



The Caravan and Motorhome Club West Sussex Centre

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at 2.00 pm Saturday 26th September 2026 North Hall, Loxwood.

Welcomes the members, Past Chairs from West Sussex, Nick Harris and Dave Wightman, Past Chair from East Hants Keith Taylor and new members.

Point out that there is no smoking in the hall and indicate the position of toilets and emergency exits. Ask that all mobile phones be turned off.

As usual we will have a break of approx 30mins for tea and coffee about half way through the meeting.

I would like to remind you that only members who are correctly registered with the West Sussex Centre are allowed to speak.

Please state your name and speak clearly so that the minute taker can record the details. Please speak 'through the chair.'

Apologies for absence

Sue and Stuart Johnson, Liz and Laurie Manning, Bob and Teresa Elkington, Ken and Anne Sumpter, Mac and Marilyn Morgan. Sandy Harris, Ian & Julie Thompsett, Keith and Heather Maxwell, Sara and Darren Martin, Peter and Janet Fitzgerald, Kevin and Nicola Dixon Harvey, Pete and Freda Dales, Chris Page from South East Division.

2. Minutes of the last AGM.

The minutes were posted on the Centre web site. Proposed by Sam Woodand seconded by Claire Marchant.

3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

4. Chairs Report

Keith presented his report. This was proposed by Janine Aylmore and seconded by Dougie Hatchman. There were no matters raised. Keith thanked Sam for her work on committee and presented her with a stepping down gift.

5. Treasurer's Report

Kerry Ramsey presented her report. This was proposed by Paul Marchant and Seconded by Elizabeth Greenfield. There were no matters raised.

6. Election of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rally Secretary and Committee

Keith declared that all positions are now vacant.

Nick Harris announced the following:

That there was only one nomination for Chair, Keith Wood. Nick presents Keith with his chain of office and plaque.

Keith takes over the meeting and announces the following:

That there was one nomination for Vice Chairman. Dave Wightman. Keith presented Dave with his plaque.

That there was one nomination for Secretary, Nick Harris. Keith presented Nick with his plaque.

That there was one nomination for Treasurer, Kerry Ramsey. Keith presented Kerry with her plaque.

That there was one nomination for Rally Secretary, Carol Wightman. Keith presented Carol with her plaque.

There were 6 nominations for Committee, Janine Aylmore, Keith Aylmore, Elizabeth Greenfield, Janette Mitten, Lee Mitten and Sara Martin.

Plaques were presented.

After tea break Keith welcomed everyone back and thanked all those involved in the supply and presenting of the cream tea,

7. AOB

John Woodward, a centre member, spoke to those present about the amount of cards he and Wendy received recently for their 60th Wedding Anniversary including one from the King and Queen.

He thanked everyone who had sent or signed the cards they received.

Nick Harris raised two matters sent to him by people who could not attend the AGM.

Below are the contents of the emails received.

1. Dear Committee,

I have just been reading the notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th September. I note a question raised by our Treasurer regarding donating the raffle money taken at the rally to go to a charity as our funds are currently in good health.

I am aware that this has been deferred for discussion for the new Committee after the AGM. Unfortunately, I will not be at the AGM, as I certainly would be raising this issue under AOB.

I would like it noted that I am not opposed to raising funds for charities but would urge caution to this suggestion.

We currently as a Centre support the McMillian Coffee morning, and I know that in the past the raffle money taken at this rally is usually placed in the overall money raised.

As you are aware our Chairman has also been getting sponsorship from the members for his head to be shaved.

Along with this, members have been buying goods on offer from one of our members, with the money being given to St Barnabus Hospice.

With all this going on at the rally field, perhaps consideration should be given to supporting a Charity chosen by the incumbent Chairman (as it has been in past) and have just maybe 2 events on the rally per year in support of that chosen charity. This will stop the constant drain on people's finances during the whole year.

Now, back to the question in hand.....

I take on board that our Centre funds are healthy, if that is the case then maybe we should

1. Consider stopping the plea for donations of raffle prizes; I do note that it was mentioned in the notes of the meeting held on 10th June that £3.00 per unit is suggested on average. Surely, any money spent above this in the purchase of raffle prizes should be adjusted through the money raised for the raffle.
2. Look at taking the burden away from those attending a rally, having to make a donation towards refreshments on the field, for example Bacon rolls, cake etc. by using the surplus from the raffle to cover the costs. Although I do support the decision of charging an amount per child at the family rally.
3. Thinking ahead, the Centre will be celebrating 60 years of the inauguration of the West Sussex Centre. With this in mind, funds will be needed to cover the costs of putting on an event in celebration of this, so we do need to hold onto to what we can.

Please be assured that I am not for one moment criticizing the work of the Committee whatsoever, as it does a fantastic job. But as a West Sussex Member, I feel compelled to raise this with you.

I wish the Committee well in their future deliberations to the question raised.

With Regards

Teresa Elkington

2. Good morning folks, Ann and I hope you are all well.

We have now been members of West Sussex for nearly 2 years, during that time we have not to my knowledge had one single **“personal”** message from the Centre. (apologies if we had a welcome letter when we first joined, I can't remember) By this I mean, a handbook, a Christmas greeting, not even a fixture card (a small wallet size card with a list on events taking place during the year). Nor a general newsletter informing us about what's going on within the Centre, and it's members, appeals for Rally officers etc. What's happening on future events and rallies. Dare I say information on how our Centre is going to participate at “Clubfest”

We do understand that postage has become both unreliable and expensive (hence presumably your decision not to supply written handbooks anymore) I thank Janine for bringing the subject up under AOB in your April meeting. However, most of these things can be achieved by a simple **“personal”** E-mail, sent as a block once a Month (or after your committee meeting).

I know you will say that all the information is on the web-site and on Facebook, but this is and I emphasise this is **not “personal”**, and you as an individual **have to make the effort to do this.**

I know you will say that you can't send block E-mails out because of the legalities, but the CAMC do this regularly from their Marketing department, very, very successfully I might add, this is a great tool and works really well. This details special offers, site up-dates etc, a great idea.

I believe there is a simple opt in/opt out system that can be used.

West Sussex is a great Centre with a really good hard working committee at the helm, but the Centre network as a whole is struggling big time, Centres are the heart and sole of our great club, we are family, Centres are **personal** to it's members, please bring back the **Personal touch to our Great Centre** and let it be known to each and every one of our members that they are important.

Please do not take my comments the wrong way, we are just saying that we don't feel cosy and that we belong at the moment (if we feel like that I wonder what new members feel like).

I would love to be at our AGM to bring these points up under AOB, but not back until the 3rd.

Take care best wishes to all
Ken and Ann Sumpter

Keith Wood explained that some of these things already being discussed by committee with a view to emailing members.

Ashley Cooper raised the matter of GDPR as we could fall foul of this. He also thought it should be at the event hosts discretion as to what happens to profits from events.

These matters will be discussed in Octobers committee meeting.

Dave Wightman presented some attendees with special plaques for having attended an amount of West Sussex rallies/events.

Over 50 attendances.

Sam and Keith Wood and Tim and Caroline Ayres.

Over 100 attendances.

Kim and Ashley Cooper.

Over 250 attendances.

Nick and Sandy Harris.

Over 300 attendances.

John and Wendy Woodward.

Over 350 attendances.

Dave and Carol Wightman.

29 Centre members attended including committee members.

Keith asked that committee members remain for a short meeting.

8. Date of next AGM

Saturday 25th September 2027 at North Hall, Loxwood.

Nick Harris.

Secretary.

