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BLGC NEWSHEET

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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSHEET!! We've survived the snow and the frozen pipes to see another VALENTINES DAY !! For all you shy ones out there you've missed the unique opportunity to send your love messages via the newsheet. Maybe next year. Please continue(!) to send your news, info etc to us for the March newsheet, REMEMBER IT'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8th. Deadline is MONDAY 2ND MARCH 1987.

NATIONALITY '87: A HALF DAY CONFERENCE.

The purpose of this conference is to launch a campaign which would make sure that

* everyone in Haringey who may be affected by the December deadline to register as British citizens under the Nationality Act of 1981

* anyone who might want to make an application receives the right advice before the deadline.

The meeting will be at WINKFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WINKFIELD RD, WOOD GREEN, N22; on SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY AT 2pm. Organised by HARINGEY NATIONALITY CAMPAIGN, 01- 881 3000 x 3595.

SUPPORT THE WOMBOURNE 12

Remember some time ago one Cllr Bill Brownhill of Codsall, Staffs, said that all gays should be gassed to stop AIDS ? Well, last December 14 lesbians and gays went to protest outside his house, 12 were arrested, held for 24 hours and then jailed for a week without trial. The trial is now set for February 23/24 at Seidon Magistrates Court in Wombourne. Your support is needed! Please contact the WOMBOURNE 12 DEFENCE CAMPAIGN, c/o BM GYM, LONDON, WC1N 3XX. Or phone 01-833 3912.

MESSAGE FROM CITY ANTI- APARTHEID GROUP

There has been violent harassment of women pickets outside the South African Embassy Non-stop picket. Women have been subjected to comments such as 'nigger lovers' 'dirty lesbians' and one woman was forcibly strip searched at Cannon Row police station. On THURSDAYS there is a women's picket, and on the first Thursday of every month there is an event with speakers etc. PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN THE PICKET. For more info contact Tina Jenkins on 01- 837 6050 or write to BM BOX CITY AA, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

LONDON LESBIAN AND GAY SWITCHBOARD is looking for more lesbian volunteers. There are funds to pay low and unwaged volunteers for a meal and travel. To get hold of an application form call 01- 837 7324, or send a note to Julie Walkling, London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard, BM SWITCHBOARD, London. WC1N 3XX.

***** NOTICE BOARD *****

LAGER (LESBIAN AND GAY EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS) are looking for suggestions, articles and information for a newsletter to be produced by the men in the project. Please send them to LAGER, Rm 203, Southbank House, Black Prince Rd, London. SE1 7SJ. Or call 01- 587 1643.

ATTENTION BLACK LESBIANS

Lesbian Employment Rights is setting up a course for Black lesbians in Heterosexism awareness training. For details etc contact Anne on 01- 587 1636.

BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS FIGHT HETEROSEXISM IN OUR COMMUNITIES A CONFERENCE. This is being organised for MARCH 21st 1987. Any Black gay men interested in being on the planning committee please call 01- 885 3543. We are all lesbians at the moment and want this to be a mixed event as it affects us all.

CANDEN UNEMPLOYMENT ACTION CENTRE: WOMEN ONLY DAYS ON FRIDAY.

Dance class on Friday mornings from 11-12. Exercises to music, followed by short routine and relaxation. Come and have fun, keep fit and meet new friends. Wear comfortable clothes. FREE. CRECHE PROVIDED. At 102 St Pancras Way, NW1 (entrance in Rochester Place), Tel: 01- 485 6352.

ASHA ASIAN WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE is holding the following courses:
WELFARE RIGHTS TRAINING COURSE

10.30 am - 4.30 pm on :

13th Feb,

20th Feb,

27th Feb,

6th March.

Venue: Conference Room, Brixton Enterprise Centre. Contact: SHAHIDA or FARAH on 01-274 4000 x 347.

SOUTHWARK BLACK WOMEN'S FORUM will hold their next meeting on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27th 1987 at 69, Bellenden Rd, Peckham, SE15 at 10.30 am.

SOUTHWARK RAPE CRISIS are desperately looking for Asian women volunteers to work on an Asian language line. Contact SHAHIDA at AHSASIAN WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE, 01- 274 4000 x 347; or at Asha at Southwark Women's Centre.

