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Evening Standard Outside Chapel (ESOC)

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Name of Creator:

Evening Standard Outside Chapel

Extent:

25 boxes; 2 large volumes

Administrative/Biographical History:

The Evening Standard Outside Chapel represents the interests of distribution workers on the London newspaper, the Evening Standard, dealing with management on issues of newspaper distribution, employment, wages and working conditions. Its original headquarters were based at 47 Shoe Lane, EC4.

Originally part of the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers, the Chapel became affiliated to the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (SOGAT) when the NUPBPW joined with the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants (Natsopa) in 1966. The National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers became the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades Division A and Natsopa became the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades Division 1. The aim was to achieve a complete merger over time, but differences led to in-fighting and in 1972 the two divisions split, Division A retaining the name Society of Graphical and Allied Trades and Division 1 becoming the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (but retaining the Natsopa acronym).

In 1975, SOGAT officially became the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1975 (SOGAT '75) after amalgamation with the Scottish Graphical Association. In 1982, SOGAT '75 and Natsopa finally amalgamated to become the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1982 (SOGAT '82). In 1992, SOGAT '82 merged with the National Graphical Association to form the Graphical, Paper and Media Union, which subsequently merged with Amicus in 2005 to become that union's Graphical, Paper and Media industrial sector.

During the 1980s, the Chapel was derecognised by management. In 2005, a recognition agreement for drivers and depotmen was signed with the Associated Newspapers Group. The Chapel was based at the print and distribution centre of Associated Newspapers Ltd in Harmsworth Quays, London. On 21 January 2009, the newspaper was taken over by Russian businessman Alexander Lebedev, although Associated Newspapers retained a 25% holding in the company. On 12 October 2009, the newspaper became free and was renamed the London Evening Standard. Printing moved to Newsprinters in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, in 2012 and the distribution, circulation and transport became based at Greenwich. In February 2019, all transport, production and circulation moved to Broxbourne.

Custodial History:

Deposited at the Bishopsgate Institute by the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (John Cato [FOC], Rob Dickers [Deputy FOC and Treasurer] and Brian Eller [Chairman]) on 14 May 2007.

Scope and Content:

Records of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (1924-2005), including: committee minute books of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, 1928 - 2005; minute books of half yearly meetings of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, 1924 - 1972; miscellaneous records of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, including minute books of the Combined Chapel, records of the Sick Club, attendance records, subscription book and delegate name books, 1959 - 1974.

System of Arrangement:

The papers of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel are divided into the following 3 sections:

ESOC/1: Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee Minute Books

ESOC/2: Evening Standard Outside Chapel Half Yearly Meeting minute books

ESOC/3: Other Records

Language/scripts of material:

English

Access conditions:

OPEN

Copying conditions:

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Finding Aids:

Copy of handlist available in Library Reading Room.

Rules and Conventions:

Compiled in compliance with General International Standard Archival Description, ISAD(G), second edition, 2000; National Council on Archives Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names, 1997.

ESOC/1	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee Minute Books	1928-2005
	Committee minute books of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (1928 - 2005) OPEN	
ESOC/1/1	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1928-1935
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (15 October 1928 – 4 October 1935) OPEN	
ESOC/1/2	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1935-1939
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (14 October 1935 – 11 December 1939) OPEN	
ESOC/1/3	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1951-1958
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (16 March 1951 – 25 September 1958), including: - typescript notes on joint meeting of Evening Standard and Paper Workers (LCB) regarding the splitting of Shepherd's Bush (1p) (23 November 1954) - typescript letter from T.J.Smith, National Union of Printing Bookbinding and Paper Workers, to C.Aldrich, FOC, regarding cases of people being engaged through means other than the branch office (1p) (7 July 1955) OPEN	
ESOC/1/4	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1958-1964
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (4 December 1958 – 10 December 1964), including: - printed paperworker supplement, 'The Dispute Begins: Here are the Facts' by W.A.Morrison (4pp) (19 June 1959) - typescript letter from L.F.Rippingdale, Circulation Manager, to the FOC, Outside Chapel, regarding the case of J.Conroy (1p) (17 November 1959) - typescript letter to L.F.Rippingdale, Circulation Manager, from the Outside Chapel regarding the changing over of the Rickmansworth area from a Depot to a local agency (2pp) (5 February 1959) - typescript note to the FOC Publishing Outside Chapel from L.F.Rippingdale, Circulation Manager, regarding the Contracts of Employment Act 1963 (1p) (27 June 1964) OPEN	
ESOC/1/5	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1964-1966
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside	

