

NOGSOG NEWSHEET

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER

1984

- SUN. 2ND Visit to Belton House. 3 miles north of Grantham. joint meeting with East Midlands groups. Meet at 12 noon in the car park - bring a picnic lunch. A pub evening will be arranged.
- FRI. 7TH Video evening at Mike's. 19, Thomas Close, St. Ann's. Try to get there promptly for 8pm.
- THUR. 13TH Programme meeting at the CVS at 8.15pm.
- WED. 19TH Meet in the Lounge Bar of the Foresters at 8.30pm.
- SAT. 29TH Minibus trip to Birmingham. Meet at Gatsby's at 8.30pm. Names should be given to Mark Palmer or Peter Duke as soon as possible.

OCTOBER

- FRI. 5TH Meeting with the Leicester group - venue to be arranged.
- SAT. 6TH Visit to Goose Fair. Details will follow in next months newsheet.

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Remember that subscriptions are now due. You can hand them to David Lowe when you see him, or send them to 11, Plantagenet Court, St. Ann's, Nottingham.

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For those who have not visited the CVS (31a, Mansfield Road) recently I perhaps ought to give details of the effects of the freak storm which hit Nottingham a few weeks ago and damaged the CVS in the process. Though people are still very welcome to turn up for coffee and a chat on Thursday evenings, the coffee will be hard to come by as the kitchen area was thoroughly flooded, the wallpaper is hanging off the walls and the electricity in that area is in a dangerous state so the fridge, stove, kettle etc are all out of action. The group room has had to be moved down the corridor to room 11. We are not sure how long this state of affairs will prevail, so we must all be patient until the CVS have managed to sort out their difficulties.

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Dear Aunt Peg,

Simply must tell you about the joint outing to Wollaton Hall. Although it was raining - but not men, I might add - we assembled next to the red telephone box. We had to make this the venue as Miss Telecom simply can't bear to be without a phone (it's for her social engagements you know). She certainly gets around; I'm not one to gossip, but there was a certain couple who disappeared into the shrubbery while we were waiting for the others. They were never seen again, but I did hear of two cases of pneumonia recently.

Anyway, we proceeded to the back of the camellia house to eat our picnic while enjoying the most delightful views - of the Hall that is! After looking at the stuffed exhibits (I'm not referring to the Lincoln group) in the Hall and taking afternoon tea - the Indian servants had taken the afternoon off, so there were no cucumber sandwiches, much to my displeasure - we set off for Nottingham Castle and Mortimer's Hole. I think you know the story; the one where Mortimer had to go up the back passage to take the queen. I was quite amazed at just how big Mortimer's hole is, but if you consider just how many people have been up it then it is hardly surprising. After a quick look at the Castle Museum we went to the Flying Horse on Cheapside for dinner, and then to Gatsby's for a quick drink. Those of us who had enough stamina ended up at Part II. However, one or two did leave quite early - just can't think why,

Peter.

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