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'I WON'T GO'

says cottage case MP

Dr Roger Thomas, Labour MP for Carmarthen, has decided not to resign after all, following his cottaging conviction in January under the controversial Section 32 law against importuning for an immoral purpose.

Gowerton magistrates in Swansea fined him £75 when he appeared in court seven months ago and the MP later bowed to pressure from his local constituency party to stand down. He agreed to resign his seat in the summer.

But now, with the support of Labour leader Neil Kinnock, he has announced that he has changed his mind. Labour's Chief Whip Michael Cocks has also publicly backed Dr Thomas.

Fear

But this week the Labour Campaign for Gay Rights issued a statement attacking their own party saying the decision had nothing to do with support for gay rights, but was based upon fear of losing a by-election.

They said: "The statements by Michael Cocks and Neil Kinnock of full support for Dr Thomas smack of rank hypocrisy. Since when have they publicly supported lesbian and gay rights? We feel their consideration of any potential (potentially damaging) by-election carried more weight than any support for lesbian and gay rights."

Trampling

And they added: "We also recognise that in refusing to resign Dr Thomas is trampling on the rights of his constituency party, however this only makes it clearer to us that the party as a whole must insist that sexual orientation plays no part in the selection or de-selection of MPs."

LCGR also pointed out that Dr Thomas's "offence" has no heterosexual equivalent and "should not be a consideration in judging him".

The Section 32 charge is the same one that has been used by London's pretty police to entrap people.

Labour group attacks Kinnock's 'hypocrisy' and claims Labour is scared

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Brendan Clarke hands over the cheque to Mike Geraghty and Paul Jackson

See you on September 14th

THIS is the last issue of Capital Gay before our annual summer break. Our offices will be open again on September 6th to start preparing our next issue which will be published on September 14th.

To cover our absence, this issue contains an extra-large pubs section on pages four, five and six, and a bumper 'What's On' on pages 12 and 13, both of which will keep you up to date with what's happening over the Bank Holiday weekend and beyond.

"ERE are you from Capital Queer or that Grey News?", a man wearing a face pack that would put the frights up Divine the morning after, asks me.

"The former", I tell him stonily, trying to discourage conversation and concentrating on the goings-on on stage.

He bats his falsies, "The former wot?"

"The former paper", I tell him, squinting through the camera at Elephant and Castle manager Brendan Clarke, who is about to present a cheque for £625 to Gay Switchboard volunteers.

"Never 'erd of it", the voice shrieks back.

"Never heard of what?", I reply, remembering my Pygmalion and pronouncing my 'H'.

"The Former Paper", he returns scattering face powder on his tank-top with a chuckle. My cool is shattered. It's Gay Switchboard night in the

Raising a glass, a laugh and money

Elephant and Castle on Monday and everybody is determined to make the night a success. The room is packed, and temperatures, like the customers, are high. Some so high they're obviously planning to book air space.

'Wouldn't scream'

"I don't work with The Former Paper", I tell him, "I work with Capital Gay." This I say louder than I should.

"Wouldn't scream about it darling", he quips. "None of us are perfect 'ere". His falsie bats at me threatening to dislocate my nose. "Want to snap me? I'm a Divine lookalike. Yeeass I lookalike one of her legs".

"Daff Queen", somebody mutters.

"Wow, compliments are flying tonight", he retorts. And if the compliments were, so too was the money for Gay Switchboard. Raffles, auctions, and collections on the door managed to bring in an extra £144.50 for Switchboard volunteers Mike Geraghty and Paul Jackson.

Gritted teeth

"Take my picture luv", asks a man in a lamé dress.

"Only if you put it in an envelope", I return through gritted teeth.

"Funny bugger", he says, and laughs.

Martin Raymond

Capital Gay - Last issue before September 14th

I am appalled at such rubbish

Dear Editors,

I am appalled at the reactionary rubbish you chose to run on the letters page of the August 17th issue. Should I wish to read lies and smears depicting miners as "terrorists" and "communists" (I was not aware that being a Socialist was a crime); and described the Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners group as "stupid" and "inadequate", I shall read *The Sun*.

One letter invites us to be horrified at raids on millionaire porn-pedlars, while snivelling about a few scabs getting their windows broken. As one who grew up in a Scottish mining village, I would shed few tears if it were scab necks being broken, and none at all for police thugs who get a taste of their own medicine.

Other letters repeat all the tired Tory lies: "The pits are uneconomic" is one example. Fact:

Britain produces the cheapest deep-mined coal in the world. Coal which leaves the pit-head at a production cost of £50-£60 a ton and is re-sold at £110-£150 per ton. Average take home pay of a South Wales face-worker is £85 a week. In some areas this is closer to £75 a week.

Arthur Scargill in the pay of the Kremlin? Such quasi-fascist gibberings would give pause even to the *Daily Mail's* leader writers.

If your correspondents think the miners' struggle has nothing to do with lesbians and gays, they are living in a dream world. This vicious government would see a defeat for the miners as a green light for an unprecedented attack on all forms of civil liberties, from which lesbians and gays would certainly not be immune.

If this brutal government is not stopped in its tracks we can expect

the destruction of the health service, the education system and local government. Irrelevant? Nothing to do with us? Not for the pampered suburbanites infesting last week's letters page, perhaps.

Congratulations, though, to Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners for their informative piece, and to *Capital Gay* for printing it. Let's have more coverage of the real world — there are more important things than discos, drag acts and pornographers.

Death to the Tories. Mike Simpson, London N7.

Nearly all gay men support feminism

Dear Editors,

I reply to "Helen's" letter (Postbag, August 10th).

1) The word *gay* does still cover both sexes of homosexuals; it sometimes suits certain gay women who have the word lesbian which applies exclusively to themselves, to claim that the word *gay* no longer applies to them, but to men only. If the centre had been called, as undoubtedly the silent majority still

prefer, the London Gay Centre, this would symbolise equal access to all gay people, whether male or female.

2) Helen's statement that "I do need and enjoy space away from men, all men" proves that she is a man-hater, not a mere hater of gay men. Such people are best accommodated in the women's movement, where they can enjoy

their isolated manless world in good company. They should not try to impose their dislike of *straight* men on our gay movement.

3) People like Helen constantly talk about sexism as if it were a male prerogative — is sexism acceptable when practised by women? Both sexes of gays have places to go where the opposite sex is prohibited. This is dreadful and should be stopped. The gay movement struggles hard against sexism — it is a primary aim of CHE to abolish it in all forms. My own local gay group does not practise sexism. *Straight* men yes, are often sexist — but I think that if Helen were prepared to cast the chip from her shoulder and actually speak to some gay men, she'll find that nearly all of them support the aims of feminism.

4) Most gay men, and many gay women, do not like the way in which a minority of gay women are bringing their divisive politics into our Gay Movement, attempting to introduce a split between the sexes of homosexuals.

This is a GAY CENTRE for all of us who happen to prefer relationships with members of our own sex instead of the opposite one. Let us now unite whether male or female in our fight for acceptance, equality and freedom at law enjoyed by other minorities in this society! Stop all this nonsense about a separate floor for women in our gay centre.

In unified anger, Stuart Draycott, London SW16.

Don't lump us with the Left!

Dear Editors,

A great many gays are very disturbed to keep reading banner headlines in papers such as *Capital Gay* lumping us all together as left-wing supporters, assuming that all gays and lesbians automatically support the miners and Greenham Common women and are violently anti-Thatcher, the police and the Bomb.

Gays are surely a true cross-section of the entire community and isn't it time that those of us who do not feel this way should shout at least as loud as the vociferous pro-Scargill, Marxist bunch who arrogantly assume they speak for all of us.

Clive Evans, London W6.

A favourite barmaid

Dear Editors,

I must correct an unfair and incorrect impression given by Eric Presland in his Cruising column on Sparks at Electric Blue last week. One of our bar staff, Lorraine, he

described as "a large, unsmiling straight woman in no great hurry, who retreated into a corner between orders to her straight friends."

Lorraine became a good friend of many of our members when she worked at our last venue. She only works at Electric Blue on gay nights and prefers the company of gays to straights.

On reading your article last week many customers were angry at Eric's portrayal of their favourite barmaid. If he had taken the trouble to talk to her (yes, she does talk to the customers!) he would not have formed the inaccurate impression that he did.

Yours sincerely, Rob Airtton, Grays, Essex.

It's a haven of friendly stability

Dear Editors,

As a regular user of the King's Head, Dive Bar, I read Eric Presland's recent "Cruising Column" (*Capital Gay*, August 10th) with more than usual interest. I cannot agree entirely with his findings — he has totally missed the point.

Flash, trash and noisy it may not be and, true, the decor never seems to change. But that's the beauty of the place — a haven of friendly stability in an increasingly stereotyped, over-amplified, get-rich-quick gay scene. Many thanks go to George, May and their friendly courteous staff for making my three years as a regular so enjoyable. Please don't change a thing. I love the Dive Bar and its unique atmosphere just as it is.

Yours faithfully, Mark Stephens, London NW3.

WE ARE ALWAYS pleased to receive your letters for our Postbag column, but please keep them as short as possible and include your name and full address (and phone number where possible) though normally we only print the area where you live. Letters that have been edited are marked with an asterisk.

Write to Postbag, Capital Gay, 38 Mount Pleasant, London, WC1X 0AP. You can dictate your letter by phoning 278 3766.

Thanks Heaven, for Flynn



Dear Editors,

In response to your article "New Music" — (*Capital Gay*, August 10th) — we would like to take this opportunity to say how much we have enjoyed the music played by Flynn the past few Fridays in Heaven's main disco.

It's an event in itself that Heaven now has a female DJ; that she should also have the courage, not to mention the taste, to play music which is a real and more than viable alternative to the usual high energy sounds, provides very good reason for support and celebration.

Over the past months, Heaven has not had a permanent Friday night DJ, presumably they have been experimenting, trying to find one whose music makes Fridays a completely different night to a Saturday. In our opinion they have found such a DJ; let's hope the management of Heaven are of the same opinion.

Congratulations, Flynn, and well done Heaven, see you on a Friday! Yours sincerely, Ian Willcocks and Troy Richard, Fulham, SW6.

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Club to reopen

Jack Dobson and John Barber of Stallions are to reopen the afterhours 50 Club in Frith Street in the middle of October.

The 50 Club (better known then as the Piano Bar in the days before Paul Raymond opened a Piano Bar of his own in Brewer Street) was a popular late-night rendezvous with resident singers and pianists including the jovial Rita 'al.

Jack Dobson and John Barber, who originally sub-let it for eighteen months from the owners of the building, have now negotiated a fifteen year lease. Builders are due to start work there immediately after the Bank Holiday.

"They're putting in new toilets, a new bar and so on - though hopefully it will look very similar to the way it did, just that everything will be in good condition."

PIE charge man leaves the country

Paedophile Information Exchange member Steven Smith fled the country to the Netherlands last week to avoid standing trial for charges including the publication of an obscene article that "constitutes incitement to commit indecent assault."

Smith was one of the three men committed to stand trial for allegedly publishing an article in CONTACT magazine which could incite buggery, gross indecency and indecent assault.

He has flown to the Netherlands where he hopes to be granted political asylum on the grounds that he has been persecuted for his beliefs under British law.

The other two men involved in the case are scheduled to stand trial on November 7th.

£2,300 for walkers

The two gay men who are walking from John O'Groats to Lands End say the money raised for the Terrence Higgins Trust now stands at more than £2,300.

And according to Scot Fox, one of the men taking part in the walk, money is still coming in.

On Monday October 29th The Royal Vauxhall Tavern is staging a special charity night, explains Scot, with a spectacular line-up of acts. "So this should increase the amount raised even more."

WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY will be warm and hazy with thundery showers in some places towards late evening. Sunday will be dry, hazy with sunshine but again becoming cloudy towards evening.

Sunshine with temperatures becoming slightly cooler. Showers are again expected towards evening.

'Keep the pretty police law' says official report

An official report out this week recommends that the Government should retain the controversial 'importuning' law which led to a string of arrests by 'pretty policemen' in Earl's Court last summer.

But the Criminal Law Revision Committee, in its report *Prostitution in the Street*, also recommends that the maximum sentence for the offence should be cut from two years' imprisonment to three months.

Kerb crawling

And the CLRC recommends a change in the archaic wording of the law. Instead of making it an offence to importune for "immoral purposes", the law should make it an offence for a man "persistently to solicit in a public place another man or men for sexual purposes."

Prostitution in the Street was drawn up after Home Office Ministers called for a report on kerb crawling. The Committee recommends a new offence where men in cars accost women for sexual purposes, and a second offence where men solicit women for sexual purposes in such a way as to put the woman "in fear".

The Committee, which reports to the Home Secretary on matters of criminal law reform, drew up its recommendations on gay male importuning after the row in Parliament last May

when MPs roundly condemned the use of 'agents provocateurs' (plain clothes policemen giving gay men the sexual come-on).

Torn jeans

Evidence at importuning trials suggested that police dressed in provocatively torn jeans and typical gay uniforms had actively encouraged sexual advances from the men they later arrested.

Defendant after defendant was acquitted by Crown Court juries.

It led to calls for the repeal of the law — or radical change that would at least require the police to call independent witnesses who had been importuned.

Passing nod

But the Government refused to make any changes to the law, saying that the Criminal Law Revision Committee was examining the whole issue. Those recommendations are now public — and they pay no attention to calls for independent witnesses or for a proposal that arrests for importuning could only be made by uniformed, and not plain clothes police.

