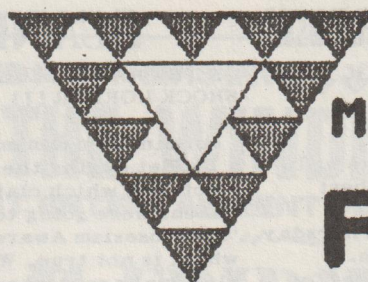


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CENTRE CASH BLOW

The prospects for a new Lesbian and Gay Community Centre in Birmingham have been set back by the refusal of the Leader of the Council, Dick Knowles, to pay a grant which the Centre had been promised earlier.

The Centre had problems at the building it was buying at 291 Corporation Street. These were mainly due to the location of the building in a part of the City that was not particularly accessible, especially on foot. This meant that the project was not able to generate enough income from users of the building to be self-supporting.

However, an independent feasibility study looked into the need for a Lesbian and Gay Community Centre in Birmingham, and showed that with proper capital funding and support it could be self-sufficient in the long run.



Cllr Dick Knowles

The Centre was voted a grant by the West Midlands County Council in March 1986 to pay the outstanding mortgage of £27,500 on 291 Corporation Street. However, the Residuary Body which replaced the WMCC refused to pay out this grant money, and eventually released the money to the local district councils. Birmingham City Council, who are now

responsible for grants to voluntary organisations, were approached. Although the Centre had by this time been forced into placing the Corporation Street property up for sale, promises were made to support the Centre if a new building was found.

A new building was found and the City confirmed that the Centre should proceed with the purchase of the new building at £25,000. A letter from the Development Department dated 17th December 1986, confirmed that the City were committed to acquiring an interest in the new building.

Then, Dick Knowles, the Council Leader, having read too many "loony left" stories in the gutter press, put a hold on the decision. It appears most unlikely that any of the grant money will be paid to the Centre.

The City Council has never funded any lesbian or gay organisation despite the policy of the Labour Party who are currently in power in Birmingham.

- see editorial inside.

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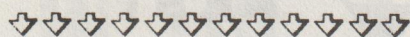
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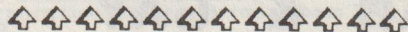
NEWS IN BRIEF



BELL

From 2nd July Lesbian Line will be open again on a new number: (021) 772 4457.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Thursday evenings will be staffed by black women operators.



N.U.T. GUIDLINES

Teachers working in community homes and residential special schools in the West Midlands have received guidelines on AIDS. The NUT advises its members against any discrimination in provision of services to anyone who has AIDS or who is HIV positive. It is not acceptable to refuse admission to a home, to anyone who has, or is perceived to have AIDS or is HIV positive.

Mr Tony Miller NUT executive member for the area gives advice in line with that received from the medical profession. He is also trying to calm down the situation to give his members some confidence in their approach to AIDS.

COVENTRY BENEFIT

Every Monday night at the Spittlemoor in Lower Ford Street there will be a Disco & Benefit Night in aid of Coventry Friend and Otherwise (Coventry's equivalent of "In The Pink").

SCANDAL

ON THE RATES LESBIAN AND GAY SHOCK HORROR!!! Whoops...

Birmingham Conservatives issued a leaflet during the local elections, which claimed that Labour were going to hire "Heterosexism Awareness Officers", which is not true. When the Tory electoral agent was contacted to find out what a "Heterosexism Awareness Officer" was, he admitted he wasn't sure as Neville Bosworth, the local Tory ex-leader, had written that bit of the Policy Statement. He went on to say that he thought it had something to do with special car parks for lesbians and gay men.

Perhaps lesbians and gay men were expected to have special window stickers on their cars or perhaps special coloured lines were to be painted on the kerbs (pink for gay men? purple and green for lesbians?)

It seems that if you can't find a "loony left" story you just make one up. Just in case you thought your parking problems were over, there have never been plans for such carparks. The only special carparks run by Birmingham City Council are the ones for loony councillors.



