



# PRIDE '85 NEWS

JUNE '85

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## IT'S HERE

**Pride '85 Festival: June 1st-30th**  
**Lesbian Strength March: Sat, June 22nd**  
**Mixed Carnival Parade: Sat June 29th**

Welcome to the 1985 Pride Festival - the biggest celebration for lesbians and gay men that this country has ever seen.

There's theatre, parties, exhibitions, picnics, talks and walks - everything from the Gay's The Word trial, through seminars at the prestigious ICA, to Mr Hard Hat '85. Politics and pleasure, it's all in Pride '85, and it's all in the Pride Guide.

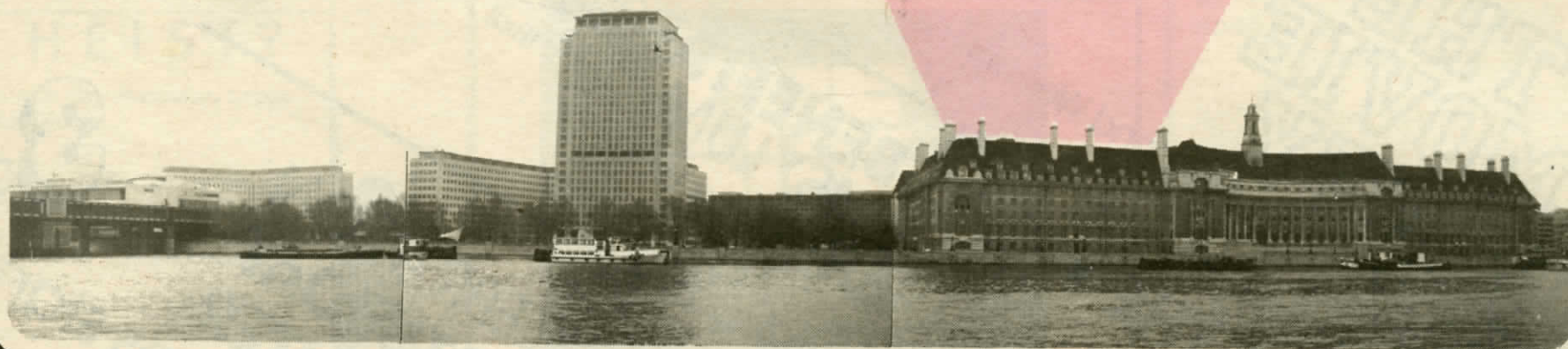
Many of the events are in London, but some are taking place in the regions; Bristol, Cardiff, Newcastle, Southampton and Edinburgh are all organising their own Pride celebrations. Pubs, clubs, groups, switchboards - anyone and everyone can join in.

For many women, the day to earmark in the diary will be the Lesbian Strength Celebration on June 22nd - see back page.

For others, and for gay men, the climax will be on June 29th, when we will be taking to the streets in our thousands for the Carnival. Coaches are coming from all over the country, and, if you're reading this in the regions, we hope you'll be on one of them. Londoners will also be making their way to Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, at 2pm. It'll be the start of a day you'll never forget. Full details on page 5.

Every year San Francisco attracts 250,000 to its Gay Freedom Day Parade; New York gets the same. Even Sydney in Australia rustles up 30,000 for its Mardi Gras.

Pride doesn't have to be the province of a few committed activists. Come along on June 29th and find out why.



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## English Queens

ROB FOSTER will be reclaiming a little of our gay past for the Gay Outdoor Club at the end of June.

On Thursday June 20, he follows in the footsteps of James I (1603-25) through Islington. James, with his notorious 'favourites', was a much-maligned gay king, Rob feels, and Islington is rich in his associations.

He established a palace at Theobald's-Theobald's Road was his private 'driveway' to the palace. He also had a passion for hunting because he felt that he looked better on a horse. Nevertheless, he managed to get thrown from his nag into the New River, which the walk will visit.

On Friday June 8, Rob takes his fellow walkers into the world of eighteenth century gay bars, or 'Molly Houses', round the Smithfield area, then known as Little Sodom. "One of the houses was in the shadow of the Old Bailey, and there's even a record of a drag ball there," said Rob.

He'll also visit the favourite cruising ground of the Gray's Inn Boghouse, and the spot where you used to take a mercury bath as a cure for the clap.

The molly houses disappeared in 1725, when they were raided, and many regulars were hanged; but on a positive note, the walk ends in Covent Garden, where the clients of one house, many of them in drag, repelled a police raid—our own miniature Stonewall Riot?

See diary for times.



PARKER and Klein are going to be pretty busy during the Pride Festival. They are presenting no less than three different shows in June, as well as appearing at Jubilee Gardens.

At the Oval House, they join forces with Hard Corps, the lesbian theatre group. The cabaret is described as 'the greatest love affair since Hepburn and Garland' and 'many things but never safe'.

Devilry—a wickedly funny twist on the Faust legend which satirises with affection much of the women's movement—revives for one performance on June 14.

And the two women will also appear in late-night cabaret at the Finborough Arms.

Joined by a mutual interest in "women's theatre, glamour and talking about the meaning of life over large bottles of very cheap red wine", the duo has won itself a cult following because it proves conclusively that lesbians can be camp.

"We hate boring dreary women's theatre, we don't have an attitude of reverence, and we like something with a bit of punch," Debbie Klein explained.

See listings for details.



## Media Attack

PHIL Adams of the Gay Media Monitoring Group launches two major initiatives at the end of June in the fight to get mainstream press, television and radio to report responsibly on gay and lesbian issues.

In Pride Week, a new set of guidelines for NUJ journalists reporting on gay issues will be unveiled, and at the same time a recruitment drive gets under way for volunteers to take part in a week's media monitoring, starting on July 15.

"We'll need about 100 volunteers," explained Phil. "We're aiming to watch and listen to a complete week's output. That means four television channels, and seven radio stations: Radios One to Four, Capital, LBC and Radio London. It's about 1400 hours broadcasting."

The findings will be published in a book, along with correspondence which Phil has collected over the last two years. "I've got an extraordinary catalogue of complaints about evasions, distortions, fobbing-off and excuses. The companies always claim they treat lesbians and gay men fairly, but this is the evidence to prove they're wrong."

Anyone wishing to join the project as a volunteer listener can contact Phil on 278 6601 (work).

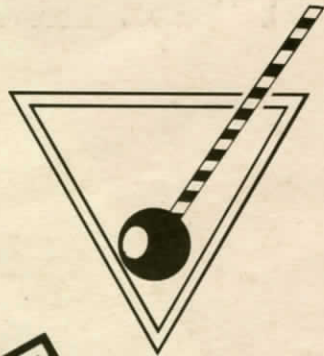
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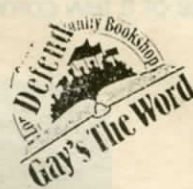
### Three things Pride Week needs:

1. Camp 2. Commitment 3. Celebration

**1. THE  
MOVIE  
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**Heaven**



**2. DEFEND GAYS THE WORD BENEFIT  
AT THE ASYLUM**  
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Men and Women  
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**3. CELEBRATION  
GAY PRIDE SATURDAY  
ALL NIGHTER**  
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# ICA ARTS FESTIVAL

SALVATORE Santagati has organised a complete festival in itself at the ICA in the Mall, SW1. Entitled The Gay Sensibility in the Arts, it consists of a series of six discussions and a season of films headlined by Improper Conduct, the controversial documentary by Cuban exile Nestor Almendros, about the treatment of gays under Fidel Castro's government.

The event has been generously sponsored by Heaven, and the list of panellists reads like a Who's Who of lesbians and gay men in the arts.

The discussions in turn cover literature, theatre, rock music, cinema, the visual arts and a summing-up: The Gay Sensibility in Question.

Novelists Tom Wakefield and Aileen la Tourette debate the question of what is dangerous about gay writing with critic Alison Hennegan (11), while director Bill Gaskell of the National Theatre, Julie Parker of the Drill Hall and playwrights Bryony Lavery and Noel Greig discuss the impact of gay theatre since the Lord Chamberlain stopped censoring in the late 60s (18).

The ins and outs of gay identity in the rock world get an airing by former Bronski Beat singer Jimi Somerville, singer Steve Swindells, Cheryl Garrett, author of Women In



Jimi talks! - 26th

Rock, and Colin Bell of London Records (26).

Panellists Richard Dyer, author of Gays and Films (BFI) and Mandy Merck, editor of Screen, explore the changes in gay cinema and the role of gays in straight cinema with film-maker Richard Kweitnowsky (July 2), while homoerotic art is discussed by John Russell Taylor, art critic of The Times, artist Mario Dubsky, photographer Yves Lomax and critic Stuart Morgan (9 July).

The series is wound up on July 11 by Edmund White, author of A Boy's Own Story, and earlier participants.

The ICA film season, which runs July 3-14 to coincide with the talks, ranges from classics of the 1930s, like Sylvia Scarlett and Maidens in Uniform, to recent releases such as A Man Like Eva and The Colour of Pomegranates. Full details in the listings.



Noel Greig - 18th

## Heaven sent

HEAVEN, which is sponsoring the ICA season, is taking part in it too. The club is organising a Movie Party on Tuesday, 25th June to coincide with the festival, and promises films and dancing all night.

