Nottingham Lesbian and Gay Community Centre

N.L.G.C.C., c/o Box 11, 118, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HL.



WALES

IN EARLY MAY, several members of our co-operative were hosted by the South Wales Gay Group based in and around Cardiff. Some of their members will be visiting Nottingham over the Bank Holiday Weekend of August 22nd - 25th. Events already planned include:

Friday 22nd Aug. VIDEO EVENING 7.30.

(Details: Richard 814212)

Sunday 24th Aug. BARBECUE PARTY 3.00.

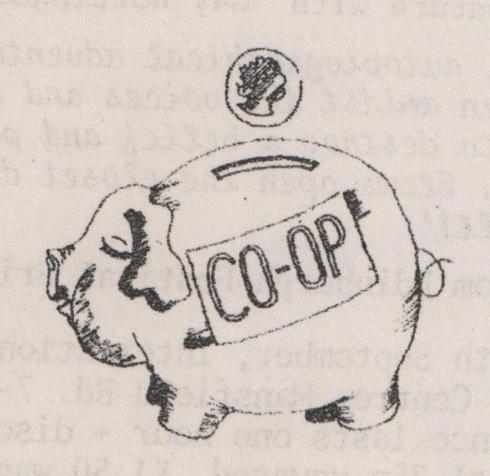
(Weather permitting! Details:

Richard 708063)

Monday 25th Aug. MYSTERY HUNT starting from Garners Hill Park, Weekday Cross, between 1.30 and 2.30. (Details: Chris. 780124)

We are still short of spaces to put up our guests: if you feel you may be able to help with accommodation for 1 or 2 nights please contact Richard - 708063.

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Remember the appeal for a Logo, way back in February? The idea has now been relauched as competition to design a logo for the actual Centre once it opens, (Not necessarily the name of the Society). All entries should be in to the Secretary by 17th December. (Sorry, no material prize, just the thrill of winning - unless some kind donor gives us one!)

BUS TO 'PRIDE' PARADE

The Co-op had little trouble in filling all 15 places on the minibus to Gay Pride this year. All told, more than 30 requests for seats were made with many last-minute disappointed telephone callers. Perhaps a full coach could be booked next year?

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS.

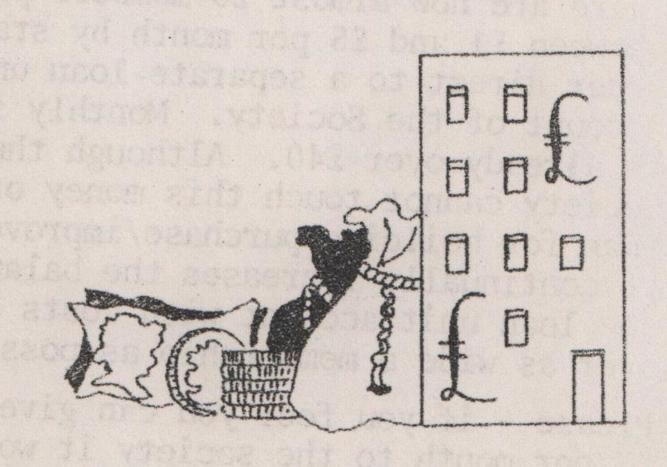
The next Ordinary General Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th August at 7.30 at the Peacock Hotel, Mansfield Rd (opposite Tesco's) - entrance is upstairs through the Lounge. (Buy yourself a drink on the way up! Light snacks available upstairs during the meeting.)

October meeting. Same place and time. Wednesday October 15th.

THROUGH THE £1,000 BARRIER!

Your Co-op's balances at 31st July 1986:

Loan Units	£1020.00
Current Account	\$25.23
Deposit Account	£102.93
Cash	£16.38
Loan Unit Acc. Interest (to 30.4.86)	£16.79
	£1181.33



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At the A.G.M. in June this year, the name of the Society was unanimously changed to the 'NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY' - or N.L.G.C.C. for short.

'VICTORIAN VALUES'

Victorian Values' are a 9-strong group of men and women (some of them members of our Co-op) performing a programme of Old Music Hall entertainments: songs, piano, monologues and of course, audience participation. A night to remember.

Tuesday 11th November at 8.00pm Entrance 50p

QUESTIONNAIRES NOW COMPLETE

Some questionnaires are enclosed for you and for friends. We need as many filling in as possible (even anonymously) to convince the City Council that we really do need a Lesbian and Gay COMMUNITY CENTRE and not just a place to go when the pub is shut. If you have any more friends who would be willing to fill in a questionnaire, please contact Richard (814212) for extra copies.

