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NOTTINGHAM CHE NEWSLETTER

PROGRAMME

MAY

- Mon. 4th BANK HOLIDAY - CVS will be closed.
- Fri. 8th COFFEE and GAMES at Mike's, 19, Thomas Close, St. Ann's, Nottingham. (Tel.55196 if you get lost in the Council's maze). Starting at 8pm. The London game will be included and perhaps others for the adventurous minded.
- Mon. 11th Meeting for those involved in preparing the Speakers'Kit. At CVS at 8pm.
- Tue. 12th TEN PIN BOWLING - meet at the Cricket Players pub at 7.30pm to depart at 8pm prompt.
- Thur 14th BUSINESS MEETING at CVS at 8pm.
- Mon. 18th Programme meeting at CVS at 8pm.
- Thur 21st Cards Evening at CVS from 7pm onwards.
- Fri. 22nd Nottingham CHE visit Leicester group for discussion - see HRH the Convenor for information.
- Mon. 25th Whitsun Bank Holiday - CVS will be closed.
- Thur 28th BUSINESS MEETING at CVS at 8pm.
- Fri. 29th CHE Disco at the TOP RANK, SHEFFIELD. Depart from the Dog and Partridge pub at 8pm prompt.

JUNE

- Tue. 2nd HINGE and BRACKETT at Nottingham Playhouse. £4/person. Will those interested hand over the cash to Vincent by Thursday 14th of May at the latest. We will then meet in the foyer at 7.15pm.
- Sun 21st The Leicester Group invite us to a ramble. Meeting at Melton Mowbray railway station at 10.30am prompt. (Unfortunately, there are no trains running there from Nottingham on Sunday morning!)

For those new to Nottingham CHE, the CVS is the Council for Voluntary Service and its address is 31a, Mansfield Rd., Nottingham. Nottingham Gay Switchboard operates from here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (7-10pm) - phone 46881.

You will get the rest of the JUNE programme with the June Broadsheet. THE DEADLINE for the next edition of Chimaera is SATURDAY JUNE 27TH.

NOTTINGHAM CHE "25 CLUB" It was agreed at the Business Meeting of April 16th that the group will again run a "25 Club" to raise funds as part of our commitment to give Gay Switchboard financial support - we have to find £150 for them this year.

Details of the way the Club works will be found on the separate sheet opposite for those members who are unfamiliar with the idea. We intend to make the first monthly draw in July and the final jackpot draw will again take place in December for Christmas.

Please try to participate in the scheme yourself and if possible to get the support of friends and/or relatives as well. Let John Clarkson, our Treasurer, have your money by June 30th at the latest.

Just to encourage you, let me say that in the last series of draws winners were J.P. Talbot, Miss S.A. Hutchinson-Jeffrey (both from outside the group), Jerry Svarc, Peter Dufton and Denis Turner and that amid scenes of rage a fury Denis also had the audacity to win the Jackpot as well! It's only fair to add that he did make a donation back to the Switchboard.

Mike.

Great Moments in Military History

No.27:



NOTTINGHAM C.H.E. "25 CLUB" - MODE OF OPERATION

Each member of the Club pays in £6.00 (ie. £1.00 per month - or ½ pint of bitter per week if you reckon your accounts that way), and for a six month period there will be a series of draws for the prizes, all of which are cash ones. Five of the monthly draws will be for an amount which will at least guarantee a return of the original investment; there will also be a Jackpot Draw for a larger prize during a month in the period with a suitably festive association (eg: June for Gay Pride Week, December for Christmas, November for Guy Fawkes, and so on). Winners of a monthly draw will no longer be eligible to participate in later monthly draws, but their names will go back in for the Jackpot Draw.

The table below shows the monthly prizes and the Jackpot according to the number of participants - which will not exceed 25, but for practical purposes must be at least 10. Work out the odds - they are very favourable.

