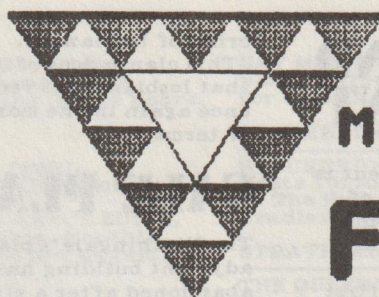


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PRIDE'87

Over fifteen thousand lesbians and gay men swamped London just over a month ago for this years Pride March. With over twenty thousand at the festival itself. Quite a few people from the West Midlands turned out, the largest contingent for years. It was the first pride march for many of the people on our coach and they seemed to really enjoy the event.

For any one who has not been to a pride festival the experience of being in the middle of a crowd of twenty thousand "queers" is wonderful if a little overwhelming. The ability to be able to walk hand in hand with your lover or friends without fear or worry of "problems". Perhaps in a hundred years time lesbians and gays will look back and wonder why we had to worry in the first place!

After meeting in Hyde Park, the crowd marched noisily through Park Lane, Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square and onto Jubilee Gardens for the entertainment ("the poofs' pop-concert" as one policeman referred to it).

There where: banners galore, including the Brum Gay Bridge Club and the Youth group; people in costume, most memorable a lesbian axing her way out a closet and the pink policemen; and floats from London gay businesses and the gay press.

The atmosphere was alive and electric, and the people more than friendly. Appearing live on stage, amongst many others, were Tom Robinson (of "Glad to be Gay" fame), Bronski Beat, Hazell Dean and Sandie Shaw. Apart from the main stage Fay Presto (magician extraordinaire), The Insinuos, Eric Presland (cabaret artist) and many more appeared in the

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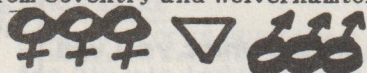
Birmingham Contingent on Pride

cabaret tent. Further fun was provided in the disco tent and the women only marquee.

To add to the delight, the wet, miserable weather lifted early in the morning and stayed hot and sticky all day, the hottest day of the year in London.

One observation, very fashionable this year in London for men clingy cycling shorts and chunky nipple rings NOT together though.

Again, we thank James Oxley for organising the coach from Birmingham. Thank's also to the Windmill, the 'Gale, Peacocks for selling some of the coach tickets. Maybe next year two coaches from Brum and one each from Coventry and Wolverhampton!



InterTwyning

Have you ever noticed that however tidily you put away a piece of string It always gets knotted and tangled up like anything Ending like a demented plait or length of nineteenth century Nottingham tat? Well; Life's just like that.

-Mosca

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QUEENSLAND AMENDMENT

The Queensland Government is considering a new package of legislative proposals covering "sex offences", including one measure that would make lesbianism a crime. In the first law of its kind in Australia, the Queensland State's criminal code would be re-worded to make homosexual offences, which now only apply to men, gender neutral. The amended code was put before the state cabinet last week as part of the Government's response to an inquiry on child pornography and prostitution, compiled last year by Des Sturgess, The Director of Public Prosecutions.

Once again it seems that homosexuality is lumped together with every other "perversion" in the eyes of the authorities. It appears also that to many homosexuality is the cause of such problems as child abuse, the break-up of the family and marriage as we know it and of cause AIDS.

It will be interesting to see how the clause on lesbianism is worded. they have two options
a) To go into explicit detail as to what lesbians do sexually, I'm sure that will please the Mary Whitehouses of this world (she may even be able to pick up a couple of tips)
or b) To word it so loosely that any two, or more, women showing affection for one another could be arrested for the heinous

crime of lesbianism.

This clause does of course mean that lesbianism is recognised but once again in the most negative of terms.

GALE PLAN OFF

The Nighthingale's plan to buy the adjacent building has been abandoned after a stronger offer.

The Nightingale announced, a few months ago, that it was to proceed with the acquisition of the building to open its own pub.

However, the agents acting on behalf of the seller recently told the Nightingale Club Secretary that a much higher offer, of about £95,000 (almost £22,000 higher than the Nightingale's bid), had been made. The Nightingale has, now, withdrawn its offer.

It is believed that Birmingham City Council is purchasing the building on behalf of the Hippodrome Theatre. This means that the Nightingale will be surrounded on three sides by the Hippodrome. Rumours abound that a ballet company planning to purchase the Nightingale's premises, a figure of £2,000,000 is being mentioned.

