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EDITORIAL TORIES COME OUT

The Conservative Party has firmly come out against us in their policy statement for the forthcoming Birmingham City Council elections on 7th May. They state that voters "...can vote in protest against the scandal of 'Lesbian and Gay Rights'". No doubt they refer to the commitment by the Labour Party last year. Labour has made no mention of lesbian and gay rights in its policy statement this year.

Many gay people seem to think that it makes no difference who they vote for. However, many decisions are taken locally and there is no use complaining later about anti-gay bigots mouthing off if you voted for them or didn't bother to vote at all.

Events over the last twelve months give a clear indication of who NOT to vote for, given the hostile words of several local politicians on issues relating to gay people.

Here are the positions of the major local parties:

ALLIANCE. The Liberals were the first party to have a pro-gay rights policy. However, the SDP seems to be dithering on the issue, especially David Owen.

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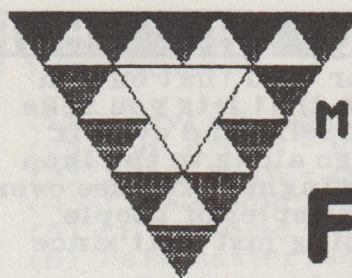
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ALL CHANGE AT THE WINDMILL

Once again the management of the Windmill has changed. Several well known faces from the Nightingale are now involved, headed by John Jeffries, who for many years was the Treasurer.

The most immediate change to the pub (apart from a general rounding down of the drinks prices) has been a much needed facelift. The traditional welcome that has always been extended to the whole gay and lesbian community is to be maintained; as will the regular Sunday evening cabarets.

An innovation, however, will be the introduction of party nights, the first of which is on Monday 25th to tie in with the "Bolts at The Dome" beach wear night.

Extensive changes are all so planned for the pub its self. Including a relocation of the bar, a cabaret room with proper staging, the refurbishment of the toilets, a new pub frontage, totally new decor through out and lastly a new pub name. The exact nature of these changes are a closely guarded secret.

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STAGING THE SELF

If you've ever used that button on your camera that lets you take a photo of yourself (and even if you haven't), go along to the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham and see over two hundred examples of people who've been doing just that since 1840.

This massive exhibition is a fascinating insight into photographers' views of themselves. The results range from pompous to comic, from egotistic to thought provoking, and from vivacious to plain morbid. It's divided into sections with helpful, although sometimes pretentious, notes to guide you through.

One section depicts early American "Selves" in which lone males are featured victorious in conquered landscapes. Their over solid virility is put into perspective by an early photo of Alice Austen and friends "dressed up as men".

The section of works by early women photographers bursts with vitality and personality, but also includes darker surprises like Anne Brigman's "Lone Pine" and "Storm Tree".

Many of the photographs are disturbing expressions of the photographers' fantasies, or rather as they see themselves in fantasy. Pierre Molinier, Robert Mapplethorpe and Johannes Baargeld all concern themselves with blurring their own sexuality. But more impact is made by Kenneth Josephson's "Matthew" which expresses both motherhood and fatherhood, and much more besides in one clear and beautiful image.

A number of the exhibits deal with the photographers' own deaths. These disturb because they are morbid, but they are ultimately stagy trips. You reach this conclusion when you reach an untitled sequence by Barbara Blondeau and "Self Portrait Triptych" by Ralph Eugene Meatyard. Both are the photographer's statement on their own imminent death.

Blondeau photographs the space around her hospital bed expressing herself not in it anymore. Meatyard aged by his cancer treatment in three simple photographs, raises himself up from the ground, looks at us and walks towards the horizon. These two works are not complicated stagings but simple acts of generosity that may give us strength and courage.

The Icon is a friendly, unstuffy gallery; this unusual exhibition might be a good opportunity for you to make a first visit. "Staging the Self" is on at the Ikon Gallery in John Bright Street, Birmingham until 27th May (inclusive).
- Rod Dungate.

EDITORIAL (from page one)

CONSERVATIVE. In Birmingham they are opposed to Lesbian and Gay Rights. They contain such nasties as Cllr Lines who tried to stop us sending copies of "In The Pink" to councillors via the Council House and called this paper "filthy". In South Staffs there is Cllr Brownhill who said about gays, "I should shoot them all". There are one or two councillors who are more sympathetic to us, but they rarely make themselves known (except for one brave Tory soul in South Staffs who recently voted against the recriminalisation of gay male sex).

LABOUR. Certain local Labour councils have Equal Opportunities Policy which includes lesbian and gays (Wolverhampton and Redditch).

Other local councillors seem to be backing away from the issue. In certain areas (Coventry and South Staffs) there seems to be no difference between Labour and Conservatives on the issue.