SUMMER CAMP '87

The seventh Lesbian and Gay Youth Movement summer camp will be in Cumbria from Thursday 6th August to Saturday 15th August. It promises to be a great chance for young (under 26 years only) lesbians and gays to meet, talk and have fun. Last year's camp toured all over north Devon and had a great time.

LGYM will supply camping equipment, food and a van, just bring yourself and a sleeping bag if you can.

They are trying to arrange transport from different towns, details of this will be given later. There will be women only tents and vegetarian food. Any enquiries ring the LGYM Phoneline: 01-317 9690 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 6pm till 8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday 3pm till 6pm). There are 60 places available, free to school students, £10 unwaged, £20 waged. Book by writing to: LGYM Summer Camp, c/o BM GYM, London, WC1N 3XX.

EDITORIAL

The decision not to fund the Lesbian and Gay Community Centre in Birmingham cannot be seen in isolation from the failure of the leaders of Birmingham City Council to carry out Labour Party policy. They have done nothing to implement the following commitments made by the Labour Party:

- a) The policy voted on last year at National Labour Party Conference, which told Labour Councils "to support, financially and otherwise, special lesbian and gay phonelines, centres and youth groups".
- b) The policy decisions in support of lesbian and gay rights taken by the District Labour Party.
- c) The commitment in the local Labour Party manifesto published in 1986.
- d) The commitment in the Labour Party Manifesto June 1987, which states "we will take steps to ensure that homosexuals are not discriminated against".

Although the Labour Party has made these commitments they remain meaningless gestures unless backed up by action. Several Labour councils have funded lesbian and gay organisations, Manchester and Nottingham, most of the Labour controlled London boroughs and the West Midlands County Council (before its dissolution).

All of the local lesbian and gay voluntary organisations run on shoestring budgets raised from our own community. However, there are needs which are just not possible to meet by asking for donations and arranging benefit discos. The pubs and clubs have obvious sources of income, but the social welfare organisations within the lesbian and gay community need financial support from public funds.

Even if they say that funds are not available, why is it that lesbians and gay men are still not included in the City's Equal Opportunities Policy?

Instead of listening to the needs of our community, the Labour leadership have given their attention to anti-gay rantings of the local press and to certain politicians who try to gain public support for moral values which sent young boys up chimneys and forced young women into prostitution.

Councillor Knowles is reported to have said that money would be paid to gay organisations "over his dead body".

He shouldn't tempt fate.
- Peter Kirby



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AIDS OFFICER

Birmingham City Council is to appoint an AIDS officer and an assistant to co-ordinate Council strategy and the efforts of voluntary groups.

Six months ago the Council set up a confidential AIDS Lifeline, which has taken 5,000 calls. However, there was little or no consultation with the voluntary organisations already working in the area.

There has been some concern expressed about the advice that is given by AIDS Lifeline. They are good at telling people basic AIDS facts, but asked about Safer Sex some of the operators seem to be a little embarrassed.

The City also seem to think that an AIDS officer is doing something for gay people, which is only partly true. AIDS is a public health issue NOT an exclusively gay one.

The Council is entering the arena a little late to be co-ordinating the efforts of the voluntary organisations, they are following, not showing the way on this issue. The new officers need to assess the needs and look at the work already being done by Aidsline (the voluntary organisation which is the major source of advice and help), the other voluntary agencies (Gay Switchboard, Friend, Drugline etc) and the AIDS officer employed by the Birmingham Health Authorities, who have been carrying out valuable work in this area for some time.

W.TON GAY MENS GROUP

The second get-together of this group run by Brian and Bob went very well. Twelve people turned up at their small but comfortable terraced house, a seventy percent increase on the first meeting.

Various folk brought along food (including, yes fairy cakes!) and wine - tea and coffee was supplied in gallons by the hosts - and sat around talking and playing records. Copies of "Gay Times", "Gay Life" and of course "In The Pink" were scattered around the room for people, who for various reasons, may have been unable to get hold of gay literature to peruse.