Members	Monthly Prize	Jackpot	Profit for Switchboard	Members	Monthly Prize	Jackpot	Profit for Switchboard
25	£10.00	£25.00	£75.00	17	£7.50	£17.00	£47.50
24	£10.00	£24.00	£70.00	16	£7.50	£16.00	£42.50
23	£10.00	£23.00	£65.00	15	£7.50	£15.00	£37.50
22	£10.00	£22.00	£60.00	14	£6.00	£14.00	£40.00
21	£10.00	£21.00	£55.00	13	£6.00	£13.00	£35.00
20	£10.00	£20.00	£50.00	12	£6.00	£12.00	£30.00
19	£ 7.50	£19.00	£57.50	11	£6.00	£11.00	£25.00
18	£ 7.50	£18.00	£52.50	10	£6.00	£10.00	£20.00

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP SWITCHBOARD'S 1,500 CALLERS

Send your money to: (Cheques payable to "Nottingham CHE" please)

John Clarkson
 Nottingham CHE (25)
 c/o 31a Mansfield Road,
 Nottingham.

NOTTINGHAM CHE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Friday March 27th at the CVS.

MINUTES

Present: Tony Barker, Tim Barnsley, Phil Carr, John Clarkson, Alan Furness, Gary Gascoigne, David Hicks (Also representing CHE EC), Andy Moth, David Ramsden, Mike Raymond, Chris Richardson, Vincent Richmond, Bob Tunnicliffe. Also Sam of Lincoln CHE.

Apologies: Alan Melville, David Edgley. Apologies were later noted from Chris Cooke.

Minutes Minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted.

Matters arising: The appointment of a group archivist was discussed.

Officers' Reports

a) Convenor: Reviewing the year's activities, Mike mentioned we had attended 2 of the 3 National Councils, had prepared a submission to the Special Commission. Important meetings had been held with Barrie Protheroe of NCCL and Barrie Ward, solicitor. There had been joint meetings with Quest, GCM & CHE with Cllr Rev. Pennington and with the E.Mids CHE groups on a trip to Belton House. We had collaborated with the Midland Group Gallery on a season of Gay Films which had not been well supported. We had met our financial commitment to Gay Switchboard. The highlight of the year had been the qualified success of the JCDC. Momentum was gathering for the production of a speaker's kit for which the EC had shown enthusiasm. There had been a reasonable balance between campaigning and social events.

b) Gay Lobby: Mike reported he had taken over responsibility for Gay Lobby following David Hick's rise to greater things in September. The group's activity in this field was held in high regard nationally. We had officially 10 MPs, but in connection with the Saunders case had lobbied 16. Had meetings with R. Alexander and J. Lester. Both reasonably supportive. Met Peter Rost (Derby SE) following unfavourable response to Saunders case, but at meeting Rost apologised for letter and came out fairly supportive. Met Mathew Pariss (Derby W) at his home. Mr Pariss had 'bent over backwards to be accommodating' and fully supported CHE's aims with reservations on the forces. It was hoped to arrange meeting with Frank Haynes.

In discussion it was noted the Dunnett and Whitlock were totally anti and Tim said we ought to campaign for their removal. Also agreed that as constituents Tim and Andy would approach Philip Holland, who had persistently refused to meet the group.

c) Treasurer: John presented the audited accounts (see later). Highlighted the low expenditure on coffee and thanked those who had donated it and those officers who had remitted expenses. 25 club had been successful. In spite of a surplus it was clear that the group would continue to oppose the withdrawal of the group's 25% retention of all subscriptions. There had been no cost for the newsletters which made a great difference to accounts. Tim Barnsley said that this was not proper and felt that the cost of newsletters should be met by the group. Highlighted difficulties with the Co-op bank, especially the payment of at least 2 known cheques without counter signatures.

AGM MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Treasurer proposed "that our accounts at the Co-operative Bank be transferred to Williams & Glynns forthwith and a letter of censure be sent to the manager of the Co-op Bank, Nottingham." Seconded Gary Gascoigne. Carried 12-0-1. Alan Melville was thanked for his efficient and speedy auditing of the accounts. A question was asked about the supporters card scheme. David Hicks said Nottm group was second best seller and that the EC had decided to leave decision on whether or not to continue sale of cards to individual groups.

