

## Fenlands Intergroup

Liaison Officers Online Gathering (Zoom)

Intergroup Officers		Rotation	Reports
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Young Persons Liaison (YPLO)	<a href="mailto:youngpersons.fenland@aamail.org">youngpersons.fenland@aamail.org</a>	vacant	
Archivist	Service position (traditionally non rotation)	Vacant	
Visitors Present			

- Intergroup Chair welcomed all including visitors and new online meeting Robin N asked for Moment of Silence.
- Preamble read by : Robin N
- 12 Traditions read by : Robin N
- Introductions around the Room. 19 in attendance
- Apologies : Adrian M, William B, Carole P, James C, Jamie G, Sam P
- Review Minutes of last meeting. –
- Matters arising From previous mins. - None

## • Officers Reports

### Chair's Report:

#### **Chairs Report – August 2021**

Following the consensus of the last Intergroup Meeting we are holding the meeting Online once again. This will enable, I hope, as many Officers and GSR's to attend.

Looking at the previous agendas, it is apparent that there are many Officer's who have or are Rotating out of their positions. It is also clear that the other Officers positions are also very close to completion and they too will Rotate out in the next 12 months. This will present a challenge to the Intergroup who will require where possible to fill the vacancies. For that reason, I as Chair would be grateful if reports for all positions are sent and apologies where required are also attached.

There is light on the horizon regarding the number of physical meetings that are opening once again. Some of the meetings will remain 'hybride' until such time that all home group members are comfortable to return to the rooms. Of course, there will be some online meetings that will remain so, having benefited from a wider attendance at home and abroad. As an Intergroup we would like to include them. Regardless I would request all GSR's and Secretaries to complete the Pink Form and assist GSO to bring our National Where-to-Find up to date. The incomplete information has been noticed very much by the Telephone Responders trying to assist new and existing members to find meetings. I am aware that it may take time for Alcoholics Anonymous to address the 'New Normal,' but we are responsible for ensuring the Hand of AA is there for those who need it.

I am looking at this Intergroup Meeting, as it will be my last as Chair, to put a positive business plan in place so that we can address the area of our Service that have suffered for so long during this pandemic.

In advance I wish to thank all who have taken the time to attend.

In Fellowship

Robin Norman – Fenland Chair

Questions/comments:

Guy raised the question of who should be informed of a groups status, i.e. the WTFO and the ECLO as there seem to be different lists going round with conflicting information.

Morgan said information regarding a groups status could be sent to [aainformation@gsogb.org.uk](mailto:aainformation@gsogb.org.uk) and there is also the Pink Form which is available on the AA webpage.

Lee stated that the responsibility for local Where To Find should lie within local areas, not the national office.

Guy then said he would like to thank groups that have updated their groups status, and to summarise, when information about a group changes they should inform Lee, WTF, ECLO and should also inform GSO via the pink form or an email.

Lee said he sent out updated WTF monthly and these were obviously only valid at the time of issue.

This is the best we can do in the current situation as things are changing so rapidly.

Phyllis raised the question of the use of the word 'open' when referring to whether a group is F2F or online. Open has always indicated whether a meeting is restricted to people with an alcohol problem (closed meeting) or anyone can attend (open meeting). She suggested we use F2F or Live meeting to indicate a meetings status.

Phill thanked Lee for his hard work in sending out the WTF every month, before the pandemic we only got them once a quarter at the Intergroup meetings.

### Vice Chair –

No Report

Questions/comments –

### Secretary's Report –

There are now many 'live' meetings re-appearing, some existing groups starting back after being on zoom, and some completely new groups. Could I remind all these groups they need to inform GSO of their status. If you go to the AA website, near the bottom of the page under AA Meetings click on Submit your Meeting Information, and follow the guide to the Pink Form. If you attend any meeting you think needs to do this please pass on the information as many are not yet represented at Intergroup. This is necessary so the WTF that GSO issues has all groups available to the newcomer, or people visiting the area can find all local meetings. Also please can these groups inform our WTF Officer, Lee, of their status. Also any online groups that plan to continue need to register with GSO using the Pink Form.

Some people are sending me their reports as late as the day before the meeting, as I send the draught minutes out on the Wednesday before the meeting, these do not get included until after. Please get your reports in early!!

YiF

Phill H

\*Questions/Comments –

### Treasurer's Report:

The current balance of the account is £2456.06, please see account statement attached, please note the most recent statement supplied by the bank only went up to the 12th of July so my attached statement does not include any bank transfers made after that date (other than those I have been advised of by those who make the transfer).

As you can see from the attached statement the following payments have been made . . .

