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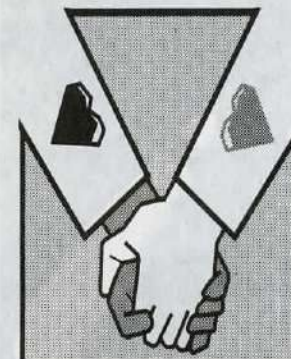
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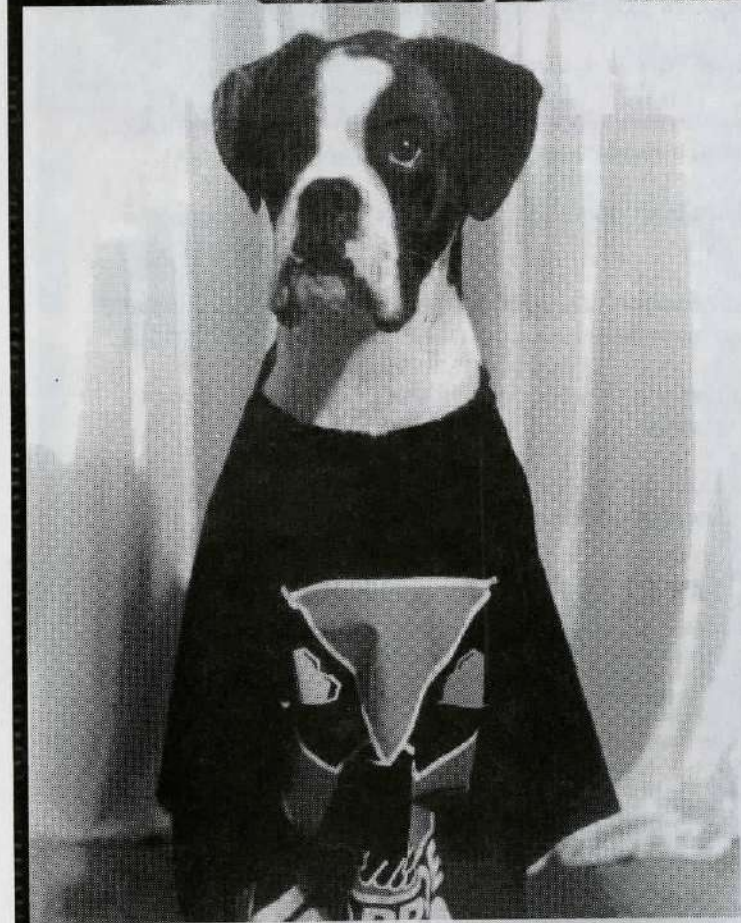
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Europride is being held in a time of rapid political change some of it good some of it bad. The recent decriminalisation of male homosexuality in the Isle of Man after a long difficult struggle is an example of success in the campaign to equalize the civil rights of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. The cost has been high and we must never forget that decriminalisation is far from full equality; in the Isle of Man already it would appear that the authorities are carrying out vendettas against people prominent in the campaign. And don't forget July will mark twenty five years since male homosexuality was decriminalised in England and Wales; yet rather than seeing a steady improvement in their civil rights, lesbians and gay men in the UK in the past five years have experienced a variety of legal constraints on their lives e.g. Sections 28 and 25 and the Spanner judgements.

On a wider front Europride is being held at a time when fascism and racism are on the increase in Europe, an aberration which if not stopped will affect the life of every gay man and lesbian. In its rush towards further integration, the European Community, although it does have potential for positive action, may end up aggravating these problems with its exclusive "Fortress Europe" plans. And Europride, although being inaugurated in 1992, is about celebrating our lives, loves and cultures not celebrating EC single markets.

In this light we invite you to join us in London on June 27th standing shoulder to shoulder celebrating and sharing our cultures and experiences. Europride will operate on every level social, political, cultural and sexual, but it will only happen by your participation, it will only become what you want it to be if you are involved.

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EUROPE IN THE PINK

A guide to Lesbian and Gay Rights to Europe

The total population of Europe, including all the ex-Soviet republics, is about 800 million people. Of these, an estimated 80 million Europeans are predominantly or exclusively lesbian or gay, and further 120 million are estimated to be bisexual for all or part of their lives.

Almost every European country has, at some point in its history, decreed a total ban on homosexuality. In most cases, the ban solely to sex between men. Only seven countries have also had a complete prohibition on lesbianism - Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Romania and Sweden. The first European countries to decriminalize homosexual relations were France in 1791, Belgium and Luxemburg in 1792, the Netherlands in 1811 and Spain in 1822.

Today, the overwhelming majority of European countries have at least partially legalized same-sex relationships. Only seven countries still have a total ban on male homosexual acts - Cyprus, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, and the former Soviet Union except the Ukraine (plus the former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia). In the sole case of Romania, the proscriptions against homosexuality also explicitly render lesbianism illegal.

Ages of Consent

Seven countries have repealed the complete ban on homosexual contacts, but still enforce a discriminatory age of consent which is higher for homosexuals than for heterosexuals (on average it is 18 years for same-sex relationships compared with 15 years for sex between men and women) - Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Luxemburg, and the United Kingdom (plus the ex-Yugoslav republic of Croatia and the western half of Germany). The UK has the highest age of consent for homosexuals anywhere in Europe: 21 years. The discriminatory ages of consent also apply to lesbians in three of these countries - Bulgaria, Finland, and Hungary.

Seventeen countries have equal ages of consent for heterosexuals and lesbians and gay men, with the average age being 15 years - Albania, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the Ukraine (plus the ex-Yugoslav republics of Slovenia and Montenegro and the eastern half of Germany). Spain has the lowest common age of

consent at 12 years. The Netherlands doesn't prosecute sex with 12-15 year olds unless there is a complaint. In Albania and Italy, the age of consent is 14 years for heterosexuals and homosexuals alike. The legal codes of the most countries do not specifically refer to lesbianism. In practice, the age of consent for sexual relations between women is usually deemed to be the same as that for heterosexual women.

Equality & Protection

Anti-discrimination protection for lesbians and gay men is enforced in five countries - Denmark, France, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. The judicial interpretation of the constitution of the Netherlands, and specific laws in the other four countries, variously make it an offence to discriminate against lesbians and gay men in employment, the provision of goods and services, and access to public facilities. Similar comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation is currently being proposed to the Belgian and Dutch parliaments, and is also included in the draft constitution of the eastern German state of Brandenburg.

▼ Laws against public insults and incitement to hatred on the grounds of a person's sexual orientation exist in three countries - Denmark, Ireland and Norway. The introduction of comparable legislation is under consideration in Belgium and the Netherlands.

▼ Political asylum has been granted to lesbians and gay men, on the grounds that they were at risk of persecution in their home countries because of their sexuality, by six states - Austria, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden (though asylum is granted at the government's discretion, on a case-by-case basis, and not as a statutory right).

▼ Lesbian and gay partnerships are officially recognized in two countries: Danish homosexual couples have the right to civil marriage at a registry office and enjoy all the legal rights of married heterosexuals, except for child adoption. Swedish lesbian and gay lovers who live together enjoy the same substantial legal rights as cohabiting heterosexual couples. Additionally, although not explicitly recognised in law, Dutch same-sex partners who confirm their relationship by legal contract are eligible for some of the rights granted to married heterosexual people. Italy, there is a "de facto" legal recognition of homosexual couples at the level of municipal administration (though this recognition grants no legal rights to the partners concerned). France, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden are now looking at Danish-style civil marriage legislation that would allow lesbian and gay partners to register their relationship and enjoy legal status similar to married heterosexuals.

▼ Immigration and residence rights on the basis of a committed homosexual relationship are available, at the discretion of the authorities, to the foreign partners of lesbians and gay men in four countries - Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden.

▼ Membership in the armed forces is open to homosexuals in eleven countries - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland - providing sexual

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relationships take place outside of barracks during off-duty hours. In the German armed forces, however, homosexuals are barred from officer rank.

Discrimination

▼ The promotion of homosexuality is banned in three countries - Austria, Finland, and the United Kingdom. In addition, the Turkish government bought charges of

'spreading homosexual information' against gay activists in 1989.

▼ The UK has more laws which explicitly, or in practice, discriminate against homosexuals than any other European nation, East or West. More gay and bisexual men are

prosecuted in the UK for consenting homosexual behaviour than in any other country in Europe.

▼ The UK is the only European country to have introduced new anti-gay laws (Section 28) in the last decade. The enactment of this legislation goes against the liberalising trend towards greater legal equality for homosexuals throughout the rest of the continent.

▼ There are only three places in Europe where anal intercourse is still punishable by life imprisonment - Ireland, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man. In all three cases, the anti-gay laws were originally introduced by the British during the period of colonial rule. In Gibraltar and the Isle of Man, Britain still has ultimate responsibility for their observance of international human rights agreements. So far, it has declined to intervene to ensure their compliance with agreements such as the European Convention on Human Rights which has been interpreted as requiring states to decriminalize homosexuality.

▼ Denmark, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden are the most liberal countries in Europe with regard to recognizing and protecting the human rights of their lesbian and gay citizens. These countries provide concrete examples of the progressive and practical legislation that can be enacted to ensure homosexual equality.