In a passing nod to MPs who expressed anxieties during debate on the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, the Committee's report says (in a footnote):

"We have not thought it part of our function to advise how, or when, police officers should keep observation for the purpose of detecting the commission of this offence."

"In our opinion this should be left to the decision of senior police officers."

"The methods used are likely to depend, so it seems to us, upon where, and the circumstances in which, offences are suspected of being committed."

"Offences may be detected by police officers in plain clothes whilst investigating other and more serious offences. Police officers must not, of course, act as 'agents provocateurs'."

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality, which spearheaded last May's campaign in the House of Commons, was swift to react to publication of the report, alerting its members and urging them to take up the report by writing to their MPs and local newspapers, or joining in local radio phone-ins.

* Criminal Law Revision Committee Sixteenth Report: *Prostitution in the Street* (HMSO £4)



(l-r) George Michael, Norman Scott, and Divine

Wham's rush release for DJ Norman Scott

Disc jockey Norman Scott was grinning from ear to ear after Wham star George Michael presented him with a 'world record' at Bolts club in north London last Friday night.

Wham had just finished recording their new single, *Freedom*, on Friday evening and George Michael rushed to Bolts with an acetate early copy of the record, which was then played to club-goers just three hours after the end of the recording session.

It was the group's way of saying thank you to the DJ and the club for giving the group its first break two years ago.

"We were the first club to book Wham — two years ago in September — and we have kept in touch ever since then", said Norman Scott.

CBS Records wrote to Norman after that first performance in 1982 to say "a really big thank you" and adding that it "gave Wham the confidence to now see that they can handle a live PA... it was just fabulous".

Gai Pied: "We'll sue Thatcher"

Gai Pied is to sue the British Government after Customs and Excise seized copies of the French gay magazine on its way to Gay's The Word bookshop.

Gai Pied, a weekly news magazine based in Paris, says that the British Government acted unlawfully under European treaties by stopping the import of copies.

And it says it will take the case

to the European Court of Human Rights if necessary.

British Customs claim that the magazine is indecent. Yet in France *Gai Pied* is distributed nationwide by the official state distribution agency.

Donations

DEFEND Gay's the Word has received more than £4,500 in donations towards the campaign, according to Linda Semple who says the fund continues to increase.

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'Glebeland Gays must be ousted' — was the screaming headline that decked the front page of the August 16th issue of Finchley's local paper, the imaginatively named "Finchley Press."

The story accompanying the headline tells readers how 20-year-old Kim Jackson, from Helen Close, East Finchley, pulled into a layby at 10.15pm because of "a mechanical fault in her car" and was 'outraged' and 'appalled' by what she saw.

"There were about 15 men walking about and waiting to be

Newspaper
pushes
campaign to
"clean up" a
cruising area

picked up for sex", she told reporter Natalie Holmes. "And two having sex".

Cavorting

"Shocked" and "appalled" Kim managed to finish her head count of the men present before informing local police who arrived on the scene and questioned one man, according to the report.

Undoubtedly over her "shock" and no longer as appalled, Kim returned to Glebelands the

following morning, where, according to the steamy prose of Reporter Holmes, the "cavorting was continuing".

"If you walk through the woodland you can see them in the bushes", says the "shocked" and "appalled", Kim Jackson. "It makes me feel ill".

Petition

Shocked and appalled and now feeling ill from her nocturnal nosing, she is now collecting a petition calling on police to (and who can phrase it better than the incisive Natalie Holmes) "clean up" the area.

Apart from Glebelands, Kim informs us, there are other "homosexual gathering grounds" in the area. The public toilets in East Road. The toilets behind Drummonds Wine Bar, Finchley High Road. The rear of Tesco's, Ballards Lane. End of story.

Velvette
announce
tour

THE Velvette duo have announced four dates in gay clubs around the country before coming to London to promote their record *Gotta Have Your Love*.

They will be at Part Two in Nottingham tonight (Friday). Rockshots in Leeds tomorrow. Jody's in Liverpool on Sunday and Rockshots in Newcastle on Monday. Then they bring their new show to London for dates including The Hippodrome on September 3rd and The Dog and Fox in Wimbledon.

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THE Campettes, the mystery cabaret at the King Edward VI third birthday party, turned out to be the bar staff putting on a bit of home-grown entertainment.

Customers packed the Islington gay pub on Wednesday last week. A large envelope propped up against the bar-till was inscribed "The Keith & Geoff — top of the pubs", obviously a birthday greeting from a well wisher to Keith Cooper & Geoff Denby, owners of the pub.

Five of the bar staff, Bill, Chris, John, Jeff and Tom, mimed their moustachioed way through a variety of drag classics and the event was recorded on video.

De-bagged piper

A "wail" of a time was had by customers at the Traffic, King's Cross, last week when they were treated to the spectacle of a Dutchman stripping to music played on the bagpipes!

An even stranger spectacle when you realise he's playing the bagpipes himself while he gets on with his show. And according to Jamie Baker who runs Traffic, the "bagpiped stripper", who also performs his act in an Amsterdam pub also called Traffic, was so impressed with his reception that he plans a repeat performance in London.

Runners

ANYONE interested in jogging should note that the Gay Running Group meet at the Men's Pond on Hampstead Heath every Sunday at 11am. For further information contact Eric Eagle on 263 8317.

Police warning over 'obscene' tee-shirt

Bruno de Florence, London correspondent of the French news magazine *Gai Pied*, was stopped in Leicester Square by police on Monday and given a simple choice — take off your tee-shirt, zip up your jacket, or be arrested.

"The told me my tee-shirt was disgusting. It was a tee-shirt made to publicise the film *Querelle* and it had a Cocteau drawing of one man screwing another and the word *Querelle* in red.

"They wanted to know where I had bought it, and I said I bought it in a shop. They wanted to know the name of the shop and said they would raid it. They told me it was illegal to wear the tee-shirt."

Victorian

Accompanying Bruno de Florence was *Gai Pied* photographer Samuel Costa who had arrived in London that morning.

"I had been trying to explain to him just how different people's attitudes

The Fridge gets the boot

Lambeth Council is to open an adoption agency in premises that currently house South London's trendiest meeting place, The Fridge.

But the club which has become London's "Alternative" alternative will continue at another location, according to owner Andrew Czerwinski who says that "at least three possible premises are being considered at the moment".

"We're moving to bigger premises where we'll be able to extend and expand the Fridge concept even further", he explains. "The Oven stays as well and we are also planning to introduce an exclusively

gay High Energy night on Thursdays".

'Untold problems'

But the sale of the leasehold to Lambeth Council by the club's landlord still poses problems for the club says Andrew Czerwinski. "We've spent over a year and a half building up a reputation in the Brixton area and now we're being asked to move out almost immediately. We've asked Lambeth Council to let us stay on until we

could organise the shift more effectively but they refused. This has caused us untold problems since a number of contracts with groups appearing with us had to be broken".

Two of the three premises under consideration are in the Brixton area so Andrew doesn't envisage any problems for regulars. "No definite date has been fixed yet for moving but we should be able to tell people before the 1st of November".

Bath threats drive gays away

Local gay men are starting to give East Ham Turkish Baths a wide berth after a series of assaults on bath users.

Alexander McIlwraith, who had been using the baths "for thirty or more years", recalls last Easter how he was upstairs and one of the young men started screaming at him "I'm going to murder you." In no time he was joined by five more who also threatened McIlwraith. It was his last visit to the baths.

Six months before he witnessed the same thing happening to another man, "a soft spoken Scotsman. All of a sudden these two came up the stairs and said 'we're going to kill you'. This man had simply been

talking to me — he'd done nothing to annoy anyone. Then the attendant told me to leave; and two hours later there was a phone call from the Scottish fellow to say he had been taken to the police station."

Outside

Now, reports Alexander McIlwraith, the same trouble has started again. "In some cases they wait until the person comes out of the Town Hall (where the baths are housed) then bash them."

"They're West Ham supporters — they're only there when West Ham are playing away."

Punches

Mr Bolshaw, who is in charge of all Newham Borough's baths, said he had not heard of any recent problems at the Town Hall baths, though "it's very cliquey there and some of them do take exception if someone steps out of line, and one or two punches may get thrown."

"But I have not had any reports recently. You're talking about East Ham, though. It has always been a hard area and always will be. If an incident like this happens people generally don't want a fuss made for their own sakes."

"But I think if you don't step out of line, you're OK."

Six bars ready for Fun and Games

Six pubs and bars are ready to line up for the traditional Bank Holiday Fun and Games on the playing area behind the Royal Vauxhall Tavern on Monday.

And London Gay Switchboard will be producing a programme to sell at the event to raise money. And Landlady Breda McConnon will be

selling food to raise money for Switchboard.

The pubs and bars which have so far said they will be there are: The Market Tavern, Vauxhall, Kings Arms, Jonathans, Traffic and the Union Tavern. The Dog and Fox may also be there.

Performers ADC will be presenting a special sports cabaret in the pub that lunchtime.

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Switch-board gets a fifth line

LONDON Gay Switchboard had a fifth telephone installed this week to help ease the burden on the lines. But, of course, it adds to the burden on their volunteers.

With many volunteers away on holiday they are very short-staffed at the moment so those still in London are having to work twice as hard to make up.

Their office was always cramped with four people answering the phones, so the fifth line will only be operating at peak times. All lines trip from the same number: 837 7324.

No Word

ALTHOUGH Gays the Word is closing for the first week of September "it's only for a week" stresses Linda Semple shop manager. "Because we're closing to have our ceiling fixed people for some reason think we're closing permanently." But they will be open again from September 10th.

SHARE a flat with a Capital Gay reader — see our Small Ads page.

London Centre counts the cost

£90,000 a year will be needed to meet the basic running costs of the new London Lesbian and Gay Centre once it opens towards the end of this year.

The first rough and heavily qualified estimate of the Centre's overheads was given to a Centre open meeting at County Hall on Sunday afternoon.

But the management committee warned that at this stage their figures could well be £20,000 out either way. "We don't even know what rates will be charged yet, and whether we'll qualify for a rent rebate." At present the Centre is still rated as a meat store!

Income

Government moves to axe the GLC mean that County Hall funding is likely to dry up faster than the Centre at first expected — possibly by the end of April 1985. And though income from two bars, a coffee bar, office rentals, discos and plays could approach annual expenditure, the management committee is making fund-raising a top priority. Meanwhile there has been a hold-up on building at the Centre.

Architects and builders are trying to trace the source of water seeping into the base of the lift shaft — a structural problem which could add weeks to the building schedule.

Drinks

Another hurdle for the Centre to clear is its application for an alcohol licence, due to be heard in October. The management committee is appealing for support for its application to the Licensing Magistrates. In particular it wants supporters to send letters setting out the reasons why the Centre should have a licence — its specialised nature, catering to lesbians and gay men; the need for a social community centre to have a drinks licence; its particular efforts to offer a welcome to lesbians who are short of their own facilities, and to the disabled.

Though the Centre wants people to address their letters to "The Clerk of the Licensing Justices, Highbury Magistrates Court, Holloway Road, N1", it wants those letters enclosed in a larger envelope and sent in the first place to the Centre c/o 274 Upper Street, N1, so that they can be collected together and presented

in court by the Centre's solicitors. And the letters are needed by the middle of September.

Joining

The management committee has also announced details of membership, after their proposals were agreed at Sunday's meeting. £15 (or £7.50 if you're unwaged) will buy you a full year's membership. The annual subscription can be paid in instalments too. Day membership of the Centre will cost only 30p (waged) or 15p (unwaged).

But membership lists won't be opened immediately. There is still work to be done on setting up the membership system, though membership will be available in plenty of time for the Centre's official opening.

Zipper ready to fight in court

Directors of the Zipper store which was raided last month by 20 policemen say they will fight in court if necessary "if police decide to bring charges after the recent 'Porn Squad' raid on their premises."

Squad' raid on their premises."

According to a press statement issued on August 19th, they say they are determined "to ensure the survival of Britain's only licensed gay sex shop".

"Some people seem to think that the Zipper Store was closed down as a direct result of the raid", says shop manager Geoff Norris. "But we re-opened within minutes and we're now trading as usual".

Odd

He added: "The Zipper Store is an essential part of the gay scene in London and we'll make sure it survives".

A report on the raid has been sent to Camden Council's Police Committee by head of the Committee's Support Unit, Walter Easey.

According to the statement, he is anxious to clarify the odd legal position which gives the police wide powers to seize stock from licensed 'sex shop' premises.



Groups meet at Civil Liberties HQ

Gay group representatives met at the south London headquarters of the National Council for Civil Liberties on Wednesday last week to discuss latest moves in the Defend Gay's The Word campaign, and lay plans for an autumn meeting of MPs at the House of Commons.

Terry Munyard, a barrister and a member of NCCL's executive committee, renewed NCCL's promise to act as solicitors for Gay's The Word, and to publicise the case

through the Council's Fleet Street and Parliamentary contacts.

Looking forward to the autumn, the liaison meeting discussed outline plans for a meeting in Parliament for MPs on police and the gay community, in the wake of this year's revelations about the widespread use of agents provocateurs, and raids on gay pubs and bookshops.

NCCL, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, the Gay London Police Monitoring Group and individual party gay groups would be meeting nearer the time to plan the meeting in more detail.

The meeting closed with an appeal from NCCL's Vice Chair, Cash Scorer, for more gays to get involved with the work of NCCL's committees on prisons, women, privacy, and Northern Ireland amongst others.