Films booked are The Colour of Pomegranates, Orphee, Sebastiane, and The Hunger, with more in the pipeline. The club will also be specially decorated for the occasion.

Heaven will also be organising a special art exhibition during Gay Pride Week (June 24-29th), which means that part of the club will be open during the day.

Full details will be released later.

## Bolts benefit

ON Thurs 13 June, Bolts in Tottenham hosts a major benefit for Pride 85. The club is offering all drinks at 60p; all the door takings (£2/£3 guests) plus cloakroom go towards the cost of putting on the Jubilee Gardens carnival.

Appearing will be the cult band, Two Big Boys, which actually features a line-up of five. The group has acquired a strong following since its debut at a Movements/Switchboard gig at the Diorama. The highlight of its short career so far was at the all-night mixed media event at the Scala, since which they've been taking a holiday.

They're perhaps best described as a more sophisticated Velvet Underground.

Support acts have yet to be announced, but there'll be a raffle with prizes including a weekend in Brighton, a £25 Expectations voucher and dinner for two at Roy's Restaurant.

## Moving proudly

NICK Nutgens is organising a "day of dance and dialogue" for gay men on Sunday 23 June, with the aim of "having fun and gaining confidence in moving."

The day will consist of movement exercises, dance, games, and a "little bit of talking"; and there's a swimming pool next door, if people want a dip at lunchtime. "It should be relaxing, and make people feel a bit more comfortable inside their bodies," claimed Nick.

"Gay men don't get enough chances to be physical or sensual with each other, without it having sexual overtones. You can get physical in the clubs, for sure, but that's all tied up with sex and ideas about beautiful bodies. A lot of us don't fit that stereotype, though, or don't think we're pretty enough, and the result can be a subtle sense of inferiority."

"I want to restore some sense of self-confidence." Those attending are asked to bring food to share at lunch, and to wear loose clothing. See listings for full details.

## Friendly service

GET TOGETHER is a rough translation of the word Chavura (say the ch as in loch), which comes from the same root as the Hebrew word for 'friend'.

The Jewish Gay Group hold them regularly, and are holding one with a special Gay Pride service during Pride 85 Week. A Chavura begins with the traditional pattern of lighting Sabbath candles, and is followed by a Friday service from a prayer book that does not refer to gender. Then there is a Kiddush blessing over bread and wine and a vegetarian buffet. After that

there is usually a speaker, often from the gay or Jewish communities, and there have been several rabbis, both male and female.

It is a religious meeting, based on the wide range of Jewish culture and experience, but everyone is welcome. Non-Jewish people are often impressed by the quality of feeling that they find.

The Chavura will be held at 8.00pm, at the Alyth Youth and Community Centre, Alyth Gardens, London NW11 (Golders Green tube). For more information contact The Secretary, JGG, BMJGG, London WC1N 3XX.

## Weeks's month

DR JEFFERY Weeks, Britain's leading writer on gay theory, launches a major new study in Pride Month.

Sexuality and its Discontents, subtitled Meanings, Myths and Modern Sexualities, is published by Routledge, Keagan and Paul on June 17.

"It's really about identity, pleasure and choice," Jeff

said. "It starts with the AIDS scare and the rise of the New Right, then it goes back to the 19th century to show how the past structures our assumptions about sex."

Dr Weeks will have the opportunity to put his views when he takes part in a seminar at the ICA to coincide with the book launch.

## Pride style

"IT'S strange. In San Francisco we don't have this division between the commercial culture and the political culture. Everyone becomes political when Gay Freedom Day rolls round. It's just when you go out and celebrate being gay. People who are not involved at any other time of the year turn out for that day."

As soon as people start fig-

uring out that they'll get picked up at the Parade, they will start doing it. Tell them that they'll meet cute people on the Parade. Then they'll come. And what's wrong with that? Sex is the bottom line of gay liberation, let's not forget that."—Armistead Maupin, author of Tales of the City, in an interview with Eric Presland.

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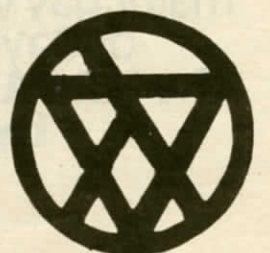
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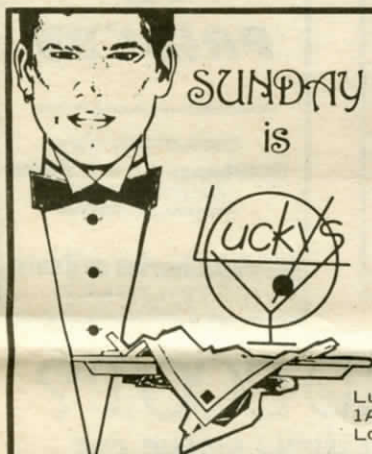
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## FORTISSIMO FAGGOTS

THE Pink Singers will be dashing all over London during the Pride Festival; for the fourteen-strong gay male chorus turns up at The Bell in Greenwich (16), Goldsmith's College (20), with guests at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre (28), and on the Pride Parade (29).

Their own concert at the Centre also features Jo Richler, Mark Bunyan and Eric Presland, and on this occasion the choir joins the singer/songwriters as backing vocalists and as interpreters of their songs.

The repertoire ranges from the odd madrigal to I Am What I Am and an obscure 50s Lieber/Stoller rock number, Motorcycle Man, which they found, sung in French, on an Edith Piaf LP. On the way it takes in lots of 20s and 30s standards, and Kurt Weill/Berthold Brechts songs—"about as serious as we can get without sticking out like a sore thumb," according to the choirmaster Robert Hugill. They also field a formation dance team at their concerts.

The Pink Singers were formed "to prove that we could do it, to contribute to culture without reference to the straight world. We change words sometimes to make songs relevant. We try to put them over from our point of view. And we enjoy it—that's the most important thing."



The Pink Singers

## Ceilidh forward through Pride

THE gay ceilidh band, known as Pinque Rince, has only been going for three months, but already it has a character and professional assurance all its own.

The five-piece group was brought together by Michael Twomey, Graham Connelly and Patraic O'Flaithimh.

Kath Sharman and Diane Cooper complete the line-up.

In another incarnation, Graham is a strenuous modern classical composer, currently working on an opus based on a section of the Epic of Gilgamesh. He was also a member of the late Dorian Opera Group.

For him the ceilidh is a

means of relation, self-expression, having fun and achieving a different kind of professionalism.

"I was in a very straight folk band in Cheltenham, but I got bored. The folk scene is so straight, I thought it was time for something else.

"We're not aiming at a

straight ceilidh, more a kind of ethno-bop. And radical glamour is in," he added mischievously.

"We're getting camper by the minute," agreed Michael.

The group has concerts at the Union Tavern and at the Lesbian/Gay Centre, as well as playing after the Carnival Parade. See listings for details.

## Bach chat

CHARLOTTE Bach, who died in 1981, developed a theory that sexual deviation was the mainspring of evolution; she was also a transsexual, though few of her acquaintances knew it in her lifetime.

Bob Mellors, who knew Bach and published several pamphlets by her and about her ideas, will be giving a talk,



with a slide show, about the life and ideas of Charlotte Bach in the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1, on Wednesday 19 June at 7.30pm.

"She rediscovered the natural function of gayness," he says. "She gave gays back their place in the world."

THE FEDERATION of Lesbian and Gay Students has pledged to bring its banner to the Parade, and urges students to come along to march under it.

They will also be organising the soft drinks stalls at the carnival.

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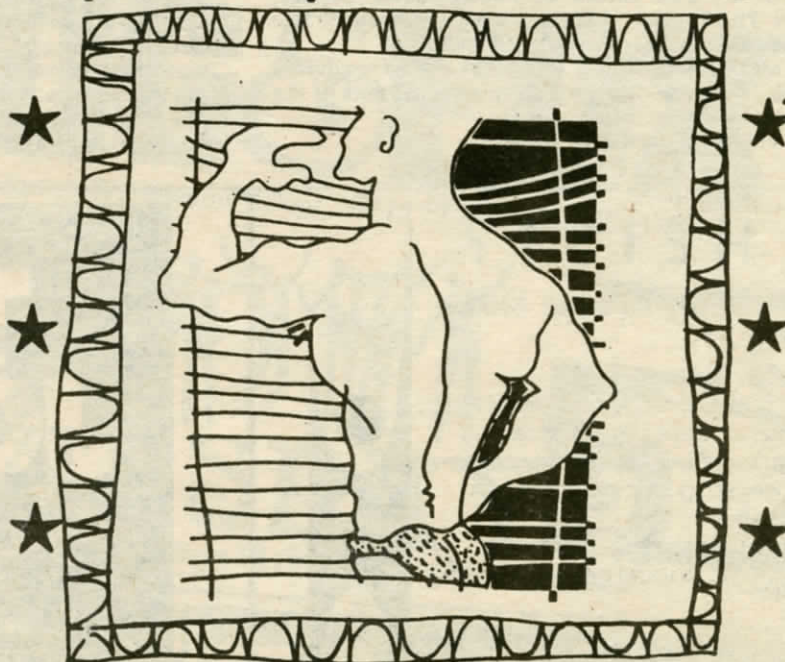
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We move off at 2.30 to walk through the West End of London, to Piccadilly Circus... Trafalgar Square... along the Strand... over Waterloo Bridge... to the GLC's Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank. The shoppers and passers-by won't know what's hit them.

