

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 49th Steering Group meeting
Friday 12th July 2019 at 5.15 pm
Room 5C11, Pevensey III

1. Chair

AMG took the chair.

2. Present

Colin Finn (**CBPF**), Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**), Steve Pavey (**SPCP**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**), David Smith (**JDS**), Paul Tofts (**PST**) and Helen Walker (**HJW**).

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (**GRC**).

CMG communicated Jennifer Platt's resignation from the Group. The Steering Group recorded its thanks to Jennifer, a founder member, for her continuous service since the Suss-Ex Club's formation.

3. Minutes of the 48th Meeting, of 22nd March 2019

Approved, with the addition that the Group supported the action reported in Minute 6 over an obituary in Newsletter 38.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

None.

5. Finance

JKF reported our credit balance. Possible future alternative arrangements for our account remain to be discussed.

6. Recent events

(a). Talk by the VC plus evening meal in the Conference Centre

CMG reported that the expected 30 attended the talk, of whom 27 stayed for the meal. Agreed that the numbers, while not embarrassingly low, were disappointing, as was the meal. On any future such occasion we should opt for a less cautious menu; also Steering Group members need to encourage everyone to mix, and do so themselves.

(b). Royal Pavilion Gardens

SPCP reported a great event, well led in good weather, which raised £125 for the gardens by voluntary donations.

(c). Celebration of Sussex

Most of the Steering Group had been invited to this University event on 6th June, though there was no detail as to what it would consist of. **PST** will write to Marina Pedreira-Vilarino to thank her for the invitations.

7. Future events

(a). Talk by Fred Gray, visit to British Airways i360, and optional fish-and-chips

SPCP reported that he expected imminently to fix the date, for a weekday early-evening event in the first week of October.

(a). Harvey's Brewery

CBPF reported that our tour was now fixed for Thursday 5th September at 6.30 pm. It will last one and a half hours and cost £5 each; maximum numbers are 25.

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(c). *A meeting on campus on a medical topic*

- **SPCP** and **HJW** will aim to discuss a possible New Year event with Michael Farthing.
- **CBPF** is shortly to lunch with a cardiologist and will ask about possibilities, liaising with **SPCP** and **HJW**.
- Noted that **JDS** has a surgeon contact who can give a talk entitled *How Do Surgeons Think?*

(d). *Christmas Party*

We expect to join USPAS again for a buffet lunch in the University's Conference Centre. **JKF** and **SPCP** will liaise with Tracey Llewellyn, USPAS administrator, who fixes the date and organises the event.

(e). *Royal Pavilion*

We welcomed **SPCP**'s idea of a *Curator's Tour* in the New Year of the forthcoming loan of a large number of items from Buckingham Palace. Dr Alexandra Loske of the Royal Pavilion could talk about the process of negotiating and selecting the loan as well as about the items loaned.

8. Prospective new members of the Steering Group

CMG will invite Rossana Dowsett to the next Steering Group meeting, with a view to her joining the Group.

9. Membership

CMG has been given the current list of members. Once some queries about it are cleared up he will write to Emeriti who are not members to invite them to join.

10. Newsletter

ANP will aim to publish the next issue in the week of 29th July. Agreed that our Newsletter should not normally re-publish obituaries identical to those in the Staff Bulletin, but wherever possible draw readers' attention to Bulletin obituaries, giving a link.

11. Any other business

(a). *Meetup*

Following a suggestion of Ross Dowsett, agreed to consider a *Meetup* group as another means to reach out to former staff and publicise events or meetings.

(b). *Participation*

JKF observed that the core group of members who sign up to our events is, apart from the Christmas Party, far smaller than our membership. We agreed to consider how to gain wider participation.

12. Next meeting

Friday 11th October, 5.15 pm. **CMG** will aim to book our usual room.