d) Campaign Officer: Chris said at the beginning of the year we were active in the Ombudsman/Teachers Centre campaign and whilst we had not won, we had received good publicity including page 1 headlines in Nottingham News and it had been well received and supported by outside groups to whom we had spoken. Main campaign of the year had been the JCDC which was not over, as reports of abuse of Public Order Act by police were still being received locally and from London and elsewhere. Had meetings with Nuthall YCs, Young Libs, 4 Labour groups, a Housewives Register and a National Conference of Health Visitors. Had contact with the chairman of Public Services Committee to organise joint meeting with council, police and voluntary organisations. Had sent gay rights questionnaires to main political parties prior to forthcoming County Council Elections. Had pressurised Labour Party to publish Gay Rights policy declaration and had received full support from Michael English MP and Dennis Skinner MP (who was a member of the Labour Party EC). Had been active on Gay Rights at Work Campaign and had developed good relation with Nottm Trades Council who had distributed 500 Saunders leaflets and sponsored a delegate to GRAW Conference. Had a meeting with county NALGO branch with positive results. Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Institute of Personnel Management had ignored our approaches. On other issues we had shown Tape/slide kit to GAYCAC which had resulted in invitation to show it to Gedling Youth Club; had stood for election to CHC; received opposition from Broadmarsh and Victoria shopping centres over exhibitions; had started production of thrice yearly bulletin being sent to outside groups; laid foundation for speakers' kit; had been involved in an attempt to set up local NCCL group but had floundered, however Harriet Harman would be addressing a public meeting in the Autumn, which should generate interest.

e) Social Secretary: Alan said he had taken over in September and gave a lengthy list of varied social events held during the year which included a joint E. Midlands groups trip to Belton House. He paid thanks to all those members who had opened their homes and provided refreshments.

f) Membership Secretary: Tony said that our membership remained fairly constant and that presently we had 50 members (49 male & 1 female). Only 22 members had renewed during the year, but 30 new members had joined. On average he sent out 62 monthly mailings.

Appointment of Officers

The following Officers were appointed:-

Convenor - Mike Raymond (12-0-1)	Caring - Bob Tunnicliffe (12-0-1)
Mem Sec - Tony Barker (13-0-0)	Social - Vincent Richmond (11-0-2)
Campaign - Alan Furness (9-0-4)	Newsletter - David Edgley (10-2-1)
Gay Lobby - David Ramsden (7-0-6)	

AGM MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Treasurer - Two nominations: Chris Cook and John Clarkson.
John Clarkson was re-elected (9-1-3)

Archivist - It was agreed that we should continue efforts to appoint an Archivist, but as no nominations were received, it was deferred to the Business Meetings (8-0-3)

Womens Liaison - It was unclear what this post entailed and there was much discussion on the whole situation and problems of recruiting women. It was agreed that as a whole, the members should try to involve women members and that the office should not be filled unless women joined and wanted such an appointment. (11-1-1)

Any Other Business

1) Charges at meetings:

It was agreed that if the group was to maintain its functions at even the present rate a compulsory charge must be made at all meetings. (Unanimous). A straw poll indicated that the charge should remain at 25p, although a number of members thought it should be higher and it was agreed that this AGM should recommend to the business meeting an attendance levy of 25p.

2) Support for Nottingham Gay Switchboard

The Convenor reinforced the reasons given last year for the continuing financial and other support for Nottingham Gay Switchboard and his proposal to this effect was agreed unanimously. Alan Furness then proposed that the amount of financial support should be increased to £150, which was seconded by Gary Gascoigne and agreed unanimously.

3) Chris Richardson

Mike said that on behalf of the group, appreciation must be recorded of the immense amount of work which had been so successfully undertaken by Chris Richardson during his time as Campaign Officer and wished him well with his new commitments which precluded him from standing for re-election. These feelings were echoed by other members.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

The Accounts for Nottingham CHE group which are referred to in the above Minutes are given on the next page.

NOTTINGHAM CHE ACCOUNTS: 25.3.80 - 19.3.81
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INCOME

Collections	202-94
Subscriptions	257-75
Gay News	308-70
Donations received	39-02
25 Club	114-00
Supporters cards	24-38
Monthly Discos(5)	21-20
Gay Pride Disco	16-37
Jumble Sale	32-30
Christmas Disco	69-79
Unpresented cheques written off	7-05
Refund of JCDC loan	25-00
Deposit a/c interest	16-42

£1134-92

EXPENDITURE

Coffe etc	6-20
Subscriptions to HQ	180-00
Gay News	210-11
Donations made	267-00
25 club prizes	56-50
Supporters cards to HQ	24-38
Post/stationery	84-85
Advertising	21-88
Afiliation fees	20-00
Rooms at CVS	64-00
Speakers expenses etc	21-75
Publicity Leaflets	19-00
Monthly disco losses (2)	3-70
Gay Pride badges	4-00
Jumble Sale hall	5-00
Loan to JCDC	25-00
Bank charges	1-45
Transferred to Deposit a/c	66-42
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Excess of I over E	53-68

