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NOTTINGHAM & DERBY CHE NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

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Although I had hoped for a large attendance at the AGM I was disappointed once more. A dozen people selected their committee for the coming year and you have only yourselves to blame if you didn't vote and don't like the result.

Perhaps we lost our way last year. This is why we have sent everyone a questionnaire, which we hope you will all fill in and send back as soon as possible. It is your group as well and our success is what you make it.

We have also sent you a leaflet from the Women's Liberation group which is self-explanatory and a petition requiring a mere ten signatures. This is the first opportunity we have had to help another campaigning body and on this particular issue they need all the help they can get as quickly as possible. Please help us to do this - they have shown their support for gay rights at National and local levels, it's time we had a go too.

Howard's article on the People's Centre was written before their AGM. Since then ONE person was allowed to withhold our window display, saying that 'It might mean something to them (i.e. the People's Centre) but it didn't mean anything to the people in the street.' We received a formal apology at the AGM plus a promise to put our display on in the week beginning May 12th; but it was very obvious to those of us present that CHE is merely tolerated by the 'liberal' element from a good 50% of the groups represented. In fact, our only real support came from the Women's Lib group and Women's Rights. Howard's appeal for more help must be taken seriously if these reactionary attitudes are truly representative of those running the People's Centre.

This is probably the last editorial to be written here at Wheathills. Both Hilary and myself will have moved by the end of June. We will let you know our new addresses and telephone numbers as soon as we can. In between now and the moving date it is quite possible that we will be holding the biggest jumble sale in Derby.

Love and peace,

Heather.

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PROGRAMME

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MAY

WEDNESDAY 21st MAY COFFEE AND CATS at WHEATHILL'S from 8 pm.

I suppose that you could call this a farewell - as your industrious editor and secretary will soon be deserting their stately country residence for pastures new. A good opportunity to make your advance selection for the jumble sale (see editorial).

The address is:-

3, Wheathills House, Brun Lane, Kirk Langley, Derby.

SATURDAY 24th MAY PARTY at MARTIN'S from 9 pm.

BRING A BOTTLE - nay! a Jeroboam!

The address is 28, Gordon Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

TUESDAY 27th MAY A TRIP TO THE TRIP.

We thought that we'd try an evening at the Trip to Jerusalem, England's oldest pub. So, if it's still standing, some of us will be there from 7.30 pm. I am told that the landlord is, how shall I say..... an interested body.

The pub is on Castle Road opposite the People's College at the foot of Nottingham Castle.

JUNE

WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE GAY ALLIANCE. from 8 pm.

A meeting with others interested in forming a Gay Alliance Group. Richard's article touches on some of the points related to this idea. The meeting will take place at the PEOPLE'S CENTRE 33, MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM (The upstairs room).

FRIDAY 6th JUNE SOCIAL AT LA CHIC CLUB from 9.30 pm.

The address is 5-13, Canal St., NOTTINGHAM.

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE GARRICK EVENING in DERBY from 8 pm.

The pub is on the corner at the junction of Friargate and Uttoxeter Old Road, DERBY

SATURDAY 14th JUNE A DISCO AT THE YORKER from 8.30 pm.

The Disco will be in the Club Room and a bar will be available. We are limited to 100 people so entrance will be by ticket only. Tickets will be available at meetings over the next month and from committee members - phone us if you want one. More details including a map can be found later on in the newsletter on our lovely pink paper.

FRIDAY 20th JUNE GRAND CAR RALLY

All you need to know are two pieces of information. We meet between 7.15 and 7.30 in the car park of the Post House Hotel Sandiacre, at the junction of the A52 with the M1 (Junction 25) and we end up at a pub.



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WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE A MEETING AT THE PEOPLE'S CENTRE at 8pm.

We hope to discuss 'Gay books we have known and loved' - a survey of miscellaneous items.

33, MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM (the upstairs room).

JULY

FRIDAY 4th JULY GAYS AND PSYCHIATRY 8 pm.

Executive committee member Glenys Parry will be talking about this and other subjects at the FRIEND'S MEETING HOUSE, CLARENDON STREET, NOTTINGHAM from 8 pm. Can we please ask people to arrive fairly promptly for this and other meetings involving speakers, since it's difficult to get the meeting underway when people turn up at intervals over an hour.

THURSDAY 10th JULY A MEETING AT THE GREEN LANE HOUSE from 8.30

The Green Lane is at the bottom of Green Lane (surprise) off Victoria Street, DERBY. We have the Side Room for our own exclusive use.

