

Spring Weekend 2010



There was a wonderfully varied mix of members (20 in total), new and old, men and women, from different ethnic backgrounds and age groups.

One new member at the closing circle summed up the weekend: "we came as separate individuals from all over the country, and we're leaving as members of a close-knit group. It's amazing how we've all come together – I didn't think it was possible!" Another said that they'd never laughed so much in their life. Some individuals took advantage of the unexpected sunny spring weather to enjoy a walk in the beautiful surrounding countryside or to visit Stafford, but most stayed to participate in the facilitated groups and, everyone who wanted one, enjoyed at least one therapy.

Due to the generosity of members in supplying terrific prizes and in buying lots of tickets, the raffle was once again a great success. Thanks especially to Les and Anthony for taking on the job of running the raffle, which raised £210. Danny made an expert professional caller for the fun bingo sessions that followed. It was a real pleasure to see the delight on the face of a new member from Glasgow who had never played the game in her life before but learned the rules and won a line on her first game.

Take care,

Maurice Greenham

New and updated Policies

In order to comply with recent Government legislation in the Disability Discrimination Act and with forthcoming child protection regulations, we have introduced a new Carers' Policy and updated our Inclusion Policy. Members can view these at www.nltsg.org.uk

Baseline Activity Weekends

Baseline magazine has teamed up with Large Outdoors to offer subsidised activity weekends and a chance to meet new friends in Snowdonia, September 10th-12th and The Lake District, 19th-21st November Cost to NLTSG members £75 not including transport. Places are strictly limited. To book call

Gareth; 0161 235 7272 or Robert: 07886 159735 or Log on to: www.largeoutdoors.com/baseline.html

Fund-Raising & Cost Cutting

Next year the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) scheme comes to an end. This has provided the group with funds that has allowed us to increase our numbers. Unfortunately, the number of returning members and new non EJAF members has dropped considerably so without the EJAF funding, we will be struggling to make ends meet.

We hope to reduce our postage costs by asking members to use email. Please send us your email address if we haven't got it already.

We are revising our membership database, which may also help to reduce postage costs.

Can you take a collecting tin to raise money? We are hoping to have tins available soon. Any other ideas for fund-raising would be greatly appreciated, especially if you are prepared to work to make your suggestion a success.

Donations/bequests are always welcome. However, because of ongoing issues with the Dove Trust, please make cheques payable to NLTSG and send them directly to BM LTSG, London, WC1N 3XX

Dates for 2010-2011

Please note date for the 2010 Summer Weekend

9 – 11 July 2010 24 – 26 September 2010

17 – 19 December 2010 25 – 27 March 2011



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