£1134-94

BALANCE SHEET AT 19.3.81

Bt Fwd 1979/80		Cash at bank	
Deposit A/c	109-84	Deposit a/c	176-26
Current a/c	76-62	Current a/c	130-18
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Excess of I over E	53-68	Cash in hand	-12
Transferred from I and E a/c	66-42		
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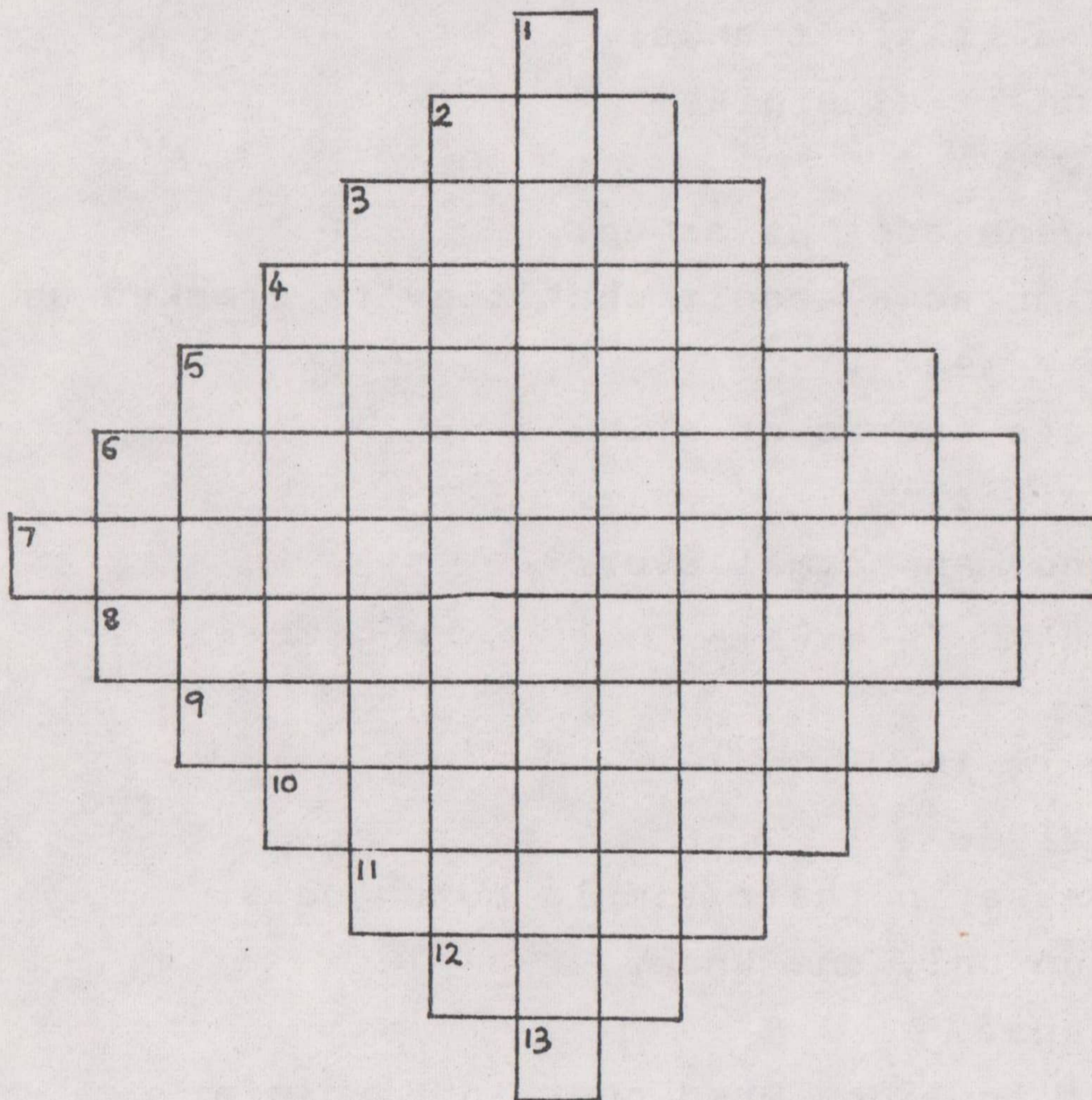
AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Accounts for the period 25.3.80 to 19.3.81 have been checked to books of account, bank statements and vouchers and found to be correct.