NCCL's Gay Rights Committee was anxious that all gay matters were being hived off to it. Wider gay involvement in NCCL's other decision-making bodies would help to ensure that gay rights did not become a separate 'special interest' of low priority.

But he warned that a major fund-raising would be needed when Customs and Excise's seizure of gay books came to court.

Legal costs could work out at anything from £3,500 to challenge the seizures in a magistrates court, to £50,000 or more if Customs chose to prosecute the shop's directors in the Crown Court.

John MacLachlan of the Defend Gay's The Word campaign itself said they were planning a two-pronged attack. They would be fighting the campaign as a civil liberties issue over people's freedom to read what they chose; and as a gay community issue. Recent raids had been aimed at "articulate members of the gay community" and there

were already strong signs of support — with spontaneous donations of around £4,500 even before the campaign had started making systematic fund-raising efforts.

(The next meeting of the Defend Gay's The Word campaign — open to anyone interested — will be at Gay's The Word Bookshop, 66 Marchmont Street, WCI on Monday September 3rd at 7.30pm.)

New lesbian group in Croydon

A new social and discussion group for lesbians has been launched in the Croydon area.

According to publicity officer Cathy Jensen, the group meets every Thursday to provide a social alternative for lesbians in the Croydon area, as well as giving them a chance to take part in social discussions.

Meetings take place at the Women's Centre, 13 Woodside Green, SE25, starting at 9pm.

On September 6th, the group are holding their first disco at the above venue, which starts at 9pm. Admission, according to Cathy is £1 waged and 50p for the unemployed. "And people are asked to bring their own booze", she says. For further information about the group telephone 656 0122.

Hazell Dean says sorry

Disco singer Hazell Dean is worried that fans who packed the Pigeons disco on Saturday think she snubbed them because she refused to sign autographs.

Tricky Dicky who runs the East London disco explained that they were so busy — even turning some people away — that it was impossible to arrange a signing session. Instead by way of apology she has signed 12 copies of her latest hit which will be auctioned in aid of London Gay Switchboard at The Pigeons tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Tricky Dicky adds: "She doesn't want people to think she has got above herself; she is going round all the clubs that supported her in the first place. All the straight clubs want her but she is doing the gay clubs first."

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Petition complains about 'too much High Energy'

London's largest gay disco, Heaven, is to be presented with a petition calling on management to improve the standard of its music — especially High Energy night on Saturday.

A group of Saturday night regulars have become so disillusioned "with the scope of the music being played", that they've collected a petition in clubs and pubs on the gay circuit calling on Heaven to vary the type of music currently being played.

Already 600 people have signed the petition, according to Roger Peters, one of the organisers, who says that "late night dancers want a better balance".

"We're not against High Energy but we feel that the evening should start winding down at 3am or so. This is where they should play good contemporary sleaze."

But, responds Heaven Press Officer, Alan Purnell: "The High Energy spot on Saturday night is one of the club's most popular events of the week."

Alternative

"There's always a DJ playing alternative music in the Star Bar while High Energy music is being played", he explains. "We also provide different music every night to cater for as many tastes as possible."

As well as criticising the amount of High Energy being played, the group also call on the club to introduce guest DJ's to play American morning music or 'sleaze' and to improve its sound system.

Referring to the music played by resident DJ Ian Levine, they say there is "too much personal promotion" going on to the detriment of other changes taking place on the music scene.

"I think it's a case of the minority trying to spoil it for the majority", Ian Levine told *Capital Gay*. "I've been playing the music at Heaven for five years. I think I know what the crowd wants. I don't mind criticism provided that it's constructive ... not destructive."

According to Alan Purnell, the management of Heaven have already learned about the petition

and he says that discussions have taken place concerning its contents.

"Last Saturday night there was a distinct change in the music being played. But Saturday night is High Energy night and that's what people come for. We consider Ian Levine to be the number one DJ in London and have absolute faith in his choice of music."

Levine goes discovering NRG roots

High Energy guru Ian Levine has plans for Heaven on August 25th. Billed as a Northern Soul and Motown evening, according to Ian the concept behind the night is to take High Energy fans back to the very roots of High Energy.

"People know about High Energy but very few are aware of its origins. The idea behind the evening is to take people back to the 60's, and play them the music that eventually developed into what is now recognised as High Energy."

High Energy fans will get the opportunity to hear original versions of classics like *Skiing in the Snow*, *In Orbit*, *Countdown here I come*, and *You turned my Bitter into Sweet* — a music event Levine reckons is a first to be staged by a club anywhere.

"A lot of artists like Hazell Dean and Evelyn Thomas are now singing members that can be traced back to this particular period. But as American disco's became more modernised, the particular sound



Ian Levine

we're talking about went underground. Eventually it became High Energy. So what we're offering people is a chance to hear it in its original, raw form."

Group seeks more AIDS patients

"We still want more AIDS sufferers and their 'care partners' to contact us", says Terrence Higgins Trust Chairman Tony Whitehead.

Commenting to *Capital Gay* after the second meeting of the recently formed AIDS Support Group, Tony Whitehead said that six people turned up to this meeting "but we still feel there are more people out there we can help".

Although the group only wish to contact AIDS sufferers and their 'care partners' plans are underway to set up similar self-help groups for people worried about AIDS or other 'stressful' diseases.

"At our next meeting we'll have a consultant who deals with AIDS cases along to answer questions for members", he says.

For further information on the venue of the next meeting which takes place on August 29th contact Tony Whitehead at B.M Aids London WC1 3XX or telephone 278 8745.

61 AIDS cases

THERE are now 61 cases of AIDS, according to the latest figures released by the DHSS. Deaths from the disease have also increased from 30 recorded cases to 32.

Gays head for Party Conferences

Members of the Labour, SDP and Tory gay groups are preparing for the autumn party conference season.

The Labour Campaign for Gay Rights has tried unsuccessfully so far to get gay rights onto the main conference agenda. But not enough individual constituency parties picked the model LCGR motion as the one they wanted to debate.

Both Streatham and Enfield Southgate parties chose gay rights as their first choice for debate. But other constituencies where LCGR had hopes of a sympathetic hearing have voted, sometimes by only a narrow margin, to put forward resolutions from the Party's women's section or Black section.

Top speakers

LCGR's last hope lies in winning support for amendment to either Streatham or Enfield's motion.

But an LCGR fringe meeting on the Wednesday of conference is likely to draw a sizeable crowd with speakers including Gerald Kaufman (Shadow Home Secretary), Clare Short MP, and Ken Livingstone.

The Conservative Group for Homosexual Equality had difficulty enough even arranging their fringe

meeting. When they first contacted the Grand Hotel in Brighton they were assured that there were rooms free for conference meetings — but as soon as they announced which group wanted a room the hotel turned them down flat. But the meeting will go ahead at another location, and CGHE will be announcing details of their speakers in two to three weeks' time.

Social Democrats for Gay Rights are throwing in their lot with NCCL, Young Social Democrats and SDP Students organising a meeting entitled 'Under attack ... are your civil liberties at risk?' Seven of their members (gay and non-gay) will also be standing for election to the SDP's National Committee. The ballot takes place this weekend and results will be announced in September.

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TWO EXPLOSIVE SIDES OF NON-STOP.
MIXING BY LES COKELL.MARTIN RAYMOND meets the couple who have run the
The Coleherne, Royal Vauxhall Tavern and

PAT AND

"The manager told us it was a gay pub but sure we didn't know what that was. We thought it meant happy. When Pat saw it the first thing he said was, it doesn't look very cheerful does it?"

It's 1973 and Pat and Breda McConnon are about to become the managers of London's most notorious gay pub, The Coleherne, in Earl's Court. Apprehensive at first ("Well, when we found out what a gay pub was we weren't sure how the customers would take to a married couple") two gay pubs later, it's a decision they've never regretted.

"The first day we took the pub over it was very quiet. It was only when the bar staff arrived, and one of them sporting pink hair, that we knew something was up. He saw we were surprised and guessed correctly that we didn't know what sort of pub The Coleherne was. It's a gay pub he told us, a place for homosexuals. We didn't know what to think at the time, Pat and myself... as far as we knew we'd never seen one before."

But ten years of managing some of London's most successful and, at times notorious, gay pubs has perhaps given them a unique insight into the characters, the tragedies, and the changes that have filtered through London's gay scene.

Talkative

Breda, who comes from Tipperary, arrived in England in 1959 when she was 14. Pat, whom she met while he was working as a barman at The Britannia in Hammersmith, arrived in 1967.

"Even then he was crazy about running a pub of his own", explains Breda, who says she's the talkative one in the relationship while Pat prefers to work. Their partnership seems to work best this way. Breda talks, tells stories, repeats humorous snippets she's heard in the pub — punctuating her conversation now and then with infectious peals of laughter, while Pat sits quietly correcting a detail here and there, or adding a story of his own to garnish Breda's break-neck patter.

Warriors

"Another night I was in the Coleherne when one of the barmen came up to me and said there was a gang bang going on in the leather part and could I do nothing about it", chuckles Pat. "I looked over and saw nothing except a group of men standing around in a circle. They seem quiet enough to me", I told him. "I can't see any fighting at all... It took a while for it to dawn on me what he meant". More laughter.

Ten years later, now running one of London's most successful drag



pubs, The Royal Vauxhall Tavern as well as The Union Tavern, Pat and Breda regard themselves as seasoned warriors, seasoned and happy ones.

"When we were moving from the Coleherne, I wanted to get a family pub. I'd never heard of The Vauxhall nor had we ever come across drag", continues Breda. "And when I saw the place I wasn't sure which was the worst, the inside or the outside. It was terrible. But some of our regulars in the Coleherne heard that we were thinking of taking it over and gave us a lot of encouragement."

"We do eight drag spots in The Vauxhall. And certainly the standard has risen drastically over the years. I'd like to think the audience there had a lot to do with this. They say in the business if you go down well at the Vauxhall, you'll go down well anywhere. We've got a very critical crowd but they appreciate talent, so if you're good and they like you, you'll do OK for yourself."

Difficult

The atmosphere at The Vauxhall contrasts greatly with the other pub they manage, The Union Tavern. They've run it for a year now but neither of them think the atmosphere is right yet. "It's a large place", says Pat. "Difficult to put the correct feeling into it. But it's getting there. The crowd is mixed, gays and straights, but everybody is friendly with each other." However, you can see that home for both of them is the Vauxhall. So much so that they've finally decided to move from Mortlake, where they presently live, to rooms above the Vauxhall. "The area around the pub can be very bleak, very lonely and the pub is deserted during the day", says Breda. "Seven people walking through the door in a morning is a miracle but at night the place comes alive. The atmosphere is wonderful."

I love it."

Although their years working in gay pubs are held together by funny occurrences, both of them still recall the sadder moments that have taken place — the loneliness of some of the customers that have visited them over the years, the stories they hear about personal tragedies, about fear. Depression, says Breda, is something that confronts you over the bartop daily. "I suppose it's the same everywhere but here you notice it more. Perhaps you're used to seeing a couple call in together all the time and then one day there's only one. They've separated or somebody has died. When they start talking you can feel the hurt."

Suicides

"One barman in The Coleherne slit his wrists, another committed suicide. Some we knew took overdoses. It's the loneliness you see, the isolation... One lad came to Earl's Court, from the north, but you could see he was unhappy. He was an only child. A grand lad but terribly lonely", Breda pauses here and considers for a moment, she searches her memory for a face, a name, that will make him more than a story. "We could see him slipping as the weeks went past. He began to go to seedy places, and all the time there was that look of loneliness about him... Eventually we heard he took an overdose."

Despite events like this the business must go on. The Union still has to be worked on, and now, with the Vauxhall about to get its 2 o'clock licence, both of them have a full-time schedule ahead. "It's hard work. Booking acts, running the pub, overseeing auditions for the drag, doing the accounts. But we love it that way."

"In a few years, I think we'd like to buy a free house somewhere... in the country perhaps, and settle down quietly. Then we can relax a little."

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BREDA

Pat and Breda at home



APART from an AIDS case linked to a blood transfusion from a British donor, the event most likely to renew the media scare we saw last year is the appearance of studies showing the extent to which British gay men, and others, *without symptoms of disease*, have been exposed to the virus known as LAV or "HTLV 3".

Media reports are likely to suggest, falsely, that thousands of British people have a "killer disease". So what can be done against such publicity?

There is no question of suppressing information: even uncomfortable knowledge is better than ignorance. If it is the case, as seem likely, that between 15 and 20% of gay men attending Central London STD clinics now have antibodies to LAV, that information needs to get across. Some though probably not all of those people may be carrying the virus. But we also need to get over a more difficult message: that if the virus is as widespread as now appears, then it is not nearly as dangerous as the mortality rates for AIDS — the most serious of the illnesses linked to it — might imply. More important still, we need to understand the limitations of the tests now being used, experimentally, by some researchers in London.

For an individual gay man who does not have symptoms of AIDS or other LAV-related diseases, and

MELDRUM ON AIDS

Don't get the wrong idea

By Julian Meldrum

who has not knowingly been exposed to LAV, there is nothing to be gained from the present tests for LAV exposure. For now, the tests cannot distinguish between people who are infectious and those free of virus: they can tell you nothing about your future health. The advice on protecting your health, and that of your partners, would be exactly the same whatever the result of the test. You should consider having more sex with fewer people, choosing someone who is healthy and has no more partners than you do, and limiting the range of sexual acts with anyone new so as to reduce possible exposure to infected semen or blood, at least for the first half-dozen times you have sex.

