

Minutes for the Fenland Intergroup Meeting held at:

Old School Hall
37 Green End Rd
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Saturday February 8th 2025, 10am – 12 Midday

Intergroup Officers

Position	Email	Name	Rotation	Reports	Attendance
Chair	chair.fenland@aamail.org	John S	11/26	YES	
V/Chair	vice-chair.fenland@aamail.org	VACANT			
Treasurer	treasurer.fenland@aamail.org	Gretchen	tbc	YES	
Secretary	secretary.fenland@aamail.org	Becca	tbc	YES	
Health (HLO)	health.fenland@aamail.org	Jamie B	08/26	YES	
Public Info. (PILO)	pi.fenland@aamail.org	Richard H	tbc	YES	
Prison	prisons.fenland@aamail.org	John F	tbc	YES	
Probation (PPLO)	probation.fenland@aamail.org	Morgan	08/26	YES	
Telephone (TLO)	telephones.fenland@aamail.org	Robin N	02/24	YES	
Share	share.fenland@aamail.org	Joan	02/25	YES	
Employment (ELO)	employment.fenland@aamail.org	Naomi M	11/26	YES	
Electronic (ECLO)	ecomm.fenland@aamail.org		11/25	NO	
Where to Find	wheretofind.fenland@aamail.org	Anne	02/26	YES	
Armed Services (ASLO)	aservices.fenland@aamail.org	Robin	tbc	YES	
	regionrep.fenland@aamail.org	Gail	02/25	YES	
	regionrep.fenland@aamail.org	Jamie G	02/27	YES	
Region Reps x 3	regionrep.fenland@aamail.org	Naomi	08/25	YES	
Young Persons Liaison (YPLO)	youngpersons.fenland@aamail.org	Tyra	TBC	YES	
Archivist	Traditionally non-rotational	VACANT			

Welcome; Moments silence, Preamble read by Rob

Visitors: Andrew – Region Prison Liaison

Apologies for Absence: Morgan, Rob, Naomi, Jamie B, Nick, Sally, Simone, Gary, Hayley, Mandy

Resignations

Round the Room Introductions

Intergroup Officers Reports

Chair's Report –

Firstly, thanks to William for his service the past while.

I am now on the AA site emails. Have helped Jamie with service on the PI awareness subcommittee. The awareness campaign now at supermarkets, billboards and on radio stations in Peterborough & Huntingdon. We have been adding QR codes to recent adverts etc.

Have attended various meetings in the region to meet members and GSR's.

Keen to streamline the IG meeting and encourage more members to attend.

John S

Fenland Intergroup Chairperson

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

John welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. There were no comments on John's Chair report. John explained that there are some service positions that need to be filled and that we will discuss this in AOB. John gave a explanation of the Vice Chair role (which is vacant) as he undertook this role before becoming Chair.

John has been getting to various meetings in the Fenland area and said that he had noticed that meetings all have the handbooks and are making them more noticeable. He explained that they are vital resources and members should try and keep themselves updated by reading them.

Vice Chair –

Position vacant - No report

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Secretary's Report –

Thank you to everyone for your reports. Reports need to be in 2 weeks before an upcoming Intergroup meeting, that way the agenda and reports can be sent out to everyone in plenty of time before the meeting. I would be grateful if people could get reports in on time.

GSRs email addresses have been updated. Please let me know if you are not on the email list. Please also let me know if a meeting has changed time/day/venue or is no longer operating.

Thanks

Becca S

Secretary

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Becca thanked members for sending in their reports early and explained that this makes it so much easier to collate and get the reports out to members well before the Intergroup meeting.

John explained that we are still trying to sort out some of the AA emails and get the issue resolved.

Treasurer's Report-

1. As agreed at the last Intergroup meeting £400 was sent to Region on 6th November.
2. It was agreed to keep the prudent reserve at £1000
3. Another £1500 was added to the PI reserve to bring it up to £4500 + £112 carried over
4. No bank charges have been applied to our account as of 24/1/25. I would imagine the monthly charge will be calculated at the beginning of each month.
5. 3 Little big books were purchased and sent to the Garden house.
6. £2754 has been utilised from the PI reserve for another awareness campaign.

Please find attached 3 months bank statements and supporting spreadsheet detailing receipts and expenditure for the group.

The balance of the account consists of . . .

£6,424.61	cash in bank as at 24/1/2025 see statement
£1,000.00	prudent reserve.
£1,858.20	balance of £4.5k PI reserve
£1,500.00	ring fenced for Public Information activity - yet to be proposed and
actioned	
£2,066.41	balance

Does the group still wish to retain a further £1,500 towards PI each quarter?

Should we make further payments to region this quarter?

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/area/day (where applicable) as the reference.

For groups/members wishing to make Tradition 7 contributions by cheque please contact treasurer.fenland@aamail.org

Treasurers Group Contribution Report for Year/Ending 2024

Please see a spreadsheet detailing payment record of monies received throughout the year (at the end of the reports)

I would be grateful if all groups could take the time to check through this and confirm that I have allocated the contributions to the correct group.

As I have mentioned before if the group name/meeting day is not on the bank details it can be difficult to work out where it has come from. Having said that I think all is in order but it does no harm to check.

Kind regards

Gretchen

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Gretchen explained that she had highlighted the £1,500 to be spent on PI exposure which has yet to be proposed and actioned.

