

The statement says that it is contrary to every existing standard of human rights to attempt to suppress the freedom of expression with the threat of violence and other methods of blatant intimidation.

The Gay Humanist Group was asked to provide an officiator and text for a secular gay wedding ceremony screened recently by Channel 4. In the event, although the Group had someone available, an officiator was not required, but the text was Red British Rail from national office in London in time for the programme.

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**GAY LOVE  
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**This zine was produced by staff and volunteers from Humanists UK who have been working with the LGBT Humanists archive.**

**During a zine-making workshop with Laura Moseley, they repurposed copies of archival materials and quotes from their interviews with LGBT Humanists. Laura also brought along an array of collage supplies - her floral fabric scraps proving particularly popular.**

**Read on for a thought-provoking range of creative interpretations.**

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**Humanist  
Heritage**

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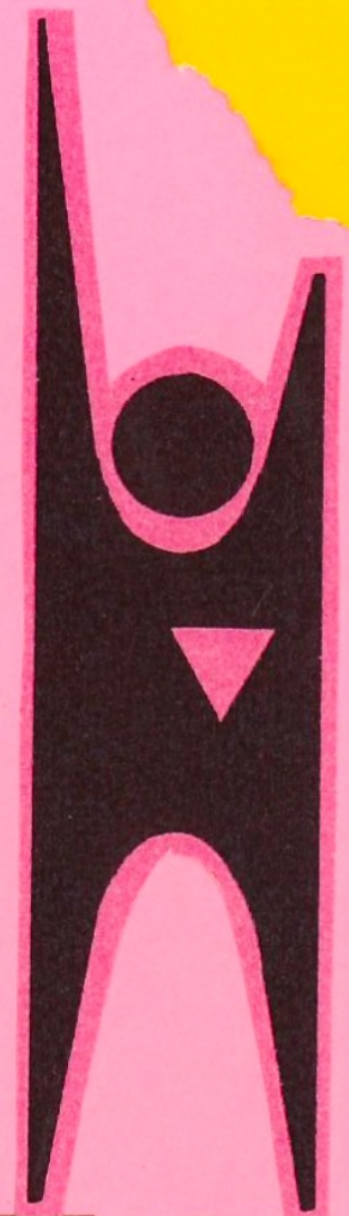




community  
 learning  
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'What gays and Humanists have in common  
 is heresy.'

Antony Grey



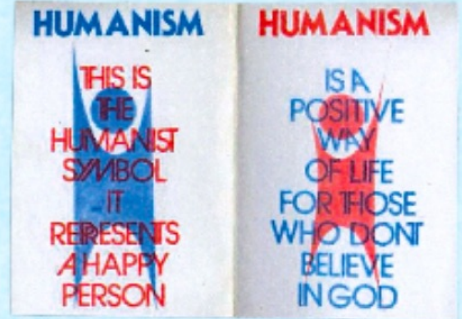
We discover ourselves  
 in victories  
 and subsequent rebuffs.

we are dismantling the systems that do not really serve us

What does happiness look like for LGBT humanists today?



What's the difference?



How might we fight for the conditions that make it possible?

CELEBRATING THE SOLSTICE

EMBRACE THE ECSTASY

Queer Nature  
Queer Cities

LGBT Humanists



# Gay & Lesbian Humanist



London

calling: 2003!

Keep at least one Friday evening a month free

Friday nights – well, the second of the month, anyway – are not to be missed if you can get to Conway Hall in London. GALHA has already confirmed three stimulating talks, and more details will follow soon. Watch this space – and keep an eye on the GALHA website at [www.galha.org](http://www.galha.org) for details as they become available. Here's the story so far ...

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GALHA MAIL ORDER

NEW – HUMANISM by Barbara Suckert: a newly published, long up-to-date booklet by the doyenne of British Humanism which outlines the history and meaning of Humanism since its Greeks in the fifth century BC. It contains a section on homosexuality and is highly recommended as an excellent introduction to the subject. £3.50.



[1:07:47-1:08:08] One great thing I think about changes to society and that there is support like the LGBT group is trans awareness. And that trans people are now able to come out, really, and fulfil their own lives.

GHG: Does humanism attract you at all?

JD: Well, I'm not an intellectual - I'm a much more emotive person, stronger on my visuals than my theory. But someone - a very intelligent person - came out of

Caravaggio, saying they thought it was an extraordinary humanist work...

Derek Jarman talks with GHG  
report by Jonathan Sanders

SPRING WEEKEND





If a stable long-term partnership is desired, what will help its stability? Is fidelity important? Many gay couples, partly through a wish not to imitate marriage, opt for an "open" relationship where occasional outside affairs are accepted. This is often more difficult in practice than in theory since jealousy is a deeply ingrained instinct in most of us. Studies have suggested however, that open relationships do seem to survive better.

we are all different and every person at different times will experience very varied types and degrees of relationship, but each experience should be valued for what it can give.

'FAMILY' THREAT TO GAYS (cont.)



WON'T SOMEBODY THINK OF THE KIDS

The family was divinely ordained and is the way in which society reproduces itself, both biologically & socially. The family is both the symbol and the source of the oppression of gays and women, the institution in which rigid stereotyped sex-roles are affixed to women and men. "The very form of the family works against homosexuality" (GLF Manifesto, 1971.) At some point, nearly all gay people have found it difficult to cope with having restricting images of men and women thrust on them by their parents. When gays find they are different, feelings of shame, guilt and self-contempt are frequent. The GLF manifesto continues: "How many of us have been pressured into marriage, sent to psychiatrists, frightened into sexual inertia, ostracised, banned, emotionally destroyed - all by our parents."



