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A.G.M. SATURDAY-SUNDAY 5th-6th MARCH 1977

We have booked the Notting Dale Studies Centre for an all-day A.G.M. on 5th March. We will probably have a social do on the Friday evening. Further details will be set in the next newsletter.

Phople from our of town who want to say at Notting Dale should let Lee Harvey know as soon as possible (address on front cover) - cost is about £1.

The "caretaker committee" elected at last year's meeting (Liz Atkins, Jeff Evans, John Irvine, Ian Plewis, Stephen Shenfield) has suggested the following structure for the A.G.M.

Morning - Colloquium or workshop(s). Afternoon - business meeting (including discussion of the draft constitution). Sanday - informal workshops and discussions.

We have suggested the Saturday morning session in order to give a stimulating focus to the discussions, besides the business meeting. The afternoon session might cascuss, among other things, recent developments in the Group's activities, especially oublications (see the Health Subgroup's article elsewhere in this issue). And the Sunday sessions would give people the chance to meet informally, in particular to discuss practical proposals such as the Worker's Handbook, which was first mentioned to the Group at last year's A.G.M.

We might also consider the following subjects for discussion.

- 1. Mechanics of pamphlet production.
- 2. The need for a proper bank account ("every time I pay in cheques for pamphlet an a Goop I get a lecture on how our account is meant to be a personal one").
- Intellectual topics thoughts may be postponed owing to our present preoccupation with items 1 & 2!
- 4. Reports of sub-groups.

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