	Chapel (15 December 1964 – 30 September 1966) OPEN	
ESOC/1/6	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1966-1970
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (19 December 1966 – 25 June 1970) OPEN	
ESOC/1/7	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1970-1972
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (18 May 1970 – 7 November 1972) OPEN	
ESOC/1/8	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1973-1975
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (20 February 1973 – 6 August 1975), including: - typescript letter from P.G.Pearce, FOC, to W.Keys, General President, SOGAT, regarding the Beaverbrook newspaper crisis (1p) (9 April 1974) OPEN	
ESOC/1/9	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1975-1979
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (14 May 1975 – 16 July 1979) OPEN	
ESOC/1/10	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1979-1982
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (3 December 1979 – 7 June 1982) OPEN	
ESOC/1/11	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1982-2005
	Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (23 February 1982 – 25 October 1984), including: - Evening Standard internal circular regarding ES Magazine (1p) (24 February 2005) OPEN	
ESOC/1/12	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book	1984-1992
	Committee minute book (20 November 1984 – 23 July 1992), including: - handwritten letter from Jack Newman to the Outside Chapel regarding his resignation (1p) (18 October 1985) - press cutting, 'EC right to paid leave denied in Britain' from the Morning Star (1p) (28 November 1991) - typescript proposition by R.W.Johns and P.Aarons that	

the Chapel takes a more active role in picketing in support of the sacked News International workers (1p) (n.d.)
 - handwritten proposition by P.H.Aarons and D.Bradley that the Chapel takes out adverts in the Wapping Post to protest against News International (1p) (n.d.)
 - issue of STUN (Southwark Trade Union News) (8pp) (June 1992)

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Evening Standard Outside Chapel Committee minute book

1991-1994

Committee minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (7 March 1991 – 9 May 1994), including:
 - issue of STUN (Southwark Trade Union News) (8pp) (January 1993)
 - Evening Standard memorandum regarding uniforms (2pp) (27 April 1994)

OPEN

ESOC/2 Evening Standard Outside Chapel Half Yearly 1924-1972
Meeting minute books

Minute books of half yearly meetings of the Evening
Standard Outside Chapel (1924 - 1972)

OPEN

ESOC/2/1 Evening Standard Outside Chapel Half Yearly Meeting 1949-1959
minute book

Minute book for half yearly meetings of the Evening
Standard Outside Chapel (22 February 1949 – 2 July
1959), including:

- typescript letter from the Outside Chapel to L.J.Cumner,
Labour Advisor for the Newspaper Proprietors Association
regarding evening papers, half-day workers and wages
(1p) (30 January 1956)
- typescript letter from the Outside Chapel to J.Lawrence,
Circulation Manager, regarding disquiet about a payment
of £250 to Mr Conroy and possibilities for his employment
(1p) (15 October 1956)
- typescript letter from J.P.Holden, FOC, to 'Joe' regarding
Mr Conroy's case (1p) (16 October 1956)
- typescript letter from T.J.Smith, National Union of
Printing Bookbinding and Paper Workers, to J.P.Holden,
FOC, regarding the re-arrangement of depots (1p) (4
October 1957)

OPEN

ESOC/2/2 Evening Standard Outside Chapel Half Yearly Meeting 1959-1969
minute book

Minute book of half yearly meetings of the Evening
Standard Outside Chapel (31 July 1959 – 26 February
1969)

OPEN

ESOC/2/3 Evening Standard Outside Chapel Half Yearly Meeting 1924-1972
minute book

Minute book of half yearly meetings of the Evening
Standard Outside Chapel (29 April 1969 – 22 November
1972), including:

- handwritten Chapel minutes (1p) (27 August 1924)

OPEN

ESOC/3	Other Records	1959-1996
	Miscellaneous records of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, including minute books of the Combined Chapel, records of the Sick Club, attendance records, subscription book and delegate name books (1959 - 1974) OPEN	
ESOC/3/1	Evening Standard Combined Chapel minute book	1963-1983
	Minute book of the Evening Standard Combined Chapel (incorporating Outside Chapel, Inside Chapel and Sales/Representatives Chapel) (6 March 1963 – 19 August 1983) OPEN	
ESOC/3/2	Evening Standard Combined Chapel minute book	1964-1971
	Minute book of the Evening Standard Combined Chapel (incorporating Outside Chapel, Inside Chapel and Sales/Representatives Chapel) (11 September 1964 – 6 May 1971) OPEN	
ESOC/3/3	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Sick Club minute book	1987-1990
	Minute book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel Sick Club (17 February 1987 – 22 February 1990), including: - typescript balance sheet (1p) (17 February 1987) - typescript balance sheet (1p) (9 January 1988) - typescript balance sheet (1p) (1 February 1989) - typescript balance sheet (1p) (22 February 1990) OPEN	
ESOC/3/4	Evening Standard Outside Chapel seniority book	1960-1973
	Seniority book for the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, listing members name, date of joining firm and chapel, trade union number and other comments (c1960 - 1973) OPEN	
ESOC/3/5	Evening Standard Outside Chapel Seniority Book (Junior and Senior Roundsboys/ParcelBoys)	1959-1974
	Seniority book for the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (Junior and Senior Roundsboys/Parcelboys), listing members name, date of joining firm and chapel, trade union number and other comments (1959 - 1974) OPEN	
ESOC/3/6	Attendance book for Chapel and Delegate meetings	1975-1984
	Attendance book for meetings of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel and delegate meetings (April 1975 – October 1984), including: - handwritten letter from Peter Knell to the Outside Chapel regarding non-attendance at a Chapel meeting (1p) (13 April 1987) - handwritten letter from M.Milsome to the Outside Chapel	

