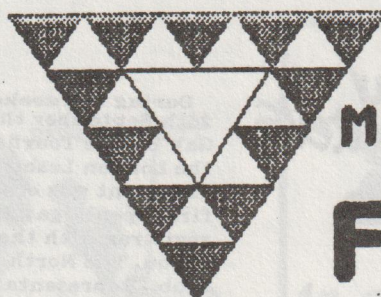


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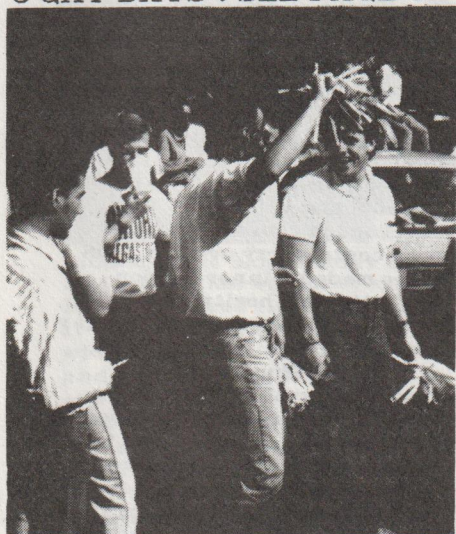


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NEWS IN BRIEF

QUEER BASHERS

We have received reports of queer bashing and mugging incidents from Birmingham and Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton. In Birmingham attacks and attempted attacks have taken place at both Kennedy Gardens and Five Ways cottages, at Five Ways the mugger threatened his victim with a knife.

We have also received reports that the police are using "agent provocateur" methods of entrapment of gay men at Kennedy & Manzoni Gardens cottages.

POLICE IN SPACESUITS

When Huw Reece, a PWA (person with AIDS), appeared in court, in Wolverhampton, the policemen escorting him took no chances. They were dressed in heavy overalls, metal helmets with visors and rubber gloves with Reece in handcuffs. Before Reece was brought into the court the probation officers were asked to

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NO TO VETO ON GAYS

Following representation from the First Division Association, the Senior Civil Servants' Trade Union, Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, has written to all Permanent Secretaries reminding them that homosexuality must not be treated as an automatic bar to promotion to top posts or access to sensitive information.

The Union took up the matter with Sir Robert after six officials at Assistant Secretary and Principal Level contacted them after failing positive vetting clearance when stating that they were gay.

The Security Commission recommended in 1982 that male homosexuals should not be barred from being positively vetted. However, there is no evidence that Whitehall Departments have honoured the Government's promise to implement the Commission's recommendations. If a person is

refused positive vetting on the grounds of their political orientation, then they have a right of appeal to a panel of three independent advisers. But, if they are refused clearance on the grounds of 'a character defect', such as being gay, then they may only appeal to their Permanent Secretary. If anyone does feel they have been discriminated against in this way, they should contact the F.D.A. who have promised to take up the matter.

Sir Roberts letter gives fresh hope to the campaign to reinstate Andrew Hodges, who was sacked from the governments spy headquarters, GCHQ, at Cheltenham for being gay.

Campaigners for lesbian & gay rights are hoping that this directive will be adhered to and that Sir Robert is not, once again, "being economical with the truth".

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R.C.P.

Dear "In The Pink",

I read with interest the letter from Francis Jones in September's issue. Perhaps if he had read "The Next Step" he would have understood our attitude to the Khomeini regime.

Quite simply, we are well aware of the reactionary policy of the Iranian Government towards lesbians and gay men as well as to women and national minorities such as the Kurds. However, we defend Iran (that is, the Iranian people including its oppressed groups) against the aggression of the West.

Shouldn't we be attacking the war-mongering of Ragan & Thatcher, rather than finding reasons, however ideologically correct, for not defending Iran? After all, it would be ludicrous to imagine the Royal Navy intervening to protect gays in Iran. I certainly haven't heard of them flying a pink triangle instead of the White Ensign!

