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LGBT History Month bulletin 83

Welcome to the 83rd LGBT History Month Bulletin.



Rugby League Team Wears our Shirts!



Equalities Minister Lynne Featherstone wears the shirt alongside Eagles' team members

On March 13 at 3.00 pm, Sheffield Eagles' first home game of the season, the team will be walking onto the pitch wearing a kit carrying the message: 'HOMOPHOBIA – TACKLE IT' sponsored by LGBT History Month, Pride Sports, the National Union of Teachers and the University and College Union. The team will also be presented with the Pride Sports Challenge Cup, a trophy that will recognise, annually, Rugby League teams that support LGBT History Month.

Schools OUT co-chair Tony Fenwick said: "Sheffield Eagles RLFC are the first professional sports club in the UK to make a public stand against homophobia in sport. They have also supported the Month in a variety of ways since last November. Please support this great initiative and come along and watch the match".

For those of you who fancy a more 'hands on' experience, there will also be a fun touch rugby event before the game run by Sheffield Eagles coaches, which is free to anyone attending the match in the afternoon. So there's a chance to give it a go before you watch the professionals at work.

Sports Stars Come Out in February

Two sports professionals came out in LGBT History Month – one at the beginning and one at the end. Scots cycling ace Graeme Obree, 45, came out to the public on February the 2nd. The former world champion says he was born and bred in a homophobic background and admitted to exhibiting homophobia himself. Married with children, he 'shut out' his true sexual orientation. Although he is now divorced, his ex-wife Anne is helping him with his autobiography. Obree adds that his relationship with his parents has much improved since he came out to them.

Cricketer Steve Davies, 24, who went out to Australia to help claim the Ashes, came out in *The Telegraph* and *The Sun* on February 28th, having come out to his teammates whilst on tour. He said the team members were great about it and praised Gareth Thomas for setting an example to gay men in sport.



LGBT History Month Endorsed by David and Ed (and Ken)

As Melanie Phillips frothed about the "gay agenda" in two articles last month, falsely claiming that we were forcing churches to marry us and schools to teach gay maths lessons, LGBT History Month got the endorsement of none other than the Prime Minister himself. In a formal Downing Street letter, David Cameron praised the people who make it possible: "I would like to pay tribute to all those who give up their time to bring LGBT History Month together. Events like this enrich our society and challenge us to think more about the world around us."

Leader of the Opposition Ed Miliband gave a statement of support reminding us that there are still hurdles to be got over: "We can be hugely proud of the progress we have made in the last decade, and six years since LGBT History Month was first held. But there are significant challenges ahead. We still have not eradicated homophobia, as our school playgrounds can too often show and as the horrific murder of Ian

Baynham tells us only too painfully. It is right that we are restless to take the next step towards equality."

London Mayor hopeful also praised the Month: "LGBT History Month is an opportunity to remember, commemorate and celebrate the enormous contribution the LGBT community has made to our rich and diverse society – and in particular in London which has the biggest LGBT population in Europe.

LGBT History Month co-chair Sue Sanders said: "We have always argued that visibility is the key to gaining equality. The party that brought us Section 28 now has more gay and lesbian MPs than Labour or the LibDems and this puts us in the mainstream."

Not on My Watch, Says Williams

The Archbishop of Canterbury has stunned same-sex marriage campaigners and Anglican liberals by vowing that civil partnerships will not take place on Church of England premises. This follows a decision by the Coalition to allow civil partnerships on religious premises if the church and the clerics allow it – a decision welcomed by the Reverend Sharon Ferguson, Chief Executive of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement and member of The Equal Love Campaign, as a step towards same sex marriage.

The announcement of a wholesale block on civil partnerships within the CofE by Rowan Williams will come as a great blow to many – but not to Pink Triangle Trust's George Broadhead, who commented: "This is not at all surprising. When Williams was first appointed in 2003, he was warmly welcomed by gay Christians as a liberal, but it has become obvious in recent years that he has thrown in his lot with the Church's evangelicals who take a hard line on gay sexual relationships and gay rights. He has been unwilling to distance himself, let alone condemn, the worst of these like the Anglicans in Uganda. Although he publicly condemned the murder of the Ugandan gay activist David Kato, he declined to recognise the part played in stoking up anti-gay hatred by the Anglican Church in that country.

