

IN THE PINK

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FULL GAY GUIDE

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SAFETY FIRST

Recently, gay men have been seen wearing a safety pin in their lapels. Some people have thought that punk was coming back into fashion, others have thought that fly zips have been so shoddily made these days, that it was best to be prepared. However, we can now reveal that it's to do with AIDS yet again.

Gay men who are into "safer sex", in order to protect their own health and that of their partners, are wearing a safety pin to show their concern and intent.

Basically "safer sex" will restrict your chance of picking up the AIDS virus. It does not mean giving up sex, just avoiding sexual practices that exchange body fluids such as blood and semen. Kissing is very low risk, if a risk at all. Condoms can be fun! It pays to find out about "safer sex" and you won't find out from the Government AIDS ad.

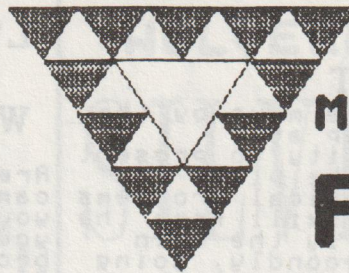
You can get a leaflet from the Terrence Higgins Trust called "Sex", which is so good that the so-called "moral majority" tried to have it banned. All you need to do is send a stamped addressed envelope to T.H.T., BM A.I.D.S., London WC1N 3XX. They would obviously be grateful if you could send a donation.

Locally, you can get talk to someone about AIDS and "safer sex" from AIDS LINE 021-622 1551 Tues, Thurs & Fri 7.30pm - 10pm

Or from GAY SWITCHBOARD West Midlands 021-622 6589 every evening 7pm - 10pm.

So get out those safety pins and lets...

GET SAFE.



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**LESBIAN & GAY
NEWSPAPER**

FEB 1987 No.4

BIGOT

"In The Pink" made the news last month. The Lesbian and Gay Centre took a decision to send a copy of the paper to each of the Birmingham City councillors. It was felt that it was important to inform them of what was happening to us, especially given the recent calls for recriminalisation and extermination of homosexuals.

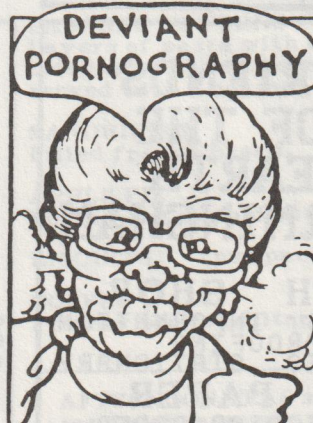
The councillors represent us all and the vast majority of them belong to parties which have passed pro-gay policies. However, you can always count on one BIGOT to emerge and he did.

Councillor Lines (Conservative) who represents Bartley Green kicked up a fuss saying "I am absolutely disgusted at the contents".

He claimed his pigeon-hole had been violated by "evil rubbish". We had thought that in a democracy it was the duty of elected representatives to listen to electors. Mr Lines seems to think not. Perhaps the lesbian and gay voters should remember that at the next local elections.

Remember they are elected to represent us.

DON'T VOTE FOR BIGOTS.



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BENT

It was a very brave move by the Guild Theatre Group at Birmingham University to present "Bent". Firstly, the play presents many technical problems and demands great skill from the actors, particularly the main two characters. Secondly, doing this play, which looks at the extreme oppression of gay men in Nazi concentration camps, is difficult in these times when "gay bashing" has become a national sport.

Martin Sherman's play deals with a love affair which takes place in the concentration camp under the eyes of the guards. However the outside world may oppress us physically, thoughts and feelings can remain free. At the end of the play Max's suicide is shown as an act of defiance and of his statement of his gay identity, which he had been forced to abandon.

The first act, with its many changes of scene, caused a lot of problems for the actors, trying to maintain pace. There were also some problems with characterisation, with some of the cast over-playing the theatrical camp aspects.