Nothing too intellectual (I did think "The Jungle Book" L.P. was pushing it a bit, but then who am I, a rabid Barry Manilow fan, to complain!), no commitments, just a friendly atmosphere for people to make friends away from "the scene". All were made welcome, young or old, single or in

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couples, from Wolverhampton or from outside, and everyone joined in the conversation.

Hopefully, more people will turn up for the next fortnightly meeting on Sunday 28th June at 4pm, when a car trip to Cannock Chase is planned. Other future events have yet to be decided but the group is open to suggestions.

If you have tried to contact the group in the past without success it may have been due firstly to Brian and Bob being away on a fortnights holiday and later their phone being out of order, so please try again. The number to ring is (0902) 734622. Probably the best time to catch them in being between 4pm and 7pm during the week.

-Ian Wright

LIFE ON TWO WHEELS

"Gay people don't ride bikes - they drive cars" wrote one ignorant bigot to one of the national motorcycle magazines. If thought about logically, motorcycles are more suited to gay couples than to straight couples. Once the kids arrive the motorcycle has to be replaced by a tin coffin on wheels. I have seen many of my straight friends wave goodbye to motorcycling under just these circumstances.

The main advantage of two wheeled transport are the manoeuvrability of bikes and their ability to find their way through the gaps in the traffic jams.

There is the sheer excitement of speed and of course the low running costs - my 750 does 50mpg on 2 star petrol and 60mpg cruising down the motorway.

There are some disadvantages, of course, you can get very cold and the accident statistics for untrained riders are frightening, making proper training a must. However for the sheer enjoyment of cruising down the motorway and the freedom of the open road there is no substitute and judging from the "Anything Goes" column in "Bike" magazine plenty of gay men and lesbians have discovered the joys of motorcycling - why not you?

If you are interested in joining a bike club for lesbians and gay men drop me a line (with sae), c/o "IN THE PINK".

-Peter Baggett

NEMESIS

A new lesbian and gay youth group called Nemesis is being set up in Coventry. Nemesis means "inevitable justice". It is intended to provide a safe social group for young people in the area and to campaign for gay interests. The group is for young people under the age of twenty six.

It is also hoped to set up a resources centre to provide information on subjects affecting young gays and lesbians.

The group can be contacted via Coventry Friend or the Lesbian and Gaysocs at the University or Polytechnic or write to:

Nemesis,
PO Box 8,
Coventry CV1 1PR.

STOURBRIDGE ~ THE FRIENDLY ONE

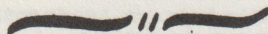
The Stourbridge gay group really seems to be gaining a reputation for being one of the friendliest groups around. The group celebrates its first birthday this July. The ethos of the group right from the start has been to provide a friendly haven for those not so keen on "cruisy" atmospheres.

Newcomers are given a warm, yet quiet, welcome on their first visit, and helped to feel quickly at home at the regular pub evenings.

Other events such as a camping trip, parties and health lectures have been held recently.

We've had some interest from women too, wanting to start their own group for the area, and would like to hear from those wanting to get something going. Due to popular demand we've now gone fortnightly!

Details on the group via Gay Switchboard (021-622 6589).



PRIDE !

This year for Lesbian and Gay Pride it was decided to organise a coach from Birmingham to take people down to the London Carnival cheaply.

Thanks mainly to the efforts of one person all of the tickets have been sold, and the coach is booked and full.

"In The Pink" would like to express its sincere thanks to James Oxley for successfully carrying this out.

WHAT THE DICKENS !!

In an interview about his views on AIDS, published in the "Sunday Times" Colour Supplement on June 21st, Geoffrey Dickens MP equates AIDS entirely with the gay community and makes thinly veiled threats of what will happen if homosexuals can be blamed for the spread of AIDS.

He suggests that the 1967 Sexual Offences Act should be reconsidered with repeal in mind, and the inevitable return to custodial sentences for homosexual acts. He says that the Act was never intended to give approval to gay people.