There are unassigned funds of over £3,000. Gretchen explained that we sent £400 to region last quarter and suggested that we could send £3,000 to region this quarter. This was put to everyone, seconded and agreed.

Gretchen checked that she has all the received funds allocated to the correct groups when it is being sent in. Please be clear which group you are when sending funds.

Public Information Report

Getting the aa mail set up on my Apple computer has taken a lot of time.

It is now possible to use it, though some more work still needs to be done on this.

I will be renewing contact with the East Anglia Ambulance Service to see where AA can provide help. If others are aware of contacts that might appreciate PI input, please let me know.

Richard H PI Liaison, Fenland Intergroup

Fenland Public Information Sub Committee

At the August Intergroup Meeting it was agreed that the Fenland Public Information Sub Committee has the autonomy to decide on how the £1500 per quarter monies are spent as long as the activity undertaken is reported to the Intergroup. The new Chairman of the Intergroup has suggested that this decision is once again presented to the Intergroup for their approval.

The activity over the last quarter is as shown below, as suggested at the last Intergroup Meeting all adverts etc include a QR code that directs to the AA website . . .

Cambourne Crier

The advert shown below will run in the February, March and April editions of the Cambourne Crier which is a monthly magazine delivered free of charge to all residents of the South Cambridgeshire villages of Lower Cambourne, Great Cambourne and Upper Cambourne.



Sawtry Eye

The advert shown below will run in the April, June and August editions of the Sawtry Eye magazine which is delivered free of charge to Sawtry, Glatton, Conington, Holme, Upton, Winwick and the Giddings, approx 3500 copies.



Cambridge 105FM

At the time of writing (24/01/25) we are in the process of agreeing a script and having an advert produced to run on Cambridge 105 FM which will be broadcast 3 times per day for 3 months. I hope that by the time we meet that the advert will have been produced and broadcasting will have begun.

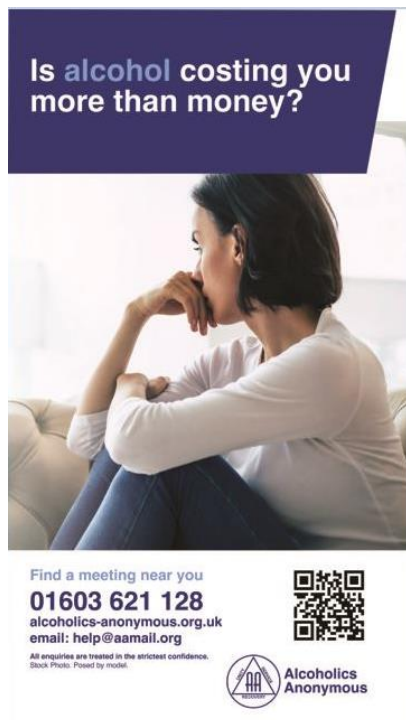
A6 Leaflets

At the last Intergroup Meeting it was suggested that we produce some A6 leaflets for distribution to GP surgeries etc so 5000 copies of the below have been printed and will be brought to the Intergroup Meeting . . .



Digital Advertising

The advert shown below is part of the media being displayed on the digital screens outside the Tesco stores in Newmarket and Haverhill from the 17th of January through until the end of February . . .



Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Richard explained that he has the AA email now, not having the email had prevented progress. Richard is looking for contacts for talks, hoping to do outreach talks and try and approach things from a different angle to the PI subcommittee so that there is a distinction.

Jamie brought a box of 5,000 A6 printed leaflets that he has had made which have a QR code which directs people to the AA website. Everyone agreed that they were happy with the size. The leaflets are to be taken by members to use/hand out where required.

Jamie explained that there is now an AA advert in the 'Sawtry Eye' (the Sawtry local village magazine). An advert will also run in the Camborne Crier for the next 3 months. Several members then went to add that there are various village publications in their areas that could be approached to place an advert in.

Gretchen suggested perhaps using the TV screens at drs surgeries. A member had seen a CA advert on one of these screens. John explained that he would have to get back to the designer Tara to check that the design is not encrypted and that we can use it. Jamie explained that members can approach us to get adverts in publications.

It was asked where the funds come from for adverts. It was explained that it is not advertising but for awareness, we have a PI awareness budget. It was explained that we have covered a lot of mediums with awareness campaigns and tried to cover as much of Fenland as possible given that it is a large area and impossible to cover all of the area. Jamie advised that himself and John as the subcommittee spend the agreed funds on awareness. The group agreed they were happy for Jamie

and John to continue as they have been elected, and their decision making is trusted. John also explained that now Richard is PI Liaison there are 3 of them to discuss matters and look at where to spend funds.

Telephones/12 Step List - Telephone Liaison Officer Report – February 2025

The last quarter has been stable for the Fenland and North East Anglia (NEA) helpline.

Main Points

The Tamar Portal has been in operation for the whole quarter and has performed better than anticipated. There has been no downtime at all over this quarter and for the last month (December 2024) we answered 557 calls.

Of that total 139 were unanswered (see Note below) and none were engaged (at the portal). The call duration for the total was 2147 minutes, 33 seconds. These calls in the main were from mobile telephones and could have come from anywhere in the UK.

Note: The high number of unanswered calls stemmed from the early part of the month when we had a repeat caller from (possibly) the prison in Wymondham area.