How do we know that the virus is not as dangerous as even *City Limits* and *Gay News* have been

suggesting? The most striking evidence comes, as you might expect, from California.

In 1978, an STD clinic serving gay men in the city of San Francisco put a large number of blood samples into cold storage, as part of a study in hepatitis B. 100 of those samples have now been tested for LAV antibodies, and one was positive. Samples from the same population in 1981, when there were in fact a few AIDS cases in the city (although the condition wasn't recognised until 1981), show that 12 out of 48 — that's 25% — were positive.

This year, the picture is more complicated, because gay men are attending the clinic with LAV-related symptoms, such as swollen lymph-nodes and non-specific illness. In the population at the clinic, 65% are antibody-positive (140 out of 215), but when men with symptoms are excluded, this falls to 55% (69 out of 126).

How does this pattern of virus exposure relate to AIDS? The increase, doubling every six months from 1978 to 1981, then slowing as most of those at highest risk are exposed, is parallel to the rise in AIDS. AIDS doubled every six months from 1980 to the first part of 1984. The delay of two years fits the average incubation period seen in transfusion related cases.

But what cannot be said too strongly is that most of these people do not have AIDS and are unlikely to

get it. The same applies with equal force to the regular partners of people with AIDS, the "risk-group" donors identified in blood-transfusion cases, and most of the people with the lymph-node syndrome, many of whom have now been followed for four years or longer.

Back to the question: what is to be done about the media?

As it happens, something has been done. The National Union of Journalists' Equality Council has issued a leaflet setting out guidelines on the reporting of AIDS, which directly addresses this issue. The leaflet, which is part of the NUJ's development of policy on lesbian and gay civil rights, says bluntly that journalists should not inflate the scale of the problem. It warns that as soon as the virus becomes "visible", exaggeration is threatened, based on two false or at least questionable assumptions. The first assumption is that any sample of gay men, drug users, or others, is representative of all of them, and the second is that all who show evidence of viral exposure are due to develop AIDS.

The NUJ leaflet, which goes on to make positive suggestions for better coverage, is available for an SAE from the AIDS Action Group, which helped to get it together. The address to write to is: AIDS Action Group, BM Box 6355, London WC1N 3XX.

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Daily
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Marylebone, NW8 (tube: Marylebone) directed by Kim Dambach. Adm £2.50 (£1.50 concessions) 7.30pm.
'KISS of the Spiderwoman' by Manuel Puig. From August 30th at The George, Liverpool Road, N1 (tube: Angel) with Eric Presland and Neil Stewart, directed by James Patrick. Adm £2 (£1 concessions) Aug 30th-Sept 2nd, and 6th-9th 8.15pm

Friday August 24th
BRUCE WEBER exhibition last day. 'Photographs of Athletes' at the Olympus Gallery, 24 Princes Street, London, W1 11am-6.30pm

WHAT'S ON

GAY BLACK Group meets weekly at Gay's The Word Bookshop, 66 Marchmont Street, WC1 (tube: Russell Square) 7.30pm
YOUNG PEOPLE'S Group meets weekly at London Friend, 274 Upper Street, N1 (tube: Highbury & Islington) 7.30-10pm
MUTATIONS Disco at The Bell, 259 Pentonville Road, N1 (tube: King's Cross) 8.30-1am
TICKLES DISCO at the Riverside Club, Hertford Town Football Club off West Street, Hertford. Adm £1.80 8.30pm-midnight
MARSHA RAVEN at the Euston Tavern, 73 Euston Road, N1 (tube: King's Cross) 9-midnight
SPREAD EAGLE Leather/Motorcycle Group meets at The Vice, Union Tavern, 146 Camberwell New Road, SE5 (tube: Oval) 9.30pm

Saturday August 25th
SEXUALITY in Social Work — support and campaign group for lesbians and gay men in the social work 'industries' — meets at 4 Caversham Road, NW5. Details, Anthony ☎ 263 4601 2-4pm
BEARDS MEETING Beards, upstairs bar, King's Arms, Poland Street, W1 8-11pm
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Monday August 27th
GEMMA, for lesbians with or without disabilities, stall at 'All Nations Food, Festivities and Fun', Lloyd's Park Theatre Complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17. Outdoor tarred area, w-chair toilet, parking in Carr Road noon-10pm
HYDE PARK Gays at Speakers Corner for meeting (2.30pm) and then picnic (5pm — bring food and drink) 2.30pm
GOC swimming at the Oasis Pool, Holborn, WC1. Then on to local restaurant at 7pm. Details Rob ☎ 368 9863 6pm
SOUTH LONDON Gay Young People's Group mixed meeting. Details ☎ 697 7435 7-10pm
YOUNG LONDON Group social meeting (under 30) at the Community Centre, Cromer Street, WC1 (tube: King's Cross) 7.30-10pm

YOUNG LESBIAN social group (16-21) meets weekly. Details from ☎ 01-263 5932 during meeting hours 7.30-10.30pm
MARKET LEATHER'S Cowboys and Indians night at the Market Tavern, Market Towers, 1 Nine Elms Lane, SW8 (tube: Vauxhall) guest £1, members free 8pm-late
SHIP & WHALE Wet Jockey Shorts Contest (first prize £15), 2 Gulliver Street, SE16
HARROW GAY Unity Disco, at Harrow Leisure Centre club room, Christchurch Avenue, Wealdstone. (BR station Harrow & Wealdstone). Own bar. Full w-chair access 8.30pm
OPPENHEIMER ANALYSIS and Richard Pantlin at The Out House, The Bell, 259 Pentonville Road, N1 (tube: King's Cross) £2 (£1 with UB40). First performance 9pm 8.30pm-midnight

Thursday August 30th
FIRST NIGHT of Mark Bunyan's new play 'Homes and Gardens' (see

'Daily' for details) 7.30pm
FRIEND Women's Group meets at 274 Upper St, Islington, N1 (tube: Highbury/Islington) 7.30pm
LESBIAN Drama Workshop, games, improvisations. No previous theatre experience necessary. Cromer St Women's Centre, 90 Cromer St, WC1 (tube: King's Cross) 8pm
GAY TRANSPORT Workers meet socially at the Laurel Tree, Bayham Street, NW1 (tube: Camden Town) every week 8pm-late
EAST LONDON Gay Community coffee evening at David's, South Woodford. W-chair access. Details, ☎ 530 2049 8pm
FIRST NIGHT of Eric Presland's new play 'Kiss of the Spiderwoman' (see 'Daily' for details) 8.15pm
FORTIES NIGHT at WAGS (Wimbledon Area Gay Society) upstairs at The Prince of Wales, Broadway, SW19 (opposite Wimbledon tube/BR) 8.15pm

Friday August 31st
TILL September 2nd, Second Annual Conference of the Young Gay Christian Group, Muswell Hill. Registration (£7) from GCM, BM-6914, London WC1N 3XX
GAY CHESS Group meets at London Friend, 274 Upper Street, N1 (tube: Highbury & Islington) 7.30pm



Edward Carpenter - see Sept 7th

Sunday August 26th
HALL-CARPENTER Archive work session. Volunteers to help organise the papers. Room 8, 2nd floor, Panther House (East Block), 38 Mount Pleasant, WC1 (tube: King's Cross) 2-6pm
PINK SINGERS practice/meeting. Details, Robert ☎ 850 0913 or Ron 881 0076 2.30-9pm
SPEAKERS Corner: Hyde Park Gays and Sapphics on their soap box (tube: Marble Arch). Details, Sharley MacLean ☎ 01-422 6498 3pm
ALCOHOLICS Anonymous Gay Group meets every Sunday in the crypt of St Botolph's, Aldgate, EC3 (tube: Aldgate) Call ☎ 834 8202 if you have a drinking problem

YOUNG Gay Women and Men meets in Bow. Tea and coffee provided. Men and women under 26 welcome. Details ☎ 591 2826 (Tuesdays 7-10pm) 6-9pm
METROPOLITAN Community Church of London service at 2a Sistova Rd, Balham, SW12 (tube: Balham) 6.50pm
METROPOLITAN Community Church of N. London service at the Marchmont Street Centre, Marchmont Street, WC1 (tube: Russell Square). W-chair access. Details, Hong Tan ☎ 01-435 7507 7pm

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TV/TS Group meets weekly at 274 Upper St, Islington, N1 (tube: Highbury/Islington) 8-11pm

MOVEMENTS at The Bell, 259 Pentonville Road, N1 (tube: King's Cross) 8.30-11.30pm

MOTOWN PARTY NIGHT at Heaven, Under The Arches, Villiers Street, WC2 (tube: Charing Cross)

BRIGHTON: Benefit Raffle for Brighton Gay Switchboard at Brighton Bolts, The Pink Coconut, West Street, Brighton

Tuesday August 28th

SOUTH LONDON Gay Young People's Group women's meeting. Details ☎ 697 7435 during meeting times 7-10pm

WICCA WOMEN social meeting upstairs, The Chepstow, Chepstow Place, W2 (tube: Notting Hill Gate) Adm 50p 7.30pm

ISLINGTON & Haringey Gay Group social evening. Upstairs, Hemingford Arms, corner of Offord Rd and Hemingford Rd, N1. Details, Phil ☎ 254 4459 or Savi ☎ 254 1036 8.30pm

CONSERVATIVE Group for Homosexual Equality pub night at The Pig & Whistle, corner of Little Chester Street and Wilton Mews, (tube: Victoria). Details, Derek ☎ 505 1142 or Robert, ☎ 603 8424 8.30pm

MSC LONDON meets in the first floor bar, Ship & Shovel, Craven Passage off Craven St, WC2 (tube: Charing Cross) Leather & denim dress code 8.30pm

BISEXUAL Group meets at Heaven, The Arches, off Villiers St, WC2 8.30pm

Wednesday August 29th

MARRIED Bisexuals/Gays Group lunchtime meeting at The Bell, 259 Pentonville Rd, N1 (tube: King's Cross) 12.30-2.30pm

LESBIAN Discussion Group, Gay's The Word, 66 Marchmont St, WC1 (tube: Russell Sq) Entry free, coffee 35p. Lavatory not w-chair access. Details, Amanda ☎ 01-278 7654 7.30-9pm

SOUTH WEST London Gay Youth Group visit to Spats. Details, Ned or Andy ☎ 228 7136 during office hours

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous Gay Group meets every Wednesday next to Response Bookshop, 300 Old Brompton Road, SW5 opposite the cemetery. ☎ 834 8202 if you have a drinking problem. 8pm

STREATHAM Area Gay Group meets at Streatham Manor Hall, Station Approach (behind Streatham BR station). Access one step, no w-chair loo. Details, Ian ☎ 672 0316 or Rosalind ☎ 654 4867 8pm

MARKET Leather Club meeting, back bar, Market Tavern, Market Towers, 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall (tube: Vauxhall) 8.30-11pm

Thursday August 30th

WINDSOR/MAIDENHEAD CHE coffee evening at Alf's, 37 Warrington Avenue, Slough. Details, David & Simon ☎ Maidenhead 31216 8pm

EAST LONDON Gay Community coffee evening at Martin and Philip's, Stratford. W-chair access. Details, ☎ 555 9977 8pm

SWIMMING with Gay Outdoor Club — private pool hire, the Oasis, High Holborn, WC1. All gays welcome. Details, Rob ☎ 368 9863 8.05pm

WAGS (Wimbledon Area Gay Society) social upstairs at The Prince of Wales, Broadway, SW19 (opposite Wimbledon tube/BR). Bring food. 8.15pm

Saturday September 1st

'ORGANISING Lesbian and Gay Youth Groups'. One-day event at the Endeavour Project, 722 Holloway Road, N19 (tube: Holloway Road). £1 (50p unwaged) Details, Rosin Cassidy ☎ 272 4000 (Tollington Park Youth Centre) 10am-5.15pm

DE ROZE RIMPEL, the group for mature gay women and men, meets in the Unitarian Hall, Palace Gardens Terrace, W8 (tube: Notting Hill Gate). W-chair access. All welcome 7.30pm

ALL WOMEN Hampton Wick Disco at the Rose & Crown, 61 High Street, Hampton Wick, Kingston-upon-Thames. Private bar, own entrance. Waged £1.50, unwaged 75p 8pm-midnight

'NEW DEPRESSION Dance', Hope and Anchor, Upper Street, N1 (tube: Highbury & Islington) 8pm

HASTINGS: St Clements Caves disco. (Advance booking only. Cheques for £1.75 a ticket to '1066 CCO' and sent to The Social Secretary, 1066 GCO, 48 Cambridge Gardens, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1EN, enclosing SAE) 8pm-midnight

Sunday September 2nd

ISLINGTON & Haringey Gay Group picnic in Finsbury Park if dry (tea-party if wet). 150 yards south of the lake. Details, Phil ☎ 254 4459 or Savi ☎ 254 1036 2.30pm

EAST LONDON Drop-in at The Whole Thing, 53 West Ham Lane, E15. One step, level inside, toilet not w-chair access 3-6pm

MARKET TAVERN First Birthday Party, Market Tavern, 1 Nine Elms Lane, SW8 (tube: Vauxhall) 8pm-late

Monday September 3rd

HARROW GAY Unity: Know who your friends are? at Harrow Leisure Centre club room, Christchurch Avenue, Wealdstone (BR Harrow & Wealdstone) Own bar. Free admission to Centre by asking for HGU meeting in the club rooms, charge for meeting. Full w-chair access 8.30pm

