



**Notes of the 579th Committee Meeting of the West Sussex Centre
of the Caravan and Motorhome Club held 7.00 pm Wednesday 11th March
2026 via Google Meet**

1. Apologies for absence. Sam Wood, Lee and Janette Mitten.

2. Attendees.

Keith Wood Chair (KW), Dave Wightman Vice Chair (DW), Nick Harris Secretary (NH), Kerry Ramsey Treasurer (KR), Carol Wightman Rally Secretary (CW), Keith and Janine Aylmore, (KA) & (JA), Elizabeth Greenfield (EG), Sara Martin (SM)

KW thanked those present for attending

3. Notes of the previous meeting.

The notes were agreed.

4. Matters Arising. NIL

5. Actions from the notes 578.

Item 9. Christmas event. Agenda point 14.

6. Notification of any other Business.

KF. Halls for meeting.

7. Secretary's Report.

Since last meeting we have had 68 new members, 11 re registered, 0 re joined, 2 resigned and 44 not renewed to centre.

Membership numbers are now 1 life member, 939 lead up from 920, 809 joint up from 794, 15 family up from 14. Total 1764 up from 1729.

Emails received.

12th Feb. SED. Advice received re advertising centre events. Sent to CW.

25th Feb. SED. Advice to secretaries re running centres.

25th Feb. CAMC. Advice to me and KW re terminology on letters etc.

3rd March. CAMC. Advice re advertising centre events. To CW.

9th March. CAMC. Advice to me and CW re National Park rallies 2027.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of today - £8097.44 (Littlehampton Event Fees and £75 Annual storage for Club equipment still needs to be paid from this total).

A draft copy of 2024 Accounts was circulated for the Committee to peruse.

There appears to be an error in the amount of VAT paid in February of this year but appears on the accounts. The discrepancy is £700.

The Expenses of £1062 for Postage, Stationery and General Administration needs to be broken down for the Committee to understand.

A deadline of April 2026 is in place to have the accounts finalised and signed off so that the 2025 Accounts can be prepared.

Centre Grants – None received in 2024 or 2025. Now the 2024 Accounts are nearing completion, a request will be made for some, if not all of the outstanding grants to be paid to the Centre.

Suggestion of when a hall is booked for an event for the Saturday (especially in Winter or colder months), that it is also booked for the Friday and be used to raise the profile of the club – suggestion of a 'Meet the committee', but in essence a place for all to gather socially too.

9. Rally Secretary's Report.

One 4b received from East Sussex. 6-8 March 2026!

Pierrepoint Farm, Farnham have confirmed they no longer take caravan events on any of their land.

An invite from West Surrey 12-16 August 2027 to Eastbourne air show was discussed and agreed to accept. We are losing venues at an alarming rate which restricts where we can go and this makes the job of Rally Sec very difficult and frustrating.

We are about to lose another location in Ardingly due to the onerous demands placed on event hosts.

We really need help from centre members to both locate venues for events and to run events.

KW wished his thanks to CW for all her hard work to be noted.

10. Southern Centres. (SC)

Nil to report.

11. South East Division. (SED)

Nil to report.

12. Committee with responsibilities: -

- a. Rally Book 2027. Deferred

- b. Web site. All up together. The new on line booking form was mentioned as the format is different and not user friendly. KW reported that he will try and make time to look at it. SM volunteered to assist with this. **KW & SM to deal.**
- c. Centre Equipment. Nil to report.
- d. Plaques. All up to date. Up to date.
- e. Health and Welfare. Nil to report.

13. Centre Media/Advertising.

SM reported that some posters need finishing. Sending these out to all members by bulk email was discussed. There is a system whereby this can be done without causing GDPR woes.

SM will attend the next SED meeting in person.

14. Christmas event

This was discussed at length. JA will make enquires with the operators of Clapham & patching hall. It was agreed the centre will fund this event. **JA to deal.**

15. AOB

KF Meeting halls. KF reported that Storrington is the central point for committee meetings to be held in person but she could not secure a venue. This was discussed. **DW will make enquiries.**

16. Date and venue of next meeting

Wednesday 8th April 2026 via Google Meet.

KW thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting ended 20:10 hrs

Nick Harris. Secretary