

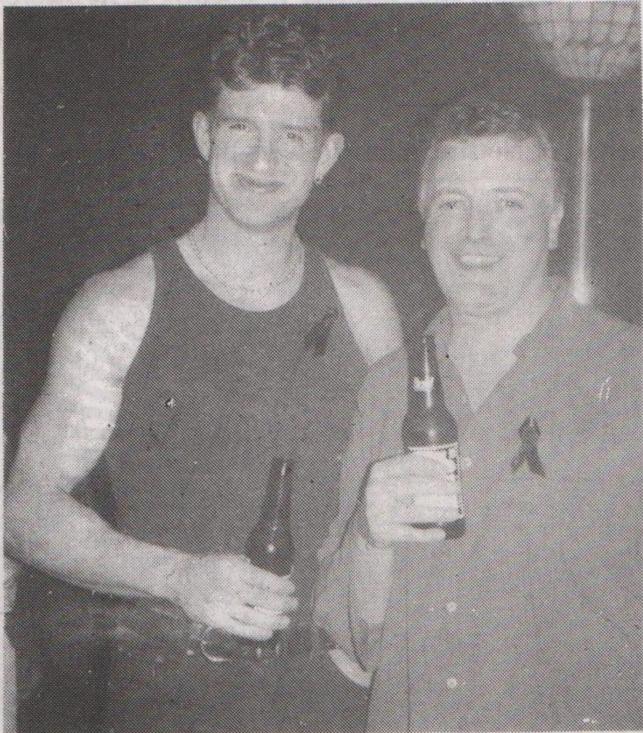
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## Happy New Year!



## Back to Basics

### 'OUT ON THE STREETS' with Stonewall Breaks

Stonewall Breaks who offer residential weekends away for gay and bisexual men have come up with the idea of a 'soap' weekend at the end of January.

For fans of 'Coronation Street' now's your chance to spend up to six hours at Granada TV's Manchester Studios, visit the Rover's Return and other Street hangouts, in addition to other programme sets, followed up by a guided Behind-the-Scenes tour of the Studios. There'll also be time to visit the Gay Village as well.

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Nottingham's Base 51 Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Group is flourishing again if its Xmas party was anything to go by. The group caters for young people up to the age of 26. One of the Base 51's Youth Workers, Kate Dudley said there were usually more men at the group than women. "Sometimes women go to the Lesbian Centre, other times they may come here. It gives them choice", she said.

A spokesperson for the group, Nathan Ciccone, (pictured middle right) said the group was very important for young people trying to find their feet. "The group allows people to gradually become comfortable about their sexuality in their own time", he added. They arrange regular socials as well as activities in the Centre. You can find Base 51 at Glasshouse Street, Nottingham, (back of Victoria Centre) every Wednesday, 6.30-9pm. Ffi. from Kate or Nathanael on 0115 952 5040, and your confidentiality is assured.

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**No Shame!**

For many gay men and lesbians psychotherapy is either associated with traditional views of therapy where you are seen as 'abnormal', or you are told that your personality is an unfortunate result of being sexually abused when you were little or that you were brought up by an over protective mum who loved Shirley Bassey! The onus is on you to cope with the ensuing discrimination.

The good news is that psychotherapy and counselling can promote a process where we can de-shame our experience of ourselves generally and of our sexuality specifically. There are a number of lesbian and gay therapists who will not reinforce this shaming. Ffi. on Sexuality and Gestalt Psychotherapy - and an upcoming workshop for Gay Men on 1st February in Manchester, contact Malcolm Coward on (01484) 843289.

**From the Dogs**

The Visually Impaired Gay Group are celebrating the award of £1500 to buy a bulk tapecopier to enable them to independently produce their monthly taped newsletter to all its members nationally.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association donated £700, plus a further £800 from Comic Relief. The balance of a further £800 was raised from personal donations from members and sighted gay supporters. Other activities included charity awareness talks and the sale of paintings by visually impaired artist, Keith May. The VIGG is a self supporting group for gay blind people, it also operates a confidential telephone helpline. If you would like more information about their activities or receive a copy of their taped newsletter contact Keith May 01705 524739 or write to VIGG, 23 Ballard Court, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3UA.

