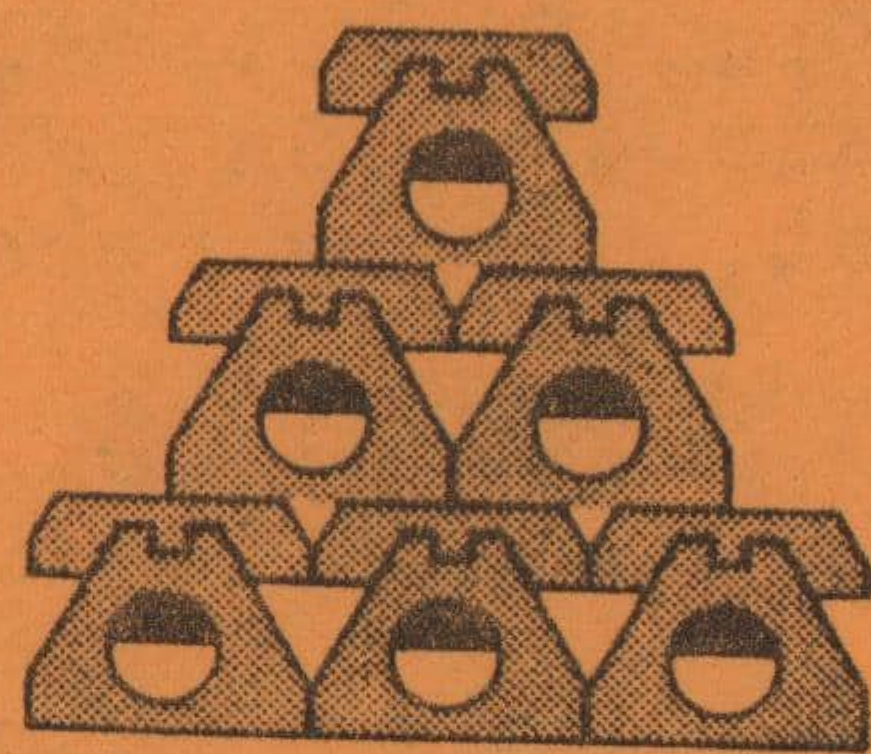
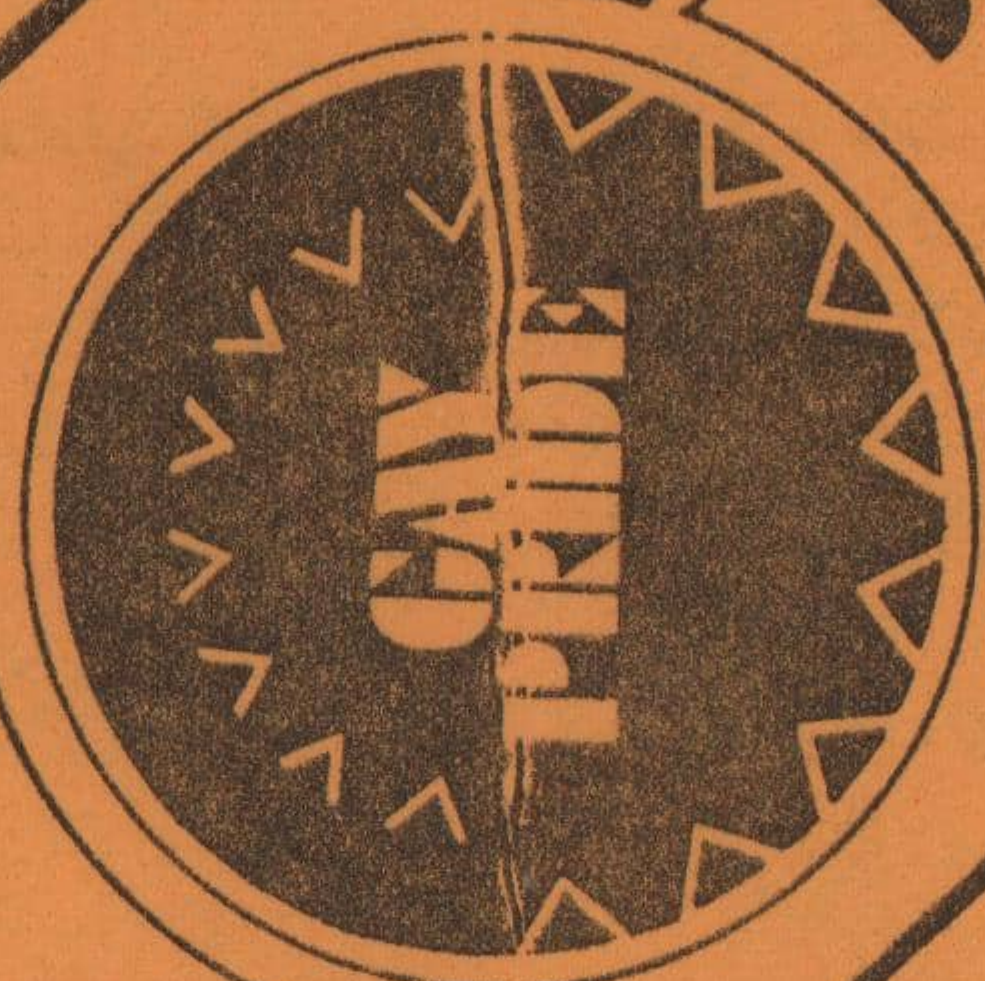