FRIDAY 11th JULY A COFFEE EVENING from 8 pm.

This is at Ian and David's and the address is:-  
64, Fabis Drive, Clifton Grove, NOTTINGHAM.

WEDNESDAY 16th JULY A MEETING AT THE PEOPLE'S CENTRE at 8pm.

We hope to deal with :- "Getting CHE across." What is CHE? What should be put over to the public; potential members; members; un/dis/interested bodies. And how?

33, MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM (the upstairs room)

SUNDAY 20th JULY A MYSTERY RAMBLE

Starts from the TRIP TO JERUSALEM at 2.10 pm - the walk will be pleasant, not too strenuous, among the Green Fields of England and by its Silvery Waters (Well, that's what was handed to your typist) finishing at a pub at about 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY SOCIAL EVENING at LA CHIC from 9.30 pm.

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As you have probably read, CHE is trying to initiate a large recruitment drive and members are urged to approach those friends who've been thinking about joining or coming along to a meeting and actually get them along. Our membership has only been rising slowly over the past two years and if the increase could be accelerated it would benefit both new members and members of long standing. We have two disco/parties in this programme - what better time to bring along friends than at either or both of these events?



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 EVENTS AND SUCH
 

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I have written elsewhere about the AGM and Ian has also written about the National Housewives Register.

Once again we were disappointed by the non-appearance of a scheduled speaker. Unfortunately Wallace Grevatt was taken ill the day before; I hope he is now well again as we all know that he shoulders a heavy burden as EC member responsible for local groups.

Two coffee evenings, one at Carole's and one at Ian and David's were well attended. Scrabble's the name of one game and Call My Bluff the other. Thank you for your hospitality all of you.

Not much enthusiasm for the Business meeting at the People's Centre, no one was very willing to talk about sex either! What we did do was to implement a plan for a non-commercial disco which was arranged and details finalised within 24 hours. This will be the first CHEGAY disco in Nottingham and the first gay disco at the pub 'The Yorker'. Perhaps we will have enough support to make this a monthly event.

You will notice with sorrow the non-appearance of Superpuff in this issue. I met the author bemoaning the loss of his muse, but he promises to let us have more scintillating articles as soon as they are created. More power to your gilded goose quill Bruce!

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 THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 

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This was held on March 21st at the Friend's Meeting House in Nottingham. Twelve people attended with apologies from 2 others for unavoidable absence.

Elected to the committee for a third year:-

Hilary Stafford	Secretary
Ian Corfield	Treasurer
Derek Johnson	
Heather Cook	Editor of the Newsletter.

Elected for a second year: Howard Hyman

Elected for a first year: Geoff Hann

Elected after a return to Nottingham from points North and a term on the executive committee:

Richard Webster.

Our Post Office Box has now been in existence for a year and will be moved to Nottingham next year. There will be an overlap period of 3 months during which the GPO will forward all our mail. It is still a puzzle to me why so much still seems to come unfastened in transit, but we never seem to get any recruits from the Post Office.

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 WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
 

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We were once told by a member of another CHE group that it seemed that we did no campaigning, but seemed to devote all our energies to the newsletter. The following is a list of our campaigning activities (which have been reported individually in the newsletter) which taken as a whole will, we hope, clear up any false impressions.

Established liason with:- Nottingham Samaritans	73
Derby Samaritans	74
Nottingham Council of Voluntary services	73
Nottingham People's Centre	74
Organised the National 'Women in CHE' conference	74
Participated in radio broadcasts on:-	
Radio Derby (2)	74
Radio Nottingham (3)	73/74
Held the 1st CHE National Lottery Draw.	74
Provided speakers for Women's Day rally in Nottingham	74
Participated in a Local Group Forum in Birmingham	74
Helped start Nottingham University GaySoc	73/74
Represented at CHE Law Reform rally in Trafalgar Square	74
Questioned politicians at hustings	74
Written to local MPs	74/75
Talked to trainee social workers at Leicester University	74
Attended Friend Conferences	74/75
Provided weekly advice service at the People's Centre	74/75
Replied to letters and articles in local and national press.	73/74/75
Met a Nottingham Housing Advice Manager	75
Represented at National Sexism in Education conference	75
Represented on the Women in CHE committee	75
Represented on the Friend managment committee	75
Represented on CHE Finance and G.S. committee	74/75
Obtained a CHE window in the People's Centre	75
Achieved publication of extracts from, or comments on local group newsletter Chimaera in CHE National Bulletin, Gay News, an American Gay magazine and the Times Literary Supplement.	74/75
Organised discussions/Teach-ins with:-	
Bishop Lonsdale College of Education	73/74/75
Matlock College of Education	74
Derby College of Technology	74
Nottingham Jewish Youth Group	74
Trent Polytechnic	75
National Housewives Register Groups (In East Leake, Ashby, Bingham and Mansfield)	75
Belper High School	73/74

