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Summer's been and gone, and this issue features some of what has been taking place the last few not-so-sunny months. The journey takes in the ANC, paintball, comedy clubs, NGOOT, and previews a couple of future events. Can anyone tell me what WASH is? Is it any good?



Many past editions have seen debate on issues close to Plusser hearts. If you have a strong view about something, remember to use Plus News, controversy isn't just restricted to the ANC or One List! Equally you might want to first float a radical idea in these pages the National Restructuring Forum might take it on, or it might even end up a conference motion. Give it a try.

Next issue is out early in the New Year - Get writing and photosnapping NOW!

ATB, 'Ed'.

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National Chairman's Column



I like writing, maybe next time Pete will give me an extended word allowance so I can really say something! Until then, here's the 'potted version' I'm really enjoying being the National Chairman, unfortunately I've been to fewer events than hoped, due to unforeseen circumstances, but I expect to be able to rectify that soon. I trust you are all supporting your Areas, and I hope that you are all ready for a really busy Autumn, WASH, Area Conferences, Christmas Dances and National events (hope to see you at one or two!). Next time the 'Full Monty'! (Maybe it'll even be clean).



Bekki

Annual National Conference 2002

For the third straight year the ANC took place at the Britannia Hotel, Coventry. Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Ken Taylor, opened the proceedings and thanked 18 Plus for returning to the city. Gerry Edwards (Presiding Vice President and NEO) said this was his 18th ANC, and he still got excited about attending.

Tellers and ballot paper counters were elected, and voting strength established. The minutes of the 2001 ANC were presented, issues arising were addressed and the minutes passed. The Accountant's Report was also passed. Initially there were no nominations for the post of National Chairman.

After birthday songs and presents for Donna Black (Honorary General Secretary) the first motion was to immediately abolish the Think Tank. This was passed with 82% in favour. The next motion was to award groups increasing their membership by 10% in a calendar year £100. this was voted for by a 94% majority.

A new article was added to the constitution to say that a Group or Area awarding Honorary Life Membership pay six times current membership fee or full or associate membership. 93% were in favour. Solihull proposed a motion allowing a 66% majority vote on motions. This was because many

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motions had been narrowly lost despite a large number in favour (75%). A 66% majority was needed, but only 51% were in favour.

Candidates for National Chairman were Bekki Randall and Wayne Fenton. After questions votes were counted. In the meantime the Facility for National Debate discussed proportional representation, extending terms of Group committee positions, training for committee members, abolishing Areas and the National Restructuring Forum.

Bekki was then formally confirmed as the next National Chairman, with 39 votes of the 52 delegates present.

Adrian addressed conference and told members they were the ones empowered to help the Federation. He highlighted the National Video and office database as new developments and hoped for more expanded and specialised events in the future.

Award winners: Linda Street Award Dot Sallis; Gold Trail Solihull; Recruitment Solihull; Treasurers East Anglia; Norbury 'What's New' (Southern Area); President's Solihull; Cobb Dual East Anglia.

Jo Woodhead and Gerry Edwards were re-elected Vice Presidents and Jo was made a HLM. Karen Grey, retiring VP was given special thanks.

Gerry, as presiding VP, said he had thoroughly enjoyed the conference and Adrian closed the 61st ANC.

The 62nd ANC will again be at The Britannia Hotel in Coventry on 15th and 16th March 2003.

18 Plus Web Sites

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Now Get Out Of That 2002



The August Bank Holiday weekend saw ten teams from around the federation descend on the Broadstone Warren Scout Site, East Grinstead, Sussex for NGOOT 2002. All I believe enjoyed this weekend of 'fun', 'challenges', and 'teamwork'. 'See Spot Run', a team from Bradford emerged victorious (despite collusion by other teams, and attempts at bribing the organisers to prevent this). I would like to thank Jarrett Smith, Nicky Poppitt and Martin Berry for helping run the weekend, and Sally Gwilliams and the Scout Federation for the provision of the accommodation.