Francis Jones is more than welcome to air his views in TNS. The RCP is committed to fighting for lesbian & gay rights. So let's make a concerted effort for reform!

Yours Sincerely,
Said Khan.

"IN THE PINK" welcomes letters on any subject, please try to keep them brief as we may have to cut them for reasons of space such letters will be marked with an asterisk.

BRIDGE CLUB

During the weekend of 25th & 26th September the first official Gay Bridge Tournament was held at the London Lesbian & Gay Centre. The event was organised by the first openly gay Bridge Club to registrar with the English Bridge Union, The North London Gay Bridge Club. Representatives were present from Gay Bridge groups from North, East, South and West London and also from Brighton and Birmingham.

In the pairs event on Saturday, Bill Starr and Andy Connor from Birmingham, came third. In the teams event on Sunday, the Brum team managed to trounce the locals to win handsomely. The team consisted of, Bill Starr, Andy Connor, Kim Sargerson, and Neil Matthews.

Neil said, "The event was very enjoyable and well organised, by host, Chris Evans, and Carl who gave proficient and good humoured direction. We hope to have a rematch in Brum soon."

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move due to their close proximity to the dock, were Reece would be standing.

Reece was charged with robbery and possession of a sawn-off shotgun. People working for agencies counselling PWAs are concerned that Reece's and other PWAs treatment by the police and courts may prejudice their cases.

SANDWELL TO PROTECT PWAs

A report from senior officers, working for Sandwell Council, says that the council should add PWAs and HIV anti-body positive people to it's Equal Opportunities policy. The councillors are being asked to pass the guidelines to ensure that they face no discrimination. The criteria as to whether they should be employed or continue in employment should be based on fitness for work alone.

Employees would not be required to inform the council that they had become anti-body positive and that if the council became aware that an employee was anti-body positive then strict confidentiality should be maintained. Any breach of confidence would be deemed a serious disciplinary matter.

SAFER SEX EDUCATION

The Dept of Education has sent out a memo to schools telling them that they must NOT present positive images of lesbians and gay men. This is causing some difficulties for teachers as they have also been directed to carry out comprehensive AIDS and Safer Sex education.

In London there has already been controversy over an AIDS video made by Inner London Education Authority which includes an interview with a gay student.

The 1986 Education Act requires sex education to "encourage pupils to have regard to moral consideration and the values of family life". School governors also have complete control over what is taught in sex education, if it is taught at all.

BAD TO BE GAY

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NIGHTLIFE

THE WINNING TEAM

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...Doesn't the Bank Holiday seem like a long time ago, once again Brums pubs and clubs were coining it in as visitors from far and wide came to the different venues and events of the Five Gay Days of FUN, not forgetting the Birmingham Super Prix (over heard in a pub "How do you get the City Council to fund a Lesbian & Gay Centre in Brum?"..."Put it on wheels and race it round the city centre at 250mph, trouble is you can only use it two days each year!")

There were to many events to mention them all but a word or two about the "It's a Knock-out" competition. Held for the first time on the "Lesbian & Gay car park"(see issue number 9 Scandal

of the lesbian & gay car park) in between the 'Gale and the Windmill. Teams competing came from the 'Gale, the Jester, Peacocks and two teams from the Windmill. A large crowd of supporters turned up to cheer on their favourite teams including a group of cheerleaders complete with paper pom-poms from the Jester. All the games had complex rules which seemed to be ignored by everyone concerned. Needless to say a good time was had by all! The eventual winners of this melee were the Windmill's "A-Team". The backdrop to this event was the hum of angry bees as the Road Race passed within a few hundred feet of us. Above us hovered a police helicopter supposedly observing the race, proof a one onlooker put it that "pigs can fly".

The finale of the Five Gay Days took place at the Dome. Featuring a cowboy theme complete with a popular "Rodeo Machine". The evenings cabaret was provided by "Man to Man". The raunchy trio wore specially designed jocks, chaps and stetson hats to fit in with the evenings theme, a great success with the revellers present.