Kick it Out LGBT HM Blog

Anti racism and homophobia in football organisation Kick it Out! Has launched an LGBT History Month Blog to combat homophobia in football. To see the blog go to <http://kickitoutlgbt.wordpress.com/>

INTERNATIONAL

Obama Makes Historic Decision on Marriage

President Obama this week abandoned the Defense of Marriage Act – the 1996 law that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and forbids the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. Mr. Obama ordered his administration to stop defending it in court because he has decided it's unconstitutional and unfair.

Activists hope that President Obama is saying that the idea of marriage as being solely between a man and a woman is indefensible. By calling DOMA unfair, he is saying that gay marriage is a fundamental right. However, Mr Obama has said that he is opposed to same sex marriage, while averring that his position is 'evolving'.

Either way, his decision will bring hope to many couples who married outside the USA and whose rights have not been recognised in the US.

Indian TV Channel Entraps Gays

Several gay men have been outed by a TV news report in an Indian city. Channel TV9 Telugu, which is broadcast in Hyderabad, carried out a 'sting' on gay internet dating profiles. The programme, Gay Culture Rampant In Hyderabad, saw a reporter logging on to gay website planetromeo.com. Users were labelled 'deviants' and their names and photos were clearly shown. Extremely personal information about one man – including his penis size and preferred sexual position – was revealed by the programme. The reporter also telephoned two men from the site to ask intimate questions about their sex lives and where they live and work. The covertly-recorded conversations were broadcast with images of the men taken from their online profiles. Footage was also secretly recorded inside a gay club. According to an English translation of the script, programme-makers said that students and white-collar employees were becoming "slaves to [a] lifestyle which is against the natural way".

The programme has caused a storm of protest from civil rights campaigners.

Siddharath Narrain of Alternate Law Forum says, "The law on right to privacy is weak. But there are court rulings on sting operations that state that certain rules and ethics must be followed, that no false information must be printed and that there should be some recognisable public interest. What public interest did this 'sting' serve?"

Aditya Bondyopadhyay, advocate and director, Adhikaar, a Delhi-based organisation that works for LGBT human rights, sent a notice to the channel, demanding that an apology be aired. "This seems to be a jihad of sorts, as if they're trying to 'correct' wrongs in society."

Other gay Indians protested by emailing the station and asking that it out them too.

**WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH**
WHAT ABOUT HER STORY?

March is Women's History Month. Below are some LGBT women who have had a major impact. Thanks to Amelia Jenne.

1. Anna Quon is a freelance journalist and writer, who has lived with mental disability. A lot of her work focuses on targeting misconceptions about disability, both mental and physical, and she has written articles exploring what it is like to be gay and have a disability, as well as discrimination within the gay community.

<http://www.neeto.ca/wordsthatwork/pages/biography.html>

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2. Patience Agbabi

Born in 1965, Patience is a British poet and performer. In 2004 she was named as one of the Next Generation Poets. Racial, sexual, and gender identity are important themes in her poetry.

<http://www.contemporarywriters.com/authors/?p=auth163>

3. Anne Seymour Damer

This British sculptor, born in 1748 was an aristocrat and a famous sculptor. She exhibited 32 works as an honorary exhibitor at the Royal Academy.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anne_Seymour_Damer

4. Aphr Behn

Behn was a dramatist during the English Restoration period and was one of the first female professional writers in England. Many of her novels are about love, and she was particularly interested in womens' sexual desire. Virginia Woolf said of her "All women together, ought to let flowers fall upon the grave of Aphra Behn... for it was she who earned them the right to speak their minds."

<http://www.lit-arts.net/Behn/>

5. Dora Carrington

Dora Carrington was a British painter and part of the Bloomsbury Group, a group of writers, intellectuals, philosophers and artists who held informal discussions in Bloomsbury in the 1900s. Their work had a huge influence on contemporary literature, philosophy and even the economy, and changed attitudes towards feminism and sexuality. Virginia Woolf and E.M. Forster were prominent members.