- £10000 payment to Eastern Region
- £114.56 payment to GSO for Gratitude Week

The documentation required by the bank to change the registered address of the account has been supplied to them and they are currently processing this request.

The documentation required by the bank for online banking capabilities has been supplied to them and they are currently processing this request.

Once the online banking facility is in place I will contact the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary to make the necessary arrangements to have them added as signatories on the mandate for the account.

For groups/members wishing to make Tradition 7 contributions by bank transfer please use the details below . . .

Account Name - Fenland Intergroup  
Account Number - 20787168  
Sort Code - 308484

Please use your group name (where applicable) as the reference.

For groups/members wishing to make Tradition 7 contributions by cheque please send them to the address below . . .

Jamie Gillies

< edited for anonymity >

When sending cheques please include details of which group this relates to and a contact telephone number or email address so that I can confirm it has been received and been deposited.

Regards,

Jamie

DATE	NARRATIVE	CASH IN	CASH OUT	BALANCE
	<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>			£12,310.06
02/08/2021	ST NEOTS SATURDAY MORNING	£200.00		£12,510.06
02/08/2021	ST IVES TUESDAY GRATITUDE WEEK	£60.56		£12,570.62
05/08/2021	EASTERN REGION		-10000	£2,570.62
05/08/2021	GSO GRATITUDE WEEK		-114.56	£2,456.06

Questions/Comments-

Phyllis wished to thank Jamie for his hard work, he took over a nightmare in nightmare times, and having had dealings with banks and AA accounts the banks do not make things easy for AA.

## Public Information Report

**Vacant**

Questions/Comments :

## Telephones/12 Step List

No Report however Willie C has had to step down from this position therefore the position is now vacant. We do have a relationship with Northeast Anglia and the TLO of that area has been supporting Fenland for some time but we do need to fill this position with someone who has the time available to dedicate to this demanding position.

Ash, the Eastern Region TLO then gave a presentation which I have included as a separate attachment.

Questions/comments : Please see attached presentation from Ash, the Regional TLO.

## Where To Find (WTF)

I have continued to provide approximately monthly updates to the Where to Find PDF file. I also distributed a hundred copies of a printed WTF around the Cambridge meetings. This was well received and I intend to provide electronic documents suitable for this purpose to other areas as soon as possible. As discussed I will not print these but will make them available so that local members with printers can run off copies as needed.

Lee N

Questions/Comments :

## Prison Liaison Report (PLO)

I have been caretaking the Prison Liaison Officer's job and have been communicating with Peterborough Prison staff. As yet we are still not allowed in to run meetings. I have delivered Share magazines and the equivalent Polish Literature to the prison.

Will keep you updated

The Regional Assembly will be held on 14th August 10-11 for Intergroup Chairs and CDs  
11-3pm for the Assembly

This meeting will be a Hybrid meeting as a many as possible in the room and Zoom Log on available for those who are in able to attend in person.

I have been in touch with The Partnership Manager At Peterborough prison who says they are awaiting approval to go to stage 2 in the orison which would allow us to go in and run face to face meetings again.

Littlehey prison has in voted us to come in and have a discussion about how we can get back to live meetings there. Phyllis H has offered to meet in two weeks Tim after Intergroup and Region meetings.

Schools have now broken up. When they return we will work with the Charity PMNW to present AA to year 9s.

YIF

Jim M

Caretaking PLO

Questions/Comments.

Phyllis stated she was not interested in taking on PLO as she was coming out of Covid slowly, however she can deal with Little Hey as they are asking AA to come back. She is willing to have a meeting with them but needs to know she has some backup from the Intergroup or Region.

## Conventions - Fenland Convention ?

No Report

Questions/Comments

## Region Representative Report (Region Rep)

No Report

Questions/Comments

### Probation Report (PLO) – (Stacey M)

No Report

Question/comment: -

Robin stated we had not seen Stacey at an Intergroup meeting for a while, so she needed to be contacted to see if she wished to stay in the post , if not it would become vacant.

### Health Liaison Report (HLO)

No Report

Questions/Comments:

### Share Liaison Report –

Vacant

Questions/Comments -

### Young Persons Liaison (YPLO)

Vacant

Questions/Comments.....

### Conference

No Report

## Electronic Communications Liaison Officer Report (ECLO)

### Electronics Communication Liaison Officer

Report to Intergroup  
From  
**Electronics Communication Liaison Officer**

Date 24/07/2021

This will be my last planned report to Intergroup as I am due to rotate out of position at this meeting.

The web site is running well with no known problems. I have continued to maintain the site.

