

Queer Papers

The Pink Pub Crawl

The following bars are among the most welcoming in Cork when it comes to the lgb community, and while none of them are strictly "gay", they are the most open and adventurous parts of Cork's nightlife at present. For sheer open-mindedness, the following four bars are the ones to visit when in Cork. Enjoy!!

Loafers - a small, 'olde worlde' type pub with several rooms rather than one large space, great to go for a quiet pint mid-week but heaves at the weekend. The beer garden at the back is the place to be when you fancy a cool drink outdoors, without having to leave the city. A place to go for those without the usual hang-ups, Loafers enjoys a mix of people who know how to enjoy themselves.

An Sfol Broin - A dark, warm bar with as much a mix of people as you're likely to see in any one place in Cork. The atmosphere of the place is created by the clientele as much as the decor, with most of the crowd simply out to have a good time and wonderfully lacking in pretentiousness of any sort. What you see is what you get. Worth going there just to meet Mother, who entertains from her perch there most nights.

Bodega - Cool, open spaces. Cool, open people. The decor in the Bodega is nothing short of classic. Sparse but tasteful, it's pleasing to the eye. Relaxed in the afternoons and picking up into the night, the Bodega offers a night out that include Bingo and the odd Jazz session. Obvious camp overtones in a classy environment.

Isobar - Cavernous but comfortable, the low-ceilinged, floor lit Isobar, is decadent in its design and quite over the top in presentation. Looks as if it takes its ideas from a wonderfully deranged photo shoot for "Interiors" magazine, it truly is on it's own in Cork when it comes to this kind of colour and vibe. Worth going just for a look.

James

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Television Highlights

Saturday 19th	RTE 2	00.10	Band of Gold
	BBC 2	22.50	This Life
	GA	23.25-2.25	Queer Streets
	GA	21.00	Pride Divide
	GA	21.00	A Star is Born
	GA	21.00	The Third Party
	GA	21.00	Highlanders Too
	GA	21.00	Jackson: My Life, Your Fault
Monday 21st	Movie Channel	22.00	Heavenly Creatures
	RTE 1	21.00	Sirens
	GA	21.00	Lone Star Hale
	GA	20.30	And Then There Was One
	BBC 2	23.15	Gaytime TV
	BBC 2	21.45	This Life

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 Profits go towards my 'Gay Information Ireland' Web Page.
 (A support Internet web site devoted to helping gay youth in Ireland).


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 E-mail, WWW browsing and authoring and IRC.
 Please contact David: 021 - 306373
 E-mail: daihead@gccolts.com

Good Luck to John (our Graphic Designer) who is getting his rock off this week at the Mercy Hospital.

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LISTINGS

Accommodation
 Gay Owned: Amazonia, Coast Road, Fountainstown, Co. Cork. (021) 831113
 The Arches B&B, Near Conna, East Cork. (058) 56622
 Dany's, 3 St John's Terrace, Upper John Street, Cork. (021) 503606
 Mont Brella, Adrigole, Skibbereen, Co. Cork. (028) 33663

Cafes
 The Other Side Cafe, 8 South Main Street, Choices, 13 Washington Street, (021) 272727
 Bracken's, Paul Street.
The English Market
 Ian Cummeen Locksmiths, 70 North Main Street, (021) 271913
 The Real Olive Company, East Cork. (058) 56622
 Dany's, 3 St John's Terrace, Upper John Street, Cork. (021) 503606
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Nightlife
 'Reach' Gay Group with Christian Outlook, Meet monthly in Cork Secure Location
 'Loafers', Douglas Street, Discussion, support, Friendship, Reach (021) 319008
 Thursdays, Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm

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Gay Friendly:
 An Sfol Broin, 17 MacCurran Street, (021) 509169
 Meetings 4pm 1st Saturday ('Icebreakers')
 Cork Gay Collective, Contact Gay Information of the month

Disco:
 Isaacs, MacCurran Street, Cork. (021) 503805
 'The Other Place', South Main Street, Women Only 1st Friday (021) 278470
 Fax: (021) 278471
 Cork Lesbian Line, Thursday 8-10pm, (021) 271087

Restaurants
 The Boxing Cat Grill, 4 Bridge Street, (021) 551635
 Gay Information Cork, Wednesday 7-9pm, Saturday 3-5pm, (021) 271087
 AIDS Helpline Cork, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, (021) 276676
 Southern Gay Health Project, 8 South Main Street, (021) 278745
 Cork AIDS Alliance/Carde, 16 Peter Street, (021) 275837
 Isaac's, 48 MacCurran Street, (021) 503805
 Live and Let Live Group (AA), Lancaster Quay, (021) 277839
 Cafe Paradiso, 24 Sullivan's Quay, (021) 317660
 Grand Central Leisure, Mon-Sun 10-11, Weds 10-12

Bookshops
 Collins, Carey's Lane, (021) 551635
 The Other Side, 8 South Main Street, (021) 503805
 Vibes and Scribes, Bridge Street, (021) 316531
 Waterstones, 69 Patrick Street, (021) 272868
 The Ivory Tower, Exchange Buildings, Princes Street, (021) 274665
 North Street, (021) 277500
 Declan's, 85 Hanover House, South Main Street, (021) 272559

Leisure
 Quays Co-Op, 24 Sullivan's Quay, (021) 317660
 Victoria Hospital, Mon 5.30-7.30, Weds 10-12
 STD Clinic, (021) 277839
 Ring Gay/Lesbian Line, (021) 271087

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Friendly Atmosphere
Alternative Music

Live Music Wednesdays

Gender Bending Fashions!



