

September 25th Anniversary Weekend



Congratulations to everyone who worked prior to the event and at the weekend for making the 25th Anniversary weekend such a memorable success. Attendees at the weekend were joined by other members including Tom, a founder member, for celebrations on Saturday. A short ceremony in the NLTSG section of the garden was marked by herbs planted in the rose bed by Andrew W and ribbons tied to the cherry tree that formed the basis of the garden when it was created for our 20th Anniversary.



Presentations back in the House recognized the tremendous support given by the Director of Shallowford House, Simon and his wife Alison, with Honary NLTSG Memberships. Maurice was awarded a Fellowship: "In recognition of invaluable contributions to the the National Long Term Survivors Group, and everyone received a commorative badge together with a slip of raffle tickets. Speeches from former and present Trustees, along with a few words from Simon and a poem read by Roland completed this part of the celebration.

Carl did his usual sterling work in running the raffle which raised £254. A big thank you to Carl and to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets.



Drinks and canapes were followed by a splendid buffet, culminating in the cutting of one of two Anniversary cakes kindly provided by Bernie, who also stood everyone a round of celebratory drinks at the bar. The evening continued with dancing and music arranged by the amazingly talented young Dan.

Former and present Trustees posed for a photo suggested by Stewart to record this significant milestone in the history of the group.



Annual General Meeting

Concerns about having enough members to be quorate were unfounded as there were well more than the six required. Last year's AGM passed a resolution reducing the number of members to constitute a quorum from 10 to 6. It was heartening to see so many non-members attending as well.

The AGM chaired by Danny went smoothly. General business matters were voted on by a show of hands, with a secret ballot for the resolution and election of Trustees. Maurice explained that the resolution to dissolve the old charity was a piece of unfinished business that needed to be done to comply with Charity Commission rules. Andy H gave a brief explanation about the change of NLTSG from an unincorporated charity into its current status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Simon Hudson and Claire Beatson were the independent scrutineers. The resolution proposed by the Board was accepted unanimously. Bernie and Nikkie were duly elected.

The Board of Trustees is now made up of Danny (Chair), Nikkie (Secretary) and Tremaine (Treasurer). Tremaine was co-opted as a trustee after the meeting and agreed to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer. Well done Tremaine! We need more people like him to become trustees to confidently ensure the survival of the group.

Membership Matters

At the Members meeting on Sunday it was agreed to endorse the Board of Trustees' decision that NLTSG reverts to its original definition of membership whereby attendees at a Living Proof weekend automatically become members.

Fund Raising

Congratulations to Danny and Andrew for a successful weekend at Halfway to Heaven. NLTSG T-shirts worn by bar staff became much sought after, so several were auctioned off. A good promotion for the charity and a total raised of over £650. Well done!

Keeping in touch

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People gathering round the flourishing rose bush planted in memory of David Carpenter...a much loved member and for many years Treasurer of NLTSG

Weekend Dates

2017

8 – 10 Dec

2018

16 -18 Mar

15 – 17 June

28 – 30 Sep

14 – 16 Dec