CENTRE?

Now that the Lesbian & Gay Community centre has lost its premises the question "why do we need a lesbian & gay centre?" is asked. It's true that Birmingham has gay pubs, clubs, Gay Switchboard, Lesbian Line and Friend but these in themselves is

not enough. For a person Just coming out the pubs and clubs can be bewildering and frightening but most of all lonely.

The Centre on the other hand provided a venue where you could relax and chat in a friendly atmosphere. It wasn't, however, just a clearing house for "new" gays as it offered many other social facilities too. It was a home for groups such as "In The Pink", the Youth Group and the Bridge Club to name but a few.

The centre hopes in the near future to find premises to hold at least weekly socials until a building of our own can be found.

Your support is needed now more than ever to help get us off the ground again.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CONGRATULATIONS

Carl Dodds, who together with John Lister make up the Sadistic Sisters, won second place in the national finals of the Light Jockey of the Year contest.

Carl, representing the Powerhouse club, won the regional finals in Bristol (where he beat the national favourite) and went on to the finals at London's new La Palais (ex-Hammersmith Palais).

LESBIAN LINE

As the result of a staffing crisis Birmingham Lesbian Line is now only open at the following times:

Tuesday evening ONLY 7.30 to 9.30, on 021 772 4457. If any lesbian is interested in operating the line then please phone the line at the above times.

FAULTY CONDOMS

A condom which covers the testicles and penis is being withdrawn after tests have shown that thirty percent contain holes. They are sold under the brand name of AEGIS.

"65%" CAMPAIGN

The "65%" campaign will call for a voice for women, blacks, lesbians, gays and the disabled. The campaign was set up after the disbanding of the Womens Committee and the Equal Opportunities Committee. Where did they get 65% from, shouldn't it be nearer 80%?

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COUNCIL PLAN

Birmingham City Council plans have enraged AIDS sufferers and support groups. It intends to store information about people with AIDS and HIV on a city based computer, the first in Britain, to be used for this purpose.

Midlands Aidsline organiser Mark Bestel Said "this is a disgrace. Confidentiality must be at risk if council staff and medically-unqualified people can get hold of this information. It is big brother tactics. There is no need for the council to have the names and addresses, it will only discourage people from going to their doctor".

John Fitzpatrick, chair of the Terence Higgin's Trust said about the plan "It's alarming. Confidentiality is a major issue with any medical information especially if it leaves the hospitals and is passed to outsiders".

Doctor Bakhshi, the city's chief medical officer, said "The computer could help to save lives and stop the spread of disease".

This decision is worrying because no information has been given to show how a computer holding it, on behalf of the city council, will stop any further spread of the disease.

The recent decision, by the British Medical Association, to allow it's members to test people for HIV infection without their knowledge or consent further undermines trust in their doctor/patient relationship. Concern has been expressed that

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23RD AUGUST RITA BIX
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30TH AUGUST NICKY YOUNG
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All Sunday shows on stage at 9pm

the breach in confidentiality of medical records will not result in discrimination against people with HIV infection or in a high risk group.

ON THE MOVE

Few British cities are fortunate enough to have a lesbian and gay youth group. Birmingham is one of the luckier ones. The Birmingham group has been established for several years, and despite the closure of the Lesbian and Gay Centre, it is thriving.

The group exists to provide a forum for young lesbians, gays and bisexuals, under the age of 26, to "come out" and meet people of their own age in an atmosphere which presents an alternative, or a welcome addition, to the pub/club scene.

We meet on Saturdays, and since the closure of the Centre we have been grateful to be able to use the Star Club premises. However, as it will be moving we shall be using the new premises as from Saturday, 25th July (see address below), and shall remain close to the city centre.

Much of the group's recent success has been due to the work, and support, of James Oxley, and the group would like to offer its thanks to him, and best wishes in his future career as he has left Birmingham.

As to the future of the group, we are introducing a membership system (long live bureaucracy), and an associate membership scheme for heterosexuals (yes, I here the NF has some spare cash), and gays and lesbians over the age of 26 who would like to help us financially in our future ventures and show their support.

We will be planning trips (hopefully one every month) to places like London and Manchester, and hope to be able to buy some equipment, such as games and music.