...to happen! All these Pride Marches were bound to attract attention from the Fashion Designers. Last week's Menawear shows in Paris and Milan saw hunky male models strutting their stuff in dresses, skirts, blouses and handbags! All very well for those members of the Gay Community who want to integrate but what about those of us who want to be different? Business suits? Wellington boots? Me...I've borrowed a nice plain number from the local Friary!

Rent Rage

Dear Editors,

It's that time of the year again. The Spanish Invasion is on. Outclassing us in looks and undercutting us in prices, they are seriously undermining our trade. I'm sick of standing like a spare prick in Sesame Street while my regular clients drive past in search of their Spanish Onions.

Me and my comrades in RAG (Rentboys Action Group) are off to Killarney for the summer to ply the American Trade, and when we come back in September we are going on Strike!

And when we come begging for our services we can bugger off to Barcelona and see how friendly Francesco or José will be then!

Unkind Disregards,
Ronald Rent,
P.R.O. - R.A.G.

Hepatitis B

is one of the most common STD's among gay and bisexual men and the only one which is preventable by vaccine. However, lack of information on the subject has led to more infection and less vaccinations.

Because of this, the Southern Gay Health Project has just launched a National campaign in conjunction with the Gay Health Network on Hep B for Gay and Bisexual men. So when you see a copy of the leaflet, pick it up and give it a read, and think about going for the vaccine. It's free from the local STD clinic for gay and bisexual men.

If you don't think you need the vaccination, then see if you need this:

(in extreme cases) hospitalisation or cancer or cirrhosis of the liver, both of which can be fatal, not to mention the negative effect on your sex life.

See listings page for STD clinic or Southern Gay Health Project for more info.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"Could CJH be described
as a 'Rent Boy',"

Anonymous



The End of Section 28 ?

The BMA (British Medical Association) recently called for the abolition of Section 28 in the U.K. They believe it to have an extremely bad effect on sex education in schools. Gay activists and education experts hope, that with the recent statement from the BMA, the government now in power will get rid of Section 28 and improve sex education. However, it may actually be anything up to two years before there are any further proposals for a new Local Government Act.

De-myth-tifying Breast Cancer

In this occasional series of features on women's health issues, The Lesbian Health Project will attempt to highlight some of the issues of which we all need to be aware and address them in a clear factual light. After all, our health and our bodies are important and if we don't look after them how can we hope that they'll do all the things we want them to when the time comes. The first subject I want to look at is (are?) breasts. However we may feel about our own breasts (and I'm a perfect example of a woman less than in love with certain squidgy areas of her body) their health and maintenance is important, and really takes up very little time, considering the rewards possible!

What are the risks? What to look for - Breast self-examination for beginners!

Myths: You cannot get breast cancer from: A knock or blow, fondling, breast-feeding, sunbeds, topless sunbathing (in this climate?), an active (or rough) sex life, large breasts are neither more, nor less, prone to breast cancer than small breasts.

9 changes to look out for:

1. Unusual lump or thickening
2. Unusual change in the size and shape of the breast. Most women will have breasts of unequal size and shape - get to know what is normal in appearance and feel for you.
3. One breast unusually higher or lower than the other.
4. Puckering or dimpling of the breast skin.
5. Unusual drawing back of the nipple.
6. Skin trouble such as a rash in or around the nipple.
7. Swelling of the upper arm.
8. Swelling in the armpit or above the breast (enlarged lymph nodes), or veins that appear to have enlarged.
9. Pain, discomfort or a tingling feeling not felt before, and not confined to the time just before or just after a period.

The highest risk group for developing breast cancer is amongst women over the age of 35 who have never had children, therefore a particular concern to many lesbians, however, for women who do not fit this 'lesbian profile', i.e. are younger, or who have had children, there are still risks. Breast examination is a good habit to get into, and could save your life.

Nine out of every ten Breast Lumps checked out by G.P.s are NOT Cancer so why bother going to the Doctor?

Because we can never be sure that we aren't the unlucky sod with the tenth lump.



If you are concerned about breast self-examination
Please call:
Irish Cancer Society HELPLINE 1 800 200 700,
from 9.30a.m. - 4.30p.m.
Monday to Friday

5 Northumberland Road, Dublin 4, Ireland
Tel (01) 668 1855 Fax (01) 668 7599
E-Mail address: irishcancer.ie
Cork Office: Tel (021) 509918 Fax (021) 509759

Breast Self-Examination - three easy steps.

1. In the shower or bath:

Fingers slide easier over wet skin - so with the flat of your hand, move gently over each breast in a circular motion. Check for any lump, hard knot or thickening.



2. In front of a mirror:

HANDS BY SIDE
Look at your breasts with your arms at your sides while slowly rotating your upper body side to side.