Dave Filer, NGOOT 2002 Co-ordinator

Results:

1st	See Spot Run (Bradford)	289pts
2nd	Bouncy x 4 Fun x 5 (Redbridge)	258pts
3rd	The Red Job Irishman (Coventry)	254pts
4th	Sweep (Slough)	234pts
5th	The Crawley Chancers (Crawley)	232pts
6th	The Coughers (Thurrock & Dunstable)	218pts
7th	The Straglers (Coventry)	209pts
8th	Fareham Piranhas (Fareham)	195pts
9th	The Three Spire plus 1 (Lichfield)	178pts
10th	Flowing Well (Abingdon)	148pts



View From The Winning Team

None of our team had ever done NGOOT before and I think we were a little taken aback at the intensity and number of challenges set for the teams (I was expecting a nice relaxing evening after the 12 mile hike, but we were kept busy with more tasks to complete until gone 11:00pm).

Still we rose to every challenge set before us, and despite the best efforts of the chasing groups to overhaul the 25 point lead we built up on the first day, by the last event we had even pulled a few more points ahead.

My thanks to Janet and John, my team mates in "See Spot Run" (Bradford), thanks to the organisers; the amount of time, thought and effort they put into produce NGOOT dwarfs what we put in to win it, and thanks to all the other competitors, we all had such a good time that it proves participation is the most important thing.

The final event was to make a presentation on why your team deserved to win, from other teams this became a session to bribe the organisers with offers of money, chocolates, alcohol, holiday accommodation, sexual favours etc. The runners up said the reason they deserved to win was "so Bradford don't" and called upon the almighty to work a miracle so that they would overtake us.

Our conclusion was that we deserved to win because all we had done was to do our best - and our best was just that much better than any of the other teams could manage.

So that just leaves one more thing to say... we will be back to defend our trophy next year. Can we have some serious opposition then please?

Phil Bettis



Paintball

ADRIAN 'ACTION MAN' BARNARD'S PAINTBALL EXPERIENCE

Eleven combatants turned up to face unknown foes, wary of many bruises received before and many defeats suffered (with the odd victory). The other team comprised a stag party, a few juniors, and SPICE. Priority targets set, then. Numbers being what they were half of Spice ended up on our team (the agony of it all), and for once in my experience they paid no more than we did, so just the exorbitant membership fee to deal with then. The enemy outnumbered us 16 - 14. Knowing we'd lose this I sheltered back at base until my team returned with the flag! Next game, we have a chance; we outflanked them to their right, the first flagman goes down; I let loose a burst, jump the mound, grab the flag, into cover. A few screams regarding our position and covering fire, and I'm up running forward, earth berm ahead, then the enemy pops up, I fire at the run, they duck, I launch off, no stopping me now. Vaulting the top, the opposition cop three and I continue to the rear. I stop to cheer... and get hit!! I retire, but the rest of the team carry forward another glorious victory. Game after game we pulled off win after win, target no.1 being the Spice guy who was harping on about his SAS training! - the real ones never tell you about it. We suffered one defeat, paint costs money, there is a game in which highest volume of fire wins, the stag party had had enough and were out for blood. My memory is of the umpire patting me on the head and stating 'you're on your own mate, you're totally f****d!!' Martin from Slough ended up with a very faded romper suit where the brown had turned pink! Kerry also of Slough lulled the enemy into believing they were in for a walkover by looking into an enemy bunker ten seconds into the game to prove goggles do actually stand up to repeated hits. Dave from Banbury only used half his paintball ammo allotted to him, and Jarrett ordered all forward... from cover!

Report on the 2002 National Paintball competition next issue.

WASH 2002

Friday 1st - Monday 4th November

WASH, at Searles Holiday Park in Hunstanton, Norfolk, is the largest annual holiday weekend in 18 Plus. Accommodation is in top of the range luxury caravans, and the site has amusement arcades, pool tables, swimming pool, gym and sauna. The cost of the entire weekend is just £48.50.

Dance the night away to live bands or take part in one of the legendary caravan parties. During the day watch a movie at the cinema or see the live comedy act. Take a stroll along the beach, go out to sea in the famous WASH monster amphibious vehicle to play football on a sandbank, or take in the annual firework display on Hunstanton cliff-tops.