Nicky Price seems to have overcome local management resistance to the gay nights at the Dome and after a gap of one month the gay nights are now back.

October will see the opening of "PARTNERS" the revamped Windmill under it's new name. The popular Sunday cabarets and party nights will continue in this much upgraded venue. The next party night is the 20th anniversary of Jinks' 20th birthday on 28th of October.

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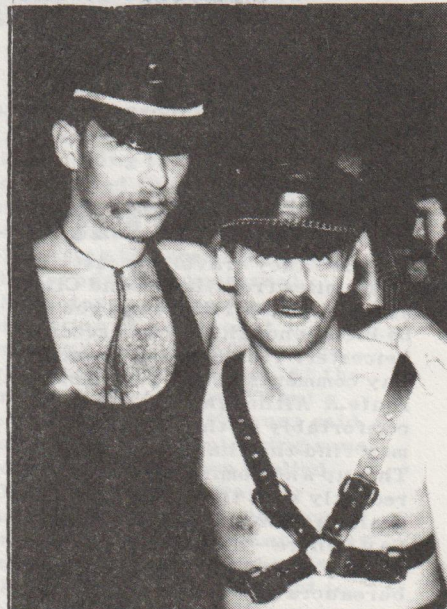
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SPOTLIGHT ON...

...STOKE

Stoke On Trent is famous as the "Five Towns" of Arnold Bennets tales (much to the chagrin of the sixth town he forgot). It is located within easy reach of Birmingham and Manchester, both by road and main-line rail. There are two pubs, The Star and The Mostyn Arms, together with a club, The Excalibur.

The Star, in Marsh Street Hanley, is the most popular. Decorated in what is now the classic gay style, dimly lit with a cosy intimate atmosphere. The wallpaper lives up to the name of the pub being completely covered in giant stars. There is a disco most evenings, when it's standing room only! Open standard pub hours, The Star is quite friendly and worth a visit.

Almost opposite the Star is The Excalibur, which used to be called the "One Four One" because it's at 141 Marsh Street. Again small and intimate, spread over two floors giving a disco area on the ground floor, and upstairs a lounge area for those cosy chats.

The club caters for all tastes. It has a friendly and welcoming staff and a mixed lesbian and gay clientele. There is even a roof garden should you wish to brave the British weather. I was told that the Excalibur is now attracting custom from Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester, and is an excellent way to spend an evening.

The Mostyn Arms, within easy walking distance of the Excalibur, is in York Street (a continuation of Marsh Street). This was my favourite pub, smaller than the Star and if anything even more friendly. You can be sure of an enthusiastic welcome there.

Stoke also has a gay social group and a gay youth group, both of which meet at the Cactus Bookshop at 3 Howard Place Shelton. For further info phone North Staffs Switchboard details on helpline page.

Pete Baggett.

...LEICESTER

If you fancy travelling just forty miles from the Second City, and you go the right way, you may be lucky enough to come across Leicester. I'm not going to make any comments about your motorway route... Although it's still comfortably in the Midlands, you may find that hard to believe. This up and coming city has recently seen the opening of what really amounts to a Lesbian and Gay Centre - all without the fuss of silly politicking and bureaucratic wranglings. (I wonder if that bit will be edited out) It's all been engineered by

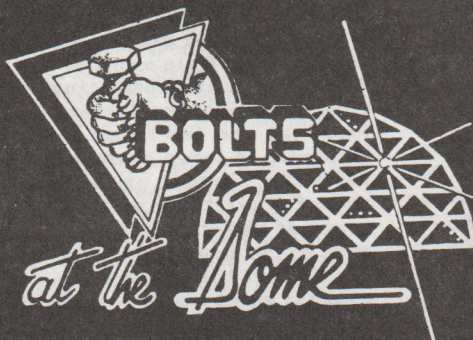
the newly renamed Leicester Lesbian and Gay Line - not a dating agency, but a way of finding out information in the East Midlands. The coffee shop they've opened on a Saturday is a good way of taking a break whilst having a look round - especially the St. Martin's Square quarter which, so they say, is a very popular area for both clothes and clones. There are also plans to use the building much more, especially during the week, for meetings, etc.

