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**.....REVIEWS.....and more!**



# EDITORIAL

## Introducing 'Gay East Midlands'

Issue One of **Gay East Midlands** appears in the wake of the disappearance of Gay News. At present Britain is without a national gay newspaper, although we hear that plans for at least two new papers are in the pipeline. Given recent developments such as the AIDS issue and the proposals in the Police Bill, both of which are likely to affect gay people, it is vital that a national forum exists in which these issues can be reported, investigated and discussed.

For our part, G.E.M. seeks to develop a strong gay network in the East Midlands which will provide advice, information and support to the many lesbians and gay men who live in the region. We hope that

a regional publication will help to end the isolation of many gay people in the area, and that by publicising regional groups and events it will also serve to bring gay people closer together.

To this end we hope to work with gay groups and individuals throughout the region to support and complement their work and needs. We want G.E.M. to be accessible to all its readers, and not just another closed group following its own aims. We genuinely seek to involve everyone in building a gay community 'strong enough to resist attacks and active enough to develop its own resources. Constitutionally, G.E.M. is a non-profit making venture, produced by volunteers. Any money we do make through the paper will be

ploughed back into the development of facilities for local gays. For example, we hope that we would divert any profits to gay groups facing particular financial hardships, like local switchboards or youth groups.

But to do this we need help at all levels of production and distribution. We've already established local support groups to develop the newspaper but these, like the paper itself, need your support if they are to be really effective. We give a list of contact addresses below.

What more can we say - it's YOUR paper, GET INVOLVED!

## GET INVOLVED!...

### LOCAL 'G.E.M.' GROUPS

Local 'G.E.M.' support group addresses are -

**Coventry** - c/o Jem Bowen, Students Union, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL.

**Derby** - Andy Lloyd, Flat 24, Miller House, Park Farm Centre, Allestree, Derby.

**Leicester** - c/o Blackthorn Books, 70 High Street, Leicester.

**Lincoln** - c/o 'G.E.M.' Collective, Nottingham.

**Nottingham** - Box 11, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Tel. no: Nott'm 602783.

Please contact us if you want to get involved with production or distribution of the paper. Contributions for 'Postbag', and any other items for inclusion in 'G.E.M.' should be sent to your nearest local group or direct to the central Collective in Nottingham.



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# NEWS

## GAY ACTIVIST ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL



Gay activist and former General Secretary of London Friend, Richard McCance, has been elected to the Nottingham City Council in last month's District Council elections. Richard and his running mate John Taylor topped the poll, converting a Conservative majority of 400 into a Labour majority of 470. The two seats have been held by the Conservatives since 1946 and were the Labour Party's only gains in the City. Elsewhere in the City, Labour lost five seats and now retains control of the Council by a majority of one.

"There were no smear campaigns or exposés - perhaps because I was 'out' from the start rather than 'found out'" said



### 'Gay News' to be revived?

The latest information we have on the Gay News situation is that the workers are still trying to get it going again as some kind of workers' co-operative, although finance seems to be the main difficulty at present. Their application to the Greater London Enterprise Board for £50,000 was turned down just before the last issue of GN was published.

Richard. "There were a few cries of 'Bender' when we went canvassing and some people made it clear on the doorsteps that they wouldn't vote for me because I was gay, but it made no difference to the overall result" he added.

At one stage in the campaign, soon after Peter Tatchell's defeat in Bermondsey, a number of people in the ward party attempted to persuade Richard to omit the fact that he was gay as it would be a vote loser. But Richard insisted on this being included as his candidature had been accepted on that basis.



### Gay Centre for Nottingham?

With the re-election of a Labour Council in Nottingham City, albeit with a reduced majority, hopes are high that they will honour their election manifesto commitment to support a Gay Centre in the City. The Manifesto, which also provides for equal hous-



ing opportunities for gays, pledges to maintain existing community centres and to support centres for 'disadvantaged groups' such as single parents and gays.

Capital Gay are distributing to selected areas outside London, including Nottingham, although it appears that they have no further plans for expansion at present.

Issue One of Dennis Lemon's 'Him'-backed venture, 'Gay Reporter', is due out on June 1st. The new paper will be aimed at an all-male readership and will be published fortnightly.