(Signed) Alan Melville 22.3.81.

TONY'S TEASER

If you solve all the clues correctly, the middle line down will give you the name of a well-known local organisation. Send your completed entry to me at Flat 4, 19a, Pelham Crescent, the Park, Nottingham, NG7 1AR by May 20th, or hand it in at the CVS. A prize of £5 will be awarded to the first correct entry opened at the Business Meeting on May 28th.

CLUES

1. Compass point (1)
2. Tunncliffe goes back and forth for a shilling (3)
3. Theatre chappie (5)
4. Orgasmatrons - a speciality in Nottingham CHE? (7)
5. Does this person say grace, brothers? (4,5)
6. Lincolnshire landmark - NOT John Ockendon! (6,5)
7. Mixed-up Lesbian won Gog in this northerly town (6,7)
8. Thor was edgy - upset him and you'll find his business (4,3,4)
9. Sucking (9)
10. The Mr Teazy-Weazy of CHE? (7)
11. Wasn't it fortunate that this Frenchman had some KY at the end?(5)
12. Tommy's musical group (3)
13. See 1 (1)

Tony Barker.

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ARTHURS are a-thirst!
 BILLYS.... will they?won't they?
 CHUCKS, of course, suck.
 DAVIDS are avid.
 EDS are also said to give head.
 FRANKS deserve a little thanks.
 GEORGES gorge on it at orgies.
 HUGOS are huge.
 IVANS are as evanescent as semen.
 JIMMYS, with gimcracks,aren't what they're cracked up to be.
 KEITHS use their teeth.
 LEES appreciate a squeeze of KY.
 MALCOLMS come miles!
 NORMANS think no man normal ever.
 OLIVERS don't give fuck oil.
 PAULS pall.
 QUINTINS leave it in.
 RICHARDS are turds.
 SAMS aim to please,in their simple butch ways.
 TONYs go down on only one knee.
 URIAHS hump heeps.
 VANCES tend not to mince when home in Virginia.
 WALTERS are all tease
 XERXESES merely jerk theirs.
 YULS usually drool, but
 YERGERS, like gater-fuckers, all come from Mississippi.
 ZACARIAHS fill the eyes of size-queens!

From Jonathan Williams - Elite/Elate Poems
 (Jargon Society, 1979)

An information sheet from a local travel agent which was received by the group informs us that they are arranging two-day outings in London for a well-publicised wedding on July 29th. Those going will be staying at the appropriately named Mount Royal Hotel.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GAY SWITCHBOARDS CONFERENCE

Nottingham Gay Switchboard joined eight others in Bristol last month for the NAGS conference. This was the first meeting since the one held in Nottingham last June at the CVS.

Brighton, then the Secretariat, outlined the reasons for their lack of enthusiasm about NAGS. The main reason given was that they received little response to their letters, although the number of replies was usually about the same as the number of NAGS members. Brighton's proposal that NAGS should abolish itself there and then received no support.

From funds of £250 NAGS gave £20 to both Bristol and Lincoln who are facing particular financial problems at the moment. Just over a hundred pounds has been set aside to help other member Switchboards who get into financial difficulties. Finance is now in control of Nottingham's John Clarkson.

One of the most significant decisions taken was to abolish the controversial Code of Conduct. The meeting agreed that it was impossible for NAGS to maintain "minimum standards" and that the concept should be abandoned. A general raising of standards, it was felt, could best be brought about through switchboards helping each other on an informal basis.

The other main topics discussed were the problems of rural gays, silent calls and whether or not masturbatory calls should be encouraged. Generally a low key conference. Few could have left with the same feeling of euphoria which followed the Nottingham Conference.

I suppose what some will consider the high point of the conference was the story told by a Nottingham delegate on his return from a lunchtime visit to a nearby pub (to buy cigarettes). A gas fire burnt a hole in the only pair of trousers he had with him. After some protests he was loaned a pair of oversized jeans - into which he changed while standing in the middle of the bar - while the landlord's wife (who else?) attempted a repair. Many large whiskies were forced down the injured party's throat before he could return to the conference after an absence of nearly two hours. The damages are now in the hands of the pub's insurance company - see the Campaign Officer for further details.