(The latter being the "Largest such event organised in a school by any CHE group." - Liz Stanley)



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THOUGHTS ABOUT GAY ALLIANCES

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When the editor asked me to write something about gay alliances I don't think she had alliances of the matrimonial kind in mind. But the first thought that came to me was a memory of my year in Newcastle when my boyfriend achieved the impossible by being simultaneously treasurer of both North Eastern GLF and Tyneside CHE, whilst I as well as being CHE secretary, was given some high-sounding if fairly honorific title in GLF. I'm sorry to say that quite a lot of CHE members suffered traumatic visions of reds under as well as in the bed which pretty soon turned off the Gay Lib people we had persuaded into CHE and eventually made political co-operation between the groups virtually impossible. CHE on Tyneside is the porrer for it to this day.

GLF groups are each a law unto themselves and I don't think one can generalise about them. Certainly GLF in the North East has penetrated the establishment to a degree which we ought to envy, particularly in the field of education. Certainly too, things are sometimes perpetrated in the name of Gay Liberation which make me personally shudder, though often with far better publicity results than the shudderers would ever have dreamed of at the time. There are definitely effective things which they can do and which we might rupture ourselves over if we tried to follow their example, just as there are others which come a good deal more easily to us, like supping elegantly with the devil. So, though I'll admit to hoping it would not get too doctrinaire, I'd like to see Gay Lib going really strong down here. And I hope we'd be talking to each other without us fearing we'd be sprouting beads and banners or they in mortal terror of being afflicted with a loathsome middle-class disease. I'd even hope for a modest degree of inter-dependence.

Which, curiously enough, brings me to women. I always feel that a male in CHE who too warmly applauds the women's groups is in danger of being labelled as a sexist and we do have to face the fact that gay males still exist (not, for heaven's sake in the Nottingham-Derby Group I hope) who for some reason I can't fathom are scared to death of their gay sisters. What would scare me is the thought that we might lose some of our most dedicated workers, most successful activists and some of our best friends through lack of appreciation of the specific problems of 'the girls'. And though I hate even writing of these friends in the remotest 'them' and 'us' terms we have to recognise that they face even greater difficulties than the male side in getting people to join anything smelling even slightly of 'campaign'. If that means accepting a women's group with only a loose connection with CHE, so be it. We can't expect people to campaign without being conscious of the needs of these for whom they are campaigning.

Who'd like to suggest that we could do with a male social group as well? Some of us came into CHE through 'NightOff' and Sheffield still does have 'Link' which only quite lately has forged connections with us. Both are male oriented by default if not by design.



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 THOUGHTS ABOUT GAY ALLIANCES (Continued)
 

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Who'd like to propose that we sponsor a sub-group in which CHE might stand for something like Coffee, Help and Empathy? Not me! But at least it would be no worse than Manchester's many publicity concept of CHE, Britain's Biggest Gay Club, and it could be argued that it might well fill a need. As with the women's groups, as with 'Night Off', it might also in the long run draw more people into our campaign.

Frankly, I hate the idea of separate groups, whether they be for women, gay activists, students or for men whose greatest hope is to bring some kind of social structure into their secret lives. We all have so much to offer to each other. But I'm forced to be a realist. Much though I want to persuade everyone that CHE is our trade union (and I don't care how you read that word 'trade'), I have to admit that separate groups grow up to meet separate needs and aspirations. Already we have in Nottingham a GaySoc which by its nature cannot be expected to be a CHE closed shop. And we ought to have another at the Poly. We want them to be CHE orientated. We want to get as many as we can of them into CHE itself, and if we don't go on getting as many as we can of everybody into CHE there'll come a time when CHE will fold as a national organisation. But if CHE can't be everyone's umbrella, it's no good our pretending that those outside it don't exist or even waiting for them to come and tell us that they do.

We must have close links with women outside CHE, with GaySoc, with Gay Lib, if we are to avoid duplication, fragmentation, wasted effort and, if you like, wasted talent. And in creating those links we'll be helping to prove that CHE itself has something worthwhile to offer. Even within CHE itself we could do with closer liason with our neighbours extending beyond the occasional set social piece.