The functions on the portal from blocking international calls is active because the 0800 number is displayed on the European sites. We have also utilised the Blacklist Function to deter nuisance and abusive callers. These calls are also reported by the TLO to the NTSC in York for further action.

Over the last quarter we have lost a few Telephone Responders but have managed to recruit more. Currently we only have one Vacant position. There are also new enquiries which the TLO addresses as soon as possible.

Training is undertaken by the TLO on Zoom because travelling around Cambridgeshire and Norfolk is not feasible.

The 12 Steppers list requires a complete overhaul in both Areas, Fenland and North East Anglia. Personal reasons prevent the TLO from attending meetings and some GSR's are not forwarding possible prospects on.

This last statement is not intended to single out GSR's or groups. This position is purely voluntary service and not easily met by working members. Again, any prospects passed on will be contacted and trained online by the TLO. Also, the presentation of lists can also mean some 12 Stepper never get called. Perhaps a better way to present the list may be by meeting and not area.

Other Points

Because of the requirement of the TLO to access the Portal to make changes we are trying to interest a Telephone Responder from each area, Fenland and North East Anglia, to have basic knowledge on the portal and be given access by the TLO so that there is always someone other than the TLO who can stand in. The Region TLO also has this permission. Currently I have worked well with the ECLO of NEA and must do the same with an interested party in Fenland.

That concludes the TLO report. Unfortunately, I shall not be attending this Intergroup, but I feel this report is sufficient to keep all informed.

Robin Norman Caretaker Telephone Liaison Officer Fenland and NEA Intergroups.

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Where To Find (WTF)

I have updated the WTF and will copy the latest version to the TLO and Ecomm. I will bring printed version to intergroup as usual.

I recently realised that there are a number of Polish speaking meetings in the area which were not previously included on the WTF and have now added them in. If intergroup does not wish this I can easily remove them. There is an ongoing issue with space on the leaflet, and it will not accommodate many more additions of meetings in the current format. Perhaps this is something that intergroup could discuss.

Anne C

Comments/Questions/Discussions –

Anne brought printed ‘Where to Find’ leaflets for members to take away. Anne asked that people check that their meeting details are correct. Anne had been made aware of local Polish speaking meetings. John had found out that the Polish meetings are part of the Midlands Intergroup.

It was suggested that whether a meeting is open or closed could be added to the leaflets and also the chit symbol. Adding the QR code that directs people to the AA website was also suggested.

Prison Liaison Report (PPLO)

Current Position

There are four prisons confirmed within our Intergroup:

Littlehey

Peterborough Women’s Prison

Peterborough

Whitemoor

There may also be another two, **Highpoint North and South.**

The position of this is unclear but being explored further by Andrew M, the Eastern Region Prison Liaison.

Littlehey

There is a regular weekly meeting on a Friday at 2.15-3.15pm.

Meetings are organised with Pheonix Futures who are operative in the Recovery Wing- A wing.

We currently have two members cleared to draw keys as keyholders and a third undergoing clearance.

Once approved, a rota will be set up and the keyholder to be accompanied by a fellow AA member to share at the meeting.

There are movement slips issued for prisoners who wish to attend. We currently have 6 regulars and up to ten at times.

The prisoners are responsible for the meeting, there is a secretary and also awareness is raised within the prison to inform those who could benefit of the Friday meeting.

Pheonix Futures are also responsible for the Recovery and Wellbeing provision in Whitemoor and a meeting is planned to try to replicate the Littlehey set up and experience there.

Peterborough Women's Prison

There is currently a weekly meeting each Wednesday at 10-11am.

Local member Jackie has been doing the service each week for the past two and a half years.

She has provided further contacts who may be able to assist in establishing contact to restart meetings in the men's prison.

Assistance Required.

Jackie would be grateful for assistance with this service and asked if there are women willing to assist her with this service.

I can pass on her details if required and Jackie can explain the clearance requirements for the service.

Peterborough (Male)

No meetings currently.

See above for current activity.

Contact has been made with the Sodexo contacts responsible for the recovery provision.

Whitemoor

No meetings currently, although Pheonix Futures are keen to replicate Littlehey set up there.

Assistance Required

There is no assistance required at this stage, however if meetings can be established in Peterborough and Whitemoor (March), we would require members in those areas to be willing to undergo vetting and clearance to attend regular meetings.

Other Activities

Morgan, has established a quarterly meeting of Probation and Prisons.

Issues have already been raised as to where the hand of AA can be available on prisoner release in a more structured way.

Assistance and support has already been helpful in carrying out the service.

There is also a Probation Criminal Justice Service Workshop on 22nd February.

John F

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

In terms of Peterborough women's prison there is now only one women with clearance, John F asked if there are women willing to assist with this service.

John F also asked if there were men who would be able to fill in the clearance forms and undergo vetting for attendance if meetings can be established at Peterborough and Whitemoor Prison. John F explained that at present he is not asking women to attend Littlehey at present explaining that there is a need to be sensitive.

John S advised that he has attended prison meetings with John F and that it is a very rewarding experience and excellent service.

Probation Liaison Report (PPLO)

Probation report 8th February 2025

- **2025 Plans** - Mail (email & post) & follow up phone call in the hope of presenting & promoting recovery in AA & probation. Criminal Justice System; Probation Services, Magistrates courts, Police.
- **Promote CHIT meetings**, within our groups & Criminal Justice services. Thanks all ! Who have signed up to be a CHIT meeting, more required please **(See last quarters Intergroup report for instructions)**
- Raise awareness of Postal Prison Sponsor Service.

