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Clubs & Groups:

The Anvil
Black Widow's Web, Sweden
Gummi
The Firm
Flash Productions
Lady O Society
Lives of Secular Saints (S/M
Archive)
The Naturist Society
New Zealand Swing Club
PM Club
Priapean Circle
Red Stripe Club
Rude Food Dining Club
Sadie Maisie's
S/M Bisexuals
S/M Dykes
S/M Gays
Torture Garden
Tribal Rhythms
Club WideWorld, USA
Club Whiplash

Law reform/Pressure groups:

Anti-Sexism Campaign
Cal-ACT
Campaign Against Censorship
Conservatives Against Sex
Censorship
COYOTE
Disablement in the City
Feminists Against Censorship
Feminists for Free Expression,
New York
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The Eros Foundation,
Australia
The Invisible Language
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Reform of the Obscene
Publications Acts
Passion Brigade
Outrage, Northern Ireland
OutRage!
The Spanner Campaign
Society of Swingers
Spirit of Stonewall UK

Organisations:

The Coventry Gallery
Cul D'Or magazine
Delectus Books
Fetish Times
Forum magazine
H.G. Publications
The Lifestyles Organisation
Lifetime Vision Ltd
Marquis
Paramour magazine
The Private Case
SchlagZeiten Hamburg
Spectator, San Francisco
Sussex Mailbox
Thud magazine
Miss Vera's Academy for
Boys who want to be Girls
Wicked Women Australia

Sexual Freedom Coalition



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As we approach the Millennium...

police raids and intimidation of clubs and all kinds of adult sexual expression has seriously increased, all around the UK.

The enormous annual charity ball called The Sex Maniac's Ball was stopped hours before it was to open in London on 22nd March this year, disappointing guests who had travelled from all over the world. The excuse was the Disorderly Houses Act, which was passed through Parliament in 1751 to "...protect the lower sort of people...in their riotous pleasure...tempting thefts and robberies and...forming the habit of idleness..."

The cancellation of the Ball caused a financial crisis for the Trust it supports: a Nation-wide network for disabled people to find friends and partners. The case has since been taken up by Liberty (formerly NCCL). Organiser, Tuppy Owens, told us,

"The Brixton Academy, was intimidated by police, so cancelled our booking. Then, when we had secured an alternative venue, that too cancelled us after police threats to raid. The £8,000 worth of food prepared for the occasion could only be distributed to the homeless. This was to be our 10th Anniversary Ball and we've never had any complaints or trouble before. Surely the police have more urgent tasks than to ruin an unique charity?"

Several other adult clubs (such as a little rubber contact club in the West Country) and publications (such as Olympia Press on the Isle of Wight) have since been raided, threatened, or simply closed themselves down for fear of their members being visited in their homes by the boys in blue.



A delegation of the Coalition deliver their letter to John Major

After the Charity Ball cancellation, the Sexual Freedom Coalition was formed overnight.

Days later, hundreds of people gathered outside No 10 Downing Street. We are determined to challenge current censorship.

For example, we are costing the surveillance, raid and prosecution of Club Whiplash which was raided by 60 police (with dogs!). The manager was charged with "keeping a Disorderly House" but, fortunately, the judge and jury threw the charge out of court. The Coalition will notify the Council Tax payers of their bill.

The Coalition is busy forming a non-party-political united front to defend consensual adult sexualities. We seek an explanation from the police of our legal rights, and are campaigning for more responsible reportage of sexual issues in the media. Our free paper, *Consenting Adults*, will inform the public of the current crack-downs, and help them act with confidence when confronted with the bigots who are exerting their power.

We need your political and financial support. Write now to:-

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