If we grow as healthily as we should there'll come a time when the Nottingham-Derby Group grows out of itself into a strong group in Nottingham and another one in Derby. Wouldn't it be silly if each were then working yowards the same ends but in the dark as to what its neighbours were doing?

There are already signs of fragmentation and this we must set out to avoid. Remember? This piece was to be about Gay Alliances. I don't know whether we yet need anything quite so formal here. But it could be time that we were thinking carefully about it.

Richard.

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 WOMEN'S MEETINGS
 

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The women's meetings are in a bit of a strange state at the moment. Richard, in his article on Gay Alliances, seems to think that women's meetings are going to steer themselves away from "anything smelling even slightly of campaign". In fact, locally, quite the reverse seems to be happening.

Some months ago it was decided that the women should meet twice monthly, once in Nottingham for a 'discussion' evening in the Women's Centre and once in Derby for a social evening in the Green Lane House. Neither meeting was well attended, the Derby ones in particular being practically non-attended.

By what seems to me rather dubious means, the Nottingham meetings have been discontinued in favour of weekly Lesbian Liberation meetings held on Wednesday evenings. The first of these was held at Cromwell St., on April 16th when the attendance was remarkably similar to that at the meetings at the Women's Centre and it seemed to me so were the aims and objectives. Personally, I think the whole group should have been consulted before the format was changed. I agree that something was necessary, but I don't think that the best way of doing this was for two individuals to present the rest of the group with something of a fait accompli. I also think that the anti-CHE feeling expressed was pretty stupid considering the fact that almost everyone there had come originally through CHE. I think that a middle road between CHE and the women's movement would be best for the group as it is at present constituted, rather than the attempt to move the pendulum almost completely towards the women's movement.

Still, in spite of these criticisms I agree that gay women need a more feminist line and I hope the Nottingham group works out.

That's another thing! It's intended to be a specifically Nottingham group.

In Derby there seemed to be pitifully few women prepared to do anything. However, when Heather and Hilary and I ventured down to the recently formed Women's Liberation Group (meetings Tuesdays at the Green Lane House) we found three women interested in a gay group. So it seems that we could easily have a CHE - Women's Liberation action group in Derby too.

I hope that Nottingham and Derby will keep in close contact, but it does seem sensible to have separate groups in the two cities. The 'New Look' Derby group hasn't been got together as yet. When life is a little less hectic in a few weeks time, we hope to get a meeting together to decide what sort of group we want.

I'd like to see a group not with any particular affiliation but with strong connections with CHE and with the Women's movement. There are lots of complaints to the effect that CHE is male dominated, sexist and not radical enough. Considering the present structure of CHE, it wouldn't take many radical women who were prepared to work to change that. Why not use CHE rather than reject it? It's supposed to be for us too.



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 WOMEN'S MEETINGS (Continued)
 

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Back to the women's movement. It's one of the few organisations that I feel genuinely supports Gays. We've said that we will support them. Well now is the time for action. Please get the petition you've been sent filled in and send it back to Ian and David (or the P.O.Box) If you feel that you don't want to sign because you don't believe in abortion then just remember that it's like for you having other people's morality imposed on you and sign the bloody thing. Of course if anyone fancies a pleasant little stroll in London on June 21st or a few hours collecting signatures in Nottingham or Derby on Saturdays before then, contact us at Wheathills - the more the merrier.

That's all.

Carole.

P.S. How about more Derby women going to the Women's Liberation meetings. They/we are a lovely group of women and the meetings are interesting and fun. Anyway, we above all have a vested interest in women's liberation and ought to add our support. It would also be helpful personally for us all.

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Inflation strikes again. It now costs us over £5 an issue for our newsletters - and that is just in postage. (The incredible generosity of Notts.CC Stationery department ensures that postage is the only cost we suffer on the newsletter)

The main point of the appeal is to help with the renewal of our Post Office box. This has jumped in price from £10 per year to £20 per year. Any contributions however small will be gratefully received. The dregs of your piggy bank may be sent to

Ian Corfield,  
64, Fabis Drive,  
Clifton Grove,  
Nottingham.

N.B. Our present P.O.Box address is CHE, P.O. BOX 87, DERBY, DE1 1EN. and this runs out at the end of May. We hope to move the P.O.Box to Nottingham and we will let you know the new address as soon as possible. Until then the Derby box can be used and the GPO will forward all mail to us for a period of three months.



"The cost of heavy breathing will soon be prohibitive."