January 17th Meeting online held to support prison meetings Littlehey (John Mens meeting) & Peterborough (Jackie Women's meeting). Outcomes; John working to get a

men's meeting in Peterborough. Jackie asking for support/cover for the women's meeting. All found the meeting valuable, next one in three months.

Morgan PLO 07974 406188 probation.fenland@aamail.org

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Region Representative Report (Region Rep)

To ensure consistency of message it was agreed that the following summary compiled by the Eastern Region Secretary be used to form the basis of Region Reps reports however I did just also want to mention the following . . .

- Responses to the questions for conference need to be sent to regionrep.fenland@aamail.org by the **14th of March**, the questions can be found in the winter edition of AA Service News, have been posted in the Intergroup WhatsApp Group and emailed to all GSR and Intergroup Officers by the Fenland Secretary.
- There was a stash of SHARE magazines held by Region that I have taken possession of and passed to the Prisons Liaison Officer
- I raised the subject of bank charges and the potential impact on the finances of the Fellowship, this is an issue other Intergroups and Regions are also facing, and it is on the agenda to be discussed at the Region Treasurers AGM

EASTERN REGION ASSEMBLY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Summary points from the November 2024 Eastern Region Assembly

Finances

In the third quarter of the year, quarter ending 30 September 2024, the Region held a balance of £34,549. Contributions from Intergroups this year at £27,802 including the repayment of ER loan to the

Southern National convention. Expenses at £1,310. IT WAS AGREED to send £26,500 to GSO (retaining prudent reserve of £8,000)

Region service positions

Officer positions were ratified and assembly voting rights for the GSB Trustee for 2025 was confirmed.

Gerald M was voted as Eastern Region Chair. There was a vote of thanks for Pamela as Chair rotating out.

Jim M and Pab K were voted as nominations for Board Trustee.

Board Trustee/GSO

GSO finances: 4th Quarter 2023/24 GSO finances reserves approximately £175k below this year's prudent reserve (W2 level), linked to continued reduction in contributions.

Safeguarding: GSO will be hosting an online safeguarding forum to be held 3/12/2024 aainformation@gsogb.org.uk. Resources on safeguarding are available on the AA Website including the new Service Handbooks (Document Library - Alcoholics Anonymous filter for keyword "safeguarding").

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Responses for conference questions need to be in by 14th March.

Health Liaison Report –

I am still very much slowly recovering and not yet able to get to any face-to-face meetings. I have not been able to do any health liaison work recently.

However, today I have made some progress.

Today, I emailed 5 people who I have been in touch with. This was Addenbrookes, CGL, Cambridge Libraries, Cambridge County Council and University of Cambridge. I informed them that I will be aiming to do the talks/presentations etc that I had booked but had to postpone from April onwards. In the meantime, I have informed them that I will be able to answer any queries they have if they email me. I contacted these 5 people because, despite contacting lots of people, these 5 were the only 5 that got back in touch with me.

I will not be at Intergroup in February, and I am hoping to return in May. If any officers and GSRs are contacted regarding health-related issues, then please email me/get the person asking for help to contact me on health.fenland@aamail.org and I will get back to them. I will be looking at my emails Wednesdays and Fridays between 4pm and 6pm.

On another topic – I remember asking to do a presentation about the HLO role at an Intergroup meeting in the future (because I believe it was agreed that officers would be doing it for the 2nd hour of the intergroup meeting) I know that I said I wanted to do it at one point for HLO, but please can I not until at least November 2025 intergroup? I have been told to reduce stress levels as much as I can and this would cause me stress. I am still off work and hopefully going back to work on a phased return in March – I need to have a kind of a phased return to my HLO role too.

Thanks

Jamie B

Health Liaison Officer

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

John will get in touch with Jamie B to discuss help that has been offered. Naomi and Michael have discussed working with Jamie B.

Share Liaison Report –

I continue to encourage groups to keep bringing the magazine to the attention of their members. It is recommended that each f2f group purchases some Share magazines for the literature table. The magazine costs £2 or, if purchased and read online it is just £1.

Here is a link to the Share area on the website:

<https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/Members/Fellowship-Magazines/Share-Magazine>

Please share your experience, strength and hope in writing and send to Share for publication.

The editorial team are always on the lookout for appropriate photographs to use on the cover of the magazine and in the annual calendar. Please submit if you able.

If you have some old copies of share magazines, please remove the centre pages (with diary dates etc) and leave them in libraries, police stations, bus shelters or anywhere you feel appropriate.

This is my final Intergroup meeting as your Share Co-ordinator. I will sponsor another member into the role once a vote has taken place. It has been a pleasure to serve you, I have learned so much.

In fellowship - Joan

Comments/Questions/Discussion – Joan reminded members to recycle their share magazines by passing them on. Joan is due to rotate out of the share rep role. There isn't anyone taking it on at present.

Young Persons Liaison (YPLO) –

The last few months I've been starting to grow in the YPLO role. Several exciting things have happened, including the establishment of a group chat for young people in the Fenland area, fostering fellowship, allowing for discussion about service and growing as young people in the fellowship. This group is run with the AA Safeguarding Policy in mind, and we have discussed how vital the traditions are in this, and we all work to uphold them. I announce this group chat at almost every meeting I attend, and there

has been growing interest from young people. Through this chat, I have been arranging fellowship based meet-ups for every quarter so I can hear about what young people in this intergroup want to share with us as intergroup.

