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Free Munster Lesbian, Gay And Bisexual Newsletter

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East Cork. (058) 56622

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3 St John's Terrace,  
Cork. (021) 503606

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Gay Friendly:  
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(021) 311612

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3 York Street,  
Cork. (021) 501055

Isaacs,  
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'The Other Place'  
South Main Street,  
Women Only 1st Friday  
Cork (021) 508966

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Restaurants

The Ivory Tower,  
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Blades,  
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Leisure

Grand Central Leisure  
Mon-Sun 10-11  
(021) 317660

Quay Co-Op,  
24 Sullivan's Quay,  
(021) 317660

STD Clinic,  
Victoria Hospital,  
Mon 5.30-7.30  
Weds 10-12

Housing

Choices,  
13 Washington Street,  
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Paul Street,  
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Ian Cunneen Locksmiths,  
70 North Main Street,  
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The Real Olive Company  
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lago's  
Cafe & Deli/Fresh Pasta

Nightlife

'Reach' Gay Group with  
Christian Outlook  
Meet monthly in Cork  
Secure Location  
Discussion, support,  
friendship.  
Reach (021) 319008  
Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm

Cork Gay Collective,  
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Meets 4pm 1st Saturday  
of the month  
Contact Gay Information

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'The Other Place'  
South Main Street,  
Women Only 1st Friday  
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Fax: (021) 278471

Cork Lesbian Line,  
Thursday 8-10pm  
(021) 271087

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,  
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Cork AIDS Alliance/Cairde  
16 Peter Street,  
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Isaac's,  
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Live and Let Live Group  
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STD Clinic,  
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Weds 10-12

The Other Place

Resource Centre

10am - 6pm

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Cork

LOAFERS BAR

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Editorial

Welcome to Issue Two of the  
brand spanking new sh...OUT!!

We, here on the team, wish  
we could all mutate and make  
more of ourselves, because right  
now we're eating, sleeping and  
drinking the newsletter.

So, where are all of you? -  
get your pens out and write us an  
article, or draw us some cartoons.  
We truly want the newsletter to  
be 'by the community for the  
community'.

As always, we've got loads of  
interesting gossip bits and  
pieces for your perusal. Enjoy the  
read and pass on the word to  
friends that sh...OUT!! is definite-  
ly worth talking about.

Michelle

Stanley Parkers  
in Belfast

A TRUE ACCOUNT OF OUR RECENT TRIP  
TO BELFAST PRIDE WEEK

We arrived in Belfast feeling very tired, tense and emotion-  
al. The Examiner headline on the morning in question read,  
'Catholics Fear Backlash'. The colour drained from our faces.  
Queens are prone to panic at the best of times - but at 7.25am on  
the train to Dublin there was extra panic. Doc started chain-smoking  
and made constant references to breakfast (comfort-eating,  
methinks), but this writer had his own trouble. Whenever I'm  
stressed I get an overwhelming desire to have sex with a stranger.  
The train was packed with strangers - unfortunately none of them  
desirable, so I opted to join Doc for the Full Irish Breakfast which  
was being served towards the rear of the train.

A spot check of our itinerary revealed we had 50 minutes  
to cross Dublin to get our train to Belfast. We made it in plenty of  
time and yours truly went underground in Connolly Station to see if I  
could make any new friends - no joy. Boarded the train, which  
resembled the steam room in 'Incognito', temperature-wise, that is.  
paying a £400 fine - no guts really. The whistle blew, we were off.  
The train sped northwards. We rid ourselves of all things Catholic in  
Dundalk; Rosary Beads, Crucifix's, Infant of Prague Statuettes and  
Charm Bracelets (you can't be too sure with Terrorists). We imag-  
ined a fate worse than death awaited us and this fear was com-  
pounded by the announcement that the train would terminate at  
Belfast Central.

Once in Belfast we had hours to kill (if you'll pardon the  
expression) before the rehearsal at the "Old Museum". We treaded  
the streets for a suitable place to eat. Doc was being extra careful -  
no unnecessary expense - he settled for the familiar McDonalds.  
With still lots of time left we split up and went shopping - Doc to  
Debenhams - Paul to HMV and yours truly to the local shopping mall.  
We were to meet at the Europa Hotel at 3.45pm.