This is the first time that gay rights has been mentioned in the City party's manifesto and it appears after much opposition from both within and outside of the party. Earlier this year the Labour council included sexual orientation in its Equal Opportunities policy and local gay groups are hoping that this policy will be actively implemented by the new council.

A Gay Centre working party has been in existence for some time now and welcomes all offers of assistance. For further details, contact Tim Worden via Nottingham Gay Switchboard.

### But Manchester Gay Centre to close?

The campaign to ensure that Manchester Gay Centre is refunded by the City Council is still being strongly supported. Over 80 people turned up for a lobby of the Labour group of councillors on Tuesday 26th April. The meeting decided not to accept the Social Services committee recommendation to cut the Gay Centre's Urban Aid grant. Instead the whole issue was referred to the influential Policy Committee for further discussion. This was good news for the Centre for it showed that the majority of the Labour group were not prepared to stop its funding.

However, the future is still uncertain. Paul Fairweather, the Gay Centre's full time worker, told us that the danger is that the Policy committee will propose that they receive some of their grant. "We need the full grant to continue. At present it is not enough to meet all our basic running costs and we still have to fundraise to make ends meet. Any reduction would be a serious blow" he said.





# NEWS

## TRIPLE BLOW FOR NOTTINGHAM

At its recent AGM, members of Nottingham Gay Switchboard were informed of three heavy blows to its finances and its plans for expansion and improvement.

Switchboard had become almost totally dependent upon sales of Gay News for its regular income. With sales topping 100 copies per issue it was hoped that this would have brought in nearly £500 in 1983/4 - almost the entire cost of running the three times weekly service.

Members also heard that an application to Karnival - Nottingham Students Charity - for £150 had been unsuccessful.

The final blow was the news that, despite funds being available, Notts County Council Social Services Committee had rejected a request for £400 Grant Aid. They are immediately re-applying for Grant Aid from the

## SWITCHBOARD



1983/4 budget but feel that, in spite of the County Council's Equal Opportunities policies, there is still an element of individual prejudice working against their application. (In April, Sussex County Council was found, by the local Ombudsman, to be guilty of anti-gay prejudice in its handling of a similar application by Brighton Switchboard.)

Nottingham GS have now shelved plans for expansion and will, instead, be focusing on fund raising to maintain existing services. Donations and offers of help should be made to - Nottingham Gay Switchboard, c/o 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

## 'We are the Experts'

This was the title of the National Friend Conference held at Spots Club, Leicester, from 20th to 22nd May, and hosted by Leicester Gayline. National Friend, of which Leicester Gayline is a local branch, offers a telephone counselling and information service for gay men and women who are having problems coming to terms with their sexuality.

The delegates were due to discuss various aspects of Friend's work, including Asian attitudes to gayness, married gays, and transvestites.

Friend adopt the attitude that gay people cannot be advised by so-called experts who, although well meaning, have not experienced the problems, frustrations and difficulties that being gay in a predominantly heterosexual world presents. Every member of Friend who answers the phone is gay, has experienced these problems and is, therefore, 'the expert'.

## SHORTS



## Midland 'FLAGS' out!

Students from various parts of the Midlands met in Nottingham on Saturday, April 30th to discuss the setting up of a Midlands gay students' organisation. Discussion centred around the aims of such a group and a preliminary constitution was drawn up. The organisation is to be known as the Midlands Federation of Lesbian and Gay Students (FLAGS). A larger meeting is planned at Keele University over the weekend of June 18th and 19th, when it is hoped that gay students and Gaysoc members from throughout the Midlands will attend. Further details from Jem Bowen, Students' Union, University of Warwick.

## Warwick University Gay Week

The Students' Union at the University of Warwick are planning a Gay Week from 18th to 26th June. The Week will aim to 'convey the messages of gay liberation', 'prepare the way for a better environment for a growing Gaysoc' and encourage discussion 'in kitchens and common rooms'. Events planned so far include meetings with Peter Tatchell and Paul Crane, exhibitions, bookstalls and videos, including 'Watch Out, There's a Queer About'. Non-students will be welcome at all Gay Week events. For further details, contact Jem Bowen, Students' Union, University of Warwick, Coventry. Tel: (0203) 417220.