Night life in Leicester can also be fun. The newest and trendiest place (apart from the Gayline centre, of course) is in fact called just that, the Leicester Place. For those who really like the small details, the pub is called the Crown and the club Street Life. Anyway, the Place can certainly show

Birmingham a thing or two. The music was well mixed, if you like Stock, Aitken and Waterman you'll really love the Place - the only import I noticed all night was, (surprise, surprise) E. G. Daily's Mind Over Matter, and we can all guess who produced that... The nice thing about the music was that there were a good few oldies scattered about. The spacious bar is nicely decorated in a thirties style with a pool table in one corner. The disco is set in a street scene, which could perhaps be slightly more authentic if all the street 'furniture' could only be from one era, I especially noticed that awful modern bus stop. If you want an alternative to Birmingham, Leicester is an ideal choice - but don't be surprised when you walk in to a room full of familiar faces - half of Birmingham already seems to have discovered Leicester.

BSM

Nicky Price presents

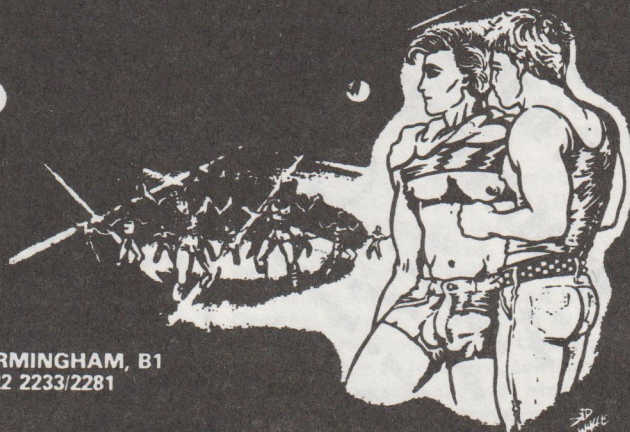


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ON THE LINE

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also for anyone who has ever tried to dance or move in formation.

It was a pleasant surprise to see a touring production of a show that was as polished and professional as this one. It is crisp, exciting and as fresh as ever. The whole production from the brilliant lighting to the immaculate orchestral playing to the vibrance and dynamism of the dancing is superb. The best show I've seen all year. If you get a chance to see it before it finishes at the Alexandra on October 10th, GO you won't regret it.

There is only one problem, the Birmingham audience on the night I went just wasn't up to show, many of them would have been happier seeing "The Desert

Song". The show needs a young audience who are not going to sit there trying to be more scandalised than their neighbours. Behind me were four people who spent the whole show discussing the "bad" language, the scandal of homosexual characters and the frank discussion of adolescent problems, thereby missing the whole point of the show. At the end one of them said, "What a load of rubbish!". My aunt said to me, "There's no pleasing some people". One of them replied, "There's no accounting for taste!". So I just turned around and said, "You may not share my good taste in shows, but at least I have the good manners not to talk all through the performance!". They were silent.

- Peter Kirby.

OUT IN PINK

OUT IN PINK will be, we hope, a regular feature. OUT IN PINK will aim to let you know about the best things in the coming month's entertainment. All details (like phone numbers and dates) appear together at the end.

OUT IN PINK No.1 is launched with another first - a money off offer for the Gay and Lesbian community in the West Midlands. Word's getting around that IN THE PINK reaches the parts other papers would rather steer clear of!

The major October event is the Birmingham TV and Film Festival. I've picked a handful of films, but the full programme details of this exciting festival can be got from the brochures or by ringing the festival office.

The regional premier of Merchant Ivory's MAURICE (last film, A ROOM WITH A VIEW) is to be seen at the Odeon, Smallbrook Queensway on October 31st. MAURICE is the film version of E M Forster's 1914 gay novel. It tells the story of Maurice Hall, who has to fight through the rigid conventions of his time to come to terms with his homosexuality. The novel was so controversial when it was written that it was published only after Forster's death.

This promises to be a beautiful film, with a host of wonderful actors - James Wilby, Hugh Grant and Rupert Graves, not to mention Simon Callow, Billie Whitelaw, Ben Kingsley and Judy Parfitt.

PLUS

If you take the top of this issue to the Odeon box office (it must contain "IN THE PINK" and "Oct 87 No.12") YOU CAN GET A FULL PRICE TICKET FOR THE PRICE OF A CONCESSION.

BUSINESS AS USUAL starring Glenda Jackson, could well be

worth a visit. Directed by a new woman director, Lezli-An Barrett, it is a film based on a true story of Audrey (Glenda Jackson) who is sacked for defending a colleague who had been sexually harassed at work.

Look out for the latest Comic Strip film EAT THE RICH. It's billed as a very black comedy and director Peter Richardson says it's a lot more visual than his earlier SUPERGRASS. It has a bizarre (and possibly sick) cast of characters who all eat at a restaurant called EAT THE RICH, where minced-up celebrity is the dish of the day. I'm told it is a kind of gourmet epic. Yum, yum.

There is, in addition, a wonderful late night cabaret. Michael Roberts is performing his one man show 100 PERCENT ALL TALKING at The Mac, in Cannon Hill Park. It is described as a celebration of American Humour in the talkies, and is, in fact, an excuse for Mr Roberts to perform mostly hilarious, but sometimes very moving, impressions of all the most famous film-stars in all their most famous scenes - Vincent Price, Groucho, James Stewart, Lenny Bruce, Dorothy Parker, and Mae West (from the feet up, bit by bit) to name but a few.

100 PERCENT ALL TALKING has been reviewed as "Dazzling", "A Stunning Performance" and "100 Percent Sheer Joy". Not to be missed. (You could also try the Mac's new bar, opening for the first time for the Film and TV Festival.)

For those who haven't seen THE NORMAL HEART yet - it's on in Nottingham until 24th October. THE NORMAL HEART follows the efforts of one man, surrounded by his dying friends, to break through the silence, indifference and hostility. It's been well received everywhere.

Birmingham Rep has launched it's studio season - MADE IN THE WEST MIDLANDS. (Well done John Adams, new Rep Director, for realising that "We have an enormous amount of talent right here in the West Midlands.")

Touring around the country (Coventry, Walsall, Dudley, Wolverhampton, it must be coming somewhere near you) and at the Rep for two full weeks, is ONE BIG BLOW. I saw this in an earlier 7:84 production and it's truly a fantastic evening, full of wonderful surprises.

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- Rod Dungate



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MAN ALIVE

This month sees the launch of "Man Alive" a new magazine aimed at men (as opposed to MEN), whether straight or gay, intent on breaking open the closet door or at least that's the aim according to Tim Sherry, Manager of this latest glossy.

The first issue does contain interviews and articles on people in the younger public eye, with little regard to their sexuality, as well as fashion views of importance to any stylish male. There are some reviews of mainstream entertainment and a couple of current topics of significance to to all open-minded, right-on men. Nevertheless, this issue is heavily gay orientated and they need to try harder to appeal straights.

At present "Man Alive" overlaps many areas covered by strictly gay mags, but if they stand by their very good intentions, the production will be tramping through ground the gay press generally skips around or over.

In the October issue there's: talk about male rape and AIDS testing services; an interview with Charlie Nicholas, football superstar; Scott Crella, fashion designer; Simon Callow and Rupert Graves, actors, and Doctor Robert of the Blow Monkeys; Articles on homo-erotic calendars, leather wear, gymnasiums, food, clubs, theatre, cinema, television, art and music. Phew!

Overall it seems a little unsure of its style and layout, but it is slick, glossy, well written and well illustrated, and partly in colour. I like it.

Ian Wright

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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.

BOLTS at **THE DOME** (disco) Horsefair, fourth Monday monthly.

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 AIDS LINE.