Tim Barnsley.



CHE AND THE MARCH AGAINST STATE REPRESSION

The demonstration in Manchester by between 600 and a thousand gay women and men exceeded the organisers' (admittedly low) expectations. The slogan was "Stop the State Repression of Lesbian and Gay People". Two things turned it into a specifically anti-police protest. Firstly the venue was Manchester, the home of police chief James Anderton who is notorious for his opposition to gay people. Secondly, it was just at this time that the extent of police action against gays in Huddersfield was becoming widely known. The positive aspects of the rally included the first public appearance of a London-based Black gay group.

Given that some people had travelled up from London and others from as far away as Aberdeen, it was a great disappointment that many people who lived much closer to Manchester stayed away. The size of the Nottingham contingent was quite appalling, as was the fact that neither of this year's Nottingham CHE newsletters gave the march a mention. The CHE convenors in the North-West went further at their January meeting. A report of that meeting contained a nice example of how to produce a self-fulfilling prophecy; "...if the march was poorly attended then it might be counter-productive, whereas if it was dominated by the SWP, CP, IM etc., it would be unrepresentative. NW CHE group convenors could not, therefore, recommend their members to attend."

When people such as CHE convenors actually oppose this type of demonstration, without either denying that state repression occurs or suggesting some other way of fighting it, I would ask by what right they call themselves part of a Campaign.

Am I expecting the Campaign to be too wide and too far-reaching? Is the campaign really about legal equality for gay men? Many would answer yes to both these questions. I would disagree with those people but accept that theirs is a valid position. However, they are very misguided if they think CHE is all about equality. The Home Office Policy Advisory Committee recently recommended that the age of consent for homosexual men be reduced from 21 to 18. An organisation committed to Equality would have condemned this report for maintaining a two year distinction between heterosexual and male gay sex. What does CHE do? Gay News reported CHE's response as "Any steps to lower the age for men from the level of 21 are to be welcomed."

Having suggested that CHE is wrong to use both the words "Campaign" and "Equality" in its name, I would suggest that it will soon have no claim on the word "Homosexual" either. Its present state at both national and local level can only lead to a fall in the amount of respect and support it can hope to receive from thinking gay women and men.

Tim Barnsley

For readers' interest I have put a copy of CHE's response on the right.

David Edgley

The recommendation that the age of consent for homosexual men should be lowered to 18 is not new; it was contained in the Policy Advisory Committee's discussion paper in 1979.

Any steps to lower the age for gay men from the present level of 21 are to be welcomed. It is regrettable, however, that by recommending 18 the committee still appears to believe that homosexuality can be prevented by discriminatory laws. The scientific evidence presented to them does not support this view.

Moreover, great unhappiness is caused to young gay men who have to grow up in the shadow of these outdated laws. The case for equality at 16 is overwhelming.

This is emphasized by the committee's endorsement of the present effective age of consent of 16 for lesbians. A gap of five years in the legal status of gay women and gay men is ludicrous. Reducing the gap by three years is insufficient progress.

It is also ridiculous to believe — as the Mary Whitehouse lobby both inside and outside Parliament insists — that young men are capable of taking on the responsibilities of marriage and of raising children at 16 but not of deciding for themselves whether to have gay relationships. Neither Ms Whitehouse nor Parliament have the moral right to decide that for them — or to declare young gay men criminal.

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CHE'S DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION

This is a relatively new part of CHE's activities, having been set up about two years ago. In that time it has fully justified its existence, publishing two reports ("Queers Need Not Apply" and "Attacks on Gay People") which document with frightening accuracy some of the ways gay men and women are discriminated against in our society, in spite of what our detractors might like to think and claim.

To function, though, the Commission needs one basic raw material: no, not money (though that is an important need which we recognised a few weeks ago by sending a £50 donation) but INFORMATION. It is only by being able to point to the first hand experiences of gays that the Commission's reports can have any effectiveness. The Commission is currently soliciting information in three specific areas of discrimination:-

PRISONS What is it like 'inside' for the gay prisoner, whether in prison for a gay 'offence' or not. Indications are that the going is pretty rough, but eyewitness accounts are needed, not only from gays who may themselves have suffered in prison, but also from those who may have seen how gay prisoners are treated by fellow prisoners and staff, who all too often seem to join in a unholy alliance against gays and sex-offenders generally, whatever their differences might be over other aspects of prison life.