So we'd be happy to see you, wherever you are from, whoever you are, at the address below on Saturdays (from 2pm):

Key Books, 136 Digbeth High Street, B'ham, B5 6DR, tel: (021-) 643 8081.

August 7 - 12 (5.15 & 9.00 p.m.)
TRIANGLE CINEMA Birmingham
HOLT STREET • (021) 359 4192

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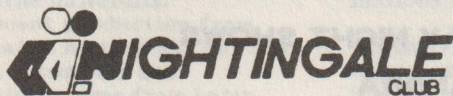
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August bank holiday 27th...31st

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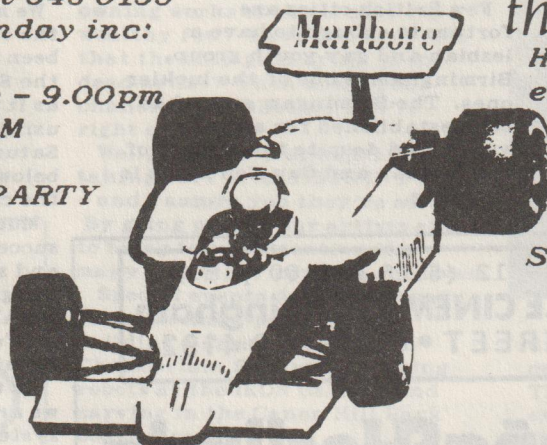
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Friday MR GAY BRUM
Monday Afternoon,
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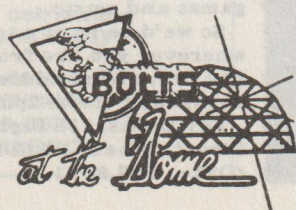
Hurst St, Tel 622 4710
events Friday to Monday

Sunday 2pm
"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"
at rear of pub
Sunday Evening Cabaret
"NICKY YOUNG"

PEACOCKS

Needless Alley off New St, Tel 643 6751
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Monday 3pm CANAL TRIP, buffet & bar on board

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CHE INFO

Homosexual Equality (CHE), the main organisation campaigning for lesbian & gay liberation in England & Wales, is holding its annual policy-making conference in Malvern on 30th and 31st August. The cost of registration for members is £3 (£1 unwaged).

If anyone can offer crash pad accommodation or if you want details of the conference then please contact Griffith Vaughan Williams, 84g Fulham Road, London SW6 5HS or 'phone 01-736 6602.

If you are fed up with the way that we are being treated then why not go along.

G.O.C.

The Gay Outdoor Club is having a walk on Monday 31st August. Meeting at Lapworth Railway Station at 11am, for an eight mile walk along the Grand Union and Stratford-Upon-Avon canal. Trains to Lapworth leave Moore Street Station at 9:55am, bring a packed lunch.

NIGHTLIFE

"Evening babbies" yes once again your intrepid NIGHTLIFE reporters have ventured to the JUG. Monday night, LSD night to regulars (Lauries School of Drag), at fifty pence to enter must be the best value in Brum that night. The JUG has always been a show case for new "acts" sometimes they're good sometimes they're not. However whenever we've been we've always managed to have a good time. Wednesday is popular with darts players, but you can play any night there isn't a show on. Activity has been seen at the JUG new venue, maybe the JUG'S promised move is imminent.

Meanwhile PEACOCKS has a new manager, William, who will be there until at least October! The American Independence Drag Ball was cancelled. However the evening with Lily Savage went ahead as planned. Lily's act proved popular with the audience who packed PEACOCKS that night. Lily's barbed tongue revealed a more than passing knowledge of the Birmingham scene. His act included fire eating (?), and a talking fox fur called Skippy who has developed a cult following of it's own. Lily will shortly be making a return visit to Brum, watch out for details.

Down at the 'GALE Wednesday is talent contest night with heats being held each week until the final on Friday the 28th of

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BANK HOLIDAY WEEK-END August 28th to 31st

Friday 28th "MISS GAY BRUM" Drag Competition
£25 1st prize See Paul to enter

Saturday 29th Open as usual,
resting ready for the next two days!!

Sunday 30th Open 12noon-5.30pm & 7pm-10.30pm
2pm in the carpark between
the Nightingale & the Windmill...
INTER CLUB/PUB "IT'S A KNOCKOUT"
Teams from Bolts, Gale, Jester,
Peacocks & the Windmill

Monday 31st Open All Day 12noon till 10.30pm
For the **BIRMINGHAM SUPER-PRIX**
7pm PRE-BOLTS PARTY Happy hour drinks 7-9pm

August. Details of the prize money and how to enter from the 'GALE'S, management. Thursday nights in August see the quarter and semi-finals of the "1987 Kestrel Sheild Pool Tournament". Final on Bank Holiday Monday 31st.

