

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 42nd Steering Group meeting
Friday 6th October 2017 at 5.15 pm
Room 5C11, Pevensey III

1. Chair

Arnold Goldman agreed to chair the meeting.

2. Present

Colin Finn (**CBPF**), Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**), Jennifer Platt (**JP**), David Smith (**JDS**).

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (**GRC**), Steve Pavey (**SPCP**) and Paul Tofts (**PST**).

3. Minutes of the 41st Meeting, of 21st April 2017

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

None.

5. Financial Report

JKF reported essentially no change from what had been reported to the previous two meetings.

6. Recent events

6(a). David Streeter Nature Walk (CMG)

The 15 places specified by the lecturer were soon taken up and CMG operated a wait-list, who in the end were all accommodated. The meeting point was easy to find, the weather was good, and David and the orchids together gave us an excellent afternoon.

7. Future events, definite and possible

7(a). Cambridge Society of Sussex 'Academic Talk' (CMG)

Supper and a talk at Haywards Heath Golf Club on Wednesday 11th October. Catherine Parry-Wingfield, Chair of Turner's House Trust, to give a talk entitled *Saving Sandycombe—the little-known story of JMW Turner's house in Twickenham and its recent conservation*. Suss-Ex members invited, as last year.

7(b). British Airways i360, Royal Pavilion (SPCP)

The Group is happy for either or both to go ahead, avoiding December, January or February.

7(c). Concert at Brighton Early Music Festival (JP)

Not this year: the 'picnic event' was thought unlikely to attract a viable Suss-Ex group.

7(d). Suss-Ex/USPAS Christmas Party (JKF)

Thursday 14th December, 12.30–2 pm in the Conference Centre, Bramber House. £7 per head for Suss-Ex participants, as last year. The VC is coming and the Chair of the USPAS Trustees. Agreed to invite the new Chief Operating Officer, Dr Tim Westlake (**GRC**).

7(e). Towner Gallery, Eastbourne

For £7 per head the Gallery offers a talk and private tour, concluding with tea (for purchase) and the opportunity for further viewing of the Gallery, which has a permanent

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Ravilious exhibit. **JDS** to organise, probably in February; **CMG** will meet & greet and represent the Steering Group.

7(f). *Backstage tour of Glyndebourne*(**CBPF**)

To be kept in mind for late April. £14 per head; coffee/tea included.

7(g). *A meeting on campus on a medical topic*

JP to discuss with **PST**, for next spring. A possible focus might be ethical issues, or the *Rapid Access Clinic for Older People* (<https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/services/elderly-medicine/>) at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

7(h). *Further possibilities, for later consideration*

Pallant Gallery, Chichester (**GRC**), Jerwood Gallery, Hastings (**SPCP**), ‘What’s going on on campus’ (**GRC**), productions at Brighton’s Theatre Royal (**JP**).

8. Relations with the University

8(a). *Emeritus Readership*

CMG has received two assurances that Regulation 15 as posted online will be corrected to reflect Senate’s decision that the title of Emeritus Reader continues to be awarded automatically (on request by a retiree).

8(b). *Possible meetings*

SPCP and **CMG** to seek a meeting after Christmas with the new Chief Operating Officer, suggesting when it’s arranged that the HR Director might be included.

8(c). *Withdrawal of e-mail facilities from a retiree*

Ongoing, with much stalling.

8(d). *Emeritus Brunch*

Emeriti, including Readers, were invited by the University to a Sunday lunch in June; a Staff Party was also occurring. About 40, including partners, came, fewer than seemed to be expected. Nothing fresh emerged about the University’s stance on retired staff.

9. Liaison with Oxford University Society of East Sussex (**PST**)

Held over.

10. Membership

Continues stable, with occasional joinings.

11. Update on other ex-staff groups

CMG reported the existence of the very successful *Association of Professors Emeriti* (<https://www.emeriti.ubc.ca/>) at the University of British Columbia.

12. Any other business

None.

13. Next Newsletter

ANP agreed to assemble the issue, aimed for the end of October or the start of November.

14. Next meeting

5.15 pm on Friday 12th January, or failing that on Friday 19th January, or even Friday 26th January. **CMG** will aim to book 5C11 in Pevensey III as usual.