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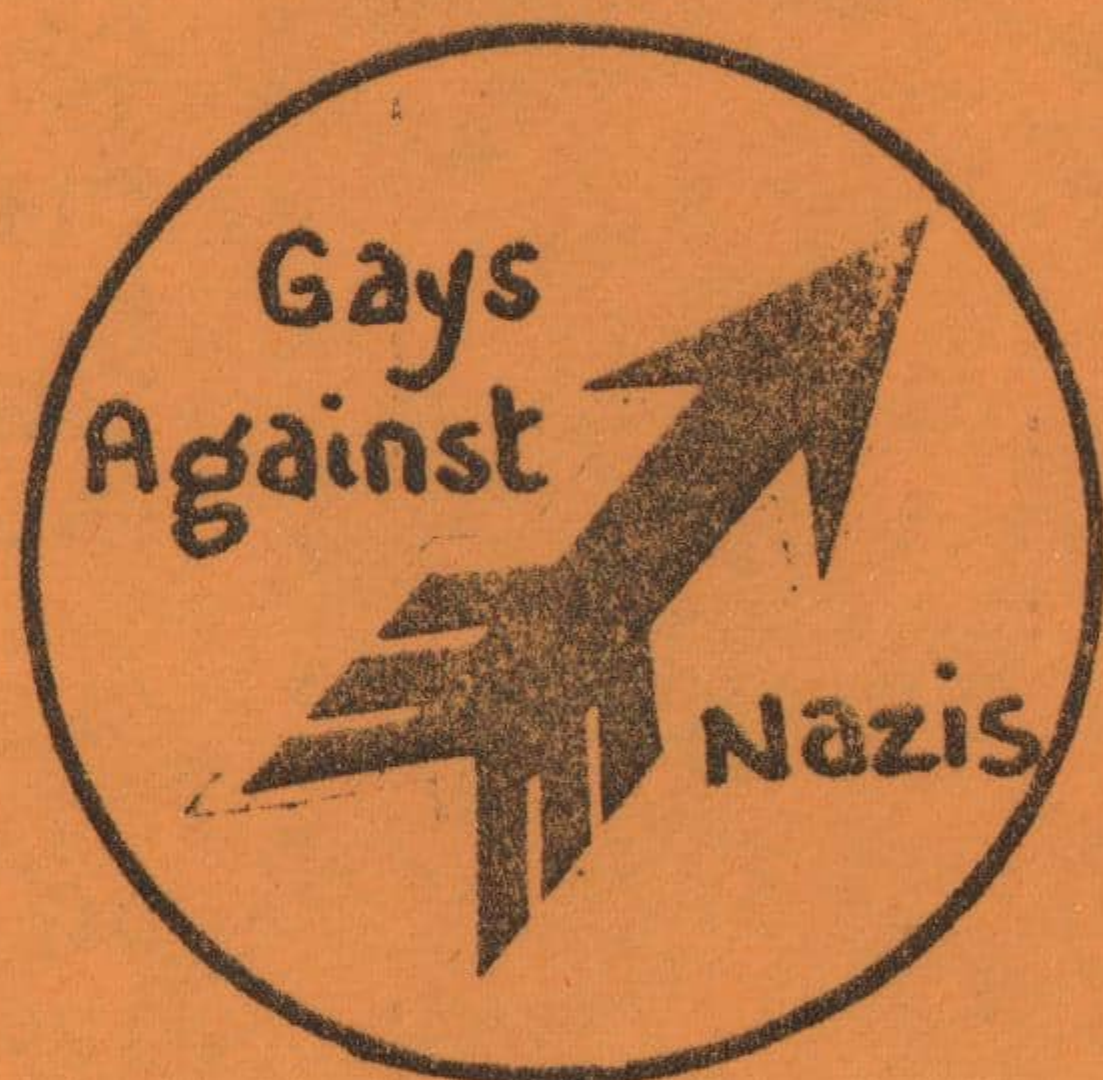
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## GAY PRIDE WEEK '79

June 22 - 30 will see the biggest festival of gay events ever held in Europe. This is the fifth annual Gay Pride Week and the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall riots which can be seen as the birth of the Gay Rights Movement. A broad programme of social, cultural and political events, all over the country, will culminate in a national Carnival in London.