The Tory policy statement has been used in an election leaflet by their candidate in Moseley (Birmingham), which may well prove to be a horrible mistake given the large number of lesbians and gays who live in this particular ward. It would be interesting to know what the gay Tory city councillors think of their policy.

- Peter Kirby.



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One's to watch - or rather listen out for over the next few weeks includes a medley of Fancy's hits which includes - of course - "slice my nice" (which incidently is now available again on a U.K. 12"), and two rival versions of the Old Temptations hit "Get Ready" - one by Mimi On Passion, and one by a shaved headed woman who I've never heard of before by the name of Carol Hitchcock (on "A and M"). I think Carol will win the race - despite the rock guitar intro - as "Stock Aitken and Waterman" have produced her version, and they seem to do no wrong these days what with Mel and Kim getting to number one in the pop charts. Another remake that will fill floors is Stone Allen's "Love is in the Air". Does nobody write new songs anymore?

See you at the Powerhouse on Thursdays and at Loading Bay Records every day (except Sunday).

- Funky Dunk.

P.S. And ask me "what is it?" whilst I'm playing it please!!!

Dunk's play list at the Powerhouse...

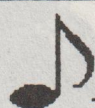
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- (2) Ochi Brown - Rock Your Baby
- (3) Jamie Dean - Love Child
- (4) Lime - Gold Digger
- (5) Lili & Susie - Candy Love
- (6) Past Master Boyz - House Nature
- (7) Paul Lekakis - Boom Boom Room
- (8) Body Heat - No, No, Mr Boom
- (9) Madonna/Islan Crew - La Isla Bonnita
- (10) Mel & Kim - Respectable
- (11) Off/Prince Qwai - Electrasalsa
- (12) Martina Bazaar - Ti Sento
- (13) Carole Jiani - Such A Joy, Honey
- (14) Modern Rocketry - I Feel Love Coming
- (15) Erasure - It Doesn't Have To Be
- (16) Alf - Fine On The Moon
- (17) Elaine Charlie - Lay It On The Line
- (18) Man Two Man - I Need A Man
- (19) Michael Boiv - Love & Reaction
- (20) Five Star - The Slightest Touch
- (21) Propoganda - Machinery
- (22) Meccano - Activate My Heart
- (23) Jacks Project - Shy, Shy, Sugarman
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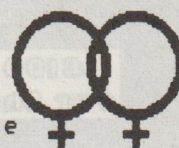


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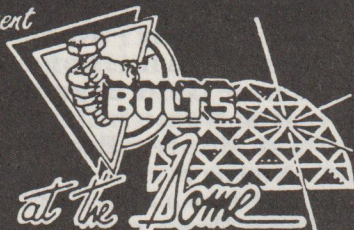
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GCHQ GAY SACKED

Andrew Hodges, gay man who worked at as a Data Processor at GCHQ at Cheltenham, has been sacked from his job because he is gay. GCHQ have denied that it was just because he was a homosexual, but he visited gay clubs in London and Bristol and was considering sharing a flat with a woman who may not have been heterosexual herself.

Andrew is out about his homosexuality to his parents and to his superiors at work and was advised by them to inform the security authorities. This he did and for his trouble he has lost his job. He is going to appeal against the decision. However, it means that, at the moment in GCHQ, if you are gay it pays to lie.

David Owen has yet to make a comment on this further revelation of homosexuality in the intelligence services.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PAGODA PARK CLOSES

In the face of stiff competition from the Nightingale and after a promising start the gay night at Pagoda Park has come to an end. In a bid to attract the Tuesday night revelers The 'Gale reduced its drink prices and introduced male strippers, which proved to be irresistible attractions.

TELFORD DISCO

A second closure last month was Boos on Monday nights in Shifnal. However there is still a gay disco in Shropshire at the Fighting Cocks pub in Telford, every other Wednesday. For further details phone Shropshire Gay Switchboard 095245 2384.

WOLVERHAMPTON GAY MEN'S GROUP

If you have been trying to reach Brian of the proposed W'ton Gay Men's Group and have been unable to contact him don't despair, He has now returned from holiday and will be more than pleased to receive your call. The number is 0902 734622. Already there has been considerable interest shown in the group.

YOUTH GROUP MOVE

The Birmingham Lesbian and Gay Youth Group has had to find new premises to meet, following the closure of the Lesbian and Gay Centre. They are now meeting at the Star Club in Essex Street every Saturday afternoon, from 2pm to 5pm. New members welcome.

GAY FILM SEASON

Plans are afoot for a season of gay films to be shown at the Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham. The Arts Centre is about to undergo a major facelift, with a garden entrance, a bar and plans to replace the squash courts with a new studio cinema. The existing cinema will still be used to show films but concentrate on the slightly more mainstream types, and allow more time for the facilities other function as a studio theatre for drama and dance.

