

Intergroup Officers

			Rotation	Reports
Chair	chair.fenland@aamail.org	Robin N	11/20	✓
V/Chair	vice-chair.fenland@aamail.org	William.B	02/22	✓
Treasurer	treasurer.fenland@aamail.org	Lisa C	05/20	✓
Secretary	secretary.fenland@aamail.org	Martin H	05/20	✓
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Public Info. (PILO)	pi.fenland@aamail.org	Edith P	08/20	
Prison (PLO)	prisons.fenland@aamail.org	Jim M	05/20	✓
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Telephone (TLO)	telephones.fenland@aamail.org	Sugar	02/22	✓
Share	share.fenland@aamail.org	Jamie G	02/22	✓
Employment (ELO)	employment.fenland@aamail.org	Russell B	05/20	
Electronic (ECLO)	ecomm.fenland@aamail.org	Sam P	08/21	✓
Where to Find	wheretofind.fenland@aamail.org	Ken Y	05/20	✓
12 Step List	12step.fenland@aamail.org	Sugar	02/22	✓
Armed Services (ASLO)	aservices.fenland@aamail.org	Vacant	02/20	
Region Reps x 3	regionrep.fenland@aamail.org	Geoff C	11/19	✓
	regionrep.fenland@aamail.org	Sean O	11/20	
	regionrep.fenlan@aamail.org	Edith P	02/22	
Young Persons Liaison (YPLO)	youngpersons.fenland@aamail.org	Scott W	02/22	✓
Archivist	Service position (traditionally non rotation) Vacant			
Visitors Present				

Fenlands Intergroup

Finale Minutes for Saturday 09.05.2020

OnLine Gathering (Zoom)

- Robin welcomed all and took. Moment of Silence.
- Preamble read by : Carol..Newmarket
- 12 Traditions read by : Sam
- Introductions around the Room.
- **Apologies** : Jeoff C , Trish, Lisa C, Richard H, Ken , Russell, Jim M (PLO) .
- Review Minutes of last meeting. – Guy Mentioned bank account number incorrect. – Secretary has included correct details for groups to use in these mins.

Robin will sign mins when we next have physical meeting.

- Matters arising From previous mins. (feb. 2020) - None

• **Officers Reports**

Chair's Report:

Chairs Report – May 2020

It would seem that over the last few months the world has been turned upside down. It's at times like this that I feel blessed that I have this programme and I can live in the day no matter what.

After the last Intergroup Meeting I had made plans to attend the seminar in York for HLO's in late March. This I sadly had to cancel because of the current pandemic. Of course, not only I but many others in the Fellowship doing Service have had to stop or drastically adjust their commitments to accommodate the 'new norm.' However, once again the resourcefulness of recovering alcoholics has shown that 'where there is will, there is a way.' I am only thankful that that will is guided by a Higher Power and not us. I believe I can be correct in believing that in the Fenland Intergroup Area, and many more for that matter, online web meetings have taken the place of the traditional F2F. Attendance at these web-meeting has been incredible, with attendances far exceeding the normal. Additionally, many have been visited by AA's from other countries, cementing the belief that this Fellowship is truly world-wide.

There was doubt at one point whether the Intergroup Meeting would be convened, but again we have got together and organised our own Zoom platform so that the important business of our local groups can be conducted.

I personally being in the 'at risk' am thankful for modern technology. It has enabled me to remain in contact with AA friends and my family over these testing times. I look forward to when once again I can meet close up with others in the Fellowship and my family, but 'Just for Today' I will accept what is provided with gratitude.

In Fellowship

Robin Norman – Fenland Chair

Questions/comments: - None

Vice Chair –

Visited Newmarket group stating need for GSR, also may have some interest in Health position .

CGL employee.

(William B)

Questions/comments - None

Secretary's Report –

Received and forwarded copies of PI News plus Guidance from GSO reference on line meetings and social distancing in sponsorship, There was no other correspondence from GSO.

Reminder: Due to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), all Serving officers listed under Officer reports on page one of these minutes are requested to contact GSO to gain access to email accounts via Roundcube web mail portal. Very easy process.