To bring together all the events the theme of STONEWALL '79 has been chosen: to represent the stonewall of discrimination and oppression that gay women and men are still faced with and, by taking the events at the Stonewall Bar in New York '69 as a pointer, to mark ten years of an emergence of strong public demand for their rights by gays everywhere.

In Nottingham the eight organisations listed overleaf have come together to organise the following programme of events.

- SAT JUNE 23 DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION in the city.
- SUN JUNE 24 LICENTIOUS FANCY DRESS PICNIC on the Castle Green. Come how you like from 3pm. Bring your own food and have fun.
- TUE JUNE 26 STONEWALL DISCO at SHADES, Stanford Street. 9.30-2am. Tickets from CHE only 50p in advance or 75p at the door.
- WED JUNE 27 'WORD IS OUT' at Nottingham Film Theatre, Broad Street. at 7.30pm. Tickets £1 from GAN or at the picnic or disco. Jack Babuscio, GAY NEWS film critic says "The best gay film yet. Highly recommended - not to be missed."
- LESBIAN MOTHERS' COLLECTIVE DISCO at the Hearty Good Fellow, Maid Marion Way - to be confirmed.
- THUR JUNE 28 OPEN FORUM: 'HOMOSEXUALITY - A FACT OF LIFE' 7 - 9.30pm at the Teachers' Centre, Cranmer Street, Nottm. A study of the problems encountered by young gays based on, and including a showing, of the controversial CHE Tape/Slide kit. Registration 50p (incl coffee) from Friend.
- FRI JUNE 29 NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN GROUP present a collection of original writing whilst womaning the switchboard at CVS, 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.
- SAT JUNE 30 COACHES FOR THE NATIONAL CARNIVAL IN LONDON depart 8am Victoria Centre (clock tower) returning after a great gay day in the early hours. Seats must be booked in advance and are only £3 each return from GAN or at the picnic, disco or film show.

In addition groups hope to broadcast throughout the week on local radio and articles will appear in the press. NOTTINGHAM GAY SWITCHBOARD will be on extra call between 7.30 and 8.30pm throughout the week with full details of all events. Phone Nottingham 46881

How to contact the groups for tickets:

CHE c/o Nottm CVS, 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Nottm Lesbian Group c/o CHE as above.

GAN c/o 17 Balmoral Road, Arboretum, Nottingham.

FRIEND c/o ~~Richard Webster~~, 13 Balmoral Rd, Arboretum, Nottingham.

GAY SWITCHBOARD - Nottm 46881 Every Monday & Thursday 7 - 10pm

FRINGE CINEMA - "NIGHTHAWKS" Showing at Nottm Odeon from June 10th.  
"DIVIDE & RULE NEVER" at Midland Group Gallery, Warser Gate on Fri 29th at 7.30. 80p features the music of TRB



The following pages contain profiles of the local gay organisations that have come together to arrange the events and ensure the success of GAY PRIDE WEEK in Nottingham.

### CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY (CHE)

The aims of CHE are

- to promote the principle that homosexuals have an equal right to self fulfillment and do make a positive contribution to society.
- to campaign for an end to legal and social discrimination.
- to correct misunderstandings about homosexuality.
- to provide a counselling service (FRIEND) for homosexuals.
- to arrange a programme of meetings and social events.

As one of the original branches of the largest national gay campaigning organisations Nottingham's record of local campaigning activities is extensive and has made some valuable contributions to gay rights. In addition to this the social and support aspect of the group's activities has provided enjoyment and help for both members and non members including our monthly Gay Switchboard benefit discos.

Our initiative with the Nottingham Council for Voluntary Services made the present Gay Switchboard service possible, and we now finance this jointly with the Friend group.

We can be contacted via Gay Switchboard - Nottingham 46881 Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 10pm (ask for CHE information) or write c/o CVS, 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Love to all past, present and future members and our supporters.