<http://www.mantex.co.uk/2009/09/17/dora-carrington-an-outline-of-her-life/>

6. Saffron Burrows

Saffron is a British film and theatre actress. She played the part of Andromache in the hollywood movie Troy and was the female lead in Perfect Creature. She has also starred in independent film The

Guitar, which made its debut at the Sundance Film Festival. Her career on stage has taken her to the Almeida theatre as well as the Old Vic.

<http://www.saffron-burrows.com/>

7. Rabbi Elizabeth Tikvah Sara

Elizabeth is one of the first lesbians to marry in a synagogue. She was also one of the first Lesbian Rabbis to hold post in the UK.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/news/articles/2005-760.html/>

LGBT Birthdays

Trans

Elagabalus Roman Emperor 203 – March 11, 222, had wives and husbands and is now considered by some modern writers as [transgender](#), most likely [transsexual](#).

Joan E. Roughgarden (b. **Jonathan Roughgarden** in [Paterson, New Jersey](#), on 13 March 1946) is an [American biologist](#) and [evolutionary biologist](#). Wrote the seminal *Evolution of the Rainbow* (2006)

Lesbian

Vita Sackville-West (9 March 1892 - 2 June 1962) British writer and playwright, who had a short relationship with Virginia Woolf, whom she met in 1922.

Sheryl Swoopes (25 March 1971) Black American basketball player.

Anne Will (18 March 1966) German journalist and TV presenter, born in Cologne.

Gay men

Rudolf Nureyev (17 March 1938 - 6 January 1993) Russian ballet dancer and actor

Pier Paolo Pasolini (5 March 1922 - 2 November 1975) Italian film director, poet, screenwriter, actor, painter and novelist, born in Bologna. Pasolini was murdered in Ostia.

Bayard Rustin (17 March 1912 - 24 August 1987)

American activist in the struggle for human rights and economic justice, born as Bayard Taylor Rustin in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Calendar

March 13, 2011

**Come and support the mighty
Sheffield Eagles Rugby League FC
to challenge homophobia in sport!**

Sheffield Eagles v Widnes Vikings

13 March 2011

3.00pm kick off

Bramall Lane Stadium, Sheffield

Sheffield Eagles

Players will make history by being the first professional sports team in the UK to

take a stand against homophobia by wearing the 'HOMOPHOBIA – TACKLE IT' campaign kit.

See the team presented with the first ever Pride Sports Challenge Cup, a trophy recognising

Rugby League teams' support of LGBT History Month.

Individual tickets: adult £14.00, concession £10.00, child (U16) £7.00

Boxes for group bookings: Available from £200 to £500 for 10 people

Tickets from Sheffield United box office: 08719 951889

Replica shirts can be purchased from www.eaglespride.co.uk

During the fun touch rugby event before the game. FREE to anyone attending the match in the

afternoon. Book your place by emailing Adam Hughes

adam.hughes@sheffildeagles.com Join us in Sheffield on 13 March 2011 and enjoy some great rugby league!

1	Anywhere	6.30 – 7	LGBT radio show every Tuesday. Listen on 104.4FM (in London) or online anywhere in the world at www.resonancefm.com
	Twickenham Library Garfield Road Twickenham TW1 3JT	All day	LGBT History of Richmond on Thames. People, Places and Sport 0208 734 3340
	Central Library Princes Sq. Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AX	6-8.30	An evening of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Tyneside CHE - 'Homosexuality - A Fact of Life' 'Gateway to Heaven' by Clare Summerskill Transgender themed readings Perceptions of younger LGB people on Tyneside 01912 773487 ken.mortimer@npide.org.uk
	The Guildhall, Northampton. NN1 1DE.	6.30pm	Northampton Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual forum, at Main item on agenda - Planning for INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA (IDAHO) on 17 th May 2011 Please contact Lindsey Ambrose for further information by phoning 07795 333687, or emailing lambrose@northampton.gov.uk . The forum is also on Facebook.
Above the Stag	7.30 (till		Hanif Kureishi's My Beautiful Laundrette