The intention is to use the proposed new screen for special seasons. Already planned are a season of black films, women's films and gay films.

Rather than giving over the screen for one week and saturate it with a particular film type, the proposal is to dedicate one day of the week, say once a fortnight, on a regular basis, offering an exciting, varied selection of good films. The alterations are not due for completion until September, so there is plenty of time for the selections to be made. If there are any particular film you would like to see, new or old, English or foreign language, let the Cinema organiser at Cannon Hill, Steven Simpson, know. He is looking for a good imaginative title for the season.

Interestingly enough, "Desert Hearts", was the third most popular film to be shown at the Arts Centre last year.

- Gordon Langford

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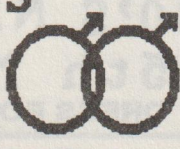
The 1987 Lesbian & Gay Pride Carnival Parade is on Saturday 27th June. The march starts at Hyde Park (Speakers Corner) at 2pm and will be marching to Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank for a free Carnival. Mark the date down in your diary. Gay Switchboard will be co-ordinating information about local transport to the March. Next month we will give details of transport arrangements.

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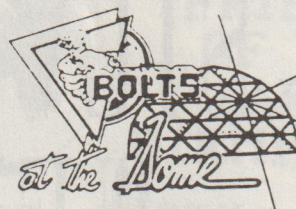
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THE NORMAL HEART

Larry Kramer's play "The Normal Heart" had its British premiere at London's Royal Court Theatre last year. Between April 8th and May 2nd it received its first provincial production at the Octagon Theatre in Bolton.

Set at the beginning of the AIDS outbreak, before any of the facts were known about the virus, the plot sounds like the blurb on the back of a trashy horror novel.

"A hideous disease is spreading amongst New York's gay community killing anyone who develops the symptoms. No one knows what it is, how it is passed, how to treat it or where it came from. The only advice given is that gay men must stop having sex!"

Ned Weeks (played by Cliff Howells of "George Jackson is innocent" fame) was the forerunner of a campaign which fought for public awareness about AIDS in the beginning of the spread of the disease. His tragic love affair with journalist, Felix Turner (played by Michael Mears) was set within the struggle against authorities who didn't care and a society who didn't listen. Their performances were so convincing

that I shared their despair and tears.

Ellie Haddington's portrayal of Dr Emma Brookner, crippled by polio and the first doctor to treat AIDS patients, was mesmerising as she manouvered around the clinical white stage in the electric wheelchair.

Look out for this play. Read it or try to see it but don't let this account of actual events pass you by.

- Pete Gittings.

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THE ANCHOR (pub - WOMEN)
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NIGHTINGALE CLUB, 40 Thorpe St.
Members club - guests welcome.
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THE POWERHOUSE (club) Hurst St
THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY.

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WOMEN'S SOCIAL EVENING at above
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CENTRAL RAINBOW Midlands deaf
group phone Ken 021-707 8327.
Or write c/o 37 Thorpe St.
Birmingham B5. Meetings 4th
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GAY OUTDOOR GROUP details phone
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GAY YOUTH GROUP (under 26)
Every Saturday afternoon
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LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Aston Uni.
Lesbians & gay men. Phone
Students Union 021-359 6531.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Birmingham
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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP at Brum
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GAY YOUTH GROUP (Under 26)
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LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Keele
University. Lesbians & gay men.
Phone Students Union 0782 711411.

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YOUNG LESBIAN GROUP Phone
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STOURBRIDGE

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STRATFORD UPON AVON

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WOLVERHAMPTON

THE GREYHOUND (pub) Bond St
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GAY SOC at the Polytechnic.
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LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH MOVEMENT,
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Political & social organisation
working for lesbian, gay & youth
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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL
LIBERTIES, 21 Tabard St,
London SE1. 01-403 3888.

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diary

LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE,
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THE CENTRE IS NOW CLOSED

The Lesbian & Gay Youth Group is now meeting at the Star Club in Essex Street, Saturday afternoons 2pm - 5pm.

Members and users of the Centre are temporarily meeting at Peacocks on Wednesday evenings.

JUNE EVENTS

FRIDAY 1st.
Women's socials upstairs function room the Queen Victoria 8pm

TUESDAY 5th.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets at the Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath 8.30pm.

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

FRIDAY 15th.
Women's socials upstairs function room the Queen Victoria.

SATURDAY 16th.
Gloucester Gay Community DISCO at Prestbury Suite, Gloucester Race Course.

SUNDAY 17th.
Gay Outdoor Club walk at Thornton Reservoir.
Gordon 021-420 2694 for details.