Much of my workload this quarter has revolved around the re-opening of groups and passing emails on to our WTF officer. The online directory has been kept up to date as much as possible, but limitations on my available time has meant that some updates have not been made in as timely a manner as I would have liked.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have helped me throughout my 3 years as your ECLO. Without the help this role would have been much harder, especially considering the vastly increased workload that lockdown brought with it! I remain available to sponsor the incoming officer and offer any assistance they may require.

Yif  
Sam P (ECLO)

\*Questions/Comments :

## Employment Liaison Report (ELO)

I have every intention on attending this but also need to make aware I have been doing this service position for over 2 years now and I need to resign from my post, I have just taken on a new role which has been more challenging and I won't have the same capacity to give the ELO post the time it deserves along with other commitments It was raised with me that if I didn't attend the post would be taken from me, but I do need to end this now due to personal circumstances.

Kindest regards YIF

Russell Bowyer



\*Questions / Comments: Russell is happy to sponsor someone into this position.

## Armed Services Report (ASLO) –

**Position Vacant as of Feb 2020**

\*Questions/Comments –

## Group Service Representative Reports: (GSRs)

### Whittlesey 'As Bill Sees It' Thursday Group.

Whittlesey As Bill Sees it Meeting - Thursday 7.30pm Whittlesey Christian Church

Meeting is still on Zoom only as we have not had the ok from the church to return. Hopefully by later this month (August), we will be back in but will still run the online meeting alongside until we as a group decide to go face to face for all meetings.

We currently have £43 in a PayPal account and our Treasurer has £52.31 in "The Kitty". Every meeting I advise by the chat that contributions can be made direct to Intergroup but am not aware of the monies paid via this method to date.

Currently can have between 10-20 at a meeting weekly online, so is well attended with all service positions filled.

Many thanks

Adrian M (GSR Whittlesey Group)

### Ramsey Saturday night

Ramsey Saturday night meeting has been live since 26th May and is Covid guideline compliant. Good strong friendly meetings. - about 14 there last Saturday. Mixture of sobriety from Newcomers to Old Timers.

At time of writing due to have Group Conscience to elect service positions.

Treasurer is making contributions to church, Intergroup and literature updated..

Resumed monthly curry nights.

Now separate from on line zoom meetings and some members choosing to attend Zoom meetings instead of ftf.

YIF

CHLOE

**St Ives Tuesday:**

**No Report**

**St Neots Monday Night – ES&H Meeting (Closed meeting)**

No Report

**St Neots – (St Mary's)Primary purpose meeting Wednesday Night :**

No Report

**St Neots Thursday Night – Eaton Ford Big Book Study Meeting (Closed)**

**GSR Report – May 2021**

The Thursday Night Big Book Study Meeting at Eaton Ford Community Centre is a discussion meeting where members and visitors read through the Basic Text of Recovery.

Currently our regular meeting venue is still a Zoom online meeting. The meeting attendance is steady between 10 to 15 people. Our format has not changed, and we continue our readings in the same way. We make provisions for newcomers and can add break out rooms if required.

The Group is self-supporting and makes donations to Intergroup when appropriate. Of course, we have been unable to physically make Tradition 7 contributions, but we have enabled those attending to pay their contributions directly using Bankers Transfer to the groups account, or if they choose, direct to GSO. Again, in keeping with our Traditions all contributions are voluntary. We will be making a contribution to Intergroup for this quarter. All the necessary positions are filled, and rotation seems to be working well.

We are still monitoring the situation and do intend to open a physical meeting when the appropriate conditions allow us to do so.

Zoom ID 89776723616

Password 088598

John S- GSR

**St Neots Saturday Mrg - Newcomers Meeting (Open)**

Report made in person by the departing GSR Marketa.

## Peterborough – Tuesday Orton

No Report

East Community Association  
Padholme Road  
Eastfield  
Peterborough  
PE1 5EN

GSR Dominic G.

Peterborough  
715pm Tuesday  
730pm Wednesday

The group is a continuation of the old Wednesday evening meeting which has been going many decades pre lockdown. and has opened a group on a Tuesday evening as well. Both meetings are financially linked to the and pay rent through the same Treasury.

The two evenings have good attendance levels at the moment averaging between 10 and 25 people each evening. In the beginning post lockdown the Wednesday night struggled for attendees so it was moved to a Tuesday in November.

Then in January the Wednesday evening session reopened.

The main issue has been finding members of the the group to commit to service in the early days of reopening in September 2020.

The joint secretarial team is Olly and Dominic G.

Treasurer is Dominic G.

Literature Secretary is Jane F.

Thanks

Dominic G.