My time as Secretary is at an end this May 2020 gathering of Fenland Intergroup.

Please express your interest in this position & I will sponsor the next Secretary etc.

link to the web page for AAs 75th UK Anniversary Convention .

The link is: <https://www.aa75.co.uk/> Leeds Direct Arena 10 –12TH June 2022

Minutes and local meetings list can be found on the website, paste text below into your browser

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Members/Regional-&-Local-Websites/Eastern-Region/Fenland-Intergroup/AA-Related-Announcements>

Martin H

Secretary

*Questions/Comments – NoneThanks for service was given to secretary.

Treasurer's Report: [Spread sheet attached].

Fenland Intergroup Treasurer's Report

8th February 2020 – 9th May 2020

Lisa C

apologies for the lateness in my report.

Please can I remind people that its gratitude week in June and that any monies from groups can still be sent to myself.

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the **8th Feb 2020 to 9th May 2020** contributions I have received this quarter.

The balance brought forward was **£1,398.33**. I have received a total of **£2,061.24** from the meetings in the Fenland area. Total contributions **£3,459.57**.

Total expenditure was **£1288.68** (Rent for hall **£48.00**, Region **£1,000.00**, NEAIG/AA **£75.00**, Share liaison expenses **£165.68**).

With the present situation I shall be sending **£1,000.00** only so I can leave some in the account for the next quarters bills

The present balance is **£2,170.89**.

Any queries, please contact me.

Best wishes

Lisa C

Intergroup Treasurer.

Questions/ Comments: Robin mentioned...St Neots passed donations to GSO.

Could all GSRs have group conscience reference Gratitude week.

Fenland Bank details:

Lloyds Bank account Number – 20787168

Sort Code – 30-84-84

Public Information Report

Not much done due to shut down, shopping centres, toilets successful campaign in other areas.

Edith wishes to rotate at next intergroup meeting. Advertisement campaign finished in January .

Eddie **PILO**

Questions/Comments : Robin asked would it be best to put PI on Hold till we are back from lockdown.

Telephones and 12 step list liaison

Telephone Liaison Officer & 12 Step List

Report to Fenland Intergroup

May 2020

This is my first report as TLO and I have to say the 3 months has flown by even with the last 2 being in lockdown.

The 12th step list remains well populated with some retirements but also some potential new responders. The Intergroup is quite well served in terms of geographic cover.

The telephone responder's list has some vacancies, at the time of reporting, for Weds A rota 10.30pm to 8am as well as Rota B, Thursday 1.00 to 6.00.

I have been temporarily covering Rota B Monday overnight and will be looking for someone to manage this slot eventually.

Due to the change in format for the telephone responders Kelly and Derek will no longer be able to continue with their slot on Rota B Sunday 8.00 till 1.00 as they have shared this between them in the past and the new system does not offer that same freedom. However they have remained on Service during the lockdown period and when they step down it will be over 10 years they have dedicated to being telephone responders. I will be looking to fill this time slot and would like to acknowledge and thank both Kelly and Derek for their incredible service.

Shortly after taking over from Geoff at the last intergroup meeting there was a change to the Telephone service, in the fact that the system was to become automated. This meant that responders would no longer be required to dial in using the old take-over method, calls would now automatically transfer to the responder.

Prior to the new system going live, myself and Bill travelled to Kings Lynn to spend the day with Pam who would train us to use the system and to input the relevant rota details, times, phone numbers etc

Pam has tirelessly worked with BT to bring this project forward from the beginning. (I have attached a screen shot of the new system to give everyone a better understanding of what the new system looks like)

Once the relevant information had been up loaded the next task was to make all responders aware of the new system. An email was sent regarding this with a request for an acknowledgement on receipt. I have also attached a copy of the email to this report.

As a precaution and to guarantee nobody was missed it was agreed that I would deal with the system online and Bill would call each individual responder on both rota A and B. Over the following

2 weeks to personally ensure the change over happened as smoothly as possible.