HI-JINX and Michael Blake at The Out House, The Bell, 259 Pentonville Road, N1 (tube: King's Cross) £2 (£1 with UB40). First performance 9pm 8.30pm-midnight

Tuesday September 4th

WICCA WOMEN In House: 'Whither Wicca? Evolution or Dissolution?' Upstairs, The Chepstow, Chepstow Place, W2 (tube: Notting Hill Gate) Adm 50p 7.30pm

ISLINGTON & Haringey Gay Group discussion evening on sexism. Upstairs, Hemingford Arms, corner of Offord Rd and Hemingford Rd, N1. Details, Phil ☎ 254 4459 or Savi ☎ 254 1036 8.30pm



Tom Robinson is at the Dominion Tottenham Ct Rd, Sept 21-22

JEWISH GAY Group social, upstairs bar, the King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1 (tube: Oxford Circus) 9pm

Wednesday September 5th

TURNING POINT — for gay men with little or no contact with others — meeting twice monthly at London Friend, 274 Upper Street, London N1 (tube: Highbury & Islington) 7.30pm

SOUTH WEST London Gay Youth Group cinema visit. Details, Ned or Andy ☎ 228 7136 during office hours

LESBIAN & GAY Men's Rights in Greenwich monthly informal meeting at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18. Details (men) Paddy ☎ 854 8888 ext 2055 and (women) Kate ☎ 317 8984 8pm

Thursday September 6th

SWIMMING at Highgate Ponds with Gay Outdoor Club 6.30-7.30pm

QUEST (Gay Catholics group) meets at the Church of St Anselm & St Cecilia, Kingsway, WC2 8pm

WINDSOR/MAIDENHEAD CHE coffee evening at David & Simon's, 6 Suffolk Court, Vicarage Road, Maidenhead. Details, ☎ Maidenhead 31216 8pm

Friday September 7th

EDWARD CARPENTER Anniversary Meeting in Gregory Hall, Meckleburgh Sq (entrance off footpath towards Brunswick Sq) with speakers Fenner Brockway, Dora Russell, and Sheila Rowbotham, and dramatised readings by Gay Sweatshop 7pm

BROTHERS & SISTERS Club for deaf gays meets upstairs at the Westminster Arms, Storey's Gate, SW1 (tube: St James's) 8pm

GOGOL (Gay Oxbridge Graduates of London) meeting. Details, Robert ☎ 262 6308, or write to James Farmer, 1 Pelham House, 14 Grove Park, Camberwell, SE5 8LP 8pm

Saturday September 8th OLDER Lesbian Network meets at Coopers Lane Tenants Hall; behind St Pancras station, NW1 (tube: King's Cross) Ramp to hall; w-chair

toilet, parking nearby. Bring food to share. 11am

Sunday September 9th

LONDON COUNTRYWAY walk with the Gay Outdoor Club. High Wycombe to Great Missenden. Meet at High Wycombe station at 11.35am (10.45 train from Marylebone)

MINOR PROBLEMS open editorial collective meeting, 121 Bookshop, Railton Road (tube: Brixton). One small step 3pm

Monday September 10th

HARROW GAY Unity video evening at Harrow Leisure Centre club room, Christchurch Avenue, Wealdstone (BR: Harrow & Wealdstone) Own bar. Free admission to Centre by asking for HGU meeting in the club rooms, charge for meeting. Full w-chair access 8.30pm

Tuesday September 11th

BOB WILLIAMS and Sarah Tanburn discuss progress with Haringey Council over lesbian and gay rights, and the future of the campaign. Islington & Haringey Gay Group meeting. Upstairs, Hemingford Arms, corner of Offord Rd and Hemingford Rd, N1. Details, Phil ☎ 254 4459 or Savi ☎ 254 1036 8.30pm

Wednesday September 11th

GAY OUTDOOR CLUB midweek stroll around Kensington. Meet at High Street Kensington 6.30pm

STREATHAM Area Gay Group meets at Streatham Manor Hall, Station Approach (behind Streatham BR station). Access one step, no w-chair loo. Details, Ian ☎ 672 0316 or Rosalind ☎ 654 4867 8pm

SOUTH WEST London Gay Youth Group meet in Battersea. Details, Ned or Andy ☎ 228 7136 during office hours 8pm

Thursday September 13th

WINDSOR/MAIDENHEAD CHE coffee evening at Alan & Nick's, 16 Salmon Close, Spencers Wood, nr Reading. Details, David & Simon, ☎ Maidenhead 31216 8pm

SWIMMING with Gay Outdoor Club — private pool hire, the Oasis, High Holborn, WC1. All gays welcome. Details, Rob ☎ 368 9863 8.05pm

Friday September 14th

GAY HUMANIST Group annual general meeting in the library, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square; WC1 (tube: Holborn) 7.30pm

Saturday September 15th

'NEW DEPRESSION Dance', Hope & Anchor, Upper Street, N1 (tube: Highbury & Islington) 8pm

Sunday September 16th

GAY OUTDOOR CLUB cycling. Meet at Royston station at 10.30am. Detail from Mike ☎ 854 8392

LONDON LESBIAN and Gay Centre meeting for lesbians at A Woman's Place, Hungerford House, Victoria Embankment (tube: Embankment) Disabled access at back of building 3pm

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Of course I'm proud of the fact that without grants or state-aided training, with nil support and in the face of extreme disapproval, ordinary dykes and faggots have set up a network of hundreds of switchboards, social groups, newsletters and political organisations. I'm less than happy that what most of those facilities are doing is catering to a client state.

Every week, hundreds and hundreds of women and men ask someone else, just like themselves, a range of quite amazing things: "I don't want to go to a club, can't you send someone nice round to see me?"; "How can I stop my boyfriend touching me up?"; "Why haven't you told the police to stop harassing us?"; "Why do we have to pay?"; "Why do we have to pay?". Partly this is the cult of the expert. Gay people, more than most, suffer oppression — in particular growing up with the belief that we need treatment — a priest, a doctor, a psychiatrist, a good screw, a good hiding, a hole in the head — just for being who we are. It's a tough legacy to shake off.

Most of us can learn to value ourselves in heterosexual terms; we're happy to work 45 hours a week helping our firm to sell more plastic cheese-graters, confident enough to complain to the gas board, happy to talk about and spend money on food, clothes, music, holidays. But when it comes to our gayness, we remain deeply self-oppressed. We don't value ourselves enough to take three hours off work to sort out a personal problem, don't trust our own feelings enough to take a decision, don't dare confront anyone's disapproval on our own. We need an "expert" to give us permission to fantasize, to say what we want; we demand an expert who will wave a magic wand and make everything all right.

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needing gay people as props and substitute parents, a lot of us still hang on to that habit of undervaluing gay things. So many of us are so happy to spend lots of money at straight-run venues: is it because we're grateful to them for letting us use the place? What about the people who get really angry when someone they know is gay won't go to bed with them? Is it the sense that if you're "that way" you ought to be thankful for anything you can get? When people demand that gay organizations lay on something for nothing — sex, entertainment, liberation on a plate — what they're actually saying is "Gays aren't worth it." And for that read "I'm not worth it".

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5. (3) **WHATEVER I DO, WHEREVER I GO**. Hazell Dean. UK 12"
6. (6) **BLACK LEATHER**. Miquel Brown. Acetate
7. (4) **CAUGHT IN THE ACT**. Earlene Bentley. Acetate UK 12"
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PYTHIA READS

YOUR STARS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: It won't be easy to calculate the effects of a major change in your life in advance of its happening. You may have to decide on making the change first and then rely on your quick wits to cope with the consequences. Successful moves depend on the co-operation of people younger than you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) Don't accept restraint voluntarily this week. If people try successfully to set limits on what you may or may not do they'll only be encouraged to do so again. Deliberate rebellion is important.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) To hell with the consequences! If you rely on careful thought and detailed planning you'll find everything — and everyone — pass you by this weekend. Better to stick out that old hitching thumb and take whatever turns up.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) The pressure is off you shortly and you'll be freer to make your arrangements. But there are still one or two small obligations to deal with before you can declare yourself independent.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 20) It's secretiveness that is your worst enemy this weekend. If everything is above board you won't find any difficulty negotiating a compromise. But there's no way of bargaining over the unknown.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Half measures are simply not enough this week. You may not feel confident about making a decisive move, but you must simply trust your instincts and follow them through to their logical conclusion.

CANCER (June 21-July 20) Don't expect miracles, but a change of scene now should be more of a help than a hindrance. Now is not the time to make definite commitments. Your optimism may be affecting your judgment.

LEO (July 21-Aug 21) You may have to think again about the degree

of involvement you are prepared to put into a joint enterprise. Colleagues won't thank you for pulling out, but better throw in your hand now than risk drowning as the ship goes under.

VIRGO (Aug 22-Sept 22) A particular warmth and comfort pervades your personal relationships now and with this comes a greater confidence in friends than you have felt for some time. It is just the answer to your prayers you were looking for.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) Don't discount the advice of wise friends, even though you think they are wide of the mark. You should know by now how often they have turned out right in the past. Tell them your doubts and let them try to convince you.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22) There is more time in a day than you think. It may be tiring to make use of every available minute, but it is the quickest way out of your understandable feeling that you are under pressure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 20) There is a chance of redeeming something before a complete parting of the ways. You know how, but your reluctance to compromise may stop you rescuing anything. Let's face it — you'll be the only one to lose.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21-Jan 19) However much it goes against the grain you must simply leave the outcome of this weekend to chance. There is little you can do to alter events, so prepare yourself to deal patiently with what others toss your way.

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Messages

Happy birthday Betty. Lots of love from Sitges. Jean and Eddie.

Wanted. Home for fifteen week old black kitten. House trained. Ring 01-802 8937 — James.

Hollywood or bust! Drag Ball, Porchester, September 29th. Andrew Palmer or anyone knowing of his whereabouts. Moved to London 8-10 years ago from Canada. David till end of Sept. 0602 412436.

Good-looking athletic photographer 26, seeks similar guys for free photo/video sessions. Treat yourself. 01-431 2149.

Finchley. Open air swimming pool (Squires Lane). You blond, college with friends, me, 27, slim, talked cars. Meet again? Box 58.01.

Enjoy the break boys. You've all deserved it. Have a good time. Love S.

Word Gay's the. Rearrange these words into a well-known phrase or bookshop and then defend it by sending donations to: DGTW, 38 Mount Pleasant, WC1X 0AP.

Joe Kearns. Remember Sheeba, the Diddler, Mad Monica, Bucksot, the knackers on Clonard Hill, the Naller, the Pudden'er, the King Strand, the three nuns. You see I knew all the time. For a talk about old times contact box number 58.200.

Market Place

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Guy late 40's has sound capital looking for business partnership. Residing Central London. Box 58.03.

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Houseshare SW15. Own comfortable room for young, clean guy. £110 p.c.m. 546 3706.

Flatshare, own room in comfortable flat sharing amenities with easy-going young guy. Commuting distance London. Main line Liverpool St. £140 p.c.m. incl. bills. Non-smokers please. Tel: Dave on 0279 414670.

Lively young guy, 20-23, non-smoker, wanted share nice flat, close W. End. £20 p.w. incl. Phone 261 9878 evenings.

NW6 nice new room available for September £35 p.w. incl. Share K&B. Suit teenager or similar. 625 5456 evenings.

Accommodation Wanted

Ealing. Bookish vegetarian male non-smoker, 34, needs quiet bedsit/flatshare/sunny garret. £130 p.c.m. max. Reference available. Box 58.07

Guy, 24, smoker, otherwise tolerable, urgently seeks amicable flat/house share in N. London.

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Employment Offered

Reliable drivers required with own car for cabaret act. Evenings. Phone Steve 229 2510.

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Guy gives relaxing massage
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Very attractive young Filipino
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9754.
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hrs.
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Big Jason, 22, the masculine escort.
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escort, lively. 25. Telephone Shaun
254 1686 before midnight.
Black masculine escort. 23, 515
7715.

Jeremy 231 2502, escort.
Steve, 24 hr service massage offered
by athletic masculine masseur. In/
outcalls. Credit cards accepted. 01-
402 9676 very central.
Doug 631 1185. Good qualified
masseur. Central W1.
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massage to young and old. Fee
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masseur, 20s, athletic, masculine,
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7478.
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01-381 1312/5805.
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yours. Central 722 9040.