Dickens admits to having "been a bit heavy handed with the gay fraternity". He then goes on to be even more heavy handed by linking the spread of AIDS to the freedoms given to homosexuals. Responsibility for the control and prevention of the spread of AIDS is laid with the gay community, under threat of drastic government action. Such action would not be in publicity, advice or practical help, but by laws specifically controlling homosexual freedoms. Plus the introduction of compulsory screening for AIDS.

He justifies this by wild speculation that whole nations could be wiped out by the disease and that there is a need to take such drastic action to save mankind.

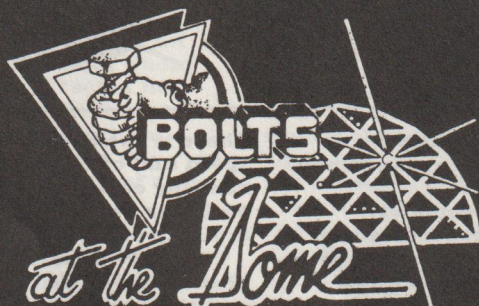
His views are totally at odds with the vast amount of factual evidence which has been discovered about AIDS. Fortunately, he has little support for his views, medically or politically.

ELECTION

Peter Bruinvels former MP Leicester East lost his seat. He has been one of the most anti-gay members of the Tory backbenchers, always ready with a snide comment for the gutter press.

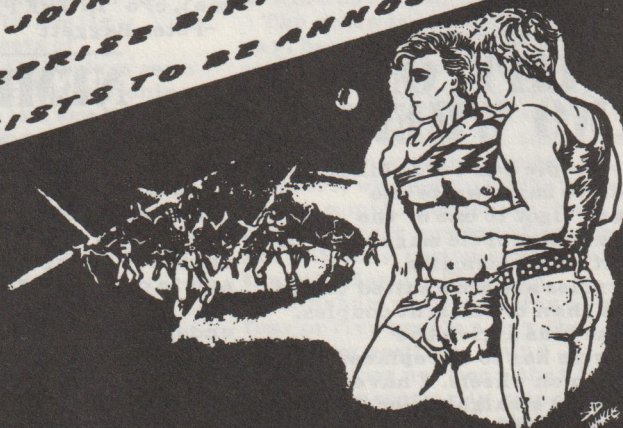
Chris Smith MP, the only openly gay MP, in Islington South and Finsbury won his seat with an increased majority. Surprising given the anti-gay campaign in his local press.

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NIGHTLIFE

We visited Wolverhampton on Saturday, 20th June. Our first stop, THE GREYHOUND, was packed as usual. To add to this congestion, half of Birmingham seemed to be visiting. We were grateful for the patio and a little breathing space. Going on to THE SILVER WEB we found that this popular venue was full as well. As usual an enjoyable evening was had by all. The Web has something many other clubs lack: atmosphere.

Back in Birmingham, THE WINDMILL raised over £111 for the Gay Centre, Friend and Gay Switchboard at their beach party night in May. This popular event has become a regular feature and was followed by a uniform night, this month's offering being an American Independence celebration on July 3rd. The Windmill is also running a competition for a new pub name. A prize is offered for the most original and popular suggestion. To keep its regulars in touch with events at the pub, they are to start a "Friends of the Windmill" newsletter.

PEACOCKS staff and regulars hired a coach and disappeared in the direction of Alton Towers. It is reported that a good time was had by all. Hopefully this will become an annual outing, with maybe all the pubs sending coaches? Peacocks will also be celebrating American Independence night on 4th July with a grand drag ball. See Adrian for details.

The highlight of this month's programme at Peacocks is undoubtedly LILY SAVAGE on one of his rare out-of-London visits. Lily Savage's sharp, but original wit is not to be missed. So clear a date in your diary for 7th July. Admission: £1.

BOLTS AT THE DOME's once a month formula is proving to be successful with a party atmosphere and a different theme each month. The Birmingham heat of Mr Gay UK on 27th June, will be reported in next month's Nightlife in "In The Pink". Next month marks one year of "Bolts at the Dome". To celebrate, Bolts will be throwing a birthday party. The details are yet to be finalised.