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## LINCOLN GAY GROUP

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Lincoln, LN5 7PE

## Derby Youth Group

A Gay Youth Group has recently been formed in Derby and it is hoped to hold regular meetings in future. The group will be open to all gay women and men under 25. For further details contact Andy Lloyd, Flat 24, Miller House, Park Farm Centre, Allestree, Derby. Tel: Derby 551932.



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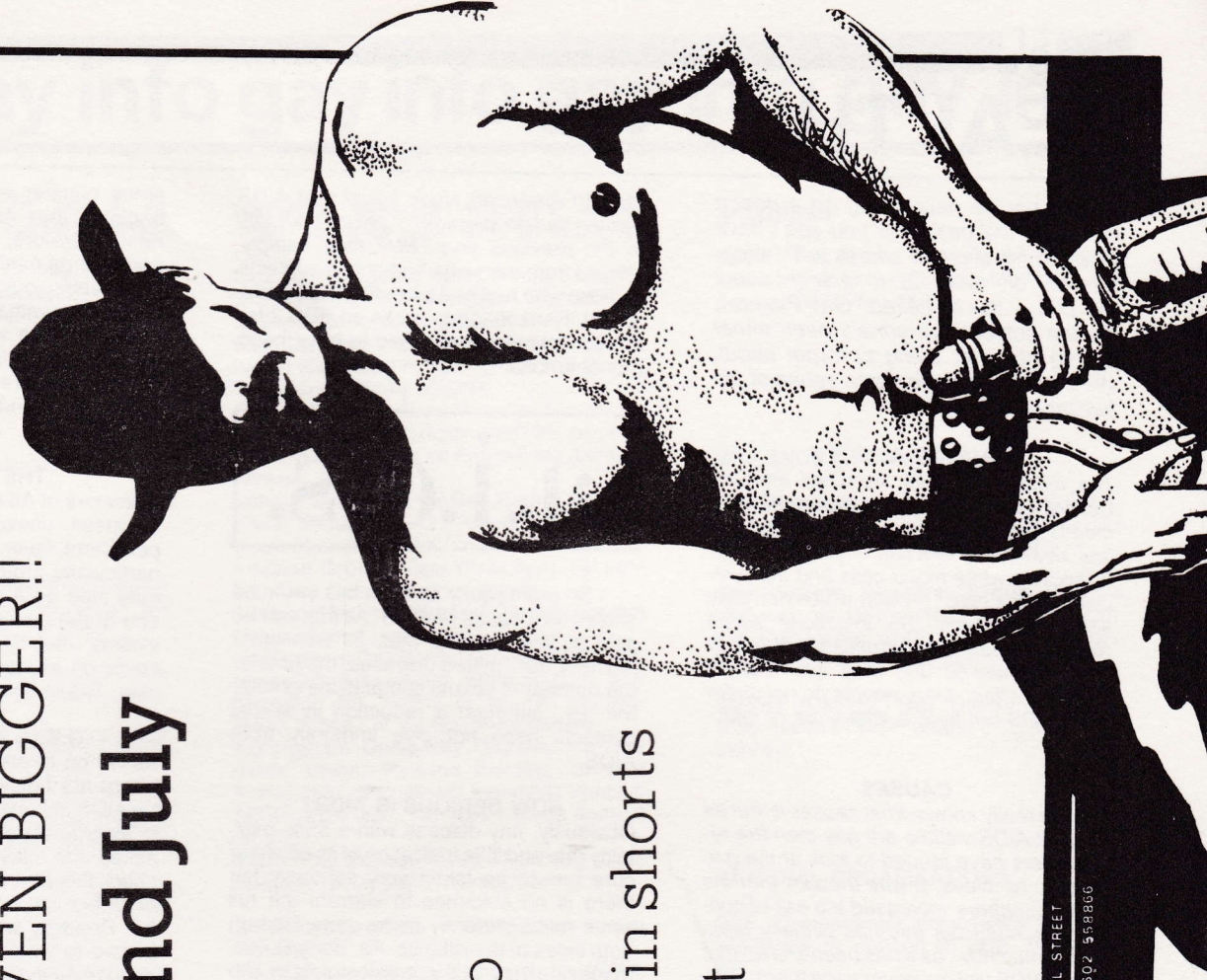
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Unless you've been living on a desert island for the past year you can't have failed to have come across a TV programme of newspaper article about 'A.I.D.S. - the so-called "Gay Plague"'. It's the subject everyone's been either talking about or trying to forget about. We try here to make some sense of the available information.