PAGE: THE PROJECT FOR ADVICE, COUNSELLING AND EDUCATION, based at LLGC, is seeking two additional workers with skills in one or more of the following areas: counselling, administration, organisational skills, groupwork, training, and AIDS and HIV health education. Salary: £10,900 (under review). Send s.a.e for application forms etc to PAGE, 69 Cowcross St, London, EC1. Or call 01- 251 2689. Closing date 13.2.87.

BLACK AND MINORITY WORKSHOP ORGANISER for the Women's Therapy Centre. 2 1/2 days a week for 8 months, salary £6000. Contact Angie Donoghue at WTC, 6 Manor Gardens, London N7 6LA. Tel 01- 363 6200. Deadline 27.2.87



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF LESBIANS AND HOMOSEXUAL MEN will take place on 5/6 March 1987 at the European Parliament in Brussels. For more information contact: kerngroep Europese Conferentie, p/a Marianne Ebertowski, Europese Parlement, GRAEL/arc-en-ciel, Belliardstraat 79-81, 1040 BRUSSEL, Belgie. Tel: 32-2-234.30.51

CANDEN BLACK SISTERS First A.G.M. on Friday 13th February 1987, at 6pm, at 146 Kentish Town Road. Speaker Cllr Linda Bellos, Poetry and song by LIONESSE CHANT, free food and drink, creche and transport call 01- 831 7897.

HARINGEY BLACK ACTION MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT BLGC OFFICE. Please call 01- 885 3543 for details of time etc.

GAY LONDON POLICE MONITORING GROUP want to hear from gay Black men about their experiences with the police. It is hoped that a report will come out of this, primarily to expose police treatment of our communities. All information will be treated in strict confidence. Also if you have been subjected to either racism or heterosexism contact GALOP. We can provide help in the form of advice, support and information on a range of issues. GALOP: 01- 278 6215/278 9829; 38 MOUNT PLEASANT, LONDON WC1X 0AP.

THEATRE OF BLACK WOMEN present a new play **MISS QUASHIE AND THE TIGER'S TAIL** FOR 10-13 year olds. To book it call 01- 254 1660.

LESBIAN AND GAY BLACK GROUP MEETS EVERY FRIDAY AT MARCHMONT ST COMMUNITY CENTRE.

SOUTHWARK LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH GROUP. Young lesbians and gay men (16-24 yrs) meet every Thursday from 6-9 pm. Contact Caroline or Gary on 01- 633 0383 between 6-9 pm.

CALLING ALL LESBIANS.....

Have you experienced anti-lesbianism when trying to get health care?

Has your lover been respected as your next of kin?

Have you been able to 'come out' to your doctor, and what was the reaction?

The **LESBIAN NURSES GROUP** is gathering information about how lesbians are treated by the Health Service. If you are interested come along to our open day on **SATURDAY 14th MARCH 1987**, any time between 12 and 5 pm at **A WOMANS PLACE, HUNGERFORD HOUSE, VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, LONDON WC2.** Or call 01-692 8160, or 01- 639 5302 to arrange a different time. **ALL LESBIANS WELCOME.**

ACCOMMODATION

Araba and Julia are still looking for a roommate. Room in co-op house in New Cross, £34 per month. Call 01-885 3543.

BLACKLESBIAN (pref. working class) sought for large comfortable house (short life) in Kennington. Rent (inc rates) £40 per week. Own room unfurnished. Share with two other Blacklesbians. Call Anne 01- 582 6409/ 587 1636.

ALL BLACK WOMAN HOUSEHOLD in Kennington seeks other Black woman. (Two lesbians and one straight) Rent (inc rates) £40 pw. Large unfurnished room. Contact Paulette/Chinnelo/Isling on 01- 735 9522.

GAY BLACK MALE WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT GAY BLACK CHRISTIANS (ESPECIALLY PENTECOSTALISTS AND THOSE FROM THE COGOP) AND MUSLIMS JUST TO CHAT. CONTACT BLGC OFFICE: 01- 885 3543, or at the address above.

VALENTINES

I LOVE YOU GARY. YOU ARE THE BIGGEST THING IN MY LIFE. GARY.

MY TONGUE HAS WALKED ALONG YOUR THIGH, DEAR DIVA DARLING OUT OF ORDER.

