

NOGSOG NEWSHEET

JULY 1984

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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- TUES 3RD Tour of the Shire Hall prisons and condemned cells - meet outside at 7.15pm. The Shire Hall is the neoclassical stone building on High Pavement.
- SUN. 15 TH Trip to Haddon Hall, Derbyshire including a walk and picnic. Meet at Gatsbys at 12.00. (Names to Mark Palmer or Peter Duke by 12th July please.) The weather will be splendid.
- FRI. 20TH Games evening at Mike's. 19, Thomas Close, St. Ann's. Starts 8pm.
- WED. 25TH Pub night from 8.30pm at the Foresters (St. Ann's Street, Glasshouse St. behind the Victoria Centre - NOT the other Foresters on Humtingdon St. (or even Huntingdon St
- THUR. 26TH Programme meeting at the CVS to sort out next month's social events. 8.15pm.

AUGUST

- SAT. 4TH There will be a joint meeting at Wollaton Park to which members of groups from Leics/Derby/Lincoln and Boston will have been invited. The details will follow later, though at the moment we propose to meet at 12.30 in Wollaton Park.

May I remind you all that your annual subscriptions are now due. They are £2 for those not working and £4 for those working.

For those unfamiliar with the group I will repeat that the CVS is the address of the Council for Voluntary Service at 31a, Mansfield Road. In addition to the meetings listed above, there are the regular Thursday meetings at the CVS from about 8pm onwards. Anyone is welcome to turn up for a chat and some coffee. Many people go on to Gatsbys or Part II afterwards.

Nottingham Gay Switchboard also uses these premises on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If at any time you need to contact them, you can do so by phoning either Nottingham 411454 or Nottingham 476714 on those days at any time between 7 and 10 pm.

NOGSOG A.G.M.Minutes of AGM held on 7.6.84

Meeting opened 8.15pm. There were 7 members present (apologies from David Edgley).

Minutes of 1983 AGM read by Peter Dufton and were accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes - meetings at the Foresters were no longer held.

Secretary's report

Active members of the group had decreased over the past year. Discussion followed as to the reasons. Suggestions put forward included not talking enough to new members. It was suggested that it is difficult to know how far to go when talking to new people in that some might think that enquiries were going too deep. It was agreed that we should try to bring new members more into the conversation - though another point was made that some people were quite content to just sit and listen on their first visit.

Most popular amongst the year's activities had been the minibus trips, although support for these had fallen a little. Peter Dufton offered to continue his services as driver for the foreseeable future.

Since meetings at the Foresters had ceased, the only regular meeting was on Thursday at CVS. It was suggested that a monthly meeting should be arranged at the Foresters.

Peter Dufton said he was not available to continue as Secretary in view of other commitments.

Treasurer's Report

The loss for the year was £6. There had been no payment to CVS, it being assumed that we were part of "Switchboard". Donations made totalled £140.

The report was accepted.

Membership Secretary's Report

Although active participation decreased (as mentioned above) actual members increased by 2 from 43 to 45.

Election of Officers

Secretary and Treasurer were not seeking re-election.

Peter Duke said he would accept nomination. This was proposed, seconded and carried.

It was proposed that the job of Treasurer and Membership Secretary be combined as it is in many groups. This was accepted.

David Lowe was proposed, seconded and accepted for this post.

Mark Palmer was proposed, seconded and accepted as Social Secretary.

David Edgley continues as newsletter editor and wielder of tippex.

Subscriptions

At present these are £1 for non-wage earners and £3 for employed. Membership Secretary said that in view of cost of posting an monthly newsletter (£1-50 at current postage + envelopes) an increase was essential. It was agreed that the change would be to £2 for non-waged and £4 for employed.

Coffee money

A proposal was made to increase this. It has remained at 25p since the formation of the group. It was agreed to put this up to 30p though new members need not pay on their first visit.

Distribution of funds

Gay Switchboard has depended heavily on sales of Gay News for financial stability. For various reasons the number of copies sold has gone down dramatically. They were now selling 'Him' for the benefit of Gay Switchboard but there was still a serious loss of income as the Switchboard needs a minimum of £600 to continue.

In a written proposal by David Edgley it was stated that NOGSOG needs relatively little to continue and proposed a donation of 2/3rd of our balance to Switchboard, the remaining 1/3 being retained. (Donate £125, keep £50-40) A discussion followed in which Peter Dufton asked us to consider making a donation to Friend. Finally it was decided that £115 should go to Switchboard, £10 to Friend and the financial situation be reviewed again in 6 months time and any further surplus for disposal should be given to Switchboard.

Any other business

Mark Palmer proposed a vote of thanks for Peter Dufton's work as Secretary and this was approved unanimously. The meeting closed at 9.32pm.