HANDS ON HEAD
Next, put your hands on your head and look for dimples or bulges in your breasts, particularly underneath. Dimples which are equal in size and shape and occur in both breasts are normally harmless.



HANDS OVER HEAD

Then, raise your arms high above your head and look again for any changes - especially in the nipple area.



HAND ON HIPS

Finally, rest your palms on your hips and press down firmly while holding the shoulders back so that your chest muscles are flexed. Check for any changes in appearance.



During each of these four steps you should rotate your upper body from side to side. By regular inspection you will see what is normal for you.

3. Lying down:

Put a pillow or folded towel under your right shoulder and place your right arm behind your head. Using the fingers of your left hand press gently in small circular motions around an imaginary clock face. Start at the top of the breast for 12 o'clock and move in a clockwise circle until you return to 12 again. Then move to one inch and repeat. Keep doing this until you reach the nipple. This procedure should take at least four circles in total. When finished, put your arm by your side and feel under the armpit for any lumps.



Repeat this process with the pillow under your left shoulder and your left arm behind your head. Examine the armpit for any lumps.

Finally, press each nipple using pads of the fingers. Any secretion, particularly if it comes from a single pore, should be reported to your doctor. All changes in your breasts should be reported to your doctor. Breast self-examination should be carried out on the 7th day of the menstrual cycle.

Gay, Male, and
Drinking Too Much?
Try: 'Living Sober'
Alcoholics Anonymous Group
Presented by Gay Men
'The Other Place'
Saturdays at 7pm
Gay Info Line (021) 271087

Counselling Research

LesBeWell in Birmingham publishes a bi-monthly publication called 'Dykenosis'. It provides comprehensive health information for dykes. They are currently seeking lesbians who have been, or who are in counselling/therapy and would be willing to be interviewed as part of an independent research study.

Contact: Box 13001,
LesBeWell,
P.O. Box 4048,
Moseley,
Birmingham, B13 8DP

Married Gay Men

A support group is being set up in Cork for gay/bisexual men who are or have been married. It is run by men who are themselves married or separated.

For further information
please contact the
'Gay Information Line'
on (021) 271087
Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday 3-5pm

Or write to:
The MGM Group,
c/o 8 South Main Street,
Cork.

All enquiries will be treated
in the strictest confidence.

Jewel In The Crown

Jewel, a new woman singer from Homer, Alaska, has recently taken America by storm. She's already managed to be the cover star for **Rolling Stone** magazine and has sold over three million copies of her debut album 'Pieces Of You'. Her music has been described as a collection of 'hauntingly beautiful lullabies', all from a girl who grew up yodelling and carrying a box of earth around with her. (Yes, it's true - I'm not making it up). Definitely one to watch out for!

Ani Difranco - Midnight at the Olympia (Dublin June)

I have been force fed with Ani Difranco (Self-titled debut), 'Dilate' and 'Not a Pretty Girl' all albums by Ani (pronounced 'on E') Difranco, and still wasn't convinced. Some of her songs I found myself singing along to and liking them, my favourite has to be '32 Flavours', along with 'Worthy', but still they didn't really grab me. But then the opportunity to go and see her live at the 'Midnight at the Olympia (Dublin)' was a chance for me to decide 'do or don't like her as an artist'.

Now here we go... Ani Difranco blew me away, it was a performance I had never heard of. She has a really big folk sound, which was a surprise as I thought she would be more like a pop singer. She was note perfect, not always perfect as the audience would remember of the next line, which was amusing as she was able to laugh at herself. And the way she plays her guitar, well to me she doesn't play her guitar, she fights it! I was mesmerised, absolutely blown away. It's hard to describe the overall sound of Ani...Folk in sound, Punk in words, is what she is described as by some, but after my experience I would definitely say Punk in sound as the energy is that of Punk.

To capture the experience live, I thought was going to be difficult, as listening to her albums didn't have the same effect on me. But I was relieved to hear that she has released a live double CD 'Living In Clip' (technician slang for overloading an amp) which says it all. Over 2 hours of music costing around £10 and worth every penny. I still wouldn't call myself a big Ani fan but I definitely appreciate what she does as an artist. Without a doubt go and see her live as that is an experience not to be missed.

by Teresa James

Top A The Mornin' To You K.D.

Recently, lesbian love k.d. Lang received the Order of Canada from the Governor General, attired in a dapper morning suit. The Order is Canada's highest civilian award. Now she has the right to put 'O.C.' after her name.

I say, posh or what!

Tasty, Tasty, Very Very Tasty

"Finger Licking Good
- The Ins and Outs of Lesbian Sex",
by Tasmin Wilton

is now available from
The Other Side Bookshop.
As it states, Wilton covers many different areas of lesbian sex. It is fresh and forthright, dealing with topics like lesbian S.M., dyke porn, dildos and butch-femme. The book has been described as 'controversial' because of its exploration of the political struggle around lesbian sex inside the lesbian community, setting out to show the damage the sex 'police' have had and argues for the unity between queers and feminists to share a political commitment to transform the current notion of gender. Buy it or borrow it!