Pride March regulars have been grumbling that we aren't ending up as before at the University of London Student's Union, where there's a sauna and swimming pool. But Jubilee Gardens is the biggest space available in Central London which can accommodate the numbers we anticipate. It's also almost our last chance to thank the GLC for the support it's given to lesbian and gay causes.

It also enables us to mount

**STALLS** There are still some stalls available, priced £5-£35; we especially need food stalls, to cater for all the hungry marchers, and pubs and clubs which provide food anyway on their own premises are well placed to do this. Enquiries to Graham Swan, 01-388-4819.

# THE BIG DAY



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- There'll be a well-staffed

beer tent licensed from 4-9pm—no hanging about thirsty after a long walk, waiting for the bar to open.

- There'll be river trips up and down the Thames, so you can see the carnival from the water.
- There'll be a few well-chosen words from the likes of Ken Livingstone; though we real-

ise that lots of speakers can kill a carnival atmosphere, and we're spacing them carefully between bands.

And there'll be five hours of continuous entertainment on two stages—the main, open-air stage, and a smaller cabaret tent. Just about every lesbian/gay singer, band and act will be putting in an appearance, as well as a few straight bands which support Gay Pride. Tom Robinson, Elaine Loudon, bits of Bronski Beat, The Guest Stars, ADC, Simon Fanshawe—a total of 25 acts so far, and there's more to come. We're saving a few surprises for the day itself. The carnival has to end at

**DISCOUNTS** Some pubs and clubs will be offering reduced-price or free admission to those people who have been seen on the parade and are wearing a *Pride '85—I was There* sticker. Any venue wishing to join this scheme should contact David or Jeremy on 01-582-2904. The full list will be publicised on the Carnival Programme.

**HELP!** On the big day we are going to need stewards, collectors, badge sellers, information stall-runners, security staff, messengers, stage crews, and people to clear up: at least 150 people. If you can offer help, please contact Jeremy/David on 01-582 2904. We also need donations. Carnival expenses are estimated at £7,000—a free festival costs money! It's not too late for pubs and clubs to organise benefits. And individuals can send cheques/POs, payable to *Pride '85*, to Graham Swan, 9 Stallbridge House, 231 Hampstead Road, London NW1. Above all, please give generously on the day.

sunset, because we can't afford the floodlighting necessary to carry on into the night. But even after the carnival, there'll be many special attractions in the pubs and clubs of London that night.

Heaven in particular, just across the water at Charing Cross, will be pulling out all the stops; and the Market Tavern just along the South Bank at Vauxhall, is also

making a special effort. Both places are staying open all night, as is the Fallen Angel in Islington, for those who need a roof over their heads. (Places to crash will also be available on the day—contact the Pride Information Stall for details.)

It'll be a day with something for everybody: a day you'll remember for the rest of your life.

**PRIZES!** *HIM/Gay Times* are offering two prizes of £100 each for the best woman in carnival costume and the best man in carnival costume respectively. The parade will take place in Jubilee Gardens at approximately 5.30pm.

The *Pride '85* Organising Group are also offering a plaque for the best banner from a commercial venue (pub, club or business) on the parade. The judges will decide on the march itself, and the presentation will be on the main stage at about 5 pm. Get those sewing machines out now!

## The Line-Ups

### MAIN STAGE: COMPERES:

Tom Robinson—the first openly gay singer to make the charts, with three international Top Five hits and eight albums to his credit. He's promised himself a break from performing, but we're still trying to persuade him to bring a guitar along, just in case... A *Pride Festival* without Glad To Be Gay? Unthinkable!

Elaine Loudon—in her incarnation as Mitzi Wildebeest, roving ambassador for white South Africa, and currently Mrs Thatcher's Minister for Culture. No doubt she'll try to persuade us all to go home immediately.

**Performers:** The Guest Stars: six-piece women's jazz band voted one of the most popular live acts in recent City Limits poll. They've played Ronnie Scott's and several jazz festivals. "Their warm lyrical swing exudes joy and delight"—*Time Out*.

**Ginger and Spice:** Women's reggae band. Bring your dancing shoes for the hottest new reggae band around, with an infectious energy that will lift you to your feet.

**Radioactive:** Synthesizer-based pop/rock band with extremely catchy tunes you'll find yourself humming days later in the bath.

**Snow Leopard:** Headed by singer Anna Chen, the band plays a kind of Chinese Rock, mixing English and Oriental styles. Anna has a vocal range of 3½ octaves and a tough approach which belies racist stereotypes of the East.

**Popular History of Signs:** their single *Body and Soul* and album *Country* were released on Jungle Records at the beginning of the year. Their commitment is expressed in moody, synth-based songs such as *Lenin*, *If She was a Car* and *Justice*, not *Vengeance*.

**The Touch:** Three-piece women's band who play a kind of 'raw soul' with an

emphasis on the power of lyrics.

**Spring Chickens:** three-piece folk band headed by John Spiers, very popular as a soloist in the clubs, and a man who in his time has toured as support to such top-liners as The Oyster Band.

**The Pink Singers:** 14-strong gay male choir.

**The gay ceilidh band,**

**Pinque Rince,** five-piece Irish jigs and more.

**The Vilettes:** Out gay band with reggae, ska and electro-pop influences—catchy tunes and strong lyrics about macho and masculinity.

And there's more to come! See *Stop Press* column, *Capital Gay* and the listings magazines for updates.

## Cabaret time

### CABARET TENT:

**Comperes:** Rose Collis, well-known as a solo singer/songwriter as well as writer and music director for the women's theatre group, *Hardware*. A member of the *Gay Youth Video Project* which made the award-winning *Framed Youth: Revolt of the Teenage Perverts*.

**Performers:** Gus Cairns—singer/songwriter/actor. Original songs about gay male life. Mark Bunyan: Sophisticated cabaret performer and composer of originality with four musicals to his credit. "An out-gay Noel Coward"—*Time Out*.

**The Funghettis:** Good-time jazz, with an occasional Latin-American beat.

**Parker and Klein—see story, p2.**

**Greyum and Rollo:** Comic mime duo with sketches about masculinity, war, and growing up gay.

**Penny Woods:** Ex-rock band keyboard player with bluesy tunes and wry lyrics.

**Simon Fanshawe:** radical gay comic (see story, p11).

**Consenting Adults Roadshow:** Incisive lyrics by former *Capital Gay* columnist Eric Presland, super voice by Fi Craig, piano and teddy bears by Norman Penny.

**Kim Nagel:**

I write what I think so you don't feel alone  
I write poems because they are easy  
I perform because no-one will publish my book,



Rose Collis

I appear in all clubs that are sleazy.

**Fay Presto:** Magicienne extraordinaire with a growing lesbian and gay following as a result of her residency at the Hippo and her work for gay causes. You won't believe your eyes!

**Strange Language:** Electronic music/performance duo with a surreal sense of humour and lots of silly props.

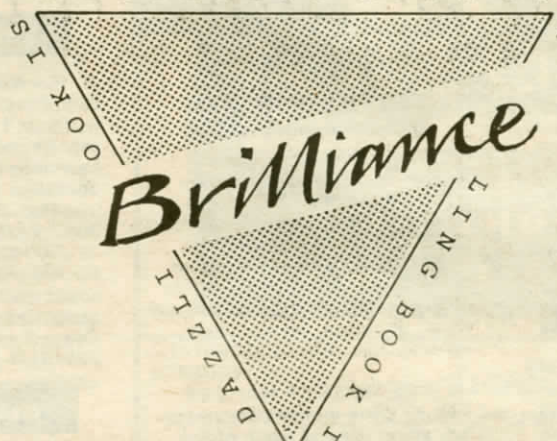
**Terry Quay:** Black woman singer and percussionist, specialising in traditional African instruments—Balafo, Akan Atumpan Drums, Donno Drums, Sansa etc.

**ADC:** Drag act with a difference, in the tradition of the *Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence*.

**André Adore:** Deeply-felt impersonations of Garland, Monroe, recreated in loving detail that earns him the description "a male actress".

  
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# THE PRIDE GUIDE

THESE pages constitute a day-by-day guide to what's on during Pride Month. We hope you'll keep it, and use it. We've left a little box at the beginning of each entry, so you can tick the things that you're interested in.

The listings are compiled from information which has been sent to us by the groups, venues or individuals involved. Some of the entries are incomplete, and it has not been possible to check the accuracy of every one. We strongly advise you to check an event wherever possible, and we have included phone numbers for this purpose.

Because we cover the whole month of June, a few events are still in the pipeline. Keep an eye on the Capital Gay listings, and the lesbian/gay pages of Time Out and City Limits, for those Pride events which have slipped past our deadline.

We hope you find things to enjoy, things to make you think, and things to excite you in June.

Happy Pride Month!

## IN THE LONG RUN

□ THE JOEYS appear in a brand new show, The Seventh Joke, at the Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon St, WC1. Tel: 387 9629/380 1453. Mon-Sat, June 10-29, 8pm. (11, Press night, at 7pm.) £4/£3 (UB40 50p on the night).

