an alternative if they cancelled. Steve said he will ask his contact where is caravan is stored. Carole informed the committee that she had a lot of trophies that were re-usable and both Marilyn and Jez thanked her and said they would love to have them for presentation to others.

#### Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM On Tuesday 24th January 2023

PRESENT: S. Smith, C. Page, B. Hutchings, C. Warren, J. Goodsell, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, S. Gibson, M. Smith. M. Sinclair-Watson, N. Derbyshire.

#### **APOLOGIES** M Knight

**CORRESPONDENCE:** New set of badges, some have and the rest will be handed out as soon as possible. Feather Flags, has a 2 quotes one was for. SECRETARY: An email regarding 4B for White House Farm which has been forwarded to Steve. A revised Summary of Events has been received from Sandy, Carole passed on her thanks via Bob. Wiltshire had sent a Save the Date for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2024. TREASURER: Draft accounts received from Plus. She had responded to a couple of questions. Some of the accounts were very complicated and Jan spoke to Helen about an easier system that they could help her with. She had emails from UK2 the web domai. The invoice was paid and Karina reimbursed. RALLY SECRETARY: email forwarded from SE Region re: Steam/country Fayre 15 -17 Sept, as yet, no fees. Richard Thomas has introduced a new site that Steve will visit. Steve has been in touch with Alan Rogers re the possibility of a French Holiday Rally. St Richards have confirmed they are now commencing bookings again and the Birthday Event has been booked. Steyning have sent through new prices, this will be addressed in Reports.

**OFFICERS REPORTS:** CHAIRMAN: Since the last meeting Sandy & Bob have attended the Fun & Games at Willingdon, the Centre Cake was cut there. The picture of the past chairman, Bob & Alana has been sent to club for inclusion in the June magazine. Bob & Sandy attended Jan Pipe's funeral with some other members of the Centre. The Peterborough show has 26 units in our group 14 of which are East Sussex members. **VICE-CHAIRMAN**: Figures Year to date – ES 175, Visitors, 36. Four new members. Total 211 average 19.08%. **TREASURER**: There is £7157.61. in the current account...Youth account £465.20. Jayden had handed £50 to Jan. **RALLY SECRETARY**: Steve has 'tweaked' the 2024 events board a bit as there were too many events close to each other. Pricing for New Year at Steyning received and discussed. Prices have gone up, it was expected. **YOUTH**: Jez confirmed that not a lot had happened due to the winter months but he and Mark were hosting the Take Over Event with the Youth and the Treat would be provided during that weekend.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Fellowship plaques to remain the same. The 2024 Event board is 90% ready. Event Officers Meeting will be held at the Down on The Farm Event in July. Carole offered to help with letter to Event officers.

**PAST EVENTS**: Fun & Games at Willingdon, despite the change of venue this went ahead and was a success. Easter – Butcherland Farm – a great event that Neil and Gail worked extremely hard to accommodate/ feed/ entertain everyone. Skittle alley and quizzes plus Bingo, Easter Egg hunt and more. Bob thanked them and added his thanks to Maisie and Gerry for stepping in. Carole read a couple of 'thank you' emails from grateful attendees.

**AOB** Bob will take on the responsibilities of Vice Chairman, recording data for Fellowship plaques etc. Steve requested and proposed that he, as Rally Secretary, receive the bookings at the same time as the event officers. Carole seconded this and it was agreed. Bob said he would endeavour to sort the glitches. Chris explained the system to committee.

Due to holidays the May meeting was cancelled

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGM WILL NOW BE A MEETING ONLY ON THE 7TH OCTOBER



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-COME AND VIEW OUR EXTENSIVE HAND-PICKED RANGE OF QUALITY PRE-OWNED CARAVANS AND MOTORHOMES, ALWAYS IN STOCK

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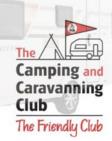
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