I am very happy to report that the new automated system is working well and any teething problems have been minor. i.e. an incorrect telephone number etc

On a personal note, at the last intergroup I expressed a desire to visit as many meetings as possible and also to start working on cleaning up the 12 step list. Unfortunately due to the circumstances this has not been possible and I feel as though I am yet to really become a fully fledged TLO.

Bill and Pam are both very encouraging and helpfully and have supported me immensely so far.

I am still responsible for managing the online system each week but I have not been as readily available on the phone as my colleagues. I have had one or two responders leave me a message and by the time I have returned the call they have already been dealt with by Pam or Bill.

I will address this going forward.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE AA HELPLINE.

As you are aware, North East Anglia and Fenlands telephone system is going over to BT Cloud Voice. This will happen on the morning of Friday 6th March 2020. The system will be down for a short period of time while this takes place.

Why are we doing this?

Basically, our old RCD (Remote Call Divert) system is failing. It could crash at any time and if that happens, BT cannot repair it as it's so old. Those of you who were responders around 18 months ago, will remember that we had the North Herts and South Beds Helpline "piggy backed" onto ours for a time when their line failed.

How will it affect you personally?

You will **no longer** have to log onto the Helpline. Your preferred telephone number and your time slots have been input into the Cloud Voice system - controlled by your TLO. The programme will automatically move the Helpline from responder to responder at the designated time.

HOWEVER, two rules apply.

Firstly: - The incoming responder must continue to ring the current responder before the start of their shift to let them know they are ready and if needs be, receive any unresolved 12 Step issues. (Failure to do this will mean that the current responder will report this to the TLO immediately)

Secondly: - If you are unable to cover your shift, you must give your TLO 24 hours' notice wherever possible.

Only three people can alter details in the new system –

Bill NEA TLO 07876 270133

Sugar Fenland TLO 07305 746890

Pam N RTLO 07890 144459

Yours in fellowship

Fenland Intergroup TLO – Sugar

Questions/comments Jim – Brampton has someone interested.

Carole GSR Ramsey – thanked Sugar for good Job.

There was discussion on mechanics of the new system in Report.

Where To Find (WTF)

Ken has rotated from this position, assembly thanked Ken for good job.

Wtf Can be downloaded from website or email Ken for copy.

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Members/Regional-&-Local-Websites/Eastern-Region/Fenland-Intergroup/AA-Related-Announcements>

Questions/Comments : Sam offered to temporarily cover or permanently include position in Electronic communications service position.

Martin H mentioned this ought to remain as separate position to enable as many members of Intergroup to be included in service .

Phil H Whittlesea – agrees to Sam doing it temporarily.

Lea N (Cheddars lane Cambridge – Friday lunchtime) – would be interested in taking the position on.

Lea spoke about availability of Zoom addresses for – Cheddars lane Friday Lunchtime meetings.

Lea gave a summary of Service history.

Chris L – St neots is a new comers meeting and having the meetings online at same time as RL would be valuable.

The idea of separate Fenland area meeting locations.

Guy wanted to know about pass words.

Chris had done a lot for St Neots Saturday morning online meeting , Implemented the guidelines from GSO and it has worked out well.

Chris proposed Lee N and Guy seconded –Lee voted into position unanimously. (see note at end)

Prison Liaison Report (PLO)

Fenland Intergroup Prison Liaison Officer Report 9th May 2020

Prisons

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Since the Corona Virus Lock down became official we have not run any meetings in any of the prisons.

Presently I am in contact with GSO regarding prison sponsorship and information for the inmates . I was assisting the Charity "Prison Me No Way" this year with a series of events where I present AA to year 9s in the following schools.

Two events in March were carried out before the Virus hit. As all schools are closed this programme has ceased for the time being .

My sincere apologies for the lateness of this report and my apologies for not attending the on line meeting tomorrow. My wife is suffering some mental health issues at the moment and I need to be with her.

Please stay safe and healthy

YIF

PLO ..Jim M

Questions/Comments - no questions

Conventions - Fenland Convention 2019

This years convention is 13th June 2020 at same location.

