

BRISTOL BROADSHEET

The Paper
all Bristol
Asked For.
No. 5

AIDS. facts

1. NO DANGER



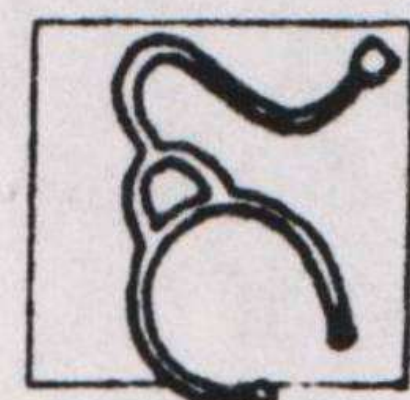
*Everyday contact with someone who has or is carrying AIDS.
*Solo masturbation - go for it!
*Enemas, douches done by and to yourself.
*Sex toys kept for your own exclusive use by & on yourself.



*Playing with shit and piss.



*Blood transfusions safe since Aug. '85 except in countries where blood is not checked.

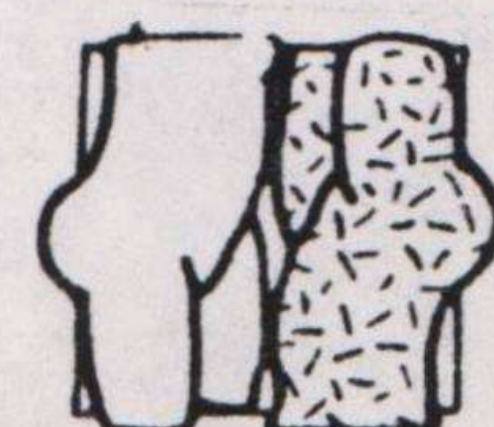


*Dentistry, Accupuncture, Pedicure, moore has looked into this yet. If you are positive you should tell them. The Terrence Higgins Trust will find those willing to treat you if you are refused treatment.

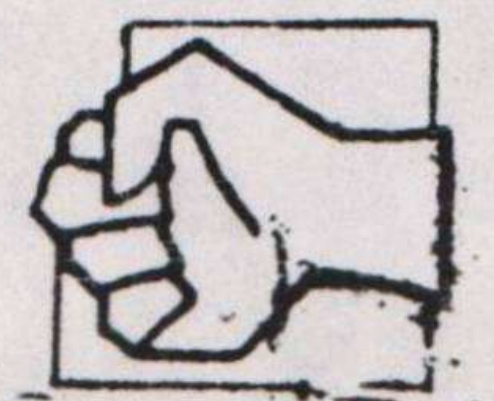


*Anulingus. Safe and tasty.

2. TAKE CARE



The risk is increased if the skin is broken, the presence of blood i.e. periods or any sort of bondage/sex act which draws blood. Protection is best provided by the British Rubber Co., though splits in the product do not detract from flying the British Kite Mark they do increase the risk. Use a water based lubricant not Vaseline - it rots rubber.



*Lesbian sex. Safe, except may be periods. The only cases of lesbian women with AIDS are those who received those who received test-tube fertilisations from infected sperm donors.

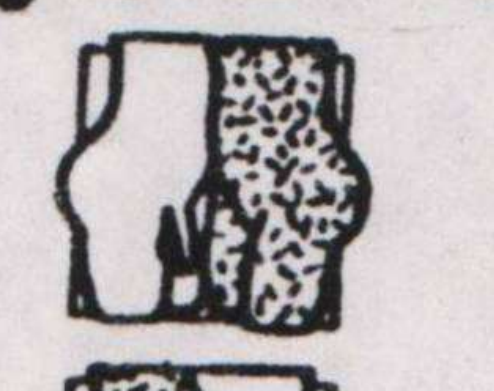


*Fist-fucking. Safe excepting broken skin.



*Cunnilingus. Safe apart from periods or drawing blood or broken skin in mouth/vagina.

3. SOME RISK



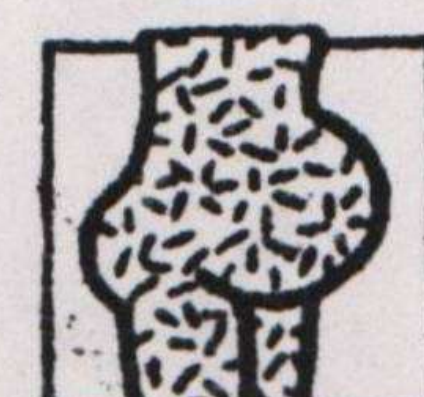
*One fuck is all you need as passed through sperm or vaginal fluid. More risk if you have a genital infection, eg Herpes, chancres, cancer, VD or sex when there's blood around. The infected male healthy female relationship is more at risk than vice versa. Protection is don't, or use a CONDOM.



