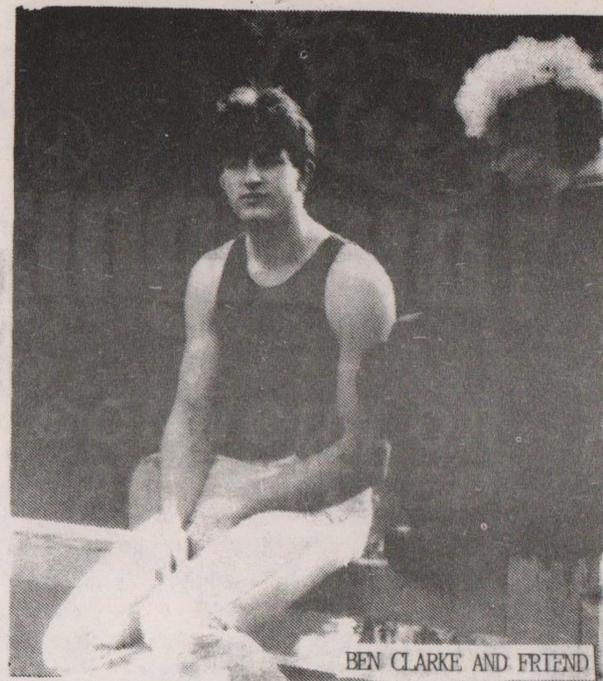


OUT and ABOUT

Meet Ben Clarke, International Oarsman and former Nottinghamshire County Rower. At present Ben is heavily involved in the Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Youth Organization which he helped to found about a year ago. "Adolescence was a difficult enough time for me with all the pressures to conform from family, school and friends. Knowing that I was gay and that there were others around like me was a real comfort, but it took sometime to make contact with others. "I hope the knowledge that we now have a group in the city will be a stepping stone". Ben enjoys the open air, plays guitar and writes and is also a member of the City Council's newly formed Lesbian & Gay Sub-Committee. (Further details of NLGYO from Box 11, Community Groups Centre, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, (SAE please).



BEN CLARKE AND FRIEND

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In May 1983, Nottingham City Labour Party, promised, if elected, that they would fight on our side and give gay men and lesbians a share of the cake. And they have kept their word, so far, and got on with the job without fuss.

Only this month, a Lesbians and Gay Sub-Committee was set up to act as a watchdog for our interests, and will meet monthly. Lesbians and gay men sit on this committee along with councillors as advisors to tell the City Council what it should be doing. And in May, the Council is to appoint an Equal Opportunities Officer for Lesbian and Gay Rights to help improve the quality of life for all of us (see advert on back page).

However, Nottingham's Conservative councillors have refused to take up their two places on the new committee. Here are some comments from three of them:



Forest Fields Councillor Richard Mc.Cance had his court case delayed recently because of his mother's hearing aid.

- CLLR. JOHN CARTER (Conservative Shadow Chair of Equal Opportunities Committee and a member of Nottingham Samaritans) "THEY MAY SEE THEMSELVES AS DEPRIVED BUT THEY ARE NOT ON MY PRIORITY LIST" (Evening Post 28.1.85).
- CLLR. ALFRED STONE (CON.) "THESE PEOPLE ARE UNFORTUNATE. WE KNOW THEY EXIST AND NO ONE SHOULD SET OUT TO INJURE THEM". (Evening Post 8.3.85).
- CLLR. BILL BRADBURY (Conservative Shadow Leader) "CONSERVATIVES WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST POLICIES FOR A LESBIAN AND GAY SUB-COMMITTEE AND A GAY CENTRE - ALL ON THE RATES!" (Conservative Group's Newsletter, December, 1984).

This is what Conservative City Councillors are saying about lesbians and gays continually. They conveniently forget that we pay our rates which go towards providing the services which we have paid for, and which the Conservatives would deny us if we voted them in. There is no reason to believe that if they were returned to power in the County Council elections on May 2nd that they would be any different from their City counterparts.

Two years ago a Labour candidate who stood as an 'out' gay man was elected to the City Council. His election was helped by lesbians and gay men turning out to the polls and using their voting power. YOU have the power to choose who will best serve your interests. But you only get the chance to have your say once every four years. Don't waste it!

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES UNIT

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Ref: CE/5918 P01.£11,582 £12,645 or pro-rata

This post is a new initiative and is considered particularly suitable for Job Sharing.

The postholder/s will have general responsibility for the promotion, development and implementation of the City Council's Equal Opportunities Policy with a specialist responsibility for Lesbian and Gay Issues and Rights, which are an integral part of the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy. Duties include research, a continuous review of Council policies, advising on Lesbian and Gay issues, contributing to the development of training programmes and representing the City Council as required.

No specialist qualifications are required. However, the successful applicant/s will have direct personal knowledge and experience of discrimination against Lesbians and Gays, and also experience of working directly with the Lesbian and Gay communities.

Knowledge of and a full commitment to the principles of Equal Opportunities will be considered an important pre-requisite for the post.

Application forms & further details from the Personnel Manager, City Secretary's Dept, The Guildhall, Nottingham NG14BT. Tel: (0602) 418571 ext. 4624. Closing date for applications: 31st May, 1985.

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- ASTORIA, Greyfriars Gate, Broadmarsh, Tel: 580555, First Monday, monthly disco, £3.00 entrance.
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- GATSBY'S, Huntingdon Street, Tel: 55323, Formerly Central Tavern, Nottingham's main gay pub, busy weekends.
- THE MANOR, Albert Rd, West Bridgford, (off Central Avenue), 816662. Large, comfortable disco, mainly lesbians, Saturdays, 8-Midnight. "Golden Oldies" selections. Doors close 10pm. Manor Club entrance.
- BOLTS at Easy Street, Masonic Place, Goldsmith Street, Tel: 472525. Wednesday disco, 9pm-2am, laser-lit club, £2.00 + free membership then £1.00, (Bolt's members £1.00).
- PART II DISCO, Robert House, Canal Street, Tel: 558866, Well equipped disco, high-energy Wed-Sat, 9.30pm-2am; Sunday 9.30pm to 1am. "Blues Club" (leather & denim) meet 1st Friday every month.
- PAGES OF FUN, 147 Radford Road, Hyson Green, Gay Bookshop specialises in new and back issues of gay publications.

Copy deadline: 10th May. Send to GAY NOTTINGHAM, Box 11, c/o 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

He was one of eighteen people arrested last November at a rally in Rugby, protesting at the Tory Council's decision to ban gays from council employment.

