1806/WISH: Designed by Committee

The 1806/WISH group in Warrington has just held its first election. The new committee will guide the group through the next twelve months. (Watch this space!)

The coach to Pride 98 is booked and tickets to the Pride Festival will be available. For full details on how to travel with this happening gang contact us on 01925 241994.

Who Will Buy This Wonderful Tavern?

Oh God! The Theatre Tavern, Warrington is now for sale. The 1806/WISH group hope to continue their fabulous nights on the last Tuesday of each month. Unless you hear different, it's happening! For confirmation of events contact Madelane on 01925 241944.

The Beaumont Society

The Beaumont Society is a self-help association established in 1965 to facilitate contact for transvestites and transsexuals. It has a membership of some 800 and there is a national network of regional area offices and contacts. It operates in complete confidentiality and retains the individual's security whilst enabling contacts to be made. It produces a newsletter for its membership. The address is The Beaumont Society, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX and the Beaumont Society information line is 01582 412220.

A representative of the Beaumont Society will be speaking in Cheshire about the charity's work on Thursday 20 August from 12.30 to 1.30. Places are limited so to find out more you can call Sue Padmore on 01928 753101.

Local contact: Northern Concord, PO Box 258, Manchester M60 1LN.

Bored? Hungover? Skint?

Not sure how to spend your Sunday? Then come along to Out on Sunday, an activity group for Lesbians, Gay men and their friends.

The group starts with 3 easy Manchester walks: 28 June Heaton Park, meet outside Metro Station at 1pm. 12 July City Centre, Meet outside Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square at 1pm. 26 July Cottontail Water Park, meet at main entrance. From there, join a team to play softball, rounders, cricket etc. See you there.

For more info contact Duncan Leckie on 0161 291 4177.

HIV Services in South Cheshire

South Cheshire Health Authority has been examining the strategic framework for all services to do with HIV and AIDS with providers and users of services in the district. To this end, several actions have been concluded.

Firstly they commissioned the Cheshire Public Health Research and Resource Unit to look into HIV prevention services. There are now two completed reports available.

In December a 'Search' conference was held in Tarporley for all agencies, services and users of services to find a way to plan effective future action.

Strategically five areas were identified which need further planning and action:

1. Good and accessible treatment and care services for HIV+ people should be available across all of South Cheshire.
2. HIV prevention initiatives should aim for as few people as possible becoming infected in the future.
3. Information on HIV, developing treatments and prevention should be readily available to all, but especially HIV+ people.
4. Education and training should be available to all relevant bodies.
5. Finance made available for those purposes by the South Cheshire Health Authority should be identified clearly and decisions made to allocate funds in a fair and equitable manner.

Discussions since December resulted in a further day in April, which looked at future action. Both research reports and a strategic plan for the future have now been published.

For further information or copies of the reports, please contact Sally Caviley, HIV Development Coordinator, South Cheshire Health Authority. Telephone: 01244 650360.

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News and information for gay, lesbian and bisexual people in the county

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4. Juniper Berry

Juniper is a strong antiseptic and diuretic and has been used for these purposes for thousands of years. It is probably the most valuable oil for its detoxifying effects on the body. It is also invaluable in treating conditions of the urinary tract, in particular cystitis.

Juniper can also be used to address scanty or irregular periods. It can be used for skin conditions such as acne and eczema as it cleanses the body of toxic build up.

The woody fragrance has a great appeal for many people. Its value in protecting against infections has led to Juniper being widely used in hospitals in France and the Netherlands. The tonic effects of Juniper are extremely useful for convalescents.

The cleansing effects of Juniper makes it a valuable oil for use when you feel drained by a hard day at work or home and need to clear the mental and emotional debris from our minds. A bath with juniper oil after a hard day can have a refreshing effect on both the mind and body. I always keep it on hand to put in my bath, fracharger or burner when I get home from work. I sometimes put a drop on some cotton wool to put beneath my pillow. I feel it refreshes my mind and helps me to sleep better.

Juniper blends well with grapefruit and/or frankincense. It is also very useful for veterinary uses for cats and dogs in keeping them free from fleas and tics and also for use in treating canker of the ear.