Peter Tatchell

Peter Tatchell's book, *Europe in the pink: Lesbian and Gay Equality in the New Europe*, was recently published by GMP (£5.95)



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- 6 Legal recognition of lesbian and gay partnerships ☐

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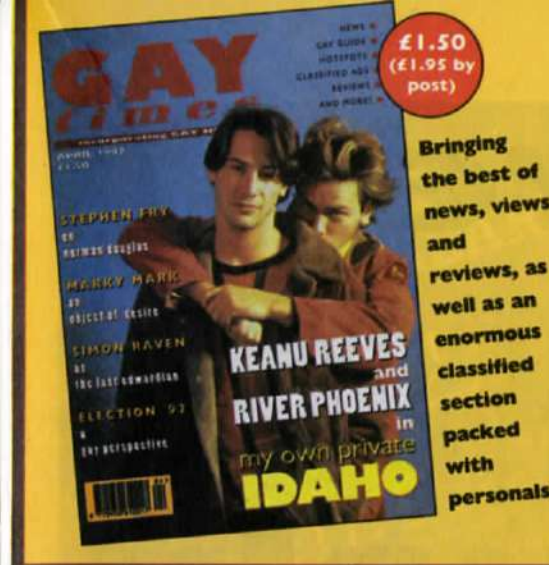
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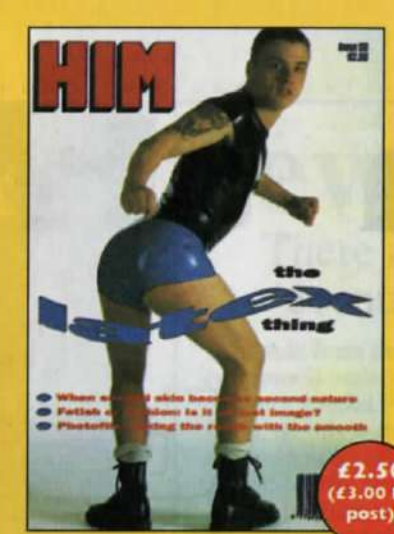
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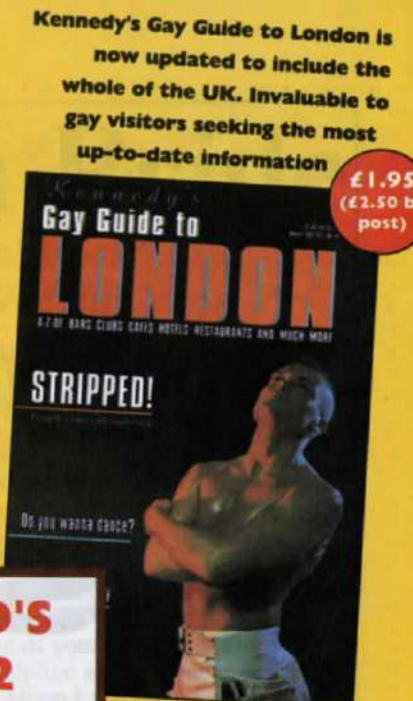
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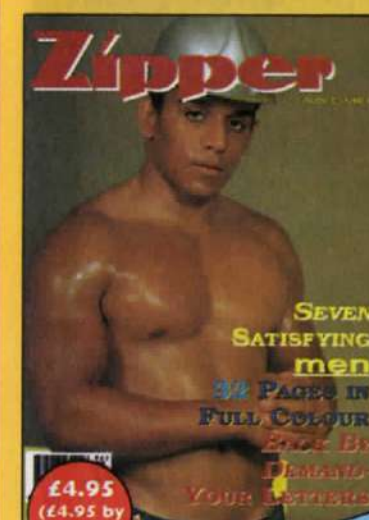
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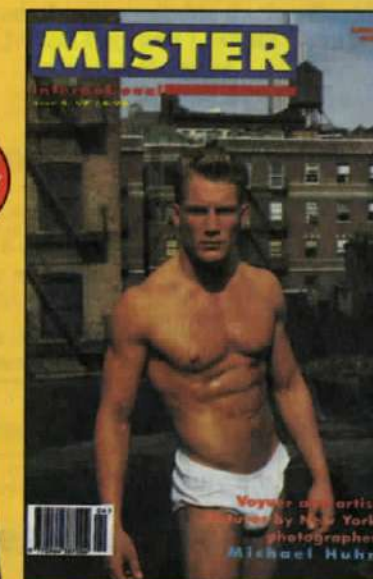
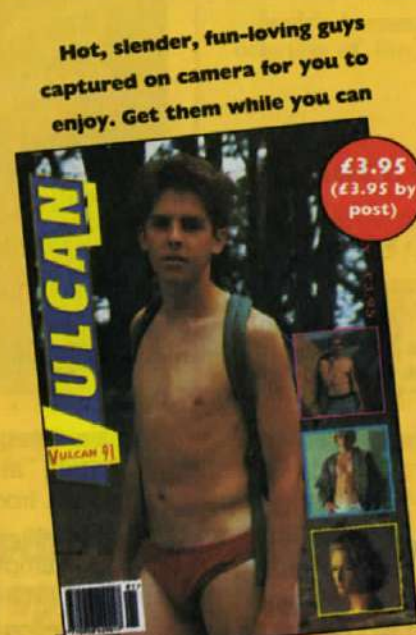
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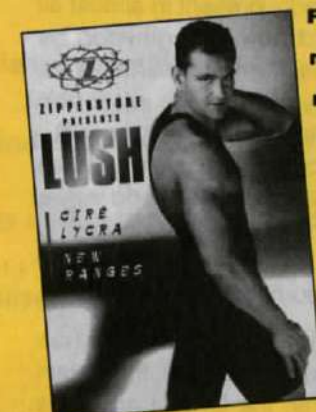


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complacent; but we must never forget that when the conditions are right, things can change, and change very rapidly.

It is clear that the nazis though small in number in Britain are attempting to gain confidence from their counterparts successes in Europe. The most obvious example being the recent visit of Jean Marie Le Pen, leader of the French national front.

Nazis have never succeeded in Britain; this is not because fascism is somehow alien to the British character, fascism is as British as roast beef; their lack of success has been due to the unification and mobilisation of a wide variety of groups against them.

Stopping the rise of fascism will not be easy, it will require a lot of determination, a lot of hard work. It will mean building an anti nazi movement with the broadest possible appeal, similar to that formed in the seventies. But this time the movement must cut across national boundaries, Europe and the rest of the world must unite to purge this abomination. The alternative, brought about by apathy and inaction, does not bear thinking about.

Simon Magorian.

Fascism and the threat it represents to the lesbian and gay community needs no introduction. For the best part of the last 12 years organised fascism has not been very visible in Britain, the various groups having spent most of their time fighting each other rather than trying to spread their poisonous ideas.

Recent events in Europe however require us to seriously reappraise our own situation. In France and Germany the neo-nazism which has long fed on wide spread racism and anti-semitism, sadly present in almost all societies and now strengthened by the "Fortress Europe" mentality, is increasingly turning its attention towards the lesbian and gay community. A glance at almost any lesbian and gay publication's world news section will testify to the increasing attacks on gay bars and meeting places by neo-nazis.

Up to the present Britain has clearly been an exception, the British National party, the largest and best organised of the neo-nazi groups here, has nothing like the support that the National Front had in the late seventies or that of its counterparts in the rest of Europe. It is important when looking at the growth of fascism that we are neither alarmist nor

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Jewish Accommodation is available during EuroPride, courtesy of the Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group. Details from the Helpline.

For more on Jewish Pride



Contact the Jewish Lesbian and Gay Helpline on 071- 706 3123, Mondays & Thursdays 7pm-10pm. Leave an answer machine message on this number at other times. Or write to Jewish Pride, BM Jewish Helpline, London WC1N 3XX. The Helpline offers a confidential information, support and counselling service to Jewish lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, their family and friends.

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I don't want to encourage you to break the law as it now stands. However, no prosecution can take place without evidence against you. Evidence in the Spanner case was a video and the men's own statements, (they didn't think they were doing anything illegal). Other evidence might be photographs or letters. So avoid these.

If you want more information on this topic request the leaflet from SM gays called "SM and the law". Just send two first class stamps to SM Pride, SM Gays, London WC1N 3XX. And go out and enjoy your sexuality!

Note. The Spanner appeal at the House of Lords will take place this Summer

*Chris Butler, a founding member of SM Gays,
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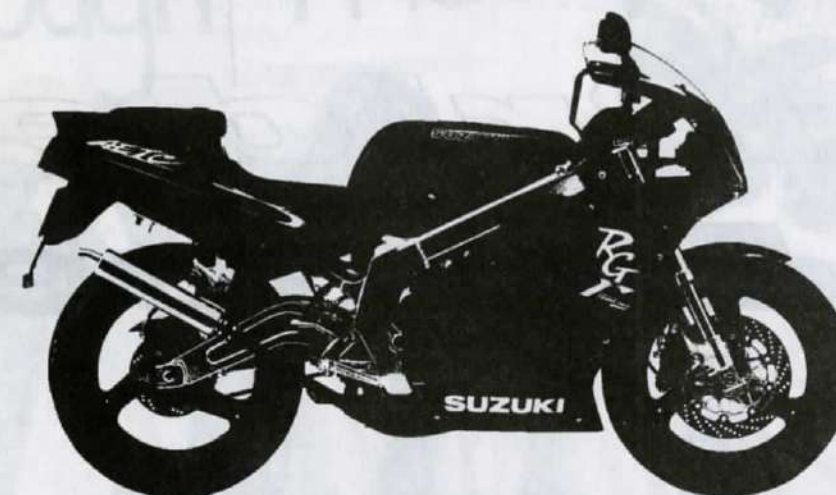
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This great opportunity can help us today to realise the richness diversity and similarities of our "trans-boundaries" community. Meeting together is a first and necessary step which will lead us to greater common consciousness, larger exchanges, and

may be more developments and concerted actions.