Sean O – there will not be a physical convention....they are considering having a Zoom convention

Perhaps 13th , 20th OR 27th June... Announcement Due Soon.

- Various Virtual meeting rooms – mediation etc.

Region Representative Report (Region Rep) –

Eastern Region report to

Fenland Intergroup

Sat 9th May 2020

Any dates of events given in this report are subject to change dependent upon Covid19 restrictions.

Service positions vacant:-

Young Persons Liaison Officer, Health Liaison Officer, Employment Liaison Officer, Southern National Convention Committee member, Prison Liaison Officer.

Trustee report:-

Eastern Region will be hosting a forum at Baldock Community Centre on 27th June 2020, 10am – 4pm. Free to attend, all welcome. There will be presentations from Public Information, Armed Services Liaison Officer and from General Service Office.

General Service Board:-

GSB is looking at possibility of a nationwide Public Liability Insurance Policy.

75th Anniversary:- The AA GSBGB has asked each Region to elect an Ambassador to liaise with the organising committee for the 75th Anniversary Convention in Leeds Arena 2022.

There is a number of vacancies on the General Service Board sub-committees. Requirements are that candidates should have completed their full term as a conference delegate, have a minimum 5yrs continuous sobriety and be endorsed by their Intergroup or Region. They must also be able to attend at General Service Office in York least 5 times a year. The term of service is for 4 years.

Treasurers report:- Contributions £19,900 Expenses £2,107 Donation to GSO £18,600

Public Information:- An advertising campaign on buses through Luton and Dunstable was carried out from Nov '19 to Jan '20 which cost £1,500. It was quite conspicuous and was considered very good value for money.

The next meeting will be a virtual executive meeting on 23rd May 2020 but all delegates are asked to forward Intergroup reports which I will forward asap after the May Intergroup meeting. Geoff C

Region Representative

Geoff C

Probation Report (PLO) – (Stacey M)

(No report)

Question/comment:

Health Liaison Report (HLO)

Position Vacant – No Report.

Member of the Ely Sunday Night Group with contacts in CGL expressed interest in position and will be voted into position at next Intergroup.

Questions/Comments:

Share Liaison Report –

Share Liaison Officer

In my last report I proclaimed that I was going to have visited the remaining 20 meetings that I had not yet visited . . . well obviously the Coronavirus put paid to those plans!!

Since the last Inter Group Meeting I have visited 5 meetings.

During these meetings I have distributed approximately 70 hand outs detailing how to submit articles for inclusion in SHARE and a list of suggested topics.

Alongside of this for meetings that have not currently got a SHARE subscription I have left them a subscription form.

I have 15 meetings remaining to visit, even I am not foolhardy enough to hazard a guess as to when I will be able to visit these meetings given the restrictions that exist on social gatherings and the fact there is no indication currently on when these restrictions might be lifted.

BIG NEWS - SHARE subscriptions in Fenland have increased from 9 meetings in Fenland with a SHARE subscription to 10 meetings with a subscription. It is official we are in double figures people.

A SHARE Workop organised by the Regional SHARE Liaison Officer was due to take place in April but that also fell victim the social gathering restrictions hopefully this will be resurrected when further guidance is issued on social gatherings.

The January, February, March and April editions of SHARE can be viewed online on the Coronavirus News page in the Members area of the AA UK website link below . . .

<https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Members/Coronavirus-News>

Regards,

Jamie

Questions/Comments - None

Young Persons Liaison (YPLO)

I attended the regional intergroup meeting before Covid-19 forced us into lockdown and they were happy to see me. They encouraged me to return and possibly fill the regional YPLO seat (not sure I will be able to fulfill this request).

Italypaa (Italian Young People in AA, which I was planning on attending) was postponed till 2021 along with other conventions that were planned. I have been keeping up with other regional YPLOS via WhatsApp, but at the moment all activities have been suspended, outside of Zoom meetings.

Will keep an ear to the ground for future young persons events once I am informed of them. Additionally, I will be due to rotate out of my position this time next year and I will begin looking for a replacement. I do not want the seat to go vacant, so I would appreciate any recommendations for

possible candidates. Please send me a message if you have any questions and check out the AA GB website for information on my position.