Shopping done, I arrived the Europa with time to spare.  
Paul arrived shortly afterwards - no Doc! We noticed that traffic had  
slowed to a crawl and there seemed to be something going on at  
the junction of Royal Ave and Donegal St. Sirens, flashing lights,  
Army Jeeps, the works - Oh, Christ, we thought Doc'd been picked  
off by the UVF. Closer examination revealed Doc to be in trouble all  
right, but not fatal. He had fallen off the pavement during the busk-  
ing display of Irish Dancing and had sprained his ankle. The resulting  
traffic disruption caused the Army to come. Before they carried out  
a controlled explosion on Doc - we claimed him back - as people  
were very suspicious thinking "The Other Place" was Morse code for  
a subversive grouping.

We hobbled off to rehearsal and so our first day in Belfast  
was well underway. Things could only get worse. What happened  
next? Watch this space!

F.T.



## An Siol Broin

17 MacCurtain Street

Tel: 509169

**Friendly Atmosphere  
Alternative Music  
Live Music Wednesdays**

### Geraldine McCarthy,

who was until recently supervisor at **The Other Place**, and before that a very active member of the lesbian and gay community in Cork, has now moved to London, but has left her mark on the Resource Centre and will be missed by anyone who ever worked with her/spent time with her, or was even on the receiving end of her sorely missed "Hug Patrol". Best of Luck to Ger and a fond farewell, (although, no doubt, we'll see her again).



## London Pride

London Pride took place again this year at Clapham Common, a pain to get to, but a fabulous green space to hold it on. The date was 5th July, assembly point was Hyde Park at 11.00, march started at 12.00. The festivities continued from 2.30 - 10.00 at Clapham Common. Darlings, I'm there, taking it all in, shaking my thing and I'll be bringing all the gos. home. Watch out London, here I am!!

Michelle.

## Gay Times Are Here Again

Gay Time T.V. is finally back on our screens again. Rhona Cameron is looking even more svelte than past shows. A woman of quick wit and a line in sharp suits. Richard Fairbrass replaces the nervy, up-tight Bert Whatever. Sorry, I mean, he was so poor I can't even really remember him. First episode, we were treated to the women entering the Lesbian Beauty Pageant, run by Amy Lamé. Whether you love it or hate it, the programme itself certainly evokes a lot of chat and discussion. Catch it on BBC 2 on Wednesday nights.

## Well Presented But A Bit Rough

That's the Jamaican patois meaning for 'Stoosh' (Epic), the new album released by Skunk Anansie recently. Another excellent piece of music by the stunning Skin, giving a raw and rough sound, with an 'in your face' vibe. I, myself will be buying a copy if the telephone money box can bear to be broken yet again. Hey, Skin, now she can give me a call anytime....I know, I know, I should be so lucky!!

## Artists' Support Group for Lesbian/Bisexual Women

Do You Work with Video / Film, Fine Art, Sculpture, Theatre, Dance, Music, Writing, or ANY other type of creative work? Do You ever feel isolated, invisible, or prejudiced against in the work you do? This is a group where we can talk about our experiences as Lesbian/Bisexual artists and creative people.....and see what evolves.....

Open to All Women  
Next Meeting Friday 1st August  
and every first Friday of the month  
8.30pm at **The Other Place**

## "Bound For Cork"

Further reports of the coming of Gina and Jennifer. A local source tells me posters of the Uncut Full-Length version of 'Bound' are currently being displayed in the windows of "View N'Brew", Douglas Street. The movie should be available for rental in approx. 2 weeks.