GREATER NOTTINGHAM CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY COMMUNITY AWARDS

Our co-operative has received acknowledgement of its lengthy application for one of the G.N.C.S. £50 Community Awards - their first application from a Lesbian and Gay group. Fingers crossed!

STANDING ORDERS

There are now almost 20 members pledging between £1 and £5 per month by standing order direct to a separate loan unit account of the Society. Monthly income is already over £40. Although the Society cannot touch this money other than for building purchase/improvement, it continually increases the balance in the loan unit account with costs spread over as wide a membership as possible.

Please - if you feel you can give £1 or £2 per month to the society it would be yery gratefully received.

NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL -LESBIAN AND GAY FRINGE

At the events organised by the Society, there were a total 281 attendances. A small net profit of £3.83 was made after receipt of a £120 grant from Nottingham City Council. This may not seem much in money terms but a tremendous community spirit was generated and many new members joined as a direct result.

DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

The Society has applied to the Manpower Services Commission to fund one or two workers posts (ideal for job-sharing) to give support to the Society in the achievement of the co-operative's aims and objectives, liaising with the community, the local authority and other bodies.

Should our application be successful, the workers would assist with advertising, promotional activities and publicity; be responsible for meetings arrangements and the organisation of social and fund-raising events; and assist in the recruitment of members through outreach work into the community.

Is this job for you?

'OVERCOMING HOMOSEXUALITY'
(Confessions of 2 deviants)

A Joint Venture with 'Gay Nottingham'

'Powerful, autobiographical adventures of two Gay men amidst the voices and images that try to destroy a belief and pride in ourselves. Blows open the closet door once and for all!'

Direct from Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Friday 12th September, International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd. 7-30 p.m. (Performance lasts one hour + discussion afterwards) 75p unwaged. £1.50 waged. Tickets at door. Be there early!!

PRIZE DRAW

The idea of a prize draw has been floated for many months. At last it will now take place with the draw being made at a large Christmas Disco/Social the week before Christmas. (Details in next newsletter.) If you would like to sell tickets or could offer a prize, please contact: Chris. 780124.

NOTTINGHAM LESEIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY C/O Box 11, 118, Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HL.

Dear Friend,

The idea of a community centre for lesbians and gays in Nottingham has been a topic of conversation for a long time. Last year a co-operative was established to turn the idea into a reality. It now has a membership approaching one hundred and loan units exceeding £1,000. To be successful, the Co-operative needs to know what the lesbian and gay community would want from a Centre. This questionnaire is part of the process of finding out. We would appreciate it if you could answer the questions below and return the completed questionnaire to the above address.

MALE / FEMALE (please delete as appropriate)

Age

What existing facilities do you use?

(please tick as appropriate)

Friends' houses

Others

Pubs

Clubs

Do you feel that the existing social and meeting facilities (i.e. pubs and clubs) within Nottingham are -

Adequate
Fair
Inadequate

If there was a Lesbian and Gay Community Centre in Nottingham would you use and/or support it?

YES/NO

If yes, on what days and between what times would you like to see it open?
(Please underline or ring as appropriate.)

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun.

All day Evening Late Eve. After

Where would you like to see the Centre situated? City Centre (Please underline or ring as appropriate.)

Outskirts

If in the City Centre would you prefer: (Please tick.)

Market Square Mansfield Road Derby Road

Lace Market
Maid Marian Way
Sneinton Market?

midnight

What facilities would you like to see provided within the Centre? (Please tick.)

Coffee Bar Helplines Licensed Bar Creche

Library
Games Area
Theatre/Drama
Toy Library

Group Meeting facilities
Special Function facilities

Daytime classes
Evening Classes
Other suggestions?

(See over for more questions.)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please return to N.L.G.C.C., Box 11 118, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, NGT 3HL.

I wish to apply for membership of the Nottingham Lesbian and Gay Community Centre Co-operative Society. I enclose my application fee of £1, which I understand is only returnable should my application not be accepted, together with £.... (minimum £1) being my application for loan units of £1 each. As a member I shall agree to abide by the rules of the Co-operative.

Signature	Name (capitals)
Address (capitals)	
Post Code	Date

organise? (e.g. s	elf-defence, keep fit, ine, woodwork, etc?)		••••••
Would you like to	help with the planning o	of the centre? YES	/ 110
	s you would like to make		
Would you like mo	re information?	YES	/ NO
If YES, your name and address			
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Would you like to be kept informed of all relevant issues and have your name kept on a mailing list? YES / NO

Thank you for your help!

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