	Theatre: 15 Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DD Closest Tube/National Rail: Victoria Station (100 metres)	April 10th 6pm Sun	Adapted by Andy Graham & Roger Parsley Directed by Tim McArthur Designed by Fiona Russell Lighting designed by Howard Hudson Price: £15 Circa OFFER First week : tickets £12 (1 - 6 March) Bookings: abovethetag.com (no bkg fee) or telephone 020 8932 4747 Cast : Nalan Burgess, Yannick Fernandes, Tim Hilborne, Rob Marni, Samantha Ritchie, Indranyl Singharay, James Wallwork
2	Twickenham Library Garfield Road Twickenham TW1 3JT Northampton The Lab, Floor B2, The Core, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG. Charlie Ratchford Resource Centre, Belmont Street, NW1 8HF (nearest tube Chalk Farm). E42 Odham's Walk, WC2H 9SB, off Long Acre, by Covent Garden Tube The Smeaton Room One Great George Street Westminster London SW1P 3AA	All day 7.30-9.30 TBC 4pm 6 – 9 6.30-8	LGBT History of Richmond on Thames. People, Places and Sport 0208 734 3340 Lesbian line Social and support group in Northampton for Lesbian and Bisexual women. Email info@lesbianline.co.uk for more details. Every Wednesday <u>OUT @ THE CORE - CORBY</u> Wednesday group. Phone Paula Boulton on 07892 489163 for directions and more info. Protest The Cuts: For Camden residents and concerned members of the men's group (Camden Council are cutting the £3,750 funding to the older gay men's group), come and voice your concerns First Wednesday of the month men's group social at Covent Garden: Fancy a coffee and a catch up with friends? Join the men's group for a relaxed social NUT reception: International Women's Day. This event is part of the Union's efforts to promote gender equality and combat gender discrimination in all its forms. This year will mark the 100 th anniversary of International Women's Day. The theme of this year's reception is Women and Children in Detention . Donna Covey, Refugee Council CEO will be speaking at this event. Both women and men are welcome to attend and attached is a flyer outlining details of the event. If you are interested in attending, please rsvp via email to Diana Santangelo at d.santangelo@nut.org.uk or by telephone on 0207 380 4727
3	Richmond Rugby Club The Athletic Ground Kew Foot Road Richmond TW9 2SS Woolfson and Tay 12 Bermondsey Square	7-9.30 7-9	Richmond LGBT Forum's A Question of Sport. Free, but so we can manage numbers, please get your free ticket(s) by emailing: sport@richmondlgbtforum.org.uk 0208 332 7112 Author Jonathan Kemp speaks about London Triptych, shortlisted for the Green Carnation Prize, a work of fiction about three men, three lives and three eras sinuously entwined in a