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 GRASS ROOTS CAMPAIGNING: THE NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER
 

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In the 1960's a letter appeared in 'The Guardian' from a woman who complained that as a wife and mother of small children, she was tied to her home and felt that she was unable to find much in the way of mental stimulus during her rather mundane daytime activities.

The letter prompted many replies from other women in similar situations and someone suggested the formation of a group precisely for such people. A number of women in Cheshire got together and formed the Housewives Register, on a local basis at first, but it was later to become a national organisation.

An article about CHE was printed in the NHR Newsletter fairly recently and this produced a response from many of their groups who wanted speakers from CHE. These requests were passed on to local groups. The Nottingham and Derby group have so far received five invitations to speak and these have been from:-

East Leake,  
Mansfield,  
Bingham,  
Ashby,  
Darley Abbey (Derby).

We have already met the first three groups and the latter two are pending.

The response has been very encouraging and discussion has ranged widely from Conspiracy to whether Gays can be parents. Each time we have attended our group has provided between four and eight people. There have been meetings of five to forty women and some very down to earth questioning. Each meeting has taken the form of an introduction to CHE, its aims and its activities, and then the floor was thrown open to questions and discussions. Many women were shocked to hear how very oppressed we were and disturbed at the fact that there were many latent laws which could be used against gay people. There were a large majority in favour of talking about homosexuality in Sex Education lessons in schools, even to the point of arguing at PTA meetings in favour of this.

Occasionally we have met groups who have been largely composed of members who were so dogmatic in their pre-conceived ideas that no amount of simple fact and logic could move them. It has therefore been refreshing to meet people who are open minded enough to admit that their received ideas could be mistaken.

We think that these meetings have been very useful. One or two members of the group who have never done any campaigning before have been along and as far as CHE is concerned it has been a success in getting through to people who normally wouldn't know about us - the average "person in the street".

Ian.

