

NOGSOG NEWS

NOGSOG News?? Well, that's the title for the moment. There must, as they say, be something better than this - so we are still open to suggestions. Already turned down have been "The Newsletter that dare not speak its name", "Vincent's Voice", "The Brachioproctor" (I'm sure I haven't the faintest idea what that means) and one or two more. So for the moment, at least, Nottingham Gay Social Group (NGSG) is NOGSCG.

Last month we had a very enjoyable film evening at Andy's and there is to be a second helping this month. Mike's quiz was as enjoyable and well organised as usual - modesty forbids me to reveal the winner - and Mike, too, has been prevailed upon to be host again, this time for an evening of games such as The London Game, Railways etc. Great fun if you're in a silly mood. I feel that it is important to point out that the Discussions are not as boring as the title might suggest. The Group has some Officers with certain responsibilities, but the running of the Group is not solely in their hands. As we are a new group there are quite a few things to be sorted out and ANYONE is welcome to contribute their ideas at a group discussion. Later, however, the discussions will probably gravitate more towards the general chat that people are used to at the CVS, the main differences being threefold:-

- 1) They are held in somebody's house rather than the CVS.
- 2) You get coffee AND biscuits.
- 3) We hope to make an afternoon + evening of the event for those interested e.g. the meeting may decide to go for a walk if the weather is fine, or go and play table tennis or badminton, or go off to a pub or whatever suits the moment.

Inevitably the Programme for next month is called NOGSOGPROG.

- JUNE 30th Table Tennis! We've booked spaces at ALL SOUL'S
- WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CENTRE, corner of Lenton Boulevard and Ilkeston Road from 8 to 10 pm.
- JULY 7th Video Night at Andy's, 1, Burnham Lodge, Bestwood Park Dr.
- WEDNESDAY West, Rise Park. 2 films, so a prompt 8pm start.
- SAT. 10th PARTY at Russell and Philip's, 10a, The Arcade, Newark (off Market Square). From 9pm. Buses go from Broadmarsh, and there are also regular trains.
- WED. 14th TEN PIN BOWLING. Meet at the Old Cricketers Pub at 7.30pm.
- FRI. 16th Trip to Alton Towers. (Entry charge £3) meet by Part II car park at 11am. Lift(s) available - see Stuart at CVS.
- THUR. 22nd Programme meeting to decide next month's events. CVS at 8pm
- FRI. 23rd Games evening at Mike's, 19, Thomas Close, St. Ann's from 8pm. *20p collection for group funds*
- SUN. 25th Group Discussion and group biscuits at Tim's, 15, Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park at 7pm.
- SAT. 31st and Sunday too. Trip to Blackpool. Those interested should get £14-95 to Vincent by July 1st. Those going will meet outside CVS at 7.45 am. on Saturday morning.

There's advance notice of another Video Night at Andy's on Wednesday August 4th.

There are another two events which anyone is welcome to attend:-

THURSDAY JULY 1st: There is a CHE meeting at Andrew's, 19, Campbell Grove, St. Ann's at 8pm. CHE is, of course, essentially concerned with campaigning since the recent AGM, but campaigning is important, covers many areas of considerable importance and can be fun!

WEDNESDAY AUG. 3rd There is a Nottingham Gay Switchboard Meeting at the Salutation Pub at 7.30 pm. All Switchboarders should try to be there (one part of the evening will be taken up by a speaker dealing with transvestism) but anyone else is very welcome. So if you think that you might be able to help the Switchboard or if you have been helped by the Switchboard and want to know more about it then go to the room on the immediate left going in through the back door of the pub.

August the 3rd is, I believe, Tony Barker's birthday and I have been notified that the Token House gift shop give discounts on birthday candles purchased in quantities greater than 100.

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For those new to Nottingham or to NGSOG the CVS is 31a, Mansfield Road, Nottingham and is the premises of the Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service. As well as the specific events set out in NGSOG's programme overleaf, people meet regularly at the CVS every Monday and Thursday from about 7.30 pm onwards. Nottingham Gay Switchboard also works from the same address and can be contacted every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday by phoning 46714 from 7 to 10pm.

This has been the once-every-two-months news sheet that is mainly to give Nogsoggers news of what's going on, but remember between each news sheet there will be a larger Newsletter. Contributions, particularly cartoons, newspaper cut-outs relevant to gays or merely interesting, puzzles etc are needed. Send, or hand in anything you think we may use by THURSDAY JULY 22ND.

Finally, if you are not used to going to the sort of thing shown in the programme then make sure that you ask for more details when you are at the CVS. You should find that people there will be able to clear up any things that you are uncertain about, give you details of how to find places and try to arrange lifts where possible. This is part of what the group is about, so make use of us.