I have also been very fortunate to meet other YPLOs from different intergroups, primarily in the London area. Through these conversations, I have forged great connections in service and have been able to learn more about the role. I have also received a request for a potential school visit and will follow up about this.

Finally, it's very exciting to note that the European Young People in AA (EURYPAA) convention will be happening in Glasgow this August which I will be attending. I have started sharing about this at meetings. There will also be another YPLO Roadshow this June in Birmingham, which I plan to attend also.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to do service.

Yours in fellowship,

Tyra
Young Persons' Liaison Officer (YPLO)

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Well done from everyone for the work Tyra is doing. John proposed Tyra does a short talk in the last part of a future Intergroup meeting. Tyra explained she would be happy to do this and it would work well if she does this after she has been to Glasgow.

Electronic Communications Liaison Officer Report (ECLO)

No report

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

John read out the role of the ECLO liaison officer. Jamie offered to stand in and do what he can with ECLO work until the role has been filled. Benn expressed an interest in ECLO for the next Intergroup. It was proposed that Benn is sponsored into the role.

Employment Liaison Report (ELO)

Really sorry not much has happened over the last quarter with the SNCC and Christmas however I still have to chase up the stand at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Talking to the relapse prevention group at cgl Cambridge (I just need to get a date in the diary)

A talk regarding AA for staff at cgl again a date in the diary along with help from the new pio to do a presentation similar to what Anthony have done in the past.

In fellowship Naomi

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Armed Services Report (ASLO) -

A steady read-in for the new ASLO over a quiet period. Time has been spent researching unit locations in area with a view to targeting COs, Heads of Establishments, Padres and Families Officers. Contact made with SSAFA and Help for Heroes. Awaiting full engagement with them. More service charities yet to be approached.

It seems there is a move at Region, and consequently in some other Intergroups, towards ASLO taking in Police Services and Fire and Ambulance Services in addition to the Armed Forces community.

Robin M

Armed Services Liaison Officer

Comments/Questions/Discussion –

Robin is awaiting full engagement with Help for Heroes and SSAFA and will report back on progress. Robin explained that it has been suggested that 'blue light services' are incorporated into ASLO which he doesn't think is a great idea. It was suggested that some aspects of blue light services could be covered by PI and Health.

Group Service Representative Reports: (GSRs)

F2F Meetings

GSR	Group	Day	Report	
Trish H	Beck Row Living Sober Thursday The group is generally well attended although numbers dropped over Christmas period. We have newcomers. All service positions are filled. The group is self-supporting.	Thursday	YES	
Joanne D	Brampton	Friday		
Victoria D	Cambridge Unitarian Beginner's Group 6-7pm Unitarian Church, Emmanuel St, Cambridge This is a long-running speaker meeting, with recovery chips and literature. The group has a steady attendance of about 12, although attendance varies through the year with tourists, students etc. and there can be 30 people on a busy night. Currently all positions are filled. Rent is up to date and we have a prudent reserve.	Sunday	YES	
John M	Cambridge Addenbrookes	Monday		
Victoria D	Cambridge Primary Purpose Meditation Monday 7-8pm Unitarian Church, Emmanuel St, Cambridge This is a long-running speaker meeting, with recovery chips and literature. One week a month we have a topic meeting. The group has a regular attendance of around 24. We currently have vacancies for male and female greeters. The current secretary is rotating out at the start of February and we have voted in a replacement. We are up to date with rent and have a prudent reserve.	Monday	YES	
	Cambridge Cheddars Lane Women's Meeting Denise will take on the role of GSR for this group shortly. A vibrant meeting attracting and supporting newcomers and those in their first year of sobriety Average weekly my numbers of 20 attendees. All service positions eagerly filled This is a chip and chit mtg - although the chit sign isn't recorded the where to find website as yet. Financially viable. We keep a prudent reserve and regularly send money to region. Monthly GCs well attended. (Report from Dawn F)	Tuesday		
	Cambridge Mens	Tuesday		
	Cambridge St.Lukes	Wednesday		

Hayley	<p>Cambridge Milton 'Free to talk' The group is self-supporting and currently has a prudent reserve of recommended 3 months. We have made a £300 contribution to Intergroup this quarter.</p> <p>The group's meeting structure is 2 speaker meetings a month, topic meeting, AA Reading, and open floor (if 5 week month), the last 10 minutes of the meeting dedicated to 'shy sharers'.</p> <p>Living Sober and Who Me? Given to all newcomers</p> <p>All service positions filled - newcomers sponsored into appropriate service positions.</p> <p>Good mix of sobriety and good message carried to newcomers, who return.</p> <p>Regular homegroup members of 12 – 15, regularly 20+ in attendance.</p> <p>It was discussed in group conscience that the group will include the chit system into the meeting as raised at intergroup conscience.</p>	Wednesday	YES	
Dawn F	<p>Cambridge Steps and Traditions step group Friday</p> <p>Average group attendance 12</p> <p>Financially stable with 3 months prudent reserve.</p> <p>Attracts newcomers and visitors. Core group of 8 regulars that consider it their home group</p> <p>Service positions covered. Apart from literature</p> <p>Recently set up as a chit group.</p>	Friday	YES	
Rob S	<p>Cambridge Young People's – Friday evening</p> <p>The meeting currently attracts a core of around 15 members each week along with a further 10-15 regularly attending members, varying slightly with the University terms. The group enjoys visitors from several areas on a regular basis due to our good geographical position and easy parking. Despite the name of the Group, there is no age restriction on attendance - older visitors are welcomed with delight. We are solvent, but at the moment, we're not quite sure how solvent. The church has only just responded to our multiple requests for rent invoices and has sent us around two years' worth of weekly invoices in one go. Our Treasurer is still working on adding them all up and we should have a true balance by next conscience. Once the issue is resolved, we will agree a new prudent reserve and then intend to contribute to Intergroup again.</p> <p>All service positions are filled, and positions are reviewed as part of our monthly conscience meeting.</p> <p>Most of the roles rotate on a 6 to 12-month basis to</p>	Friday	YES	

