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Chairman's Chat

Hello Friends

This will be the last Chairman's Chat from me, as I stand down at the AGM.

I hope you have enjoyed the events held during the last quarter. We have visited another couple of new sites for the Centre, and I'm sure they

will be included in future programmes.

The first was Mill Barn Farm, where we had welly waging, scarecrow making, quizzes and we enjoyed a Ploughman's Supper.

Next was the Ladies??? At Isfield, behind the Laughing Fish. We had a cream tea and Birthday cake on Saturday afternoon, unfortunately the weather stopped the Boules competition being played, hopefully it will take place at Nominations.

Next was the Veterans at White House Farm, unfortunately due to low numbers booking into this, the original programme was changed to a DIY weekend.

Another new site for us was Oakside Farm at Ringmer, this was a laid back event, groups gathered in the evenings to chat, some walked down to the Green Man for a meal. Nice relaxing weekend.

Southern Centres was held this year over the August bank-holiday, there was entertainment every evening from Wednesday to Monday evening. This event is a Family



orientated event, with lots to do during the day, including inter centre competitions. This site is alongside the Thames and is a walk away from Hampton Court, with pubs along the way.

There were 22 East Sussex units on site this weekend.

Wylands Fishing Lakes another event with low numbers, so a relaxing weekend by the lakes.

Please put your Nominations for the 2023-24 Committee into Carole by 3pm on Saturday 23rd September for the next vear.

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

Bring your membership cards or show your electronic cards for the meeting -No Card, No Vote.

Thank you for your support during the last two years.

Sandy & I would like to take this opportunity to Wish you all A Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.

Thanks





Chairman's Chat Information for you Alterations to 2023 Event Book. Members Birthdays New Members

Past & Future events

Centre News

Watch out for anv changes to the 2023 Programme.

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

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Gerry Taylor

For those who knew Gerry & Judie Taylor, previous long standing members of the Centre, Gerry passed away on the 20th July 2023. Gerry was a past Vice-Chairman of the Centre.

The Chairman Bob and Sandy attended his funeral in Worthing on 15th August.

Our thoughts go to his family at this sad time.

(We had attended Judie's funeral early last year.)







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.





Doris & Dave retiring from Club

Chairman Bob presenting Doris & Dave with a Honorary Membership certificate from The East Sussex Centre, as they retire from the CAMC after 45 years. They have been a constant in the centre, always there to help. Doris was also on committee & served as treasurer.

They were also presented with engraved glasses a Brandy glass with a bottle of Cognac for Doris and a Whisky glass with a bottle of Scotch for Dave

Thank you both & enjoy your future coach outings.

We hope to see you again soon.



Down on the Farm Mill Barn Farm, Hurst Green

Fun & Games with Farmer McMuffin (aka Bill) wild flower arranging, scarecrows, Quiz followed by a Ploughman's Supper. 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

LEASE 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

Due to circumstances beyond my control I do not have a list of new members this quarter.

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



Backpack with insulated compartment £8

Caravan Kettle £8

Folding Metal table in a bag £8

Folding Caravan step £8



If you are interested in any of the above, contact Doris Waddell.

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



So far we have raised a total of

£827.01

Last Chance to add to this total at Nominations

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!



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

Half-Term Break 21st - 29th October 2023 Lower Tye Farm, Hayling Island



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



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 Celebrations 10th - 12th November 23 Rye College, Rye

As this is a working school, NO ARRIVALS before 6pm



Join us for this weekend celebration With a tourchlight procession through the streets Saturday evening, followed by a firework display. **This is an event so minimal entertainment will be available.** Spaces are limited so book early Bookings to Jez & Karina with Louise & Luke

Ladies??? Laughing Fish, Isfield

There were 18 vans out on this weekend.

The weather was a mixed batch, unfortunately "rain stopped play" on Saturday, so the Centre boules did not take place.

Luckily we had the event shelters up, so we were able to hold a Cream Tea with drinks available on Saturday afternoon, most joined in and enjoyed themselves.