#### WHAT IS A.I.D.S.?

The initials stand for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Basically this means that the body's immune system has ceased to function. There is a deficiency of white blood cells and the special immune cells (T-cells) which normally kill off infections. So infections which would normally be harmless are left to grow unchecked and may well lead to death. In effect, then, people do not suffer from AIDS but from a later virus or infection.

#### CAUSES

No one really knows what causes it, but as 75% of AIDS victims are gay men the researchers have tended to look at the gay lifestyle for clues. It was thought that the use of 'poppers' increased the risk of contracting AIDS but this has virtually been discounted now, as it has been shown that many AIDS victims never used them. High numbers of sexual contacts have also been suggested as a possible cause, and research does seem to show some link here, although the figures can be misleading.

An American study found that AIDS victims had on average 67 sexual contacts in the previous year. BUT their sample ranged from men who had only 4 contacts to those who had had more than 600 and a recent 'Horizon' programme on BBC 2 featured victims who claimed to have been monogamous.

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So promiscuity as such has yet to be shown as a cause of AIDS. All that can be said at this stage is that, as with other sexually transmitted diseases, the greater the number of sexual contacts the greater the risk, although a reduction in sexual contacts does not give immunity from AIDS.

#### HOW SERIOUS IS AIDS?

Obviously, any disease with a 65% mortality rate and little indication of its cause or cure has to be taken very seriously but there is no evidence to warrant the full scale panic currently being generated on both sides of the Atlantic. As 'Body Politic' magazine has put it, approximately 100 gay men will die through AIDS in the next two years, and that is serious. But more than twice that number will die of lung cancer because they chose to smoke and the

same number will die in road accidents because they chose to go outside. We need, therefore, to be realistic and not let wild reports panic us into rash measures. By keeping ourselves informed we can cope better with this new gay health crisis. Below we give some of the symptoms of AIDS. We suggest that if you have had any of these for more than a month you contact your doctor and tell her or him of your concern.

#### THE SYMPTOMS

Indicators of AIDS include a long period of tiredness, unexplained weight loss, or a persistent fever. Swollen lymph glands, particularly around the neck and armpits may also be a clue. Kaposi's sarcoma - one of the cancers that may attack AIDS victims - may be indicated by reddish-blue spots on or beneath the surface of the skin. These spots spread fairly rapidly.

#### G.E.M. AIDS FEEDBACK

As we go to press, National Gay Switchboard are holding a one day conference on AIDS in London. In Issue Two we hope to include a report of this. We have also asked the Gay Medical Association to check this article and offer any corrections or further information they may feel is useful. Readers who have any queries are invited to write to us, in confidence and anonymously if desired, and we shall try to answer as many points as we can in Issue Two. Further information on AIDS is available from National Gay Switchboard on - 01 837 7324 -

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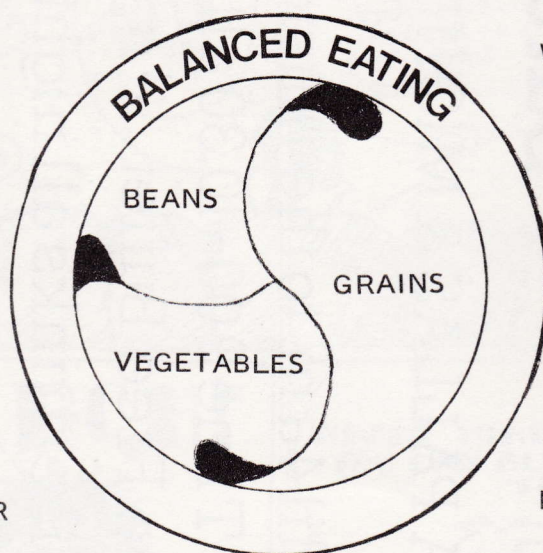
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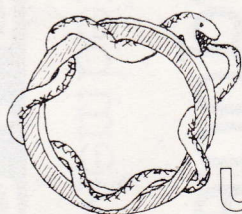
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**PUB: The Falstaff Inn**, 270 High St, tel 33075. Esp Fri/Sat evgs & Sun lunch. Mixed.