Thanks,

Scott W.

Questions/Comments

Jim Brampton – asked Scott when he is due to rotate, Scott reminded meeting he will rotate next year, but would like to have the next YPLO in place and happy to sponsor into position when time comes.

Robin asked if meetings whom have a main share as part of their format could invite Scott to do a chair giving opportunity to speak about YPLO.

Conference

Responses from Fenland groups/individuals have been passed to Delegates.

****Conference has been temporarily postponed due to COVID-19 **** New date will be issued when we know more.

Electronic Communications Liaison Officer Report (ECLO)

The quarter has been a very busy period for me. With meetings switching to online formats I have had to learn how to use Zoom, then offer help to others who have been struggling.

I have implemented 2 new web pages. The first to deal with the changing scenarios as we switched meetings around. The second page was to create an online directory of local Fenland meetings. Although initially I felt this should be done through the Where-to-Find officer, after speaking to Ken it was decided to go ahead with it myself.

I am in contact with the regional ECLO, we have been able to swap ideas and support each other where necessary. The idea to set up a region wide chat group for ECLO's has been put forward. I am awaiting further developments on this.

The web site is running well with no known problems.

Can all GSR's or secretaries please send information on meeting changes - particularly passwords - as soon as they are aware of them to: ecomm.fenland@aamail.org I will share the info with the TLO so as any phone enquiries can be directed to the correct meeting ID.

Sam P

ECLO

*Questions/Comments - Sam was thanked for the work informing the Fellowship various RT meetings online details via the website.

Employment Liaison Report (ELO)

Sorry the ELO report is late but there is nothing to report ! No progress or news everything I was working on has been put on hold until further notice

Russell B

*Questions / Comments - None

Armed Services Report (ASLO) –

Position Vacant as of Feb 2020

*Questions/Comments – None

FENLAND

Group Service Representative Reports: (GSRs)

Whittlesey 'As Bill Sees It' Thursday Group.

The church we hold our meetings in closed due to lockdown a month ago, so as with other groups we set up an online meeting using Zoom. The meeting is at the same time and day and follows the same format. Prior to this we had been getting around 12-15 people attend our meeting. The zoom meetings attract many more, probably due to not having to travel. Adrian M kindly set up the meeting and is acting as Secretary. all other service positions being frozen at present and we will have a Group Conscience to decide who does what as soon as normal meetings resume. We currently have £263 in the kitty, and as we have no expenditure at the moment we are sending £100 to Intergroup and holding £100 to be given to the church whenever we can. Stay safe and well everyone in these trying times.

YiF
Phill H
GSR

Ramsey Saturday ngt

Ramsey Topic and Discussion meeting is now on the Zoom platform and has become an online meeting. There are also additional Ramsey meetings on, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Evening, there are also lunchtime meetings from Monday to Friday. A Night Owl meeting is also available on Wednesday Evenings and this meeting starts at 10pm.

One Ramsey meeting was 'zoom bombed' and the meetings have introduced a 'waiting room' and have a co-host for each meeting.

Ramsey meeting pay for the Zoom platform facility on a monthly basis, and we are solvent as a group, and will remain solvent for the foreseeable future.

Ramsey meetings have an email ramseyaa12@gmail.com where you can request details of all the Ramsey meetings.

Yif and Gratitude

Carol S-H

GSR

St Ives Tuesday:

Tuesday Night St Ives

The meeting was proceeding well with all main service positions filled. The group was solvent and maintained a prudent reserve. When talk of social distancing was first mentioned, the group took precautions to separate members sensibly, avoided all physical contact and made efforts to try to secure accommodation should specific room restrictions be announced. However, as things moved so quickly, the lockdown effectively closed the meeting down. No online alternatives have been set up.

GSR.... Guy

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

Gone to Zoom, same time and format,

GSR...Sean O

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

GSR – Willie C

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

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.

Our regular meeting venue was close in the middle of March and since then I have been hosting a Zoom online meeting. The meeting attendance has remained very stable with an average attendance of between 15 to 20 people. Our format has not changed, and we continue our readings in the same way.