□ FACING FANSHAW: Simon Fanshawe in live chat show with extraordinary range of guests at the Drill Hall, Chénies St, WC1. Tel: 637 5918. Wed-Sat, June 12-29, 8pm. Admission £3.50 (concs £2.50). (See story p 11)

□ 1984-5 A Year of Lesbian/Gay Life in Pictures: Photo exhibition (see Caption Review, this page) at Haringey Library, Wood Green High Rd, N22. Tel: 888 1292. Mon-Sat, June 3-29, 9.30am-8pm (to 5.30pm Sats). Free.

□ COPYART EXHIBITION (see Caption Review this page) at Copyart, Hawley St, NW5. Tel: 267 7342. June 17-29. Free. See Stop Press for more info. LONDON

□ PRIDE 85 Badges, T-Shirts, vests, stickers available throughout the month from Body Tech, Tryon St, SW3. Also art exhibition for Gay Pride, featuring work by Derek Brazell and Chris Smith. 10.30am-6.30pm (Mon-Fri), from 10am Sats. Free. Tel: 225 1403. LONDON

## SAT JUNE 1

□ OPPENHEIMER/RANSOME: singing synthesiser duo at The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. Tel: 853 5206. Organised by Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Rights Group. 9pm onwards. Free. LONDON

## SUN JUNE 2

□ CONSENTING ADULTS ROADSHOW: Powerful and witty cabaret trio with lots of audience participation. Organised by GLGRG. Tel: 853 5206. The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. 9pm onwards. Free.

□ GAY VEGETARIANS picnic. See Sun 16. LONDON

## MON JUNE 3

□ QUERRELLE: Fassbinder's last film—phallic fantasy of Genet's novel of lust and death. 1.05, 5.10, 9.15. Plus Andy Warhol's *Flesh* (3.05, 7.05) and Genet's *Un Chant d'Amour* (4.40, 8.45). Scala Cinema, 277 Pentonville Rd, N1. Tel: 278 0051. LONDON

## WED JUNE 5

□ THE PROBLEMS and pleasures of a Gay lifestyle for Young Gay Men: Banned gay author Terry Sanderson talks to Islington/Haringey Gay Group. Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, N1. 8.30pm. Tel: 743 4096. Free. LONDON

## THURS JUNE 6

□ THE JOEYS perform at Brentford Arts Centre, Brentford High St, Brentford. 8pm. Feltham Gay Group organises a visit. £3.50. Tel: 894 9382. BRENTFORD

□ GLGRG STALL at the Greenwich Festival Fair, 10.30am-6pm. Clock House Community Centre, Defiance Walk, SE18. Free. LONDON

## FRI JUNE 7

□ PARKER/KLEIN: Lesbian camp comedy cabaret (see story, p 2) at The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. Organised by GLGRG. Tel: 853 5206. Free. LONDON

□ POETRY EVENT at London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1. Guests include Peter Robbins. Details from Ziggy on 249 9504. 8-10pm. £1.50/75p concs. LONDON



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## SAT JUNE 8

□ ROCK NIGHT at The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. Organised by GLGRG. Tel: 853 5206. 9pm onwards. Free. LONDON

□ GAY WRITERS—GAY READERS: talk and discussion with Alison Hennegan, Aileen la Tourette, Terence Davies, Martyn Goff, Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol. 2pm. Tel: 0272-299191/4. BRISTOL

□ THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK: Oscar-winning documentary about life and death of San Francisco's gay local councillor. Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol 1. 4, 6, 8pm. Tel 0272-299191/4. BRISTOL

## SUN JUNE 9

□ CABARET NIGHT at The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. Organised by GLGRG. Tel: 853 5206. 9pm onwards. Free. LONDON

□ BRISTOL GAY SWITCHBOARD 10th Anniversary Party, with auction, raffle, swimming,

## Strange men in bushes

CONSENTING Adults in Public, which describes itself as "London's only deviant community theatre group", will be back on its now traditional stamping ground of Hampstead Heath, for a midnight matinee on Midsummer Night (June 21).

The show is called *Campfire*, by Eric Presland, the author calls it, "a sort of SM-paedophile-transvestite Brian Rix farce".

The plot revolves around two summer camps; in one field, a troupe of boy scouts is preparing for an inspection by a visiting District Commissioner and rehearsing a Gang Show, while in the next a leather club is having a week of back-to-nature, assisted by a large cocktail cabinet, barbeques, and a fancy dress party.

Complications set in when one of the scouts needs a costume for the Gang Show, and one of the leather queens needs a scout uniform for the fancy dress. Confusion is made worse when the district commissioner visits the wrong camp, and to add to the chaos it turns out the the Scoutmaster and the Leather Captain are long-lost identical twin brothers.

"I've written it fast and furious, because they're a rowdy lot on the Heath," said Eric. Nevertheless, the group warns people that the show is quite long, and they should come prepared with thick woollies and cushions to sit on.

The show also plays at the Royal Oak, Walton Way, E8. See diary for details.

cabaret and disco. Oasis Club, 12 Park Row, Bristol. £2.50 (to Switchboard). 2-6.30pm. BRISTOL

□ SIMON FANSHAW and friends at the Hope Centre, Hope Chapel Hill, Hotwells, Bristol. Tel: 0272-425927. BRISTOL

□ TIMES OF HARVEY MILK: See Sat 8. BRISTOL

□ WALKING the Green Chain. GOC walk for Greenwich Festival. Assemble Thames Barrier car park, 10am. LONDON

□ GAY VEGETARIANS picnic. See Sun 16. LONDON

## MON JUNE 10

□ 2nd PINK HIPPO BALL Hip-podrome extravaganza in aid of London Gay Switchboard. Hip-podrome, Leicester Square, WC2. Tel: 01-437 4311. Dress—Black Tie or "In The Pink". 9pm-3.30am. £10. LONDON

□ THE JOEYS opening night is also a benefit for London Gay Switchboard. Details under "In the Long Run". LONDON

□ BRISTOL Lesbian and Gay Youth Group starts up. Tel: 0272-635891. BRISTOL

□ ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE: Beryl Reid outstanding and Peter McEnery hunky in inferior film of Joe Orton's stage play (1.55, 5.40, 9.25). Plus *Boys In The Band*, much underrated witty and accurate study of self-oppression among NY gays at party (3.55, 7.20). Scala, 277 Pentonville Rd, N1. Tel: 278 0051. LONDON

## TUES JUNE 11

□ ICA discussion on Gay Literature. Panelists Tom Wakefield, Aileen la Tourette, Alison Hennegan. Chaired by Jonathan Cutbill, a director of Gay's The Word bookshop. Seminar Room, ICA, The Mall, SW1. 7.30pm. Tel: 930-3647. £1.50. LONDON

□ IMPROPER CONDUCT: Nestor Almendros's documentary about the treatment of gay men under Castro. Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol 1. Tel: 0272-299191/4. 6, 8pm. BRISTOL

## WED JUNE 12

□ LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS special meeting with visiting speakers from Dulais Colliery, South Wales. London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1. 7pm. Free. LONDON

□ LOBBY of ACTSS, Greenwich Branch, organised by GLGRG against self-confessed homophobia, Charles Maslin. (see story, p.11) Charlton House, Charlton Village, SE7. 6.30pm. Buses 53, 54, 75. BR Charlton. Free. LONDON

□ THE PINK POUND, How

should it be spent? An informal discussion by Islington/Haringey Gay Group. Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, N1. 8.30pm. Tel: 743-4096. Free. LONDON

□ IMPROPER CONDUCT: See Tues 11. BRISTOL

□ PRIDE '85 Benefit Disco at Bolts, 6-9 Salisbury Parade, Green Lanes, N8. 8pm-2am. £2/£3 guests. Drinks 60p. Tel: 809-1460. LONDON

## FRI JUNE 14

□ DEVILRY: Parker/Klein outrageous reworking of the Faust legend. (see story, p.2) at Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate High St, N6. 8pm. £2.50/£1 concs. Tel: 348-8716. LONDON

□ CENSORSHIP: Gay Humanist Group Pride '85 meeting, with speaker Dr David Kennington of National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Act. Tel: 0926-58450. At Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1 (Tube—Holborn), 7.30pm. Free. LONDON

□ WOMEN'S BAND NIGHT at The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. Organised by GLGRG. Tel: 853-5206. 9pm onwards. Free. LONDON

□ LAMBETH PRIDE '85 disco at Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Triangle, SW2. Also Tacky Tat Competition—arrive dressed to kill by 10pm. Organised by Lambeth Amenity Services. 9-2am. LONDON

□ MUSICAL EXPRESS at Stalions, Falconbury Mews, W1. Musical journey from the '40s to the '80s, with request stops en route. 8pm-2am. £1 entrance—cheap drinks before 10pm. Tel: 437-0047. LONDON

□ FESTIVAL DISCO at Club Circus, Eastville Stadium, Muller Rd, Bristol. 9pm-2am. £1.50. BRISTOL

□ IMPROPER CONDUCT: See Tues 11. BRISTOL

□ CONSTRUCTION PARTY and Mr Hard Hat '85 competition (£50 first prize). Lazer disco. Nightingale Club, 40 Thorpe St, Birmingham. Tel: 021-622-1718. BIRMINGHAM

## SAT JUNE 15

□ DANCE MARATHON at the Market Tavern, 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, SW8. Tel: 482-2433. In aid of THT and GLAD (see story, p.11) 8pm-8am. Admission £1 after 11pm. LONDON

