

nottingham women's diary



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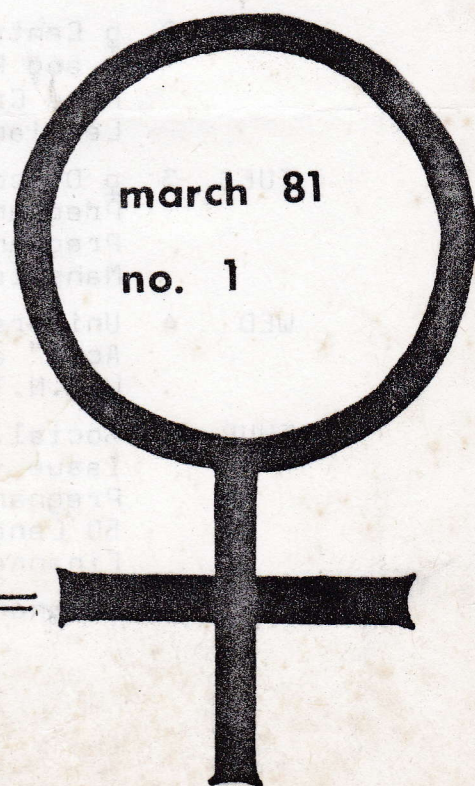
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We hope you find this list of events and groups useful. We have contacted as many groups as possible but others must exist and we apologise to any group(s) not included who feels they ought to be - this is only because we don't know about you!

If you belong to, or know of, any other group or organisations which might be of interest to women please send us details for the April issue as soon as possible (but no later than 9 March)

PLEASE SEND US INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE THE DIARY SUCCESSFUL

Contact: Chris 410831

Chris)
Carol) 45361

Judy 703396

or send to: Diary Group
c/o 76 Addison Street
NOTTINGHAM

diary

FEBRUARY

SAT 28 ♀ Centre Disco. 8.00pm at Hearty Goodfellow.

MARCH

SUN 1 National **Postponed** Anti Nukes Day (see W.O.N.T.)

MON 2 ♀ Centre Discussion Group 8.00pm.
♀ and Photography 11.00 - 3.00pm at The Building.
Rape Crisis Group. (see contacts)
Lesbian Line 7.00 - 9.30pm ♀ Centre

TUES 3 ♀ Disco 8.00pm. Hearty Goodfellow
Pregnancy Testing Meeting 8.00pm ♀ Centre. Open to all women
Pregnancy Testing 6.00 - 8.00pm ♀
Mansfield Health Group 7.00pm 49 West Hill Drive

WED 4 University ♀ Group 7.30pm Films: "A Conversation with an Unnatural
Acts" and "Home Movie" N.S.Q.R. Portland Building
W.O.N.T. 8.00pm ♀ Centre. **CANCELLED**

THUR 5 Social. 8.00pm The Yorker. Suggested Topic - "The Abortion
Issue - What Do We Think and Feel" introduced by N.A.C.
Pregnancy Testing (Bulwell) 5.00 - 7.00pm The Family Centre
50 Langclose Court, Crabtree Farm.
Finance Group 7.00 - 8.00pm ♀ Centre

SAT 7 Pregnancy Testing 10.00 - 12.00 ♀ Centre

- MON 9 Trades Council Women's Committee 118 Mansfield Road
Rape Crisis Group. (see contacts) 8.00pm ♀ Centre. For anyone interested.
Diary Group 8.00pm 2 Alpha Terrace.
♀ and Photography. 11.00 - 3.00pm The Building
Lesbian Line 7.00 - 9.30pm ♀ Centre
- TUES 10 ♀ Disco 8.00pm Hearty Goodfellow
Pregnancy Testing 6.00 - 8.00pm
Mansfield Health Group 7.00pm 49, West Hill Drive
- WED 11 University ♀ Group 1.15pm Speaker from Women's Aid
W.O.N.T. 8.00pm ♀ Centre
- THUR 12 Pregnancy Testing (Bulwell) 5.00 - 7.00pm Family Centre,
50 Langclose Court, Crabtree Farm.
♀ Centre Group 8.00pm
- SAT 14 Pregnancy Testing 10.00 - 12.00 ♀ Centre
- MON 16 Rape Crisis Group (contacts)
♀ Centre Discussion Group 8.00pm
♀ and Photography 11.00 - 3.00pm The Building
Lesbian Line 7.00 - 9.30pm ♀ Centre
- TUE 17 Pregnancy Testing 6.00 - 8.00pm Group Meeting 8.00pm ♀ Centre
Mansfield Health Group 7.00pm 49, West Hill Drive
♀ Disco 8.00pm Hearty Goodfellow
- WED 18 W.O.N.T. 8.00pm ♀ Centre
- THUR 19 ♀ Centre Group 8.00pm *Suggested topic - 'Sexual Violence & the politics of rape.'*
Pregnancy Testing (Bulwell) Family Centre, 50, Langclose Court
Crabtree Farm
Finance Group 7.00 - 8.00pm ♀ Centre
- SAT 21 Pregnancy Testing 10.00 - 12.00 ♀ Centre
- MON 23 Rape Crisis (See contacts)
♀ and Photography 11.00 - 3.00pm The Building
Lesbian Line 7.00 - 9.30pm ♀ Centre
Diary Group 8.00pm 2, Alpha Terrace
- TUE 24 ♀ Disco 8.00pm Hearty Goodfellow
Pregnancy Testing 6.00 - 8.00pm ♀ Centre
Mansfield Health Group 49, West Hill Drive 7pm.
- WED 25 W.O.N.T. 8.00pm ♀ Centre
- THUR 26 Pregnancy Testing (Bulwell) 7.00pm Family Centre, Crabtree Farm
- FRI 27 N.A.C. Mixed Disco 8.00 - 12.00am Late Bar at the Yorker
- SAT 28 Pregnancy Testing 10.00 - 12.00 ♀ Centre
♀ Centre Disco 8.00pm Hearty Goodfellow.

COMING SOON -

Conference
Women & Manual Trades
May 23-24
Evening Social-all women
welcome to:
THE MISTAKES
women's rock band

SEE APRIL ISSUE

Conference
Women & Health
May 16
- workshops on many
issues
- CONTACT:
Judith 703396

FOR DETAILS

Conference
Women & Medical Practice
April 11-12
- how women suffer
in a male dominated
medical profession
- CONTACT: Lexie 819166

groups

For this first issue we asked groups to write something about themselves. In future we will list contact numbers only, except when any groups want to write about special events or meetings or when any new group forms.

WOMEN'S CENTRE GROUP

General discussion meetings have just started again. There have been 3 meetings so far and a social involving up to 50 women. They are open to all women and topics for discussion suggested include Media and Women, Health, Children, Unemployment. Because so many women want to come to the meetings there will now be 2, on Mondays and Thursdays of alternate weeks - see Diary for Dates

CONTACT: ♀ Centre meetings

DIARY GROUP

This is the first issue produced by the group. We felt some kind of diary was needed as it seemed increasingly difficult to find out what was going on in Nottingham. We welcome any suggestions for future issues, and especially welcome any other women who would like to be involved in getting the next one(s) together.

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Chris & Carol 45361
Judith 703396

FINANCE GROUP

When the S.T.E.P. workers scheme finished last June the Finance Group was set up to make sure that all the bills for phone, fuel and rent were paid and to deal with anything else relevant to the Women's Centre. At the moment the group consists of 4 women which is fine for making sure these things are done. However, there is a need for a group who would be interested in fund raising so that we can have money to do various necessary jobs, such as rewiring the top floor of the Women's Centre, and for anything else we want to do. The Finance Group meets fortnightly on a Thursday from 7.00 - 8.00pm at the Women's Centre. Any woman interested is welcome to come to the meetings.

CONTACT: ♀ Centre

RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

The Rape Crisis Group is currently a group of 9 women. We work closely together on educating ourselves about the politics of rape and sexual assault, trying to increase public awareness about sexual violence by giving talks and press interviews and other actions, as well as running the Rape Crisis Line.

The Rape Line is open 11a.m. to 5p.m. Mondays to Fridays on Nottingham 410440. We chose to open at these times as the London Centre found that they had most calls during the day. We would like to open in the evenings and eventually 24 hours when enough women are involved. If a woman has been raped or sexually assaulted she can ring and women will support her by giving the opportunity to talk about it and giving information and any other help that she might need. At the moment we have meetings on Monday evenings for the women involved in running the line, but we intend to have a series of open meetings soon for women who might be interested in what the line is about and/ or want to join the group. The first one on March 9th will be about how the group works, how the line operates and the politics of rape and Rape Crisis Centres.

LESBIAN LINE

Lesbians give help, advice and support to women who need to talk to someone sympathetic. It operates at the moment only on Mondays between 7 - 9.30p.m. tel: 410652. If you are interested and/or would like to extend it contact Judy 45361.

W. I. R. E. S.

This is the National Women's Information, Referral and Enquiry Service. Their office is in the Women's Centre, and they produce a twice monthly magazine. If you want any information or a magazine Contact: ♀ Centre.

DISCO COLLECTIVE

The Disco Collective is voluntarily run by a group of women to enable them to raise money to buy new disco equipment. With their present equipment they hold an all women's disco every Tuesday evening at The Heart Goodfellow, Maid Marion Way (all women welcome). To get an insight as to how the collective works come to a disco! They allow the unit to be hired out for private parties, benefits etc. at a very reasonable cost. A meeting is held once a month at the Women's Centre to discuss forthcoming events, finances, repairs to equipment and general fund raising matters. Contact : Josie 283416, or at the disco.

PREGNANCY TESTING CAMPAIGN

Campaign to Press for Early Pregnancy Tests within the N.H.S. Several groups got together after concern about a circular sent to doctors in the area, which implied that early tests are "unnecessary & frivolous". The Campaign objects to this for many reasons, including the fact that it is in direct contradiction to declared medical policy encouraging early ante-natal care. It also has serious implications for women who may wish to seek an abortion.

Through our pressure, a second circular has been sent, asking doctors not to be so strict. But we are still concerned about the situation. Meetings are irregular, but if you are interested please

CONTACT: Jane 708302

NOTTINGHAM PREGNANCY TESTING

We are a group of 7 women who run free Pregnancy Testing sessions twice-weekly, Tuesday 6.00 - 8.00 and Saturday 10.00 - 12.00. No appointments are needed and because the results are available immediately we talk through the issues as much as the woman wants and have a wide range of information on pregnancy, contraception, abortion, adoption etc and any problems. Within the group we have discussions on various health problems related to pregnancy. This is important to us as we do not want to just provide a service. We meet regularly on alternate Tuesdays, and from March onwards there will be meetings for any women who are interested in the issues or who might want to join the group. Contact: Mary 583536 or Women's Centre at Session times.

BULWELL PREGNANCY TESTING

We are voluntary group of 6 women who have just started to provide a free pregnancy testing service at The Family Centre, 50, Langclose Court, Crabtree Farm Estate, Bulwell. We are open Thursdays 5.00 - 7.00pm. All women welcome. Contact: 751710

RADICAL MIDWIVES

Our overall aim is to restore the role of the midwife for the benefit of the childbearing woman and her baby. Our objectives are:

- 1 To re-establish the confidence of the midwife in her own skills
- 2 To share ideas, skills and information
- 3 To encourage midwives in their support of a woman's active participation in childbirth
- 4 To reaffirm the need for midwives to provide continuity of care
- 5 To explore alternative patterns of care
- 6 To encourage evaluation of development in our field

National Meetings are held 6 - 8 weekly in different parts of the country. There are no regular meetings held on a local level as yet but watch this space! Regional Contact for East Midlands is Pippa MacKeith, 71 Forest Road East, Nottingham Tel 703396

MANSFIELD WOMEN'S HEALTH

We meet every Tuesday from 7-9p.m. at 49, West Hill Drive, Mansfield. We have discussions & give advice on various women's health problems, including menopause & P.M.T.

CONTACT: Jenny, Mansfield 27541.

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN

Abortion - A Woman's Right to choose.

This is the basis on which N.A.C. was set up some time ago, & we've fought to see that the anti-abortionists have not had things all their own way. They have tried through various Private Members Bills in Parliament--remember White, Benyon & Corrie?--to restrict our already restricted rights to abortion. N.A.C. has helped to organise massive campaigns in defence of the 1967 Abortion Act & has made "A Woman's Right to Choose" an issue that the labour movement takes seriously.

Now we're looking at ways of extending women's rights in this field--after all you don't actually have the right to choose if you live in the wrong area, or have an unsympathetic doctor, or lack the money to pay. So far we've held a very successful regional open conference where we discussed with people from Sheffield & Leicester the particular problems this region faces, & what changes we want to see in the law & the N.H.S. If you are interested we meet regularly sharing ideas & tasks so that everyone is fully involved.

CONTACT: Jane 866816

BIRTH GROUP

We are a group of women who came together about five years ago, primarily to support each other in attempts to get home births. This has become increasingly difficult, but we are still active in pushing for the option to have home births. We have produced a leaflet "Having a baby at Home", which explains the procedures. More recently we have become interested in all aspects of birth, including hospital birth, and we are also discussing more general health issues; last year we organised a Women's Health day. Meetings tend to be sporadic depending on activities, so if you are interested or want to talk about your own problems,

CONTACT: 606887

WOMEN & FOOD

Several women have been talking together over the last few months about food and self image. We do not meet regularly at the moment but any woman who is interested please contact Dory through the ♀ Centre.

WOMEN OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

We campaign against nuclear weapons and power and seek to make a feminist approach to these issues. In the past we have done street theatre, organised a National Conference, leafletting and demos etc. At present we are also preparing a talk to take round to various ♀ groups. We are involved in planning ♀'s Action Against Nuclear Weapons which will be held in London on Sunday 1 March. There will be a coach going from Nottingham and all women interested in taking part are invited to a briefing meeting at the Women's Centre on Wednesday 18 February at 8.00pm. Hopefully leading on from this will be a widespread campaign to raise large numbers of women. W.O.N.T. puts a lot of emphasis on how we work and relate personally within the group and on building an atmosphere of trust. We welcome new members and meetings are every Wednesday at 8.00pm at ♀ Centre. Contact: Women's Centre

FEMINISM & NON-VIOLENCE

There isn't a feminism and non-violence group in Nottingham though there are a few women who are interested in the connections (and the contradictions!) between feminism and non-violence. We are mostly involved in the Women Opposed to Nuclear Technology group which sees non-violence as an important part of its ideology and strategy. If you would like to talk generally about feminism and non-violence please contact: Bee at 34 Elm Avenue, Nottingham Telephone: 583536 (evenings) 53587 (daytime) Note - There is an International Feminism and Non-violence Newsletter from 168, Hamilton Road, Manchester 13.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN

General discussion groups on Wednesdays at 1.15pm in the Non-Smokers Quiet Room in Portland Building but we also have films, theatre groups and other events from time to time which will be advertised in the diary. Contact: Kim University ♀ Group.

WOMEN'S FIGHTBACK

The Labour Movement Fightback for Women's Rights was set up at a conference in March 1980. Since then the Campaign has produced a monthly paper, "Women's Fightback", has held 3 national conferences, produced a leaflet called "We don't work for Pin Money" which highlights the false view of working women. It recognises that despite many gains, women's rights are not only vulnerable to Right-wing backlash (as so recently demonstrated by the Corrie Anti-Abortion Bill) but also by cutbacks in public expenditure. It aims nationally and locally to bring together, and provide a long term view to, those women fighting back right now. If you want any more information, a copy of the paper, or anything else the meetings are held on alternate Thursdays at 8.00pm ♀ Centre or contact: Ann Crowder, 9 Gloucester Avenue, Lenton

WOMEN'S VOICE

Women's Voice is a socialist women's organisation. We support the 7 demands of the Women's Movement, but we believe that we cannot fight for women's liberation in isolation, that it must be allied to the fight for socialism. One issue of particular concern at the moment is the issue of Women's Employment - many women in Nottingham are being made redundant (particularly at Raleighs) We hope to have regular meetings and activities again soon. For further information contact: Jen Carter 203088 (Nottingham) or write c/o P.O. Box 82 LONDON E2

BIG FLAME

Big Flame is a revolutionary socialist organisation that takes feminism seriously. Women in Big Flame nationally have recently produced a brochure "Walking on a Tightrope" about women's lives and deals with issues such as waged work, housework and battered women. Nottingham Women in Big Flame meet regularly. For details Contact: Wendy 207686

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S AID

Nottingham Women's Aid is affiliated to the Women's Aid Federation (England) and works within the aims of the Federation. These aims are:

- 1 To provide temporary refuge on request for women and their children who have suffered mental or physical harrassment.
- 2 To encourage the women to determine their own futures and to help them achieve them whether this involves returning home or starting a new life elsewhere.
- 3 To recognise and care for the emotional and educational needs of the children involved.
- 4 To offer support and advice and help to any woman who asks for it, whether or not she is a resident and also to offer support and aftercare to any woman and child who has left the refuge.
- 5 To educate and inform the public, media, police, courts, Social Services and other authorities in respect of the battering of women; meaningful to the effect that this is a result of the general position of women in our society.
- 6 To support the aims of the Women's Liberation Movement.