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

LABOUR CAMPAIGN FOR LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS meets first Tuesday monthly at the Council House Birmingham 7.30pm.

LAMBDA BIKE CLUB. Motor cycle club for lesbians & gay men, details c/o Peter Baggett, 291 Corporation St, Birmingham B4 7DP.

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 2pm to 5pm above Key Books 136 Digbeth High Street.

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM. Christian church which welcomes all, especially gay men & lesbians. Sunday worship at 7.00pm. Tuesdays - discussions at 7.30pm. Church address 174 Edmond Street,

Birmingham B3 2HB. Lay pastor: Ken Rogers tel. (0902) 34150.

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.

CHELTEMHAM

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

DISCO at **THE INSURANCE SUITE**, Prestbury Racecourse. Monthly see diary for details.

COVENTRY

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

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

LESBIAN & GAY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT Phone Phil 0203 467509.

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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 Teiford. 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.

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

WORCESTER

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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.

LESBIAN & 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.

NEW VENUES

BIRMINGHAM

PINKIES at the **STAR CLUB**, 136 Digbeth High Street, every Wednesday night, 7.30pm to 10.30pm. A new social venue organised by the Lesbian & Gay Community Centre.

GLOUCESTER

HYSTERIA at **CRACKERS** (nightclub & disco), Burton Way, every Monday night 9.30pm to 2.00am.

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CENTRAL RAINBOW HALLOWEEN DISCO at the New Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham on Saturday 31st October.

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LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE,
291 Corporation Street,
Birmingham B4 7DP.
Postal address ONLY.

THE CENTRE IS NOW CLOSED

The Lesbian & Gay Youth Group is now meeting at the Star Club, (Entrance through Key Books) 136 Digbeth High St., Saturday afternoons 2pm - 5pm.

Members and users of the Centre are meeting at PINKIES in the Star Club, above Key Books, 136 Digbeth High Street on Wednesday evenings.

OCTOBER EVENTS...

SATURDAY 3rd.

West Midlands Lesbian and Gay Youth Group - Drama Workshop

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

North Staffs Gay Social Group social at Cactus Bookshop, 3 Howard place, Shelton. 2pm to 5pm.

SUNDAY 4th.

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

TUESDAY 6th.

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

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

WEDNESDAY 7th.

Pinkies social at the Star Club, above Key Books, 136 Digbeth High Street. 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

FRIDAY 9th.

Friend social. New Temporary Venue, phone Friend for details, 8pm to 11pm, entrance 50p, ALL WELCOME.

North Staffs Lesbian & Gay Youth Group meeting at Cactus Bookshop, 3 Howard place, Shelton. 7pm to 9pm.

SATURDAY 10th.

West Midlands Lesbian and Gay Youth Group - Quiz

SUNDAY 11th.

Gay Outdoor Club wall in the Severn Valley, details from Gordon on 021 420 2694.

WEDNESDAY 14th.

Official opening night of Pinkies social at the Star Club, above Key Books, 136 Digbeth High Street. 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

SATURDAY 17th.

West Midlands Lesbian and Gay Youth Group - Discussion: Coming Out and open meeting to discuss future events (1.30)

North Staffs Gay Social Group social at Cactus Bookshop, 3 Howard place, Shelton. 7pm to 9pm.

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SUNDAY 18th.

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

TUESDAY 20th.

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

WEDNESDAY 21st.

Pinkies social at the Star Club, above Key Books, 136 Digbeth High Street. 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Video night.

FRIDAY 23rd.

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

North Staffs Lesbian & Gay Youth

Group meeting at Cactus Bookshop, 3 Howard place, Shelton. 7pm to 9pm.

SATURDAY 24th.

West Midlands Lesbian and Gay Youth Group - 1st Birthday Party

Central Rainbow (Midlands Deaf Gay Group) 8-30pm at The Jester, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY 28th.

Halloween party at the Pinkies social at the Star Club, above Key Books, 136 Digbeth High Street. 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

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 17th October.

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LONDON LESBIAN LINE

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