A Birthday cake was also handed round in Celebration of Chairman Bob's Birthday on Friday and Tammie's Birthday on the Thurs before.

Veterans White House Farm

Due to low numbers this was a laid back weekend which was enjoyed by those who attended.

Well Done

DIY Weekend Oakside Farm

A relaxing weekend at this new site for our Centre. Over the weekend of the Eastbourne Airbourne, there were a few glimpses of planes returning home after their display at the show. Members sat around and chatted on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Some of us took a stroll down for a meal at the Green Man Saturday evening.

Thanks to Jane and Bob, with Charlie

Well Done

Southern Centres Family Weekend

Entertainment every evening, lots of games, Matheson's children's hub, bar and food available. Everyone had a very enjoyable Bank holiday weekend.

Although we were low in numbers East Sussex still got to win some of the plaques and certificates.

Handicrafts : Carole got 1st with her Quilt and also a certificate for crochet.

Josie got a certificate for her entry in the Art Work category.

Pat & Henry Tillbury won the Boules

Peter (Bolly) won the Darts

Clive Knight & Bill Danahy were runner up in Horseshoes

Darrell Reynolds was runner up in Cribbage

Jan Goodsell and Clive Knight were runners up in Haggars Chess

In the Children's section : Savanna won the Welly Wanging

Finley was runner up in the Boys Welly Wanging

Cameron (Mark Smith's grandson) was runner up in Childrens football. Well Done Everyone for taking part

Thanks also to all East Sussex members who were on the working party during the whole event. Well Done to you all.





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 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.

Wylands Fishing Lakes 8th - 10th September

There were 6 vans out on this weekend

Those who attended enjoyed a relaxing weekend, only 1 person took advantage of the fishing over the weekend.

An impromptu gathering under the event shelter took place on Saturday evening

As this will be the last Newsletter this year We would like to wish you all







will be available at the AGM

NIPPET

Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Tuesday 13th June 2023

B. Hutchings, C. Warren, J. Goodsell, J. Matheson, M. Grinver, S. Gibson, M. Smith. M. Knight PRESENT:

- 1. APOLOGIES: N DERBYSHIRE
- 2. MINUTES: Signed by Secretary
- 3 MATTERS ARISING: (7.3) Jez asked that the sentence had added 'because it was not as good as expected'.
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE: CHAIRMAN: FM with their annual closure. An email from Steve, regarding the Rally Secretary receiving copies of all of the booking forms. Steve referred to (9.3) from the last minutes. The committee had agreed that this could be done. Jez offered a solution. Carole proposed and Jan seconded that Jez should set up the system and it should be trialled. It was a majority vote. - A letter from Jane Miller was received at WHF asking about the wood that was burnt in fire-pits. Jez clarified that they had asked for 'clean' wood and didn't know how this happened. Everyone running an event should request 'clean wood' only. - Email from Sarah & Alan Brooks who have said after this year's Southern Centres Rally they will no longer be able to continue being Centre Reps.

SECRETARY: Carole said she had the unfortunate task of reading a complaint from Neil Derbyshire.

Neil stated he was sad that infighting amongst the committee was still arising. The contents were discussed.

RALLY SECRETARY: Steve was requested to approach Raystead. St Richards's school said no events in Term time only during school holidays. Carole forwarded info for a site in Cambridge. Mark said they had used it before and was a good location. Chris P forwarded a link for Harwich. Malcolm G gave details of a site in Hurst Green. All of which, Steve is pursing.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS: CHAIRMAN: Bob attended the South-East Region Question Time, held at Chatham Docks. There were a lot of new members that had no idea about Centres & Rallies/Events, so hopefully we have had a few members joined since then. As you know the feather flags were delivered in time for the Spring Bank-holiday and were used at White House. VICE-CHAIR Figures since Easter 71 East Sussex, 1 visitor & 1 1st time.