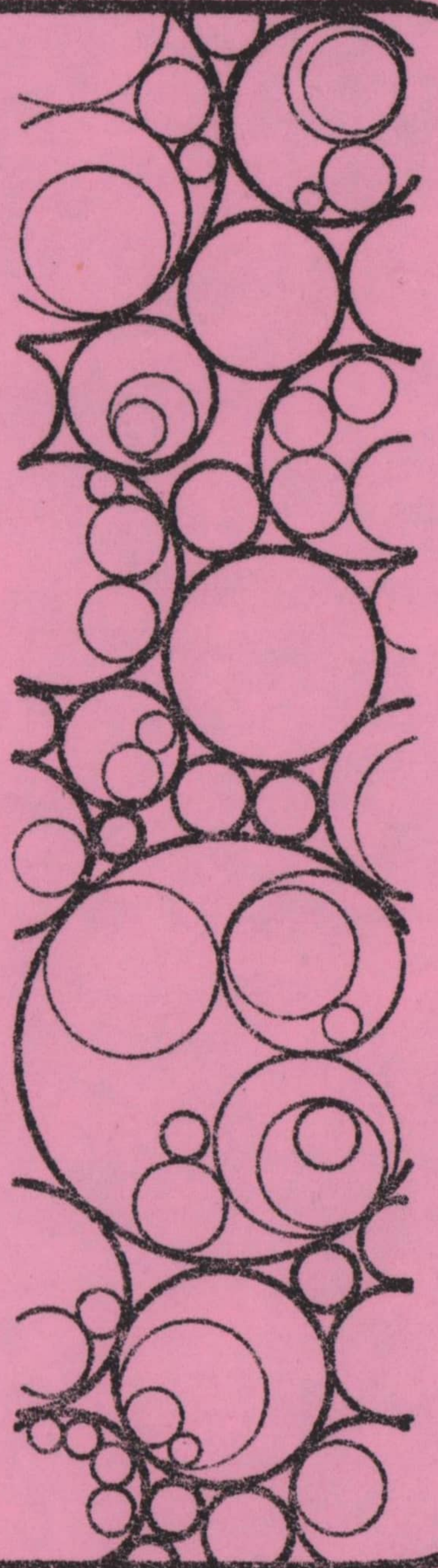
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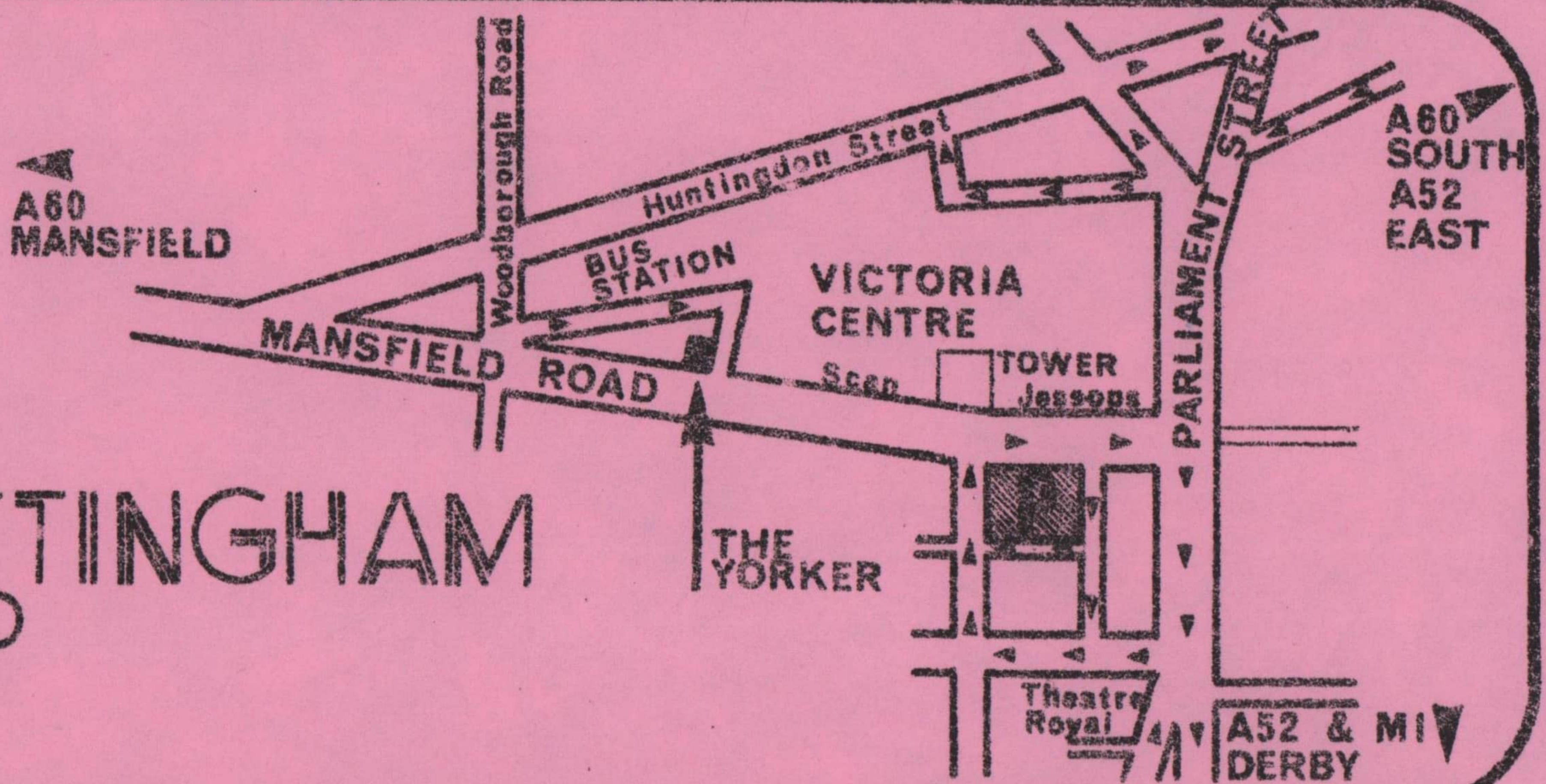
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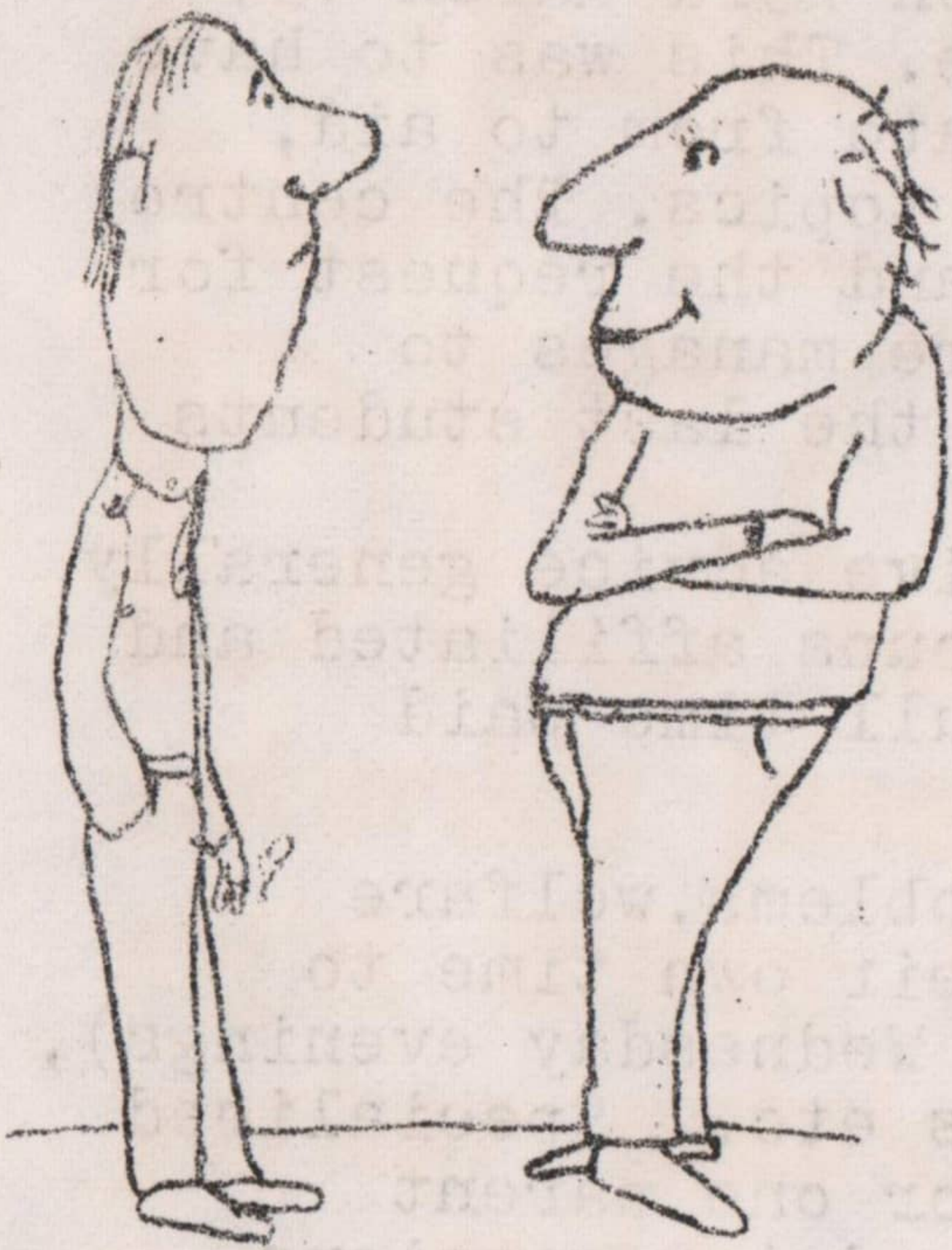
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*"I was a practising homosexual for years, and now I'm rather good at it."*



