

REPORT: SOUTHERN CENTRES – Wednesday 19 March 2025

Darren welcomed everyone and apologies were made for those absent.

Chairmans report – Darren Charnock (East Kent) – Darren showed provisional copies of our programme and asked for any comments and adjustments to be taken along to the next meeting. We all agreed to use the same printers as previously.

Darren confirmed that East Sussex, East Kent and South London would be cooking and serving breakfasts.

Secretarys report – Liz Manning (West Sussex) – there was a reply from Grenville Chamberlain (previous CMC Chairman) saying he was very sorry he would not be attending the event due to an important family event.

Liz will send invitations to Hazel Charlton and Alan Parkinson.

Liz is giving up Tombola this year. Sue Johnson offered to take on this role.

Treasurers report – Stuart Johnson (West Sussex) – so far there are 104 bookings. There are 223 adults and 31 children.

Wrist bands will stay the same as previously.

We have 6 sponsors to date.

Tracy McDonald (E.Kent) is running the raffle again and Stuart will give her £500 to purchase prizes.

Stuart is looking into using card machines, he will report back at next meeting.

He was given the name of a different firm that supplies and delivers beers etc, he will investigate.

Site Marshall Officers report – Nick Child (West Sussex) – Nick is in touch with Paul Miles at Apps Court Farm and will discuss the marquee siting. He asked Stuart if the marquee is the same size as last time. Stuart said it is slightly bigger than last time as some panels were missing on arrival previously.

Rally and Event Officers report – Loraine Blackman (South London) – all evening entertainment is booked. Loraine will get in touch with the singers to confirm their Workshop on Sunday and to ask if they would do something during the fete. She will also ask if they would be able to help out with sea shanties.

The Fete will be outside, weather permitting. Bingo will be for about one hour, between 5 and 6pm.

Catering officers report – Sue Smith (East Sussex) – it was decided that we would not have vendors at the event, we would do the catering ourselves as usual. Milkie will provide us with his usual burgers and chips, Saturday evening there will be jacket potatoes with various fillings and Sunday lunch time there will be Pork rolls. The pork rolls and jacket potatoes will need to be booked in advance. A booking slip for these two, will be in the envelope along with the programme and window ticket.

Sports Officers Report - Chris Page (East Sussex) – discussions took place regarding timings of events and location. Each centre has been asked to find someone to take on the role of Sports Liaison Officer. This is someone who could encourage people to take part in the sports events and possibly run one of them. More details will follow from the next meeting.

Equipment officers report – Sandra Potton – Gary P will bring a 6 x 3 gazebo to Apps Court. Nothing else to report.

Youth Liaison officers report – Jez Matheson (East Sussex) – Jez sent a report in his absence with a suggested children/youth programme. This was circulated. He asked Stuart for the proposed expenditure which was agreed. Stuart will contact him regarding payment and receipts.

Website Update – Darren and Stuart – so far updated. Anything else, please send to either Darren or Stuart.

A.O.B. – Chris will check the chillers and bar equipment. Brian is looking into the loan of an air conditioning unit.

Nick said CLOs can arrive on Tuesday after 12 noon.

Sue Johnson said she will take on the Tombola and asked for donations from all centres. She asked the reps to ask their members to mention donations at their rallies.

Jennie Beanie would like more rosettes for the Dog Show.

The next meeting is Wednesday 16 April at Westerham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Sue Johnson – Southern Centres Rep for West Sussex