

SUSS-EX CLUB

Steering group meeting no. 35

Friday 19 June 2015, at 1715 hrs in Mantell 2B18

NOTES

Present: Sue Bullock (SB), Colin Finn (CF), Jackie Fuller (JF), Charles Goldie (CG) acting chair, Arnold Goldman (AG), Steve Pavey (SP), Adrian Peasgood (AP), Jennifer Platt (JP), David Smith (DS).

Apologies: Gordon Conway, Paul Tofts.

1. The Minutes of meeting 34 were approved.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes:
 - DS reported efforts to maintain the Suss-Ex collection of obituaries.
3. Financial report. JF reported no substantive change since her previous report.
4. Future programme:
 - a. Attenborough Centre. A dedicated visit would now not be appropriate, following inclusion of the Centre in the campus walkabout on 17 June. A group visit to an event early in the eventual programme should be arranged in due course.
 - b. Nick Tucker's talk 'British children's books: a somewhat strange history'. Order of preference for date: 9, 2, 16 October (AG to liaise with NT). Proposed timetable: 1830 welcome and introductory drink, 1900 talk and questions, 2000 meal with wine. Proposed charge: £25 for full programme, £5 without the meal. (JF to confirm room availability, etc, with CG providing document confirming no charge to us for the room. *9 October later confirmed ok with Conference Office*) Publicity: mention in next Newsletter, with subsequent digital only reminders, and booking by 18 September; CG to seek promotion of the event through School administrators.
 - c. Theatre Royal. 'Talking heads', 11-15 August. (JP to organise.)
 - d. Bremf. Two performances of the first opera by a woman (Francesca Caccini), 8 November. (JP to organise.)
 - e. Christmas party. SB to make initial enquiries about possible arrangements.
6. Future programme possibilities:

SP would see whether Alexandra Loske would offer a talk relating to her forthcoming spring exhibition 'Exotic creatures'. He would also explore the possibilities of an event centred on the I360 tower, now in course of construction, perhaps a visit with an engineering focussed talk, and a meal afterwards.
7. Event report:

17 June. CF reported that the afternoon had attracted 27 participants, who enjoyed a brief illustrated outline of campus development by Charles Dudley, walks to Northfield, the Jubilee lecture theatre, and the Attenborough Centre, and an excellent cream tea, which was provided on a complimentary basis – a treat of a way

to end an excellent event. The charge made to participants would now all go to Suss-Ex funds.

8. Relations with the University:

a. Recruitment. Past expressions of UoS support in principle still had not taken practical form. Agreed that CG and SP would seek a further, follow-up, meeting with the Registrar; also, possibly, Deputy VC Michael Davies.

b. Pre-retirement course. JP reported attempts to find a speaker from the Medical School who could offer a talk under Suss-Ex auspices on aspects of retirement and ageing which are not covered by present UoS initiatives. Noted that without 'official' support promotion and logistics would need careful thought.

c. DARO. CG noted that 'bcc' had unfortunately not been used in a recent emailing on our behalf, but that it remained the intended procedure.

9. AOB:

The death of Norman Baldwin had recently been announced. CG asked who might be a suitable obituarist, and Fred Gray and Martin Ryle were mentioned.

10. Next meeting:

One of Friday 9, 2, 16 October, ie prior to Tucker evening, at 1715 hrs in venue to be determined.

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