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MORE than 2,000 people of all races brought Haringey in north London to a standstill when they marched to 'Smash the Backlash' and support the local council's stand on lesbian and gay rights.

The march was organised by Harringey Black The march was organised by Harringey Black Action in support of the council's equal oppor-tunities policy. Among the two thousand mar-chers were a large contingent of black people. Saturday shoppers gawped at the demonstration which overwhelmingly outnumbered anti-gay bi-gots from the Parents' Rights Group. While the Parents Rights' Group chanted, "Stop The Scum, we dont want gay children," several on-lookers shouted their support for lesbian and gay rights, including one elderly shopper who shouted to the procession: "Well done, keep it up, fight for your rights", One of the organisers of the march, Bob Cant said: "We were very pleased with the turnout, what was particularly good was the large presence of blacks on the march. Some-times people think that all lesbians and gays

times people think that all lesbians and gays are white. It was probably the most important part of the day," he said.



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and are making plans to sack most of the workers in the City's Equal Opportunities Unit, including Jo Fraser, the lesbian rights worker and Ben Benson's gay rights job has been axed. Dont we deserve something better than this for our rates and taxes? ders like it or not, another Conservative government would be a disaster for gay men and lesbians. We believe that the only party that has done, or is likely to do anything for lesbians and gay men, apart from pious paper promises, is the Labour Party.



Harry Britt ALAN SIMPSON Sharon Atkin was dropped. WOULD YOU WASTE YOUR VOTE ON A CANDIDATE, OF WHATEVER PARTY, WHO OPPOSES EQUAL RIGHTS FOR LESBIANS AND GAYS? There are already too many bigots of all parties in Parliament, without electing any more. Politicians of whatever Party, must accept the consequences that if they campaign against us, WE WILL VOIE AGAINST THEM. In Nottingham North we could influence who gets elected. So ____ could we in Nottingham East. We do not suggest that lesbian & gay rights is the only issue which should decide your vote. IT COULD HOWEVER BE THE MATTER OF - OVERRIDING SIGNIFICANCE TO THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY UN-DECIDED WHICH WAY TO VOTE. WHERE THERE ARE GOOD LA-BOUR CANDIDATES, WE SAY VOTE FOR THEM, WHERE THERE ARE ANTI-GAY CANDIDATES STANDING, vote for another party. In Nottingham East you can still keep the Conservatives out by voting for the Alliance candidate, SIEVE PARK-HOUSE, or for the pro-gay Revolutionary Communist can-didate. Your vote could make the difference. USE it:

spotlight on Thanks to PEACE NEWS for permission to reprint part of this article The Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade

The 1987 Lesbian and Gay Pride Carnival Parade takes place on June 27 in London, during the Pride Festival, which runs from June 11-28. Richard McCance, who has been active in the labour and gay movements for the last 15 years, describes the history and significance of the Parade.

On June 27, 1969 an incident took place, in a small, dingy New York gay-run bar, so dramatic, so unexpected, that the name of the bar has passed into gay mythology as the birthplace of the modern gay liberation movement . . . Stonewall.

For the first time, a regular police raiding party met a different reaction-gay men fought back, and drove the police out of the gay bar and into the road. "Stonewall' was The Boston Tea Party of the gay movement-it enabled lesbians and gays to grow to be proud of their own identity, prompting the comment from a witness ". . . you know, they have lost that wounded look they had ten years ago, they look so beautiful now". The first parade began in New York in 1970, late in June, as a day of celebration of gay pride and soon expanded to a weekend of social and political activities.

Thus, gay liberation was born, and it soon spread to Britain, spawning a proliferation of organisations, including Gay CND. For many of us the early seventies represented a total transformation of our lives. remember at the time thinking it could never happen here yet the next year I was attending packed meetings held in overflowing church halls in London with



hundreds of other lesbians and gays. "I thought I had died and landed in heaven" was how a Christian friend of mine described the experience at the time.

Britain's first gay march through central London in 1971 attracted over 2000 people, small by US standards, but, nevertheless, a spontaneous upsurge of pride in ourselves, mingled with beads, bangles and home baked bread.

The gay liberation movement soon adopted the pink triangle, and thus turned the symbol used by the Nazis to identify gay prisoners in the concentration camps into a symbol of pride.

As the swinging seventies gave way to the repressive eighties, the emphasis of the parades moved towards a carnival theme, with floats, bands and top-line acts, as well as having fun, meeting old friends and making new ones. Now, with AIDS it has become a the envious, with marching bands, day of remembrance too. The steel drums, floats, and for the first

gay men and lesbians planning to "come out" at home or work,

In 1981 the Gay Parade moved to Huddersfield where gay men had been experiencing consistent police harrassment and 5000 gays and lesbians marched through the town which was guite a show stopper. Now, various cities outside London hold their own Pride week celebrations, like the Leicester Gay Festival last year which attracted over 500 local people for the one day event.