*Straight anal sex. No one's bothered to look at this, but it is risky due to the slight damage it can cause. Also risky sperm again. Use a CONDOM.



*Gay anal sex. Again it's risky in all three combinations. If you are both body positive it can increase risk of AIDS developing. Don't fuck without a CONDOM. Don't do anything which could irritate or damage the mucus membrane (up your arse) or bring them into contact with another's body fluids. avoid anulingus if there is any bleeding in anus or mouth, and after anal sex. Sorry about the new rubber morality but they are still free from the family planning!



*Pregnancy. The foetus is at risk from the contact with the mother's blood at the placenta. Also there is an increased risk of developing AIDS because of pregnancy.

FOOD FARCE

When we heard that part of the E.E.C food mountain was going to be given out free to claimants and O.A.P.s, we should have known that it was too good to be true. Several weeks into the Scheme, what have we had? Those who managed to find one of the distribution points have got a few pounds of poor quality butter & perhaps a bit of cheese. As for the promised beef, we now find that it's only going to certain charities, daycentres, meals on wheels and so on.

CHEESED OFF

Right from the start, the whole exercise has been carefully (mis)managed so that very few people benefit, and then only slightly. A circular to charity groups explains that the food is intended to "supplement, not replace" peoples weekly groceries. In other words, the 'Eurocrats' want to appear to be giving us a subsidy, while making sure food sales (and food PROFITS) don't suffer. What the state gives with one hand, it takes with the other.

BLEED THE WORLD

The existence of "food mountains" in the first place is a classic example of the madness of capitalism.

Modern farming methods have given us the means to actually "feed the world". But our bosses find that they can make most profit by selling a portion of the goods to us in the "wealthy nations". They stash the rest away so that food appears scarce - that way they can charge us more for it. So much for the "free markets" that the Tories are always crowing about!

All that the Rich can ever offer to the working class is the goods they've conned of us in the first place. There's no such thing as a "free gift" under capitalism.



LAURA ASHLEY

OK, YAH. We all know about Laura Ashley, for most of us the closest we get to buying any of her stuff is window shopping. So, what's the crack with the old dear.

The fact is that some of their expensive gear is made in dangerous conditions by low paid women workers. They objected to this and didn't have a chance to go on strike, they were sacked. The women's trade union (the TGWU) refused to give them strike pay or support, so all they have got is YOU.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1, Come to the pickets of the Laura Ashley shops in Clifton and Broadmead, on Saturday from around 11am, if we are not there early on we get there later, it depends what we were doing the night before.
2, Write to the shops locally and nationally and complain.



MAY DAY: JOIN US ON MAY 2.

Mayday is traditionally Workers Day all over the world and its high time we reclaimed it from the 'community clowns' and career building parasites of the Labour Party. This is our day, let's celebrate it our way.

You will be able to spot us on the day by our flags and banners. Look for the Red and Black flags and the anti-rich and rank & file workers banners.

Write to us for further details or watch out for posters closer to Mayday.

WRITE FOR DETAILS.

**STUFF THE BIGOTS
HAVE FUN**

DOLE WARS

We've been called "Dole Cheats" and "Dole Scroungers" by the local press as the DHSS fraud squad march into Bristol. They planned to stay for six weeks from mid february. Many people not even making money on the side are intimidated into withdrawing benefit. But what of the few who are lucky enough to get a little bit of extra cash. If you've got a family it's impossible to survive on the dole and it's going to get harder. If we get the chance to make a tenner on the side, so what! Those of us who pay taxes wouldn't save any money if cash in hand work wasn't done. The extra cash claimants get isn't enough to live on, it's enough to get a few luxuries, like fags and a drink or two. If claimants didn't do work on the side they'd still get the benefit and we'd still pay taxes.

The fraud squad are here, like RESTART to hassle claimants and make life on the dole more unpleasant than it is already. It's to force us onto Government schemes that are being used to lower all workers wages.

Whether Employed or Unemployed we all have an interest in resisting attacks on the unemployed. As for the Fraud Squad, in many places communities have united to resist their spying. Often they've been trashed. It's also good to hear that D.H.S.S. staff in Bristol would rather not know about claimants who are making a bit of money on the side.

If the Fraud Squad do hassle you contact some Welfare Rights organisation. If you can supply us with photos, names and addresses of members of the Fraud Squad we'd be very interested.