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### GAYSOC

The National Union of Students mandated itself some years ago to support gay rights in Universities and Polytechnics. With this end GAYSOCS have been formed to bring together gay students on campus.

For some students a GAYSOC is their first link with the gay world and, if nothing else, it provides a base to gain confidence for the future. Nottingham University Gaysoc has regular meetings and social events during term time and also operates GAYLINE every Monday during term from 8 - 12pm. This is a confidential phone service for gay students on the same lines as the ordinary Nitaline, the major difference being that a gay person is on hand to answer the 'phone.

GAYSOC can be contacted c/o Students Union, Portland Building, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD.



## FRIEND

Nottingham FRIEND is one of the 19 groups throughout the country that exist to help those homosexual and bisexual women and men who feel they have no-one to turn to (or maybe have not been able to obtain suitable help from those they did turn to). Because of the hostile attitude often displayed in society many homosexuals experience guilt, shame, worry, fear, isolation or depression. FRIEND exists because we believe that all sexual orientations are of equal worth. We try to help people accept themselves without any conditions laid down by us, and to see their way through the problems that are distressing them.

Some of the problems we have encountered are:-

- Loneliness, isolation and other problems resultant upon leading a 'double life'.
- Problems of homosexual or bisexual married people.
- Conflicts arising from religious belief and sexual orientation.
- Anxieties of parents and families; the young person's dread of being "found out" and the fear of parents that their children may be gay.
- Ignorance and fear of personal and sexual relationships.
- The stigma and difficulties arising from arrest or conviction for an inequitable sexual "offence".
- Legal and social problems arising from divorce proceedings.
- Anxiety of parents concerning the custody of their children.
- Distress following the break up of a relationship.
- Grief and loneliness following the death of a partner.
- Problems of learning to accept oneself in a frequently hostile world.

Our befrienders, themselves mainly homosexual men and women, are carefully selected as people who have a real awareness of the problems that may arise. They are understanding, will help others to the best of their ability, will abide by strict ethical guidelines and will maintain absolute confidentiality. Although not necessarily professional counsellors they have professional resources available to them and each member undergoes comprehensive training with the help of experienced, professional social workers.

How can we help?

Anyone contacting us can be assured of understanding and complete confidentiality.

People in need are befriended or counselled. They are helped to help themselves through their problems or crises.

Where people wish to end their isolation and mix socially with other gay or bisexual people we will try to assist but we are in no way an introduction bureau or dating agency.

To encourage a wider understanding of homosexuality and its resultant problems we provide speakers and arrange seminars and conferences.

We support the formation of informal 'specialist' groups, e.g. for teenagers, transvestites, married gays or people lacking in social skills.

We can be contacted via GAY SWITCHBOARD, Nottm 46881 Mondays and Thursdays 7 - 10pm or write c/o CVS, 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.



## NOTTINGHAM GAY SWITCHBOARD

Nottingham Gay Switchboard was originally begun by CHE a number of years ago and, as a result of an ever increasing number of calls, a more formal structure was adopted last year in accordance with the code of practice and general operating standards laid down by the National Association of Gay Switchboards (NAGS) of which Nottingham was a founder member.

The Switchboard operates every Monday and Thursday evening between 7pm and 10pm (we hope to extend the service to three nights a week very soon) and offers information, help and advice on all matters concerning homosexual women and men. Total confidentiality is observed and the information given by our operators, who are all subject to comprehensive training, is as accurate, unbiased and non-directional as possible. We show no discrimination to callers on the grounds of age, sex, race or sexual orientation. It is a fundamental rule of the Switchboard that there shall be no sexual contact with callers - nor can we arrange dates or introductions for people.

We have extensive information on file covering our area (Notts, N. Leics, E. Dorbys and W. Lincs) as well as all national gay contacts. We constantly check and revise our files so that we can quickly give up to date information on such matters as the gay pub and club 'scene', accommodation, gay groups, solicitors, medical problems, the law relating to gays, gay publications, local transport, social and welfare services, etc. etc. Anyone calling with a problem will be dealt with by a trained counsellor of the FRIEND group.

We advertise the service widely especially in the local press with the notable exception of the Nottingham Evening Post who absolutely refuse to deal with us. However constantly rising costs and the difficulty of raising sufficient funds to keep the service running has compelled us to cut our advertising by half. We are currently funded by donations from FRIEND and by regular monthly CHE discos as well as occasional donations from other groups, individuals and clubs. (We would like particularly to mention Shades, Nottingham and the Pavilion Club Shardlow who have recently held benefit raffles for us and also to Nottingham CVS who provide us with rooms at a ridiculously low rent and a free telephone). But we are always in need of more cash so we occasionally descend on gay pubs and clubs rattling our collecting boxes and we are grateful to all of you who give so generously.