Moan of the month. Why is it that bar staff in certain pubs and clubs are so unfriendly? We all understand if they are rushed off their feet, but couldn't they try being friendlier. Customers should be patient, but shouldn't have to put up with rudeness.

'GALE II

Last month we had the start of an interview with Gary Wilkes, Chairman of the Nightingale Club's General Committee.

Here is the conclusion:

Neil: John Jeffries has had a long association with the Nightingale, in his role as Treasurer. He is now involved in the running of the Windmill. How is this viewed by the club?

Gary: John was Treasurer of the club for fourteen years, apart from a short break. He and one of his partners, Brian Wigley, who was also on the General Committee, resigned as soon as their involvement in the Windmill seemed likely. I think that was very decent and the right thing to do. We can only wish them all the best.

Neil: That brings us on to the new pub which the Gale is rumoured to be opening in the near future.

Gary: At the moment it seems unlikely to happen, because the owners of 41 Thorp St have had an offer considerably higher than ours and we can't match it.

Neil: What are the plans for expansion on the present site?

Gary: We have a lot of potential on the site we already own. We have several floors above the club which we could potentially use. We could move things up like the pool tables and expand the downstairs, but that requires structural alterations. That would not be for at least four or five years.

Neil: I assume that a large part of the club's disposable income is to be put into the proposed disco

refurbishment?

Gary: Not really. We are trying to do it on a strict budget, which all the members are aware of. Our budget is less than £50,000 which is not a lot given the club's turnover. We've got some good plans which are quite promising.

Neil: What is the position with regards to lesbians in the club?

Gary: We have got lesbian members of the club, with the same rights and benefits as any other member.

Neil: In the past, there have been situations where lesbians have not been admitted.

Gary: I'm sure that has happened in the past and probably still happens now. It does need looking at. Anyone who is well behaved and who is gay and who isn't going to cause any trouble is more than welcome at the Nightingale, male or female.

The Nightingale is the only gay club in the country owned by its members. There has been a set-back to plans, but the Gale looks set to continue as a major gay social facility in the area.

- Neil Matthews.

QUEEN'S SPEECH

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- Mosca

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IKONOGRAPHY

Ikon Gallery in John Bright Street in Birmingham which has three exhibitions on show is worth a visit this month.

Upstairs "Secret Spaces" is an exhibition of paintings by Jagjit Chuhan. Large canvases shimmer with bright colours. Jagjit's vibrant strokes cover the canvas with swirling grace and movement. Just stand and let these paintings happen to you. I particularly like "Sea Flower" and "Garden".

In a quieter vein, Jagjit also has a collection of drawings on display.

Downstairs, "Waiting for the Seventh Wave" is a series of sculptures by Anne Lydiat.

Ms Lydiat was in her thirties before she decided to pursue an art education. A decision whose outcome radically affected her marriage, home and thinking about her relationship within these. "Waiting for the Seventh Wave" is a working out or analysis of this process.

This collection indicates confidence and a clear sense of purpose and the artist's pleasure in her ability to create. Moreover, there is an unexpected but welcome feeling of fun.

Certain images recur, aprons are used repeatedly, string umbilical cords symbolise birth and imprisonment. Most evident in "And Put Away Childish Thoughts" when a white rag doll is nailed to the wall but attached by a long twisting cord to the material stretched on the floor from which it was made. Of the "apron" works, the strongest image is "Ironing Out the Wrinkles" - a white apron is to be neatly pressed out on sheets of corrugated steel, themselves sewn together with red cross-stitching.

Also downstairs is a small exhibition resulting from artists Wendy Anderson, Gurminder Sikand and Caroline Hands who spent ten weeks in schools in Handsworth. The work of artists and pupils is exhibited and proves the value of this side of Ikon's work. I should like to have seen the exhibition given greater importance and more room. The pupils' work is outstanding, in particular the brightly coloured clown swinging at the bottom of the stairs, welcoming you in - though I'm not certain he's hanging the right way up.

These exhibitions are on show until 11th July.

-Rod Dungate

SPARTACUS '87

After a gap of a year, the Spartacus guide for gay men has reappeared with a new editor/publisher Bruno Gmuender from Berlin. John Stamford, the founder and previous owner of Spartacus, remains as joint editor.

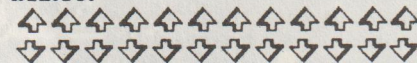
Gone are the more exploitative references to the rent scene, as are the star and bar ratings. A clever layout has been used throughout, coupled with a major update of information. The city maps are particularly useful.

However, there are gaps in their revision. Most apparent to people in this area is the lack of up to date information on the West Midlands.

A sense of humour is evident in some of their entries. For example is this extract from their listing for the Vatican City:

"Forbidden are:- Heterosexuality, homosexuality, masturbation and impure thoughts by the young, adult and old. Penalty: rosaries, the torments of Hell, etc."

Spartacus '87 is available from Cruisin' in Birmingham, priced £12.50.



BODY POSITIVE

A new group has recently been set in Birmingham for people who are antibody positive to the AIDS virus. The group, which is called "Body Positive", is based on the successful group of the same name in London. It was set up by Aidsline in Birmingham who saw the need for a group to offer support to people who are often the brunt of AIDS hysteria.

The group is not exclusively gay, because AIDS is not an exclusively gay disease. However, Mike Jennings, who co-ordinates the group, said that most of the group are gay men. At the moment the group has eight regular members, who meet at Mike's home once a month. Obviously there is a much larger number of people who are antibody positive, Mike said that the Special Clinic in Birmingham was informing about four or five people a day that they were positive. Being positive does not mean that the person is necessarily going to develop AIDS, it does mean that they have come into contact with the AIDS virus.

Aidsline can offer initial counselling as well as information about the many aspects of AIDS. However, there is a need for friendship, support and a social group for people who are often isolated in a hostile society.

Just as many gay people went through a stage of thinking that they were the only one in the world, Body Positive people can also go for years, isolated and keeping their secret.

There are practical problems that can happen as a result from being found to be antibody positive. Life Insurance can be refused to people who have just been for the test. There can also be problems at work, with medical care and with society in generally.

Even in the lesbian and gay community there have been prejudiced attitudes to antibody positive people. Some of them have been treated as lepers. There is no chance of passing on the AIDS by casual contact, so there is no risk of getting AIDS by normal social contact. Antibody positive people have a need for a social life. It should be remembered that the person you take home from the pub may have AIDS. The only way to protect yourself is to engage in Safer Sex. Antibody positive people are the carriers of the AIDS virus that we know about, there are many more unknown victims out there.

If someone you know tells you that they are body positive, what should you do? Obviously, if it is someone you have had sex with you need to think about going for a test. Before you rush off, talk to Aidsline first. Taking the test is a serious matter and you need to consider the consequences before you go. When someone is told they are antibody positive they need support from their friends, don't just turn your back. Remember, that if your friend comes down with AIDS or one of the AIDS related diseases they will need help. Just like if a friend has the flu, they may need help doing the garden or cooking or getting the laundry done. If you can help, just ask. Offering your help can make a positive and a practical difference to someone who is in need of help.

If you are body positive and would like to be involved in the group, you can contact them by phoning Aidsline Monday to Friday 021-622 1511 7.30pm to 10pm.

We can be positive about AIDS prevention and be positive in our care and support of each other.

- Peter Kirby

gay guide

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LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE IS CLOSED.

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

THE JESTER (pub) Holloway Circus Mainly men.

PEACOCKS (pub) Needless Alley off New St or thru New Imperial Hotel. Lesbian & gay.

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

THE WINDMILL (pub) Hurst Street Mixed. Lesbian & Gay.

STATION PUB (pub - WOMEN) High St, Kings Heath. "Sheila's Bar" Tuesday ONLY NOT exclusively lesbian.

YORK ROOM (pub- WOMEN) At "Peacocks" Friday ONLY 8pm to 11pm.

