Committee 1916 - 1917

Chairman
Dr. Leitia Fairfield

Members
Emil Davies
Mrs. Salmond
Harry Snell
Mrs. Webb

Ex. Officio
Hon. Sec

W. S. Sanders
Edw. R. Peace
Meeting 22 June 1916.

Present: Mrs Salmond & the Hon. Sec'y

1. Mrs Salmond took the chair

2. The minutes were confirmed

3. Apologies were received from Mrs Webb, Davies, Dr. Fairfield.

4. Dr. Fairfield was elected chairman for the year.

5. It was agreed to continue to meet on Thursdays.

   (a) The list in the June News was read
   (b) Louis Barrow, Miss Harpore, O.C.Ibes, & M. Robinson, candidates for July, were elected, subject to publication.
   (c) It was agreed that the Sec'y elect candidates, as to whom no question arises, until the next meeting of the Committee.
7. Resignations per the annexed list, were accepted except Mrs Gardner, ordered to be kept on.

8. Cases before the last meeting.

The Secy reported that Adolph Smith had paid & had been reinstated, & that F. Manning had not replied & had been struck off.

9. Special cases. The Secy reported that the following had declined to subscribe at present, & it was agreed to retain them on the list:

Miss Clodd, A. H. May, J. S. Davies & H. B. Hyams.

10. Defaulters. John Morgan, no payment since 1911 was ordered to be struck off.

11. Local Societies. The Secy submitted some recent reports.

12. Kings Hall Lectures. The Secy reported the Hall taken for 6 Bar Fridays from Oct. 27th.
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<td>Boys, Walter G.R.</td>
<td>Dulwich</td>
<td>1915</td>
<td>10/- Mar./15.</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Brown, Frank L.</td>
<td>Bourneville</td>
<td>1911</td>
<td>5/- Feb./15.</td>
<td>Obliged to.</td>
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<td>Davis, Miss H.</td>
<td>Blackheath</td>
<td>1908</td>
<td>5/- June/14.</td>
<td>Resigned before.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Davis, Miss M.</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>1909</td>
<td>5/- July/14.</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gardner, Mrs.</td>
<td>Burnley</td>
<td>1909</td>
<td>5/- Mar./15.</td>
<td>Bad times.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Graham, Osborn.</td>
<td>Anerley</td>
<td>1900</td>
<td>21/- on resign.</td>
<td>Waning interest.</td>
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<td>Hey, Harold E.</td>
<td>Lancashire</td>
<td>1908</td>
<td>10/- Do.</td>
<td>Unable to attend.</td>
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<tr>
<td>McNaughton, John</td>
<td>Glasgow</td>
<td>1914</td>
<td>2/6d June/15.</td>
<td>Out of touch.</td>
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<td>Maynard, Mrs. E.</td>
<td>Limehouse</td>
<td>1911</td>
<td>5/- Dec./14.</td>
<td>Husband remains.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Middleton, Edgar E.</td>
<td>Air Service</td>
<td>1916</td>
<td>20/- Dec./15.</td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td>Ramsay, Miss K.D.</td>
<td>Glasgow</td>
<td>1915</td>
<td>5/- Mar./15.</td>
<td>Going to India.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Smith, Miss C.</td>
<td>Putney</td>
<td>1914</td>
<td>5/- Mar./14.</td>
<td>Can't attend.</td>
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Meeting 15th November 1916.

Present: Dr. Fairfield (in chair), the Hon. Sec.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Apologies: Mr. Webb away ill, Davies ill, Snell.

3. Election of Candidates:

(a) Elected by the Secretary in accordance with orders:

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<td>Surrey</td>
<td>1912</td>
<td>5/- July.14</td>
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(b) To be elected:

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<td>Walham Green</td>
<td>1912</td>
<td>5/- Jan.14</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hampstead</td>
<td>1909</td>
<td>5/- Jan.16</td>
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All elected.

4. Resignations:

List (by no means long) since June 22nd.

