South London Gays
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NOTES and NEWS

We are very sorry to report the death of David Lawrence. David had been suffering from respiratory disease for a long time and he finally passed away on 26 December. Our condolences go to his partner, Keith Steadman.

Once again many thanks to Bill for hosting such an excellent party on New Year's Eve.

Full details of all the events planned for LGBT History month (including ours on 9 February with Jim Herrick's talk at the monthly meeting) can be found on their website at www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/.

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For contact numbers, see end of Bulletin

Tuesday 2 February **CAGS MEETING** **8pm Croydon**
CAGS are meeting in The Brief Pub, George Street, Croydon, and holding a "hustings" meeting, with representatives of the main political parties answering questions about their policies in advance of the General Election. All welcome.

Saturday 6 February **PLAY: *The Hostage*** **3pm Southwark**
1950's play by Brendan Behan set in a seedy Dublin boarding house, concerning the kidnap of a British soldier after an IRA .prisoner is sentenced to death by the British. Southwark Playhouse, Shipwright Yard, (Corner of Tooley St. & Bermondsey St.), SE1 2TF (nr London Bridge Station). Tickets either £8.00 or £13 [depending on how soon they are booked]. Contact Gerry by **19th January**.

Sunday 7 February **PUBS AND GRUB: Country Matters** **6.20pm West Ruislip**
A rural adventure to lift the winter glooms. Meet in the ticket hall of the Underground Station (allow 40 minutes on the Central Line from Oxford Circus). First stop the nearby *Soldier's Return* before a meal at 7.30pm in a cosy Wetherspoons on a village green. (Sunday is 'Roast Club', but all food options available). A nightcap will be donned in a final characterful hostelry. If you intend to come on this short, unstrenuous, mystery tour contact Ivor (020 7341 3569, not before 2 February please). Also please give him your telephone number in case of any changes due to weather or transport problems.

Tuesday 9 February **MONTHLY MEETING** **8.00pm *Bread and Roses***
Humanism and Homosexuality - Past and Present : Author Jim Herrick looks at the influence of Humanism in the development of LGBT assertiveness and in fostering wider social change. (This is the SLG contribution to LGBT History month.) The *Bread and Roses* is at 68 Clapham Manor Street, SW4 6DZ, a turning off Clapham High Street. **(**nearest tubes: Clapham North and Clapham Common)

Friday 12 February **GALHA MEETING** **7.30pm Conway Hall**
An LGBT History of the Blues: Brett Lock and SLG member Ted Johns mark LGBT History Month with a musical illustration of a largely hidden history of those sexually ambivalent blues lyrics! Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association meetings take place in the Library upstairs at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square.

Tuesday 16 February **FILM: *The Last Station*** **8.15pm Southbank**
An historical drama about the last year of the life of Tolstoy and his struggle to balance fame and wealth with his ideals. Starring James McAvoy and Helen Mirren. British Film Institute-NFT1. Tickets £12.90 concs £9-65. To book ring Gerry by **18 January.**

Wednesday 17 February **PLAY: *Our Day Out*** **7.45pm Balham**
Set in 1980s Liverpool, the action of this comedy by Willie Russell, (author of Educating Rita and Shirley Valentine) takes place on a school trip to North Wales. Presented by the Southside Players at Chestnut Grove School (entrance Boundaries Road), Balham, SW12. Tickets £6. To book phone Bill by 1 February.

Thursday 18 February **3F MEETING** **7.30 for 8pm Aldgate**
Author Peter Robins shares his memories of growing up gay in World War II. At St Botolph's Church, very near Aldgate tube. Contact is Tony.

Sunday 21 February **SUNDAY LUNCH** **12.30pm Kennington**
To (belatedly) celebrate Kevin's birthday, we return to The Little Apple, 98 Kennington Lane, SE11 (corner of Chester Way) for a roast lunch (3 courses about £10.00). To book phone Malcolm by 16 February.

Friday 26 February **EVENING OUT** **8 for 8.30pm Vauxhall**
SLAGO invite us to join them at The Royal Vauxhall Tavern for a cabaret evening. The RVT is at 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 very close to Vauxhall tube and rail station. Entry £6. Contact is Tony

Sunday 28 February **FILM: *50 Ways of saying Fabulous*** **6.10pm Southbank**
Set in New Zealand in 1975, the plot concerns 13yrs old Billy and a sexual awakening . ..."a funny and unforgettable portrait of developing self-awareness". (This film featured in a Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.) British Film Institute-NFT1. Tickets £9 Concs £6.65. To book ring Gerry by **18 January**.

.**Tuesday 9 March** **MONTHLY MEETING** **8.00pm *Bread and Roses***
Conservatives for 2010 : Rahoul Bhansali the Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Streatham, talks about the aims and plans of a future Conservative government.

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