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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Next Group Meeting

**Thursday 14th June 2018,
7:30pm at The Balmoral Centre,
Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff-on-
Sea SS0 7AU**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday 11th August - Sponsored Walk – route to be agreed.

Saturday 18th August - AMNESTEA at 50 Merryfield Approach, Leigh-on-Sea

Saturday 21st July - Caribbean Evening (or maybe afternoon!) at 36 Orchard Avenue, Hockley

More details soon – please put the dates in your diary

Please write: to or on behalf of Sakris Kupila a transgender rights advocate in Finland – or you could blow him a kiss! Go to the **Group website** for background details, addresses and social media actions.

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Notes of meeting on 10th May 2018 at The Balmoral Centre Westcliff

Present were 4 persons viz Doug (acting Chair), Andrew, Martin and David.

Meeting opened 8pm.

Apologies: Mike & Muriel, Heidrun, Tricia.

1 The Chair introduced the agenda beginning with an update on Data Protection. A policy was ready to go. A sample sponsorship form was circulated to those present the first fundraiser being the sea front walk (Shoebury to Leigh) on Saturday, August 11th

2 The arrangements for our involvement at Leigh Folk Festival (June 23rd / 24th) were discussed. There was discussion on tee shirts, books, balloons and other goods to be offered for sale on the stall which had now been booked. David offered a selection of books from Richards human rights library and this offer was accepted with Martin requesting first sight. The feeling of the meeting was that donations (to Amnesty), would be requested rather than offering goods for sale. This was agreed as unlikely to trigger extra charges from the festival organisers.

3 There was a short exchange of views on 'Brexit' and amendments being put forward in the House of Lords viz-a-viz Human Rights Legislation being lost post Brexit.

4 Letters of Support. The meeting wrote letters of support for Sakris Kupila in Finland - a transgender rights advocate in that country.

5 Secretaries & Treasurers Reports. There was no Secretaries Report as Mike & Muriel were on holiday. The Treasurer (Andrew) reported that funds of £181.09 were available at the bank. He added that he would donate the cost of the stand (£35) at Leigh Folk Festival in respect of some prints (donated by Heidrun), that had failed to sell on Ebay but that his family had found attractive. This was accepted as generous by all present.

6 Fundraising. The walk had already been discussed. 'Amnestea', hosted by Andrew & his family, would be on August 18.

7 The meeting closed at 9.30pm with Doug' saying that he would be unable to make the next meeting.

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