**VD Treatment:** Lincoln County Hospital, Dept of Genito-Urinary Medicine, Sewell Road, Lincoln LN2 5QY. Tel 29921 ext 378/317, or direct line 37723.

## LOUTH

**PUB: Woodman Inn**, Eastgate. Mixed.

## MANSFIELD

**DISCO: The White Hart**, Church St, upstairs lounge/disco room. Thurs-Sun evgs. No membership, entrance free. Tel 23607.

**GROUPS: Gay Christian Movement** - new group, hopes to meet regularly each month. Tel Phil, Mansfield 555388.

**Lesbian Group** - Tel Pat or Hilary, Mansfield 755000.

**VD Treatment:** Mansfield & District General Hospital (Special Treatment Centre), West Hill Drive. Tel 22515 ext 442.

## NOTTINGHAM

**CLUB: Part Two**, Robert House, 5-13 Canal St, Disco/Bars/Restaurant, open Tues-Sat, 9.30-3am. Tues-Thurs members free, guests £2, Fri-Sat members £1.50, guests £2.50. Tel Nottingham 55886.

**COUNSELLING: Nottingham Friend** tel 46714 Tues evgs 7-10pm or write c/o CVS, 31a Mansfield Rd, Nottingham.

**DISCOS: Women's Disco**, Fox Inn, Parliament St (downstairs, Hurts Yard entrance), Fris 8-10.30, 25p.

**Women's Disco**, Hearty Good Fellow, Maid Marian Way (upstairs), Tues 8-11pm, 40p, also alternate Sats (late bar) 50p.

**GROUPS: Bisexual Women's Group** meets fortnightly. Tel Friend as above for info.

**CHE (campaigning only)** - write c/o CVS, 31a Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3FF, or tel Mike 55196 or Andrew 598471.

**Gay Christian Movement** meets 3rd Fri of month alternately in Nottingham and Derby. Tel Charles, Derby 833294.

**Gay Welfare Workers Midlands Group**. Tel Richard McCance, Nottm 780124, or send SAE c/o 21 Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Nottm.

**Labour Campaign for Gay Rights**. Contact Chris Richardson, 21 Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Nottm, tel 780124.

**Lesbian Group** meets Weds 8pm. Tel Lesbian Line (see below) for details.

**Lesbian Mothers Midlands Group**, contact Val via Friend (see above).

**Nottingham Gay Social Group (NOGSOG)** meets 2/3 times weekly. Write c/o CVS, 31A Mansfield Rd, Nottm, or tel Tim 602894, David 216447 or via Gay Switchboard.

**Nottingham University Gaysoc:** c/o Students' Union, Portland Building, Univ of Nottm, NG7 2RD. Meets fortnightly Weds in NSQR term time. Tel 50421 Mons 8pm-12 for info.

**Trent Poly Gaysoc** meets Thurs Evg at the Dragon. Tel Gay Switchboard for info.

**INFO: Lesbian Line** tel 410652 Mon & Wed 7-9.30pm.

**Nottingham Gay Switchboard:** tel 46714, Mon, Wed & Thurs, 7-10pm for confidential help and advice for gay and bisexual people.

**PUBS: Central Tavern**, Huntingdon St (near Palais de Dance), Lounge bar, mixed.

**The Dragon**, Long Row (opp. Central Library), Alley Bar.

**The Foresters**, behind Victoria centre, mainly Women.

**Hearty Good Fellow**, Maid Marian Way, downstairs bar exclusively gay, opens 8pm, mainly men.

**VD Treatment:** General Hospital, Perth House, Postern St, Nottm, tel 45989.

## SKEGNESS

**CLUB: The Thirty Club**, Castleton Boulevard, Mons only 10-2am. Members and guests. Tel (0754) 4600.

## MIDLANDS ORGANISATIONS

**FLAGS** (Federation of Lesbian and Gay Students): Write Jem Bowen, c/o Students' Union, University of Warwick, Coventry.