Bob has been in contact with Ricky Fontane from Dreamboats & Petticoats regarding the booking for New Year Practice Night, Ricky has spoken to Bob. They would charge £600+. Bob has also been in touch with the 2 Bro, who have informed me that they would be available, however he needs to confirm with them. They have quoted around £390 for the night.

TREASURER: There is £71352.06. in the current account. The Youth account has £216.20 after the purchase of a bouncy castle. The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush had issues on the Sunday so agreed not to charge that night.

RALLY SECRETARY: Steve has made contact with the Yew Tree, Chalvington; Jackie at Six Bells; Chidingly, a site £10 per night with some EHU at £5 per night. Malcolm G asked about the Crockstead site. Steve said members had commented on not liking that venue. Steve said he was still chasing T&C's.

YOUTH: Jez reported that Alana and the Youth committee had agreed to purchase a Bouncy Castle for the sum of £249. The Youth Treat would include all of the youth regardless of pro rata accumilation and it would be enjoyed at the Youth Take over Rally in Uckfield. It will be advertised on Facebook.

SOUTHERN CENTRES: Mark said the meeting is next week and he and Marilyn should be attending. **SOUTH EAST REGION**: The next meeting will be held face to face 22nd June 2023.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Sandy and Bob have agreed to do the Event book printing, providing they receive everything required on time. No change to the format of the Event book. - Rally/Event Officers meeting - Carole and Steve to communicate. - Steve to contact Rebecca Newman re Planning permission for New Year and Horsham Council for an alcohol Licence. **PAST EVENTS:** Western & Country, Bush Blackbird & Thrush – B/Holiday, apart from the mix-up with the rental of the field

and the excess traffic/parking on Sunday, the Event was very good. Not Messing Around by the River, this moved to White House Farm and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. 6 Bells 'a' Ringing at Berwick, again a very well attended event, with an exceptional American Supper, with plenty of food for everyone. Well done, everyone enjoyed wall to wall sunshine.

Fellowship Plaques - Design the same with year's colour on edge. - Jez asked about the entertainment fee. It is AOB : currently set at £3.00. He asked for £4 to apply at The Youth Take Over Event at Uckfield. It was agreed. - Jez said sad news -Doris and Dave have sold their Motorhome and relinquished their membership. Jez asked if a gift could be presented to them both at the Chairman's Rally. Michelle will make a suitable card and we will get as many members to sign as possible. Jez proposed, Marilyn seconded and a gift will be sourced. Marilyn asked about the charge of teas and coffees from the admin cost and wanted to know why they just could not be given FOC rather than a £1 per person. Tea and coffee costs are included in the entertainment. It is a 50p charge and everyone should pay towards to cost of tea/coffee/milk/biscuits and squash.

Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Wednesday 5th July 2023

PRESENT: S. Smith, B. Hutchings, C. Warren, J. Goodsell, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, S. Gibson, N. Derbyshire, M. Knight **APOLOGIES: M. SMITH** 1.

- MINUTES: Signed by Secretary 2.
- MATTERS ARISING: NONE 3.
- CORRESPONDENCE: CHAIRMAN: the AGM would be a meeting only. No units can be onsite. The hall can be accessed 4

from 12 noon. VICE: 2 Bros are booked for 29/12/23. Bob suggested booking Clint for New Year's Eve. SECRETARY: Carole said she, yet again, had the unfortunate task of reading another letter of complaint against the Chairman, from Steve Gibson. He felt his role as rally Secretary was being made intolerable and gave concise accounts of incidents in his letter. Steve proposed that Bob be removed as webmaster with immediate effect. Jez seconded the motion. The letter was discussed. The committee voted and Bob was removed with immediate effect. Carole asked Jez if he was prepared to take over the role and he agreed.

TREASURER: Jan has passed some of the web documents on to Jez. She has had a conversation with Beeches re their prices. Jan has paid Bush, Blackbird & Thrush.

RALLY SECRETARY: Steve is communicating with Alan Rogers re a holiday in France and is discussing ferries/prices etc. He is also investigating the possibility of the Isle of Wight and/or Llandudno in Wales.