During the eighties lesbians decided to have their own, women only parade, which usually takes place the week before Gay Pride, and attracts upwards of 3000 lesbians.

The 1985 Gay Pride Carnival was the largest ever seen in Britain with over 20,000 lesbians and gay men, watched by the curious and parades often act as rehearsals for time the organisers welcomed

Come Out and Flaunt It!!



Are you ready for Pride '87? Dont worry, there's still time to sew on the sequins, spring clean the leatherette and roll out your taffetas. Looks like these two guys have had a fun time with the balloons, bands and floats and lots of loverley people, so stand by for June Pride 87. See you there!

This year's Lesbian & Gay Pride Carnival takes place on Saturday 27th June, and promises to be one of the best so far. The march begins as usual at Hyde Park (Speakers Corner) at 2pm to Jubilee Gardens, South Bank, for a free Carnival. Artists taking part include Sandie Shaw, the Beverley Sisters, Hope Augustus, Julie Felix, Bronski Beat, Erasure and Fenella Fielding. And Hazel Dean will be doing her stuff in the disco tent. All this compered by Su Pollard and Christopher Eyemard. For the first time non-gay groups and individuals have been asked to attend the march under the slogan "Equal Rights for All - Defend Lesbian & Gay Rights". At a time when right-wing groups and politicians are using AIDS to increase attacks on our communities we need as many people as possible on the march. The Gay co-op are hiring a minibus for the day. Details from Gay Switchboard or Richard 708063.

heterosexuals. Significantly there were also seventy-eight men and women from a Welsh mining village who kept a promise, made during the miners strike to repay the solidarity and support shown by lesbians and gays who raised over £20,000 for the miners strike fund plus all thirty-two Lambeth Councillors and out-gay MP Chris Smith.

We have come a long way in twenty years-even if it's two steps forward and one step backthe establishment is now forced to recognise our existence as a community with some form of common identity. Our annual gay pride parades may be fun but they are also an annual affirmation to ourselves and the wider community that we are lesbians, gays and proud.

"I recall my first parade. I was in the crowd. I wanted to cheer . . No sound came, like turning on a dry tap. I wanted to join the parade . . My legs were like jelly. From the crowd to the parade was a grand canyon. Then someone shouted 'Rich, come and join us'. Like a lion sprung from its cage I was there . . . There was no going back"

You don't have to be gay or lesbian to support our rights, so why not come to the parade this vear!

RICHARD McCANCE

The Lesbian and Gay Pride Carnival Parade is on Saturday June 27. It starts at 2pm at Speakers Corner in Hyde Park and marches to Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank.







I decided to test for AIDS antibodies for three reasons; the first was simple curiosity. Secondly, if there was something going on inside my body, I wanted to know about it. Finally, if I turned out positive, it is likely that I would be a carrier, and I certainly didn't want to pass the virus on to anyone else.

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During the last few years I'd had quite an active sex life, and was not surprised when my results came through positive, though the implications of this did not sink in for sometime. When they did, I realised that the usual prospects of a long life ahead of me might be suddenly cut short.

This alters your view of life. I realised that if I wanted to make any changes in my life, or achieve my remaining ambitions, I would have to start working on them now - next month or next year might be too late.

At a personal level Thave become far more health conscious. I weight-train regularly and watch what I eat. No more junk food and no more eating out of tins. I also try to maintain a positive mental attitude about myself, my body and the future. The changes in diet and attitude will, I'm sure, make me less susceptible to any opportuniistic infections that may come my way. If I do fall ill, I shall be in a better condition to fight off illness.

The other change in my life is sex, of course. 1 am a potential risk to other people I sleep with and there is no way I want to pass the virus on to anyone else. With fairly simple precautions like safe sex, there is no way I will.

I have come out as being antibody positive to a few people. It's no great secret amongst gay friends I need to talk to people, and in talking about being positive, it ceases to become such a terrible thing for me, though not necessarily for those I confide in. It tends to make them less complacent and more aware of the issues. As I expected, the attitudes of my friends have not changed towards me. However, the word did get around at work, that I had AIDS'. I was summoned into the works manager's

In an earlier Gay Nottingham we featured a Body Positive Group in Manchester. We now look at a letter from a member of the Leicester Body Positive Group, which appeared first in "Leicester Left Out" last year.

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"When first diagnosed antibody-positive many people are devastated by the news. However, there are many things you can do to stay healthy. We are constantly exposed to all sorts of viruses and diseases. A prime example is Legionnaires disease, which can be contracted without intimate contact, yet it is not accompanied by the same kind of hysteria as AIDS.