TUESDAY 19th.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets at the Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath 8.30pm.

FRIDAY 22th.
Friend social upstairs function room the Queen Victoria 8pm.

SATURDAY 23rd.
Central Rainbow (Midlands Deaf Gay Group) 8-30pm at The Jester.

FRIDAY 29th.
Women's socials upstairs function room the Queen Victoria 8pm.

We would like to carry information about lesbian & gay groups in our area. Please send us details for inclusion in the next issue. Copy date for the next issue is Saturday 16th May.

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Some forthcoming events you may be interested in:

Eric Presland's Night of Fun will be on at Arena Theatre at Wolverhampton Polytechnic on Friday 8th May at 7.30pm. Eric will also be giving a talk on Legislation for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"Desert Hearts" which is a love story about two women is to be shown as part of Malvern Fringe Festival on Thursday 28th May at 8pm at the Tudor Hotel in Malvern.

A double bill of Joe Orton plays, **"The Ruffian on the Stair"** and **"Funeral Games"**, is to be presented by Not the National Theatre at Cannon Hill Arts Centre on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm. 021-440 3838 for details.

Look out for the film based on the life and death of Joe Orton **"Prick Up Your Ears"**, which opens in London on May 1st and should be released in the provinces soon after.

HELPLINES



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BIRMINGHAM LESBIAN LINE
will be temporarily out of service

AIDS LINE MIDLANDS
012-622 1511
Tues, Thurs & Fri 7.30pm - 10pm

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GAY SWITCHBOARD WEST MIDLANDS
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Every evening 7pm - 10pm

COVENTRY

COVENTRY C.H.E. AIDS HELPLINE
0203-714144
Mon 7pm - 10pm

FRIEND COVENTRY
0203-630022
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NORTH STAFFS GAY SWITCHBOARD
0782-266998
Mon & WED 8pm - 10pm

NORTH STAFFS LESBIAN LINE
0782-266998
Fri 7pm - 10pm

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SHROPSHIRE GAY SWITCHBOARD
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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

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01-242 1010
For advice about AIDS
Mon - Fri 7pm - 10pm
Sat & Sun 3pm - 10pm

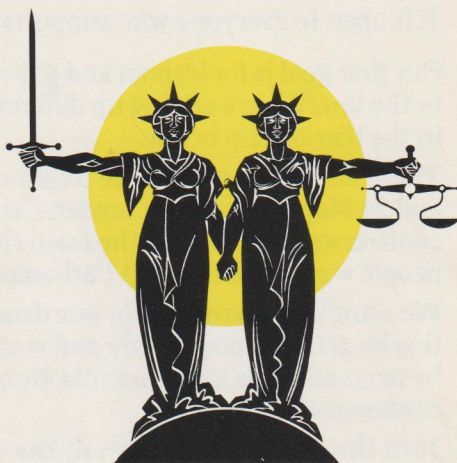
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LAY DOWN THE LAW!



A campaign has been launched to make the next Parliament end legal discrimination against lesbian and gay people.

Legal discrimination goes far beyond the gay male age of consent. It affects lesbians just as much as — or even more than — gays.

Did you know that

- *the law considers all lesbian and gay sexuality to be against 'public policy' and 'public morality'
- *lesbian and gay people can legally be sacked merely for their sexuality
- *courts often prevent lesbians and gay men and their children from living with each other
- *'public morality' laws are used to harass and restrict lesbian and gay social organisations, information services and publications, and to justify censorship
- *it is illegal for people of the same sex to show affection for each other in public.

This legal discrimination backs up the wider prejudice, discrimination and violence against us.

With a general election coming up, we think it's time to campaign for a *change in the law!*

The *Legislation for Lesbian and Gay Rights Campaign* was set up in October 1986 to combat legal discrimination against lesbian and gay people. It is open to everyone who supports this aim.

Our first goal is for lesbian and gay people to discuss the changes we want in the law. We are setting up different groups to organise this, mentioned in the tear-off slip below.

These discussions will come together in a major open conference on 23 and 24 May 1987 at the Camden Centre, London. We hope that the conference will agree on the main changes in the law that lesbian and gay people want from the next Parliament.

We want to win support for our demands as widely as possible. We can do this by getting sponsorship and media publicity for the conference, and by persuading as many organisations as possible to support the conference's demands.

Join the discussions. Join in the organisation. Join us in *laying down the law!*

Please send me more information about the campaign, with regular updates. I would like more information about the following working groups (please tick):

lesbians	☐	education	☐	press and publicity	☐
black people	☐	immigration	☐	fund-raising benefits	☐
young people	☐	trade unions	☐	local group	☐
people with disabilities	☐	health	☐		
older people	☐	local councils	☐		

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