

REPORT FROM THE NEC MEETING HELD 20TH/21ST JULY 2002
AT
HEAD OFFICE, CHURCH STREET CHAMBERS, NEWENT

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made at the recent NEC meeting:-

Martin Berry – Midland Area Chairman	Deputy National Chairman
Adrian Barnard	National Executive Officer for London & South East Area, Northern Area and National Activities Officer
Jo Woodhead – Vice President	NEC Liaison Officer for Onelist and ANC Booking Officer
Sandra Cawthra	ANC Chairman
Linda Burgess	ANC Treasurer
Pete Strawbridge	ANC Publicity Officer
Wayne Fenton	Springtime Holiday Co-ordinator

ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2003

The ANC 2003 will be held at the Britannia Hotel, Coventry on Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th March 2003.

The Committee are already working on ideas for a themed dinner/dance on the Saturday evening and they have already secured discount priced drinks for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

Further information, including the price for the weekend, will be sent out shortly.

SPRING HOLIDAY 2003

This caravan accommodation event will be held at Brean Sands Holiday Park on Friday 4th April – Monday 7th April 2003.

Once again, there will be a “Stars in Their Eyes” karaoke competition along with the usual discos, Real Ale Trip and Carvery Sunday Lunch.

NGOOT 2002

This National Event is to be run by Midland Area on Friday 23rd August – Monday 26th August 2002.

NATIONAL RESTRUCTURING FORUM

Since the ANC 2002, the Forum has met on two occasions.

The replies from the surveys issued at the ANC have been fed into a database and

some strong trends have become apparent. The Forum is currently discussing these trends and will report back to the next NEC meeting. The members of the Forum will continue to consult with the membership and will be chatting to a wide selection of members, wherever and whenever they can.

A further six more meetings of the Forum have been arranged between now and Christmas and it is working towards presenting its findings to the January 2003 NEC meeting with a view to proposals being presented to the ANC 2003.

HEALTH & SAFETY AT EVENTS

The NEC is currently working on guidelines to be issued to all organisers. It is anticipated that these will be issued after the October NEC meeting.

PROCEDURE FOR OPENING 2ND TIER GROUPS

A 2nd tier Group can only be set up attached to an 18 Plus Group. It need not be in the same town and the 18 Plus Group to which it is attached will finance the opening of the 2nd tier Group.

To open a 2nd tier Group, a Feasibility Study must be completed and sent to the National Development Officer, via the Office.

VACANT POSTS

The positions of National External Publicity Officer, National Training Co-ordinator and National Executive Officer still remain vacant. Nominations for these posts must be made in writing to the Office no later than 21st October 2002.

The positions of Honorary General Secretary and National Finance Officer are due for election at the January 2003 NEC meeting.

Any member considering any of these positions may contact Donna Black, HGS on 01634 686799 for further information.