Hazards/Health Data: Not to be used during pregnancy or by people with kidney problems. May be slightly irritating. Non-toxic. Non-sensitising.
GLYSS is a new project in the Warrington and Halton area. GLYSS (Gay and Lesbian Youth Support Service) offers free information, and support, a confidential one to one support service, with the project’s development worker Kerry. Kerry has been a youth worker with lesbian, gay and bisexual youth for over five years. The project offers the opportunity to get involved in the setting up of two new lesbian, gay and bisexual youth groups. The groups will be in Halton and Warrington and things are already well underway, with some young gay men having worked really hard to get things moving. GLYSS desperately wants some young lesbians and bisexual women to get involved, so if you’re reading this and thinking about it then finish reading this and do it! You can contact Kerry on one of the numbers below.

All the services at GLYSS are confidential, if you’re not ‘out’ yet to your family and friends or if you’re not sure about your sexuality, you can still contact us at GLYSS, and if you want to, come along and meet others.

GLYSS also offers services to professionals who work with young people, there is a free resource loan service, where workers can borrow books or resource packs and check out what posters and leaflets are available for work with young people on issues of sexuality and homophobia. GLYSS also has information on training, equal opportunities and national organisations and events.

GLYSS is a multi-agency initiative with North Cheshire Health, working in partnership to fund and support the project. If you are a young lesbian, gay or bisexual person or if you’re unsure of your sexuality then contact GLYSS by phoning Kerry on 01928 580280 or 01925 644204, both lines are confidential and have answerphones on them.

GLYSS would like as many young lesbians, gays and bisexuals as possible to get involved so if you’re out there, join us here, make some new friends and remember it’s BLISS to be in GLYSS.

It’s Bliss to be in GLYSS!

At a recent gathering organised by two very motivated young gay men, the need for much improved provision of services to young lesbian and gay men was wholeheartedly identified by the many different agencies represented. A resounding NO was the answer from the delegates to the question "are young lesbians and gay men adequately and equitably catered for across South Cheshire?"

The two groups currently operating for the under 25’s, Utopia Youth in Chester and Gay and Lesbian Youth Around Macclesfield (GLYAM) both identified the difficulties of advertising their services in schools and colleges around the county, mostly due to the homophobic attitudes that we all encounter on a daily basis.

The major conclusion drawn by the group was that as a collective voice, bringing the issue of services for young lesbians and gay men to the attention of the Youth Service and other statutory bodies, would hold much more sway than some of the lone voices continuing their campaigns in isolation. One further development from the Education Service was an identified need to discuss sexuality as part of a fully inclusive sex education package in a more open and honest manner.

Congratulations to all those who attended the meeting and participated with abundant enthusiasm. Let’s hope that we can keep applying the pressure and achieve some concrete results in the near future.

Current provision in South Cheshire for those under 25.

**CHESTER**

Utopia Youth
Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street.
Contact: Ben & Dan 0370 450419 or 01244 318738 for more details.

**MACCLESFIELD**

GLYAM (Gay and Lesbian Youth Around Macclesfield)
Meet every Wednesday 7 - 10pm
Call 01625 501203 or contact Kath at Bollin Locality Youth Work Team, Old School, Water Street, Bollington. Tel 01625 575721

WATCH THIS SPACE for more information about a new group in Crewe soon.

Any details or events aimed specifically at young people should be submitted to Chris at Cheshire Cheese for inclusion in our new Youth Section.
Gay & Lesbian Switchboards

**CREWE**
01270 250980 (Thursday 7.30 - 9.30 pm)

**ST HELENS**
01744 454823 (Monday & Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm)

**WARRINGTON**
01925 241994 (Monday 7.00 - 9.00 pm)

**NATIONAL**
0171 837 7324 (24 hours)

Pubs & Clubs

**CHESTER**
Absolut Kink @ Jones’s Wine Bar
6-9 The Barrow, City Road
01244 319965
Every Tuesday and Thursday

**ASP @ Alchemy**
City Road
Every Friday

**LIVERPOOL ARMS**
79 Northgate Street
01244 317805
Mixed Crowd

**CREWE**
The Park
Wisston Road
01270 626077
Every night from 7.30 pm. Party nights Wednesdays.

**MACCLESFIELD**
Amsterdam Bar
65 Chestergate
01625 425802
Mixed Crowd

Bar Cuba
Pickford Street
01625 614314
Mixed Crowd

The Crown Inn
76 Bond Street
01625 421689
Mixed Crowd

**RUNCORN**
The Canside Bar & Restaurant
45-47 Canside Street
01928 508669
Mixed Crowd

**SANDBACH**
Market Tavern
Sandbach Crosses
01270 762090
Thursday evenings

**WARRINGTON**
Theatre Tavern
57 Leeds Street
01925 547094
Mixed Crowd. Party nights last Tuesday in the month.

*PINK PRESS AVAILABLE
**CONDOMS & LUBE AVAILABLE
**DENTAL DAMS AVAILABLE

Social Groups

**CREST**
Ice-breakers
Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street.
Tel 01244 318970/Pete 01244 249266
Meet 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month