The second half, which concentrates on the two main characters, had more dramatic impact. Jez Thomas (Horst) and Dick Johns (Max) coped well with dramatic and demanding material.

A brave choice of play and very well done. Why has there been no film of this play? Why has Birmingham Rep held off from staging it?

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LAW REFORM CAMPAIGN WOT ABOUT BRUM?

Are you put off by "political" campaigns for law reform? Are you angry with the ways in which you are discriminated against because you're not heterosexual? If you can answer "yes" to one or both of these then please read on...

On the 24th & 25th MAY a national conference on Lesbian and Gay Law Reform will take place at Camden Town Hall in London. The sponsors - National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCCL), Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights (LCLGR), and Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) - are encouraging individuals and local groups to become involved in these plans. It will be open to everyone who supports it's general aim. We especially invite and urge lesbian and gay organisations to support this initiative and get involved in discussions and the campaign.

The Labour Campaign (LCLGR) have published a draft bill outlining proposed reforms - it is hoped that this will be used as a starting point for discussion, to raise the issue of lesbian and gay rights in ALL political parties, unions, women's groups, young people's groups etc.

Various groups throughout the country are already meeting around this issue - with Manchester, Nottingham and London leading the way. But what about Birmingham? Will the famous "Brum Apathy" has set in once again? An informal meeting to get public discussion going in Brum is to be held on MONDAY FEB.16TH (7.30pm) at the Lesbian & Gay Community Centre. EVERYONE is welcome - you don't have to be politically minded or even "radical" - do come along and have your say. For more details, or if you're worried about how to get there, please write to or phone the Centre on 021 359 5660 and we will be glad to help (if there's no answer please do keep trying!).

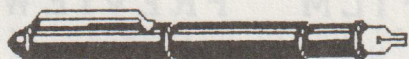
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Clare, Liz & Marion.

MISTAKE

In a recent issue of "The National Gay", Dafydd Jenkins reported that trouble had been caused in The Jester following straights entering the pub, with copies of "In The Pink" obtained from a straight pub. "In The Pink" is NOT distributed to any straight pub or club.

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YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

The Youth Group meets at the Lesbian & Gay Community Centre every Saturday from 2pm to 5pm and has grown to about 20 to 30 members recently. It remains relaxed and informal - with people free to pop in and out as they please. So far we have tried roleplays, videos, workshops etc and have spent a lot of time working out what we would like to achieve from the group. These are the group's plans for the next few weeks:

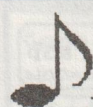
SAT 31/1 - Improvised Cabaret plus.
SAT 7/2 - Tea Party.
SAT 14/2 - Indoor It's a Knockout
SAT 21/2 - Mystery Outing.

The group comprises people of a wide range of ages, backgrounds & interests - we are still getting to know each other - so if you think you'd like to come along, now is the ideal time. Young lesbians and gay men are always welcome - it can be a great way to make friends of your own age without expense or hassle.

The group is mostly male at the moment and recognises that it's activities & outlook are, therefore, male orientated. The group recognises that, because of this, it is unable to cater for young lesbians as effectively as it should. This does not mean that it wishes to remain an all male group - rather that the group feels there is a need for provision for young lesbians which it cannot specifically meet at this stage.

Any feedback on this point, from older or younger lesbians, would be extremely welcome, as we realise that if this situation remains it will not help Brum's gay young people, be they male or female.

If you would like to know more about the group - please feel free to contact James Oxley on 021 359 5660. Hope to see or hear from you soon!!



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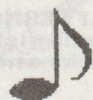
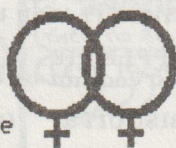
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FILM PREVIEW

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NEW AIDS OFFICER

With the exception of Sutton Coldfield, the other four District Health Authorities in Birmingham have jointly appointed Ian Scott as Health Education Officer with special responsibility for AIDS.

Although he states that being gay was not an important factor in getting the job, he does feel that experience gained on Nottingham Aidsline will be just as valuable as his experience in the fields of health-education and teaching. The post has been created in order to inform the general public of the real facts concerning the disease.