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.

The Group is still conducting regular Group Conscience, but these are mainly to address any points of web security or meeting format.

The group believe s strongly in sponsorship and new members are encouraged to get a sponsor/mentor as soon as they feel comfortable.

Finances – group £25 p/week in rent, solvent and will be sending cheque for £200 to intergroup

Robin N - GSR

St Neots Saturday Mrg - Newcomers Meeting (Open)

We transitioned to the online format at the beginning of lockdown and the group feels the new format is working well. We average 55 attendees a week. We continue to carry an upbeat meeting focused on carrying a positive message of hope, with a good mixture of newcomers and members with longer term sobriety. All service positions are currently filled, this includes 2 new "technical

hosts" who facilitate the meeting and help with online security measures. We've held 2 group consciences in lockdown to review the health of the meeting, and will be making a donation to intergroup this week.

GSR - Chris L

Peterborough – Tuesday Orton

Orton Tuesday

The meeting continues to run well, in line with traditions, and has made a successful transition to a regular Zoom meeting on the same day / time with a largely similar format.

All service positions are filled and the group is solvent.

Attendance at face to face and online meetings is around 40 each week. Group conscience was recently held to structure the Zoom meeting further.

As soon as the Church reopens, and the Government give clear instructions on gatherings, the group conscience will discuss how to start face to face meetings safely, at the earliest opportunity

Regards
Benn L - GSR

Peterborough Wednesday 19:30

Group well attended, All Service positions filled. Plenty newcomers attending since last intergroup meeting. Financially viable. Rent maintained at an affordable level. All members attending regularly. Now on Zoom as of 6th May 2020.

Zoom group 7pm to 815pm.

GSR ..Dominic G.

Peterborough – Friday St Judes 8.00pm

At the start of this period we were still meeting face to face. We had an average of 12 people attending the meetings.

The group is now operating an online Zoom meeting to adhere with current suggestions, for meeting safely. The group is financially sound and the online meetings are attracting around the same number of members each week.

The group conscience has decided to send donations direct to GSO and the information is given at the meeting.

Will have group con

Sam P
GSR

Peterborough – Friday Daily Reflections 1pm (Aspire building)

GSR.... Ted B. (Stacey M)

March Tuesday ngt

Mike T Reported. 14 to 20 people regularly attending before Lock Down, after lockdown 20 plus.

Large amount of new comers. Chips are given to new comers. Group is solvent. Members will catch up on tradition seven monies when back.

GSR - Trish H / Mike T

Newmarket Wednesday NgT big book

This meeting has not gone online, many regulars attend Wednesday Ely Hospital meeting. Prior to lockdown attendance had decreased. A group conscience was held in March and new secretary elected. Similar to the Sunday morning Newmarket meeting (both held in the same venue) – this meeting can struggle to breakeven, however it has more funds than the Sunday. It has a good supply of literature and at a group conscience it was agreed the Sunday morning meeting could utilise the literature, monies received go to this Wednesday night meeting.

Many thanks

Sarah

GSR – Sarah C.

Newmarket Friday Steps

NEWMARKET FRIDAY EVENING STEP/TRADITION MEETING (GUEST SPEAKER)

I became secretary for the Friday evening Newmarket Step/Tradition in February and we had 3 meetings before moving over to zoom in early March. The meeting was well attended and all service positions filled. Numbers have remained at around 20+. A few members have been unable or unwilling to engage with zoom but are remaining in contact with the fellowship via phone and Whatsapp group.

Zoom meetings are running well with an even wider availability of guest speakers to share on the relevant step or tradition. We have a good mix of members with long term sobriety and we are very pleased to note that relative newcomers are progressing well despite the lack of face to face contact at meetings and with sponsors.

The meeting is solvent with currently a balance of £567.95. From this we will have to pay rent of £292.50 on our return and there will also be a literature order at this time.

Details of how members can send contributions to GSO are posted at each meeting.

GSR – Carol W

Newmarket Sunday Lunch time

An online Zoom meeting was set up prior to lockdown and the meeting venue was attended outside for 2 weeks following this in order to redirect any fellows unaware of the change. The online meeting regularly attracts 15-20 members with a combination of regulars and visitors.

Prior to the lockdown the meeting was infrequently covering the rent, therefore no funds have been sent to intergroup. The group had a conscience and have elected that upon return to the venue the pot will be passed around a 2nd time if the rent is not covered.

During this lockdown period the group has decided to send donations direct to GSO and the information is given at the meeting.

GSR ...Sarah C

Newmarket Monday Lunchtime

Like most of the groups our Monday Lunch Time Meeting Newmarket has been shut down till further notice. We have managed to set up a Zoom Meeting which is a great help. All Positions are filled and we managed to send intergroup a cheque for £100. We are focusing on Daily Reflections at the moment and it is working well. We remain a small group. Will be looking at Finances to see if we can send anymore money. Looking forward to the Online Meeting as don't think Lock Down will be lifted.

GSR Linda W

Ely Hospital Wednesday Ngt 19:45 Step & Tradition

Wednesday Night Ely Princess of Wales Hospital

The meeting had recently changed secretary and continued to have good numbers attending with shares each week on the Steps and Traditions. The group had all service roles filled and was solvent making donations in lieu of rent and contributions to Intergroup. In common with many meetings, the group introduced safety measures to accommodate social distancing and protect its members. As soon as the lockdown was announced, the physical meeting closed and an online ZOOM meeting was set up. The online meeting regularly attracts 20+ members with a mix of regulars and visitors. The group had a conscience about Tradition 7 and sought guidance from Intergroup as to sending funds to GSO or Intergroup. The group decided to send funds held at lockdown to Intergroup and asked it's members to follow their consciences to send funds to either GSO or Intergroup in lieu of the normal weekly pot.

GSR.... Guy

Ely Sunday Night

Ely Sunday night report. We have submitted a check directly to GSO for £300. We are getting between 17 and 20 people to the Zoom meeting. All positions are filled at this moment. The meeting is returning to a share speaker meeting as before. We had been using the Daily Reflections as a meeting basis since the Zoom platform started. The group would like some clarity on the financial position of GSO and if we can be updated on a normal basis?

GSR....William B

Cambridge Tuesday Ngt 7:15pm Womens Meeting:

Closed Due to Corvid-19

GSR..... Eddith P

Cambridge Big Book Sunday morning

The Sunday Morning Big Book Meeting has transferred onto Zoom. The format works well , so the experience of the meeting remains similar to before.

Attendance continues to hover around 20 or so each week, often with a visitor or two from outside the UK - though this has not happened in lockdown.

All positions filled.

The meeting is financially sound and has sent a contribution to Intergroup .

Richard H, GSR.

Cambridge Sunday Beginners

GSR - Derek C

Cambridge – Monday Primary Purpose 7pm

Due to Corona I can actually stay as the GSR for our meeting a little longer. I hope you are well mate. We should have a catch up on the phone some time. Please see below for the GSR report on behalf of the Monday Cambridge Primary Purpose Group:

The group has taken to its temporary online home quite well with all group members in attendance, or aware of how to join if they want to; many regulars continue to visit online and we a few people from elsewhere just dropping by. Although online meetings are very much a second best to the real thing, we are making the best of it and are grateful to ex-group-members who have moved out of the area joining us for guest chairs. Attendance is between 15 and 30 so far.

The group is solvent, with £460 in the bank and the rent waived during our hiatus by The Unitarian Church. We are grateful for this and will review how much we are collecting via tradition 7 going straight in to our accounts before making our next donation to Intergroup.

All service positions are filled, with the exception of chip secretary which seems to be working quite well on an ad hoc basis for now, and GSR, which I can probably only continue to do during lock down.

GSR James C / Ian B

Cambridge – Friday Lunchtime Cheddars Lane

Just a quick group report from the Cheddars Lane meetings:

Meets in real life (RL) Friday Lunchtime. Currently online at the following times:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday at 7pm (all meetings closed). Wednesday, Friday at midday. (all meetings closed). for details on accessing these meetings please contact:

cheddarslaneaa@gmail.com

All members of the RL meeting now regularly attending online. Members encouraged to contribute directly to GSO according to guideline on GSO website.