There could be a slight paradox in the fact that this first European gathering is taking place in a country which is not exactly perceived as the most progressive both about lesbian and gay rights and European co-operation. But it's just an apparent one, because Britain has probably the most important and active gay community in Europe, and London looks very much like its real gay capital.

A first attempt to broaden a national Pride out to a European level was made in Antwerpen on May 5th 1990. Three thousand people from Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium took part in this event. I recalled this to members of the London Pride Committee, when I met them in August of the same year. And I added that the London Pride, having become in the late eighties the biggest and the best organised pride celebration in Europe, was in the ideal position to host a truly pan-European Pride. I attended the European ILGA conference the following winter in Copenhagen where Europride 92 received the backing



of this international gay organisation. Eighteen months later, the work of hundreds of dedicated volunteers has made this bright, great day possible.

Throughout Europe the rights of gay men and lesbians vary so much, from none to a plethora of rights. That will obviously have to be fought for and rectified. But decriminalisation or legalisation of sexual acts between sexual acts between people of the same sex does not guarantee social acceptance and recognition of homosexuality. We, lesbians and gay men, cannot accept just to be tolerated. We form an essential part of society and deserve more. This simple and important fact has not been fully acknowledged by any European country, no matter how "progressive". We want to be accepted as full citizens with full equal rights. We want also our differences to be recognised and respected, and our

specific needs properly addressed. That's certainly an important common goal shared by us all, despite our national disparities.

Pride Day gives us the immense pleasure of being ourselves together freely expressing our affection, love and care. It also gives us the most enjoyable occasion of increasing our self-confidence, strength and visibility.

Let's rejoice, celebrate and party now. But be careful. Such a great powerful event could alter our lives a great deal. That's what I'm hoping.

Joseph-Marie Hulewicz was awakened to lesbian and gay politics in London through the 1988 Campaign Against Section 28. He has since been continuously reporting on British lesbian and gay life in the French gay weekly :GAI PIED HEBDO"

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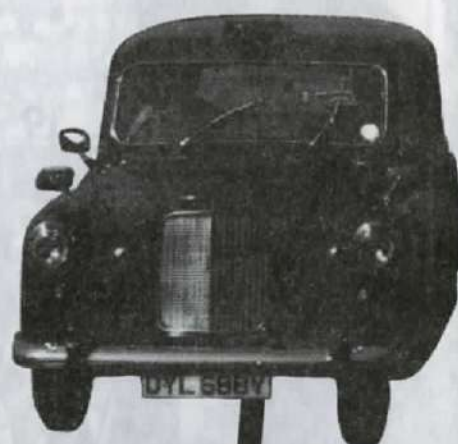


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Sources of Information

Buy Time Out or City Limits weekly magazine (available in newsagents). Both feature a lesbian and gay section which describes a selection of the main bars and clubs as well as day by day listings of various events. The monthly Gay Times (also from newsagents) and the community newspapers Capital Gay, Pink Paper and Boyz (free in most Pubs and Clubs) are also very good sources of information

Getting Around

You will need a street finder map to get around A-Z is easy to buy and use. Remember street names are often repeated in the London area so you will need to know the postal district (e.g. SW1, EC1 etc)

London's black cabs are reliable but can be expensive. Minicabs are plentiful but can be unreliable. Be especially careful of minicabs waiting outside clubs always agree a price in advance and try not to travel alone. The best way to get around is on the Underground and London Buses: the network is neither cheap nor wonderfully efficient but it does work! Ask for free bus and tube maps at central

underground stations. Also ask for details about Travelcards which can be purchased on a daily or weekly basis.

Somewhere to stay

It is likely that the few genuinely gay hotels in London will be booked out during EuroPride. If you need assistance with hotel or bed and breakfast accommodation, the London Tourist Board can help with advice and a booking service from 09.00 to 18.00 hrs on 071-730-3488. EuroPride has some cheap accommodation negotiated call on 071-733-2902.

Where To Go

There are cluster of clubs in the West End(W1, WC1&WC2); Islington & Kings Cross(N1); Vauxhall (SW8) and Earls Court(SW5 but all venues men only). The London Lesbian and Gay Centre in EC1 offers a genuinely mixed and friendly bar and cafe and a series of weekly or monthly events with something for everyone.

Women Only

The lesbian scene in London is pretty fast moving, but Klio disco at the Les-

bian and Gay Centre is a popular choice for a Saturday night, and the Orchid Bar in the same venue is women only Tues-Sun eves. Look out for Venus Rising held the first Wednesday of every month at the Fridge in Brixton: this is Europe's largest women only club. Call in at Silver Moon women's bookshop in WC2 or Sister-write in N1 both of which have an excellent range of lesbian publications. For sunbathing, swimming and a sisterly time the Women's Pond at Hampstead Heath is always popular in fine weather. Topless sunbathing is acceptable at this public venue, but rather strict standards of behaviour otherwise apply. Don't stand up and jiggle about!

Gyms, swimming, relax

Hampstead Health also has a Men's pond which is popular with gay men ; for working out, try the Lesbian and Gay Centre or the Centre Point Gym at Tottenham Court Road station is quite popular with gay men, as is the Central YMCA at Great Russell Street which



Womens Pond on Hampstead Heath

also has a pool. For sauna try Brownies or the Covent Garden Health Spa (but remember that saunas and all other gay venues in the UK are non-action in accordance with UK law).

Dressing up: leather and other forms of drag

For men into leather and rubber, the strict dress code bar is Backstreet.

The Block is also a popular leather/denim/uniform club which meets in various venues. Dressing up is something of a

theme in London at the moment: watch out for one-off club nights such as Kinky Gerlinky which may be active this summer. The Lesbian and Gay Centre has several nights for dressing up one way or another. For generally "masculine" gay men's bars try the Coleherne, LA or Market Tavern. A "traditional" and still very popular feature of the scene in Lon-

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don is the drag act. The classic venues are The Black Cap in Camden Town and the Vauxhall Tavern in Vauxhall. Many other gay bars in London feature drag acts, and you will also find male strippers in several venues.

Dancing

Heaven is still the biggest and is mixed on Wednesdays and gay men only on Saturdays. The Bell is mixed lesbian and gay dance pub, whilst Bang and Copas are the "original" gay discos. Look out for the one-nighters, one of which is likely to be the hottest venue at any one time. Try Trade, the FF Club or the Gardening Club and watch the press for the latest hype.

Food, books, film, theatre

Try First Out for vegetarian food. Village Soho, The Angel and The Edward are all bars which also offer food in a cafe atmosphere. Roys and Stephs are popular gay restaurants.

For lesbian and gay reading, there is nothing to beat Gay's the Word although most good bookshops now have lesbian and gay sections, as do some of the public libraries. The Ritzy, The Scala and The Rio are all independent cinemas which regularly have seasons of lesbian and gay films, and the theatre fringe venues which most often feature lesbian and gay drama are the Drill Hall and the Oval House: see press for details.

The main cinemas and theatres are usually presenting at least one major production of direct interest to lesbian and gays, even if not all of the people involved are out! Check the listings.

Living with HIV and AIDS

The lesbian and gay community in London is proud of the excellent services which it has created in response to the challenge of HIV and AIDS, and visitors will all be made welcome by following: Body Positive provides a range of drop-in and

support services for people who are HIV positive; call them 19.00 to 22.00 any evening on 071-373 9124. Men and women facing the challenge of AIDS, and their carers and friends, will find support and resource centres in West London at London Lighthouse (tel 071-792 1200) and in south London at the Landmark (tel 081-678 6687). For general information, call the Terrence Higgins Trust 5.00 to 22.00 hrs daily on 071-242 1010.

Finally, don't forget these voluntary information and advice services:

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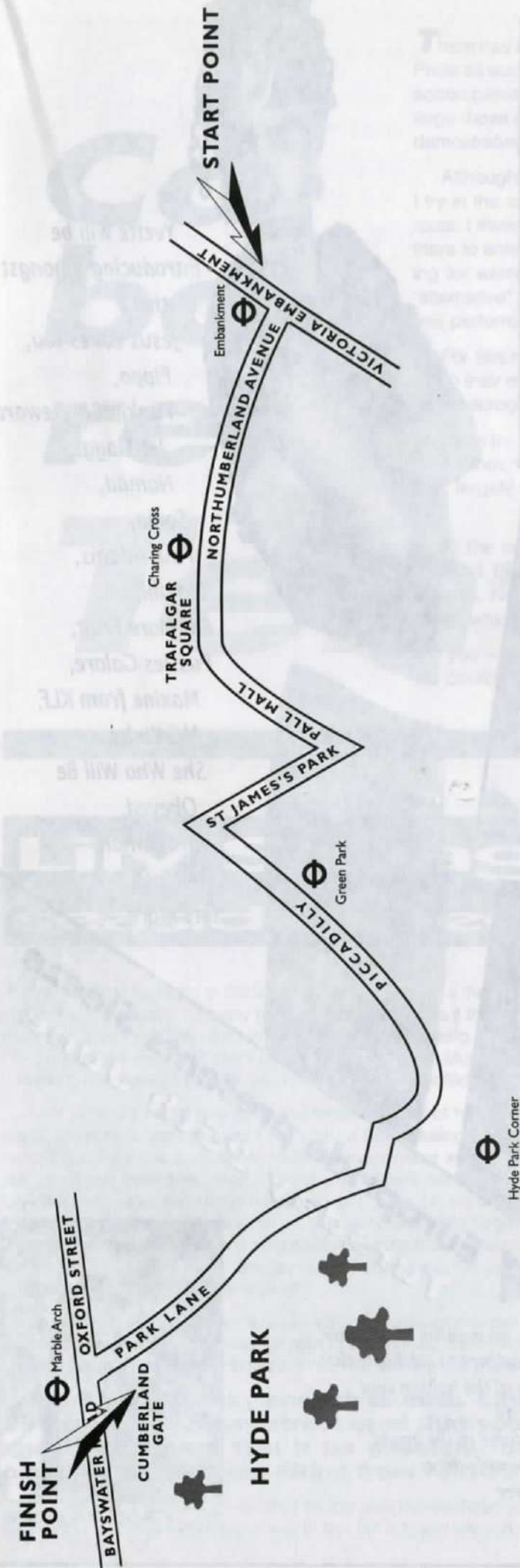
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For people with disabilities contact your local dial-a-ride service, most of whom will be running special EuroPride services, any problems give us a call. (A special service will also run between the two parks.)