Mr Scott is, however, very much aware of the strong positive input that the gay community can make, and is hard at work forging what he seems as vital links with us - although he is well aware of the need to reverse the negative attitude towards AIDS held by some prominent members of the gay scene in Brum.

One way in which he hopes to change the public attitude is by stressing the positive sides of AIDS awareness. For example, he will actively promote the Joys of Safer Sex - he has already caused controversy by showing how to put on a "Red Stripe" - over a tube of toothpaste - at a training session for the Birmingham AIDS Life Line service.

Until now, setting up, co-ordinating and even staffing the service has taken up much of his time. Its major purpose is to restore the calm after the chaos caused by the government's leaflet campaign: its vagueness through the lack of detailed facts has, according to Ian Scott, caused far more problems than it solved. Now running for an indefinite period, the phone-line hopes to deal effectively with the general public's anxieties over the AIDS issue. As it is not intended to be a counselling service, Ian is ensuring that referrals are being made to the appropriate

local bodies. Mr Scott is also to be involved in a city-side project which aims to co-ordinate an overall policy on AIDS. Representatives from many statutory and voluntary bodies, including the Church, Police, Health Authority, City Council, etc., are to be involved. It is interesting to note that lesser mortals are to be included, for example the Police are sending both a male and female constable - however it still remains to be seen whether this initiative, the first to involve the City Council, will really be able to tackle the issue.

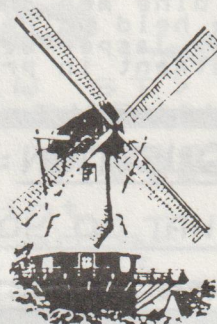
One of the major problems facing Ian Scott will be to inform the ethnic minorities adequately. Once the whole population of Birmingham is made fully aware of the real facts, they will once again be able to think clearly and positively towards the Gay Community. Welcome to Birmingham, Ian, and good luck!

There is an ambiguous sentence in the Government's AIDS leaflet. It says "By the time you read this, probably 300 people will have died in this country". It means that about 300 people have died of AIDS over the last few years, NOT that they died in the time it takes you have read the leaflet.

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CAMPAIGN MEETING

JAILED LESBIAN AND GAY ACTIVISTS SPEAK OUT

Jasper and Des from the Lesbian and Gay Youth Movement (LGYM) this week addressed a packed meeting in Birmingham. They were speaking out about their arrest and imprisonment over Christmas. Their only crime was to fight for gay and lesbian rights.

Twelve members of LGYM were arrested before Christmas when they demonstrated outside the house of Cllr Brownhill in the small Staffordshire village of Himley. They were protesting at the Tory councillor's call for 90% of gays to be sent to the gas chamber. His statement was made after watching a film about AIDS.

Des explained, "You can't just let people get away with those kinds of statements. Our very existence is under threat! The panic around AIDS has created a climate where gays and lesbians face nothing short of a lynch mob. We've got to do something or we'll be back in Nazi Germany."

Jasper added, "As lesbians, we went on the protest because we are victims by association. At the moment, lesbians are very unlikely to get AIDS, but the attacks upon us have increased all the same. I've been beaten up three times in the past few months. Both lesbians and gays are becoming the scapegoats of society. We have to fight along side our gay brothers to resist this attack."

The nine men and three women were held on remand for seven days. Jasper described their treatment in prison. "We'd heard

all these stories about what the other prisoners would be like and we were expecting real hostility, but it wasn't like that when we got there. On our landing out of 25 women, nine were dykes, so they were quite sympathetic. It was a different story with the police though. One woman spat in the eye of one of the policemen when we were arrested and they went mad. Eventually he went off for an AIDS test! Another woman got beaten up by the police. She made a complaint and now she is being charged with assault!"

The "Wombourne 12" are now campaigning for support for the stand they took. They explained that what happened to them was not particularly exceptional. If anything in the present climate things will get worse for gays and lesbians unless we all do something now.

