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PROGRAMME FOR THE SUMMER COMMUNITY FOR  
1949.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Speaker.</u>
June 25th - July 2nd.	Work and Prayer.	Closed week.
July 2nd - July 9th.	The Gospel for the World.	Dr. Max Warren and Geoffrey Paul.
July 9th - July 16th.	Children and Youth in the Parish Community.	Various Speakers. Dr. Paul Levertoff and Prof. Nicholas Zernov will also be addressing groups.
July 16th - July 23rd.	Communism.	Geoffrey Drewett.
July 23rd - July 30th.	Drama and Propaganda in Community.	Oliver Wilkinson.
July 30th - August 6th.	The Incarnation and the Common Life.	Dr. Charles Raven.
August 6th - August 13th.	Psychology and Spiritual Values.	Dr. Maud Geddes.
August 13th - August 20th.	Worship and Life.	Rev. Cyril Bowles.
August 20th - August 27th.	Education and Personality.	Bert Shipley and others.
August 27th - Sept. 3rd.	Community and Work.	Norman Motley and others.
September 3rd - Sept. 10th.	Work and Prayer.	(Closed week).

The Bishop of Chelmsford will be present at various times in July and August.

The Bishop of St. Albans and the Bishop of Colchester also hope to be able to attend.

The Rev. Michael Scott will also attend and discuss his work for a period if his Cause permits him to be in England in July and August.

Note. (i) Owing to difficulties with rationing and transport we shall not be able to accommodate visitors for week-ends only except under special circumstances. Those who wish to come for part of a week or at week-ends only are requested to write personally to the Rev. Norman Motley, at Little Ilford Rectory, E.12.

(ii) Because of the rising living costs it has been necessary to increase the inclusive cost of the week's stay at Othona to £2. Of this 5/- should be sent with each application for each week. Visitors may stay up to two weeks if accommodation permits. This money will be returned if there are no vacancies. Otherwise it will be deducted from the account at the end of your stay.

Please fill in and send as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Full name ..... Mr. Miss, etc.....

Address .....

I wish to come from Saturday ..... to Saturday .....

I enclose P.O. or cheque for ..... as my deposit and I understand that no deposits may be returned.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Othona and Nails it was decided to send all past members and interested people details of the Movement up-to-date and to give some information about future plans.

Many of you will know - and some will have attended - the Community Centre during its sessions at Bradwell-juxta-Mare in 1946 and 1948. The value of these groups has been proved beyond doubt and accordingly the 1949 session will be longer than any before. We invite you warmly. The enclosed folder will give you some idea of the set-up. In some weeks we are prepared to take children with their parents but this should be arranged by letter to me not later than May 30th.

I know some are wondering whether we still exist as a movement - and if so, what for? Well, we do exist - very much so. The trouble is that we are perhaps insufficiently organized - when so many other movements are organized too much...but there are small groups of people and individuals all over this country and in many parts of the world who hold the Nails - or who desire to be actively associated with us in our ideas and objectives. And many are working quietly for the ideals of the Movement with the consequence that numbers are very slowly - but surely - increasing. We feel it is better this way because what develops will be from life and not from "hot-house" forcing. At the same time ~~some sort of~~ more intercourse between each other and the centre of the movement is essential and therefore the Committee has made the following recommendations.

(i) That we issue at least half-yearly, and if possible, quarterly, a Magazine giving information about the various doings of individuals and groups; and incorporating articles from our summer community leaders and others.

(ii) That the Spring and Autumn re-unions take place in the provinces as well as in London.

(iii) That all holders of the Nails should pay an annual subscription of 5/- towards the expenses of the Movement - i.e. for printing, postage, equipment at Othona, etc. This subscription - just over a penny a week - should be considered a minimum amount.

(iv) That all friends or interested parties should be asked to subscribe 5/- annually as Associates of the Movement - and would, in return for this help, be entitled to attend the re-unions, to receive the magazine and to have all other relevant information.

If you agree to these recommendations will you very kindly fill in the enclosed form - together with a remittance - payable to the Othona Community (Nails) Movement. Treasurer, Eric Adamson, c/o Little Ilford Rectory, E.12. The subscription is payable from each Easter. We are sorry to have to do this, but so far there has been no annual subscription and this has caused a large expense to fall upon the resources of a few people - particularly when equipping the Community Centre. Do help us this way if you can - and pass on to us the names of any others who may be interested.

A small hand-book has been prepared and will be sent to all members of the Community. May we remind you of the purposes for which we exist as a group?

- a. To learn, practice and to teach Christian Community.
- b. To study and work and pray privately and together to realize the Gospel of Christ in relation to a man's whole life.
- c. To provide a basis for organic Christian unity - understood and lived by ordinary people - and not only by "experts".
- d. To evangelise through living experiments and to understand the meaning of the Incarnation in our day.
- e. To work for Peace.

Please write to us if you have time - specially any of those who met in the R.A.F. days.

All warm wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Norman North*