MEDICAL How many gay people get a fair deal from their GP or hospitals when their gayness is involved? Some doctors - but not all, of course, - may still recommend 'treatment' for homosexuality or even be openly unsympathetic or rude to gays who go to them or try to get help over what is for them an agonising problem. Should the fact that a person is gay get onto their medical file, and what happens to that information when it is there? (Remember Geoffrey Brighton?) There seems to be a lamentable lack of training and a corresponding lack of understanding about homosexuality for doctors and medical staff. Gays need evidence to show the medical authorities and professional bodies that this situation must be rectified.

EMPLOYMENT This is probably the area that gives most gays their greatest worries about coming out, and as such the importance of defeating this kind of discrimination cannot be over-emphasized. The recent decisions of Industrial Tribunals in the cases of John Saunders and Gordon Wiseman underline the necessity of being able to press the best possible case for legal protection of gay people's jobs. But discrimination in employment does not always take the extreme form of dismissal: how many gays would fail to get jobs in the first place if they were open about their sexuality at interviews, or do fail if they are? How many miss chances of promotion because they are gay? How often are open gays driven to resign because they can no longer cope with the hostility of their employer and/or fellow workers? Or are pressurised into a 'resignation' to avoid actually being dismissed? Do Unions do enough, or indeed anything, to protect their gay members? The answers to these questions - if they can be answered - are not going to be satisfactory.

The CHE Discrimination Commission needs hard facts relating to all these areas if it is to function at its best, and we are being asked to help them get these facts. If you think you have anything to offer, either from personal experience or observed experience, please let the Commission know. They don't just want to hear from CHE members either: if you have friends that you know could help, please do your best to persuade them to do so. All information received will be treated in absolute confidence - if it is used it will be mentioned in the most general terms, and names will certainly not be released.

CHE'S DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION (CONTINUED)

Write as soon as possible to Ken Davison (on Employment), Iain MacArthur (Medical) or the Prisons Working Group at this address:-
 CHE discrimination Commission, c/o CHE, 42a Formosa St., London W9 2JP.
 Make sure that CHE is in a position to do its job - to help those who need help.

Mike.

GAY ARCHIVIST In about 100 years time when the fight for gay rights has achieved the 'respectable' position that the struggle to win the vote now occupies in our social histories, there will be many aspiring Ph.D.'s hunting around for original research material. With a view to making their task easier a national gay archive has been established by national CHE and the idea of having an archivist in our group to make certain that Nottingham's participation in the struggle does not go unrecorded was put forward at last year's AGM and revived at this year's.

Unfortunately, we have so far been unable to fill this particular position and so are 'advertising' it in "Chimaera" in the hope that some member with an itch for a niche in history will volunteer his services (or hers, if our sole woman member is interested).
 Qualifications required are few:-

- willingness and enthusiasm to do the job.
- an ability to file material in a way that makes retrieval easy.
- space to actually store the archive.

If you have all the above, or at least the first two, then make yourself known to me or any other Officer of the group and we can proceed further in this vitally important matter.

Mike

GROUP LIBRARY More recent members may not be aware that over the past couple of years the group has been acquiring various publications of gay interest for the information and education of those in the group. So far we have copies of the following:-

Sturgess: No Offence - the Case for Homosexual Equality at Law
 (CHE, 1975)

Cohen at al: The Law and Sexuality - Hope to Cope with the Law if you're not 100% Conventionally Heterosexual.
 (Grass Roots Books, 1978)

An Anti-Fascist Handbook (London Gay Activists Alliance, 1979)

Queers need not Apply (CHE Discrimination Commission, 1979)

Attacks on Gay People (CHE Discrimination Commission, 1981)

Gay Workers - Trade Unions and the Law (Beer, Jeffrey and Munyard, NCCL, 1981)

If you would like to borrow any of these books to read, see me at CVS to arrange it.

Mike

A very pleasant way of finishing off the newsletter is to report that we have just heard that Nottingham Gay Switchboard has been awarded a grant of £100 by the Nottingham Karnival Committee.