The Saturday Dance theme is 'Beach Party'. For your convenience this year a new Tesco's Supermarket is now open next to the site.

Book through your group NOW! Equally phone Jarrett Smith (National Activities Officer) on 02476 766083 for more information.

A Jaunt To Jongleurs



**By Rick Branston
Havering Chairman**

Certain things in life that are inevitable; if you wear a loud shirt to a comedy club you *are* going to get picked on. It was so attired that I accompanied a small group of Plussers to Jongleurs at Bow.

If going to Jongleurs for the first time, go with someone who has been before. It's behind a small shopping mall, and you wouldn't know its there unless you knew it was there.

Our table was right at the front of the stage. This was perfect for viewing the acts, and also 'audience participation'. Before long it was laden with large jugs of beer and a selection of basket meals at fairly reasonable prices.

The acts ranged from 'vaguely amusing' to 'incredibly funny', most heckling was good-natured and well received. Being at the front, our table received particular attention having, it appears, one person who was too young to be out after 6:00pm, one who had wasted three years of education and three acts identified one of our number as a currently very popular fictional children's character. To protect this person I will not reveal the character; suffice to say that whilst the rest of us left by public transport, this chap went home by Nimbus 2000.

It wasn't long before the man in the 'magic eye' shirt (guess who!) was hauled up on stage and subjected to ridicule. Then an opportunity presented itself. "Who are you with?" asked the compere. Looking down I caught the eye of our (now ex) Area Chairman, whose expression changed from vague amusement to total horror as he realised what was about to happen. "I'm with him!" Huge cheer from the audience, and uncontrolled laughter from the Plussers.

After the comedy, the club changed into disco mode, playing a variety of music, our group joining in with the dancing and drinking. The night was excellent fun, and I cannot wait for the next one, Now, what shirt should I wear?

*There are Jongleurs clubs across the country for any groups looking for a weekend activity
Ed.*

National Karting 2002

Sat 7th December 2002

The Raceway, Units 3-4, Kenrick Way, West Bromwich, West Midlands B70 6BB

The 2002 National Karting competition will be held at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm prompt start at a new venue - The Raceway in West Bromwich. The track is right on Junction 1 of the M5, and very easy to get to. It's a huge track with a 300ft flyover together with



spectator area and electronic timing system. The track has a new set of 270cc LPG karts and as usual there will be trophies for the winners.

The event is to be in a GP1 format which gives all drivers at least 10 laps practice, 5 heats of 5 laps, and 6 lap semi final. The top drivers then race in a 12 lap final. The cost is £40 for all bookings received and paid for in full by the 15th November. Any entries received later than this date up to the date of the event will be £45.

For further information please contact Paul Hampson on 07976 915113 or Pete Strawbridge on 07974 715004.

ONElist: Keeping you in touch with 18 Plus

The National 18 Plus Forum (a totally free service) now has 350 members subscribed and is growing every week.

ONElist (the 18 Plus online forum) allows you to voice your opinions, keep in touch and share ideas via email or over the web. The forum allows users to send one e-mail to the list 18plus@yahoogroups.com - from where it will be sent to all other subscribers or can be viewed over the web via the forum website <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/18plus>

The 18 Plus Forum is only open to members. Please send a message to - 18plus-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

National Diary 2002 / 2003

26 - 27 October 2002, NEC Meeting, Newent
1 - 4 November, WASH 2002, Hunstanton
7 December 2002, National Karting Competition, West Midlands
13 - 18 January 2003, National Skiing Holiday
18 - 19 January 2003, National Executive Council Meeting - Newent
22 February 2003, National Scale Event available date
15 - 16 March 2003, Annual National Conference - Coventry
4 - 7 April 2003, National Spring Holiday
23 - Mon 26 May 2003, Now Get Out Of That
7 -14 June 2003, National Narrowboat Holiday
28 June 2003, National Treasure Hunt
4 - 6 July 2003, National Raft Race
19 - 20 Jul 2003, National Executive Council Meeting - Newent