

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN SUPPORT THE MINERS !!!

Minutes of a meeting at the Fallen Angel 27th Jan '85

Chair: Sally Bild

Strike Report: Gareth King

Attendance: 37 people attended

Apologies: received from 8 comrades

Admin. Collection: raised £17.37 from comrades at the meeting

Collections up to 27th Jan 85

Fallen Angel, Sat	29.09
F.A., Sun	34.17
Bell, Thurs	30.50
F.A, Thurs	15.53
F.A. Fri	36.00
Two Brewers, Weds	14.78
Coleherne, Fri	8.00
Camden Tube, Sun	11.70
Union Tavern, Fri	5.25
Champions, Fri	2.83
Gay Teachers Group	10.00
G.T.W. Thurs	20.49
G.T.W. Sat	118.75
F.A. Sat 19th	31.69
F.A. Weds 16th	25.01
TOTAL.....	<u>393.79</u>

Collections for week 27/1 - 3/2/85

Bell, Sun - Andy M, Mark S
 Bell, Thurs - Monty, Ian S
 Bell, Fri - Johnny O, Monty
 F.A. Sun - Steven B, Martin K
 F.A. Mon - Derek, Brett
 F.A. Tues - Kate F (?)
 F.A. Weds - John P, Rob C
 F.A. Thurs - Gethin, Joe
 F.A. Fri - Tim L,.....!
 Coleherne, Fri - John L, Lionel
 New Depression, Sat - Roddy,!
 Camden Tube, Sun 12noon - Roddy, Gareth K,
 Mark S, Mike J
 Vauxhall, Weds - Dave L, Andy M
 Bell, Sat - Sally, Kate T
 Stallions, Thurs (G.T.W.'s 6th Birthday
 party event.....!
 Marc Almond, Thurs - Andy

G.T.W. Thurs 31st - Bruce F, Mike J

Sat 2nd Feb. 11am-Noon: Mike J, Gethin, Joe, Martin G, Nigel
 Noon-1pm: Mike J, Nigel, Bruce, Tom, Gethin, Joe
 1-2pm: Nigel, Bruce, Mike J, Mark S, Michael P, Tom
 2-3pm: Jonathon B, Tom, Michael P, Monty
 3-4pm: Jonathon B, Kevin G, Iain S, Dave L, Rikki, Monty

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EVENT OF THE WEEK: LGSM presents: 'An Illustrated History of the South Wales Mining Communities 1860-1985 - given by striking miner CLIFF CRIST from Seven Sisters, Dulais Valley. THIS FRIDAY 7.30pm at Margery St. Community Centre, Margery Street WC1. £1.50/50p unwaged. Vegetarian Food included. Please invite your friends and comrades.....

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Publicity Group Report. P.G. are trying to organise a lesbian and gay section on the Feb. 24th National Demonstration. The meeting unanimously agreed, in principle, to P.G. producing a pamphlet. P.G. then agreed to report back on the likely production costs and they also urged comrades to contribute any material that may be of interest. The draft leaflet was read out and accepted with a few minor amendments - Lionel to arrange printing.

Anxiety was voiced about the absence of some members from P.G. meetings. The next meeting is at 3pm on Sunday 3rd - contact Colin Richardson 691-4453 for details (especially if you are unable to attend).

Mineworkers Defence Committee. Mike J. attended MDC meeting at County Hall on Tues (22nd). About ten people were present. Registrations for the Feb.9th Conference in Sheffield were looking good and they were confident that there would be a fully booked conference. The MDC weekly bulletin 'Black Dragon' was being mailed out to over 1,000 addresses and they are intending to get it distributed in left bookshops (price 30p). LGSM are invited to send in copy if we need events etc., publicising. Issue 3 contained a page describing LGSM's activities and an ad' about Cliff's talk, written by Martin Goodsell. The meeting agreed to affiliate to the MDC and also to apply for three delegates to attend the conference. (Note for other LGSM groups: you may consider also sending delegates: 127 George Lane, London SE13, tel: 01 985 6892)

Feb 11th Day of Action A mass picket of Neasden Power Station, Taylors Lane starting at 6.45am. and continuing throughout the day, with bands, acrobats etc. All groups are urged to attend and bring banners.

LGSM Day Conference There will be a planning meeting for this on Tues 29th at LSE, comrades who are interested in organising this were asked to attend.

Womens Benefit at the Bell on Weds 6th Mar. Helpers (men or women) are needed to organise publicity etc. Contact Sally Bild (733 3952)

Speaking Engagements Andy Matheson and Kevin Arthur reported back on a NUT Gay Teachers group meeting that they had spoken at and said that although the meeting was small there was strong support for the miners and LGSM.

Video Jeff Cole reported that the MDC Video group had been in contact and they would like about ten minutes footage about LGSM. Jeff intended to start a Video group again and the following people took responsibility to form a group: Andy M, Gareth K, Mark S, Roddy, Bruce, Derek, Martin K and Jeff.

Second Dulais Visit. Jeff and Mike would drive two Hackney Community Transport minibuses (12 seaters) and the vehicles were booked for 15-17th Feb. It was agreed that 24 people would go on this trip, which Mike Phillips is organising (833 1698). The meeting agreed that a further trip would be organised at a later date and that two spaces would be reserved for the workers at GTW at the invitation of Dave Donovan, in view of their support to LGSM and the miners.

Gay Sweatshop Miners Benefit. G.S. are performing a staged reading of their play 'Dear Love of Comrades'. This play is about the life and times of Edward Carpenter, 19th century gay socialist, writer, poet and agitator for economic, social, sexual and ecological revolution. Set in Sheffield the play relives Carpenters life, lovers and friends - and enemies. (It's a real tear jerker and you must go if you're not in Dulais !!!) 2pm Sat 16th Feb at the Drill Hall, Chenies St W1. Tickets £2.50/£1.00 unwaged - all proceeds to miners.

Street Collections John Palmer has invited David James (convenor of the Gay London Police Monitoring Group) to our meeting on Feb. 10th to discuss police harassment of street collectors and our legal position.

Next weeks Chair: Roddy Barnes

Strike Report: Lionel Starling

Next Meeting: Sunday 3rd Feb. 6pm Fallen Angel.

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Contacts: Dulais visit: Mike Phillips (h)833 1698
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Video group: Jeff Cole (h)326 4859 (w)274 4000 x 217
Womens contact: Sally Bild (h)733 3952
Treasurers: Martin Goodsell/Brett Haran (h)263 9484
Secretary: Mike Jackson (24hrs) 833 4785

P.S. TIM'S VAN - collection raised a further £8.32 towards repairs etc.