□ ROCK NIGHT at The Bell,

Haddo St, SE10. Organised by GLGRG. 9pm onwards. Free. LONDON

□ THE HOMOSEXUAL, or The Difficulty of Sexpressing Oneself, by Copi. Framework Theatre's production of surrealist French transsexual play, a mixture of farce, Chekov, sexual politics and shock tactics. Pentameters Theatre, NW3. (Tel: 435-6757) 7.30pm. £2.50/£1.50 concs. LONDON

□ GEMMA and the Gay Men's Disabled Group joint meeting, with speaker from the Defend Gay's The Word Campaign. Followed by social and refreshments. Able-bodied welcome too. Good wheelchair access. Tolmer Square Community Centre, Foundry Mews, NW1. 3-6pm. Free. LONDON

□ IMPROPER CONDUCT: See Tues 11. Also at 4pm. BRISTOL

□ GAY WEST all-day social at 3 Abbey Green, Bath. 10.30am onwards. Tel: Bath 310729/24716. BATH

□ PARKER/KLEIN in cabaret at the Finborough Arms, 118 Finborough Rd, SW10. Tel: 373-3842. 10pm. £2.50/£1.50 concs. LONDON

## SUN JUNE 16

□ CAMPFIRE, an SM-paedophile-transvestite Brian Rix farce by Eric Presland, premieres on the Old Profanity Showboat, MV Thekla, The Grove, Bristol. Tel: 0272-48581. (See Caption Preview, opposite page) 9.30pm. £2.50/£1.50 concs. BRISTOL

□ PINK SINGERS, gay male choir, and Halfway to Paradise (see 24) in cabaret at The Bell, Haddo St, SE10. Organised by GLGRG. Tel: 853-5206. 9pm onwards. Free. LONDON

□ GAY VEGETARIANS social, plus Bring-and-Buy. Bring a snack lunch plus any books, records, bric-a-brac etc. 111B Windsor Rd, London E7. Tel: 470-1873. Good wheelchair access. 1-6pm. Free. LONDON

□ TENNIS TOURNAMENT—American Doubles. A social tournament organised by London Gay Tennis Club. Tel: 801-1898. Caledonian Park, Market Road, N1. 12.30-5pm. £2.50/50p concs. LONDON

□ CONSENTING ADULTS ROADSHOW at the Old Profanity Showboat, The Grove, Bristol. Songs and sketches about lesbian/gay life and politics from Eric Presland, Fi Craig and Norman Penny. 1.15pm. Tel: 0272-48581. BRISTOL

□ PINK BALLOONS PICNIC: Bring food and drink, and meet the GaySoc under the Pink Balloons. Cabot Tower, Brandon Hill, Bristol. 3-6pm. Free. Tel: 0272-25506/294680. BRISTOL

□ JOHN ADDINGTON SYMONS Memorial Cruise. Leaves Bristol Bridge 6-9pm. £2.50/

£1.50 concs. Tel: 0272-634203. BRISTOL

□ IMPROPER CONDUCT: See Tues 11. Also at 4pm. BRISTOL

□ CYCLING/EXPLORING Charlton House, Gay Outdoor Club, Charlton House, Charlton Hill, SE7. 10am. LONDON

□ GAY VEGETARIANS picnic. Meet at the Boating Pond, between women's and men's bathing pools, Millfield Lane, N6. 3pm. Bring veggie food and drink to share. Free. LONDON

## MON JUNE 17

□ DR JEFFERY WEEKS' new book, *Sexuality and its Discontents, Meanings, Myths and Modern Sexualities*, published by Routledge, Keagan and Paul today.

□ AIDS and the Unions: Discussion between lesbians and gay men, and representatives of trades unions. Large meeting room, London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1. Full disabled access. 7.30pm. Free. LONDON

□ THUNDERCRACK: Bad-taste deviant House of Horrors shocker (12.55, 4.40, 8.35) and The Queen, late '60s drag beauty contest documentary. (3.25, 7.15). Scala, 277 Pentonville Rd, N1. Tel: 278-0051.

□ OUT IN THE OPEN: Stephanie Norris, co-author of the Pan paperback of the same title, talks about the book and how it was written. Gay's The Word bookshop, 66 Marchmont St, WC1. 7.30pm. LONDON

## TUES JUNE 18

□ ICA seminar on Gay theatre. Panelists Bill Gaskell, Julie Parker, Bryony Lavery. Chair: Noel Greig (see story, p.3). ICA Seminar Room, The Mall, SW1. 7.30pm. Tel: 930-3647. £1.50. LONDON

## WED JUNE 19

□ CAMPFIRE: London Premiere of Consenting Adults' production of Eric Presland farce in the Beer Garden, Royal Oak, 38, Wilton Way, Hackney, E8. 8.30pm. £2.50/£1.50 concs. See Caption Preview, opposite page. Tel: 608-1471 (Rose). LONDON

□ AIDS Scare and Gillick—Women and Gays under Attack.



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social, Oporto Tavern, High Holborn, WC1, at 6.30pm. Free.

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- **GAY LIBERATION** and the *Struggle for Socialism*. SWP gay meeting, Walthamstow Branch, YMCA, Forrest Rd, E17. 8pm. Free.
- **GAY PRIDE DISCO** at the Terminus Hotel, St Mary St, Cardiff. 8.30pm onwards. £1.50/50p concs.
- **GAY PRIDE MARCH** starts from the Students Union, Park Place, Cardiff at 2pm. Bring banners, rattles, whistles and guitars. Free.
- **GAY DAY** at Goldsmith's College, Lewisham Way, SE14. Exhibitions by local lesbian and gay groups, workshops, discussions, cabaret, video, disco. Tel: 853-5206. 11am onwards. Free.

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## FRI JUNE 21

- **CAMPFIRE**: Midsummer celebration on Hampstead Heath at midnight. See Caption Preview. Follow flares from Jack Straw's Castle. Free.
- **WAGES DUE LESBIANS** meeting at Tolmers Square Community Centre, Foundry Mews, NW1. "How and why WDL began; how it is organising Black and white lesbian women for financial, social and legal independence; the anti-porn lobby; police violence; kerbcrawling laws" and more. 7.30pm. Women and men welcome. Creche, light refreshments. Tube—Warren St/Euston Sq. Enquiries to Kings Cross Women's Centre, 71 Tonbridge St, WC1, or tel: 837-7509.

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## SAT JUNE 22

- **GLC Lesbian and Gay Working Party** meeting, followed by Pride Social on the River Terrace, weather permitting. County Hall, South Bank SE1. All welcome. 7pm. Ring 633-8000 for Room no, or ask at reception. Free.
- **COMMUNITY RADIO** Project speaks to Islington/Haringay Gay Group about plans for future lesbian/gay broadcasting. Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, N1. 8.30pm. Tel: 743-4096. Free.

**LONDON**

- **LESBIAN STRENGTH CELEBRATION**. Assemble 12.30. Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park. March through Central London to the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, followed by stalls, food, creche, bar, bands, discos and blood donation. Full story—see back page. Free. Women tel: 251-6911 for updates.
- **CAMPFIRE** at the Royal Oak, Hackney. See Caption Preview and Wed 19 for details.
- **THE HOMOSEXUAL**, by Copi, at the Pentameters. See Sat 15 for details.

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## SUN JUNE 23

- **GAY CEILIDH** with the gay ceilidh band, Pinque Rince, at the Union Tavern, 125 Camberwell New Rd, SE5. 8pm onwards. Free. (See story, p2)
- **LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH EVENT** at Greenwich Young People's Theatre, Burrage Rd, SE18. Drop-in day with workshops, video, disco. Organised by GLGRG. 2pm onwards. Tel: 853-5206. Social at 6pm.
- **GAY PRIDE PICNIC** organised by East London Gay Community in the Whips Cross area. For details, contact Philip, 555-9977. Free.
- **CAMPFIRE** at the Royal Oak. See caption preview and Wed 19.
- **LIANNA**, John Sayles's controversial film about a married woman who falls in love with an older woman and leaves home to reshape her life. Plus Jan Oxenburgh's Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts, a hilarious spoof of lesbian media stereotype. Organised in association with Tyneside CHE. Tyneside Cinema, 10 Pilgrim St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Times and prices from 0632-321507.

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- **MOVING PROUDLY**, a day of dance and dialogue organised by Nick Nuttgens at the Hall of Remembrance, Clissold Rd, N16. (See story, p.3) 10.30am—6pm. Sliding scale of charges from £3 (unwaged) to £10 (waged). Advance bookings—800-1736. Limited number of places.
- **ISLINGTON WALK** organised by Islington/Haringay Group: a stroll round Islington's historic gay sights, followed by tea and cakes at the Fallen Angel. Meet 2.15pm, junction of Calabria Rd and Highbury Fields. Tel: 743-4096. Free.
- **GAY VEGETARIANS** picnic. Meet at Boating Pond, between women's and men's bathing pools,

## The way we were

**REMEMBER** The Pretty Policeman's Ball? The Rugby demonstration? Heaven's Combat Night? If so, you'll be able to wallow in a little nostalgia at a Pride '85 photographic exhibition in Haringay Library in June.

The exhibition, which has been culled from the files of *Capital Gay*, *Gay Times* and various freelance photographers, is called "1984/5—a year of lesbian and gay life, in pictures." It's designed to show the whole range of our lifestyles—and you'll be amazed at the variety of things we get up to!

"We hope it'll jog people's memories of events they took part in," said Huw Jones, one of the organisers. "It'll also be very visible to the straight users of the library, so it'll give them an idea of lesbians and gay

men as real people, not as media stereotypes."

The exhibition will also appear in the foyer of County Hall for the week before the Pride Carnival (June 23—29). See listings for details.

O Copyart in Kentish Town is hosting an exhibition with a difference; anybody can walk into the place and create an exhibit on the spot. If you've ever used a photocopier, you could be a budding artist. The exhibition is open to any piece of art which has used copiers for all or part of its creation, and Copyart have a full range of enlarging, reducing and colour printing facilities. Contact Steve (267-7432) for details.

Millfield Lane, N6. 3pm. Bring food and drink to share. Free.

**LONDON**

## MON JUNE 24

- **LESBIAN STRENGTH BOP** at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington St, SE18. Films, food, music, transport. Organised by GLGRG. 8pm onwards. Price from 853-5206.
- **VIDEO EVENT** and afternoon tea at London Friend, 274 Upper St, N1. 4pm. Free. Tel: 359-7371.
- **HALF WAY TO PARADISE**—Brixton-based Peter Bradley, Colm O'Clubhan and Nigel Young (author of *Shoot*) perform a mixture of poetry and stories at Oval House, 54 Kennington Oval, SE11. Tel: 735-2786. 7.30pm. 50p.

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- **GAY'S THE WORD's** directors face a total of 84 charges relating to conspiracy to import indecent literature. Committal proceedings open today. High-bury Magistrates Court, High-bury Corner, N1. 10am—4pm. Courtroom drama at its most intense, or Theatre of the Absurd at its most absurd. This one could run and run—unfortunately.

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- **MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Film of Lindsay Kemp's sort-of-dance version of Shakespeare's faerie fantasy. (2.10, 5.45, 9.30) plus Sebastiane, Derek Jarman's silly tale of Roman romance and S/M, filmed like a *Bounty* ad. with Latin subtitles. (3.40, 7.20) plus Jarman's experimental short, *Imagining October*. Scala Cinema, 277 Pentonville Rd, N1. Tel: 278-0051.
- **PRIDE '85** at Mort-Ville. Disco with DJ Hector. The Bell, 259, Pentonville Rd, N1. 8.30—2am. £1/80p concs.

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## TUES JUNE 25

- **VIDEO EVENT** and afternoon tea at London Friend, 274 Upper St, N1. Tel: 359-7371. 4pm. Free.
- **GAY PRIDE CANAL WALK** organised by the GOC; a pleasant stroll along the waterside from Islington to Camden. Tel: 368-9893. Meet at the Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, N1 at 6.30pm. Free.
- **GAY'S THE WORD** committal hearings. See Mon 24.
- **HEAVEN MOVIE PARTY**, presented as part of the ICA film/discussion festival. Heaven, The Arches, Villiers St, WC2. Films and dancing, 10pm—3.30am. Full details—839-2520. (See story, p3)

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- **GREYUM AND ROLLO**: Take the Boys from the Toys, a biting and humorous look at men, power, sex and sexuality, relating to conflict and war, with the accent on mime. London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67—69 Cowcross St, EC1. 7.30pm. £1/75p concs. Tel: 833-0288.
- **GAY ICEBREAKERS**, a collective of radical gay socialist men, holds a Gay Pride Week discussion at Gay's The Word, 66 Marchmont St, WC1. 7.30pm.

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- **GAY TEACHERS GROUP** puts ILEA councillors in the hot seat when the group gives all lesbians and gay men a chance to question them about lesbian and gay rights in education. London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67—69 Cowcross St, EC1. Tel: 788-9495. 7pm. Free.

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## WED JUNE 26

- **LESBIAN AND GAY EXTRAVAGANZA** at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington St, SE18. Food, cabaret, disco, films. Organised by GLGRG. Time and price from 853-5206.
- **AIDS Scare** and the Right Offensive. SWP gay meeting. Camden Branch, Oxford Arms, Camden High St, NW1. Speaker: Noel Halifax. 8pm. Free.

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- **AIDS Scare** and Gillick—Gays' and Women's Rights under Attack. SWP gay meeting. Lambeth Branch, The Old White Horse, Brixton Rd, SW9. 8pm. Free.

**LONDON**

- **GAY LIBERATION** and the struggle for Socialism. SWP gay meeting. Hackney South Branch, The Griffin, Leonard St, EC2. 8pm. Free.

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- **CAMPFIRE** the farce by Eric Presland at the Royal Oak, Hackney. See Wed 19.

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- **PARKER/KLEIN** in an Affair with the Hard Corps. Two women's groups join forces in cabaret at Oval House, 54 Kennington Oval, SE11. (See story, p2) Prices from 735-2786.

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- **GAY'S THE WORD** committal proceedings continue. See Mon 24.

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- **ICA Seminar** on Gay Rock Music. (See story, p3.) Panellists are Jimi Somerville, Steve Swindells, Cheryl Garrett, Colin Bell. Alan Reid chairs. Seminar Room, ICA, The Mall, SW1. 7.30pm. Tel: 930-3647.

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- **VIDEO EVENT** and afternoon tea at London Friend, 274 Upper St, N1. Tel: 359-7371. 4pm. Free.

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- **QUIZ EVENING**: "How much do you know about your lesbian/gay heritage?" Organised by Islington/Haringay Gay Group. Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, N1. Tel: 743-4096. 8.30pm. Free.

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- **GREYUM AND ROLLO**: See Tues 25.

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- **HALFWAY TO PARADISE**: Poetry and stories (see Mon 24) at London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67—69 Cowcross St, EC1. 9pm. £1/50p concs. Tel: 674-4511.

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## THURS JUNE 27

- **SPECIAL PRIDE PARTY** at Traffic, 126 York Way, N1. 9—2am. (No admission after 11.15pm) Free. Tel: 837-6012 for full details.
- **AIDS Scare** and Gillick—Gays' and Women's Rights under Attack.

lover, Sir Peter Pears, rare archive footage, and excerpts from Britten's operas. Presented in conjunction with Tyneside CHE. Tyneside Cinema, 10 Pilgrim St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Phone 0632-321507 for times, prices.

**NEWCASTLE**

- **GAY SWIM**—The Goslings have hired both pools at the Oasis, High Holborn WC2, for a private swim for all lesbians and gay men. Numbers limited to 200. Tel: 368-9863. Entry 70p/50p concs, proceeds going to THT. Meet outside 8.05pm sharp. Swimming costume and good "public pool" behaviour essential.

**LONDON**

- **ANDREW HODGES**, author of *Alan Turing—the Enigma of Intelligence*, talks about this fascinating gay computer genius, and code-cracker in the first of a series on Lesbians and Gays in the Humanist Tradition. Gay Humanist Group, 3rd floor meeting room, London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67—69 Cowcross St, EC1. 7.30pm. Free.

**LONDON**

- **PARKER/KLEIN/Hard Corps** at the Oval. See Wed 26 for details.

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- **HEAVEN** stages a major benefit for the Defend Gay's The Word. Details to be announced. Heaven, The Arches, Villiers St, WC2. Tel: 839-2520.

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- **ODD ONE OUT**: Quiz organised by Feltham Gay Group, Feltham Community Centre Conference Room, Hanworth Rd.

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## FRI JUNE 28

- JEWISH GAY GROUP holds a Gay and Lesbian Pride Service and Chavura at the Alyth Youth and Community Centre, Alyth Gardens, NW11. Tel: 289-3574. (Tube—Golders Green) Vegetarian food welcome. 8pm. Free. **LONDON**
- THE MOLLY HOUSE RAIDS of 1725 explored in a GOC walk led by Rob Foster. (See story, p2). Tel: 368-9863. Meet at London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1, at 6.30pm. Free. **LONDON**
- PINK SINGERS and Friends in a special concert with Mark Bunyan, Jo Richler and Eric Presland. London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1. 7pm. Price from Robert Huggill, tel: 850-0913 (h) 0689-75135 (w). **LONDON**
- IMPROPER CONDUCT, Nestor Almendros's film about the treatment of gays under Castro, plays with Genet's sensual short film set in prison, Un Chant d'Amour. Organised with Tyne-side CHE, at the Tyneside Cinema, 10 Pilgrim St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Times, prices from 0632-32150. **NEWCASTLE**
- GAY'S THE WORD committee proceedings; see Mon 24 for details. **LONDON**
- CAMPFIRE at the Royal Oak, Hackney. See Wed 19 for details. **LONDON**
- PARKER/KLEIN/Hard Corps at the Oval. See Wed 26 for details. **LONDON**
- GAY'S THE WORD defendants will discuss the implications of the committal hearings, which should finish today. Tel: 278-7654. At London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1. 7pm. Free. **LONDON**
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## SAT JUNE 29