Assemble 11 am Please use Temple Station. This way you will see the floats assembled beside Waterloo Bridge.

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On arrival at Hyde Park there will be a variety of ways of getting to Brockwell Park including special Pride buses. Full details of these will be found in the lesbian and gay press and also in the day programme which will be distributed before the march commences.

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There has always been entertainment on Pride; even before it was called Pride as such, the picnics, "be-ins" and marches of the early 1970s were accompanied by buskers, sing-alongs and street theatre. And by and large those entertainers, in turn were part of the communities which were demonstrating.

Although Pride itself is no longer geared to a set of political demands, I try in the cabaret programme to preserve some of that spirit and those roots. I think of the Cabaret Tent as the lesbian equivalent of ENSA; we're there to entertain the troops. Most of the year you will find them performing for womens' centres, gaysocs, other local Pride programmes, or in "alternative" music or comedy venues, but always as openly lesbian and gay performers exploring themes which are directly relevant to our lives.

For this reason I try to emphasise as much as possible original acts using their own material. I also try to find room for the avowedly "amateur" (not a derogatory word in my book), the one-off and the distinctly quirky.

I also try to give an opportunity for performers from outside London to "show their wares" before a wider audience than they might otherwise find; largely unacknowledged and unrewarded, up and down the country.

At the time I'm writing this, the Cabaret Programme has yet to be finalised. But I can promise you performers from Newcastle, Leeds, Birmingham, Nottingham, Brighton and Norfolk. I can promise you a few things which draw on all these things but defy categories.

Oh yes - and Vivacious to compere as usual; we couldn't keep her away!

Eric Presland

Lily Savage seaside special

What was the highlight of Pride for you last year? Was it the march, the main stage, the many stalls, so many gorgeous people or was it the tent the stole the limelight at Pride last year? What else can we be talking about except the Lily Savage Tea Tent. Well she's back! It gives Brendan Murphy & Jeremy Joseph great pleasure to invite you to Lily Savages Sea Side Special

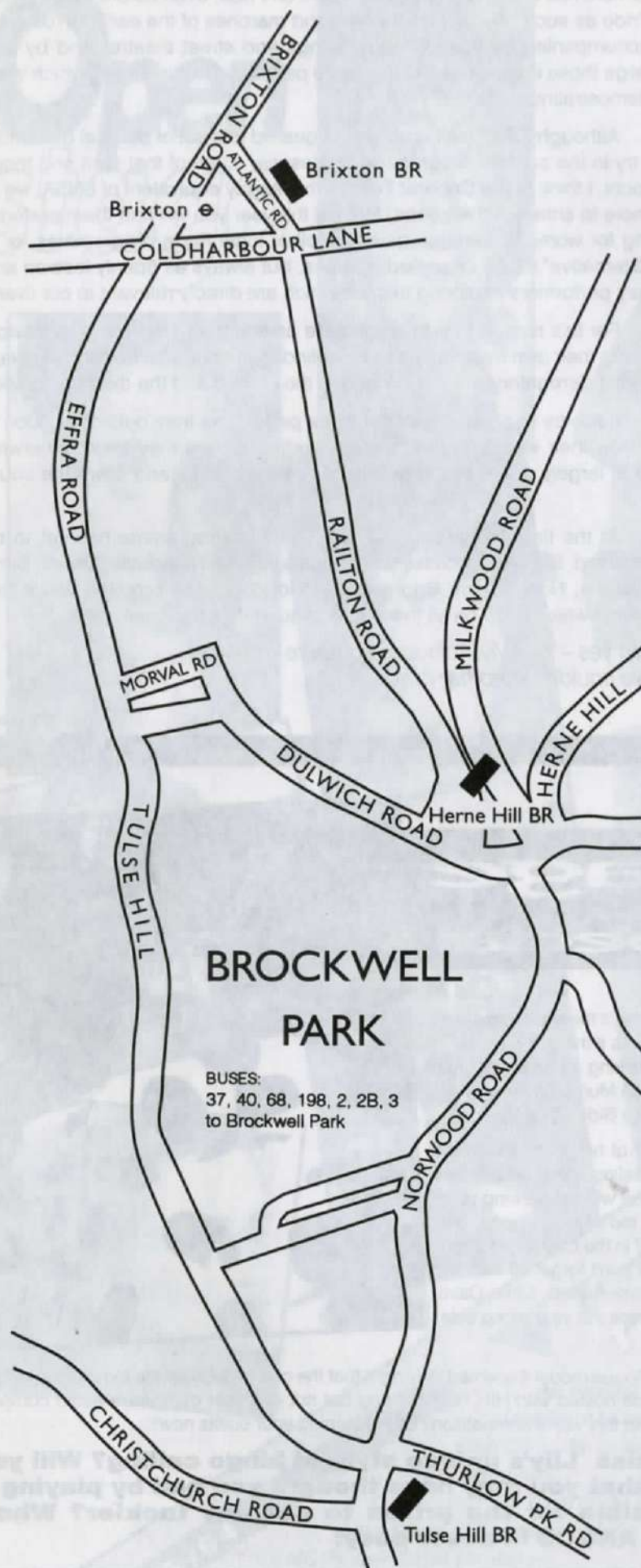
Last year Lily had the chance to introduce many of her friends onto the stage, the people she has taught so much to: from stealing from their mothers handbag without being caught to fiddling the gas meter without blowing yourself up. Those friends included a group who weren't too sexy to appear with Lily especially since two weeks later they were at No.2 in the charts. Will Right Said Fred be making a reappearance this year? One can't forget all the others who appeared with Lily including Katrina and the Boy, Adrella, Millie, Dave Lynn, Kelly, Paul Adams and Zsarday who will all be back this year along side other cellmates Lily has spent time with.

Since Lily has had so much experience as a catalogue model it seemed only right that the competition for the most outrageously dressed person at Pride should be held in her tent co hosted with HHH Regina Fong but not even her campness could compete against a man painted head to toe in pink. Who will win this years competition? Start planning your outfits now!

Were you unlucky enough to miss Lily's unique style of bingo calling? Will you be throwing out any street cred that you may have thought you had by playing it again this year? Will it be possible for the prizes to get any tackier? Who's complaining as shop lifting from ARGOS is never easy!

Lily will also be showing her other talents as a DJ. Will Jeremy be able to cope with Lily's impeccable musical taste or will he get away with playing Kylie? The only way to find out is to join Lily and all her friends for a seaside extravaganza in the middle of Brixton.





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People of Colour Tent

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| 3 | Crystal Waters - | Gypsy Woman |
| 4 | Kylie Minogue - | Shocked |
| 5 | Right Said Fred - | I'm Too Sexy |
| 6 | Brothers In Rythm - | Such a Good Feeling |
| 7 | CC Peneston - | Finally |
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LONDON LISTINGS

Mon June 1st

Eurovision.

A comedy by Tim Luscombe presented by the London Gay Theatre Group in association with the Drill Hall, at the Drill Hall, 16 Chenies St, WC1. Till June 6th.

Thurs June 4th

Passionate Tongues

An exhibition by lesbian and gay artists for EuroPride. 8 men and 8 women using sculpture, painting, print and ceramics. 10 am - 5pm. Brixton Art Gallery, 35 Station Road, SW9. 071-733-6957. N Until July 4th. Closed Weds & Suns.

Lesbians, gays and the church.

A seminar facilitated by the Metropolitan Community Church at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 at 7.30 pm. No wheelchair access.

An Evening of Joe Orton.

Earnest Productions present two plays, 'The Ruffian on the Stair' & 'Erpingham Camp' at 8 pm at St. Mary Abbots Church Hall, Vicarage Gate, Off Kens-

ington Church St, W8. Tickets are £6 each and are available from Tony Colyer on 071 928 3763. Till 6th June.

Sat June 6th

Lesbian strength writing workshop

A two day chance to explore, develop and enjoy all aspects of lesbian writing from 10 am - 5 pm at Macbeth St Community Centre, Macbeth St, Off King St, W6. Costs Inner London £20/£5 Outer £30/£20. Women only. N. SLI Creche call 081-749-1000 to confirm. Part 2 on 13th June.

Sun June 7th

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Thurs June 11th

Women and the Church

Seminar facilitated by The Metropolitan Community Church, at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 at 7.30 pm. No wheelchair access.