BOLTS at the DOME (club) Horsefair. Fourth Monday of the month.

THE JUG (club) 8a Albert St Members & guests only. Not open Sundays.

NIGHTINGALE CLUB, 40 Thorpe St. Members club - guests welcome. Mostly men. 021-622 1718.

THE POWERHOUSE (club) Hurst St THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY.

WOMEN ONLY DISCO, Temple Room, New Imperial Hotel. Saturday Monthly, see Adrian in Peacocks for details.

SPARTAN SAUNA 127 George Rd Erdington Sauna MEN ONLY 021-382 3345.

THE WAREHOUSE 16 Fleet St Sauna MEN ONLY 021-233 3090.

FRIEND SOCIAL EVENING at The Queen Victoria in upstairs function room - Alternative Friday nights. See Diary.

CENTRAL RAINBOW Midlands deaf group phone Ken 021-707 8327. Or write c/o 37 Thorpe St, Birmingham B5. Meetings 4th Saturday monthly at The Jester from 8-30pm.

GAY OUTDOOR GROUP details phone Gordon 021-420 2694

GAY YOUTH GROUP (under 26) Every Saturday afternoon Phone Switchboard for details.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Aston Uni. Lesbians & gay men. Phone Students Union 021-359 6531.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Birmingham Uni. Lesbians & gay men. Phone Students Union 021-472 1841.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP at Brum Uni. Meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Women's Room, S.U.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH phone Ken Rogers 021-565 4378.

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

NALGO Lesbian & Gay Rights Working Party. Phone Frank 021-235 4028 during Office Hours.

TV/TS GROUP phone "Friend" for details.

CHELTENHAM

THE PHOENIX INN (pub), Andover Rd, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

DISCO at THE INSURANCE SUITE, Prestbury Racecourse. Monthly, next date Saturday 11th July.

COVENTRY

THE SPITTLEMOOR (pub), Lower Ford St Mixed gay pub.

WHITE SWAN (disco), at the Continental fun bar, White Swan, Swanswell St. Thursdays 8pm - 11pm.

WOMEN'S DISCO, at the White Swan, Swanswell St. Sundays 8pm.

COVENTRY CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY (0203) 714144 or write to P.O. Box 8 Coventry CV1 1PR.

LESBIAN & GAY SOC at Warwick Uni. Lesbians & gay men. Phone Students Union 0203 523523.

NEMESIS (Lesbian & Gay Youth Group) P.O. Box 8, Coventry CV1 1PR.

GAY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT Phone Phil 0203 467509

GAY HUMANIST WARWICKSHIRE/ COVENTRY GROUP phone 0926 58450 or write to 34 Spring Lane, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2HB

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THE INNER COURT (disco & bar). Off Southgate St. THURSDAY NIGHTS ONLY 8pm - 12.30am.

GLOUCESTER GAY COMMUNITY P.O. Box 23, Gloucester GL1 1YW

LEAMINGTON SPA

HINTONS DISCO, Augusta Place. Fridays. Mixed.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

THE MOSTYN ARMS (pub) York St Hanley

THE STAR (pub) Marsh St Mixed. Most popular gay pub in Stoke.

THE EXCALIBUR (club) Marsh St North, Hanley.

GAY YOUTH GROUP (Under 26) Meets 2nd & 4th Friday 7-9pm each month at Cactus Bookshop, 3 Howard Place, Shelton.

NORTH STAFFS GAY COMMUNITY GROUP. Meets 1st Saturday 2-5pm & 3rd Saturday 7-9pm each month at Cactus Bookshop, 3 Howard Place, 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.

SHROPSHIRE

FIGHTING COCKS PUB (disco) Oakengates Telford. Mondays, 8pm 'till late. Lesbians & gay men.

GAY MEN'S & WOMEN'S GROUPS phone Shropshire Gay Switchboard for details.

STOURBRIDGE

STOURBRIDGE AREA GAY GROUP Meets Tuesday fortnightly at The Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath.