Last year we handled nearly 700 calls and this year the rate of callers is already up by 40% so we expect to be able to help over 1,000 people this year.

If you have ever called us we hope that we were of help. If you need help - or information - or advice on anything - don't hesitate to ring us.

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### NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN GROUP

We exist primarily to provide a social and support group in the area for all Lesbians. The group is run on a collective basis and we meet every Monday. We have a small subscription library of books, pamphlets and magazines of direct interest to Lesbians. This is funded by loan charges and by a weekly collection. These funds also meant that we could hold a public showing of the film about Lesbian parents, "In the Best Interests of the Children". We have started a writers' group and hope to have published our first collection for GAY PRIDE WEEK.

We can be contacted through GAY SWITCHBOARD, Nottingham 46881 on Mondays between 7.30 and 8.30pm or write c/o CVS, 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Love from Carol, Hilary, Glenys, Jackie, Jan, Judy, Julie, June, Pat, Ruth, Sally, Sandra, Sonia, Val and many more.

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### QUEST

QUEST is a group for homosexual Catholics. It was founded in September 1973 by a small group of people in London who were brought together through their common impression that to be both Catholic and gay was in practice, a contradiction in terms, and through their desire to discover whether this was and always must be so. Since that date a dialogue with the clergy has been established and QUEST seeks opportunities of extending that dialogue so that insights and experience of considerate priests and laity can be woven together to achieve better mutual understanding of the moral teachings of the Church and of the characteristics of its homosexual members.

There are branches of QUEST in London, Sheffield, Solent, Birmingham and Bristol; new branches have recently been started in Nottingham, Liverpool and Scotland. There are regular opportunities to meet with fellow gay Catholics.

QUEST can be contacted either c/o 31a Chapel Market, Islington, London N1 9EN or locally via Tony Barker, 19a Pelham Crescent, The Park, Nottingham. Telephone Nottingham 49137

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### SHADES NITE CLUB

SHADES in Stanford Street, off Castle Gate, Nottingham is the East Midlands premier gay night club and one of the biggest and best outside London, welcoming women and men. It is open nightly from 10pm to 2am (Sundays until midnight and closed Monday ~~and Tuesday~~ when it is available for private parties)

Membership is only £1.00 per annum. There are two bars, great disco, restaurant, friendly staff and cabaret every second Wednesday.

As a contribution to GAY PRIDE WEEK the management of SHADES has donated the club facilities free of charge for a Grand Stonewall Disco.

For further details and membership contact the Manager - Paul - on Nottingham 55736.



## GAYS AGAINST NAZIS

Following the success of the gay involvement in the Anti Nazi League Carnival in Nottingham last June a group of Gays against Nazis emerged. Our principles are:

- As homosexuals we are opposed to fascism everywhere, in all its forms and in all that it stands for and, in particular, of its oppression of gay people.
- We are opposed to all oppression of gay people.
- Our organisation is open to all who support our principles and aims regardless of sex, sexual orientation, age, race or religion.
- Our organisation owes no allegiance to any political party.

We have the following aims:

- To oppose the National Front and all other fascist organisations at local and national level.
- To oppose gay oppression, sexism and racism in all their forms.
- To educate the community to the dangers of fascism and in particular to its oppression of gay people.
- To support the Anti Nazi League in pursuit of our common aims.
- To compile a register of local supporters.
- To do all such things as are in accordance with and in pursuit of these principles and aims.

Since our recent formation we have actively campaigned against the National Front, regularly picketed their illegal HQ in Nottingham and pressed the local authority to take urgent corrective measures against it and taken part in rallies in Nottingham, Leicester and London. In March we organised a hugely successful Gay Gig and Disco with support from the ANL and Rock against Racism with whom we work closely - we even had a letter of support from Tom Robinson!

If you would like to join us or learn more about us please write to GAN c/o ANL, PO Box 1, Western PDO, Nottingham or phone Nottm Gay Switchboard, Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 10pm.

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THANK YOU FOR BUYING THIS BROCHURE AND SUPPORTING GAY PRIDE WEEK EVENTS IN NOTTINGHAM. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOURSELVES AND MEET FRIENDS OLD AND NEW. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENTS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE MANY ACTIVITIES OF GAY PRIDE WEEK AND ANY SURPLUS WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THOSE GROUPS INVOLVED.

GAY LOVE AND PEACE FROM THE NOTTINGHAM GAY PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE.