

# City of Nottingham

## LESBIANS AND GAY SUB-COMMITTEE

meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Council House, Slab Square. Half hour open discussion at end of meeting.

## GAY MENS MEETING

Thursday 31st October, 7.30pm International Community Centre, 61B Mansfield Road. Discussion will include progress of Gay and Lesbian sub-Committee and recommendations on housing services.

## MEETING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Saturday, 19th October 2.30pm, Queens Walk Community Centre, the Meadows. Fully accessible. Contact Equal Opportunities on 418571 if signers requested. This is a meeting for disabled people on working with the City Council for Equal Opportunities. It is hoped to work towards a working party of people with disabilities.



## Nottingham Gay Peoples Centre

• **SUNDAY, 27th OCTOBER** Charnwood Forest, pub lunch at Dover Castle gay pub, Leicester, afternoon ramble, (if wet museum/historic buildings visit) £1.00 covers transport return by car.

Followed by coffee evening in Nottingham. tel; 780124 details.

• **WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER**, Bric-a-brac stall, Arnold Market, 6.30-9pm, offers of ornaments and good items to sell, (no clothes please), 780124.

• **WEDNESDAY, 30th OCTOBER**, BINGO at Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St. 8.30pm, Book of tickets £1 (see below).

## Co-operative Society

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— PUBS and CLUBS —

**ADMIRAL DUNCAN**, 74 Lower Parliament St. 502727, Thur-Sat. disco, until 10.30pm. (Bar marked "private party")  
**FORESTERS**, St. Ann St. (off Glasshouse St. (Behind Victoria Centre), 580432. Mixed lesbian/gay, friendly staff.  
**GATSEYS**, Huntingdon St., 55323, busy weekends, main gay pub.  
**ASTORIA**, Greyfriars Gate, (Broadmarsh - nr. bus station), monthly disco, 1st Monday in month, 580555, great atmosphere.  
**CASABLANCA**, Greyhound St. (off King St), Mon-Sat, 9.30-2am. Sunday, 9.30-11.30pm. small cosy club, lots of comfy seats.  
**THE MANOR**, Albert Rd, West Briggford, (off Central Ave.), Every Saturday Country-club disco. 8-12, doors close 10pm. The main lesbian disco in Nottingham, some gay men.  
**THE CATACOMBS**, (Byards Brasserie, cellar bar, Byard Lane, (off Bridlesmith Gate) pub hours, new gay bar.

— SOCIAL GROUPS —

**GAY WELFARE WORKERS GROUP**, social workers, probation officers, teachers, health workers etc. all welcome, meet 3rd Saturday in month in flat, central Nottingham. details Glenise 602164.  
**NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH ORGANIZATION**, info. on groups, meetings/activities (up to age of 25), NLGYO, Box 11, c/o 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, (please send a S.A.E.).  
**NOTTINGHAM GAY SOCIAL GROUP**, c/o 31a Mansfield Road, coffee and a chat, drop-in evenings, details David 500135.

— HELPLINES —

**NOTTINGHAM GAY SWITCHBOARD**, your helpline to the gay and lesbian communities, Mon-Thur, 7-10pm, tel 411454.  
**FRIEND**, Tuesdays, 7-10pm, counselling and befriending, for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, TV/IS's, 476714, 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.  
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# GAY Nottingham!

## LABOUR VOTE FOR 16!

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No. 7 1985

## £1000 for AIDS Group

The Nottingham Aids Support Group is appealing for volunteers to tackle the growing amount of work now that the group has set up its own office in Central Nottingham. Nottingham Area Health Authority have given £1,000 towards initial running costs. If you are interested in getting involved in fund-raising, or have experience of office work or would like training in befriending or counselling then the group would like to hear from you. Write to Nottingham Aids Support Group, c/o The Self Help Team, 112 Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Lesbian and gay rights campaigners scored a major victory at the Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth when delegates passed a resolution with a 600,000 majority, committing the Labour Party to a positive action charter demanding that all laws discriminating against lesbians and gays should be scrapped. It also supported an age of consent of 16, to bring into line with heterosexuals. The charter will include an end to discrimination against lesbians and gays in child custody cases, prevent unfair dismissal at work and called for an end to police harassment. It also called on all Labour Councils to enforce positive employment policies for lesbians & gays.

## LABOUR COUNCILS URGED TO ACT

In proposing the resolution, Sarah Roelofs, said she was proud to be a lesbian and that so-called crimes of lesbians and gay men were crimes without victims. When Gays the Word Bookshop was raided and when gay men were entrapped by the police, lesbians and gays alone were the victims.