## KERRY TRISEXUALS

### Letter to the Editor

*Congratulations on your new Newsletter. We really enjoyed it here in Kerry. We do have one complaint, though. Why is it exclusive to Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals?*

*We in the Federation of United Kerry Trisexuals feel very excluded. We set up our Federation recently with the aim of improving the image of Kerry Trisexuals. For too long we have had to put up the slur of being merely sheep-shaggers. In fact we are totally non-discriminatory in our sexual practices and we paid as much attention to the servant boy and the servant girl as we did to our sheep. Indeed we only fell back on the latter when the former were proving too expensive to employ.*

*We are in crisis here in Kerry; what with emigration and the proposed reduction in the sheep headage payments, we may soon have no sexual partners at all. We hope we will be able to rely on your newsletter to support our campaign to revive the ancient Irish practice of Trisexuality.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Ambrose O'Sullivan.  
P.R.O.  
F.U.K.T.*

## Cranky Critics

The critics seemed to be taking a jaundiced view of gay T.V. programmes this week. Tom Hibbert in the Observer was decidedly unimpressed with "Queer Street" (C4, 11.25, Sats.), finding it "frightfully untillating and dull", because it featured "Gays who were glad to be gay". He's another gay angst junkie obviously. Or maybe he's right; we'll watch and report next week.

Eddie Holt in the *Irish Times* was annoyed by the 'strident tone' of "Gaytime T.V." (BBC 2, 11.25, Weds.). He reckoned the programme was too much "in your face" and "celebrated gayness as though sexual orientation must always be the most central aspect of all gay people's lives". We have news for you, Eddie. Gays will be in your face until such time as we have the right to walk down Patrick Street hand in hand with our lovers, and even give him/her the odd public kiss without running the risk of getting the shit kicked out of us. And watch out for virtual reality on your T.V. Set. We might give you a black eye!

N.B. Why are all gay programmes on at 11.25pm? Is it a plot to stop us cruising after closing time? Hmmm.....

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The wonderful thing about queer relationships

is that they are outside

the jurisdiction of straight society".

Anonymous

## Xena: Princess Warrior

For a change it's good to see a female hero and not the usual tall, skinny, dippy girlfriend of the hero finally turn on our screens. Xena is the warrior princess, I mean the strength, the action, the power, the lesbian leanings and of course those costumes. Anyone got the number of that designer? A Friday night's Women's Disco would be the best place to showcase my new Xena wear perhaps!

## Out and Proud



Quite a few of the Cork dykes travelled up to Dublin Pride for the weekend, and what a wicked weekend it was, being made especially appealing by the Friday night Women Only "do" in the Furnace. To quote one visitor, it was quite overwhelming, there were loads of lesbians everywhere! The march went with a bang, lots of support from people hanging out of their closets....sorry, windows, and waving and people driving by smiling and beeping their horns. Respect to all the organisers for a blast of a time.



## BOOK REVIEW

## "Who's A Pretty Boy, Then?"

150 Years of Gay Life in Pictures

by James Gardiner

This book has to be one of the best photographic collections I've seen yet. A history that is documented so graphically without resorting to pure erotica is a rarity in itself. Taking the pre-Wilde era as a starting point, it takes us picture by picture, and something like a breath of fresh air, through the development of gay life, love and liberation.

Although photographic collections are quite expensive, ("Who's A Pretty Boy, Then?", retails at £25.50), very few actually take you on such a thorough, chronicled journey. For the price, it's actually great value, right from the impressive hard back cover to the closing pages.

Gardiner has created something beautiful, timeless and, and most importantly, with his informative captions and name checks, something that is accessible and easily read.

P.S. "Queer Street", shown on C4 last Saturday, is now also in print. More on that next week.

James

## You Make Me Shine

Recently, supermodel Linda Evangelista has been sparkling all over the catwalk. No, not a beautiful Chanel or Galliano, but wearing a huge diamond studded ring given to her by the recently traumatised Naomi Campbell (poor pet!!). Apparently, it makes Naomi feel good to give sparkly bits n' bobs to her mates. Hey, Naomi, if you're out there, I have a finger free at the moment....for a ring, that is!

## Councillor Counsellor

The participants of the Galway Pride last Saturday were given advice by the local councillor, Joe Brennan, that they should not be "flouting their disorientation".

He thought it a shame that counselling was not available to help them cope with their "abnormality".