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## Peterborough – Friday St Judes 8.00pm

No Report

## Peterborough – Friday Daily Reflections 1pm (Aspire building)

No Report

## Peterborough Mustard Seed, Saturday Morning

No Report

## March Tuesday

March has reopened their physical meeting, and the Zoom has now closed due to lack of numbers.

Numbers were low to start with 4/5 people, but we have newcomers and a few weeks later managed 10 people.

We are lacking in people with longer term sobriety, to help or sponsor newcomers but people are coming back which is really positive.

Financially stable we should hopefully have a donation for this meeting.

YIF

Morgan

GSR

## March Friday Night

No Report

## Newmarket Friday - Temporary Meeting

**No Report**

## Newmarket Wednesday Ngt Big Book

**No Report**

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## Newmarket Friday Steps

Currently on line  
(GSR) ?

## Newmarket Sunday Lunch time Gratitude

No Report

## Newmarket Monday Lunchtime

Monday lunch time meeting Newmarket.(As Bill Sees It)

We have finally gone back to meeting in person. Have updated where to find via the pink form on line. Also updated fenland where to find. We have all positions filled. We have moved into a larger room at the moment due to COVID restrictions at same rate. After paying rent that will leave us with hardly any funds. Hopefully this will turn itself round as meetings continue.

Y I T F S. Linda.

## Ely Hospital Wednesday NgT 19:45 Step & Traditions

The Group restarted face to face meetings on the 23rd June with Zoom meetings now no longer operating. The Group has been delighted to be physically attending and operates with Covid mitigation requirements in force. All attendees are required to sanitise hands, leave contact details for tracing, and wear masks at all times except when sharing – this is an NHS Hospital and currently the legal requirements.

The format of the meeting remains Steps and Traditions, working through the Steps each week and focussing on a Tradition on the first Wednesday of the month.

Currently all service positions are filled, and the meeting receives about 10-15 attendees with a mix of new and established members. Due to the size of the room, should more than room capacity of 15 arrive, priority will be given to new comers.

A physical collection of Tradition 7 has now also recommenced, and once funds are rebuilt, those in excess of a suitable reserve will be forwarded to a Intergroup. During the Zoom meeting period, and because the Group has no bank account, the conscience of the meeting requested attendees Tradition 7 be sent directly to a Intergroup.

See you on Saturday.

Kind regards

Guy

## Ely Sunday Night

No Report

## Cambridge Tuesday NgT 7:15pm Womens Meeting:

No Report

## Cambridge Sunday Beginners

No Report

## Cambridge – Monday Primary Purpose 7pm

"This group's replacement Zoom meeting was attended throughout the pandemic by up to 25 people but those numbers are falling due to increased availability of physical meetings. The group is limited by its usual venue not being available until September-- a decision will be made soon as to when we will return to weekly physical meetings and also on whether or not to continue the Zoom meeting for a different day when this happens.

The group currently has £381.36 in the bank, no outstanding bills and enough funds to cover one quarter of our upcoming rent bills when we return to physical meetings. After physical meetings recommence and we see how much is coming in, we will look in to contributing to Intergroup again."

Please accept my apologies but it is unlikely that I will make it to the Zoom meeting this time.

YIF,

James C

## Cambridge Wednesday 'As Bill Sees It'

No Report

## Cambridge – Friday Lunchtime Cheddars Lane

### Report from Cheddars Lane Friday Lunchtime

At last tea and coffee have returned!

## Cambridge – Friday 7:15 pm young persons.

No Report

## Brampton – Friday

After much discussion, Brampton Friday Night meeting has become a "hybrid meeting", some members back in the room and some on Zoom. This is facilitated by having a knowledgeable and willing member in the group - Lee.

We have given grateful thanks to Jim S, who ably set up Zoom initially and saw us through the lockdowns when we were not able to meet in person.

The meeting room has a ceiling mounted projector and screen so those in the room can see those on Zoom. There is other electronic equipment involved, speakers and a laptop.

The Zoom credentials have changed and this was advertised far and wide - here are the new details Meeting ID: 838 1451 1818 Password: Cakes  
Lee has sponsored other members into hosting the Zoom meeting so that this is a shared responsibility.

We have sufficient funds in the bank - the treasurer, Phyllis, made us aware that outgoings will now increase because rent will now need to be paid as well as the Zoom account. A group conscience has been held to discuss the opening script used by the chair, this has been amended as agreed. GC also agreed that one person should not be responsible for finding shares every week, this service position is now rotated monthly. The first meeting of each month to be a topic meeting, this worked well the first month it was trialled (July).