Regards

Lea

Cambridge – Friday 7:15 pm young persons.

Before lockdown we had up to 20 members at the meeting, we are self sufficient, service positions filled. After country lockdown we started Zoom regular meeting every Friday 8pm. We have about 10 people average. They do 7th tradition paying into our account. While locked down We don't have to pay for our Venue.

Kind Regards
Artur

Brampton – Friday

Brampton Friday continues to offer a safe, light hearted and caring environment for all alcoholics, old and new!

The local church continues to be very accommodating to our needs and has deferred our payments for rent and kept our Friday slot ready for when the lock-down has ended.

As GSR, I quickly set about creating an online forum to keep our group going during these challenging times, I've never set up this kind of thing before and all went more smoothly than I thought it would.

I have followed all the security guidelines as best I can:-

- No one enters the meeting without a password
- All attendees have to go through the waiting room before being allowed in
- The settings are such that no one can record the meeting and no one can share their computer screen either
- I have appointed a Co-Host to help manage the waiting room and muting microphones so the meeting can be as efficient as possible

We currently have 40+ members logging in to the meeting and to date they have all gone smoothly.

We give out our group bank details and also GSO bank details towards the end of the meeting and encourage Tradition 7 to be paid in via electronic means.

Thanks,

Jim S - GSR

Cambridge Friday Steps and Traditions.

GSR..Pat M

Outstanding Positions:

Information re Officers job/duties description can be found on link below

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Members/Regional-&-Local-Websites/Eastern-Region/Fenland-Intergroup/Intergroup>

More detailed information on description of officer's duties and experience can be obtained from our 2017 Blue Service manuals.

- Health & Where To Find service positions:
 - Health (Naomi) WTF (Lee) – Both taken up positions and will officially be voted at next IG.
- Archivist – (Vacant). Page 67
- Armed Services Liaison Page 31...(Became Vacant Feb 2020). Scott will put it out there.
- Secretary ... Vacant May 2020 – (Martin agreed to do an additional IG). Since IG Meeting interest has been expressed in position.
- Treasurerbecame Vacant May 2020. Lisa to hold on to till next meeting.
(Secretaries note reference Treasurers post – since this meeting I am aware interest has been expressed in position)

AOB:

Moving Intergroups:

A Friend of Seans wants to know if a group wants to move to Fenland Intergroup.

William confirmed – yes you can leave an Intergroup and request admittance to another Intergroup.

Voting Procedure:

Scott Drew Inter groups attention to the fact we had unfairly voted one Member into a service position while blocking another Member taking up a service position . Both Members had yet to attend two consecutive Intergroup Meetings - so why the difference ?

Sugar pointed out after recommendation of previous TLO, she had taken up the Telephone liaison position having only attended one and was officially voted in on this second attendance.

The assembly agreed its previously set protocol of attendance at two consecutive meetings prior to been voted into position had not been followed !

Conclusion - Both Members would commence positions , report and be voted in at next assembly.

Next Intergroup meeting– 8th August 2020 – Christchurch, 2 Benstead, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5JJ between 10am-12:30pm.

Fenland Intergroup Dates 2020 (usually two weeks prior to Eastern Region Meeting)

Saturday 8 th February	Orton Centre	Peterborough
Saturday 9 th May	On Line	Zoom
Saturday 08 th August	Orton Centre	Peterborough
Saturday 7 th November	Orton Centre	Peterborough

Regional Assembly Dates 2020

Saturday 22 nd February	High Street Baldock	Conference Delegates/Assembly
Saturday 14 th March	High Street Baldock	Pre-Conference – all to attend 10am
Saturday 23 rd May	OnLine - Zoom	Post Conference/Assembly
Saturday 15 th August	High Street Baldock	IG Chairs/Assembly
Saturday 21 st November	High Street Baldock	Conference Delegates/AGM

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