**Gay Welfare Workers' Group:** Richard McCance, 21 Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Nottingham (SAE), tel Nottm 780124. Meets 3rd Sat every month.

**QUEST** (Catholic Gay Group): Info from Tony, Nottm 419137, w/days 6-7pm, or Wally 812741.

## NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

**CHE** (Campaign for Homosexual Equality), 274 Upper St, London N1 2UA. Tel 01-359 3973.

**London Gay Switchboard**, London WC1N 3XX, tel 01-837 7324. Open 24 hours a day for national and international gay information, help and advice.

**Gay Youth Movement:** Write BM GYM, London WC1N 3XX.

**NCCL** (National Council for Civil Liberties), 21 Tabard St, Borough, London SE1, tel 01-403 3888 (office hours).

**Sequel** (publication for isolated gay women): write BM Sequel, London WC1N 3XX.

## LEICESTER GAYLINE

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...POP IN...  
...COFFEE...  
...CHATS...  
...5 MINS...  
...BYE...  
...CLICK!



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TELL HER  
...JUST  
STAY IN  
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TILL  
SHE'S  
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GOT  
TO TELL  
HER

HELLO DEAR,  
YOU LOOK A  
LITTLE...  
WORRIED..

YES, I AM,  
YOU SEE I..  
ER...  
I'M... ER..  
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UM...  
...OUT OF  
COFFEE.

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YES

MUM, I'VE GOT  
TO TELL YOU  
ER... UM  
...ABOUT..  
ABOUT...  
MY NEW  
DIET

WELL, WELL  
...MUST DASH  
LOVELY CHAT  
...DOWN WAY..  
...NEXT WEEK  
...TAKE CARE  
BYE...

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### ARCH!



NEVER MIND, DARLING,  
YOU CAN ALWAYS  
TELL HER  
NEXT WEEK

ARCH!





# REVIEW

**Film:**

## 'TOOTSIE'

If you haven't already seen 'Tootsie' please don't waste valuable time by reading any further, just put down your priceless copy of 'G.E.M.' and rush round to your local flea pit now!

O.K., for the benefit of the two people still reading, I'll continue.

'Tootsie' stars Dustin Hoffman as Michael Dorsey, a struggling New York actor who, because of his total inability to agree with a director and his habit of changing scripts, is finding work very hard to come by. All this changes when he dons a Nancy Reagan wig and matching dress to become Dorothy Michaels, who wins a leading role in a television soap opera. He/she is a massive success until he realises that he is falling in love with the show's other leading lady, played brilliantly by Jessica Lange.

From then on the film goes from one hilarious situation to another, but at the same time raising many questions on our attitudes towards men, women and sexuality in general.

If you're still reading this - Shame On You! 'Tootsie' is the funniest and most human film for many moons. I insist that you dig out the tiara and pearls and go and see it again immediately. See you there!

## Video

It seems that, despite the financial climate, we are all getting richer these days, as just about everyone seems to own, or at least rent, a video recorder. A gay video owner should be able to find several films of interest at their local video club (which seems to get cheaper by the day).

Amongst videos worth seeing are 'Making Love' - which is the glossy but well-meaning story of the break up of an American couple's marriage due to the husband's latent homosexuality - and 'La Cage Aux Folles' - a very funny French film dubbed into English for the video version and therefore much easier to follow than it was on the cinema. Also, look out for 'Victor/Victoria', 'Cruising', and 'Eating Rael'.

Happy viewing,

Michael.