regarding non-attendance at a Chapel meeting (1p) (n.d.)
OPEN

ESOC/3/7	Evening Standard Outside Chapel delegate book	1980-1987
	Handwritten delegate attendance list for the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (1980 - 1987) OPEN	
ESOC/3/8	Evening Standard Outside Chapel subscription book	1992-1996
	Subscription book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, listing name and payments received by the Chapel (1992 - 1996) OPEN	
ESOC/3/9	Evening Standard Outside Chapel name book	1988
	Name book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel (listed alphabetically by depot) (1988) OPEN	
ESOC/3/10	Evening Standard Outside Chapel name book	n.d.
	Handwritten name book of the Evening Standard Outside Chapel, listed alphabetically (n.d.) OPEN	

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

1. Combined Chapel, Brian Perry report (1976)
2. Parcel driving run scheme, initial ideas (1970-1971)
3. Parcel driving regular run scheme, J.Hatch, revised (1974)
4. Parcel driving regular run scheme, F.O.C. – Outside Chapel, revised (1974)
5. Parcel driving regular run scheme, F.O.C. – Outside Chapel, revised (1971)
6. Long runs (1977-1983)
7. Parcel driving regular run scheme, Chapel Office, revised (1974)
8. Wimbledon Depot reorganisation (1971)
9. Parcel driving comprehensive scheme (1968)
10. Miscellaneous (1969-1974)
11. Holiday rota coding, master sheets (1973)
12. Record of holidays (1971-1988)
13. Station despatchers, house agreements (1968-1973)
14. Station despatchers, comprehensive scheme (1971)
15. Circulation pattern, reports (1973)
16. Wage structures (1972-1977)
17. Boys, seniority list (1976-1984)
18. House agreement (1990)
19. Parcel driving, house draft agreements (1971-1972)
20. Magazine agreement (1987)
21. 1988 crisis (1988)
22. House agreements, wage schedules, general (1968-1985)
23. Monies outstanding to the Chapel (1988-1990)
24. Depots, names and addresses (c1980)
25. Peter Gidley, correspondence (1980) (CLOSED)
26. Depotmen, returns, commission, expenses (1959-1977)
27. Depot staff, draft house agreements (1967-1973)
28. Depot staff, house agreement (1951-1984)
29. Depot, miscellaneous (1980-1987)
30. T&G information sheets and booklets (c1992)
31. T&G information sheets and booklets (c1992)
32. Long runs (1987-1990)
33. R.Tierney (1983) (CLOSED)
34. Reorganisation (1988)
35. Sick pay fund (1990)
36. Reorganisation, reps plans (1988)
37. Statutory sickness pay (1983)
38. Associated Newspapers, internal telephone directory (1997)
39. M.Milsome (1985-1987) (CLOSED)
40. City Prices edition (1983)
41. Edition lateness (1972-1973)
42. Redundancies (1974)
43. House agreement review (1990)
44. Chapel security (n.d.)
45. Chapel accounts and bank statements (1973-1992)
46. Road to rail agreements (1983-1984)
47. Overtime payments cleared (1987-1990)
48. Discipline – SOGAT (1972-1990) (CLOSED)
49. Late car (1987)
50. M.E.Boote (1984) (CLOSED)
51. Miscellaneous papers and correspondence (1976-1980)
52. Parcel driving run scheme, reviewed (1974)
53. Case papers of Mr S.T.Hullock (1984) (CLOSED)
54. Parcel drivers – miscellaneous (1978-1982)
55. Mr M.F.Boote (1978-1984) (CLOSED)
56. W.C.Chevalley – conditions (1986-1987) (CLOSED)
57. Alf Kent (1985-1989) (CLOSED)
58. P.Reynolds (1986-1987) (CLOSED)