The meeting continues to be well attended with a group of half a dozen home group members at what will, in future be monthly GC meetings.

Joan GSR - Brampton Friday Night

### Cambridge Friday Steps and Traditions.

No Report

### Cambridge Big Book Study Group

No plans to return to face to face meetings at present.

Zoom fees paid for the next 3 months.

Secretary, Treasurer and GSR in post.

Attendees - there is a core group of 7 or so, with people visiting most weeks - usually an attendance of at least 10.

Please can you confirm the time of the Intergroup meeting and send me the sign in details again.

Thanks.

**Richard H**  
**GSR Big Book Study meeting, Cambridge**

### On line meeting 'In this Together'

No Report

## Keeping it Simple Online Friday

We continue with a regular core of members and have between 8-12 people for each meeting. We have a speaker invited for each meeting, and if, rarely, one does not turn up, we choose a topic to discuss. We have had speakers from the US as well as the UK, which gives a nice perspective.

We recommend members contribute to their home groups for Tradition 7 and fund the Zoom account ourselves. We have a group conscience meeting when required.

All going well and we will continue online after the resumption of normal face to face meetings.

Carole P  
GSO for KISO Meeting  
05.08.21

## Outstanding Positions:

- Archivist – Page 67
- Armed Services Liaison Page 31...( Became Vacant Feb 2020).
- Young Persons Liaison- Page 73. *The Chair has been in contact with Ellie ). She was unable to make this Intergroup meeting but would like to be considered for the position. Chair has sent her all the relevant information and propose we vote her in at the next Intergroup meeting*
- Public Information- Page 17. Morgan said he would be interested in taking over this position, but he wished to read up on it before committing himself.
- Employment- Page 45
- Prison Liaison- Page 57
- Share. Joan put herself forward for this position, she was proposed by Phill H , seconded by Robin, to be voted on at next meeting. Phyllis then said she would be interested in the position and would discuss it with Joan.
- Chairperson: Lee N put himself forward to take over as chairperson, below is his C.V and his proposals should he take over the position.

Sobriety Date: 1 February 1978

Involved in service throughout. Mainly at group level, although I regularly submit and have accepted questions at General Service Conference. I have also contributed a number of articles to Share magazine.

I was vice chair of North West London IG in 1979. Secretary of East Midlands IG in 1990-1. and I am currently WTF person for Fenland.

My home group for the past twenty years has been Friday Cheddars Lane meeting in Cambridge.



**Basis on which Lea N would like to stand as Intergroup (IG) Chairperson:**

1. I am committed to the idea of real life Intergroup meetings. I do not believe it is a good idea to make IG virtual on an ongoing basis. (member safety and regulations permitting, of course).
2. I am also committed to the idea of IG meetings being held at different locations throughout the Fenland area. I would like to see the next IG after this one organised in Cambridge.
3. I would like to work towards seeing more Cambridge representation in the meetings.
4. I would like to streamline the way IG meetings are run. The intention would be to reduce meeting length to between an hour and 90 minutes. To achieve this I would like us to consider some of the following:
  - a. We end the practise of groups providing verbal reports in the meeting. Group reports would be in written form. Issues arising from groups that "affect other groups or AA as a whole" should be added as agenda items in their own right.
  - b. Officer's reports would be provided in written form, and they would only report verbally if they specifically ask to do so, or they specifically require input from the meeting. Any officer could and would take questions if necessary.
5. On a broader/wider front It has become apparent during the pandemic that there are a number of issues relating to WTF at both local and national level. In particular the way the GSO website inter-relates with the local. It is my intention (whether as an IG officer or as an individual member) to focus some attention on these issues.

- ECLO-Page 36. Andy L offered to take over as ECLO, although he does not have 3 years sobriety. He taught himself to programme 40 years ago at 11 years old and has spent his whole working career with computers. He worked in Investment Banking for 30 years running a multi-million-pound computer system. Robin suggested we get Sam to sponsor Andy into the position and a firm decision would be made at the next Intergroup meeting.
- All Page references are for The AA Service Handbook for Great Britain, a copy of which should be held by all groups and is available on the AA website.

**AOB:**

- Some members are posting screenshots of readings from AA literature on WhatsApp and other social media. This is an infringement of copyright and could lead to costly litigation. Can members be encouraged to purchase literature from the AA website to ensure that funds continue to go to the fellowship.

Chloe asked whether there was any intention to take IG meetings back to live meetings.

Robin said it was the intention, however there needed to be a discussion because of the distance people were having to travel, it could possibly be made a hybrid meeting

- Next meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, venue yet to be decided.

**END**