Women's
Personal

Feminine gay female, 30, seeks

woman, 30-45, for friendship,
outings and perhaps relationship.
Photo, phone essential. No
biseuxals. London/Surrey area. Box
58.82

Men's Personal

Early 30's, leather
rubber guy, fit, crewcut, seeks other
guys for fun times. Photo/phone.
London area or near. Box 58.15
Appreciative guy, 40, discreet, own
home, seeks young oriental/Indian/
coloured/white guy for fun,
friendship. Photo, phone. ALA.
London/anywhere. Box 58.16
Fun-loving, kind-hearted, gentle, 34
year old, blue-eyed blond would like
to meet 21-25 year olds for happy
times together. Own flat and car.
Phone and photo would be nice.
Thanks ALA. Box 58.17
W. London. Tall, dark, good-
looking guy, 31, seeks genuine
relationship with handsome black
guy, 30-45. Interests people,
astrology, travel. ALA Photo
essential please. Box 58.18
Tall, dark, vaguely handsome young
man, SW6, seeks sparkling young
guy for a full life and loving
relationship. Box 58.19
Wanted. Two young Indian/
Pakistani/Asian/Oriental guys, 21-
30, for sincere, discreet, fun
relationship/lasting friendship, by
two young guys 34/38. Box 58.20
Surrey/South London. Guy, 23,
moustache, seeks similar for fun,
friendship, maybe more. Photo
please. Box 58.21
Tall, slim, fit, fifty, offers caring
friendship/correspondence to slim,
smooth 21-25, any race. Photo,
phone welcome. Avon/elsewhere.
Box 58.22
Guy, 58, offers love, affection and
comfortable home to young,
sincere, slim guy, maybe shy or
seeking independence away from
home. Unemployed no bar. Write
with photo (returnable). You have
all to gain. Surrey, near London.
Box 58.23
North London guy, 30, seeks young
guy for friendship and fun. Interests:
travel, books, film, music, people.
Photo please. ALA Box 58.24
Guildford area. Affectionate, slim,
young friend, any nationality,
sought by slim 43 married guy.
Interest discos, music and hopefully
you. Box 58.38
Surrey. Tall, slim 25, seeks
masculine friends in area. Likes are
music, German, French, working
out, hairy chest. Phone Box 58.39
An invitation to a masculine,
muscular guy, 20-30, from a slim,
hairy, modest, Latin blooded guy.
Blonds most welcome. Photo
please. Box 58.40
Lonely guy in Derby seeks friends for
theatre visits, outings. Hospitality
offered. Ken, 29, William Street,
Derby. DE1 3LT.
Fulham guy, 38, not seeking affair,
just new mates, any race, for
uncomplicated fun. Please send
photo (returnable) and details. Box
58.41
Latin, 27, slim, muscular, active,
would like to meet attractive ballet
dancers, 21-36. Box 58.42
Bearded guy 25 seeks genuine
friendship from you guys out there.
Box 58.43
Belated BA student, 27, 6'1", 12
stone, clean-shaven, ex-working
class, seeks interesting, interested,
intelligent new friends. Likes
Bristow, Ritzy, theatre,
conversation, wit, food. Dislikes
heartiness, stupidity, predators,
soaps. Box 58.44
1957 model, one previous owner,
well maintained, handles well, tired
of short trips, seeks garage. Well, it's
different! Photo please. Box 58.45
Handsome loners, (29, 34), into arts,
talking, weights, fun and genuine
friendship, seek mates 21-28. Photo
please. Box 58.46
London. Slim, dark, tanned 38
wants company or to accompany
guys to theatre, opera, ballet, arts.
Maybe much more. ALA Phone.
Box 58.25
SW19, 26, slim, 8½ stone, 5'10"
would like to meet guys with
muscular figures, 25-34 for fun and
friendship. Box 58.26

Tall, slim, clean-shaven, 28,
attractive, fun-loving, needs similar
friends for excitement. Photo
essential. Muscular and hairy? Box
58.27
Black African aged 33 wants friends
over 30. Must be sincere. Write and
include telephone or address. Box
58.28
Slim guy, 5'8", 9½ stone, 29, seeks
guys 21-30 similar build for friendly
wrestle and grapple. Phone number
helps. Box 58.29
Tall, bearded, leather guy, wears leg
calipers would like to meet
interested or similar guy. Photo
exchanged. Phone number please.
Box 58.30
Non-scene, thoughtful, civilised,
sensitive, 45, arts lecturer, tall,
unspectacular looks and bald! seeks
younger, sensible and honest for
relationship of quality and equality,
eventually share N. London flat.
Box 58.31
London/Essex. Tall, 40s, wants
active friends, any colour. Tel: 0376
517188
London University? Author, ex-
prof., 42, flat near Dillon's. You
under 25, slim-medium, clean
shaven. Visit between classes. Photo
gets mine. Box 58.32
S. London guy, 35, friendly and easy
going seeks strong minded guys, 21-
40, for uncomplicated friendship.
ALA Box 58.33
London guy, attractive, slim, clonish
looking, quiet but good humoured
would appreciate a 30-40ish
masculine, bearded or hairy friend,
unpretentious and dependable,
whose interest in the scene isn't all-
consuming. Box 58.34
London guy, 33, blond, 6ft, own
place, looking for friends 25-35 to
enjoy life. Any nationality. Box
58.35
Young gay guy, 28, unable to find a
really worthwhile and lasting
relationship on the scene, still
believe it's possible to find someone
special. Photo essential. Thanks.
Box 58.36
Young gay guy, 28, slim, very
attractive, seeks the chance to put
everything into settling down with
one special guy. Box 58.37
Guy, 25, south London, seeks similar
with own home with view to
relationship. Photo helps but
unimportant. Box 58.47
NW London, non-scene, caring,
active guy, 40, varied interests, seeks
younger 21-26 for long term
relationship. Photo/phone please.
Box 58.48
Attractive young man, 25, seeks
mature gentleman, must be
interested in wearing uniforms.
Photo appreciated. Box 58.49
London. Mature, straight looking
guy seeks friend for sincere
relationship. Age and colour
unimportant. Box 58.50
Genuine 43, dark 5'10" seeks
friendship with non-scene, well built
man, 35-48. Interests music, food.
Photo please. Box 58.51
Essex guy, 32, tall, dark, moustache,
seeks warm, affectionate, attractive
man, 24-32, for loving relationship.
Photo please — mine returned.
ALA Box 58.52
East London bloke, 28, wants to
weight train with someone in their
own home. I have solarium. Maybe
exchange visits. Box 58.53
London guy, mid forties, wishes to
meet someone to share my life with,
someone like me, genuine, since,
one-to-one affair. Box 58.54
Fit, athletic bloke, 28, into weights,
circuit training, swimming, running,
wants training partner and friend.
Flatshare possible. Box 58.55
I'm 30, handsome, fit and bright, but
very bored with scene. Looking for
attractive, intelligent friends. Photo
appreciated. ALA Box 58.56
London professional, 27, handsome,
moustache, seeks similar guy, 25-35,
for sincere relationship. Finding
scene too much. Photo appreciated.
Box 58.57
London. Seeking one-to-one
relationship. Honest, discreet a
must. (Professional welcome). Mid
40, bearded, active, regret unable to
accommodate. Photo (returned)
ALA Box 58.58
Derek, 28, 5'7", brown hair, eyes,
Leo birthsign, looking for 21-26,
small quiet Aries, Sagittarius for

genuine relationship. Box 58.59
24, short hair, moustache, blue eyes,
into leather, denim, boots and
smoke, seeks leather guy (biker?)
for lasting relationship. ALA with
photo. Box 58.60
Slim, sensitive, gentle, established
33, (non-smoker, clean-shaven).
Interests include transport, wine,
music seeks younger friend with
similar outlook on life. Photo/phone
helps. Box 58.61
Leather and rubber guy, mature,
seeks mate. Tel: 581 4760.
London, 36, tall, moustache, into
white briefs, would like to hear from
similar. Box 58.62
Muscular, attractive, late thirties
guy would like to meet a younger
guy for body building and other
pursuits. Box 58.63
Natural good-looking guy, sincere,
27, 5'9" seeks friends similar up to
27 age group for friendship. Please
include phone number. Box 58.64
Goodlooking West Indian. All I ask
for is a one-to-one relationship with
21-29, handsome male. Trendy,
intelligent, lively, non-promiscuous.
Photo ALA Box 58.65
Black guy, 30s, seeks friends 20-35
for fun together. Any nationality or
colour welcome. Box 58.66
Frustrated by scene — 29, 5'7", slim
build, friendly, sane, solvent and
intelligent needs tall, slim, active
friend for fun relationship. Box
58.67
East London, 25, seeks others
wearing boxer shorts. Box 58.68
London guy, 28, blond, good-looking
wants to meet guys 21-30 for
friendship and fun. Box 58.69
Brighton skinhead, 26, seeks skins
for fun. Likes Levis, DMs,
photography, especially skin videos.
Photo please, 21-28. ALA
guaranteed. Box 58.70
Slim, 26, fair hair, occasional visitor
to London seeks couples/singles for
fun and friendship. Photo essential.
Box 58.71

Tall, slim, 28, seeks short, fat guys
for fun and friendship. Age
immaterial. Box 58.72
Attractive young-looking 29 year old
seeks muscular white/black guys
into leather etc. Photo gets reply.
Box 58.73
Guy 48 would like to meet slim 30/35
for a gentle friendship. Any race.
Box 58.74
Two good-looking guys, 30s, north
London, wish to meet good-looking
black guys for friendship. Varied
interests. Box 58.75
Brussels. Lonely Londoner, 40, to
correspond with sensible guys for
sincere friendship and reciprocal
visits. Box 58.76
London, attractive guy, 34, 5'11",
into leather, uniforms,
photography, large collection of
gear, seeks slim, clean-shaven
mates, 21-35. Photo please. Box
58.77

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Shortlist

THIS is a useful list of the phone numbers of a dozen
organisations which can provide help and information
for lesbians and gay men in London. You might like to
cut it out and keep it.

London Gay Switchboard 24 hour advice & information	837 7324
Lesbian Line Tues-Thurs 7-10pm; Mon & Fri 2-10pm; Women Only	251 6911
Gay Icebreakers Helpline run by socialist gay men; 7.30-10.30 (except Sun)	274 9590
London Friend Counselling and befriending 7.30-10pm	359 7371
Transvestite/Transsexual Group Advice for TS/TVs, 8-10pm Fri-Sat	359 4868
Gay Legal Advice (GLAD) 7pm-10pm daily	821 7672
Gay London Police Monitoring Group (GALOP) Trouble with the police?	278 6215
Piccadilly Advice Centre Info for young newcomers to London & the homeless	930 0066
Terrence Higgins Trust Advice & info on AIDS, 8-10pm Mon-Fri	278 8745
London Lesbian & Gay Centre Open later this year	359 7372
Campaign For Homosexual Equality (CHE) Political campaigning organisation	359 3973
National Council For Civil Liberties (NCCL) Office hours	403 3888

CRUISING

158: The Outhouse

I WAS until recently a member of Consenting Adults In Public, one of the two groups organising this cabaret venue, and still share a house with some of the other members, which means that at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning, after the Outhouse is over, I regularly find myself roped in to help hump lights and mixer up the stairs and into the box room for storage.

It was because of this personal connection that I found myself in The Bell last Monday before opening time, helping with the set-up. The Bell, at King's Cross, serves as London's main 'alternative' disco venue. It's a large L-shaped room in standard brewery-red design. It has a small sprung wood dance floor, and a stage, but no other equipment of its own. So on Mondays, Nightworkers bring in an array of speakers and endless boxes of records, while Consenting Adults contribute stage lighting and the sound system.

After three years of doing a roaring gay trade, 'The Bell' is beginning to look frayed at the edges. The decor, red everywhere, with a 'bell' motif in pictures and lampshades, needs replacing. The walls show bare where people have stuck posters up with sellotape, and the carpet is getting worn. Given the takings over this period, the brewery should be able to afford a facelift, and I hope that they manage to create more of a 'gay' ambience. We still feel like visitors to a straight pub.

The doors open at 8.30 officially. At 8.15 there was still an air of controlled panic. I was adjusting lights; other CAs were hurriedly fixing cables down with silver tape. DJ Gill Aitken was busy writing out her playlist. Someone has rushed off to get some headphones and a microphone they'd forgotten. Fi Craig was wrestling with a recalcitrant mixer; Don Tyler was quickly writing out some posters for the door. People were getting impatient to move the pool table, at the back, into a corner; but a sunburnt het quartet were still playing on it — friends of the new landlord, Kevin, I imagine, as the doors were still locked. There's still a slight strain between pub management and the gay organisers.

Nevertheless, the doors opened on time, and the disco started on cue. At first, people were content to stand around and chat, waiting for

Checklist

The Bell, 259, Pentonville Road, N1.

Monday, 8.30-12pm.

Admission: £2/£1 cones (inc. free kebab)

Prices: Bitter 76p; lager 90p; spirits 64p; mixers 31p; fruit juice 36p

Tube/BR: King's Cross. Buses: 14, 18, 30, 45, 46, 63, 73, 77a, 172, 188, 214, 221, 259, 263.

Loos: Clean, H and C, soap, dryer, locks, paper, plus disabled toilet.

Access: One small step.

the cabaret to start. (Only these days we don't call it cabaret, the vogue word is 'variety'.) Usually there are two or three acts in an evening, but I'd struck unlucky in that Carol Uszkurat had cancelled at the last minute, leaving only Polly Morphous and the Perverts. Announcing this from the stage, Rose Collis, who organises the programme, was obviously miffed: "She said — and I quote — 'Something's cropped up, but it doesn't matter cos I haven't signed the contract, have I?'" Cognoscenti muttered darkly that Carol hadn't been on form recently anyway. The Gay Movement is good at instantly closing its ranks against someone who displeases it. It's the first time out of fifteen groups that such a thing has happened. (The programme mixes new performers with well-known names such as Ova and Mark Bunyan.)

The crowd pulled up pub armchairs and stools informally for Polly Morphous and the Perverts, who turned out to be songwriter/synth-player Gary Hampson and two friends, Barry and Chris. They did a mixture of parodies, standards, monologues, and original material, to uneven effect. In the opening S/M section, the old Fred Astaire number, "Heaven, I'm in Heaven..." got a new twist:

"And the cares that hung around the whole week through

Seem to vanish like a bout of NSU..."



This section didn't go down with the SMers in the audience. Afterwards Fi, also involved with SM Dykes, told me: "I'm fed up with people giving S/M a bad name, especially if they don't know anything about it." Indeed the humour seemed to derive mainly from the assumption that all the audience and performers were 'right on', and could therefore laugh easily and automatically at people assumed to be 'right off'; little came from accurate observation or real wit. On the other hand, the close-harmony singing was beautifully full; and 'Song for David Martin' (who, you may remember, was found hanged in his cell), was powerful, angry and to the point about the treatment of gays in prison, an authentic gem.