59. B.L.Fry/A.Ford (1985-1986) (CLOSED)
60. Outside Chapel – miscellaneous papers (1979-1980)
61. From Circulation Manager's Office to Chapel (1976-1984)
62. Miscellaneous Chapel papers (1978-1984)
63. Chapel rules and agreements (1965-1987)
64. Toby Sheets for the following areas: Wood Green, Upton Park, Earlsfield, Wembley, Gants Hill, St James' Street, East Ham/Barking, Epping, Haringey, Muswell Hill, Bromley, Essex Road, Fenchurch Street, Hornchurch, Norwood Junction, Canning Town, Twickenham, Caledonian Road, Battersea Park, Nag's Head, East Dulwich, Brentwood, Surbiton, Watford North and Garston, Chalk Farm, Isleworth, Green Lanes, Arnos Grove, Barnes, South Kensington, Shepherd's Bush, Old Kent Road, Forest Gate, Mitcham, Dagenham, Leytonstone, High Street Kensington, Poplar/Isle of Dogs, New Malden and Norbiton, Stepney and Poplar, Clapton, Harold Wood, Harold Hill and Brentwood (n.d.)
65. Parcel Drivers applications (1980-1990)
66. Depotman applications (1985-1988)
67. Alan Templer (1991) (CLOSED)
68. Holiday coding on 6 weeks rota system (1985-1990)
69. Redundancy (1980)
70. Depot reorganisation (1967-1976)
71. Seniority list of all junior and senior roundsboys, parcelboys, depotmen and assistants (c1975)
72. Martin Webb (1989-1990) (CLOSED)
73. J.Murray (1989) (CLOSED)
74. G.Cowper (1985-1986) (CLOSED)
75. E.Toomey (1984) (CLOSED)
76. Run changes (1984-1987) (CLOSED)
77. K.Johns (1990) (CLOSED)
78. Ray Wright/Surrey Quays: Case 2. NATSOPA job poaching (1989) (CLOSED)
79. Roundsboy's wages (1983-1984)
80. E.Wyatt (1983-1986) (CLOSED)
81. John Atkinson (1980-1981) (CLOSED)
82. Depotman applications (1973-1978)
83. Seat belt correspondence (1983)
84. Depotmen's returns (1973)
85. Watford/Harrow depot reorganisation (1970-1971)
86. National Insurance/DHSS (1976-1980)
87. Correspondence to L.C.Branch (1982-1985)
88. To L.C.Branch from Chapel (1966-1987)
89. Harmsworth Quays (1972-1989), Brenda Dean Visit HQP, 1989.
90. To Executive Management from Chapel (1974-1990), Chapel Recognition at HQP (Labour Calls)
91. Executive Management: Misc (1970-1977), Transport Matters and Issues, Hertz Fleet Contract, 1970.
92. Outstanding Commission (1986)
93. Overtime Outstanding (1986-1987)
94. Two Boxes:
 1. Green Lanes Toby Book and Toby Routes, Holiday Lists, Short Staffing Lists
 2. Miscellaneous Depot Correspondence, Branch to Chapel Letters, 1980s.
95. Two Hardback Diaries, 1988; AMICUS annual Report, 2005; Chapel Disciplinaries-Eldridge and Hepburn, 1984.
96. Photos: Vans, etc. from L.Chandler
- 97.
98. London Icons, HQP Pamphlets, Copy Paper, Boxes.
99. Driver's Handbook, Safe Account, ESOC Minute Book, 2006-2012, Vic Wilson Photos.
100. E Section Seniority Book
101. Copy Churchill Edition and Various Editions, Bag from Vic Wilson, including packing knives and Wapping Badge.
102. Sick Club Book, 1956-2001; various photos, Canteen correspondence.
103. ES Production Meetings

104. Two Production magazines, Sales Performance, 2003/2004.
105. 1980s Branch to Chapel Papers
106. Agents, Transfer to SOGAT LCB, c1989
107. Van Tracker Device Policy, 2005, K. Johns' Case.
108. ESOC Ballot Results, etc, 2005, Disciplinary Rules, GMPU/AMICUS documents, 2000, GMPU Membership Applications, 2004
109. Donation from Terry Edmonds, 2012
110. Donations from L. Chandler: Chapel Dinner Photos, 1972; five large black and white photos, staff wage slips, 1999; Mini-Van documents from Rob Dickers, miscellaneous copies of Evening Standard/Evening News from M.Floyd; two coasters from John Cato.
111. Two pack of Eros News (House Magazine) from Brian Eller
112. Brian Eller donation: letters and Chapel cards, etc.
113. Rob Dickers donation: Piccadilly Depot statement of accounts, c2008
114. Outside/Inside Staff: Funeral Service cards, 2003-2019.
115. Danny Hawkins donation: photo album, 1950s-1960s, showing staff dinners and social outings
116. Alan Pearce donation: Miniature copies of Evening Standard, ES Auto Club badge, Union Card and Staff Card