**DORREEN, MY ONE AND ONLY BUBBY, LOVE YOU VERY MUCH
DEBS**

**WITH SUMMERS PAST
AND WINTER DUE
AND ORCHID LEAVES SHINER
MY BODY HOLDS ALL DESIRE
WITH LIPS OF HONEYSUCKLE
WITH BODYS ~~AND~~ SOULS ENTWINED
HEARTS ~~AND~~
BIG YUMS.**

**ARABA MERCER
I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU I LOVE YOU.
LOVE DAWN.**

**NERIKA
WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT YOU ??love
YOU LOTS.**

TO A BRAUTIFUL BLACK LESBIAN IN CLAPHAM YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO COME ON ME AGAIN. LOVE YOU, CHUCKIE BGG XXX.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO THE TWO S'S. TRUE LOVE FOREVER XXX.

TO MY DARLING WIFE AND HER LOVER, MAY YOUR UNION BE AS PLEASURABLE AS OURS. SEE YOU IN MARCH. LOVE ROBERT.

SINCE I love you. From your subtle sex-queen!

**** HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS ****

NICOLA FIELD: on the 8th, well done!

KORRINA MERCER: on the 9th, 27 today!!

ANGELA DAVIS; on the 26th, we love you!!

A BIG THANK YOU to DEBS from Leicester for sending info to the Newsheet! Keep it coming!!



FEB 5th - MARCH 7th

* SCRAPE OFF THE BLACK. An east end family drama at Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15. Call 012-534 0310 for details and tickets.

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY 1987

* CAMDEN BLACK SISTERS AGM. 6pm at 146 Kentish Town Rd. See Notices for more info.

* WELFARE RIGHTS TRAINING COURSE: see Notice Board.

SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY 1987

* WOMEN ONLY ALL NIGHTER at the RIO Cinema. Kingsland High St., Dalston. Tickets £4.50/£3.50. Films, music, fun. Tickets in advance from Sisterwrite, Centreprise or The Rio.

WEDNESDAY 18th-21 FEBRUARY

* A VISION OF LOVE REVEALED IN SLEEP a performance by Neil Bartlett and Robin Whitmore. Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London. SW11 5TF. Call 01- 223 8413. 8pm.

THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY

* HANDSWORTH SONGS at the Ritzy Cinema, followed by discussion with members of Black Audio Film Collective. Call 01-737 2121 for details of time etc.

FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY

* WELFARE RIGHTS TRAINING COURSE: see Notice Board.

SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY

* Benefit party at the BLGC. Starts 9pm til late. Nearest tube SEVEN SISTERS, Buses 149, 243, 279, 76.

* WOMEN ONLY RAVE UP South London Women Centre, 55 Acre Lane, SW2. Two DJs SISTA CULCHA and MINI MICRO-Soul DJ. 9.30pm onwards. £1.50.

*** DIARY DATES *** DIARY DATES ***

MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

* BLACK WOMEN AND MENTAL HEALTH GROUP: PHOBIAS.

Contact Linda on 01- 701 2651 for time and venue.

THURS 26- SAT 28 FEBRUARY 1987

* EVE BITES BACK. Camden Women's Festival at Shaw Theatre. Ruby Turner, The Guest Stars, Frank Chickens and many more. For full details see Press, or call 01- 388 1394

MARCH DATES...

SATURDAY MARCH 4th 1987

BLGC B.G.M. will be held on 14th March, 1987, at 1.30pm at Brixton Recreation Centre, Brixton Station Road, London SW9 8QQ. ALL BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS ARE WELCOME.

26-28 MARCH 1987

* WOMEN OF THE CALABASH at Shaw Theatre, 7.30 pm as part of Camden Festival. Call 01- 388 1394 for booking info etc.

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

A BLACK WOMAN ONLY SOCIAL .
at Leicester women's centre,
Belgrave gate, Leicester.
No 1 sound system 'SAHELI' will be playing

DON'T FORGET THAT WE PRODUCE THIS NEWSLETTER ON TAPE FOR THE 'VISUALLY CHALLENGED', AND WE CAN ALSO PRODUCE ENLARGED COPIES IF SPECIALLY REQUESTED. SHOULD YOU KNOW OF BLACKLESBIANS AND BLACKGAY MEN WHO REQUIRE THIS SERVICE PLEASE DROP US A LINE.