

Greetings from Gill and The Branch Exec (June 2022)

Branch Exec (from Feb 2022):-

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Ruth Bailey – Branch Secretary (works as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Sexual Health HavensHealth Peacehaven) Twitter @RuthRGNBrighton

Anthea Richardson – Branch Treasurer (currently working as a vaccinator – temp register nurse)

Jacqui Post – Branch non-exec member (works in OPD, Conquest)

Nick Donald – Branch Comms Officer (works as dermatology nurse specialist ESHT)

Amanda Dessouki-Harman – Branch non-exec member (works in Theatres, Conquest)

Antonia Berelson – Branch non-exec member (works in Sexual Health, Avenue House, ESHT)



- This is our fourth Branch Newsletter to update you about what has happened recently and what is planned over the next few months
- Thanks to those members who have engaged with the Branch (via social media, via Teams or in person) remember the RCN is member led so we need you.

<u>What we have done</u>

- 10th February 2022 Coffee morning lovely to meet some of the oversees nurses who are working at ESHT
- 10th March 2022 Tea Afternoon with History of Nursing focus including a Nursing Heritage display from the RCN Library and Heritage Centre – special thanks to Caroline from the Library and Archive Centre for attending and bringing the display items – great talking points. A fantastic range of food courtesy of The Nest, Hastings.
- 7th April 2022 Learning Event theme of hidden disabilities and Branch Meeting. Great turn up
 of members both in person and via Teams. A blended approach undertaken so thanks to all those
 involved.
- 14th April 2022 BBC South East Today Interview with Gill Tanner (chair) around staffing concerns in the NHS following the publication of the staff survey which showed staff have concerns around staffing levels in the NHS.
- 12th May 2022 Our celebration for International Nurses Day. We did 2 park crawls (parks were Alexandra Park, Hastings (AM) and Hampden Park (PM). Lovely day for a stroll ending with tea and cake (or variation of this). Great wellbeing opportunity in addition to raising the profile of RCN East Sussex and Nursing.

Pending events

- Lunch and Learn managing the menopause awaiting dates from 2 workplaces
- 21st June 2022 19:00 Feedback from Congress 2022 hear from the 11 members that we have attending Congress (Nursing's Biggest Conference).
- 6th October 2022 Learning Event and Branch AGM venue pending