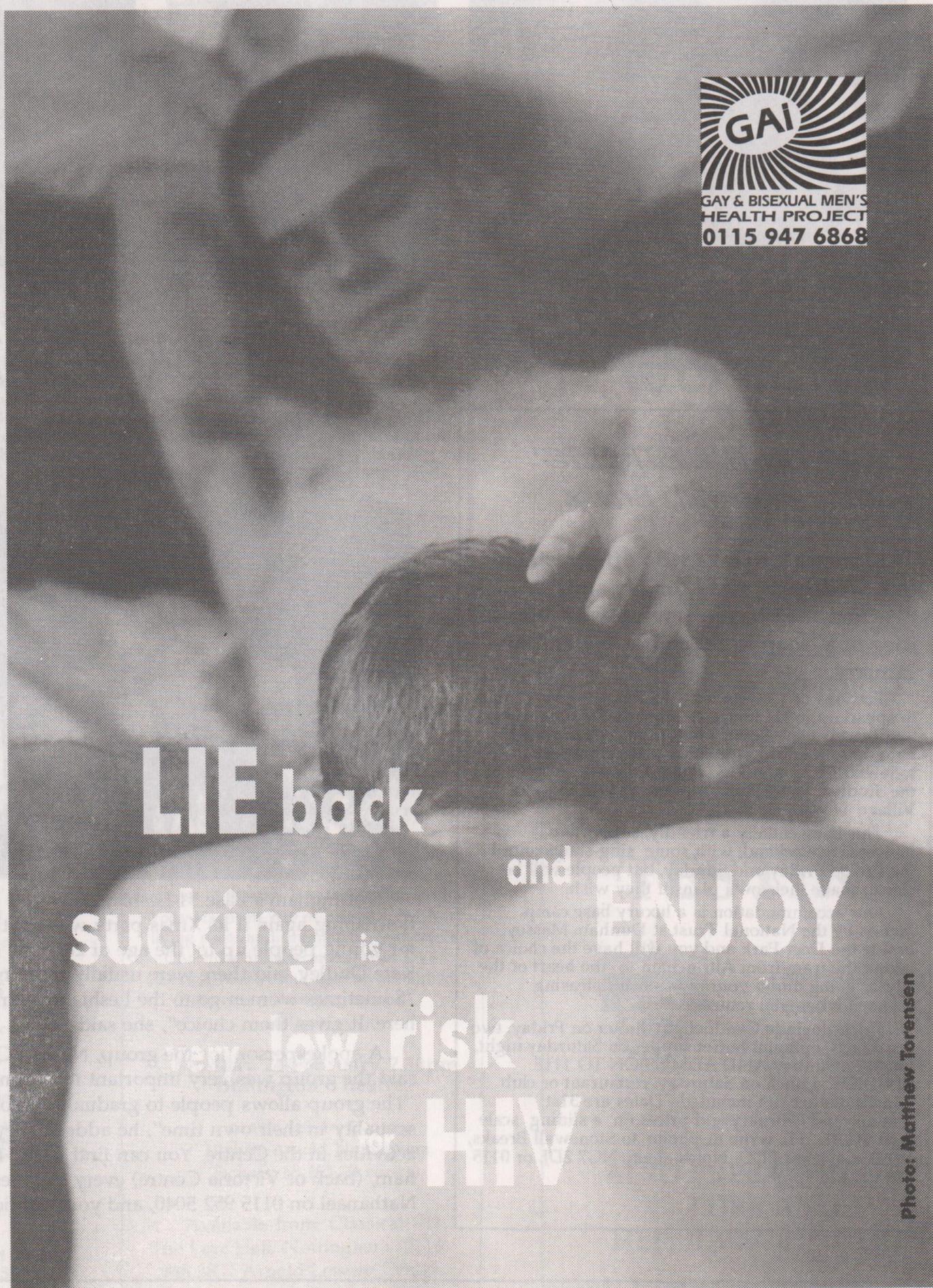
**review**

**Labi Siffre...  
Not for the fainthearted**

The forty some people who managed to locate the brand new Atrium Theatre at Nottingham's Djanogly College on 29th November, to see singer/poet Labi Siffre, were not disappointed. a non-smoker for the past six years, I nevertheless joined the small crowd huddled outside the building for a cigarette after a soul-searing first set in which issues of race, sexuality, love and suffering were explored and expressed in an uncompromising style, leaving us in no doubt about his thoughts and feelings.

With a vocal technique of astonishing range and power Labi took us all on a journey through his inner life...not a comfortable place to be, but, like many who profess to have no religious beliefs, a world filled with searing honesty, compassion, integrity and genuine humanity. If he comes this way again, be sure to see and hear him.