	Bermondsey London SE1 3UN		dark, startling and unsettling narrative of sex, exploitation and dependence set against London's strangely constant gay underworld. 0207 407 9316 anna@woolfsonandtay.com www.woolfsonandtay.com/rosiewilby-popd
4	"The Harris Centre", 51 Lanark Road, Maida Vale, W9 1DE Friends House Restaurant, 173-177 Euston Rd, NW1 2BJ	From 11am (lunch 12.30) 12.30	Men's Friday Lunch Club: at Age Concern Westminster. Followed by the men's social space upstairs, complete with internet café, from 1pm to 4pm. The charge for lunch is £4. Call ahead and book by Thursday afternoon with the Harris Centre staff on 020 3370 3035. Lunch Club: Please look for the women's group in the restaurant and NOT the café.
5	Greenwich Theatre Crooms Hill Greenwich London SE10 8ES Cardiff University Students Union, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3QN William IV Pub, 77 Hampstead High St Vaults, in Gandy Street, Exeter	7.30 Noon – late 4pm 8pm	Lysistrata by Aristophanes. Adaptation by Laurence Housman, Directed by Lucy Cuthbertson, Lighting design by Natasha Chivers. (Till 12 th) 0208 858 7755 boxoffice@greenwichtheatre.org.uk www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk Bi-Fest Wales 2011. BiFest is a one-day annual event run by Bi Cymru/Wales, Bi Cardiff and Bi Swansea bringing bisexual people, their friends, allies and anyone interested in bisexuality, regardless of sexual orientation, together for a day of workshops around bisexuality and related issues, community stalls and craft and social space followed by an evening social event. Workshops will include: finding the bisexuals and groups in Wales and the UK; gender binaries - what does it mean to be trans?; community interaction - bi communities and non-bi communities working together; allies and friends; fitting and misfitting in the bi community; fun and games; biphobic hate crime and bisexuals and community safety and many more. Join the FaceBook event http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=160794063971696 or email us to receive updates as details are confirmed. Theatre trip "A Rude Awakening": Courtesy of friend of the project, Robert Froomberg, we have 45 tickets for the play, "A Rude Awakening", by Barry Peters at the New End Theatre 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 1JD. The play will be followed by a discussion with the playwright and some of the cast members and drinks in the bar. Donations to the project welcome on the day. Please let Nick or Stacey know if you want to come along by Tuesday 1st March, thanks. Exeter Pride benefit night. For more information about the events, volunteering, to book a stall or sponsorship, telephone 07980 134560 or email info@exeterpride.co.uk or visit the website:
6	17 Lower Essex Street Birmingham B5 6SN	5pm-	Fun @The Fox In aid of Women's History Month Hosted by Barbara Nice, with Leeanne Stoddart, Jane Hill, Marybeth, Faye Bagley, Emma Shaw and Emily with a keynote speech by Steph Keeble of Birmingham LGBT. £2
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8	Outside St Paul's Cathedral	2.15pm	Men's Group Winter Daytime Walk. Westwards through the City of London – in and around Fleet Street. The theme is news and

	Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Ave (entrance round the corner on Prince Arthur Rd) NW3 6NS.	6.30-7 7pm-	print. We'll be seeing where the first printing press was set up in the City and we will also be following the development and impact of the newspaper industry on Fleet Street and the surrounding area. The walk will take an hour and a half and finish back at St Paul's Cathedral.
	Hill-wood Resource Centre, 1 Polygon Rd, NW1 1QH	6-8	Henderson Court Men's Speaker's Night: Tonight we have a two part meeting, the first at 6.30pm to 7.00pm, being a mini consultation on behalf of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation who wants to hear older gay men's views on what kinds of support and care they would want and what are the things that are important for their quality of life, and will bring these views to the attention of the broad JRF audience – which includes policymakers and legislators, user-led and voluntary organisations, families and practitioners, and many members of the public. Facilitated by Sally Knocker. The second part of tonight's meeting, as part of our ongoing " LGBT Faith and Culture " series and as requested by members of the group, we have Martin Pendergast from Soho Masses, who is a veteran LGBT and human rights activist, and who " <i>relishes being a fly on catholic, ecclesiastical elephants' backs</i> " will be coming to speak to the group from 7.00pm on Catholicism and the LGBT Community. (Paul from our Advice & Support Team will be there from 5:30pm)
	Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, School Road, Taunton, TA2 8PD	7.30	Tuesday Craft Group: Materials for pottery and painting will be available every 2nd Tuesday of the month—come along and have a go. If you have a particular creative activity that you would like to explore with the group let Stacey know to make arrangements. Laramie www.tacchi-morris.com 01823 414141
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11	The Harris Centre, 51, Lanark Road, Maida Vale, W9 1DE	12.30	Men's Friday Lunch Club: at Age Concern Westminster. Call to book on 020 3370 3035.
12	Trafalgar Square (north side)	12noon	International Women's Week & Mothering Sunday Mothers March. All welcome. Speak-out 2pm: Room G2, SOAS (School of Oriental & African Studies) Thornhaugh St, London WC1H 0XG Invest in caring not killing
13	Bramall Lane Stadium, Sheffield S2 4SU	3pm kick-off	Sheffield Eagles players will make history by being the first professional sports team in the UK to take a stand against homophobia by wearing the 'HOMOPHOBIA – TACKLE IT' campaign kit. See the team presented with the first ever Pride Sports Challenge Cup, a trophy recognising Rugby League teams' support of LGBT History Month. Individual tickets: adult £14.00, concession £10.00, child (U16) £7.00 Boxes for group bookings: Available from £200 to £500 for 10

