

REPORT: SOUTHERN CENTRES – Wednesday 16 July 2025

Darren welcomed everyone and apologies were made for those absent.

Chairmans Report – Darren Charnock (East Kent) Darren thanked those who proofread the programme booklet and said it had been sent for printing.

Stuart will receive the copies ready for him to put other paperwork into the envelopes and post them all off. So far there are 175 to post.

Numbers were checked for those in the admin lines.

The trailer will be picked up from Kent (Tony's place) on 12 August. There were volunteers to help.

The large marquee will arrive on Wednesday 13 August.

All insurance and licences are organised.

Darren concluded that we have a particularly good team right now. We all agreed we need to look to the future and encourage more people to join the committee.

Secretary's report – Liz Manning (West Sussex) - Cheryll took the minutes in Liz's absence.

Liz reported, in her absence, that she will be printing rotas and certificates as previously.

Treasurers report – Stuart Johnson (West Sussex) – Stuart handed out the latest accounts and a breakdown of attendance in Centre lines.

The Blue Badge area was discussed.

When the books are delivered Stuart will have printed the extra inserts to go in with the programme booklet. He reported that each envelope will cost £2 to post.

He will email the entertainers regarding payment etc.

He will check the refrigerated trailer delivery date.

He discussed ordering the drinks for the bar and has arranged that they are delivered on Monday 18 August.

Site Marshalls report – Tony Beanie (East Kent) – discussion took place regarding radios, gas bottles, pegs, spray paint, white line machine, tape, tabards, etc.

He reported that we should not use the toilets at the top field.

Rally and Event officers report – Loraine Blackman (South London) – bar licence is good to go.

Charles Patrick (South London) will organise the Sea Shanty music.

Loraine has some material for decorating the stage.

Sea shanty props would be appreciated – has anyone got anything? Could we dress up with pirate, seafarers, mermaid costumes?

All other entertainment is organised.

Catering Officers report – Sue Smith (East Sussex) – Food orders can be paid in cash or by card. (Stuart will print food order forms to go in the envelopes.)

Sue Johnson will order 10 cakes from Costco to collect on Friday 22 August at Sunbury store.

Sports Officers report – Chris Page (East Sussex) – he will put together signing up sheets and table labels for registration in the bar on Friday.

Sports Officers booklet will be given out on site.

Marylin requested old wellies for the Welly Wanging competition.

Equipment Officers report – Sandra Potton (East Sussex) – not present at meeting.

Youth Liaison Officers report – Jez Matheson (East Sussex) – He will distribute information about his programme to each centre. All ready to go.

AOB – The ice cream van is organised. Discussion of day visitors

The next meeting will be Wednesday 17 September 2025 at Westerham Village Hall, 7.30pm start. We will be discussing how the event went and any feedback.

Sue Johnson – Southern Centres Rep for West Sussex