> office who expressed concern on behalf of the other employees, who saw me as a potential source of danger. They were suffering from AIPS (AIDS induced Panic Syndrome). I denied that I had AIDS which was true, and later supplied the works manager with some information from the Terrance Higgins Trust. But I wish I had the confidence to tell them at work that I was antibody positive; it would make life much easier. At present I have to lie about my followup hospital appointments; it would be much better if I felt able to tell it as it is.

> I joined the Leicester Body Positive Group. It's a social and support group for those who are antibody positive or who have AIDS. The key word for the group is "Positive". I feel it's vital to get involved in something like this, as it provides both a safety net and the opportunity to talk to people who are in a similar situation to myself. It was only a small group when I joined, but unfortunately, it will grow ..

> So, to conclude, I started by suffering from the "It wont happen to me" syndrome; I was then told I was antibody positive. Eight weeks later, I found myself in the isolation wing of the local hospital in

> Leicester, because I had a suspicious looking spot, which resembled Karposi's Sarcoma (a skin cancer which people with AIDS are particularly susceptible to). I am now waiting for the results; if it turns out to be a false alarm, I shall obviously be profoundly relieved. If it is Karposi's Sarcoma, it is treatable. So whatever happens, the situation is far from hopeless.

> But life would have been far simpler had I treated the "It wont happen to me" syndrome in the first place.

There is a group now forming in Nottingham for those who are antibody positive. If you or anyone you know would like to find out more about this group, why not give Barbara Broughton, the Health Advisor, a ring at the Special Clinic or pop in to see her. She can be reached during office hours on Nottingham 475989.



WOMEN FOR BRITT FOR CONGRESS

BRITT FOR CONGRESS of 17,000 votes. Britt's campaign was enhanced by a TV debate with Pelosi which he was seen to have won hands down, causing a swing over of votes and support. For the first time in the campaign Pelosi was made to answer questions about her policies. The media, which had previously given Britt no chance of winning, began to predict a photofinish, since the seat comes up for re-election in 1988, Britt is now being seen as the front-runner. Harry Britt is a former Methodist Minister from Texas, is a leading progressive and a socialist. A tenants rights advocate, he campaigns for the homeless in San Francisco, supports anti-apartheid, non intervention in Central America, equal rights and environmental control. He now has over-whelming support from lesbians and gays in the city. Pelosi, who has not held elected office is rich, knows plenty of Senators in Washington and is married with five children. She claimed that her good connections in Washington would see San Francisco right. A year from now we shall see whether Harry Britt can overtake Pelosi, and be the first gay man elected to Capitol Hill.



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Don't get mad, get even!

A nasty little Bill (no, it's not Cllr. Brownhill!) has been creeping, almost unnoticed, through Parliament. It has a boring name: the Local **Government Act 1986** (Amendment) Bill. If passed it would prevent Local Councils giving 'financial or other assistance to any person for the purpose of publishing or promoting homosexuality as an acceptable family relationship'. Many local Labour Councils have given cash support to lesbian and gay groups. Have started to change the policies that make us second class citizens.

Considering the rates we pay, it's only been a small beginning. But enough to make the tabloids scream. And enough to delight the Conservative Party who can see votes to be gained in taking advantage of anti-gay prejudice. You and I, according to Government Minister Rhodes Boyson could bring "death in a generation . .

. the end of creation". "There can be no doubt about the support of the Government for the principles behind the Bill' he added.

His colleague, Dame Jill Knight, described books which are positive about gays as "a pile of filth". Perhaps you've never written to your M.P. Try to do it to oppose this one. Or this Bill, already passed by the House of Lords, could easily be law in a few months. And that could just be the beginning of the road to making gay sex illegal again. Letters to the **House of Commons SW1A** OAA.

An acquaintance of mine, who can only move about in a wheelchair, has a great method of drawing the attention of shop owners to steep steps and the like. He has perfected the act of falling out of the wheelchair while trying to negotiate such obstacles.

This causes some consternation amongst shop assistants and makes the point vividly to passers by. I'm sure this technique can be adapted for our use in showing some of the ways we are ignored. If some product, like

cornflakes, has a heterosexual family running about on the box, perhaps we should point out to supermarket managers that these can't be for us and ask which shelf the 'gay' cornflakes are on. Not for the faint hearted this suggestion but, like falling out of wheelchairs, it will certainly

draw attention.

I promise to give it a try as I wouldn't ask you to do anything couldn't. **Terry Waller**







hanks to GAY TIMES Former Gay News Editor, Andrew Lumsden, has lost his job as Associate Editor of the leftwing weekly, New Statesman. Editor, John Lloyd said he wanted to lose two writers, including Lumsden, because he needed their salaries to pay for a new Deputy Editor. The redundan-cies followed two other incidents at the New Statesman.

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