	<p>allow members to gain the experience and pleasure of different aspects of service.</p> <p>Due the advertised purpose of the Group, it attracts a good proportion of new members who are still fairly young in sobriety, but there is a growing core with 1-3 years sobriety along with smaller number of members with 4 – 30 years, which nicely balances things out.</p> <p>The Group follows the standard ESH share format, except for the last Friday in the month, when the speaker will be asked to select a passage from any AA approved literature, read it to the Group, and share on it for 10 minutes.</p>			
Robin M	<p>Cambridge Cherry Hinton Road to Recovery - Saturday Lunchtime</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview 2. Attendance 3. Home Group 4. Service positions 5. 12 step calls 6. Tradition 7 <p>1. Overview The Cambridge Road to Recovery group runs from 1pm to 2pm every Saturday afternoon. Home Group members arrive between 12pm to 12:30pm to set the venue up. Doors are then opened from 12:30pm when there is fellowship for 30 minutes prior to the meeting. The format of the meeting is a 25-minute main speaker who speaks about their experience, strength, and hope. This is then followed by 25-30 minutes of sharing back stressing the message to the alcoholic who still suffers (Tradition 5) until 2pm. From 2pm to 3pm, there is post-meeting fellowship at the venue.</p> <p>2. Attendance The group has in the region of 20 to 30 at meetings. We have a regular flow of newcomers some of whom stay. All newcomers are given a “Who Me?” pack and those who persevere, show interest in recovery and attend regularly are given a copy of the Big Book funded by the group.</p> <p>3. Home Group The group has 16 declared home group members.</p> <p>4. Service positions</p>	Saturday	YES	

	<p>All service positions are filled. One member sits on Intergroup as Health Representative and one is as ASLO.</p> <p>5. 12 step calls One Home Group member is currently doing 12 step calls and another is doing 12 step calls for the armed services.</p> <p>6. Tradition 7 The group is self-supporting with a prudent reserve.</p>			
	<p>Cambridge Pateman Road As Bill Sees It A newish mtg - been running for 18 months Financially viable Attracts out of town visitors and has an average attendance of 12 Has recently become a chit mtg but as yet the sign isn't displayed in the where to find. Still in need of a GSR Dawn F</p>	Saturday		
Lea N	<p>Cambridge Lunchtime Friday Cheddar's Lane, Cambridge meeting</p>	Mon-Friday		
Hayley	Cambourne	Thursday		
David W	Eaton Socon	Monday		
John S	<p>Eaton Socon Big Book – Thursday A weekly Big Book discussion and new members & visitors welcome. Provisions are made for the newcomer, and the CHIT system is now in place. Group numbers are around twenty-five weekly and now back sending regular payments to Intergroup. All service positions filled with members in service at Intergroup and region.</p>	Thursday		
	<p>Eaton Socon Primary Purpose Wednesday Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This meeting is still well attended. We have a base of 15 who come regularly. The meeting is often visited by AA members from other areas and regions. There are a good number of members in the meeting that are in their early days and years as well as a few who have substantial days. This gives the meeting a very good balance. Sobriety chips are given once a week for anyone celebrating a sobriety birthday. It is a Group decision that chips are provided from the group's finances. We do not have a GSR and are actively trying to get one. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Literature, Share Finder, Tea and Coffee are 	Wednesday	YES	

	<p>filled and all members take it to be Greeters at the door for new or visiting AA's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group makes regular donations to Intergroup and will be making one this quarter. • The group has online banking and will accept 'pot contributions' by transfer as well as cash. The lack of banks in St Neots does present a problem but we have overcome this. Statements of the Groups finances can be made available to any home group member if requested. Our finances are totally transparent. • We have made a Donation to Intergroup and maintain a prudent reserve of Two Months rent. We pay our rent in advance. • A Business Meeting/Conscious will be held on 22/01/25. The group expressed its support for the PI effort. • We have a Contact Person who has been registered with GSO and the meeting details are displayed Nationally and locally. Meeting details are also held by the Telephone Responders in the Fenland / North East Anglian areas. 			
Naomi L	<p>Ely Discussion Report (formerly old dispensary) As always a really good turnout each week. A few new comers who come and go. All service positions filled and due to rotate in March Financially we have had a lot of out goings for literature and chips but are stable and rent is paid up. As soon as we have a decent amount in the account we will send this to intergroup.</p> <p>As a Sunday group we have chosen committee 4 for questions for confrence</p>	Sunday	YES	
Anne C	<p>Ely Steps & Traditions - Wednesday In the weeks prior to Christmas attendance was low with numbers dropping sometimes to as few as 5. We held a group conscience at the start of January and decided to change the format of the meeting. It is now a topic meeting with a step discussed on the first Wednesday of each month. Clearly it is early days yet but numbers since New Year have improved and we will see how it goes.</p> <p>Service positions are all filled and the hospital as ever is very supportive of us. We continue to make voluntary contributions in lieu of paying rent. We are not flush with funds but make small contributions to intergroup whenever we can.</p>	Wednesday		
Michael L	Huntingdon Living Sober	Wednesday		

Gary B	Haverhill Recovery Monday Finance; Healthy Service Positions; Fulfilled No changes in last 3months. Attendance; 10 to 15 on average. We have a very good mix of sobriety, i.e. Years/ages/male and female. Newcomers receive a welcome pack and telephone numbers.	Monday	YES	
Paul W	March Steps & Traditions	Tuesday		
Hayley V	Milton Free To Talk - Wednesday Evening 7 – 8pm CB24 6WR The group is self-supporting and currently has a prudent reserve of recommended 3 months. We have made a £300 contribution to Intergroup this quarter. The group's meeting structure is 2 speaker meetings a month, topic meeting, AA Reading, and open floor (if 5 week month), the last 10 minutes of the meeting dedicated to 'shy sharers'. Living Sober and Who Me? Given to all newcomers. All service positions filled - newcomers sponsored into appropriate service positions. Good mix of sobriety and good message carried to newcomers, who return. Regular homegroup members of 12 – 15, regularly 20+ in attendance. It was discussed in group conscience that the group will include the chit system into the meeting as raised at intergroup conscience.	Wednesday	YES	
Nick	Newmarket Gratitude	Sunday		
Carol W	Newmarket Lunch As Bill Sees It - Monday Both Monday (As Bill Sees It) and Thursday (Living Sober) are running well with an average of 10-12 attendees each time. Newcomers often attend regularly and both meetings have all service positions filled. Will send treasurers reports next time but both meetings solvent and with good supplies of literature.	Monday	YES	
Sally P	Newmarket Tuesday Regular attendance - average 15 - 20 people. Good mix of sobriety and a good core of regulars who consider it their home group Finances are good, rent up to date and good supply of books	Tuesday		

	All service positions are filled			
Jenny B	Newmarket As Bill Sees It This meeting has 10 to 15 regular members plus visitors and newcomers. All service positions are filled and regularly rotated, to encourage service. We are fully self supporting, with a prudent reserve to cover expenses. Newcomers packs are provided along with living sober to newcomers and help towards copies of the Big Book if needed. We also give out sobriety chips at this meeting.	Wednesday	YES	
Nick	Newmarket Big Book Study	Wednesday		
Carol W	Newmarket Living Sober Both Monday (As Bill Sees It) and Thursday (Living Sober) are running well with an average of 10-12 attendees each time. Newcomers often attend regularly and both meetings have all service positions filled. Will send treasurers reports next time but both meetings solvent and with good supplies of literature.	Thursday	YES	
Tim C	Newmarket Steps & Traditions Newmarket group is looking healthy and good order. We are still using the smaller area with numbers reducing recently, but financially we are pretty robust. Service positions are all looking good as well at this current time.	Friday		
Phill H	Peterborough Daily Reflections -Monday Morning The meeting is well attended however has a small number of people who class it as their homegroup, meaning not many people to do service. We do however have a Treasurer and a GSR. Secretary is done on a monthly rotation. Tradition 7 takings tend to be low, therefore at this time we are not able to send any money to Intergroup. This meeting is a friendly way to start the week.	Monday	YES	
Dan E	Peterborough Big Book Study Sunday evenings. Attendance is still low and sporadic, and is having a knock-on impact on tradition 7 contributions. We are however maintaining the levels required to cover the rent, despite our venue's increased hall hire rent. All service positions are gratefully filled and those attending are enjoying the meeting. Nothing further to add. Thank you IG for the continued support.	Sunday		
Jim B	Peterborough Pyramid – Monday night	Monday	YES	

	Attendance between 12-18 per week All service positions filled Tradition 7 healthy, have sent our first donation to intergroup recently.			
Benn	Peterborough Orton	Tuesday		
Jamie G	Peterborough St,Pauls Living Sober Thursday Night Attendance at the meeting has fluctuated following the opening of a meditation meeting in Peterborough which also runs on a Thursday evening. The meeting has enrolled in the confirmation of attendance system, the meeting's listing on the AA website has been updated to reflect this and we have supplied CHITS to a newcomer. The Group will be providing responses to the questions for conference with discussions to take place on the 30 th of January. All service positions are filled. The group is financially stable with a prudent reserve. The group awards sobriety chips for periods of up to one year. We have all basic literature and can purchase any items requested by the participants. Tea and coffee are available before the meeting starts.	Thursday	YES	
	Peterborough Aspire House	Friday		
Janet M	Peterborough Allcomers	Friday		
Stacy	Peterborough Mustardseed	Saturday		
	Peterborough Meditation	Thursday?		
Paul	Ramsey	Saturday		
Emma H	St Ives Recovery – Tuesday evening The group meets on Tuesday evenings at the Free Church in the centre of St Ives from 7:45 to 9:15pm. It continues to thrive with regular attendance of 20+, and we often see newcomers and visitors from other areas. It is fully self-supporting and regularly sends contributions to Intergroup. All service positions are filled and are appropriately changed to allow newer members to serve the group.	Tuesday	YES	
	St Ives Daily Reflection	Thursday		
Mark G	St Neots	Saturday		
Becca S	Sawtry Twelve & Twelve the Old School House 37 Green End Rd, Sawtry PE28 5UY from 8pm-9.15pm.	Monday		

	<p>The meeting is a weekly Twelve and Twelve discussion group and new members are always welcome. Group numbers are around 10-12 members weekly at the moment. We provide refreshments and parking is free in the car park behind the venue.</p> <p>A monthly Members group conscience is held to discuss service positions and general health of the group. The meeting is fully self supporting. All service positions are filled at present.</p>			
Morgan	<p>Wisbech – Monday</p> <p>New meeting started 7th October and is ongoing. Enough to pay the rent, hoping to donate to Intergruop in the near future.</p> <p>Numbers vary around 8-12. Main service positions taken, GSR, secretary & treasurer, others to follow. Feedback has been positive but numbers are reducing.</p>	Monday		
	Wisbech	Wednesday		
Adrian M	<p>Whittlesey ‘As Bill Sees It’ -Thursday 7.30 to 9.00pm</p> <p>The meeting is usually well attended although it has been quieter over Christmas/New Year with the weather etc. Attendance usually between 10-15 and all service positions filled.</p> <p>We have a main share at the end of the month and a Big Book Study at the start, all other meetings are As Bill.</p> <p>We are able to make regular contributions to Intergruop and another £150 will be sent this week following our latest Group Conscience.</p>	Thursday		
ZOOM				
Joan	<p>NOW CLOSED - As Bill Sees It Thursday evening</p> <p>As Bill Sees It Thursday evening online meeting really suits members with caring responsibilities and disabilities or illnesses that prevent them from getting out and about. We have the benefit of auto generated captions for members who are hard of hearing, some of whom have a problem taking an active part in f2f meetings.</p> <p>Members regularly attend from abroad, in particular Canada, South Africa and USA they are delighted that Fenland Intergruop is now able to be a hybrid meeting and we are grateful that this has been organised. The cost of our Zoom fee is being met and members are encouraged to pay their financial contributions to intergruop. At each meeting the intergroup bank details are posted in the chat and those making</p>	Thursday	YES	

	<p>contributions should be using “ABSI Online” Group as a reference.</p> <p>Attendance has recently dropped, probably due to many people returning to f2f meetings. Because of fewer numbers attending service rotations have become stagnant. Service positions are filled and shares are arranged by members on a rota, this enables us to experience members sharing from across the world as well as locally.</p> <p>The group recently had a Group Conscience meeting and regular attendees were asked to consider taking a service position. It is wonderful to be able to use this “new frontier” to hear and see fellowship friends who have moved away and to meet new members. We look forward to welcoming you one Thursday evening. 7.30pm start - 90 minutes</p> <p>206 534 8548 (no password) As Bill Sees It link - in case you do not have a hard copy of the book:</p> <p>https://fliphtml5.com/lnakc/quqp/basic</p>			
Richard	<p>Big Book Study - Sunday</p> <p>This meeting continues to meet on Zoom. The original face to face venue, George Pateman Court, in Cambridge, now has parking restrictions at the time of this meeting, so a return the ad a face to face meeting is not possible. We remain happy to continue on Zoom.</p> <p>Attendance - there is a regular core of members who meet every week. Additional people attend several times a month, only limited by weekend work commitments.</p> <p>The sign in details have now changed. The now are as follows: Meeting ID: 811 9433 2813</p> <p>Passcode: 422794</p>	Sunday	YES	

Positions Vacant:

Vice Chair – John explained the Vice Chair role. There isn't anyone taking it on at present.

TLO – Gail has offered to take on this role. Gail was proposed and the group agreed. Thank you to Gail.

ECLO – Jamie offered to sponsor Benn to take on this role. Benn was proposed and the group agreed. Thank you to Benn.

Region – Third rep now required as Gail is rotating out.

Health -Temporary help required.

Archivist - No one taking it on at present.

4. Any Other Business

Zoom requirements - Group all agreed that having Zoom set up for the meeting will not continue at present.

Concepts read – It was agreed that we will now read the concepts at the meeting.

Sponsorship workshop? – it was suggested it could be bolted onto the end of an Intergroup meeting but agreed by the group that it could be a minefield on how to go about it. It was suggested that it could be discussed further on a breakout WhatsApp group.

5.Region Reps: - information and discussion.

Jamie and Gail explained the roles they have as region reps and how Region operates.

Gail spoke about conference and how members decide questions and they put them forward.

There was some discussion about this year's questions and how they are more reflective rather than actual questions. Jamie explained that they are suggesting the issue and asking members thoughts on them.

There was then discussion about how members had found the best format to put the questions to their groups in order to get feedback and discussion going. Gail thanked everyone and expressed that Eastern Region were the best prepared for conference questions from her experience.

John thanked everyone for their attendance and hard work.

Next proposed meeting – Saturday 10th May 2025 10:00 – 12:00 at
Old School Hall
37 Green End Rd
Sawtry
PE28 5UY

Meeting Close with Serenity Prayer