Des urged everyone at the meeting to support the campaign. "We learnt a lot from the whole affair. We learnt which side the law and police are on. Somehow our behaviour of chanting a few slogans outside this bloke's house was judged threatening, whereas Tory councillors can call for us all to be gased and that's not threatening! We want our experience to be a lesson for everyone so please publicise the case. Our next court appearance is in Wobourne on the 23th & 24th February." The seventy strong meeting agreed to organise transport from Birmingham to the court pickets and to publicise the case as widely as possible. Phone 01 729 0414 for details.

- Floss Dragonfire.



gay guide

BIRMINGHAM

LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE
291 Corporation St see diary.

CRUISIN' (shop) Theatre Approach
off Smallbrook Queensway. Books,
cards, condoms, etc for gay men.

THE JESTER (pub) Holloway Circus
Popular, mainly men.

PEACOCKS (pub) Needleless Alley
off New St. **NEW VENUE.**

THE QUEEN VICTORIA (pub)
John Bright St - Mixed.

THE WINDMILL (pub) Hurst Street
Mixed. **NEW MANAGEMENT.**

THE ANCHOR (pub - WOMEN)
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THE JUG (club) 8a Albert St
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FIGHTINGALE CLUB, 40 Thorpe St.
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THE POWERHOUSE (club) Hurst St
THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY.

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Sauna **MEN ONLY** 021-233 3090.

FRIEND SOCIAL EVENING at The
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WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING at
Queen Victoria FEB 6th & 20th.

CENTRAL RAINBOW Midlands deaf
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Birmingham B5. Meetings 4th
Saturday monthly at The Jester
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GAY OUTDOOR GROUP details phone
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LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Aston
University. Lesbians & gay men.
Phone Students Union 021-359
6531.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Birmingham
University. Lesbians & gay men.
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1841.

GAY YOUTH GROUP
under 26 every Saturday 2pm -
5pm at the Lesbian & Gay
Community Centre.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
phone 021-236 5419.

MIDLAND LINK MSC GROUP details
Rob or Terry 021-783 2360.

TV/TS GROUP phone "Friend" for
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COVENTRY

THE SPITTLEMOOR (pub),
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COVENTRY AREA GAY COMMUNITY
write to 28 Corporation St,
Coventry CV1 1PR.

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**COVENTRY LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH
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Hanley

THE STAGE DOOR (pub)
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Theatre Royal) Mixed.

THE STAR (pub) Marsh St Mixed.
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THE EXCALIBUR (club)
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CACTUS GAY COMMUNITY GROUP.
Meets 1st. Saturday 2-5pm & 3rd.
Saturday 7-9pm of each month at
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Shelton.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Keele
University. Lesbians & gay men.
Phone Students Union 0782 711411.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at North
Staffs Poly. Lesbians & gay men.
Phone Students Union 0785 211738.

YOUNG LESBIAN GROUP Phone
Lesbian Line for details.

SHIFNAL

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Place. Mondays 8pm - 1am. Mixed.

SHREWSBURY

Gay men's & women's groups
phone Shropshire Gay Switchboard
for details.

STOURBRIDGE

STOURBRIDGE AREA GAY GROUP at
Seven Stars (Pub), Brooke Road
(opposite Stourbridge Junction
Station) 1st & 3rd tuesdays 8pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON

THE QUEEN'S HEAD (pub) Ely St.
Mixed.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THE GREYHOUND (pub) Bond St
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WEST MIDLANDS AREA GAY GROUP
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GAY SOC at the Polytechnic.
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Students Union 0902 712901.

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NATIONAL GROUPS

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY
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01-833 3912. Main gay campaigning group
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LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH MOVEMENT
BM GYM, London WC1N 3XX.
Political & social organisation working
for lesbian, gay & youth liberation.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES
21 Tabard St, London SE1. 01-403 3888.