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16	<p>Black Cap, Camden High St, NW1 7JY</p> <p>Median Road Resource Centre, 25 Median Road E5 0PF</p>	<p>8pm</p> <p>6-9.30</p>	<p>3rd Wednesday Men's Pub Night at the Black Cap: We return to our usual venue for this popular men's group pub social. Meeting upstairs from 7pm. And once again thanks to Dan and all at the Black Cap for their support</p> <p>Wednesday Group: Join the Wednesday group this month for a coffee, a catch up and to plan group activities as Spring approaches.</p>
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18	<p>The Harris Centre, 51, Lanark Road, Maida Vale, W9 1DE</p> <p>Friends House Restaurant, 173- 177 Euston Rd, NW1 2BJ</p> <p>Conway Hall 25 Red Lion Square London WC1R 4RL 020 7242 8032</p>	<p>12.30</p> <p>12.30</p> <p>7.30</p>	<p>Men's Friday Lunch Club: at Age Concern Westminster. Call to book on 020 3370 3035.</p> <p>Lunch Club: Please look for the women's group in the restaurant and NOT the café</p> <p>Equal Rights - are we there yet? A talk by Peter Tatchell.</p>
19	<p>Red Gate Gallery, 209a Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8RU</p>	<p>2-4pm</p>	<p>Equilibrium Exhibition: Alice Dass and Ursula .U Pfister are artists living with MS. Since 2005 they showcased work together in various exhibitions. Both were practising artists prior to their diagnosis with MS. This chronic condition presented Alice and U.U with challenges. They have responded by developing adaptable and flexible approaches to their work with different results. Call: 020 7326 0993 for a place at the private viewing on opening night</p>
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22	<p>NUT HQ, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place London WC1H 9BD</p>	<p>10-4</p>	<p>Educate and Celebrate. Music teacher Elly Barnes shows how to make your school LGBT friendly. Teachers' CPD http://i.nut-campaigns.org.uk/CmpDoc/2008/2296/34209_od69-invite-to-apply_rs.pdf?dm_i=1RS,D0XH,BWOI4,112DX,1</p>
23	<p>City of Quebec Pub, Old Quebec St, Marble Arch</p>	<p>8pm</p>	<p>Quebec Community Safety Night and Quiz: Come and join us for this evening's community safety event with Westminster police LGBT Liaison Officers, followed by the</p>

	Tube		pub quiz at 9pm
24	First Out Café Bar, 52 St Giles High Street, WC2H Hill-wood Resource Centre, 1 Polygon Rd, NW1 1QH 8LH	12noon 6.30 (film from 7)	Trans Women Group: Join us for a spot of lunch before heading over to The Gallery Space at ST Pancras Hospital to view Margaret's portrait exhibition – we will be joined by the artist herself! Film Night: <i>Before this month's film screening:</i> 'Sally Knocker (a lesbian writer and researcher whom some of you will have met through the Opening Doors evaluation) has been asked by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to write a 'Viewpoints' piece on what older lesbians feel is important in terms of quality of life and what they would want or not want from care and support services - ie what would be your 'worst nightmare' or your 'perfect' care worker or care home? We know many of you are fed up with being 'researched' and lots of nosy people asking questions! but this report will be widely read and referred to by key influencers and policy makers. The Film: " <i>Saving Face</i> " - A Chinese-American lesbian and her traditionalist mother are reluctant to go public with secret loves that clash with cultural expectations.
25	The Harris Centre, 51, Lanark Road, Maida Vale, W9 1DE	12.30	Men's Friday Lunch Club: at Age Concern Westminster. Call to book on 020 3370 3035.
26	Tufnell Park Tube London Everywhere	7.45pm 12noon All day	Tufnell Park Coffee Evening: Come and join us for our monthly coffee evening, as hosted by Leslie and Mike. TUC March Against the Cuts http://marchforthealternative.org.uk/ Sssh Same Sex Hand Holding Saturday. See www.adayinhand.com for details and how to join in
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29	Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Ave (entrance round the corner on Prince Arthur Rd) NW3 6NS. Friends Meeting House, The Friars, Canterbury (near the new Marlowe Theatre) Kent	6 (film at 7) 7.30pm	Henderson Court Men's Group Film Night: Tonight we will be showing "The Leather Boys. This 1964 Sidney J. Furie classic tells the story of an immature teenager who marries a young biker but becomes disenchanted with the realities of working class marriage and her husband's relationship with his best friend. Notable as an early example of a film that violated the Hollywood production code, yet was still shown in the United States, as well as an important film in the genre of queer cinema. Canterbury and East Kent Singing Group. We are holding an initial meeting at the on Tuesday 29 th March at 7.30pm, where everyone can come along and decide how the group will be run. Pride in Canterbury will not be running the group, but initially you should contact them if you want to know more or give details of how you would like to be involved at prideincanterbury@btinternet.com or PO Box 129, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2GN or phone/text 07985 480966
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Community

