

# UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX SUSS-EX CLUB

## Steering Group Meeting no.3

Minutes – 13 October 2006

Development & Alumni Relations, Bramber House

### Present

Sir Gordon Conway (*Chairman*)  
Bob Benewick  
David Betts  
Mike Land  
Steve Pavey  
Jennifer Platt  
Ken Wheeler

### *In attendance:*

Maxine Peel-Yates (*DARO*)

### *Apologies:*

Mike English  
Jackie Fuller  
Charles Goldie  
Adrian Peasgood  
Valerie Cromwell  
Christine Glasson  
Willie Lamont  
Richard Price

### **Action Points from meeting of June 30**

It was reported that the theatre trip to see Habeas Corpus at the Theatre Royal (14 people attending) was very successful.

### **Plans for future activities**

#### Christmas Party

It was reported that Greg Riley has agreed to make a £500 budget available for the Christmas Party. This makes it possible to invite USPAS members (there are 476, of whom 90 attended the previous party) without charge, although a charge will be made to others. It is not yet clear what the charge will need to be, but it looks likely to be in the range £5-7.50. The Meeting House Quiet Room had been provisionally booked for Dec 14 or 15. Since its maximum official capacity is 120 it was agreed that somewhere larger would be preferable; after review of alternative possibilities, it appeared that the only viable one would be the Medical School lobby area, which will be investigated. Dec 14 was preferred as a date. The plan to ask those attending to bring some contribution of food was approved, but it was recommended that some central provision also be made. It is hoped to organise some carols. Low Thomson has kindly agreed to take lead responsibility for the party organisation, with the assistance of Charles Goldie and Jennifer Platt; other helpers will be recruited nearer the time. When basic arrangements are clear the party will be advertised in the next Suss-Ex Club newsletter, on a first come first served basis.

#### House of Lords dinner

This will cost £60 - £70 per head with a minimum number of 30 and maximum of 120. The proposed date is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007. This should be posed as a

newsletter item to gauge possible interest. GC has a number of contacts whom he could approach, but asked for further suggestions of potential speakers.

#### 'Life after Sussex' talk – Gordon Conway

The date and venue need to be decided but late January was suggested. Bob Benewick and his small group will take this forward.

#### Country Walk with David Streeter

Ken Wheeler to liaise with David Streeter re date (weekend date in the Spring suggested), route etc.

#### Theatre Visits

A list of possibilities for next term will be suggested in the newsletter, and plans made in the light of the response. The Gardner Centre and Komedia were suggested for consideration in addition to the Theatre Royal. It was agreed that later on something should be organised during the Brighton Festival.

#### Other Activities

Stately homes: It was suggested that a visit to a stately home be held sometime in the Spring. Wakehurst Place was suggested. GC to check whether a deal could be struck including someone to do a tour. DB to check out ideas.

### **Access to computing facilities**

Charles was congratulated, via Jennifer in his absence, for researching and putting together this information. It was decided to put an abbreviated version of the paper in the next newsletter and ask members interested in such access to contact him.

### **Matters for report**

#### Website

Charles was congratulated for his work so far and it was suggested that he carry on with this.

### **Next Meeting**

This will be held before the 'Life After Sussex' talk. GC and BB to set the date.