OFFICERS REPORTS: CHAIRMAN: Bob asked should he book Clint? If not, then someone else will need to source a professional disco that is willing to play until approx. 3am New Year's Day morning. VICECHAIRMAN: Figures - Members 262 ESCC new -unknown, visitors - unknown,

TREASURER: There is £6877.67 in the current account. £293 has been paid to Beeches The Youth account has £216.20.

RALLY SECRETARY: The wine glasses were priced at £33 each at Heathfield suppliers. This is too expensive. Bob said the last supplier was very cheap. Steve will continue searching. He still hasn't heard from Bernie at Galviston Hall. He's spoken to Malcolm G, who has agreed to run the event. Steve said he will chase landowners once but if they do not return his calls. He will move to pastures new.

YOUTH: Jez explained that all children had been included in this year's treat as the Youth had purchased the bouncy castle. Next year (from the AGM), the card system and Pro-rata entitlement would be re-introduced for 2024.

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SOUTHERN CENTRES: Sue reported that the bookings were coming in slowly, especially with the lack of East Sussex members. there is at least 150 units short and the event needs promoting. There are many activities/entertainment etc and its all set and ready to go. The bank is in a healthy position.

SOUTH EAST REGION: there were not many attendees. There is now a number to text that event officers can check and get an immediate response to check anyone's membership.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: The colour for 2023/24 will be yellow - Carole will invite the Tellers for the AGM only. - Marilyn said the lawn darts sheild for the Youth is now full and proposed that a new one be purchased. Jez seconded and it was agreed. Bob will get the engraving done. - Marilyn asked for confirmation to be clear when a site cancels/another is rebooked and the prices change. - Steve will host the Event Officers meeting at the next event, Down on the Farm Again, on Saturday at 1.30. Steve and Jan will each talk to the guests. Bob agreed to Chair the event. - Carole spoke to the committee as apparently, there is a float in the tea box. Maisie had discovered a discrepancy in the money. Jan apologised as she had added a float, which is a good idea, but it needed to come before the committee. She proposed a £50 float to enable event officers to replenish the box. Jez seconded and it was agreed.

PAST EVENTS: Youth Take Over - Great Event. Everyone had a good time, especially the youth. The new bouncy castle was revealed and enjoyed by all.

AOB: There is a card to be signed for Doris and Dave. A signed and framed certificate will be presented to them at the Chairman's Event. They will receive an honorarium for 45 year's service to the centre. They will also receive two engraved glasses/ whiskey and Brandy. - Sandy has had a positive response from the advertisers for 2024.

Neil read a statement he had prepared. He stated the Chairman's position had become untenable and that the Chairman should resign. Comments were discussed. Bob left the meeting at 20.50pm. The meeting continued without him. Sue led the meeting and everyone spoke, giving their opinions, feelings and views on what they wanted the outcome to be. Sue explained that all the correct procedures would need to be adhered to. It was decided that if Bob adhered to conditions set, then he should continue as Chairman until the AGM.

On Thursday 6th July 2023, Carole rang Bob and informed him that he was still Chairman: that he could continue until the AGM and fullfill his role: he would need to be inclusive and remain impartial. Bob thanked Carole and agreed that this would happen.

Minutes of the committee meeting held via ZOOM on Tuesday 8th August 2023

PRESENT: S. Smith, B. Hutchings, C. Warren, J. Goodsell, J. Matheson, M. Grinyer, S. Gibson,

N. Derbyshire. M. Knight apologised and joined the meeting at 7.09pm

- 1. APÓLOGIES: NOÑE
- 2 MINUTES: Signed by Secretary
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE: CHAIRMAN: Has not received any correspondence, however Bob has booked Clint for the NY he has confirmed his attendance and said if there is anything that we want him to play he will do his upmost to accommodate, as long as he is made aware beforehand. Contact details of 2 Bros and Clint will be given to Carole. Sandy received an email telling her that Gerry Taylor (past vice-chairman of the centre) has passed away, Bob and Sandy will be attending his funeral