## Club

## SPOTS

If you're homing in on SPOTS Club, Leicester, for the first time you're likely to hear it before you see it. The entrance in St. James St., just off Humberstone Gate, has no neon signs or bright paintwork - just a small plate on a very ordinary-looking door. Inside, the contrast is complete, as you enter a comfortable, up-to-date and well-equipped basement club that feels very welcoming indeed. Down two flights of stairs, past the 'Spots' logo lit with flashing multi-coloured spotlights (very neat, that) leads to the main area of the Club which has a bar at each end, a carpeted area with seating and a small-ish dance floor. Thanks to the very effective use of mirrors on the whole of one wall the dance floor does, in fact, look much more spacious than it is, and those who like to do their bopping in as 'electric' environment as possible will not be disappointed by the light-show (complete with lasers) or the sound system. ►

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# REVIEW (CONT'D...)



Music is well varied, and we were told that a regular Motown evening is planned to start soon, probably on Tuesdays. We gained the impression that the management of this club tries hard to please its customers - they've even been known to go to the extraordinary lengths of installing a swimming pool in one of the two small 'quiet' areas, and last Halloween they had a real 'ghost train' via which all customers had to enter the club.

Spots is run by three partners, one of whom, Les, we spoke to about the venture. The Club has been running for nearly 3 years and during that time has only been closed on Christmas Day. Being open 7 days a week gives customers the choice between the busy nights from Thurs to Sun and the quieter end of the week when it's just right for a quiet drink with friends. On Sundays, to comply with the archaic licensing laws, all patrons are served with food which is included in the admission price. Although membership is theoretically open to anyone over the age of 18, the Club tries not to encourage 'straight' customers except as guests of gay members. Newcomers to the 'scene' are offered free admission on the first night if they have been introduced to the Club via Gayline.

As to whether there was much 'cruising' going on - well, we didn't actually notice, but mysteriously there were four people in our car on the way there and only three on the way back...

## 'Part Two' Playlist

- 1) MIQUEL BROWN - So Many Men, So little Time (UK 12 inch).
- 2) ROFO - Flashlight on a Disco Night (Belgian 12 inch)
- 3) NORMA LEWIS - Maybe This Time (UK 12 inch).
- 4) ASHAYE - Electricity (UK 12 inch)
- 5) PAUL PARKER - Shot In The Night (Album Track/12 inch).
- 6) SYLVESTER - Don't Stop/Be With You (Remix) (US 12 inch).
- 7) VERA - Baby Won't You Dance With Me (Canadian 12 inch)
- 8) PATRICK COWLEY - Tommy Williams Mega Melody (US 12 inch).
- 9) INDEEP - When Boys Talk (UK 12 inch).
- 10) SHIRLEY LITES - Heat You Up (Melt You Down) (US 12 inch)

## Music

The above chart should, hopefully, give our readers (Disco Bunnies or not) some idea of the kind of music currently popular in the region's gay discos.

We realise, of course, that not all our readers will like, or even tolerate disco music, but, as the majority of us visit gay discotheques at some time, it will at least enable you to sound very hip when someone asks you what your favourite record of the moment is and you say "Why, it's Miquel Brown of course dear!"

Because the chart was written a little while before publication, some of the listings and positions will have changed. Records you will probably also be hearing when you read this include a fabulous track by Hazell Dean called "Searching (Got to find a man)" and "Milk from the Coconut" by Toto Coelo.

An important point to mention is that most of the music played in gay clubs is imported from America, Holland, Canada, etc. Retail outlets for these are a little thin on the ground in the Midlands, so for any determined boppers out there, who simply must get their hands on the latest sounds, we would recommend that you contact Record Shack at 12 Berwick St., London W.1. and ask about their excellent mail order facilities.

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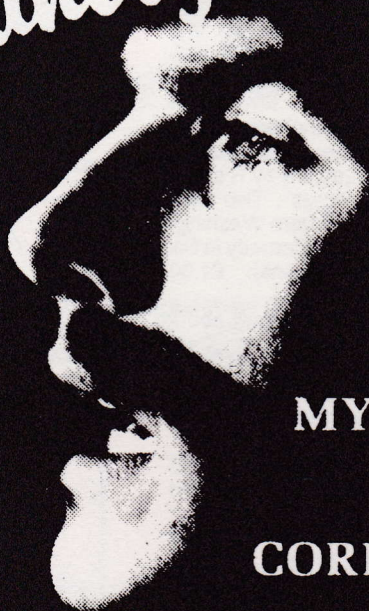
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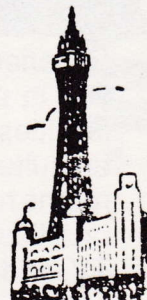
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THURSDAY 2ND: Derby Social Group phone-in night, 7pm-11pm, Derby 664234.