In practice this means that we have an 'open door' policy; no woman is refused refuge and if our refuge is full we get in touch with other refuges to see if they can accomodate her. The refuge is run on a self-help basis by the support group and the women in the refuge. There is a house meeting each week where decisions on policy are made and where the women can talk about their grievances etc. The support group consists of women who are interested in, and sympathetic to, the aims of Women's Aid and can offer help and support to the women, which can mean going to court with them or giving advice on Social Security matters, injunctions etc. There are no rules in the refuge except in reference to security where, for example, we do not give out the address. No men are allowed in the refuge because often the women are distrustful of men. These rules are necessary in order to make the refuge a refuge in the true sense of the word. If you are interested in joining the support group or would like advice or refuge ring: 624547

OPEN DOOR

This is a housing association set up by women to house battered women. We meet in the g Centre on alternate Thursdays at 1.00pm. We need more members as we now have 5 houses. Contact: Sue Sycamore 581652

TRADES COUNCIL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Anyone who wants to know about the Committee contact: Gwyn Jackson Tel 865904. Meetings are 2nd Monday of the month.

WOMEN & MANUAL TRADES

There is no group at the moment in Nottingham but any woman who is interested contact: Judy 45361. There is a National Conference on 23/24 May in Nottingham and a benefit disco in April.

If you are able to offer accommodation to women attending the conference please contact Judy at 45361

EAST MIDLAND WOMEN & FILM

A breakaway group from the Independent Fil-makers Association, we have a varied history of film programmes of interest to women (the Feminist Film Weekend last year and the day of films on *q* and Violence) and are now holding a series of workshops on practical film-making. The group is open to any woman interested in film, developing a feminist theory of film and/or increasing technical skills. For further information contact: Carol Jones at the Midland Group, Warser Gate, Nottingham.

WOMEN & PHOTOGRAPHY

This is a new group with about 10 women involved at the moment. We hire out the darkroom at "The Building" (Arts and Crafts Centre in Hyson Green) every Monday from 11.00am - 3.00pm; and sometimes we book an evening session (7.00 - 9.00pm). We also meet once a month socially either at "The Golden Fleece" pub or whoever's house is big enough to house us all, to have informal discussions about what we're doing or what we would like to do. Our "skills" are varied, some have cameras and some don't (you can hire them from The Building) but mainly we hope to give support and criticism so that we gain more knowledge and confidence in our work. Contact: Judy at Ouroboros Wholefood Shop 49016 or Alex 703628

WOMEN'S THEATRE

We are a small group of feminists involved in producing street theatre which takes up women's issues. To date we have created a piece about the Corrie Bill (last February) and one about public spending cuts (last summer). For most of us these have been our first experiences as public performers.

We work collectively and create all our material together, through discussion and improvisation. At present we are working on the theme of women and work towards a production for May Day. We meet every Thursday at 8.00pm at Queen's Walk Community Centre, The Meadows. Anyone interested is welcome to come along or ring: Irene 862348 or Linda 868125

WOMEN & WRITING

We are a group of women who write ourselves and meet together, but not on a regular basis, to discuss what we are doing. Any woman who wants to be involved, or just talk about writing, contact Judy or Jacky 703628

WE ARE NOT REPRINTING THIS INFORMATION NEXT ISSUE, BUT WE WILL PRINT ANYTHING SENT IN BY A GROUP NOT ALREADY 'FEATURED'!
THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED IN 3 OR 4 MONTHS TIME.

W O M E N ' S C E N T R E S U B S C R I P T I O N

The Women's Centre Account is used to pay bills, repairs etc
(see Finance Group) Groups using the Centre pay towards costs
BUT we need more! If you can afford a regular amount please send
the form to your bank.

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A/C NUMBER: 97021350 NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED
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THIS FIRST ISSUE IS BEING DISTRIBUTED FREE: IT HAS BEEN PAID FOR
WITH WOMEN'S-CENTRE MONEY AND DONATIONS, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO PAY
BACK THE WOMEN'S CENTRE ACCOUNT SO PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!!

FUTURE ISSUES WILL COST 5p - ANY MONEY MADE ABOVE COSTS WILL GO
TO THE ♀ CENTRE. TO KEEP COSTS LOW, WE WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES
THROUGH GROUPS THAT MEET REGULARLY AT THE ♀ CENTRE. OTHERWISE,
IF YOU WANT TO HAVE ONE POSTED PLEASE SEND £1.00 FOR THE NEXT
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BE SENT TOGETHER WITH FORM TO:

WOMEN'S DIARY
c/o 76 ADDISON STREET
NOTTINGHAM)

NAME : ADDRESS :
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MONTHLY SOCIAL

at THE YORKER, MANSFIELD ROAD

Thursday March 5th.

Suggested topic:
The Abortion Issue -
what do we think
and feel?

Introduced by N.A.C.