And now line or five about this years "FIVE DAYS OF FUN". Scattered about this issue you will see several ads concerning the events, check them for details. It is good to see the managements of so many gay establishments co-operating together to bring you all this entertainment, one small point why no participation from the POWERHOUSE.

Sorry the promised article on "BOLTS AT THE DOME, ITS FIRST YEAR" is held over till next month due to lack of space.

LETTER

Dear Ed.,

In last month's issue of ITP I read with interest the 'Gale II interview. Neil said that there had been situations where lesbians had not been admitted to the club. What these situations were he didn't say. In reply Gary Wilkes, chair of the 'Gale's General Committee, said "I'm sure it's happened in the past and probably still happens now."

Nice tactful question, nice tactful answer, not many facts though. To save disappointment to many lesbians who get turned away because they are not with members, but watch men get in who are also not with members, it

would be nice if the 'Gale were more open and consistent about their policy.

Is it NO lesbians; lesbians only with members; or is there some quota system for women in general, ie. no lesbians and some stright women as long as the men they are with are pretty?

Yours, Amanda.

friend

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FILMS AT THE TRIANGLE

DONA HERLINDA AND HER SON

Mexican film with subtitles. Triangle Cinema, Aug 7th-12th (5.15 & 9.00pm).

"SASSY... STEAMY... SEXY" so reads the handbills.

This recent production from Mexico makes history as the first positive, outwardly gay theme-film to come from Latin America.

Dona Herlinda, the mother of Rodolfo, helps her son continue his relationship with his boyfriend, Ramon. She allows the pair to move into her home when they have privacy problems at Ramon's boarding house.

In order to avert suspicion in the repressive society in which they live, Herlinda arranges a "marriage of convenience" for Rodolfo. Happily, Ramon's fear of a threat to his relationship with Rodolfo is ill-founded.

An extended family (mother, son, wife, grandson, lover) happily live together in Herlinda's enlarged home.

WORKING GIRLS

Working Girls is a day in the life of Molly, a photographer who makes her money by working as a prostitute in a brothel.

Unlike most other films dealing with this subject, this film is about prostitution as work, not a moral or psychological problem.

It attempts to be an honest, if humorous, look at the inner working of a brothel, and the

relationships between the women themselves.

Working Girls, 7th-12th August (for times 'phone the Triangle on (021-) 359 3979/4192).

LEGEND

A must for Tim Curry fans. What Legend lacks in story-line it makes up in wonderful studio sets. The story, such as it is, is the Eternal battle of Good versus Evil.

Good is personified in a virginal princess in alliance with a forest-dwelling boy (played by Tom Cruise) battling against the Lord of Darkness (Tim Curry).

Legend, 28th & 29th August, 11.15pm

ARTISTS IN ... PUBLIC

Birmingham artists are throwing open their doors and asking all of us in to see what they're doing in ARTISTS IN PUBLIC.

Have you ever felt that what artists do is nothing to do with you? Do you ever feel that owning works of art is only for a wealthy few? Have you ever felt that the only good artist is the dead artist? Then now's your chance to see whether you're right or wrong.

Well, over sixty artists are taking part in ARTISTS IN PUBLIC - and I assure you they're alive.

By going public, our artists aim to bring to our attention the many ways they improve our lives.

Special events during AIP vary from tee-shirt painting and building a camera obscura in Chamberlain Square, to making robots at the IKON Gallery and carving in the Canon Hill Park boathouse.

In addition, during the week of Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th August, you can waltz into any of the artists' studios and ask them what they are doing and perhaps even buy something. I also understand that there is a liquid prize for the first people to visit all studios (details in the catalogues - £1 each).

Full details of this unique event can be obtained from Janet Currie, Public Art Centre, Henstead House, B5 6QH (021-622 3788), or from the free poster-leaflets which are around the City, or call into the City or Ikon Galleries (John Bright Street) and someone will tell you all about it.

ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION

Many of us have heard of the story of Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl whose family hid from the Nazis in the attic of a house in Amsterdam during the Second World War. She died in Belsen and her story was revealed in the diary she had kept which was discovered after the war.