Fri June 12th

The Lesbian and Gay

Pride Organisation in conjunction with the LB of Hackney present: 'It's not just a phase!', the Grand Launch of EuroPride 1992 at the Hackney Empire. See separate ad for full details

▼ Edge 92

Not to be missed! the last chance to see the Edge 92 Arts festival installation by Paris based international artists Maria Klonaris and Katerina Thomadaki. 12 noon - 6pm Hornsey Rd Baths, Hornsey Rd, N7. 071-607-7331x250 also on 13th & 14th

Sat June 13th

▼ In bed with HNG

Film all nighter for young lesbians and gay men. Plus all

night cafe and breakfast bar. Bring cushions, sleeping bags, teddys etc.

11pm - 8am. HNG Community Centre, 84 Mayton St, N7. £4 (£3) .5

Transylvania

The Rocky Horror Picture Show plus live floorshow and virgin sacrifice presented by 'Charming Underclothes'. Pre-Show 11.30 pm, film and live show at midnight. Tickets £6. Further info and tickets available from the Prince Charles Cinema, Leicester Place, Off Leicester Square, WC2.

Sun June 14th

Cycle rally

A sponsored cycle rally organised by LYCRA. Celebrity send off at the Victoria Memorial opposite Buckingham Palace with ride to Brighton. All proceeds to EuroPride '92. For entry forms and further details ring Jon on 081 281 2801.

▼ Films at the Rio.

One of a series of programmes of popular classics and new films with a lesbian and gay theme.

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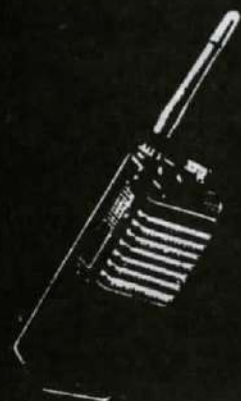
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LONDON LISTINGS

For programme details call 071-254-6677.
The Rio, 107 Kingsland Rd, E8.
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Mon June 15th

▼ After Stonewall.

An exhibition celebrating 21 years of lesbian and gay history. 9am - 6pm. Crowndale Centre, 220 Eversholt St, NW1. Free. Runs till June 26th.

Bisexual workshop

Workshop facilitated by the London Bisexual Group at the Lesbian & Gay Centre 67/69 Cowcross St, EC1 7 pm - 10 pm.

S/M workshop

S/M Gays workshop on Europe and S/M at the Lesbian & Gay Centre, 67/69 Cowcross St, EC1 at 7.30 pm.

Wed June 17th

PACE workshop "Art Therapy for Gay Men".

For further details contact Colin Dixon on 071 251 2689. To be held at an accessible central London location.

▼ The Launch of Islington's Strength and Pride resources guide.

Collect your free pack containing information on books, video, music, media and community group info. Plus exhibition, music and refreshments. Central Library, Fieldway Cres, N5. 7 - 9pm.

Thurs June 18th

HIV and the Church.

Seminar facilitated by The Metropolitan Community Church, at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave,

WC2 at 7.30 pm. No wheelchair access.

Lesbians & HIV/AIDS

A Pace Workshop. For further details contact Colin Dixon on 071 251 2689. To be held at an accessible central London location.

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Fri June 19th

▼ Fangaysia

Fantastic cabaret, live bands and the sounds of World Music, Midnight Doubles fantasy dress competition with prizes. 10pm-late, The Rocket, Holloway Rd. N7. £6(£4).

▼ Black to the Future

Presented by the Black Lesbian and Gay Centre Project an evening to explore where the black lesbian and gay community is going. Tea and coffee available. 7.30 - 10pm. St. Pancras Childrens Library, Euston Rd. Donations.

Sat June 20th

▼ Pride Picnic by the sea.

A day trip to beautiful Brighton for lesbian mothers/carers and their children organised by the Camden lesbian centre and the black lesbian group. Picnic and mini-bus provided. Pick up 9am. Camden Lesbian Centre, 54 - 56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Women only. Free. Tail lift vehicles for wheel chair access. Please call Jane Anderson on 071-383-5405 to book a place.

Tennis Tournament

All day at Highbury Fields Tennis Courts, Highbury Fields, Islington, N1. For entry details and further information contact Teddy on 071 354 4296.

Europride Quiz final

Grand final of the Europride Quiz at the Lesbian & Gay Centre, 67/69 Cowcross St, EC1. at 7.00 pm. For entry details and further information ring St. John on 071 229 0481.

Capital Quiz

Grand Final at the Lesbian & Gay Centre, 67/69 Cowcross St, EC1. 8.30pm.

The Wild Court Club Cafe

presents a Pre-Pride Costume Ball at the London Womens Centre, Wesley House, 4 Wild Court, Holburn, WC1. Prizes for best costumes. 9pm - 5am. Tickets on sale now. £10, £7, £5.

Sun June 21st

Bazaar 92

The annual jumble sale with so much more will be opened by June Brown (Eastenders Dot Cotton). Money raised to go to Food Chain, Oasis Aids care centre and Body Positive. Pride goodies on sale. The Fridge, Brixton Town Hall Parade. 12 - 4pm. £2 entry (includes entry for prize draw)

LONDON LISTINGS

▼ Pinknik

Lambeth's popular summer afternoon of music and cabaret in the park for lesbians and gay men moves to the Sun before Pride. 2-5pm, The Rookery, Streatham Common, SW17.

▼ Tea dance

The Camden older gay mens group host a tea dance and buffet for older gay men and their friends. 2 - 5pm. Henderson Court Day Centre, 102 Fitzjohns Ave. (entrance on Prince Arthur Rd), NW3. £1. Men Only.

▼ Films at the Rio

One of a series of programmes of popular classics and new films with a lesbian and gay theme. For programme details call 071-254-6677. The Rio, 107 Kingsland Rd, E8. £4(£3).

Mon June 22nd

To Test Or Not To Test

A PACE workshop For further details contact Colin Dixon on 071 251 2689. To be held at an accessible central London location.

Literary Festival

A three day literary festival organised by GMP and Europride featuring a wide range of readings by such authors as Pat Arrowsmith and Edward Lucy-Smith and discussions around the role of the Novel in Lesbian & Gay Culture. No admission charge. Events start on each day at 7.30 pm at the Lesbian & Gay Centre, 67/69 Cowcross St, London, EC1.

Bisexual workshop

Workshop facilitated by the London Bisexual Group at the Lesbian & Gay Centre 67/69 Cowcross St, EC1 7 pm - 10 pm.

Out, Proud and Performance.

To coincide with Europride this week of performance events aims to highlight the diversity of professional work within live art, physical theatre and dance of lesbians and gay men. Programme not finalised at time of press. More info Madeleine

Dahm on 071-831-5143. continues on 23, 25, 26 June. The Holburn Centre, Three Cups Yard, Sandland St, WC1.

Tue June 23rd

Literary Festival. See listing June 22nd for details.

Wed June 24th

Literary Festival. See listing June 22nd for details.

▼ Love Stories - 100 years of romance, sex, love and heartache.

An exhibition including lesbian and gay love with workshops events and videos. Union Chapel, Compton Ave, N1.

Thurs June 25th

▼ All day film showing at the Factory.

Films include Desert Hearts, Edward II, Angel at my table. 11:30am - 10pm. The Factory Community Centre, 107 Matthias Rd, N17. Admission free. Call Dorrie 071-241-1520 for full prog. Not wheelchair accessible.

Swimming Gala

Europride Swim & Party organised by the Goslings Sports Club at the Oasis Sports Centre, High Holborn London, WC2. Tickets £2.25. Starts 8.20 pm.

▼ Films at the Rio.

One of a series of programmes of popular classics and new films with a lesbian and gay theme. For programme details call 071-254-6677. The Rio 107 Kingsland Rd, E8. £4(£3).

The Lesbian and Gay Pride Organisation

presents "Sleaze" a night of decadence, deviation and design. A fundraiser for Europride. See separate ad for details.

Fri June 26th

Football tournament

Five-a-side football frolics and Social organised by Stonewall F.C. at the Finsbury Leisure Centre Islington, London, N1. Starts 5 pm.



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8pm. Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq., WC1. Price to be confirmed.

Faith

A multi-faith and multi-lingual service organised by the Metropolitan Community Church (see previous details for venue) followed by cheese and wine. Starts 8 pm.

Sun June 28th

▼ All day social for Europride.

Revival sounds. All lesbians and gay men welcome. A variety of groups and firms will have stalls at this post pride get together offering information on a wide range of services and social groups.

11am - 11pm. (Stalls till 5pm). The Factory Community Centre, 107 Matthias Rd, N17. Admission free. Call Dorrie 071-241-1520 for full prog. Not wheelchair accessible. Children only admitted when accompanied by parent/carer/responsible adult.

Pride service of liberation

Presented by The Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement at St. Botolphs Church, Aldgate at 6.00 pm

▼ A London Strength and Pride event



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Mon 1st - Sun 7th June

Film: "My Own Private Idaho", starring River Phoenix. Arts Centre Cinema, King Square, Bristol.

Thurs 4th

Fruit Machine Disco

MV Thekla, The Grove, Bristol, 10pm - 2am. World Music.

Fri 5th

SLOSH event Either mud-wrestling or a talk (!) #

Sat 6th

Coffee Morning, St Michaels Day Centre, St Michaels Place, Bath, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Britten's Quartet No1 in D

11am, Guildhall, Bath. A performance of Britten's atmospheric first quartet. Admission prices £5 - £9.