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<td>Herbert Barr</td>
<td>Surrey</td>
<td>1912</td>
<td>5/- July.14</td>
<td>Sanders on Socialist C.Os.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miss L. Claxton</td>
<td>Walham Green</td>
<td>1912</td>
<td>5/- Jan.14</td>
<td>Poverty.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Dube</td>
<td>Hampstead</td>
<td>1909</td>
<td>5/- Jan.16</td>
<td>None: husband a member.</td>
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<td>Miss H.M. Fairhall</td>
<td>Stroud Green</td>
<td>1909</td>
<td>10/- July.16</td>
<td>Doubtful agreement.</td>
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<tr>
<td>J. Alan Kaye</td>
<td>London</td>
<td>1913</td>
<td>None recorded.</td>
<td>Disagreement.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miss Elfreda Lucas</td>
<td>Brighton</td>
<td>1914</td>
<td>2/3d Apr.15.</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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<td>Miss M. Quelch</td>
<td>Hampstead</td>
<td>1910</td>
<td>5/- Feb.18</td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td>H. Haiment</td>
<td>Sidcup</td>
<td>1908</td>
<td>5/- July,1915</td>
<td>None.</td>
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All accepted except Miss Claxton, ordered to be kept on.
### Proposed for Removal from List, etc.

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>J. Alexander</td>
<td>S. Africa</td>
<td>1903</td>
<td>1908</td>
<td>7/3d April'12</td>
<td>No reply to letter June 16.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Helen Botha</td>
<td>S. Africa</td>
<td>1912</td>
<td>1912</td>
<td>£2.2s June'12</td>
<td>Only one sub.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rev. K.J. Campbell</td>
<td>London</td>
<td>1907</td>
<td>1907</td>
<td>£1.1s Sept'13</td>
<td>? Write.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F.A.C. Neale</td>
<td>Buenos Aires</td>
<td>1908</td>
<td>1908</td>
<td>5/-Oct'10</td>
<td>Do.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hermann Rosse</td>
<td>California</td>
<td>1910</td>
<td>1910</td>
<td>10/-Sept'12</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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It was agreed that Beresford + Campbell be written to that the rest be struck off.

### 6. Revision of List:

It was reported that in view of the number of members on active service, etc., the Hon. Sec. has not made, and does not intend to make any systematic revision of the list, unless otherwise ordered.

Approved.

### 7. Local Societies:

- **Bristol**: Excellent circular re lectures, etc.
- **Palmers Green**: Suspended during war. Noted.

### 8. Groups:

- **Education**: Mrs. Crosthwaite has become secretary in place of Mrs. Dice. The Group is arranging lectures, etc.
- **Nursery**: Correspondence about membership. Noted.

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Date: 23/10/19
Meeting Thursday October 23rd 1920.


1. Temp.: Chairman. C.M. Lloyd was elected.

2. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Permanent Chairman C.M. Lloyd was elected.

4. Hutchinson Trust Lectures: Pen Lee reported courses fixed at following places:
   Islington, Wandsworth, Musley, Finchley, Purley, Harrow,
   N. Camberwell, Plotters, E Greenstead, Tonbridge, Enfield,
   Teddington. Also that applications had been received from eleven other districts. Decided not to go beyond 19 courses which would exhaust financial estimate.

5. Provincial Propaganda: Pen Lee: raised question of provincial propaganda for which there was unlimited scope but no available lecturers. Decided nothing could be done at present except occasional lectures by members of the Committee or prominent members.

6. Cambridge U.T.S. The Gen: Sec: reported he had had a good meeting on October 17th to inaugurate the Society.
Social Activities Committee 1921.

First meeting of the new Committee
Mondy 17 October 1921 at 5pm


Chair - Davies was voted to the Chair.

