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# **London Blues**

## **(LONDONBLUES)**

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**Name of Creator:** London Blues

**Extent:** 3 boxes, 1 scrapbook, 1 noticeboard & 1 banner

**Administrative/Biographical History:** Founded in 1978, the London Blues was a club for gay and bi-sexual men who shared an interest in uniforms and western/denim clothes. In practice it was mainly for those with military, naval, air force, police and other uniform interests - whether as wearers or admirers. The club met in several different venues in London throughout its history, including The Green Man, Heaven, the Laurel Tree and Central Station. The club had relationships with other motor sports clubs, including UK clubs and those based abroad.

The London Blues was most active in the 1980s and early 1990s but went into decline towards the end of the 1990s. The club finally dissolved early in 2002.

**Custodial History:** The London Blues collection was initially deposited at the Hall Carpenter Archives at LSE in 2003. The collection remained at the LSE Library from 2003 - January 2019. It was transferred to Bishopsgate Institute by its depositors in January 2019.

**Scope and Content:**

Papers of London Blues, including: constitution, blank membership form, papers introducing London Blues, AGM papers, Annual Reports, finance papers, minutes from London Blues meetings, papers regarding the Finlayson Trophy, newsletters, secretarial correspondence, scrapbook, directory of kit suppliers, blank Welfare Group Survey, circulars regarding a venue change and the closure of London Blues, papers of the European Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ECMC), papers of the Fellowship of United Kingdom Clubs (FUKC), club patches, noticeboard (with notices attached), and London Blues banner (1978-2002)

**System of Arrangement:**

No further arrangement required.

**Language/scripts of material:**

English

**Access conditions:**

OPEN

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**OPEN**

<b>LONDONBLUES/1</b>	<b>Constitution</b>	<b>1989</b>
	London Blues club constitution, as amended on 31 January 1989 (1989) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/2</b>	<b>'An Introduction to The London Blues'</b>	<b>[1993]</b>
	Leaflet titled 'An Introduction to The London Blues (including a brief history of the club and membership information) (written by Tony Powers) [1993] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/3</b>	<b>'Some Questions and Answers about the London Blues'</b>	<b>c1993</b>
	Leaflet titled 'Some Questions and Answers about the London Blues' (including a blank booking form for London Blues: London Manoeuvres II' event) (c1993) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/4</b>	<b>Membership Form</b>	<b>[1994]</b>
	Blank application form for membership to London Blues [1994] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/5</b>	<b>AGM Minutes</b>	<b>1981-2001</b>
	Minutes of London Blues' Annual General Meetings (AGM) for 1981, and 1986 to 2001 (1981-2001) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/6</b>	<b>AGM Agendas</b>	<b>1991-2000</b>
	Agendas from London Blues' Annual General Meetings (AGMs) (1991-2000) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/7</b>	<b>AGM Circulars &amp; Invitations</b>	<b>1980-1999</b>
	Circulars inviting members to attend London Blues Annual General Meetings (AGM) (1980-1999) <b>OPEN</b>	

<b>LONDONBLUES/8</b>	<b>Annual Reports</b>	<b>1980-1998</b>
	London Blues annual reports (1980-1998) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/9</b>	<b>Finance Papers</b>	<b>1979-2002</b>
	Finance papers of London Blues, including: balance sheets, finance statements, annual budgets, and financial reports (1979-2002) <b>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/10</b>	<b>Committee Minutes</b>	<b>1978-1999</b>
	Minutes of the London Blues Committee meetings, including minutes for 1978 to 1984, and 1986 to 1999 (1978-1999) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/11</b>	<b>Extraordinary General Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>1986-1999</b>
	Minutes of London Blues' Extraordinary General meetings, and minutes of a 1999 summer inaugural meeting (1986-1999) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/12</b>	<b>Finlayson Trophy papers</b>	<b>1989-1999</b>
	Ballot papers for the election of the 'Clubman of the Year' (excluding 1998) (1989-1999) <b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/13</b>	<b>Note on the committee minutes</b>	<b>1988</b>
	Note by the Chairman of the London Blues regarding attempts to trace missing committee minutes (November 1988) <b>APPLY TO ARCHIVIST</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/14</b>	<b>Newsletters</b>	<b>1980-1999</b>
	London Blues newsletters (including 1980 to 1981, 1983, and 1985 to 1999) (The newsletter was called 'Attention' from mid- 1987 onwards) (1980-1999) <b>OPEN</b>	

