

B.S.F.A. NEWSLETTER.

This is a job I didn't think I'd have to do again, but here I am announcing a hotel change. I went to the Sandringham today (Wednesday 12th) to give them a last minute booking and to straighten out any last details. They were the ones to do the straightening out: they cancelled our booking!

It seems they've had second thoughts on allowing us to bring drink into the hotel - there was even some talk of having a couple of plain-clothes coppers there to make sure we didn't smuggle it in -. I'd be interested in hearing what our legal position is with regards to the cancellation of what amounts to a contract.

The fact remains we still had a Convention coming up and nowhere to hold it. After tramping the streets for some hours we contacted the Paddington Chamber of Commerce and they sent us to the KINGSLEY HOTEL, BLOOMSBURY WAY. W.C.1. They have accepted the booking and though there are more advantages to it than drawbacks there is one snag. Hotel rooms will not be as cheap as those promised at the other place. We are now going to have to pay: 4 bedded rooms: 27/6d per person, 3 bedded: 29/9d per, double or twin bedded: 35/-(d per person, and single rooms 35/9d. All these prices are inclusive of hotel charges. To those of you who booked at the lower priced beds; I've made the bookings just the same but told Mr. Edgar (the manager) that as the cost was more than you were expecting to pay some of you might decide on receiving this not to take up the booking, he has agreed to this and no-one will be charged for a room if they don't arrive. I hope all of you who have booked will decide to come anyway.

The advantages to this place are numerous. They have a bar and a night porter. The hall in which the programme items will be held is plenty large enough for anything we might want to put on. Ken Slater: there is now all the display space you could possibly want for art-work, magazine covers, the lot. and there's no objection to them being stuck on the wall with sellotape. Tables and chairs galore are available to us for the asking. I hope this notice won't reach you too late for you to revert to your original plans.

Meals are a bit expensive but local cafes abound. Lunch is 12/6d, dinner 13/6d. The breakfast hour is from 7-9 am.

Nearest Underground is Tottenham Ct. Road from one direction and from the other, Kingsway. Buses running right past the door are as follows: 7, 8, 8b, 23, 25, 32, 73 and 289. Sunday service operates on Easter Monday and Good Friday.

I have some good news - or that should read GOOD NEWS - for the committee of the B.S.F.A. The ConHall is going to cost us 3gns. a day. The money for this is being donated to the Association by our own Ted Forsyth who is as angry about the upset to our plans as I am, and he figures this will make things easier for us, which it will.

I've had so much to do today I've slipped up on one thing. I haven't made any inquiries about parking space for cars/vans and the like. I'm very sorry for this last minute upheaval. I know it's no use saying don't blame me, because you will anyway. I hope you will show how forgiving you can be by turning up at the Kingsley and having a good time. At least this time, we don't have to hide our drinks. All other details on the previous newsletter regarding coffees, insurance and the like are still in operation, and with the same people. I apologise for the strikeover in places but I haven't the time to wait while coffee dries. I think I've covered everything, I certainly hope so.

'Til the 15th then.

Yours Sincerely

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