1. Absences - None.

2. Chairman for ensuing year - Davies was elected.

3. Meetings - After discussion agreed
   that the Committee meet on
   Sundays at 5pm.

4. Constitution - considered and
   agreed to defer for present.
5. Programme: After discussion it was agreed
   (1) That a social evening for members of this Club's Summer School only be held in Tahan Hall on Thursday Nov. 19, 8-10 pm. Cigarettes, light refreshments, & brandy, & music & entertainment arranged. Charge 6d. 1/2 - and invitation 6d. sent to all members of the school this year.
   (2) Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Tahan offer 4
   receptions at 121 Forest Hill for Friday & Saturday December 9/10 1 pm & 4 pm with thanks.
   (3) That a reception be arranged at Suffolk Art Galleries in the New Year of humble. Secretary to make arrangements as to charges &

6. Christmas. Same letter as in small
   meetings in Tahan Hall are referred to General Fund Committee.

The meeting then adjourned

A.E. Davies
Social Activity Committee

Monday 23rd January 1922

Present: James (Chair), Mrs. Green, Miss Hankins, J. H. Macrae (Minute Secretary)

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from
   Mrs. S. Dawson & W. J. Dawson Brothers

3. Cookham: It was agreed that the Children's Nursery be invited to appoint two representatives to this Committee.

4. Arrangements concluded. After discussion agreed to recommend:
   (i) A meeting to labour members of the LCC at Kentmere Hall, on Tuesday, March 14, or 21st if available.
   Miné refreshment allowance to be amended. Charge 2/6 each item.
2. That Miss Lawrence & H. J. Tasker be asked to arrange evening meetings at early convenient dates for members in a demonstrable area round their respective residences. Mr. Bowne brother to be invited to attend also.

As (1) 21. It is agreed that Miss Lawrence, feeling a known to ask to find brief churches if all are members of 120 after the election. Mrs. Comek will undertake to arrange the entertainment part of the meeting.

It was agreed that Badger with and Committee be honored for the number of these Committee.

5. The question of a dinner was discussed but deferred and the meeting then adjourned.

T. G. Davies
Social Activities Committee

Monday 13th March 1922

Present: Davies (Chair) Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Adeney, Mrs. Dawson, Miss
Hunterson, S. Saltm Secretory.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies - In absence were received
from Bassett-Miller, Macrae-Skim
and Stevens. Miss Tansfield sent
apologies and her resignation
from the Committee as she cannot
attend. Agreed that it be received
and referred to the Executive to accept
and their replacement in her place.

3. Social at March 21st. Mrs. Corner wanted the
arrangements for music & & & read
Mrs. Robson's letter. It was agreed
that travelling expenses should be
Refused to sing and entertain.
Agreed to have two words to announce the music for dancing etc. The programme was settled as follows:

1. Music - 8.30 - 9.15
2. Dinner - 9 - 9.20
4. Dancing - 9.45 - 10.30

A programme of arrangements to be founded on Davies as Chairman. Agreed also that a further set of Committee badges be obtained.

4. Other arrangements - Agreed that Mr. Laski Mr. Salmond and Miss Lawrence be requested to arrange socials at their convenience. To consider later (1) Scottish Party (Highfield Hotel) and (2) River Trip.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. G. Davies
Social Activities Committee
23rd October 1922.

Present - Davies (Chair), Mrs. Acheson, Mrs. Corrie, Mr. Danson, Macrae, Gibson, Peters & Martin, secretary.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Ad hoc - two received from Barnett, Inoke & T. Stevens.

3. Arrangements - agreed to recommend a dinner to or for Italian Labour MPs after the election. Friday Dec 15th at Commaquis, Room 01 elsewhere. Secretary to make enquiries as to terms.

Agreed also to Summer School Committee on behalf of Common for this year. Summer School meets in Italian Hall. Out that it be...
defend till January in view of election
this honored dinner. Change 611.
11. members wanted to bring hens
my name to Mrs. Hunterson to
arrange music or

4. Committee in election. Agreed that this
Executive, the Women from the Women's
School Committee and the Nursery be asked
to submit representatives to the
Committee, that the Education Fund
be invited to submit two representatives
calso.

The meeting then adjourned

A.E. Davies
Social Activities Committee
18 December 1922.

Present: A. E. Davies (Chair), Mrs. Corner, Mr. Day, Mrs. Hankey, Mr. Macnab, and Mrs. Crafton-Jackson.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies: In absence were received from Bassett and Mr. Pearce.