- PRIDE '85 CARNIVAL PARADE. Assemble Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park, W1, at 2pm. Flats, balloons, music, banners, costumes, surprises. Followed by Carnival in Jubilee Gardens, York Rd, SE1. 4-6pm. (See story, pp1 and 5) All lesbians, gay men, friends and families welcome. **LONDON**
- THE JOEYS' last night at The Bloomsbury. See "In the Long Run" for details. **LONDON**
- FACING FANSHAW last night at The Drill Hall. See "In the Long Run" for details. **LONDON**
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- MARKET TAVERN All-Nighter from 9.30pm onwards, at the Market Tavern, 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, SW8. **LONDON**
- PARKER/KLEIN Hard Corps last night at the Oval. See Wed 26. **LONDON**
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- SERVICE OF LIBERATION at St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, EC3. Organised by Catholic Lesbian Sisterhood, MCC, Friends' Homosexual Fellowship, Quest and GCM. Followed by refreshments. 5pm. Free. Tel: 283-5165. **LONDON**
- PICNIC organised by Lesbian and Gay Youth Movement. Meet at Hampstead Tube, 1pm. Bring food and drink to share. **LONDON**
- GAY VEGETARIAN picnic at 3pm. Meet at the Boating Pond, between women's and men's bathing pools, Millfield Lane, N6. Bring veggie food and drink to share. **LONDON**

## AND INTO JULY...

□ CAMPFIRE plays a midnight matinee to celebrated American Independence Day on July 4, on

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  - July 9th—The Visual Arts, with panellists John Russell Taylor, Stuart Morgan, Mario Dubsky and Yves Lomax. Emmanuel Cooper chairs.
  - 11 July—The Gay Sensibility In Question, with panellists Edmund White, Alison Hennegan, Emmanuel Cooper and John Russell Taylor. Simon Watney chairs. All in the Seminar Room, ICA, The Mall, SW1. For ICA story—see p3)
  - IRISH NIGHT at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St, EC1, July 5. Hosted by the gay ceilidh band, Pinque Rince, with lots of guests. 9-2am £2/£1 concs. (See story—p4). Tel: 582-1474 (Graham) **LONDON**

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**DIVINE**  
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**JARMAN**  
Derek Jarman's new film, *The Angelic Conversation* premieres for Pride. The BFI-funded movie started as a home movie of "people and places I like" (Jarman), but has grown into an exploration of Shakespeare's sonnets. Voice-over by Judi Dench. Wild critical acclaim at festivals—this will be the first public screening. Camden Plaza, Friday June 21, 11pm. £2.50/£1.50 concs.

**COPYART**  
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**GREEN FAIR**  
Lesbian/gay presence at the Green Fair, SE14 on the weekend of 22–23 June. Contact Graham Bell 318-6628.

**LGYM**  
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# CURIOUS CUSTOMS

LESBIANS and gay men have no right to read about ourselves! That's what HM Customs are going to say in court this summer. They'll be saying it at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court during the week of 24-28 June. That's when the eight directors and the Assistant Manager of Gays The Word bookshop face a total of 100 charges of importing indecent books.

Gays The Word in Marchmont St, WC1 has been run by lesbians and gay men for several years. It stocks a wide range of novels and other books from all over the world that have one thing in common—they're by and about gay people.

On April 10, 1984, Customs officials raided the bookshop and seized all of its imported stock. They also raided the homes of several of the shop's directors. At the same time, thousands of books on their way to the shop were refused Customs clearance, and delayed at the ports. The whole operation was carefully planned, and code-named Operation Tiger.

During the next seven months, seizure notices were issued on 142 books. This covers a wide range of books by respected authors, and could lead to huge personal fines—or even prison—for the directors (who are all unpaid volunteers), and the Assistant Manager.

With these charges, HM Customs are saying that books about gay people are 'indecent'. The committal hearing



GTW directors and seized books

in June is to see if a court thinks there is enough evidence to bring formal charges. If it does think so, the whole matter is even more of a setback for lesbian and gay rights in this country.

The court costs are expected to be at least £50,000,

and a defence campaign has been set up to raise funds to cover this, and to organise support for Gays The Word. So far, over £20,000 has been raised from individual donations and fund-raising events, but there's still a long way to go.

If you want to know more, or if you want to make a donation, you can write to the defence campaign at 66 Marchmont St, London WC1, with a stamped addressed envelope if you want information. If you want to make a donation you can make a cheque out to either 'Defend Gays The Word', or to DGTW.

If you want to do something to help here are a few things you can do:

- 1) Write to your MP (House of Commons, London SW1) asking her/him to take the matter up with Barney Heyhoe, the Treasury minister responsible for Customs and Excise.
- 2) Write to Barney Heyhoe himself (HM Treasury, Parliament St, London SW1), saying what you think.
- 3) Tell your club or trade union branch about the case, and ask them to make a donation, or organise a fund-raising event.
- 4) Why not organise a fund-raising event yourself?

To coincide with the committal hearings, the Asylum at Heaven is organising a mega-benefit for the bookshop on Thurs 27 June.

There are also several meetings either about GTW or censorship in general, as the case attracts increasing interest. They are organised by Gay Humanists (June 14), Gemma and the Gay Men's Disabled Group (15), and Gay's The Word itself (28). See listings for details.

## Bristol goes to town

BATH and Bristol's gay organisations, clubs and arts venues come together in the week of June 8-16 when, for the eighth year in succession they present the Bristol Gay Festival.

Local groups are organising socials, river trips and picnics; the Arnolfini cinema is presenting two of the most important gay films of the past year—*The Times of Harvey Milk* and *Improper Conduct*; while Simon Fanshawe brings cabaret and *Consenting Adults in Public* brings theatre.

The Watershed, with two cinema auditoria, is organising a Films and Film-makers season, including Terence Davies' *Trilogy*, at which the director will be present to talk about his work; also a selection of works by lesbians and gay men from the recent Leicester Super-8 Festival. Details are still to be finalised; contact 0272-276444 for details.

In a programme note, Phil Cook acknowledges that this has been a rough year for lesbians and gay men, but draws attention to the thriving local groups and the positive way local gay men have responded to AIDS. "Gay people have a lot to celebrate, and the Festival is intended to do just that," he says.

See diary listings for other events.

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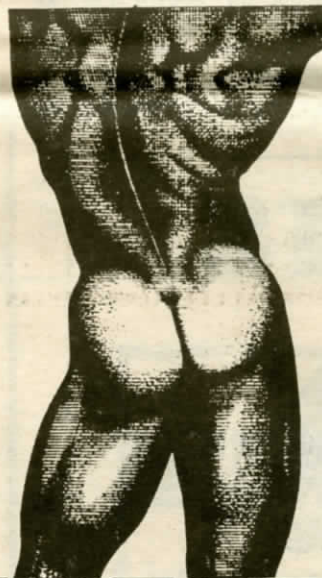
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## Greenwich fest

THE GREENWICH Lesbian and Gay Rights Group (GLGRC) has battles on its hands at the moment, as a local council union refuses to implement Greenwich's gay rights policy; but the group are taking time out to put on a series of events both for the Pride Festival and the Greenwich Festival (1-16).

The man at the heart of the row is Charles Maslin, local leader of the Association of Clerical Technical and Supervisory Staff (ACTSS) who has gone on record in the local press as saying, "Yes, I am prejudiced. Homosexuality is perverted." He has instructed his union not to discuss the lesbian/gay rights charter produced by GLGRC as a discussion paper.

But other ACTSS branches are to bring pressure on him; NALGO, the other local government union, is pressing the Council to reprimand him as a council officer (recruiting in Social Services) and the next ACTSS meeting will be pck-eted on June 12.

In the meantime, the Greenwich group is organising a series of live events at the

Bell, Haddo St, SE10, featuring live bands and acts every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Among those booked are Parker and Klein, Consenting Adults, the women's band Impromptu, and Ransome/Oppenheimer.

There's also a lesbian/gay 'drop-in' day at Greenwich Young People's Theatre on June 23; with workshops and videos, and a disco in the evening. At Woolwich Town Hall there's a Lesbian Strength Bop on 24 June and a mixed bop on the 26th. Both of those will have live music and films as well as a disco. will be available.

If that wasn't enough work, the group will also be joining forces with the Gay-soc at Goldsmith's College for a Gay Day on 20 June. Local gay groups such as the Gay Outdoor Club and the Lewisham Working Party will have exhibition stands, and there'll be discussions, cabaret by the Pink Singers, and a disco in the evening.

The Greenwich Festival, programme itself also features two gay events—the gay outdoor club walk and cycle on 9/16th June.

SIMON Fanshawe, the gay comedian, conducts a unique experiment when he presents a series of live chat shows for three weeks at the Drill Hall, Chertsey Street, WC1.

The shows will feature different people every night, in two-hour conversations, but details of who will appear on each night are only to be released shortly before each week. "I want to keep a bit of surprise," says Simon. "I love chat shows, but TV kills the format. You can't have an interesting conversation, or talk to the audience in six minutes. That's the time guests get on Wogan."

The list of people who will appear in the series is impressive: George Melly, Miriam Margolyes, Derek Jarman, Dale Spender, Anne Nightingale and Tim Roth all feature. There's also a rumour that Dusty Springfield or even the Queen Mother will put in an appearance.

"If Wogan can get Princess Anne . . .", Simon said mysteriously.

"I've invited people who I'm most interested in, and who I most admire. Take Richard O'Brien, who wrote the Rocky Horror Show. He's not in the news much these days, but the Rocky Horror Show was a very big experience for me. He's very right-wing these days, I hear."

