

SUSS-EX CLUB

Steering Group Meeting 39

Friday 30th September 2016, at 17.15 pm in Pevensey III, 5C11

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Gordon Conway (GC), Colin Finn (CF), Jackie Fuller (JF), Charles Goldie (CG), Arnold Goldman (AG), Steve Pavey (SP), Adrian Peasgood (AP), David Smith (DS), Paul Tofts (PT). Gordon agreed to chair the meeting with CF taking the minutes.

Apologies for absence were received from Jennifer Platt (JP) and Sue Bullock.

2. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting on the 15th April were approved. There were no matters arising that were not to be covered on today's agenda.

3. **Finances** JF reported that the finances were in a healthy state. There had been no movement since the last meeting.

4. Recent events

- a. Brighton Sewers CF reported that this event took place on 13th July with 20 people signed up and with a small reserve list. Sadly, after about 20 minutes in to the tour and before we had moved to the spectacular large sewers, there was a flash storm outside. Because we were in danger of being trapped in a raging torrent, we were instructed to abort. Fortunately, CF had not cashed any of the cheques sent to him by the participants. Southern water subsequently reimbursed him with £240 and, as he had not paid in any of the participant's cheques, he was able to destroy them with no financial loss to anyone.
- b. Joint meeting with the Cambridge Society Richard Jolly gave a talk on the UN on 5th October.

5. Future events

- a. 11th November. *Guts and Glory* by the BREMF (Brighton Early Music Festival). 11 people are signed up for this event.
- b. Christmas Party
 - i. This is to be organised jointly with USPAS (University of Sussex Pensions and Assurance Scheme) with Thursday 15th Dec as a likely date. Tracey Llewelyn is our contact with USPAS. She is now the University Pensions Officer.
 - ii. Jackie is to take over Sue's role and will organise the bookings from our members.
 - iii. It was hoped that the financial support would be the same as for last year. An invitation to this event is to be sent to the new VC, Adam Tickell.
 - iv. Possible improvements. Last year there were long queues at the buffet tables and it was felt that this should be addressed. Also, it was quite unclear where the gluten free food was available and this should be better indicated.

6. Possible future events

- a. I 360 Steve reported that the i360 is proving a successful attraction and is currently heavily booked. However he hoped to be able to arrange a group booking with a background talk next year. It was felt that the Spring would be a good time for this visit.
 - b. Medical meeting: Jennifer has been in discussion with Professor Rajkumar (Chair in Elderly Care) and he is prepared to give a talk. This is likely to be arranged be arranged in March 2017 on a Wednesday afternoon.
 - c. Steve is still looking into arranging a tour of the Royal Pavilion tunnel tour and talk. The tunnel is currently being repaired. Also Alexandra Loske who might give the talk has a heavy work schedule but he will pursue this.
 - d. Gordon mentioned The Chichester Festival Theatre, possibly coupled with a visit to the Pallant Gallery, as a possible event.
 - e. David Streeter is to be asked by Charles if he would give a nature talk, either in the field or otherwise. Possible timing: Summer/Autumn 2007.
7. **Relations with the University** It was felt that we should remind the University of the existence of our group and its value. Steve and Charles are to arrange a meeting with John Duffy, the Registrar, to promote our image. Also it was agreed to invite him and Steven Shute (Pro VC) to the Christmas party. It was noted that the current meeting room is always booked through Mathematics by CG, the University not being involved.
 8. **Membership** Charles had written to all Emeritus recently retired faculty asking them to join. This has produced 18 new members. A list of all new retirees would be useful and the University should be encouraged to provide one. This should be raised with the new VC or the Registrar (possibly under 7).
 9. **Publications** The practice of listing publications by retired faculty was felt to be important and should be continued.
 10. **AOB** There were no substantial items brought up here except for two further suggestions for future events: A back stage tour of the Theatre Royal, and a tour of the waste facility at Hollingdean (Adrian is to investigate this).

Next Newsletter: This is to be prepared by the end of October by Charles and Jennifer.

Date of next meeting: Friday 6th January 2017. CF will prepare the agenda.

Colin Finn 5th October 2016

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