

**SUSS-EX CLUB STEERING GROUP**  
**Minutes of the 27th meeting**  
**Friday 28 June 2013 at 5.00 pm**

**0. Minute taking**

Jennifer Platt (**JP**) volunteered to take the Minutes

**1. Members present**

Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Jennifer Platt (**JP**), David Smith (**JDS**) and Ken Wheeler (**KPW**).

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Bullock, Gordon Conway, Arnold Goldman, Steve Pavey and Adrian Peasgood; JKF agreed to take the chair.

**3, 4. Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Approved; there were no matters arising additional to those on the agenda.

**5. Reports**

5.1 Wine tasting on Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> (CMG),

It was agreed that this had been a successful social and vinous event; it had covered its costs, and made a profit of £46 for our general funds.

5.2 The Misanthrope, Theatre Royal (JP)

This had not attracted the 10 people required to get the group reduction, but the nine interested agreed to go anyway, using their eligibility for the age-related reduction in most cases, and the play was enjoyed.

5.3 AmEx Stadium visit (JKF)

This had sold out, with 40 participants; the initially unpromising uptake had been significantly raised by an e mail reminder. The tour was interesting even for some with little interest in football, and the occasion was a success.

5.4 Finances

JKF circulated a report on the state of our funds after recent events, which showed that we had a modest sum in hand as planned.

6.1 A visit to The Pitmen Painters at the Theatre Royal the night before had been enjoyed by all.

**6. Future programme**

6.2 Croquet at the Sussex County Croquet Club

Planned for July 1; bookings made by a reasonable number of people, and satisfactory weather hoped for.

6.3 Proposals for further activities on the list appended to the agenda were discussed. Not all of those seemed viable, but plans for several were agreed as far as could be done with so few members present, as follows:

Christmas party: should go ahead as before; a date needs to be fixed, and an organiser from our side appointed (SB again??).

Attenborough Centre visit: no proposals or news on possibilities.

Bremf: it was agreed that JP should arrange a visit to a concert of Portuguese love songs on Nov. 9 and, since the audience was invited to bring a picnic, should attempt to organise those interested to contribute to a Portuguese picnic. If 10 or 20 came, the group would be entitled to 10% or 20% off the ticket price. Booking should be made in early Sep. if possible.

Cheese tasting: it was agreed that an event of this kind would be good if a suitable combination of programme, price and location could be found. JKF will find out more about a Sussex cheeses group which might be right, and CMG will check whether a free campus room could be found for that. The potential date would be in the spring term of 2014.

Goodwood: a group tour of the house could be arranged, but it was not felt that it would add enough value to a visit that individuals can make on their own. The twice-yearly Connoisseurs' Days offered extra value, and the possibility of arranging a group visit to one of the 2014 dates should be discussed at a future meeting.

Theatre: JP will as usual see if anything attractive to offer to members is on.

Steining: CMG had been given a recommendation for a historical walk led by a local historian, and would investigate further. Some members had expressed interest in having the occasional event again with a speaker and a dinner. It was agreed that this should be discussed again at the next meeting, and we would think about possible speakers for consideration then; one name was mentioned, but others might well come up.

**7. Newsletter**

JDS volunteered to edit the next, which should appear in early September to meet the Bremf deadline. There were at least two obituaries which should appear there; Asa Briggs would be approached to see if he would contribute one for Norman Mackenzie.

**8. Any other business**

CMG reported that he now had a new and improved list of our members, though its adequacy will still need to be checked.

It was agreed that we should aim to recruit some new members for the steering group to make up for losses.

**9. Next meeting**

It was suggested that Oct. 4 or 11 would be a suitable date; a decision will need to be made in the light of the diaries of those not present at the meeting.

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**Recent minutes and agendas**

Jan 2012 Adrian Peasgood  
Apr 2012 [not taken]  
Sep 2012 Charles Goldie  
Nov 2012 Ken Wheeler  
Mar 2013 Arnold Goldman  
June 2013 Jennifer Platt

**Recent Newsletters**

Feb 2012 David Smith  
May 2012 Jennifer Platt  
Oct 2012 Adrian Peasgood  
Jan 2013 Adrian Peasgood  
May 2013 David Smith  
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