

**SUSS-EX CLUB**  
**Notes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 5.15 pm**  
**Room 5C11, Pevensy III**

**0. Chair**

Arnold Goldman agreed to chair the meeting.

**1. Minutes**

Charles Goldie agreed to take the Minutes.

**2. Present**

Sue Bullock (**SDB**), Colin Finn (**CBPF**), Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**), Steve Pavey (**SPCP**), Jennifer Platt (**JP**), David Smith (**JDS**) and Paul Tofts (**PST**).

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (**GRC**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**) and Ken Wheeler (**KJW**).

**CBPF** and **PST** were welcomed to their first meeting.

**3. Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting, of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Approved. It was agreed that for these and future Minutes, the version posted on the Suss-Ex website by **CMG** should have content not suitable for general publication removed, and be entitled *Notes*.

**4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

None.

**5. Reports**

*5(a). Joint Suss-Ex/USPAS Christmas Party (SDB)*

Around 150 attended of whom 102 were USPAS pensioners. The event made a surplus of £80. Agreed that the Party had been the best so far of these occasions; the efforts of **SDB** and the USPAS administrators were much appreciated.

*5(b). Brighton Early Music Festival (JP)*

At the evening of (mostly) early music from Portugal, a Suss-Ex party of about 10 brought and shared a Portuguese picnic, to the envy of those around.

*5(c). Finances (JKF)*

Unaltered since the previous meeting, as the Christmas Party had not yet been factored in.

**6. Potential future programme/further events**

*6(a). Cheese tasting (JKF and CMG)*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 6.30 for 6.45 pm, in Pevensy 5C11 which is booked from 6 pm. The price will be £9 and bookings will be needed by the end of January. *Say Cheese* will supply local apple juice or wine, plus the cheese; **JKF** and **CMG** will supply a light post-tasting supper. As there is no step-free access to the room it was agreed that those of the Group who are coming should aim to help carry and set up from 6 pm. **JDS** will demonstrate how by using a lift in the adjoining Chichester Building, access is possible using only a short staircase.

*6(b). Attenborough Centre (SPCP)*

A tour should at some stage be feasible, when the Centre is ready (not yet).

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6(c). *Goodwood House* (**CMG**)

A possible summer outing to see the State Apartments and art collection. Access would be via car-sharing, and we would need a group of 20+. A visit to the Cass Sculpture Foundation in Goodwood Park would fit in well.

6(d). *Sussex County Cricket Club* (**JDS**)

This would comprise a lunch, talk and tour, on a non-game day. **JDS** will seek detail about dates and costs.

6(e). *Royal Pavilion* (**SPCP**)

See detail in the previous Minutes. There is now a pleasant café in the Royal Pavilion itself. With luck the visit might include a view of the tunnel under the estate.

6(f). *The Keep* (**JKF**)

Group visits are possible on Mondays; would make good winter excursion.

6(g). *Ridgeview Vineyard* (**SDB/SPCP**)

Recommended by **SDB** and **SPCP** for late summer or autumn.

6(h). *Brighton & Hove Buses 'Days Out' programme* (**SPCP**)

One can book as a group on one of these day tours, such as that to Downe House and Danson House last year. The Group agreed it should be possible to overcome any image problems. Such an excursion is probably the only way we could make visits to several remote attractions in one outing.

6(i). *Chichester* (**CBPF**)

The Festival Theatre (two auditoria), Pallant House, the city, all very attractive. Many lunch possibilities, including a Raymond Blanc restaurant.

6(j). *A Sussex University event* (**PST**)

An event about the history of the University (authors of several recent books might be suitable speakers), or its future (e.g. a presentation about the new Campus Masterplan).

6(k). *The Constable Exhibition at Petworth House* (**SPCP**)

Agreed that this was best advertised in our Newsletter as recommended by the Group for individuals to go to.

6(l). *Theatre Royal, Brighton* (**JP**)

The near future programme includes *Pygmalion*: agreed to propose a group visit to this in the forthcoming Newsletter. Then in June the Propeller Company, whose last visit was hugely enjoyed, return with *The Comedy of Errors* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; agreed to propose these too, at the appropriate time.

6(m). *New Venture Theatre* (**ANP**)

*Not About Heroes*, about the friendship between Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May as part of the Brighton Festival Fringe. It was felt that Suss-Ex members would be unlikely to book for something in the Fringe until the complete Fringe programme was available, which would be too late.

6(n). *Anti-skid tuition, at Goodwood Motor Circuit*

Suggested by Bill Kerr. Group rate available.

6(o). *A London event*

Agreed that this would help bring non-local members more into Suss-Ex's orbit, including those not necessarily London-based but who would find a London event easier to get to.

6(p). *Next ventures*

Agreed that as well as the Cheese Tasting and the Theatre Royal visit, to be advertised in the next Newsletter, our priorities for later events should be the following:

- April: Royal Pavilion
- Late summer: Ridgeview
- Autumn: cricket club visit, or bus day out
- Winter (Jan.-Feb.): The Keep

**7. Steering Group composition**

Agreed to leave the Group, now back up to 12, at its present size for the time being. The gender and academic/non-academic balances should figure in any further recruitment.

**8. Next Newsletter**

**JDS** volunteered to assemble the issue, aiming at circulating it on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Contributions thus needed *dès que possible*, as the Académie Française puts it.

**9. Any other business**

**PST** volunteered to draft a note for discussion at the next meeting, on engaging the interest of a wider range of ex-staff, including non-academics and younger individuals.

**10. Next meeting**

Preferably Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, in Pevensey 5C11 assuming DARO continues to have no Meeting Room.