Claimants and communities are going to have to organise as the State has got lots planned and nobody

COMING SOON -

After the Availability test (see below) and the Restart scheme, the governments latest is the JOB TRAINING SCHEME.

It's effectively a YTS for the under 25's. The bosses get six month cheap labour while you get payed dole level wages. The Restart people have been told to push people on to it. The D.H.S.S. staff may resist it because of the extra work but experience has told all of us not to reply on them. For advice on Restart and how to resist being pushed about, write to us for a leaflet.

The biggest sticks are coming in April 1987 and April 1988. These include the end of Furniture Grants, they're being replaced by repayable loads (apply now if you're eligible). The end of a right to a maternity grant. Most dangerous is a change that means all of us whether on benefit or low pay will have to pay 20% of our rates. Such a move will drive us further in to debt. Many unable to pay their rates may be faced with the threat of losing essential services to their homes, maybe even eviction if they get further into debt. Working class communities must organise now to stop evictions, stop SWEB cutting off electricity, STOP EVERY ATTACK ON THE PARTS OF THE CLASS WHO ARE LEAST ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

Talk thingsover with fellow claimants, with your friends, neighbours and family. Contact us if you need help in organising.

Contact us:

If you want to get in touch with us about anything on this Broadsheet or you want to know about CLASS WAR, then write to us at,

Box CW,
Full Marks Bookshop,
37, Stokes Croft,
BRISTOL.

We are now 2 groups so please put "North" or "South" on the above address if you want to contact a particular group.

THE AVAILABILITY TEST

All new claimants now have to fill in a "ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR WORK" form (UB 671).

The questions are designed to trip you up. If you answer it in the wrong way your benefit may be suspended. Counter staff have been told not to guide claimants to the "right" answer.

We have reproduced the form below with some set answers we recommend you give. In practice the Unemployment Benefit staff have nothing to do with getting work for claimants. By answering questions as we have suggested you are merely protecting your right to benefit.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILL IN THE FORM AS SOON YOU GET IT. You can take it away with you and get advice before filling it in. IT HAS TO BE RETURNED WITHIN THREE DAYS OR BENEFIT IS AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED.

Guide to filling out the 'Availability Form' (UBL 671)

1 What are you doing to find work?
(You may be asked to produce evidence)
Looking in newspapers and going to the Jobcentre

2 What job do you normally do?
If you have not worked before please say so.
Give your normal or last job

3 What job are you looking for?
Any job available

4 Are you willing to consider any other jobs?
☒ YES ☐ NO Tick the appropriate box (Tick YES)
If 'NO', please give your reasons

5 Can you start work today?
☒ YES ☐ NO Tick the appropriate box (Tick YES)
If not - please say why?
- when can you start work?

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6 Are you looking for full-time work?
☒ YES ☐ NO Tick the appropriate box (Tick YES)
If 'NO', please give your reasons

and write against each day the hours you can work

Mon	to	Thurs	to
Tues	to	Fri	to
Wed	to	Sat	to

7 How far are you able to travel to work?
(for example home town only, within daily travelling distance)
Within daily travelling distance or further if necessary

8 Do you have any adults or children to care for during working hours?
☐ YES ☐ NO
If 'YES', can you make IMMEDIATE arrangements for their care if you get a job?
☐ YES ☐ NO
If you answered yes to above, tick yes.

9 What was your WEEKLY wage or salary (before deductions) in your last job?
Fill in the last amount you earned before deductions

10 What is the MINIMUM WEEKLY wage or salary (before deductions) you are willing to take?
No more than your last wage

11 If the amount at 10 is more than you have put at 9, please say why
If your last wage was high put in a smaller amount.

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12 Please give any other details which you think affect your availability for work. Please write in CAPITALS.

Ignore this section unless you are in unusual circumstances.

I declare that I am available for work, that the answers to these questions are true and complete, and that I will tell the Unemployment Benefit Office of any changes. I have read leaflet UBL 671.

Signature

Date

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Department of Employment

Are you available for work?

Please read these notes before you fill in form UB 671

- Unemployment benefits are payable only to people who are available for work with an employer. We may ask you at any time what efforts you have made to find a job.
- Always keep a note of what you have done to find work and jobs you have applied for.
- If you are NOT available for work because you are in one of the following categories, you may be entitled to a benefit for which you do not need to sign on. Tell the benefit office staff, or ask at your local social security office, if you are:
 - a single parent;
 - handicapped;
 - sick and unable to work;
 - a registered blind person;
 - pregnant;
 - receiving a training allowance;
 - receiving a job release allowance;
 - aged 60 years or over;
 - caring for someone else, (for example, a disabled person).

UBL 671

Please turn over