**HUMANISTS**

TRY TO BRING UP CHILDREN TO BE KIND AND TOLERANT HONEST, HELPFUL INDEPENDENT AND CREATIVE

protect trans youth



Sukie — a raptured bride of Christ?



King of the Halls



Tony CHALLIS brings us some of the fun and frolics from Edinburgh.

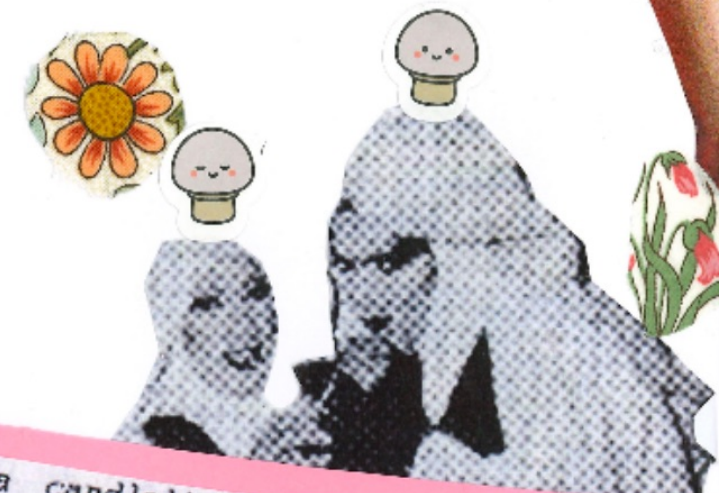


A cocktail of surprise from the Another Mids Theatre Company, who take us to the world of Cheever with Cock Talk.



00:33:18 - 00:33:49, "He cast me as Claire and my best friend as Solange, my sister. And then another chap as Madame. And I put the wig on, the first time. I looked at myself and I thought, oh, yes, I really sort of something clicked. I really recognized myself. I used to love putting that wig on every night and we wore very, very short skirts as well."  
00:38:17 - 00:38:51, "So by the time I left university, I was just 20. And I went on the gay scene in Birmingham. And I lasted a year. I tried being gay - I really didn't like that. I tried being a drag queen - I didn't like that. I tried being a radical queen, what we would call non-binary now. And that was okay, for a bit"

**-Adèle Anderson**



nuns lead a candlelight procession through the building giving luminous plastic Virgins to the faithful.

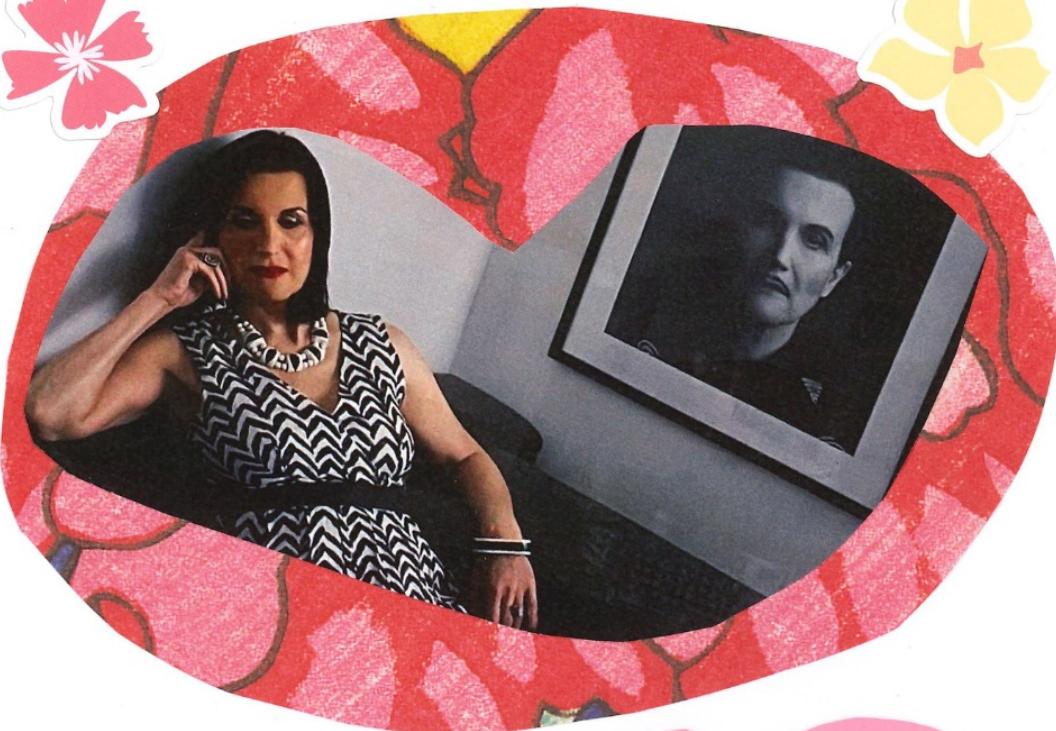
the nuns were no nuns but two local drag artists - the Costa Blanca equivalents of San Francisco's Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence - dispensing kisses to the 'congregation' to make up for the horrible virgins.

Photo - Barry Byrne

POPE 'BETTY'  
BENEDICT XVI  
QUEEN OF  
HOMOPHOBIA



George Broadhead



You always need a watchdog on these things and Humanists UK has now taken on that role... you need a watchdog to make sure there is no backsliding, we all know that that can happen, look what's happening in the United States now.

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"And even within the theatre, yes, there's more non-binary, there's more trans people. But we're only being allowed to tell our own stories. We're not allowed to tell anybody else's."





"Dogmatism which undermines this freedom through violence is an absolute evil"

"Why do they have to ruin a perfectly innocent little word like 'gay'?"



~~They're never really happy, you know",~~

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