3. Dinner: New fixed for Jan. 1923 at Whealcliff House. It was agreed to have music at the meal as follows:
   1. Toasted: The King; 2. Mr. Day; 3. Mr. Hankey.
   4. Mr. Thornton - Mrs. Hankey.
   5. Mr. Macnab - Miss Macnab.
   6. The Italian song. Shaw.
   7. Peace melody.

It was agreed that the Committee should meet a few days before
The dinner to settle details, and arrange seats, so that then requiring vegetarian dinner should be asked to notify accordingly.

4. Reception in Fabian Hall: Agreed that it be deferred to Feb or March unless it be suggested that Mr. Smith should hold it at Sennett 20.

5. Summer School Room: Stated for Feb 15. Agreed that Mr. C. Smith handle. Considered concerning services; that Mr. Brown be asked to arrange refreshments; that Mr. Smith be asked to attend Sennett Dam. To act as chairman to.

The meeting then adjourned.
Social Activities Committee
1923.

1. Executive Members
   W. J. Bassett
   A. E. Davies
   W. J. Bellman

2. Women's Work Members
   Mrs. Coomer
   Mrs. A. Dawson

3. Education Work Members

4. Nursery Members
   Mrs. Acheson
   Mrs. Sutherst

5.Coaching Members.
Special Sub-Committee
on Future Activity and Organization
1934

The first meeting of the Special Sub-Committee was held on Monday 11th June, 1934.

Present: Mrs. Kayner, Mrs. Lawrence.

Messrs. Bacon, Bennett, Catlin, Fletcher, Catlin, Ramnar, Shuls, and Thomas.

1. Chair. H. Bennett was elected Chairman of the meeting.

2. Meetings. It was decided that the Committee should meet weekly on Thursday at 5.15 pm for the President.

3. Chairman. Mrs. S. Lawrence was elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. Supt. It was agreed that Gatten would act as Secretary to the Committee.

5. A formal discussion ensued on the four memoranda & to Bum, Prof. Smith, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Thomas which had been circulated to the Committee. Each member present both hear and there was a general exchange of views, but no resolution was moved. The discussion was wound up by the Chairman and the meeting then adjourned.

A. E. G. DVM 1876/34
Special Sub-Committee
Monday 18 June 1934

Present: Mr. Lawrence (Chair) Mess
Bacm, Cotton, Hutchin
Cotton and Ramsey.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Petitions from... received
from Mess, Bennett, Sheel, & Thomas.

3. Discussion followed in the memo
submitted by Bacm, Cotton
and Mrs. Keames. It was
agreed to recommend the
Executive:

recommends that the Fabian Society
does not undertake the publication of pamphlets upon specific
issues of policy, since this function is already performed, in
the research stage, by the New Fabian Research Bureau and, in
the definitive stage, by the Labour Party.

It is the immediate task of the Fabian
Society to relate... the light of modern
world events and tendencies, social, political and economic, the fundamental principles upon which a Socialist Commonwealth in this country must be based. In the course of such a statement a specifically Italian approach to particular problems may emerge in which case it may be advisable to consider their development and arrange for subsequent publication.

(i) The central contradiction of Capitalism

I undertake the arrangement of lectures upon fundamental issues, such as State Capitalism v. Socialism; Industrial feudalism v. Socialism; the Right of Free Discussion; the Position of the Middle Class under Socialism; Trade Union Policy and the Achievement of Socialism; under some such title as 'Planning the New Age'.

II publish these, subsequently, as a series of pamphlets.

And that such lectures be arranged for the Slavonic Series in Knesset Hall June-April 1935.

(iii) That a list of theaters be compiled especially for classes a weekend
1. It has been agreed that Culling李思成, in collaboration with J.D.H. Cole, be appointed a sub-committee to consider the establishment, under Fabian auspices and in connection with the bookshops, of a central agency for the promotion and distribution of Socialist books and pamphlets, to which all booksellers and enquirers could send their orders. (G.D.H. Cole has a plan on this and should be consulted). It can be done better by the Fabian Society than by the Party.

2. Agreed also that Culling should be allowed to consider the establishment of a press agency for the distribution, in collaboration with the existing bureau, of items of Socialist information. (The Socialist League has organised something of the kind, for League purposes).