Bath Community Bus Mobile Information Centre & Balloon Launch Central Bath. #



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AVON PRIDE EVENTS

Hint of Pink Disco

10pm - 2am, Tudor Suite, Parkside Hotel, Bath Road, Brislington, Bristol (next to HTV Studios). WOMEN ONLY.

Sun 7th

Afternoon Tea, in Wells (Somerset). #

Oasis Garden Party

Annual fundraiser for Bristol Lesbian & Gay Switchboard, 2pm, Oasis Club, 14 Park Row, Bristol (maybe 14 June). For confirmation of date please ring Bristol Lesbian & Gay Switchboard (0272 420842/425927).

Worship Service

St Michaels Day Centre, St Michaels Place, Bath, 6pm. Service organised by Living Springs Metropolitan Community Church. All welcome!

Mon 8th

Beyond Heaven Disco

Tiergarten Club, Spring Gardens, under Pultney Bridge, Bath. Selection of 70s to 90s music. 10pm - 2am. Tel: 0225 425360 for full details.

Tues 9th

Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement Meeting, St Pauls Church, St Pauls Road, Clifton, Bristol, 8am. Phone Alan on 0272 732936 for further details.

Chris's Coffee Club, in upper Knowle, Bristol. Tel: 0272 420842/ 425927 for details

Lodge Cabaret Evening

The Lodge, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare. 10pm Admission charge £2.50.

Wed 10th

"God, Gays and the Gospel". Video presentation of the story of Rev Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church. For details of venue and times ring Pastor Lynne Reay, on 0225 445593.

Out! On Monday (Lesbian & Gay Alcoholics Anonymous Group) Public Information Meetings. Friends Meeting House, Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol, 8pm.

Nuts Disco, Weston-super-Mare. Ring 0272 420842/425927 for details.

AVON PRIDE EVENTS

Gay Nudist Social Evening,
Bath.

Organised by Bath Gay Nudist
Group. For details of time and
venue phone Ian or Colin on
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Thurs 11th

NALGO Lesbian & Gay Social
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Fri 12th

Womens Support Group & Creche

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Sarah 90272 634496 or
Pauline (0272 632434) for more
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Desert Hearts Disco

St James Wine Vaults, St James
Street, Bath, 9pm. Admission
£2 (£1.50 unwaged). WOMEN
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Expectation, Rules and Accep-
tance in the Lesbian
Community. The Lesbian Dis-
cussion Group will be talking
about this. For details of venue
and time ring 0272 632593.

WOMEN ONLY.

Club Night. Severn Link MSC
(leather & denim group) meet at
the Oasis Club, 14 Park Row,
Bristol, at 8pm. No strict dress
code.

Sat 13th

Coffee Morning. Bath CVS
Building, Abbey Green, Bath.
10.30am-12.30pm.

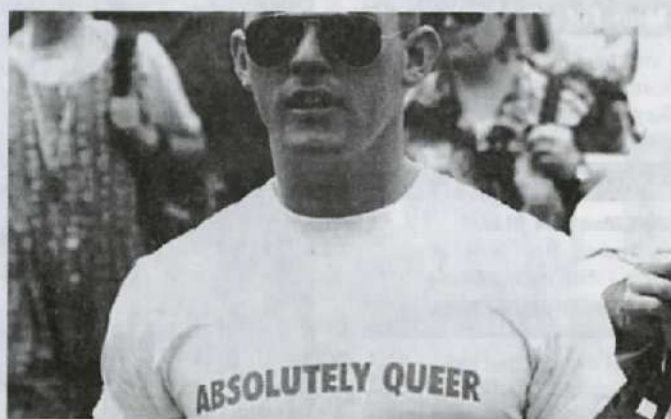
Walking Treasure Hunt around
Bristol City Centre. Details not
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Avon Pride Community Fair,
Central Bristol.#

Party at Purdown. Meet 8pm at
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Gainsborough Square, Bristol
(Bus 24 or 25 from centre).
Bring a bottle, a friend and
some food - come and let your
hair down. Musical instruments
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Sun 14th

Walk around Tintern & Wye Val-
ley. Meet 11am at car park by
the river in Tintern Parva (O.S
map 162, ref: SO 537005).
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stout shoes or boots, your own
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time - you may be left behind.
Ring Nigel on 0793 770099 for
further information.

Avon Pride Service St
Michaels Day Centre, St
Michaels Place, Bath, 6pm.
Service lead by members of
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Tues 16th

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Crackle & Bop evening at Club
49, bottom of Christmas
Steps 10pm. admission £1.50.

Fri 19th

Fruit Machine First Birthday
Party. MV Thelka, The Grove,
Bristol, 10pm-2pm. World
Music.

Fri 26th

Temple Song Hearts. 7.30pm,
St Georges, Brandon Hill,
Bristol. An all-women chamber
choir sing a synthesis of
eastern, western classical and
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Street, Bristol, BS1 5BB, for full
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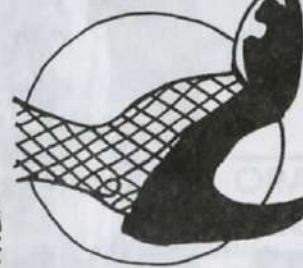
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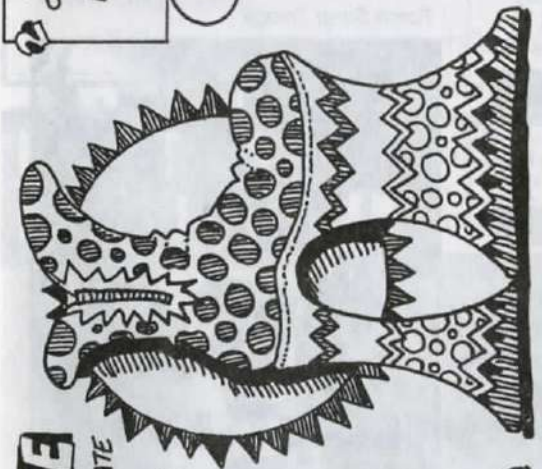
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SOLENT PRIDE EVENTS

Sun 21st

Sports day and Picnic Southampton Common.

Mon 22nd

Groups Night Quiz at the Queen Vic Northam Road.

Tues 23rd

An evening of classical gay composers. The Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton University.

Weds 24th

Janice Perry at the Gantry Southampton.

Thurs 25th

Mens Cabaret at the Magnum Southampton

Womens Night at the Polygon Social Club.

Friday 26th

Treasure Hunt, Southampton

Sat 27th

Trip to Europride celebrations in London.

For further details see the Solent Pride programme or contact Richard on 0703-676033 or Tracey on 0703-677553.

Europride 92 Film Festival at the Scala

275 Pentonville Rd, Kings Cross, NI.

Mon 8th June

Men Together

Dona Herlinda And Her Son, Together Alone (voted audience favourite at 1991 San Francisco Gay film Festival) & Give AIDS the freeze.

Tues 9th

Lesbian Identities.

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe, Outcasts, A Prayer Before Birth, First Comes Love & Where Cows Go.

Sun 14th

Lesbians in Love

Thelma & Louise, Rosebud, First Base, By Attrition, Cream Soda, Glasses Break & Came Out, It Rained, Went Back In Again.

Mon 15th

Gay Icons and Fantasies

Sebastiane, Caught Looking, Waiting & the Making of Monsters.

Mon 22nd

The Gay Underground

Flaming Creatures, Pink Narcissus, Scorpio Rising, Blonde Cobra & Un Chant D'Amour.

Wed 24th

Jewish Lesbian and Gays Special

Torch Song Trilogy, November Moon & Rootless Cosmopolitans

Tues 30th

Gay Icons and Fantasies II

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National and Local Government Officers Association, 1 Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9AJ. Telephone: 071-388 2366 (Contact Carola Towle or Denise Pallis).
National Union of Public Employees, Civic House, 20 Grand Depot Road, Woolwich, London SE18 6SF. Telephone: 081-854 2244 (Contact Gloria Mills).



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One of the first, and most successful, cross-country lesbian and gay coalitions is the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), founded in Britain fourteen years ago. It's grown to a world-wide federation of all kinds of lesbian, gay and bisexual groups, with almost 300 member groups in nearly fifty countries. Associate membership, open to any group supporting our human rights, has been taken up by cities, trade unions and civil rights organisations of all kinds.

ILGA works to support the growth of the lesbian and gay movement in each member country, and also to represent our concerns at international level, with bodies like the United

Nations, the World Health Organisation and Amnesty International. It takes action at all levels, from street demonstrations against executions in Iran or Section 28 to regular attendance at the UN in New York. Annual World Conferences bring together several hundred activists from Argentina to Zimbabwe to share strategies, plan campaigns and just have fun together. Regional conferences in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe and all of Europe have helped strengthen ties in those areas.

ILGA has always been strong in Europe, where there is the longest tradition of lesbian and gay activism. The Scandinavian groups are coming up to their 50th birthdays soon- an enviable record. The past few years has seen a huge growth in groups in the Eastern countries- Poland, Czechoslovakia and all the countries of the old Soviet Union. Old and new activists join together to lobby the European institutions, such as the council of Europe, the European Community and the new Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to defend and promote our rights. We meet annually around New

Year in the all-European conference; in 1992/3 it will be held in Brussels and the year after that, it will come to London for the first time. And anyone passing through Paris in the third week of July should drop in on our 1992 World Conference and get to know the widest assortment of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals you're ever likely to find.

