
EDITORIAL

Waiting hopefully for group members to write some immortal prose is quite definitely a waste of time. Instead, it becomes a case of needing X number of volunteers in the 'You, you and you!' vein, on subjects that I know they are interested in. It seems a mad way to get copy for your newsletter but all else seems to fail. Thus this time you have a short newsletter as we all appear to be suffering from the winter malaise of preferring our own firesides.

You will see from our programme that we have no guest speakers for the next 8 weeks, partly due to rising costs and partly due to diminishing audiences.

The most important date for everyone to mark, learn and inwardly digest is that of the Annual General Meeting. This is on the last Friday in March in the comfort of the Friend's Meeting House in Nottingham. The present committee hope that everyone makes the greatest effort to attend as a definite watershed in our existence has been reached. You will find more about this inside, so on this note I leave you in love and (I hope) peace,

Heather

N.B. Although meetings in the programme are listed under separate town headings, everyone is welcome to come to everything if they can afford it!

CANCELLATION. THERE WILL BE NO DISCO AT THE YORKER ON FEB.14TH

PROGRAMME

NOTTINGHAM MEETINGS

THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY YATES WINE LODGE from 8pm

The Balcony Bar can be reached from the yard entrance to Yates in Market St. next to Yates shop. If you are coming in through the main entrance, it's on the first floor.

THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY COFFEE AT RICHARD'S from 8pm

The address is 13, Balmoral Road, which is near the Arboretum Hotel. If you need directions, phone Nottingham 74870

THURSDAY 4th MARCH YATES WINE LODGE from 8pm.

THURSDAY 11th MARCH COME AS YOU ARE COFFEE EVENING AT GEOFF'S

39, Colwick Road, Sneinton, Nottingham. From 8 pm. Take a 44 or 71 bus from outside Jessops in the Victoria Centre. Get off at Sneinton Hermitage (They live next door.)

THURSDAY 18th MARCH YATES WINE LODGE from 8pm.

FRIDAY 26th MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8 pm.

At the Friend's Meeting House, Clarendon St. Nottingham. Rooms 2-3.

TUESDAY 30th MARCH NEWSLETTER MEETING 8pm

At Richard's, 13, Balmoral Road, Nottingham Phone 74870

THURSDAY 1st APRIL COFFEE EVENING AT IAN AND DAVID'S from 8

The address is 64, Fabia Drive, Clifton Grove, Nottingham. Take any Clifton bus from Broadmarsh or phone Nottingham 216447 for directions.

PROGRAMME

MANSFIELD MEETINGS

MONDAY 16th FEB. THE WHITE SWAN/SUTTON IN ASHFIELD from 8 pm
MONDAY 23rd FEB. THE YEW TREE/MANSFIELD from 8 pm.
MONDAY 1st MARCH. THE WHITE SWAN.
MONDAY 8th MARCH. THE YEW TREE
MONDAY 15th MARCH. THE WHITE SWAN.
MONDAY 22nd MARCH. THE YEW TREE.
FRIDAY 26th MARCH. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8 pm
At the Friend's Meeting House, Clarendon St. Nottingham. Rooms 2-3.
MONDAY 29th MARCH. THE WHITE SWAN.
MONDAY 5th APRIL. THE YEW TREE.

DERBY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 18th FEB. THE GARRICK from 8pm
MONDAY 23rd FEB. COFFEE EVENING AT MARION'S from 8pm.
The address is 95, Arthur St. (Off North St. near the children's hospital) If you need directions, phone Derby 511651)
WEDNESDAY 3rd MARCH THE GARRICK from 8pm.
MONDAY 8th MARCH COFFEE EVENING AT HEATHER AND CAROLE'S
The address is 278, Station Road, Mickleover. Phone 511651
for directions.
WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH THE GARRICK from 8pm.
MONDAY 22nd MARCH COFFEE EVENING AT MARIONS from 8 pm
See above for directions.
FRIDAY 26th MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8 pm.
At the Friend's Meeting House, Clarendon St. Nottingham. Rooms 2-3.
WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH THE GARRICK from 8pm.
MONDAY 5th APRIL COFFEE EVENING AT HEATHER AND CAROLE'S
See above for details.

CAROLE'S HOBBYHORSE

I don't understand people's contradictory attitudes to committees. Everyone professes to loathe them. They almost never work efficiently. They are a horror to be on and yet very few people seem prepared to seek an alternative. The whole concept is so patronising too - a small elite deciding what games the kiddies can play this month and by what rules and with what prizes and what the punishments shall be if they don't.

Oh God how I hate committees and when I look at the organisation(?) how I hate CHE. Did you know that there is a convenors and committees training weekend soon? Learn how to mould your group with infinite care - learn how to be an enthusiastic turd. Well we little kiddies in CHE are not bloody cub scouts and brownies and I don't want no arkelas or brown owls WE CAN LOOK AFTER OURSELVES, THANK YOU. As a group, or as three groups, we are perfectly capable of arriving at decisions by consensus with each group member having an equal voice. Our activities or lack of them, our aims and directions should be decided by all of us or rather all those who want to participate. I think it would benefit everyone. I have hated being on the receiving end of committee decisions - this month we are going to have such fun, aren't we and I've hated in effect being part of a committee carrying the responsibility for the group and feeling obliged to turn up to almost every meeting as if a small number of us embodied CHE totally.

What about it being OUR group/groups? How about just having regular planning meetings and newsletter meetings which we can all attend if we want to? Why can't the responsibility be all of ours?

Please, please come to the AGM. Let's chuck our constitution and our structure out of the window and build something new which is made up of the hopes and ideas of all of us. Notts/Derby CHE today - tomorrow the world!!!

Carole.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The members of the outgoing committee have become increasingly concerned at the unwieldy state of our combined group and by the fact that members in Nottingham particularly do not meet together enough in situations that allow them to get to know each other as people. The increasing cost of living makes it prohibitive to attend meetings in all areas of Notts/Derby; a fact highlighted by the growth of the newest offshoot in Mansfield. CHE does not and should not cater solely for the richer members of the gay community, but they - if any exist - are the only ones who can afford all the travelling costs involved.

We therefore wish to put to all members at the AGM the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

That following this AGM the Nottingham and Derby CHE Group should henceforth become three autonomous groups operating in the areas of Nottingham, Derby and Mansfield, each group appointing its own officers and organising its own local programme whilst maintaining the closest collaboration with the others, arranging appropriate joint meetings and continuing to publish a joint newsletter.

We hope that you will all come to the AGM to put your own point of view, whether for or against the motion. This is not a cut and dried decision; it does not depend entirely on votes by the local membership, but we need to make some practical decisions about our future before there is no future to be decided.

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OTHER THINGS

SPECIAL EVENT AT:-

The Performing Arts Studio, Trent Building, Nottingham University

"DO YOU WONDER"

A trilogy by Howard Wakeling (Well known for his activities in Nottingham Gay Street Theatre) From Wed. Feb. 11th to Sat. Feb. 14th Performances begin at 7.30. Tickets 40p each from Pathfinder Bookshop Goldsmiths St. Nottingham. Tel. Nottingham 45689 or from Heather and Carole, if you insist on doing it the hard way.

See KRIS as the greatest queen of all time. Howie's production promises to be a welcome treat for us and should shock the University rigid.

NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE.

Any of the women who are intending to go to the conference in Bristol on Feb. 28th and who would like a lift please contact Carole and Heather. We can take three more easily.

WOMEN'S DISCO

A disco for all women is being organised at the YORKER in Nottingham on March 13th. For further details ring Penny and Hilary at Nottingham 700698.