The exhibition at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery looks at the world she was born into. It looks at the rise of the Nazis and the anti-Semitic background that existed at the time. On large screens are photographs of period, facimiles of Nazi propaganda and a notes to help you though the exhibition. It is well laid out and with the display of current racial oppression it goes on to look at the contemporary situation for minority groups.

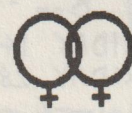


It is a pity the exhibition didn't draw on examples of current anti-gay rantings. The recent calls for our extermination; the suggestion that AIDS victims be put into camps; the dropping of lesbian and gay rights by politicians who see them as being "fringe" issues... let's hope history doesn't repeat itself!

On the day I visited it was good to see so many school groups being shown around. I overheard one of the teachers pointed out to her pupils that it wasn't just Jewish people who were persecuted, she told them about the others including homosexuals. It is important to know about the past, to mourn the victims, ... and then make sure it never happens again.

- Peter Kirby


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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 & thru New Imperial Hotel. Lesbian & gay.

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

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

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

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, New Imperial Hotel. Monthly, see William 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.

BIRMINGHAM BODY POSITIVE GROUP for people who are HIV antibody positive. Contact via AIDSLINE.

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.

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

GAY OUTDOOR GROUP details phone Gordon 021-420 2694

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

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.

CHELtenham

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

DISCO at **THE INSURANCE SUITE**, Prestbury Racecourse. Monthly, next date Saturday 8th August.

COVENTRY

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

WHITE SWAN (disco), at the Continental fun bar, White Swan, Swanswell St. Thursdays & Saturday 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. c/o Pigeon Hole 40, Students Union Warwick University, Coventry CV4 7AL tel 0203 523523. Meet Wednesdays term time in Harvie's Bar Students Union. Lesbians at 7-30pm Joined by gay men at 8pm, also regular discos.

NEMESIS (Lesbian & Gay Youth Group) for those under 26. 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

GLOUCESTER

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) Oakenates 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.

WEST MIDLANDS AREA GAY GROUP Meets alternate Wednesdays in the Grayhound, 8pm.

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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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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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 15th August.

LABOUR CAMPAIGN FOR LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS

MEETING

Tuesday 4th August, 7.30pm
at the Council House,
Birmingham.

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MONTHLY

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THE CENTRE IS NOW CLOSED

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

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

AUGUST EVENTS

TUESDAY 4th.
Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights meeting, 7.30pm,
Birmingham Council House.

WEDNESDAY 5th.
West Midlands Gay Group meeting from 8pm at The Grayhound, Wolverhampton.

THURSDAY 6th.
Gloucester Gay Community, bring & buy sale, Southgate Street, 7.45pm.

Dona Herlinda & Her Son, Working Girls at The Triangle Cinema until Wednesday 12th, see inside for details.

SATURDAY 8th.
Gloucester Gay Community DISCO at The Insurance Suite, Prestbury Race Course.

SUNDAY 9th.
Wolverhampton Gay Mens Group social, Phone Brian on 0902 734 622 for details.

TUESDAY 11th.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets at the Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath 8.30pm.

FRIDAY 14th.
Friend social in upstairs bar, Queen Victoria, 8pm to 11pm, entrance 50p, ALL WELCOME.

G.O.C. Birmingham Group, camping week end in Brecon, 14th to 16th. Phone Gordon on 021 420 2694 for details.

WEDNESDAY 19th.
West Midlands Gay Group meeting from 8pm at The Grayhound, Wolverhampton.

SATURDAY 22nd.
Central Rainbow (Midlands Deaf Gay Group) 8-30pm at The Jester.

SUNDAY 23rd.
Wolverhampton Gay Mens Group social, Phone Brian on 0902 734 622 for details.

TUESDAY 25th.
Stourbridge Area Gay Group meets at the Bell, St Anne's Rd, Cradley Heath 8.30pm.

THURSDAY 27th to MONDAY 31st.
Five Gay Days of Fun, see separate listing.

FRIDAY 28th.
Friend social in upstairs bar, Queen Victoria, 8pm to 11pm, entrance 50p, ALL WELCOME.

Legend at The Triangle Cinema, see inside for details.

MONDAY 31st
G.O.C. Birmingham Group, canal walk with the Transport Group. Phone Gordon on 021 420 2694 for details.

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