ILGA has supported the concept and growth of Europride from the start. We support any chance for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals to celebrate our diversity and to break down the barriers between countries; we support any initiative that encourages people to learn about lesbians and gay men and their lives elsewhere; and we support it as a demonstration of our visibility and our love of life in the face of hatred and bigotry. In a world of AIDS and

queerbashing, of legal oppression and social repression, we need every chance for a positive celebration, a reaffirmation that our love and our lives are important and worthwhile.

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There's been a long- and sad- history of friction between lesbians and gay men, and bisexual people. Nobody ever said working together would be easy. But now as much as ever bisexual people recognise the importance - and the history - of our involvement in lesbian and gay communities. An involvement that goes hand-in-hand with building our own communities as well. Of course, that's the bi way: not one or the other, but always BOTH. For us, freedom means not freedom to choose between options, but freedom for all people to enjoy all options.

For me, Pride has always been the most powerful and moving symbol I have for a willingness to be together, whatever the differences. Here you have people, often with little in common, and much to separate them. But we all march together to celebrate the lives we've made for ourselves, to declare our love of our own sex, and to affirm our lesbian sisters and gay brothers as lovers, friends, allies, and comrades in the struggle for liberation.

Bisexual people haven't always been as visible at Pride as we will be this year. And everyone's heard that bisexuals aren't really committed anyway, so maybe nobody expected us to come in the first place. After all, unless we had made ourselves badges or T-shirts (when did you last see bisexual merchandise on sale?) people have probably assumed we were lesbian or gay.

But we've always been there. (If you've been on Pride before, we marched beside you, chanted with you, served you food, announced you at the platform, helped set up your stall, talked with you over a drink, staffed the creche...)

For many lesbians and gay men this will sound like infiltration and deception. But if we've been hidden it's been because of other people's assumptions about who we were, and if we've kept quiet it's been because we haven't always felt safe and welcome. Now bisexual people are feeling prouder than ever, with more than ever to celebrate. We'll be out there to celebrate our differences along with our solidarity. And that means both the differences between lesbians, gay men, and bisexual people, and the differences amongst ourselves.

We're celebrating our involvement in the communities that lesbians, gay men and - whether it's been recognised or not - bisexual people have built together across Europe and the world. We're also celebrating the growth of our own community and the future it's rushing towards.

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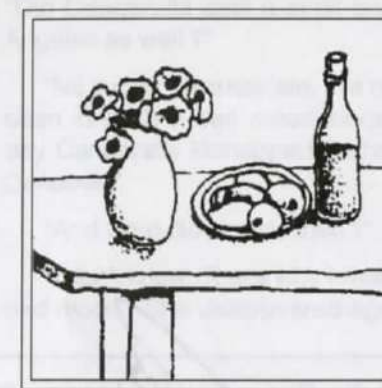
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A fictional tale of Parisian sapphic strife

My name is Dykie Dyke and I've got a mission. The whole affair started last week. Saturday morning, Super Goudou*, the Almighty Goddess came down on earth in her pink cloud, dressed to kill, and she told me,

"Dykie Dyke, I've got a job for you. Dangerella, my sworn enemy (I shivered with cold but the window was shut) put a spell on the lesbian population of Paris. Too many dykes have vanished into thin air recently. I'm depressed as you can see (she puts her hands on her hips) and I've got to go to the Europride in June. Can you imagine the disaster?"

Of course I could. She was ashamed of her people. Poor little Goddess, I thought when she flew out. Well, Dykie, let's start from the beginning, there's a party tonight at

the Cirque d'Hiver. I put on my black T-shirt, the one with a pink triangle on it, because action equals life... And now I was sweating on the dancefloor among the gay men crowd which blows me a gentle kiss.

"Hello boys, any girls in here tonight?"

"About fifteen or so..." Well... Let's go to a women only club and have a look.

From upstairs I glanced over the compact short-haired crowd: phew, they are here, all of them. But Dykie, Stupidyke, don't you know this is the only lesbian club left in Paris. And tomorrow you'll find them in the only Tea dance in town for girls. Oh! Please, Almighty, tell me I'm going to wake out from this nightmare.

"Sorry, Dykie dear... And it's only the beginning: when you'll switch on the telly one night of March, you'll see Jodie Foster smiling with the shiny little trophy in her hands..." "Will she win the Award? Great!"

"Easy, girl, at the end of her

speech, she will vaporize in the air" "Did Dangerella cast a spell on Los Angeles as well?"

"No sugar, I extrapolate. I've never been in such a bad mood since the day Dangerella kidnapped Catherine Deneuve."

"And what did she do then?"

"I don't know. That's why I was in a bad mood." She disappeared again.

"Too many dykes have vanished into thin air recently"

A month later, overwhelmed by the extent of the disaster, I am seriously thinking of packing my bags and go to San Fransisco, or becoming a gay man (at least, you men are numerous). If only there was a cure for all those little invisible dykes. Suddenly I stare through the darkness, thunderstruck by the obviousness. All the victims have been struck while they were in

the shelter of the Big Closet (you know, the one it seems to be so difficult to get out of). So I screamed through the night: **"COME OUT GIRLS. ALL OF YOU COME OUT"**.

The rush is so violent that the closet door comes off its hinges. A crowd of ecstatic dykes appears in the light "Please don't push!"

"What's all that mess girls!" "Hey Jodie, don't take advantage of the situation will you, you're a naughty girl". The well known pink cloud is floating high up in the sky and a velvet voice comes down to me:

"Congratulations, Dykie you broke the spell. Thanks for all."

"It was a pleasure. Look, this is for you, Super Goudou..."

And I throw up my whistle in the sky. "If you need a help someday, just whistle, you know how to whistle don't you? Put your lips together and blow..."

Carole-Frida & Nobody-Gaborit from Paris.

*Goudou is french for Dyke

JUST WHISTLE

Dear Liz,

It's been a hectic weekend in Amsterdam, but I've loved every minute of it. I've been staying at Connie's place - she's even let me use her bike to get around. I'd never have found her without Club Ex Network - the Gay and Lesbian Home Exchange and Hospitality club! (I've told her that you would give her a call just to see if everything was OK.) I'm saving money AND having a good time. I'm already looking forward to summer. I've planned a visit to Provincetown - I'll be staying with Maria and Alice (the police officers I told you about) - I'll repay their hospitality when they come to visit me next spring. I wish I'd discovered Club Ex Network sooner I could have saved a fortune. Got to rush. I just saw the perfect present for you (with the money I've saved I can afford it too!)

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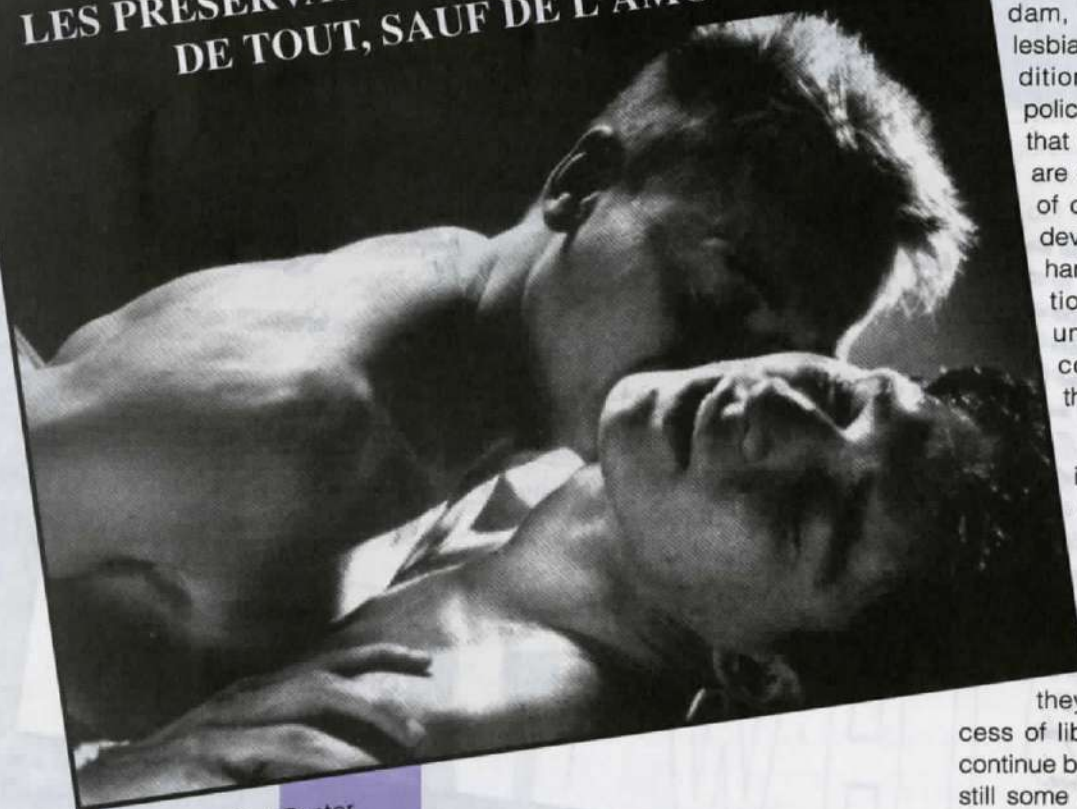
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Thanks to this early community response lesbians and gay men are now amidst the internationally praised AIDS experts. Some governments and international organisations even hold the lesbian and gay communities' response to AIDS as an example for other communities.

One of the outcomes of the second European Conference on Homosexuality and HIV (Amsterdam, February 1992) was that lesbian and gay liberation is conditional to an effective HIV policy. Lesbians and gay men that experience discrimination, are subjected to unequal ages of consent and cannot freely develop their own lifestyles are hard to reach with HIV prevention messages and are unlikely to get the form of counselling and treatment they need.