"An ex-Labour MP told me that the Labour Party should be building the new Jerusalem, not Sodom and Gomorrah. I want no part of your Jerusalem unless you include us," she said, to thunderous applause. A Labour Councillor John Davis, said he was not gay but was a human being. "...And decent human beings do not spit on people's love, like Tory councillors in Barnet who refused to accept a cheque for a charity, donated by the Gay Bereavement Gp."

Theresa Conway, thanked all those heterosexuals who had campaigned alongside us, before gay rights was a popular issue.

## Mansfield Community Arts Centre PERSPECTIVES THEATRE COMPANY

Wednesday 16th/Thursday - PRESENTS - 17th/Friday 18th October

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This new programme deals with the nature of friendship across the boundaries of age and sexuality. Set in Skegness between the years 1945 and 1982 and spanning two wars, (the end of World War Two and the Falklands) the central character is Nigel, an only child who lives with his parents on a council estate at the edge of town. Around his are his parents, Rita and Bernie; his friend Janet; Rita's sister Barbara; Carol and Nina, an elderly man and woman who befriend Nigel. Growing up, discovering sexuality and the nature of friendship are the themes. Bernie's past comes back to haunt him when Nigel meets Carol and the reasons for the father's bullying attitude to his son become clear. Fear of sexuality, attempts to hide aspects of our lives and repress aspects of others lives have (as often in life) disastrous consequences. The programme is aimed at the fifteen plus age range.

(this production by PERSPECTIVES THEATRE COMPANY is available to tour. Contact Moira Sutton on 0623-35225 for further information and rates).

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Rally in the park 3.30pm Full details and programme in

Sanity

At your newsagent

## Club Tallulah

CLUB TALLULAH, the new gay venue, with live performance opened recently in Nottingham. Using three characters, Stanley, St. John, and Duane, the three performers (Adam Weir, Andy Armstrong, and Jamie Crofts) present a new form of live performance involving music, comedy, sex lard, and just a touch of camp. Dress code: Leather, denim, frocks, uniform, pink lame trousers, D.M.s, Yves St. Laurent, in fact anything you like.

Also featuring Alan, the completely autonomous ClubTallulah resident guest singer. So, Tallulah, (mmmmmm) doing the new show More Leather and Lame at THE OLD VIC TAVERN, Fletchergate, 8.30pm, October 28th.

Copy deadline, November issue: 25th OCTOBER, to Gay Nottm, Box 11, c/o 118 Mansfield Rd, Nottm.

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Wednesday - Thursday  
16. 17 October at 8pm



Nottingham Gay Peoples Centre Fund Raising Benefit

WEDNESDAY, 30th OCTOBER

## BINGO

at 8.30pm

## ADMIRAL DUNCAN

Book of tickets £1.00, for all games in evening. Book in advance to avoid disappointment. Tel: 780124. (25p. admission includes free raffle ticket if booked in advance).

# AT THE MINISTRY FOR GAY RIGHTS 2001

One of the least controversial decisions of the new government has been the setting up of a Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Affairs.

Mancunian Gay went to interview the new Minister for Gay Men in his luxurious office in the heart of Whitehall.

**Minister, what do you think are the main reasons for the advances gay people have made over the last 25 years?**

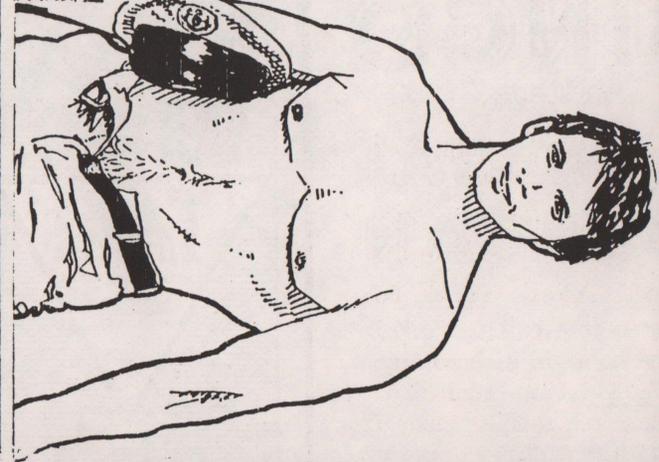
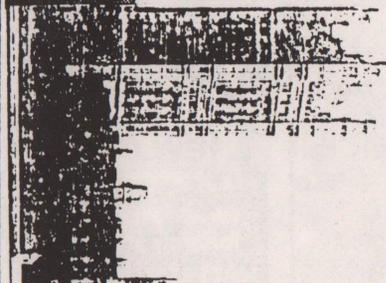
Several things spring to mind. The growth of the Gay Youth Movement in the late 1980's produced a major shift of opinion. Suddenly there seemed to be thousands of young gay people who were no longer prepared to put up with any discrimination and who seemed to know exactly what needed to be done to change things. For example there was the famous case in 1988 of the Southampton Secondary School where all the pupils joined their Gay Group to prevent it from being closed down.