Hiatus

After the performance, there was a hiatus as the audience adjusted itself from listening to dancing mood. But within half an hour the floor was full. The music ranged from 50s rock classics to *Relax*; the one thing you'll hear little of at The Bell is High Energy. The mixing was occasionally a bit lumpy.

At one point DJ Peter Thomas (Gill had fallen ill) made an announcement: The Outhouse is for lesbians and gay men only. We don't want any straights here. If you enjoy the music and the acts, fine, but please go somewhere else." He then played the assertive 'I am what I am'. The dancers cheered. After seeing the two offenders to the door, Don Tyler commented: "We have to fight for our space, theirs comes automatically."

Attendances have been variable, depending on the acts and patchy publicity. There's also competition

from The Fringe. The night I went there were about 80 people, familiar faces from marches, Gay's The Word, the Asylum. It's a mainly young crowd, very informal. You feel you can sit on the floor if you want to and nobody'll bat an eyelid. It's also notable in that numbers of lesbians and gay men are roughly equal.

Rather different

I talked to two gay women, Linda and Beverly. They were rather different from the main crowd, gay women with no political involvements who hadn't been out much further than The Alternative, the women's pub in Shoreditch. "It's the first time I've been," said Beverly. "It's different from other places. There's a lot more men, but I don't feel threatened. I feel welcome. They aren't aggressive at all. There's not many places like that. I find it a weird choice of music, but OK, you've got to cater to every taste."

Linda liked the music very much. "At first I found it difficult to get into, because it's very different to what I'm used to," she told me. "I feel you could come on your own here, and you'd be OK, people would talk to you. There's not any places you can say that for." She compared the bar prices favourably with the Alternative. "The drinks are cheap. Gay places are usually out to rip you off."

Indeed the prices have come down a great deal. The new landlord, Kevin, has made it one of the cheapest gay pubs in London. He does have a tendency to call time early, though; this night, the bell for last orders went at 11.30, though the pub is licensed till midnight.

Original

Nightworkers helped to clear the pub quickly with an impromptu rendition, falsetto, of 'Climb Every Mountain' from 'The Sound of Music'.

The Outhouse, though, is well worth supporting if you're at all interested in original live lesbian/gay performance. The standard may be variable, but when it's good, it's very, very good. And artists need somewhere to try out new material, experiment, and improve. You may well see stars in the making — the current 'hot tip' is Carol Nelson and Jan Ponsford; after all, this time last year Bronski Beat were a raw and unknown 'alternative' band making their debut in September in the Pink.

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To head Division with responsibility for developing new approaches and work programmes for the Division. A working knowledge of management practices in a large organisation and experience of report writing, finance and statistics is required.

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Head of Judicial Services

To head section responsible for Magistrates Courts, Probation and Coroners Services in outer London. High level of managerial skills required together with ability to maintain good staff relations.

Salary: £15,834-£17,598. Ref: D596

Equal Opportunities Adviser

To provide assistance on Equal Opportunity issues including negotiations with Unions. Must have experience of implementing a comprehensive programme for employees in a large organisation.

Salary: £19,374-£20,886. Ref: PS623

Equal Opportunities Officer

Working in a team to develop courses and other projects, primarily in relation to ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men, arising from the GLC's Equal Opportunities Policy. An understanding of equal opportunities in employment as it affects the above groups is essential.

Salary: £12,444-£14,076. Ref: PE614

Liaison and Outreach Officer

To work on opening employment opportunities, career counselling, advice and support in relation to people with disabilities and ex-offenders. Must evidence a commitment to, and some understanding of the GLC's Equal Opportunities Policies as they affect the above groups.

Salary: £12,444-£14,076. Ref: PE616

Mobile Creche Workers

To assist in development and running of mobile creche project. Must have relevant child care qualification, experience of working with children of widely varying ages and a current driving licence.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: PE613

Liaison and Outreach Worker

To help open up opportunities for employment within the GLC for people with disabilities and ex-offenders. Must have good organisation and communication skills and show an understanding of the Council's Equal Opportunities Programme.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: PE615

Co-ordinating Team Assistant

To provide support to the team which is concerned with implementing the GLC's Equal Opportunities Policies. Must be numerate and have good organisation and communication skills.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: PE617

Community Outreach Workers

Brixton Recreation Centre. To improve and enhance the community's awareness of the Centre's facilities and maximise the use of these facilities. Requires a wide knowledge of sport and community recreation, and experience of coaching several sports.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: R573

Outreach Special Projects Worker

Roundhouse Arts Centre, NW1. To initiate and develop an 'Arts in Education' programme and to implement this programme. Requires proven experience of managing educational or artistic projects within the black community and good communication skills.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: R583

Group Auditors

Required to control and lead regular audits, review projects and special investigations and to ensure that sound technical standards are met.

Salary: £12,444-£14,076. Ref: FN643

Superannuation Team Leader

To administer the superannuation arrangements on behalf of the Council's staff including ILEA and many other bodies who contribute to the staff's fund. Requires detailed knowledge of Local Government superannuation schemes and good communication skills.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: PE627

Finance Officer

To control a budget centre and lead a small accounting team concerned with Magistrates' Courts, Probation and Coroners Services. Accounting experience or qualifications and good communication skills required.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: D502

Finance Assistant

To process and account for income received. Duties include preparing monthly annual statistics and dealing with queries. Must be numerate and able to work to deadlines without close supervision.

Salary: From £6,519. Ref: A606

Monitoring Officer

To set up and maintain monitoring systems covering financial, staffing and works provision for Magistrates' Courts, Probation and Coroners' Services. Requires good organisational skills and ability to work as part of a team.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: D501

Senior Central Support Assistant

To develop central monitoring control systems and provide assistance to the sections within the Division. High standard of numeracy and knowledge of computing systems required.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: PE630

Assistant Training Officer

To assist with the full range of training and career development work in the Personnel and Medical Departments. Good liaison, organisation and communication skills required.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: PE633

Pay and Conditions Assistant

To deal with pay and conditions of work for operative and APTC staff in the Department. Some recent experience in a related personnel area is essential as is the ability to organise a heavy workload and meet deadlines.

Salary: £5,519-£7,707. Ref: PE625

Press and Publicity Officer

Roundhouse Arts Centre, NW1. To establish a Press Office at the Roundhouse and to be responsible for all publicity matters related to the Centre. Requires proven experience of dealing with the media and knowledge of the Arts.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: R584

Courtkeeping Liaison Officer

To supervise about 240 staff employed in caretaking, cleaning and security at Magistrates' Courts/Houses. Will be required to travel throughout the GLC area. Must have current clean driving licence and ability to work on own initiative.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: D503

Accommodation Executive

To be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Brigade's stock of residential accommodation. Good interpersonal and communication skills essential.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: FB577

Assistant Committee Clerks

— **Education Sub-Committee.** To assist the clerk to the Education Committee. Applicants must be able to work under pressure and to work to deadlines.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: D455

— **Schools Sub-Committee.** To act as Assistant Clerk to the ILEA's Schools Sub-Committee. Requires good communication skills, good organisational ability and a knowledge of committee procedures.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: D456

Committee Clerk

Fixed term contract. Duties include preparation of agenda papers, decision sheets, minutes, dealing with queries, etc. for the ILEA Finance Sub-Committee and the Tribunals of Inquiry into Teachers' Disciplinary Matters.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: D622

Housing Advisers

Craven Park Road, NW10. To advise elderly clients on housing options and give guidance on dealing with agencies. Requires interviewing and negotiating skills and ability to work under pressure without supervision.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: H459

Deputy Estates Manager

Whitechapel, E1. To co-ordinate the activities and monitor the performance of estate teams. Requires knowledge of estate management and relevant legislation with good communication skills.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: H560

Estate Officer

To be the contact for tenants in N. and N.W. London with enquiries about repairs, rent, transfers, etc. Must have good interpersonal skills, be numerate and be sensitive to tenants' needs.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: H460

Supervisor of Estate Attendants

Thamesmead, SE2. To supervise 30 staff to ensure that all common areas of the Thamesmead Development are maintained in a clean condition. Requires experience of staff supervision and work study based schemes.

Salary: £7,707-£8,817 + variable bonus. Ref: H574

Borough Liaison Team Leader

Bow Road, E3. To lead negotiations on and preparation of the transfer of dwellings to Tower Hamlets. Requires good negotiation and communication skills, and staff management skills.

Salary: £15,834-£17,598. Ref: H554

Senior Administrative Assistant

To establish and maintain communications and co-operation with a group of London Boroughs on all activities of GLC activity. Requires good negotiation and communication skills.

Salary: £14,076-£15,756. Ref: H555

Administrative Officer

To provide administrative support to professional health and safety supervisory staff who advise Departments on health and safety at work matters. Requires experience of report writing and joint consultative procedures.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: PE632

Administrative Assistants

— **Bow Road, E3.** To plan the arrangements for the transfer of housing management functions in co-operation with Tower Hamlets officers. Requires housing management experience and good negotiating skills.

Salary: £12,444-£14,076. Ref: H556

— To deal with further transfers in Boroughs to which stock was transferred in 1980/81. Requires good negotiation and communication skills and knowledge of, or ability to quickly acquire, GLC transfers terms.

Salary: £12,444-£14,076. Ref: H557

— **Bow Road, E3.** To prepare clear and concise guidance manuals on the transfer of housing to Tower Hamlets. Requires good communication skills, knowledge of housing management and ability to work on own initiative.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: H558

— To assist on the transfer of records and information on transferring stock, plus secretarial services. Requires good numeracy and communication skills.

Salary: £10,779-£12,444. Ref: H559

— To provide assistance in establishing and maintaining communication and co-operation with 8 London Boroughs in all areas of GLC activity. Requires flexibility, good communication and organising skills.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: H640

— In a section comprising mainly members elected from ethnic minority groups to advise ILEA. Requires tact and drafting, organisational and communication skills, together with a commitment to equal opportunities.

Salary: £8,817-£10,779. Ref: D621

— To provide assistance with a wide range of general administrative work in the staff division for Personnel and Medical Departments. Good communications and liaison skills are essential.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: PE626

— Responsible for drafting reports on site licensing and monitor progress up to licence issue. Requires an interest in and aptitude for word processing systems, good verbal and written skills and the ability to comprehend Acts of Parliament.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: PH580

— **Middlesex House, SW1.** Duties include processing application forms, dealing with Land Charge Searches, assisting with staff and supervising staff. Should be numerate, have good communication skills and deal effectively with people.

Salary: £6,519-£7,707. Ref: A595

Personal Secretary

Roundhouse Arts Centre, NW1. To act as P.A. to the Co-ordinator of the Centre and to manage the office on a day to day basis. Requires good typing and communication skills. All shortlisted candidates will be required to take a typing test.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: R586

Secretarial Assistant

Roundhouse Arts Centre, NW1. To provide secretarial support to the Co-ordinator of the Centre. Requires an interest in black arts. Proven typing skills (30-40 wpm) and clerical skills.

Salary: £5,511-£7,707. Ref: R585

Deputy Head of Secretariat

Involves postal receipt and distribution, computer data, filing, typing services, administration of a vehicles fleet, expenses claims and staffing returns. Requires good organising skills, ability to identify priorities and an interest/aptitude for, word processing systems.

Salary: £6,519-£8,817. Ref: PH581

Clerical Officers

— To provide clerical support to the publicity and information and office management teams. Must be numerate with good communication skills and be prepared to use new technology.

Salary: £5,511-£7,707. Ref: PS366

— To perform P.A. duties and clerical support within the computing, training and resources and advice teams. Must be able to work without close supervision and communicate effectively.

Salary: £5,511-£7,707. Ref: PS367

— **Battersea Park, SW8.** Duties include monitoring the park budget, maintaining accounts, recording/monitoring staff overtime, sickness, etc. Good communication skills, numeracy and ability to work on own initiative required.

Salary: £5,511-£7,707. Ref: R568

Shop Assistant

Thames Barrier Centre. To serve the public in the Thames Barrier Centre and assist the Manager. Requires previous shop experience, basic record keeping (stock, cash control) and ability to communicate well with the public.