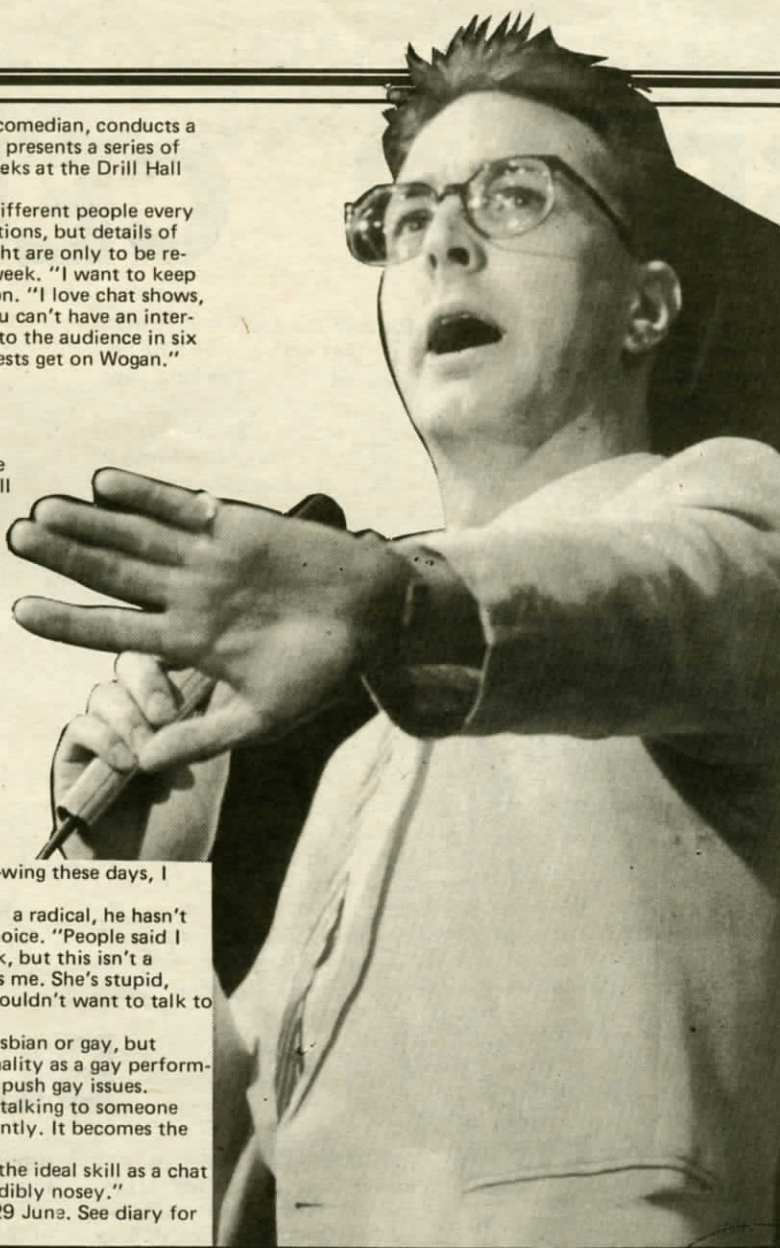
Though Simon is himself a radical, he hasn't let his politics dictate the choice. "People said I should invite Victoria Gillick, but this isn't a debating chamber. She bores me. She's stupid, inane and imbecilic, and I wouldn't want to talk to the woman."

Many of the guests are lesbian or gay, but Simon insists that his personality as a gay performer means that won't have to push gay issues.

"If people know they're talking to someone gay, they talk to you differently. It becomes the starting point."

He also considers he has the ideal skill as a chat show host: "I'm really incredibly nosey."

The show runs from 12-29 June. See diary for details.



## 12-hour dance

PAUL de Lacey is looking for fellow dance fanatics to join him in a marathon bopping session to raise money for the Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) and Gay Legal Advice (GLAD).

The event will be held at the Market Tavern, Nine Elms Lane, SW8, on Saturday June 15; the dancers (high) kick off at 8pm, and bump and grind through the night till 8am on Sunday.

"I've often danced the whole night away at Heaven, so I'm sure I've got the stamina to do it," said Paul. He's now hoping to find 6-12 other dancers with similar confidence.

They'll also be looking for sponsors to back them, per hour. "Any tycoons, impresarios and oil millionaires are specially welcome," joked Paul. All sponsorship money will be split equally between the two gay causes.

The pub will be open to the public till 3am, as usual, with music by DJ Andy Richards; after that, the dancers and timekeepers will be left alone to sweat it out to tapes.

"The DJs at the Market are very good," Paul said. "Just as long as I don't have to dance to this appalling High Energy. I couldn't face it."

The coupling of the two causes is something Paul feels strongly about. "I know what it's like to be harassed by the police, and the long hours and hard work solicitors put in on our behalf is very underestimated. It's nice to have some unity between organisations like this—after all, it's all in aid of gay liberation."

Dancers and sponsors can contact Paul on 482 2433. Sponsorship forms are available from the Terrence Higgins Trust, BM AIDS, London WC1N 3XX.

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## Pink Hippo rides again

THE Hippodrome in Leicester Square, WC2, where Monday Night is gay night, is planning a repeat of the hugely successful Pink Hippo Ball, which raised £8000 for Gay Switchboard last year.

This year's event, on June 10, has Su Pollard from Hi-De-Hi topping the bill; Christopher Biggins is compere. They formed a delightful double-act at the Hippo's

Star Trek Ball in December, and brought the house down when they made an entrance through the floor, sitting on a table. The table collapsed, and they spent ten minutes ad-libbing while the mess was cleaned up.

There's also a formidable line-up of Hi-NRG singers, including Miquel Brown and Laura Pallas.

Entry costs £10, of which

£5 goes to Switchboard. ticket is numbered, and the number goes into a draw for what's claimed as the world's only pink C-5; Clive Sinclair's low-slung carcycle has been specially fitted inside and out in vivid pink. (Did you hear about the driver who had a fatal accident in a C-5? He hit an empty cigarette packet...)

The organisers are aiming to raise £9000 this year.

### This season's new books:

- André Gide – *Corydon*
- Francis King – *The Firewalkers*
- Peter Tatchell – *Democratic Defence*
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- Simon Payne – *The Beat*
- George Dureau – *New Orleans*
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# LESBIAN CELEBRATION



On the march

THERE'S going to be a bumper season of fun and frolics at this year's Lesbian Strength Festival (June 22nd) at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre. It's the fifth anniversary of the festival, and a wide range of activities is being organised to celebrate it. There'll be food, refreshments, a bar and an outdoor garden, with videos, women's bands, a disco and a photographic exhibition organised by Lesbian Line. Amongst the performers will be Kym, a lesbian poet becoming known for her light and wryly humorous poems and the Ska Band—a women's nine-piece rock/reggae band with a growing following. After that, there'll

be a disco until late. And of course there's full wheelchair access to all floors of LLGC.

This year's Lesbian Strength March has one of the best routes ever, too. It sets off from Hyde Park at two, and makes its way to the London Lesbian and Gay Centre in Cowcross St EC1 (off Farringdon Road) via Fleet St. It should arrive at four, just in time for the beginning of the festival. The photographic exhibition that Lesbian Line have organised there shows and celebrates the range and diversity of lesbian activity and experience.

Lesbian Strength T-shirts and badges have been designed, and should be available

for sale from the end of May. But that isn't the end of Lesbian Strength for this year, because there are going to be more benefit gigs later on this year to help raise the funds to make next year's Lesbian Strength bigger and better still.

That doesn't stop this year's festival being special, though, because it's now the fifth year running that Lesbian Strength has been a festival organised by women for women, and is guaranteed not to be swamped by men! This was one of the original reasons for Lesbian Strength organising separately, and it's going from Strength to Strength! Women who want to find out more about the festival, or forthcoming events and benefits, should ring Lesbian Line on 251 6911.

LESBIANS are one of the lowest risk groups for AIDS, and yet they've been affected by the recent scare as well as men. The straight media have been irresponsible in their treatment of the issue, and Lesbian Line and Gay Switchboard have received a number of calls from lesbians who are worried about catching the disease.

To act against the straight coverage and as a gesture of



## BLOOD SISTERS

support for gay men, Lesbian Line has launched a campaign called Blood Sisters. The aims of the campaign are to reassure lesbians that they are a very low risk group and to encourage them to become blood donors. This is a demonstration that the lesbian and gay community are reacting to the situation in a responsible way.

Lesbian Line are also asking lesbians and gay and bi-

sexual men who cannot give blood to sponsor the project, either by sponsoring the number of donors, or by giving a lump sum. Sponsorship money will be used to pay the costs of the project, and to help pay Lesbian Line's running costs.

Sponsorship forms and donor cards will be available at many lesbian and gay venues (eg London Lesbian and

Gay Centre, Gays The Word, The Fallen Angel, etc). When completed they should be sent to Lesbian Line at BM 1514, London WC1N 3XX. Cheques can be made out to either LL or Lesbian Line. There will be collection boxes at Gays The Word and the Lesbian and Gay Centre for completed forms/cards and cheques. The campaign will end after the Pride 85 march on June 29, 1985.

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### THE JOEYS

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All these events are in aid of London Gay Switchboard. For details of these and all PRIDE '85 events call

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