*"You've never seen an act like this one!"*



*"We all have our little quirks, Mr Pilkington"*

STUPUNDOUS

In his never-ending search for the gastronomical zenith, Robert Carrier has employed some of the world's greatest scientists in his laboratories in the South of France. Indeed, for the sake of security the research workers are never called by their own names but are always referred to by a letter. Thus you will perhaps find Dr A. working on his rhubarb, Miss F on her dumplings etc., etc.

One day I was privileged to escort around the labs Yamura Rhee, the brother of Singman Rhee the Korean politician, who was writing an article about Carrier for a famous American magazine. At this particular time Carrier was especially preoccupied with devising a pudding made of grated cheese, butter and eggs and this was proving unusually recalcitrant - something was evidently missing.

It so happened that when passing the large vat in which the pudding was simmering, Yamura chanced to knock half a Winchester bottle of some extract into the bubbling liquid. Carrier failed to suppress his rage at this exhibition of clumsiness, but suddenly a beatific expression spread across his face - he sniffed; he sniffed again; he dipped his finger into the vat; he tasted..... and realised that here he had perfection. What had caused it? What was the extract that had fallen into the vat? As the sun sank slowly in the West, Carrier could be seen waving the Winchester bottle while exclaiming.....

(Continued overleaf)



"R's wheat! Mr Rhee of 'Life', at last I've fondue!"