GAY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
BM Box 6914, London WC1N 3XX.
01-283 5165. Bringing gay liberation
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GAYDAID Befriending & counselling for
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GAY HUMANIST MOVEMENT
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0926 58450.

GEMMA For disabled lesbians BM Box 5700,
London WC1N 3XX.

GROUP B Info & social group for men who
have Hepatitis B. Mark 01-603 6516



LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE,
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021-359 5660

OPENING HOURS and GROUPS

WEDNESDAY 1pm-10pm
THURSDAY 7pm-10pm
Games Group 7.30pm
SATURDAY 1pm-7pm
Gay Youth Group 2pm-5pm
SUNDAY 7pm-10pm
Bridge Group 7.30pm

Young Lesbian Group 1st Saturday
of the month phone Lesbian Line
for details.

Next Committee Meeting open to
all members 7.30pm on Wednesday
4th February.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

TUESDAY 3rd.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets
at The Seven Stars pub function
room 8pm.

WEDNESDAY 4th.

West Midlands Area Gay Society
meets at the Lord Raglan W-ton
8pm.

FRIDAY 6th.
Women's socials in upstairs
function room at the Queen
Victoria.

SUNDAY 8th.
Gay Outdoor Club walk at
Ombersley. Phone Gordon 021-420
2694 for details.

FRIDAY 13th.
Women's Sing Around at the
Centre at 8pm. WOMEN ONLY.

Friend social in upstairs
function room at the Queen
Victoria 8pm.

MONDAY 16th.
Legislation on Lesbian & Gay
rights open meeting at the
centre. See article inside.

TUESDAY 17th.
Stourbridge Social Group at
Seven Stars pub function room
8pm.

WEDNESDAY 18th.
West Midlands Area Gay Society
meets at the Lord Raglan W-ton
8pm.

MONDAY & TUESDAY 23rd & 24th.
Trial of the "Wombourne 12" at
Wombourne magistrates court
10pm.

WEDNESDAY 25th.
Lesbian Writers Group meets at
Lesbian & Gay Centre 7-30pm in
the lounge.

FRIDAY 27th.
Friend social in upstairs
function room at the Queen
Victoria 8pm.

SATURDAY 28th.
Central Rainbow (Midlands Deaf
Gay Group) meets at 8-30pm at
The Jester.

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We would like to carry
information about lesbian & gay
groups in our area. Please send
us details for inclusion in the
next issue.

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021-359 3192
Mon, Wed & Fri 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

AIDS LINE MIDLANDS

021-622 1511
Tues, Thurs & Fri 7.30pm - 10pm

FRIEND WEST MIDLANDS

021-622 7351
Mon - Fri 7.30pm - 9.30pm

GAY SWITCHBOARD WEST MIDLANDS

021-622 6589
Every evening 7pm - 10pm

COVENTRY C.H.E. AIDS HELPLINE

0203-714144
Mon 7pm - 10pm

FRIEND COVENTRY

0203-25991
Women staff Tues 7pm - 10pm
Mixed staff Weds & Fri 7pm - 10pm

NORTH STAFFS GAY SWITCHBOARD

0782-266998
Mon 8pm - 10pm

NORTH STAFFS LESBIAN LINE

0782-266998
Fri 7pm - 10pm

SHROPSHIRE GAY SWITCHBOARD

095245-2384
Tues & Fri 8pm - 10pm

NATIONAL PHONE LINES

LONDON LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD

01-837 7324
24 hours every day.

LONDON LESBIAN LINE

01-251 6911
Mon & Fri 2pm - 10pm.
Tues, Weds & Thurs 7pm - 10pm

LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH MOVEMENT PHONELINE

01-317 9690
Mon, Wed & Fri 6pm - 8-30pm
Sat & Sun 3pm - 6pm.

GAY LEGAL ADVICE (GLAD)

01-821 7672
every night 7pm - 10pm

TERRENCE HIGGINS TRUST

01-833 2971
For advice about AIDS.