After 10 years of massive investment in HIV work, often to the detriment of other work to be done, the lesbian and gay movement cannot accept a simple "thank you" and leave all other things as they were. As said, the process of liberation urgently needs to continue be it alone now that there are still some important action points on the lesbian and gay agenda. It was recommended that lesbians and gay men should not refrain from using

AIDS as an instrument to press their legitimate demands. Such may provoke some resistance now that this savours of exploiting the HIV issue at the expense of those who are personally affected by HIV. In an attempt to allay the often felt hesitance to "profiteer" from the HIV epidemic, the Austrian conference participant Kurt Krickler posed the rhetorical question "Don't we owe all people who died of AIDS to make all the best out of this crisis so that their death is not totally meaningless?"

On the other hand, however, a strong appeal was made emphasising the importance of a lesbian and gay movement that is inclusive and offers all its members the security and sympathy they need. Without this condition being fulfilled using AIDS to further lesbian and gay demands could indeed be classified as profiteering, and can thus not be accepted.

Agenda for the future

AIDS has generated the birth of new lesbian and gay communities, better organized and more visible than ever before. To a large extent this reflects dissatisfaction with the tardy official responses to the HIV epidemic and the obligations felt towards those living with HIV and AIDS. People with HIV and AIDS themselves have often

been in the forefront in setting up lesbian, gay and HIV advocacy groups, both within and outside the lesbian and gay movement. From a retrospective perspective one can see that concerted communities' actions, that is to say activities jointly prepared and supported by a broad coalition of lesbian, gay and AIDS service organisations, regularly harvested most success. The networks formed within the context of the ILGA and the European Council of AIDS Service Organisations (EuroCASO) turned out to be instrumental in this respect.

One can conclude that despite the new waves of homophobia, the HIV epidemic in general has not resulted in a further deterioration of the legal climate for lesbians and gay men in Europe. To the contrary, at the expense of too many lovers, relatives and friends struggling against this unfair disease called AIDS, the legal position of lesbians and gay men has even improved. That is not to say that all lesbian and gay demands have now been fulfilled. With respect to the

Reconsider the respect for equality within the lesbian and gay movement

major claims of the lesbian and gay movement, protection against discrimination, securing equal ages of consent and full respect of the right to individual self-determination, disparity is greater than ever before, with some countries stubbornly rejecting to adopt more enlightened views.

Before the newly formed coalition of lesbian, gay and AIDS service organisations starts a new offensive towards the most backwards European governments, there should be a momentum to reconsider the respect for equality within the lesbian and gay movement itself and the impact this has on its work.

▼ Women and men should start an open dialogue and seek new and better ways of collaboration. In this respect discussing means respecting, learning from each other and eventually helping each other in achieving the goals set.

▼ The lesbian and gay communities should not accept any form of discrimination against those living with HIV or AIDS. To the contrary, people with HIV and AIDS should remain fully integrated and have a say in the strategies of the movement.

▼ More attention should be paid to lesbians and gay men from Black and ethnic minority groups. The fact that people from these groups less frequently identify as lesbian or gay is not valid reason to exclude them from the movement.

▼ International collaboration needs strengthening, particularly in view of the unification of Europe. Lesbians and gay men should not react upon the European processes but instead develop a proactive attitude in an effort to influence the political agenda from the very beginning.

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The Sisters are located in San Francisco, New York, Paris, Sydney, Melbourne, Edinburgh, Leeds and Canterbury as well as London. The main element of their work is the creation of rituals which acknowledge and strengthen the pride and diversity of the gay community as a whole: from canonisation to ice skating; from playing football to raiding Bennetton shops.

Sister Gloria Swanson in sic Transit.

The Sisters Anthem

Amazing Pride

*Amazing Pride, how sweet the sound
That saved a nun like me.
I once was lost but now am found
Was afeared but now I'm free.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already passed.
'Twas Pride that brought us safe thus far
And all our foes outclassed.*

*'Twas Pride that taught my heart to feel,
And Pride my fears relieved.
How precious did that Pride appear
The hour I first believed.*

*When we've been out ten thousand years,
And all our rights are won.
We've no less days to sing Prides praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

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*This will be sung at Europride please feel free to
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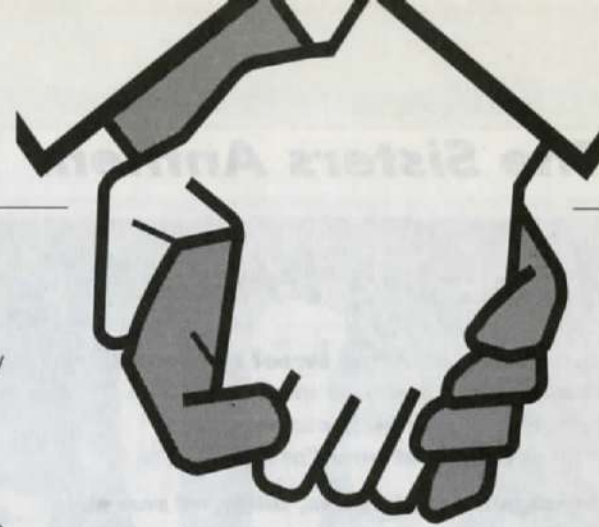
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P.S. If your name has been missed off the list I'm sorry it wasn't a slur just my addled brain K.H.

Earlier this year Pride lost one of its mainstays of the past few years. Willie Molton died April 13th of AIDS related illness. He will be remembered by those involved in the organisation of Pride for his huge commitment to Pride the event and Pride the ideal.

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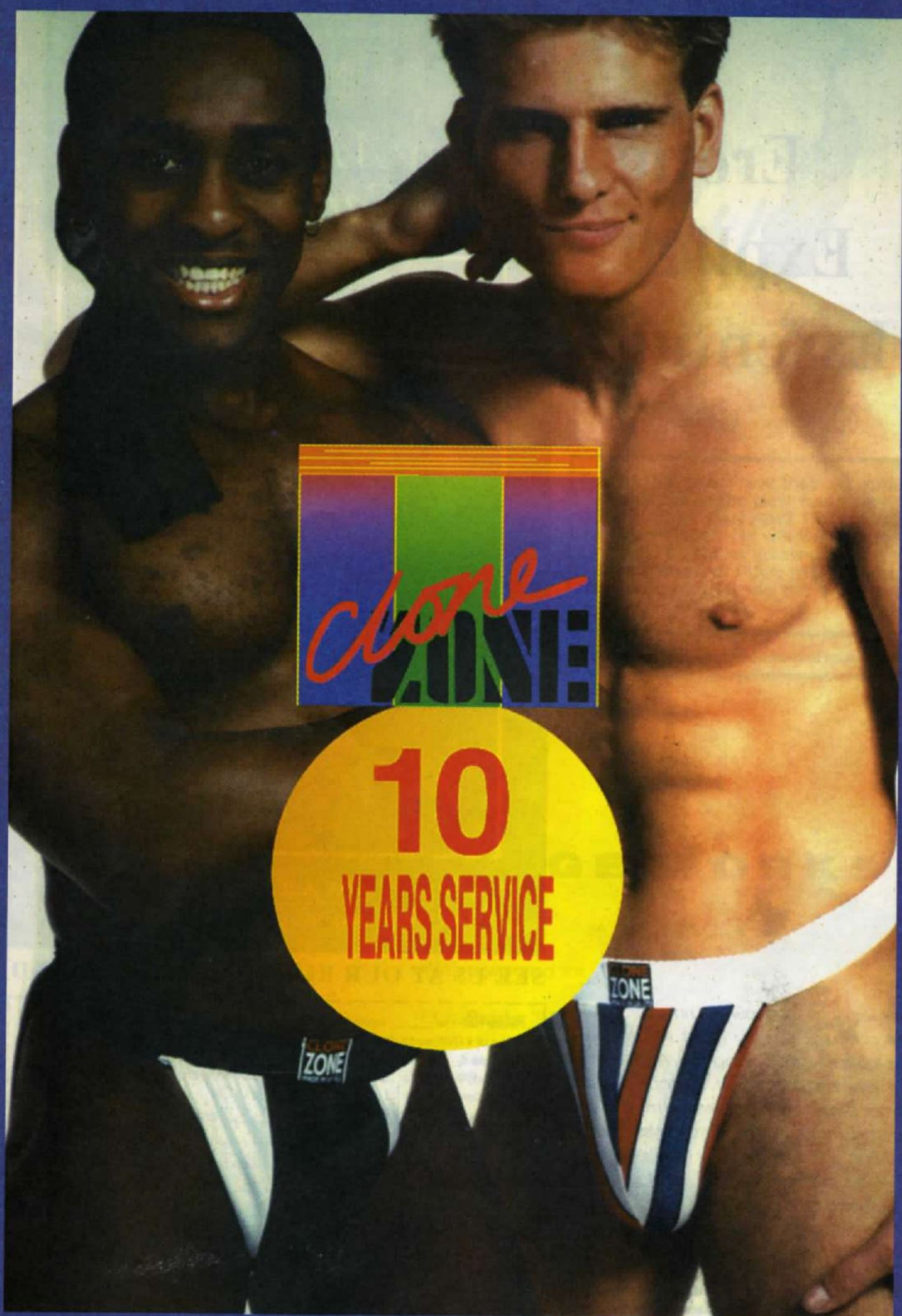
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