This in turn created the atmosphere where Parents of Gays became a major force in the Gay Movement. They were keen, if inexperienced at first, and as heterosexuals no one was quite sure how to respond to them.

I remember the first time Granaries for Gay Liberation disrupted the House of Commons disguised as a pensions lobby to demand an equal age of consent. Until then it was easy for the media to say that we were a bunch of extremist faggots and dykes with no support. But saying they were all Marxist Lesbian grandmothers was too much, even for the popular press.

Another important reason was more public figures coming out. By the 1980's there were a few MP's and pop stars saying how much better they felt being open about themselves. And then it snowballed, suddenly there were gay support groups in Buckingham Palace, the TUC and the House of Lords. And in

from MANCUNIAN GAY



**What are your main aims for the next 25 years?**

There is still a lot to be done in rural areas. Most towns now have a range of gay services but many villages still have nothing. Several parish councils are at the moment experimenting with old time gay disco dances one night a week in the village hall. And the Government is publishing a White Paper soon on Gay Men in Rural Communities. Integration not isolation. Our aim is to provide as much support for gay people in rural Essex as we do at present in central London.

Another important area is more difficult to pinpoint, its changing the assumptions that people carry around with them. We used to say that everything would be better once we had positive images of gay people in the media. Well we've had our own television channel for the last 15 years and there's still a long way to go. We won't have completely finished our work until every single person in

certain institutions where gay men had gathered for safety there was a realisation that you were very possibly in the majority. There was no way your Commanding Officer or the bishop could get rid of you because there would be no one left.

In many ways Parliament was the hardest thing to change possibly because there had been a superficial openness there for so long. Even in the 1950's a gay MP caught cootaging would be given a friendly warning. And by the 1990's the House of Commons bar was regularly winning the Capital Gay award for the best pub. And yet even then most MP's still tried to convince us that it was curiosity or duty not desire that drove them to gay pubs and clubs most nights of the week.

It was only really after the scandals of 95, when senior members of all political parties were discovered in compromising positions and for the first time refused to pretend, that everything changed.

**How confident are you of the support of the Government?**

Extremely confident, for the first time we have several openly gay and lesbian members of the cabinet. There is a real understanding of gay rights and a commitment that the resources we need will be a significant proportion of our overall budget.

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The Prime Minister, and her lover, opened the purpose built £1 million Hereford Gay Centre last month. Both women were presented with small bouquets by two young men from the Hereford Gay Venture Scouts, who were watched by their adoring parents. The Prime Minister, wearing a fetching pair of purple dungarees with matching hat, christened the Centre with a ceremonial can of breaker.



## WATCH OUT THERE'S A COP ABOUT!

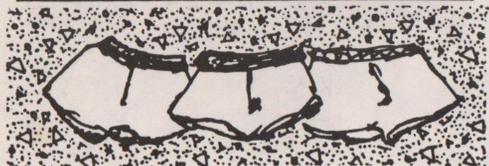
Police are again using agent provocateur tactics in several toilets in Nottingham, particularly at Mount Street Car Park and the Victoria Bus Station. One man reports seeing the 'pretty police' hiding in the attendants room, sending out a decoy, propositioning someone known to be gay and then arresting their victim. So the next time you are propositioned, beware.

## COOP's Fundraising Drive

The Nottingham Gay Peoples Centre Co-op Society, founded in August now has over thirty members approaching £200 in the bank. Membership of the Co-op is open to anyone, whether or not they are lesbian or gay, who wants to support its aims. It costs £1 for the application fee plus a purchase of at least one £1 loan unit. Several fundraising events are planned including a gay bingo session, a bric-a-brac stall on Wednesday, 13th November at Arnold Market. If you have anything that will sell (apart from clothes) get in touch with Chris on 780124 for collection. More info. about the Co-op is available from the Nottingham Gay Peoples Centre Co-op, Box 11, c/o 118 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham

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## Youth Festival gets ready

Plans are well in hand for Nottingham to host the National Lesbian and Gay Youth Festival on the 19th/21st December. Up to 400 young people from all over the country will be taking part in a programme that includes workshops, discussions, and a rally in the town centre. The City Council has been approached to give a civic reception to the conference and further plans will be announced shortly. Information from Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Youth Organization c/o 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, (SAE).