COMING OUT - Personal stories that will make you smile, laugh, shudder and cry

Anthology

Gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons are invited to contribute stories from their crucial time of coming out, to be included in an anthology that will raise awareness of this deeply personal time of admitting sexual preference. Ideally stories could be 300 - 1500 words, maximum length is 3000 words. Some people may prefer a quote, an anecdote or a full story to share their journey - send them all in. If you have not come out yet and wish to share 'why not', also send your words in. Stories will need to be edited and can be anonymous if you wish. The book length is anticipated to be about 70,000 words. The aim is for a collaboration of truth and the emotional reaction of yourself, of family and friends during this time. For more information and to submit your story please contact soniafriedrich@virginbroadband.com.au

Submissions deadline is end of April 2011

Thank you

Sonia



BE PART OF OUR SURVEY NOW! www.itsourfuture.co.uk

As a reminder please be aware that our Essex LGBT Survey will be open online until the end of March 2011. The survey is a piece of development work for services in Essex, both mainstream and LGBT specific. Please make sure you share this information with interested individuals and organisations. We are keen to get a wide area of response from all strands of LGBT and the survey takes about 10 minutes to complete online. Hard copies can also be made available should anyone prefer and you can contact me on the details below to request.

Homophobic/Transphobic Quotes

Many different groups are involved in promoting this crazy, upside-down world of the equality agenda. But the seemingly all-powerful gay rights lobby carries all before it. If it isn't careful, it risks turning gay people from being the victims of prejudice into Britain's new McCarthyites.

Melanie Phillips on the Schools OUT Classroom (Daily Mail 24-01-11)

Is it "political correctness" and "McCarthyism" to try to ensure these kids can feel safe in their own schools – or is it basic decency?

Johann Hari (Independent 28-01-11)

Pinch yourself — a Conservative Prime Minister effectively endorsing the idea that upholding Biblical morality and the bedrock values of Western civilisation is bigotry. He may be a Conservative, but he is no conservative.

Melanie Phillips on same sex marriage (Daily Mail 14-02-11)



See You in April!

LGBT History Month Patrons:

John Amaechi, former international basketball player, broadcaster and psychologist, **Christine Burns**, Equality and diversity specialist, podcaster, campaigner, **Dr Harry Cocks**, social historian and writer, **Angela Eagle MP** Work and Pensions, **Professor Viv Gardner**, Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, **Professor Martin Hall**, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford University, **Sir Ian McKellen**, actor, **Cyril Nri**, actor, director and writer, **Ian Rivers**, Professor of Human Development; Subject Leader for Sports Sciences, Brunel University, **Professor Sheila Rowbotham**, lecturer and campaigner, **Labi Siffre**, poet, songwriter and singer, **Professor Melanie Tebbutt**, Director, Manchester Centre for Regional History, Senior Lecturer, Manchester Metropolitan University, **Gareth Thomas**, rugby international, **Jeffrey Weeks**, historian, sociologist, author and LGBT activist, **Stephen Whittle OBE**, Professor of Equalities Law in the School of Law at Manchester Metropolitan University