MONDAY 6TH: Nottingham TV Group meets CVS, 31a Mansfield Road, contact via Gay Switchboard.

TUESDAY 7TH: Lincoln CHE/Gay Group Committee, Golden Eagle, 8pm.

THURSDAY 9TH: Nottingham Gay Social Group AGM, 8.15pm, CVS, 31a Mansfield Road.

SATURDAY 11TH: Lincoln Gay Group Disco, Golden Eagle, 8pm, all welcome. Members 70p, Guests £1 (50p and 70p before 9pm).

**WEDNESDAY 15TH: G.E.M. COPY DEADLINE**

WEDNESDAY 15TH: Nottingham CHE meeting. Contact Mike, tel 55196, or Andrew, tel 598471.

FRIDAY 17TH: Film "Word is Out" (...a comprehensive, positive and absorbing portrait of the Gay Community - 134 mins) at the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham (small hall), 7.15pm. £1.25 waged, 75p unwaged.

FRIDAY 17TH: Women's Disco, Lincoln. Details from Val, Lincoln 41591.

FRIDAY 17TH: Leicester Gay Group Skittles evening, £1 including food. For details tel. Arthur, Leicester 432430.

SATURDAY 18TH: Start of Warwick University Gaysoc's Gay Week. See news item for further details.

SATURDAY 18TH: Gay Welfare Workers group, 2pm: Discussion on "Word is Out" and picnic in the Arboretum if fine. All welcome, details tel. Nottingham 780124 or 414939 on the day.

SUNDAY 19TH: Nottingham New Cinema, Midland Gallery, 24-32 Carlton St, tel. 582636. Film Lecture by Richard Dyer on "Gay Stereotypes". Two films to be shown: "Greetings from Washington DC" (28 mins) and "A Comedy in Six Un-natural Acts" (25 mins). £1.50 waged, £1 unwaged.

For reservations and further details about the weekend's events tel. Nottingham 780124 (evenings).

MONDAY 20TH: Nottingham TV Group meets CVS, 31A Mansfield Road, contact via Gay Switchboard.

TUESDAY 21ST: Lincoln CHE presents the film "Victim", 8pm, Golden Eagle (clubroom).

WEDNESDAY 22ND: Labour Campaign for Gay Rights meeting, Salutation Inn, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, 8pm.

FRIDAY 24TH: Women's Disco, The Magazine pub, Newark St, Leicester.

FRIDAY 24TH: Leicester Gay Group. Talk by Tom Bradley, SDP MP for Leicester East, Friends Meeting House, Queens Road, 8pm. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

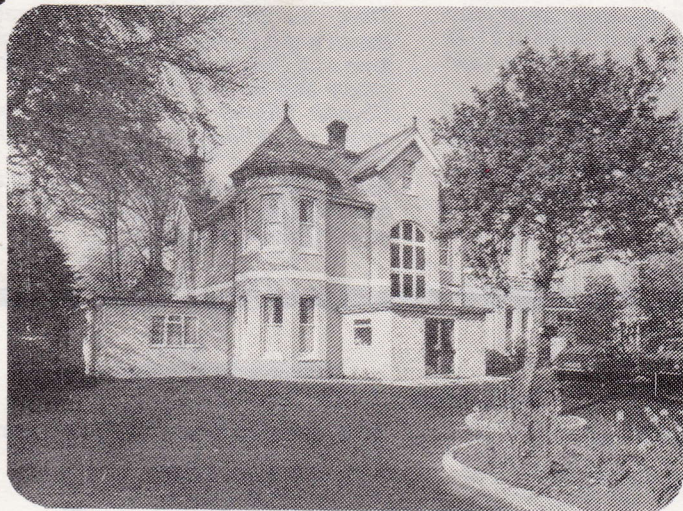
SATURDAY 25TH: Lincoln Gay Group Disco, Golden Eagle, 8pm.

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