

DAILY NEWS UPDATES ON NEWS 21

CHARLES STREET WAD FUNDRAISER

Charles Street will be marking World AIDS Day on Tues, December 1 from 7.30pm at 8 Marine Parade, Brighton, with a benefit for the Terrence Higgins



Trust (THT) hosted by Drag With No Name. The fundraiser will take place after the Candlelit Vigil at the AIDS Memorial in New Steine Gardens starting at 6pm. Artists appearing and donating their services will include Sally Vate, Mrs Moore, Rose Garden, Kara Van Park, Gabriella Parish, Lucinda Lashes. Suggested £2 donation on the door donated to THT.

LGBTQ CHOIRS WAD CHARITY CONCERT

Actually Gay Men's Chorus, Brighton Gay Men's Chorus and Rainbow **Chorus** are organising this years fundraising concert for World AIDS Day. Funds raised from the concert will benefit local Brighton charity, Lunch Positive. The concert will take place at St Mary's Church in Kemptown on Tuesday,



December 1 at 7.30pm (allowing time for those attending the Candelight Vigil close by from 6-7pm at the AIDS Memorial Statue on New Steine). The concert will feature performances by Actually Gay Men's Chorus, Brighton Belles Women's Chorus, Brighton Gay Men's Chorus, Rainbow Chorus, female vocal group Rebelles. Resound Male Voices and **Qukulele**. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served during the interval.

Tickets cost £8 and will be available to buy online or in person from Prowler on St James's Street. It's highly recommended to buy tickets in advance. A small number will be retained to buy on the door on the night. www.BrightonWADconcert.info

PHOTO EXHIBITION RAISES FUNDS FOR SUSSEX BEACON

Photographs of a dramatic ACT UP demonstration in Paris from 1992 are being exhibited by Alf Le Flohic for World AIDS Day 2015. The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) was a direct action group founded in New York in 1987 to highlight the situation of people with HIV/AIDS. ACT UP New York staged a series of public protests called the Day of Desperation in 1991. With just a single drug treatment of limited benefit available (AZT), ACT UP Paris was inspired to stage its own event La Journee Du Desespoir in 1992. Didier Lestrade, ACT UP PARIS founder, at the time said: "We will fill the streets to show our anger and despair. That's all. Because today Paris is the AIDS capital of Europe. Because our friends are dying ... "

As winner of a Valentine's Day competition organised by The Argus newspaper, Alf Le Flohic, a young gay man from Brighton found himself in Paris on that very day: "After going up the Eiffel Tower, I recognised the word SIDA (AIDS) on poster and realised a demo was about to take place. It read: 'We are desperate because 330,000 people are living with HIV in this country. Show your despair. Demonstrate your anger before it is too late'."

Alf recalls: "Holding banners and chanting, the crowd suddenly started running. We stormed the Louvre. Within minutes the decorative fountains were running bloodred from food colouring. The gendarmes caught up with us and we were moved on.



As we passed the Seine, fake coffins being held aloft by protestors were launched into the water."

Alf rediscovered his photos this year whilst preparing for the Brighton Pride 25 exhibition at Jubilee Library. The exhibition Because Our Friends Are Dying ... is being staged to raise funds for The Sussex

Beacon, kindly sponsored by Colourstream and Nick Ford Photography. View at Oxford Street Studio in Brighton, on November 30-December 1, 10am-8pm with a drinks reception on the Monday from 5pm featuring a tombola, limited edition prints and red ribbons available for sale.

For more information, www.nickfordphotography.co.uk/exhibitions

WORLD AIDS DAY EVENTS

The Brighton & Hove World AIDS Day (WAD) Partnership are organising a series of events to mark World AIDS Day on December 1. The partnership includes: Lunch Positive, the Sussex Beacon, Gscene, Sussex Ecumenical HIV Chaplaincy, Peer Action, BHCC Partnership Community Safety Team, THT and Brighton & Hove LGBT Community Safety Forum.

CANDLELIT VIGIL

BRIGHTON AIDS MEMORIAL CANDLELIT VIGIL, New Steine Gdns: TUE, DEC 1, 6-7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the remembrance event for those lost to HIV/AIDS in Brighton & Hove. There will be a reading of the names and a candlelit vigil. New names to be read (in addition to those in previous years) can be added during the day at World AIDS Day Café marguee in New Steine Gardens.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dorset Gardens Methodist Church: SAT, NOV 28, 10am-12 noon. Sussex HIV Chaplaincy and Lunch Positive will provide an informal time of remembrance and community with brunch. For those with some faith or none.

D LUNCH POSITIVE: FRI, NOV 27, FRI DEC 4 Lunch Positive extend an invite to all other HIV peer support groups and services to join them for lunch. No charge, no need to book ahead. Arrive between 11am-noon, meet the volunteers and see how the lunch club can help you before eating a hearty meal.

CONCERT

S WORLD AIDS DAY CONCERT: St Mary's Church, St James St: TUE, DEC 1, doors open 7pm, concert at 7.30pm with performances by the Actually Gay Men's Chorus, Brighton Belles, Brighton Gay Men's Chorus, Rainbow Chorus, Rebelles, Resound Male Voices and Qukelele.

EXHIBITIONS

MATERIAL WITNESSES: Jubilee Library, Jubilee St: FRI, NOV 27-FRI, DEC 4, 10am-5pm daily. Entry free. Jubilee Library host the Hankie Quilt, The Star Quilt and other embroidered and hand crafted responses to the early days of the HIV/Aids crisis. "The Quilt has redefined the tradition of guilt-making in response to contemporary circumstances. A memorial, a tool for education and a work of art. The Quilt is a unique creation, an uncommon and uplifting response to the tragic loss of human life". Exhibition will be illuminated at night.

D BECAUSE OUR FRIENDS ARE DYING: Oxford Street Studios, 19 Oxford St. Brighton. NOV 30-DEC 1: 10am-8pm. Exhibition of photos by Alf Le Flohic of ACT UP demonstration in Paris in 1992

BUCKET COLLECTIONS

- NOV 26: MORRISONS THT RIBBON SALES: 11am-7pm
- NOV 27: BTN TRAIN STATION THT RIBBON SALES: 6-10am & 4-8pm

NOV 30: ASDA MARINA THT RED RIBBON SALES: 11am-7pm DEC 1: SUSSEX BEACON BUCKET COLLECTIONS: Collections will be

made at Brighton Railway Station: St James's Street, ASDA at Brighton Marina and Lipstick & Gunpowder Salon, 7 Kings Road opposite Pitcher & Piano, a few doors along from Dr Brightons who will have a bucket in the reception area.

FUNDRAISERS

NOV.14: SUBLINE: Mr Subline 2015 fundraiser and WAD launch from 9pm DEC.1: CHARLES STREET: World Aids Day Fundraiser for THT from 7pm

FUNDRAISING OFFERS

Book into New Steine Hotel (01273 681546) on DEC 1 and 25% of your room rate will be donated to the Rainbow Fund. Book into Gullivers Hotel (01273 695415) on DEC 1 and 25% of your room rate will be donated to the Sussex Beacon. Eat dinner at New Steine Bistro on DEC 1 (01273 695415), quote Gscene when booking and 25% of your total bill will be donated to Lunch Positive, the HIV Charity and food club.