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The fringe meeting was a great success, establishing our intellectual credentials. The numbess who attended in spite of the great competition proved that Conservatives are interested in ideas.

We could afford to look at an even larger hall - e.e. more seats for next year.

As far as I know, since Callaghan is bound by the calender dates, the latest he could hold the election is Thursday 4th October 1979. Results would be through by next morning, unless it is hung or nearly hung, so that Margaret would have kissed hands by the 9th. So we may assume that it will go ahead.

Anyway,, a cancellation fee would be worth risking. My comment on where, is that the best thing would be the Winer Gardens, simply giving half an hour's drinking time from the end of proceedings.

As for a speaker, we have longer. We could try, perhaps, Professor Andrew Sykes and Labour mythology and reality, a fresh scholarly look at Labour and Trade Union history, or Professor Freedman, if he could fit the journey in at someone else's expense, on "what monetarism is all about."

At all events, it should be a professor, (I think Paul Johnson will have been over-exposed by than.)