Mersey & Dee Women
(see above for address)
07503 11111
1st Tuesday of every month

**UTopia Youth**
Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street.
Ben & Dan 039 450419 (for girls)
For gay and lesbian people up to 25 years. Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the month

**CHESHIRE**
OUTburst
Crewe & Alsager LGB Group
Annette Price 01270 585513

**Gay Men’s Social Group**
John 01270 211455
Second Tuesday in the month

**MACCLESFIELD**
GLYAM (Gay Lesbian Youth Around Macclesfield)
01625 501263
For gay and lesbian people up to 25 years. Wed 7-10 pm

**MID CHESHIRE**
Mid Cheshire Gay Men’s Social Group
01606 781952
3rd Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm onwards

**NORTHWAICH**
Northwich Gay Men’s Group
Chester Dee’s Society, London Road, Northwich
01606 491881. Every second Tuesday

**WARRINGTON**
1806 Group/WISH (Warrington Initiative for Sexual Health)**
01925 241994 (on four weeks)

**GLYSS (Gay and Lesbian Youth Support Services Project)**
Kerry 01928 580270

**ALL CHESHIRE**
Clwyd & Cheshire Gay Group
Nigel 01978 291008
Alternate Tuesdays

Health Projects & Information

**CHESTER**
Body Positive Cheshire**
PO Box 135, Chester, CH1 1YL. Tel/Fax 01244 400415
5 Hanover Street, Warrington WA1 1LZ
Tel/Fax 01925 671134
Support group for people living with HIV/AIDS

**CASH (Cheshire Action for Sexual Health)**
(see above)

**CHESTER: HIV/AIDS Outreach Worker**
Keith Allchin 01244 346819 or 01244 400415

**GHAP (Gay Healthy Alliance Project)**
PO Box 180, St Helens WA10 1XK
Angela Pearce (Mon, Wed, Fri) Brian Hamilton (Tues, Thurs) 0151 423 6330

Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM) Clinics**
Chester 01244 36309
Crewe 01270 211219 or 01270 612255
Macclesfield 01625 661463

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**NORTH WALES** Health Projects and Information

CLASP (Coastal Link AIDS Support Plan)
01824 703034
Support group for people living with HIV/AIDS

Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM) Clinics
Bangor 01248 394054
Holyhead 01407 766026
Llandudno 01492 860066 x 2360
Rhyl 01745 359068
Wrexham 01973 725197

免费 Confidential advice and treatment on sexually transmitted infections

Health Promotion Service
N Mold 01352 755543

STRIKING DISTANCE OF CHESHIRE

Blues Fan Pub
221 Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne
0161 330 3212
Mon - Sat until 2am. Below Pinks for mixed clientele, regular shows and cabaret

The Church Hotel
74 Crook Street, Bolton
01204 521956
Friendly, mixed gay pub, open 11.00pm Mon - Wed, then until 2.00am Thur-Sat, until 10.30pm Sun. Karaoke Wed, disco Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun disco & cabaret

The Star
11 Bow Street, Bolton 01204 361113
Gay pub, cozy & friendly, open Mon-Wed 5-11pm, Sun noon-10.30pm

Dr Syntax Bar
93 Union Street, Oldham
0161 627 4859
Mixed, gay friendly bar, open from 11.30am-11pm Mon-Sat, Sun 7-10.30pm Exclusively gay night Wed, and disco each Saturday.

Iguana
171 Union Street, Oldham
0161 652 5452
Gay club open 10pm-2am Wed-Sat, with karaoke Wed, cabaret Thur

The Oldham
1 Mumps, Oldham 0161 633 9600
Mixed, gay friendly bar, open 11am-7pm seven days a week. Occasional cabaret. B&B also available

To put your news or events in future issues, write to: Cheshire Cheese, PO Box 135, Chester, CH1 1YL or phone/fax Chris on 01244 400415.