

REPORT SOUTHERN CENTRES – WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023 – 7.30pm

For your information, I have listed the committee below -

Darren Charnock – Chairman

Liz Manning – Secretary (West Sussex)

Stuart Johnson – Treasurer (West Sussex)

Nick Childs – Site Marshall (West Sussex)

Sue Smith – Catering Officer (East Sussex)

Lorraine Blackman – Entertainment (South London)

Chris Page - Sports Officer (East Sussex)

Steve Hornsby – Press Officer (East Sussex)

There are also reps from five of the southern centres that attend the meetings who report back to their centre committees and their members.

These are some points from the meeting.

- We have electric cables and box on loan from CAMC for the marquee and the catering.
- We are looking for additional help in setting up and closing down electricals in the marquees etc. Is anyone able to help with this please? Let Sue Johnson (West Sussex) or Laurie Manning (West Sussex) know.
- Entertainment – over the event there will be entertainment – Lorraine Blackman (South London) has so far booked Steve Cherelle, The Decades, Dreamboats and Petticoats, Vegas and Slim, a Steel band for our Caribbean Day. The CAMC singers will be part of the entertainment and MAY offer a ‘singing workshop’
- Children’s entertainment – Lord Geoffrey, plus many other activities for children.
- Jez (East Sussex) is incredibly good at organising things for children to do. He brought these ideas to the meeting – bouncy castle, infinity table (giant iPad table that has hundreds of games etc. thinking of organising competitions on it – chess, checkers, 8 ball pool, golf, snakes and ladders etc) – prize bingo for children – clowning around to include unicycle competition, crafts, pogo stick (most bounces competition) – karate and self-defence lessons and demonstrations (we are lucky enough to have at least one junior black belt.) Jez said these were a few ideas at low cost and he would only need a small budget for prizes. It was discussed and agreed that we would get back to Jez to let him know our decision to accept his proposal.
- There will be a Tuck Shop on site to be run by Jez and family from East Sussex. Opening times to be arranged at a later date.
- We are looking for fabric for the backdrop of the stage. Lorraine (South London) is looking into this.
- Discussions took place regarding the bar opening times and checking equipment.
- Equipment for catering was discussed and various centres have loaned some items. Other items may have to be hired.
- Sue Smith (East Sussex) is the catering officer and is looking into pricing the meals.
- Some of the meals will need to be booked in advance of the event. Details will be in the envelope along with the programme.
- The programme and forms will be posted nearer the time.
- Wristbands, as usual are needed to enter the marquee for evening entertainment, will be given out on arrival at Apps Court.
- If you know of any company or anyone that would like to place an advert in our programme, please let Sue Johnson or Laurie Manning know please.
- We are looking for new printers for the Southern Centres Programme as our previous one has closed.

- We are hoping there will be a church service on Sunday morning.
- Tracey McDonald (East Kent) is responsible for purchasing raffle prizes and has been given a fund. She has asked if anyone or a centre can donate towards the raffle, she would be very grateful.
- The siting team will visit the venue to meet with the site manager in April.
- Chris Page (East Sussex) is the sports officer and has asked if centres will try to find people to run an event. So far – Boules (West Surrey), Welly Wanging (East Sussex), 5 a side and walking football (East Kent), Horse Shoe (East Sussex). There are other sports that need people to run them – Darts, Haggars Chess, Lawn Darts and the reversing competition. We are also having a mobility scooter manoeuvring competition.
- Sue Johnson (West Sussex) is organising the Fete. There is a list of suggested ideas for this event which is attached to this report. Perhaps someone would like to take on one of these or maybe think of another ideas? Items are needed for the Tombola, so if you have any unwanted goods (not used items) please let Sue or Liz know. westsussexrepsc2@southerncentres.org.uk
- Darren Charnock and Stuart Johnson (West Sussex) are responsible for the Southern Centres website. Please check the website for updates. www.southerncentres.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at our Southern Centres Family Weekend.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19 April at Westerham Village Hall, Westerham, Kent TN16 1BJ at 7.30pm.

See attached information about the Summer Fete.

Sue Johnson - Southern Centres Rep for West Sussex