4. The question of conveying weekend workers into our camp was discussed and referred to the Nursery as a matter deserving their consideration.
6. Arrive that next meeting be
announced by Chairman and
Secretary at a convenient
day soon.

The meeting time adjourned

T. Drummond Shiel
Special Committee
Monday 2nd July 1924

Present: Mr Keynes, Miss Breen, Barlow, Cutler, Fletcher, Galton, Laski, Runcay, Slade, Thomas and White.

1. Chair: Dr. Drummond Shield was elected Chairman of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Lawrence and W. Bennett.

4. Further consideration of the memoranda already circulated. Two further memoranda (a) by Miss Keynes not received in time for general circulation before last meeting; and (b) by Sidney Webb. Copies enclosed.

A general discussion ensued on the subject raised by Mr.
Motions submitted, on which all items present took part. No resolutions were moved however and it was agreed to discuss the matter further at next meeting.

5. Agreed that the Committee do meet again on Tuesday 16th July and that an effort be made then to draft a programme for the lectures and handbills suggested. The 6th item on agenda for the meeting.

The Committee then adjourned

George E. G. Callery
Special Sub-Committee.

Monday 16th July, 1934.

Present: Miss Keynes, Miss Lawrence, Messrs. Bacon, Barter, Catlin, Fletcher, Galton, Ramage, Shiels, Thomas and White.

1. Chair: G.E.G. Catlin was elected chairman of the meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence - none.
4. It was decided to reaffirm the resolutions of previous meetings appointing sub-committees on Bookshop development and Press services.
5. Agreed that an effort be made by notices in Fabian News in October to compile list of speakers for local Labour Parties, Study Circles, Week-end Schools, etc.
6. Agreed to refer to the Publishing Committee a suggestion that tracts on Socialism in regard to particular industries, i.e. Mining, Engineering, etc, should be prepared with the co-operation of Trade Union leaders and writers.
7. The general discussion on the proposed new series of Fabian Essays was then resumed. Eventually the following draft plan was agreed to, to be put on Agenda for next meeting:-

The Breakdown of Capitalism.
2. (b) The Basic Contradiction of Capitalism.

The Devices of Decay
3. (a) What the Whole-Hoggers are doing: Fascism; Germany, Italy.

4. (b) What the Whole-Hoggers are doing: Industrial Feudalism; America.
5. (c) What we are doing; State Capitalism.

The Solution.
6. (a) What We Want and What We don’t Want: A Socialist Commonwealth.
7. (b) Methods of achieving Victory: Criticism of Austrian and German Failures;
8. (c) The Purpose of Socialism: The Moral Issues at Stake.
Special Committee
Monday 17th July 1934

Present: Mrs S. Bowman (Chair),
Mrs. Bacon, Bennett, Hitzel,
Galton, Ramage, Dr. Sinclair,
Thomas and Whitt

1. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Intimation of absence was received from Mrs. Kynner, Mrs. Baster, Galton and nurse.

3. Report of sub-committee recommending effort to make arrangement for the circulation of links of bitter in conjunction with the National Party as suggested by S. D. # Cole was agreed to.
The third scene of lectures set up was further considered. Eventually it was agreed that the Executive be recommended to arrange a series of lectures for the summer 1935 in Longstone House as follows.

A. A disordered World.
   1. The World out of Joint.
   2. The basic Contradiction of Capitalism.

B. Capitalist Makeshifts
   3. Dictatorship in Italy and Germany.
   4. Industrial Feudalism and the American Experiment.

C. The Socialist Remedy
   7. The Strategy of Victory.
   8. The Socialist Commonwealth and the Citizen of the future.

The question of whether publication of them as new series of lessons was deferred.
In lectures, the following names were agreed to and referred to the Executive:

Lecturers suggested for:

1. Laski or Mrs. Wootton.
2. T. Johnston or Mrs. Wootton.
4. Miss Lawrence or Catlin.
5. J. Ramage.
7. H. Morrison or Laski.
8. Ivor Thomas.

The meeting then adjourned.
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