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# Newsletter

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Working to meet the needs of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Communities of Nottingham and District by providing a community centre....

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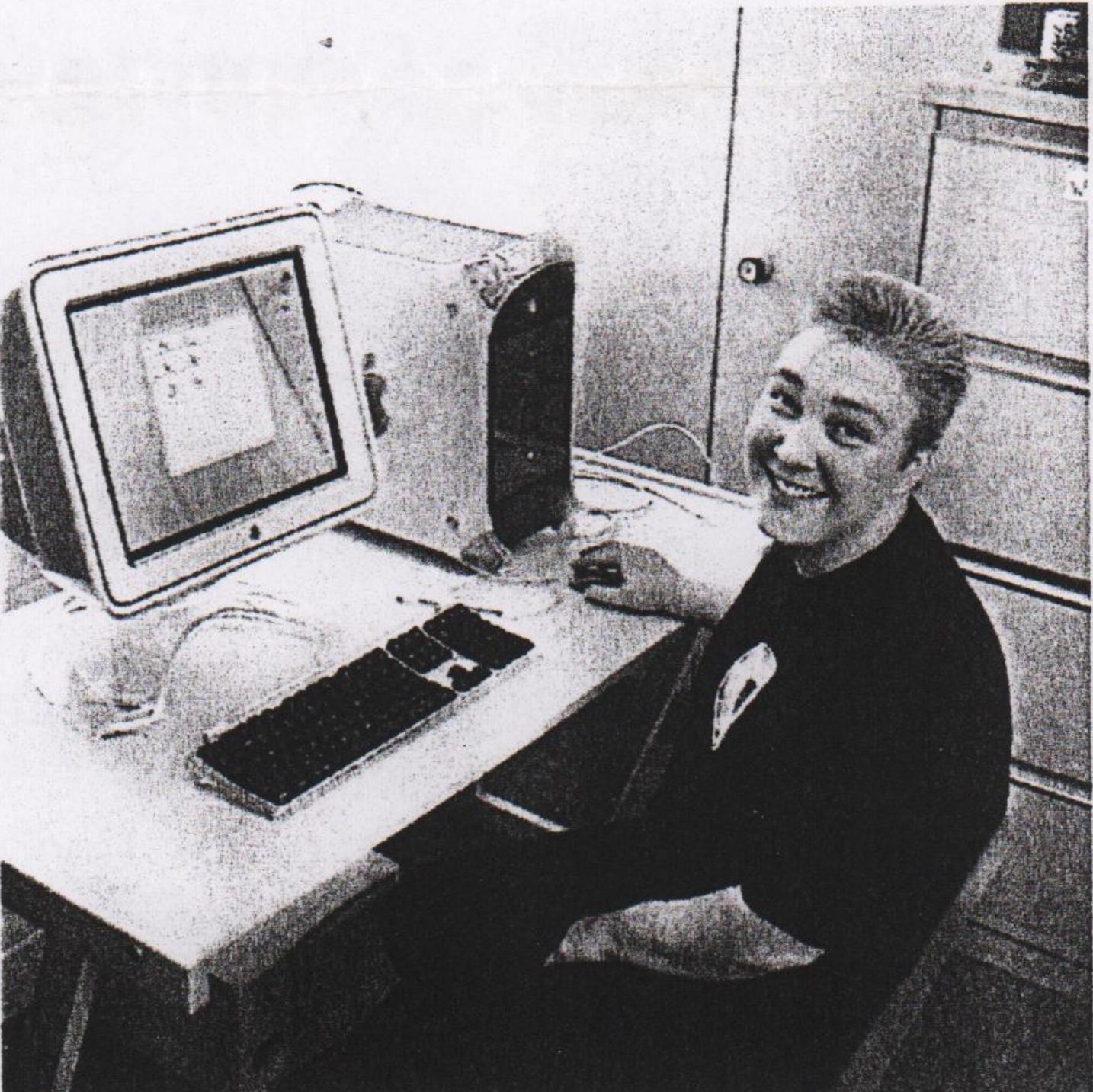
[www.outhouse.org.uk](http://www.outhouse.org.uk) (coming very soon!)

## Meet our New Volunteer Co-ordinator

Hi my name is Biddy McMeel and I have just started working at the Out House as the new volunteer co-ordinator. I am very exited about the potential that this post offers and am looking forward to working with existing volunteers and newly recruited volunteers in the future to further the aims of the Out House.

Initially I'll be busy setting up the administrative and support structures for volunteer workers and this will take a little while

We also do have some ideas about new areas of volunteer work we could undertake so I'll be



meeting up with potential service users to ask them what they would like from a new project and its volunteers. More of this in future news-letters though. If you would like to offer your services as a

and already we have had 2 offers) call me at the office or pop in for a chat and we can discuss current and future opportunities. I'm very much looking to hearing from you.

Finally to all at the Out House who have succeeded in making me feel so welcome. Thank you.

Biddy

## Out & About

### Come to the Nottingham *Green* festival

Victoria Embankment  
Sunday 1st September  
11 am—6 pm  
Admission free

*Why not come and help out at the Out House Stalls. Your help would be appreciated. Contact Mark or Chris on 0115 9110545*

### Could you help?

#### A message from Notts. Buddies

Another intake of volunteers for the buddy scheme is scheduled for the end of August. we really do need more gay men to get involved as there are positive gay men who would prefer to be linked with other gay men.

To get involved you'll need to fill in a simple application form with two references, have a short interview, attend a basic training course in central Nottingham on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September. There is then a two day residential from Friday 13th—Sunday 15th September.

Volunteers can claim out of pocket expenses in order to attend.

Volunteers are needed to spend some time with positive people. Your commitment can be anything from a couple of hours per month to several hours each week, depending on your availability.

For more information contact  
**Martin Fox on 9555302 or e-mail:**  
**[martin.fox@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:martin.fox@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk)**

#### Diary Dates

Out House AGM Wednesday 4th September 2002 @ NG1 Lower Parliament Street. 7.30—9.30 pm.

Guest Speaker

**Peter Tatchell**

#### Local groups

Walking Gay Outdoor Club 0115 9811250 &  
Hiking Dykes 0115 9410652

Barn Dancing 0115 9817793 (*starts again Sept.*)

Breakout, Married Men's Group & Older Gay Men's Group. Contact The Health Shop on 0115 9475414 daytime or Switchboard 0115

### Coming out for equality

Stonewall Bulletin

#### Politicians

*Have plenty of rest over this summer—this autumn is going to be pretty busy.*

Coming up is likely to be: the repeal of the gay criminal offences in a new comprehensive Sexual Offences Bill; the reintroduction of the Civil Partnership Bill; the repeal of Section 28 in a new Local Government Bill; a new comprehensive Equality Bill to be introduced by Lord Lester and the publication of a draft regulations on sexual orientation discrimination .

There is something we can all do and that is Lobby your MP and peers at Westminster, and we also need to win the argument at the grassroots. So as you lay on that sun-lounger get thinking about writing that letter or get off it and help the Out House organise an event or activity that could help our community raise awareness.