STRATFORD UPON AVON

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

WOLVERHAMPTON

THE GREYHOUND (pub) Bond St Lounge bar - Mixed.

SILVER WEB CLUB Whitmore St. GAY MEN & WOMEN Tue, Fri & Sat.

GAY SOC at the Polytechnic. Lesbians & gay men. Phone Students Union 0902 712901.

WEST MIDLANDS AREA GAY GROUP For details phone Friend 021 622 7351.

WOLVERHAMPTON AREA GAY GROUP FOR MEN Meets fortnightly Sunday Phone W'ton 734622 for details.

WORCESTER

IMPERIAL HOTEL 35 St Nicholas St. Gay run pub. Mixed. Popular. Mixed gay pub.

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BIRMINGHAM BODY POSITIVE GROUP for people who are AIDS antibody positive. Contact via AIDSLINE. 021-622 1511 Monday to Friday 7.30pm - 10pm

NATIONAL GROUPS

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1M 0AP 01-833 3912. Main gay campaigning group in England & Wales.

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 to the church and Christ to gays.

GAYDAID Befriending & counselling for disabled gay men. S.A.E. to Trevor, 36 Pemboke St, Bedford MK40 3RH. 0234 58879 (sociable hours).

GAY HUMANIST MOVEMENT 34 Spring Lane, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2HB. 0926 58450. Promotes a rational humanist outlook & campaigns for lesbian & gay rights.

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

THE HERPES ASSOCIATION 39-41 North Road, Islington, London.

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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.

JULY EVENTS

THURSDAY 2nd.
Gloucester Gay Community, Walk & Barbeque. Meet at Crickly Hill Country Park, 8pm, barbeque £1.50.

FRIDAY 3rd.
Friend social upstairs function room the Queen Victoria 8pm.

THURSDAY 9th.
Gloucester Gay Community, discussion with The Gay Bereavement Project, 8pm, Gloucester, Phone Colin on 0242 583343 for details.

SATURDAY 11th.
Gloucester Gay Community DISCO at The Insurance Suite, Prestbury Race Course.

SUNDAY 12th.
G.O.C. Wilts & Glos Group. Walk from Elmley Castle village, OS 150 GR 982411, 11am.

G.O.C. Birmingham Group walk in the Peak District, phone Gordon on 021 420 2694 for details.

Wolverhampton Gay Mens Group social, Phone Brian on 0902 734 622 for details.

TUESDAY 14th.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets at the Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath 8.30pm.

THURSDAY 16th.
Gloucester Gay Community, Coffee & Chat evening, 7.45pm Gloucester, Phone Colin on 0242 583343 for details.

FRIDAY 17th.
Friend social upstairs function room the Queen Victoria 8pm.

THURSDAY 23rd.
Gloucester Gay Community, Coffee & Chat evening, 7.45pm Gloucester, Phone Colin on 0242 583343 for details.

FRIDAY 24th to SUNDAY 26th.
G.O.C. Birmingham Group camping weekend in Oxfordshire with the London group, phone Gordon on 021 420 2694 for details.

SATURDAY 25th.
Central Rainbow (Midlands Deaf Gay Group) 8-30pm at The Jester.

SUNDAY 26th.
Wolverhampton Gay Mens Group social, Phone Brian on 0902 734 622 for details.

TUESDAY 28th.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets at the Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath 8.30pm.

THURSDAY 30th.
Gloucester Gay Community, Bring & Buy Sale, 7.45pm Gloucester, Phone Colin on 0242 583343 for details.

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 18th July.

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021-772 4457
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Thursdays black women staff.

AIDS LINE MIDLANDS
021-622 1511
Mon - Fri 7.30pm - 10pm

FRIEND WEST MIDLANDS
021-622 7351
Mon - Fri 7.30pm - 9.30pm

GAY SWITCHBOARD WEST MIDLANDS
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Every evening 7pm - 10pm

CHELTENHAM

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24 hours every day.

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01-251 6911
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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.

TV-TS HELP LINE (IMAGE)
01-359 4868
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