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THE PEOPLE'S CENTRE - NOTTINGHAM

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The People's Centre came into effect on 23rd March 1974 as the result of an idea by a group of people. This was to have a centre where a number of groups could operate from to aid, advise and give information on a variety of topics. The centre is not supported financially by the council and the request for an urban aid grant was turned down. The centre manages to survive on donations and received £3000 from the last students carnival.

The centre is run by volunteers who give advice generally during the day and those who work for the groups affiliated and non-affiliated at the centre. There is one full time paid centre coordinator.

The centre gives advice on housing problems, welfare rights, legal problems (lawyers giving up their own time to give free legal advice on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings), town planning, women's rights, civil liberties etc. Specialised surgeries and meetings include Gingerbread for one parent families, (meeting Monday evenings 6.30-8) CHE advice sessions (Thursday 6.30-8) Alcoholics Anonymous (Thursday evenings from 8 pm) Women's Rights (Friday evenings) and NCCL (Tuesday evenings). The Planners claimants union and Child Poverty Action group also hold specialised advice sessions.

Nottingham Voice operates from an office upstairs in the People's Centre. This is an independent newspaper and, although affiliated to the centre, is not the official voice of the centre. Other meetings tend to be held from time to time, including the Nalgo Gay group steering committee which meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. There is also the Black Power movement connected with the centre, though I have not heard much about their activities.

The power of the People's centre is invested in the General Meetings which take place on the first Monday of each month at 8 pm. The General Meetings decide the policy of the centre and each affiliated group is entitled to send up to 3 representatives. Under the terms of the constitution any affiliated group failing to send a representative to 2 consecutive General Meetings becomes disaffiliated. This means that the group can continue to operate at the centre but will have no say and no voting rights in the general running of the People's Centre.

Day to day and non-policy decisions are made by the Management Committee which meets on the first Monday of each month. It has been agreed in principle that from the AGM on May 5th each affiliated group will be entitled to one representative at these meetings. Day to day work and smaller decisions are left to the Centre Coordinator to attend to.

The Centre has posters, small ads on a variety of topics and will also support any worthwhile cause. The centre has been active in the petitions opposing the abortion bill and the petition for a refuge for battered wives.



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 THE PEOPLE'S CENTRE (Continued)
 

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The centre also has a children's library and toys for them to play with. The centre has had a collection day in the Victoria Centre and recently held a publicity week marking its first anniversary. It is worth noting that it has dealt with over 5000 enquiries since it first opened.

The general aims of the People's Centre are to help people help themselves, to follow individual cases up - helping people as much as we can, to be a pressure group for certain changes in the law and social attitudes. The aims of the groups at the centre are dependant on that particular group. The People's Centre accepts any group which does not operate contrary to the principles of the Centre. On a final note, we need more volunteers helping at the centre especially for CHE. Contact me for details - why not pop in for coffee and a chat?

Howard.

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 GRUMP AND BIND
 

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1) "In the 1st episode of Sadie, It's cold outside, the bemused Housewife couldn't bring herself to look at the screen during a BBC play and there must have been many like her who feel that drama is often too sexually explicit. Nevertheless, playwrights must write as they see life and fortunately the BBC continues to produce their work, to the fury of Aunty Mary.

2) "In 'Girl' by James Robson, in which two WRAC ladies share a passionate kiss goodbye after mutual remonstrations about their lesbian affair, my objection is that Robson has written the butch part as though the girl were a man. In fact few 'male' lesbians are - perhaps paradoxically- other than essentially feminine. Maybe it is the acting of Myra Francis which I find clumsy and unconvincing, which gives the wrong emphasis."

(Elkan Allan - Sunday Times Review)

3) "The drama of Crossroads would seem to have nothing on a new American TV series based on life in a small motel. Called 'Hot 1 Baltimore- the 'e' is missing from the hotel's neon sign- the customers are not mere travelling salesmen or holiday makers, but, more often than not, homosexuals and prostitutes. The show has, naturally, caused trouble. Some cities have banned it: others have relegated it to a late night slot."

(TV Times)

Perhaps its not so far from Crossroads after all - Larry Grayson seems to be a bosom pal of Meg Richardson and as regards the art of acting, the entire cast have been prostituting themselves for years.

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Leading British Nazi Colin Jordan has been charged with the theft of three pairs of red ladies knickers.

(News of the World - where else)

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MINE EXPLODES! Reports reach us from France of the woman who put some explosive into her husbands contraceptive - clearly the first French Letter Bomb. Or the answer to the population explosion.

(The Guardian)