**LONDONBLUES/15 News of the Blues 1993-2000**

Twelve editions of 'News of the Blues' (London Blues news sheet), including editions from 1993 to 1998, and 2000 (1993-2000)

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**LONDONBLUES/16 Secretarial Correspondence 1986-1997**

Secretarial correspondence, including enquires about London Blues, letters to members and to other associations related to London Blues, letters about donations and financial matters, and letters about meetings, conferences, and events (1986-1997)

**APPLY TO ARCHIVIST**

**LONDONBLUES/17 Scrapbook 1978-1998**

London Blues scrapbook (1978-1998), including:

- press cuttings and adverts regarding London Blues
- circulars regarding London Blues events, dress code and administration
- guides to uniform & government surplus shops in the UK (compiled by London Blues)
- invitations and ephemera from London Blues events
- auction catalogue for London Blues' first auction
- newsletters
- greeting cards received from other motor sport clubs
- Annual Report and finance papers for 1979
- letters received from Buckingham Palace regarding a message issued by the London Blues
- colour photographs of London Blues' Christmas parties
- colour photographs of the 1978 ECOMC party
- colour photographs of London Blues' first inaugural Green Man party
- colour photographs of London Blues' 1st birthday cake

- colour photograph of London Blues' 2nd auction
  - colour photographs of London Blues' Summer Inaugurals
  - colour photographs of London Blues' AGMs
  - colour photographs of London Blues' trips to Alton Towers,
  - colour photographs London Blues members at various Sunday brunches and lunches
  - colour photographs of a day trip to Beaulieu
  - colour photographs of London Blues committee members
  - colour photographs of London Blues' 10th birthday dinner ('London Apprentice')
  - colour photographs of the Grand Uniform Competition,
  - colour photographs of a St Andrews night party,
  - colour photographs of 'Brighton Bound'
  - colour photographs of an FUKC AGM
  - colour photographs of a City Apprentice party
  - colour photographs of an American Night party
  - colour photographs of Blue Weekends
- OPEN**

<b>LONDONBLUES/18</b>	<b>Directory of Kit Suppliers</b>	<b>1994</b>
	London Blues directory of kit suppliers (second edition) (January 1994)	
	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/19</b>	<b>Welfare Group Survey</b>	<b>c1990s</b>
	Blank questionnaire 'How can YOU help us to help each other?' (produced by the London Blues Welfare Group) (c1990s)	
	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/20</b>	<b>Circulars</b>	<b>1998-1999</b>
	Circulars regarding a change of venue for London Blues meetings (1998-1999)	
	<b>OPEN</b>	



<b>LONDONBLUES/21</b>	<b>Circulars</b>	<b>1999-2002</b>
	Circulars regarding the closure of London Blues (1999-2002) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/22</b>	<b>European Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ECMC)</b>	<b>1980-1998</b>
	ECMC papers, including: constitution, newsletters (for 1995-1998), summary of history, AGM minutes (1980, 1982, 1985-1996) and the 1998 list of member clubs (including the London Blues) (1980-1998) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/23</b>	<b>Federation of United Kingdom Clubs (FUKC)</b>	<b>1985-1998</b>
	Papers of the Federation of United Kingdom Clubs (FUKC), including: minutes of FUKC annual conferences (including the 1989 conference hosted by The London Blues), minutes and papers from annual general meetings, and a copy of the FUKC constitution (1985-1998) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/24</b>	<b>Club Patches</b>	<b>c1990s</b>
	Two London Blues club patches (c1990s) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>LONDONBLUES/25</b>	<b>Noticeboard</b>	<b>1998</b>
	Notice board featuring the London Blues logo in the centre and attached notices, including: ephemera for events hosted by the London Blues and other motor sport clubs, circulars from other motor sport clubs, newsletters of the London Blues and MSC London, colour photographs of individuals at the London Blues' Garden Party, and posters and leaflets for general tourist attractions (1998) <b>OPEN</b>	

**LONDONBLUES/26 Banner**

**n.d.**

Blue banner featuring the London Blues logo in the centre and flowers on each of the four edges (n.d.)

**OPEN**