



Campaign for Homosexual Equality

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CHE members' update, December 2017

Next CHE meeting

Please come along to our meeting on **Saturday 27 January 2018**. The main speaker will be **Glenys Parry**, psychotherapist, former chair of CHE and long-term campaigner. She will be talking about the early days of CHE, and also highlighting aspects of gay identity and mental health. The meeting will as usual be at the London Friend Office, 86 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DN, 2pm for 2:30 (nearest station King's Cross). All welcome, light refreshments provided, no charge, but it would help our planning if you could let us know that you're planning to come.

New Vice-President

We're delighted to announce that **Michael Cashman, Baron Cashman of Limehouse**, has agreed to become an Honorary Vice-President of CHE. Lord Cashman is a former MEP and one of the founders of Stonewall, but he first made his name playing Colin Russell in *EastEnders*, and caused a stir with the first ever gay kiss on a British soap.

LGBT History Month

The LGBT History Month theme for 2018 is 'Geography: Mapping the World' CHE sponsored the **launch event** in November at the Museum of Liverpool, and Nick Billingham and Ross Burgess had an information stall there promoting CHE. LGBT History Month events will of course be taking place throughout the country during February. The associated Academic Conference 'Sexing the Past', will be in Liverpool from the 16th to the 18th of March: CHE is once again sponsoring the **Allan Horsfall Memorial Lecture** on the opening day in memory of our founder; the speaker will be **Tom Robinson**, whose song 'Glad to be Gay' was banned by the BBC in 1978.

Peter Tatchell Foundation

In July the Executive Committee agreed to donate £10,000 to the Peter Tatchell Foundation, following a resolution at our Annual Conference. Nettie Pollard commented that Peter Tatchell 'has continued into the modern era on behalf of oppressed LGBT people worldwide the brave fight of the pioneers of the 1950s.'

Gay Times Honours

CHE was among the nominees for the Gay Times Honours in November. We were shortlisted for the 'Anthony Grey Gay Times Honour: Government and Policy'; Nick Billingham and Nettie Pollard represented us at the event at the National Portrait Gallery. We were not impressed by the organisers' grasp of LGBT history: they described CHE as a charity (we never have been) and named one of the awards after Allan Horsfall without recognising him as our founder.

Bernard Crowe

We very much regret to announce the death of Bernard Crowe, who joined CHE in the 1970s and served as Treasurer until 2010 and as an EC member until 2014.

Annual Conference

Our 2018 Annual Conference and AGM will be held at the Friend Office on Sunday 24 June.

CHE needs YOU!

Volunteers urgently needed to join the EC team: interesting lively meetings, with tea and biscuits. Help with CHE's organization and aims. Any expenses paid. If you've got a bit of time to spare, and maybe some admin or IT skills, and would like to help take CHE forward, please email us straight away.



Glenys Parry



Michael Cashman



LGBT HM logo for 2018



Ross and Nick at the launch



Tom Robinson



Peter Tatchell