SECRETARY: Carole read the following statement, prepared with the help of Sue S (Region Chairman) Sadly, yet again, it has been brought to my attention that someone on the committee is in breach of the Code of Conduct and GDPR guidelines. As secretary, items of complaint are my domain and I have had two such complaints. One verbal and one written. Due to the nature of the complaint, and the fact that our chairman is in a tenure position at this time, I have not imparted this information to him. I have consulted the Region Chairman, Sue Smith. The complaints are as follows. A member of this committee has shared detailed information at a non-centre rally with Nik and Mel Johnson, who have in turn repeated it back to another committee member. The same person has taken new ralliers out for a meal and again shared confidential information with them. This leaves me no alternative but to issue a verbal warning to Steve Gibson. Steve accepted responsibility for his actions and apologised unreservedly to the committee. Carole said it was difficult to find the committee in this situation and these instances cannot and won't be tolerated.

TREASURER: Jan said 5 out of 9 refunds had been returned. The Blackbird and Thrush have not yet responded. Falcoda have been paid the yearly subscription. Monies for the Chairman's Charity is being sorted for the AGM.

RALLY SECRETARY: There is a new contact for Steyning School. 4B for Oakside Farm from West Sussex. Steve queried FM tags - now 17 plaques minimum order for £15. Steve received a WhatsApp from Galviston Hall informing him that an event there is not viable and he apologised. Malcolm G agreed to be Event Officer at Beeches Farm, Uckfield.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS: CHAIRMAN: Bob has got the glasses for Dave & Doris as agreed by committee. He confirmed with Carole before ordering. They will also be presented with a bottle of Whisky and Cognac to go with them. These will be presented to them at the weekend. Bob has taken the trophies, won so far, to be engraved and the bar for the Chairman's regalia. As agreed, he has ordered a new shield for the Youth Lawn Darts. The Boule did not take place at the Ladies due to bad weather. It is hoped that this can be carried forward to Nominations, as the Horseshoes were played at the May Bank Holiday event. Marilyn said it was an impossible task to hold all of these events at Nominations. Bob offered his assistance.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: There have been 296 East Sussex members and 3 visitors and 3 1st time ralliers this year. This is up to and including the Ladies.

TREASURER: There is £7325 in the current account. The Youth account has £216.20. The Laughing Fish Invoice hasn't been paid. The Chairman's Charity is £668.45 of this amount. £108 has been paid in refunds.

RALLY SECRETARY: Steve is still chasing T&C's for 2024. Steve had shown everyone some glasses he had found. Option 3 was chosen. 50 glasses to be ordered for the Event Officers and the Tellers. The Fellowship plaques were discusse Bob explained that there was only 7 eligible members so a minimum order to be raised.

SOUTHERN CENTRES: Sue said there are about 70 spaces left. SOUTH EAST REGION: The AGM will be held on 21st October 2023, hosted by West Sussex at Steyning.

IT Project Manager: Steve is now receiving bookings. He is also learning to add rallies/events.

- 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Marilyn said she is unsure where all the sports trophies are, Jan said she has the photographic trophy. Carole said she will attend Nominations for one night. One set of Tellers had agreed to attend the AGM.
- 8. PAST EVENTS: Ladies Rally - went well despite the rain and they provided a cream tea under the events shelter. Veteran's – low numbers but a good, laid-back event. All RO paid for their pitches. The Chairman did not attend.
 9. AOB: There has only been one photograph for the Event book cover – it must be voted for in September's meeting. More
- entries required. Steve said the gas cylinder is out of date. Bob proposed a refillable cylinder. Jez seconded it and will purchase. This was agreed. It will cost approximately £200 to buy but less to refill. Jan will reimburse Jez. Mark said one set of pads on the defibrillator is about to expire and could he purchase more. Tis was agreed. It will be due for a service and Mark will get that done after the New Year Event. Sue sked if Southern Centres could borrow some catering equipment. Agreed.



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