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Saturday

BBC1

- 6.20-8.25am Open University; 8.40 The Saturday Picture Show; 10.52 Weather; 10.55 GRANDSTAND: Cricket; Racing from Goodwood; Show Jumping
- 5.10 Automan Chuck Wagner takes on a gang of diamond smugglers in an adventure called 'Club Ten'
- 5.55 News; Weather
- 6.10 I On The Road Peter Powell, Dave Lee Travis and John Walters take the show to Exeter, with guests Nick Heyward and Human League
- 6.40 Mountain Family Robinson
- 8.15 The Main Attraction On the bill for the last in

BBC2

- 6.25 Open University until: 3.15-6.20am Rock Around The Clock. BBC 2 rocks around the clock for fifteen hours of films, concerts, and documentaries, hosted by David Hepworth, Mark Ellen, Steve Blacknell, Richard Skinner, Josephine Buchanan; 3.45 Simple Minds and The Pretenders (Highlights of a concert recorded at the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund); 4.30 Alternative Ulster? (The up and coming bands from Northern Ireland)
- 5.00 New Order. A chance to see this band in a simultaneous broadcast from the Studios of Radio 1's Saturday Live
- 5.40 Aztec Camera. Live concert direct from Glasgow's Barrowland Ballroom
- 6.20 Ebony's Greatest Hits. Featuring music by Prince Charles, Eek-a-Mouse and Hugh Masekela
- 7.05 News and Sport; Weather
- 7.20 Cricket England v Sri Lanka. Seems like a bit of a spare wicket with all this music about
- 7.30 Michael Jackson's Thriller The video based on the title track of the 'Thriller' album
- 8.00 The Buddy Holly Story (1978) The feature film

LWT

- 9.25 LWT Information; 9.30 The Smurfs; 9.45 Standby, Lights, Camera, Action!; 10.35 Laurel & Hardy in 'Fraternally Yours' (1933, bw. Feigning illness, Ollie gets a doctor to send him on a long sea voyage with Stan in attendance — the real reason, of course, is to attend a fraternity convention without their wives. All goes well until the ship they are supposedly travelling on gets wrecked...); 12.15 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.20 Athletics; 12.30 Swimming; 12.45 News from ITN; 12.50 On The Ball; 1.20 The ITV Six; 2.55 Boxing; 3.20 Powerboat Racing; 3.45 Half-Time Round-Up; 4.00 Wrestling; 4.45 Results
- 5.00 News from ITN
- 5.05 The Magician starring Bill Bixby, Keene Curtis and Joan Caulfield (TV movie, 1974)
- 6.30 The Best of Game for a Laugh
- 7.30 Ultra Quiz presented by David Frost

CHANNEL 4

- 2.00 Great Walks (6: Torridon); 2.30 The Sea Gull (1968, Sidney Lumet's screen version of Chekhov's classic play about relationships on a 19th century estate in Russia. Starring James Mason, Vanessa Redgrave, Simone Signoret, David Warner, Harry Andrews and Denholm Elliott. Good re-working of Chekhov's classic)
- 5.05 Brookside Marie keeps up the fight for George, but has a crucial question to ask Barry
- 6.00 Ear Say
- 7.05 News Summary and Weather followed by Revelations. Sheila Cassidy talks to Eric Robson about her experience and the profound effect it has had on her life
- 7.30 World Alive: Spain
- 8.00 The Good, The Bad and The Indefensible. The first in a series of three programmes which examines the biological effects of electromagnetism on man and animals. A current topic of debate in medical circles
- 9.00 Callan 'First Refusal'. A list of ten British agents leads Callan into a double, double-cross situation
- 10.00 A Frame with Davis A new series in which World Snooker Champion Steve Davis chats to two celebrity guests while giving them tips on how to improve their not too serious game of snooker. This week, with Bernard Manning and Lennie Bennett
- 10.35 British Intelligence (1940, bw) Spy thriller

- the present series are Les Dawson, the Roly Polys, Shakin' Stevens and Randy Crawford
- 9.00 Dynasty Events reach a fiery conclusion for the Carrington clan in the last of the present series: 'The Cabin'
- 9.50 News and Sport; Weatherman
- 10.05 Match of the Day
- 10.05 Saturday Late Film: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly. Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef and Eli Wallach. (1966) Three men set out to seek hidden loot during the American Civil War. Spaghetti western with all the sauce expected from this genre. At times very watchable
- 1.30 Weather until: 1.35 am Close

- starring Gary Busey with Don Stroud, Charles Martin Smith
- 10.00 The Cure. Live concert broadcast from Glasgow's Barrowland Ballroom
- 10.35 The People's Choice The votes will have been coming in since early evening to decide which programme is to be broadcast
- 11.10 Rockalikes Steve Blacknell hosts the finals of the rock look-alike contest hosted by Rock Around the Clock and the Daily Star
- 11.25 The ZZ Top Trilogy Witty and imaginative videos played for three songs from the bizarre Texan bluesmen
- 11.45 FM (1978) The feature film starring Michael Brandon, Eileen Brennan
- 1.30 Van Morrison At The Rainbow. Highlights of this concert which was recorded in 1973
- 2.25 The Doors 'No One Gets Out Alive' A profile of Jim Morrison
- The Last Waltz (1978) The film featuring The Band (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3)
- 5.20 The Police in Montserrat Sting, Stewart and Andy disappeared to the Caribbean island of Montserrat in 1981 to record their album 'Ghost in the Machine'
- 6.00 ZZZZZZ... A surprise finale to 15 hours of Rock Around The Clock, until: 6.20 am Close

- 8.00 T J Hooker 'Lady In Blue' starring William Shatner. The sort of TV show favoured by the moral majority — Full of phrases like "criminal trash", "degenerate child-perv" and "commie sympathiser" — all mouthed through gritted teeth by the pot-bellied Shatner. Makes me grit mine every time I watch it
- 9.00 News from ITN
- 9.15 Every Which Way But Loose starring Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke and Geoffrey Lewis (1978)* A Los Angeles trucker wins a orangutan in a fight and becomes involved in a lot of monkey business as a consequence. Slick star vehicle for Eastwood, who finally gets to play alongside a performer who almost makes him seem intelligent. Although...
- 11.20 Beat The Carrott starring Jasper Carrott
- 12.20 London News Headlines Followed by The Tube Return Ticket
- 1.20 Night Thoughts with Pauline Jameson followed by Closedown

- starring Boris Karloff as a World War I German spy posing as a butler. A bit melodramatic, fruity even, but sweet in the right places. Watchable
- 11.45 The Four Skull of Jonathan Drake (1959, bw) Horror movie starring Eduard Franz as a man facing death from a terrifying Ecuadorian curse. As occult films go, this one is slightly better than average, although it suffers due to the minute budget used to make it. Until: 1.00am Close



The Seagull with Vanessa Redgrave Ch4 Sat 2.30pm

Sunday

BBC1

- 6.45-8.50am Open University; 9.00 Bod; 9.15 Knock Knock; 9.30 Sunday Worship; 10.00 Asian Magazine; 10.30 Top Sailing; 11.05 The Old Man of Hoy (Live coverage of an attempt on Britain's most famous chunk of rock by Joe Brown and daughter Zoe, Murray Hamilton and Pete Whillance...); 11.25 Cricket: England v Sri Lanka. (Highlights of yesterday's play on the third day from Lord's; 12.00 The Old Man of Hoy; 1.00 Farming; Weather for Farmers; 1.25 Artists in Print; 1.50 News Headlines; 1.55 Mickey & Donald; 2.15 The Old Man of Hoy; 3.05 Bonanza; 3.55 The Old Man of Hoy; 4.40 Pigeons - Queer Facts (A Forty Minutes documentary which celebrates some bizarre relationships between man and bird)
- 5.25 From Where I Stand
- 5.55 News; Weather
- 6.00 Dombey & Son
- 6.30 Excuse My French Songs of Praise
- 7.15 Are You Being Served? 'Lost and Found'
- 7.45 The Old Man of Hoy: Hamish MacInnes, cameraman on this afternoon's climb, attempts to traverse the 500 feet between stack and headland on a specially-made rope — the longest Tyrolean traverse ever tried
- 8.30 The Sunday Film Porridge. (1979) The film from the TV series, starring Ronnie Barker, Richard Beckinsale, Fulton Mackay and Brian

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- 6.25 Open University until 1.55pm; 1.55 SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: Motor Racing; Cricket and Show Jumping
- 6.50 News Review
- 7.15 Arthur Negus Enjoys Longleat House. Wiltshire, family home of the Marquess of Bath. Antiques talk to antiques about ... yes, you've guessed it, antiques
- 7.40 News on Two; Weather
- 7.45 Marie Curie Jane Lapotaire and Nigel Hawthorne are almost prevented from continuing research after winning the Nobel Prize (Part 4 of 5)*
- 8.40 A Moment to Talk Nightshift workers at Kestrel Marine, Dundee, take time off to talk about their lives
- 8.55 The Wreck of the Mary Rose In this fourth

LWT

- 9.25 LWT Information; 9.30 I'm Young But Special; 10.00 Morning Worship; 11.00 Getting On; 11.30 Star Fleet; 12.00 From The Shadow of the Gun 'The Search for Peace in Northern Ireland' presented by Mary Holland (Sacked by barstool philosopher and one-time editor of The Observer, Conor Cruise O'Brien, for her "dangerous" views on N. Ireland, Mary Holland has since become the foremost journalistic commentator on the Northern Ireland question. In the first of four programmes, she looks at the effects of the troubles on Catholics and Protestants in strife-torn Armagh); 1.00 The Smurfs; 1.15 The Big Match; 2.00 Platform Two; 2.30 London News Headlines followed by Battle of Britain starring Michael Caine, Kenneth More, Laurence Olivier and Susannah York (1969. A glittering array of stars are scattered through the heavens to defend Britannia against the Luftwaffe. Brilliantly shot "dog fights" and good caricature performances make this film one of the cinema's classics)
- 5.00 TV Times Star Family Challenge

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- 1.45 Irish Angle; 2.15 The Actor and the Role (One of a group of programmes, in which Peter France talks to actors who have played biblical characters); 2.40 All India Goldies presents Madhumati (1958, bw. Haunting film based on the theme of reincarnation)
- 5.45 A Secret Place. Susan Hampshire narrates Grahame Dangerfield's meticulously made portrait of a wild and remote fen in East Anglia that also explores in fascinating detail the habits of the wildlife found there. Memo to readers: When the publicity department use words like "meticulously" or "fascinating" in their promo material, it usually means one of two things; bad or indifferent
- 6.15 The Rupert Bear Story - A Tribute to Alfred Bestall. Repeat of ex-Python Terry Jones' tribute to Alfred Bestall, who drew and wrote



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- Wilde. Cast from the TV prog get together for film that would probably work better as an hour-long TV special rather than a full length feature. Funny in places — but humour is stretched to the point of being transparent
- 10.00 News; Weather
- 10.15 Sunday Night at The Proms
- 10.55 The World of Stanley Holloway. The continuation of a profile of Britain's favourite cockney in which 'My Fair Lady' brings him international fame
- 11.45 International Show Jumping
- 12.20 Weather, until: 12.25 am Close

- report 'Chronicle' re-examines the hull of the Mary Rose, and talks to the research groups advising on conservation, reconstruction and display
- 9.40 Grand Prix The 1984 Formula One World Championship — the Dutch Grand Prix from Zandvoort
- 10.15 Richard Burton in 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' (1966, bw) This film continues the tribute to one of the screen's most memorable actors; also starring Elizabeth Taylor, George Segal and Sandy Dennis. A college professor and his wife hold an ace night shouting match with each, much to the annoyance and embarrassment of their two guests — Not as good as Albee's play of the same name, but compelling watching none the less. Manages to discuss all "those awful" sexual matters the promiscuous sixties said you should do, you did, but never SAID you did.

- 5.30 Magnum 'Legacy from a Friend' starring Tom Selleck
- 6.30 News from ITN
- 6.40 Mary O'Hara and Friends. I'm surprised she has any, the way she keeps harping at them
- 7.15 Candid Camera presented by Allen Funt
- 7.50 Murder, Mystery, Suspense: Murder by the Book starring Peter Falk, Rosemary Forsyth and Martin Milner (1972, TV movie)
- 9.15 News from ITN
- 9.30 Clive James and the Great American Beauty Pageant. James applies his eagle eye and rapier like cynicism to the great American Beauty Pageant — An institution rather like the Great American Dream undergoing persistent face lifts and silicone implants. Everybody wants the title of "Beauty Queen" and will risk anything to get it. Just watch James crack the face packs as he wades through the excesses of Miss North America
- 10.30 London News Headlines followed by Hope and Glory — a major appraisal of the life and work of Sir Edward Elgar 1857-1934
- 12.00 Night Thoughts with Jan Simmonds Followed by Closedown

- the Rupert cartoons in the Daily Express for 40 years, and his read-sweated bear
- 7.15 News Summary and weather
- 7.15 Playing Shakespeare Irony and Ambiguity
- 8.15 Upstairs Downstairs 'Tug of War'
- 9.15 Dangerous Music. Emmy Award-winning HTV documentary focuses on the tension and excitement as 250 West country teenagers rehearse intensely for the most important concert of their careers
- 10.15 The Farmer's Daughter (1947, bw) Loretta Young stars in her Oscar-winning role as a Swedish farmgirl from Minnesota who conquers Washing and ends up in congress in this comedy-drama. With Joseph Cotten, Ethel Barrymore and Charles Bickford. Charming, nice, sweet, pleasant, home made apple pie, fudgey, quaint — are some of the goody, goody words that come to mind when I watch this film. Until: 12.00am Close

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Sunday 2nd September
8 till late
All drinks 75p
Free Buffet Surprise Cabaret
DJ Paul Sallis
Come early, it's gonna be a real
hot night!



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MONDAY 27th AUGUST
Pluck out a few feathers and put on your chaps!
Surprise cabaret
Free Buffet Spot Prizes
plus
The Market Tavern heat of
Mr Gay UK 1984 Competition
First prize £100 plus trophy plus goodies
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You could be the lucky guy who goes through to the final at BOLTS
on October 6th
Admission free for M/L members. Guests £1.00 DJ Phil

Monday 3rd September
8pm - 11pm Admission free
70p drinks all night. DJ Dilla

Tuesday 4th September
8pm - 11pm Admission free



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Come and meet Santa Claus
Surprise presents Fun and games
Christmas Carols
Prizes for best costume

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MONDAY 27th AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY
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Hawaiian Party
Swimming Pool so bring a towel!!
+ Prize for the most outrageous Hawaian Costume.
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