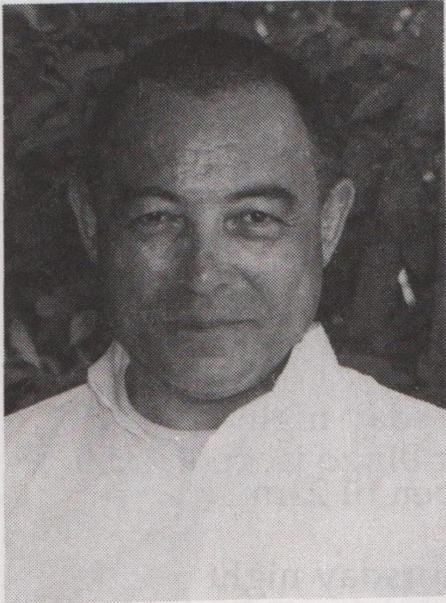
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# Robert Crossman - 'The Mayor of Upper Street'



It's a Saturday afternoon in late November. People are streaming into the Council Chamber. There were youngsters with carers and parents, pensioners, well-heeled 'must be somebodies', several recognizable MP's, one or two people in drag, a bevy of nuns, middle-of-the-road, middle aged and far left. They were all there.

This was a Celebration of the Life of Robert Crossman, (pictured with his ex-lover and consort at the time, Martin McLoughrey) former out-out gay councillor and mayor of Islington in 1986, who died last Autumn, aged 49. And

the occasion was marked by the presence of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, co-ordinated by Mother Dominatrix of the Divine Tongue and some of Robert's closest friends.

The Council Chamber had probably witnessed many a tirade from Robert using what the late author Tom Wakefield described as his "great histrionic ability".

After an opening address from the Mayor, Cllr. Sandy Marks, it was characteristic that the memorial meeting should break up into workshops, discussion groups and plenary sessions, at his request. (Robert became a much



sought-after workshop trainer in London). The aims of the 'workshop' were to 'celebrate Robert's life', 'share important stories', 'give each other a jolly good listening to', 'have a bloody good cry' and 'treat ourselves very well'.

I first met Robert in 1975 in a wind-swept church hall in Oldham when he was area organiser of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, charged with setting

up a local CHE group soon after I became actively involved in CHE. For me he became a kind of mentor at a time when there were few positive gay role models around; I envied his fire and passion and uncompromising stance on issues, his irrepressible humour and acid tongue, caustic enough to shrivel the most inflated ego. Thirty-five years in the Labour Party and his was still essentially a gut commitment of equality for all. Robert revelled in his mayoral role, using it to make the Town Hall open to all the people.

As a Sister of Perpetual Indulgence he changed his title to Mother "Kiss My Arse Goodbye" - reflecting the acceptance of his diagnosis with both humour and strength and was often to be seen on the least popular shifts on London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard.

He always believed in treating himself well and insisted on taking a holiday in Australia in 1995, prescribing himself the Gay Mardi Gras. On another visit to the South Pacific he swam with Dolphins off Fiji with his intravenous medication strapped to his back. In accordance with his wishes he was cremated in his habit and his ashes were sprinkled on Mt. Blanc and in Catalonia, Spain.

As always, Robert had the last word, this time via video link from some celestial place. He had recorded a moving goodbye, several months before he died. Tears and much laughter flowed throughout the afternoon. Lesbians and gay men have great cause to mourn the loss of such a towering figure in gay politics over the last 25 years.

Richard Mc.Cance

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## Moves

### 'Hello! Goodbye!'

It's goodbye to Centre Co-ordinator Jill Parker (pictured) who has worked at the Centre for six years. In this time the Centre has grown immeasurably to a vibrant space literally bursting at the seams and no small measure of credit for this is down to her commitment and drive, though she would

be the first to acknowledge all the hard working volunteers and workers, and the continued support from our communities.

Said Jill: "There have been numerous highlights for me working at the Centre - there were times when I couldn't imagine working anywhere else and then there were other times when I thought that if I heard the words lesbian, gay or bisexual once more then I'd scream! Anyway thanks to everyone who knows me"! Jill leaves to join the Leicestershire Social Services Department and awaits a new baby in April in her chosen family.

It's hello again to new Centre Co-ordinator Fee Scott (pictured) who covered Jill Parker's post while she was on maternity leave last year. Fee who comes from a background in social work and advocacy has taken the helm at a crucial time as the Centre move towards the Millenium and new premises. "It feels wonderful for a number of reasons; last year I had three jobs and organising my life was some kind of challenge! To be given the opportunity to carry on working here in this unique setting - there are only four or five centres nationwide - is a privilege and very exciting. It's wonderful to have the chance to be involved in something really huge for the Community", she added.



### Not so 'Simple' Simon

Nottingham says goodbye to Simon Wright, Senior Gay Project Worker, who leaves Nottingham Health Shop's GAI Project for a senior post with Somerset Health Authority as we go to press. His new job will entail managing the contract for gay men's health in the Authority. Part of his new responsibility will be to ensure that all people, gay or straight, get a good service from GU Family Planning and their GP's.



Simon arrived in Nottingham five years' ago from Liverpool with an MA degree in drama and, following an uncompleted P.hd, joined the Health Shop as the Gay Men's Sexual Health Worker. In the last year he became senior worker in the Project.

"It's been a real privilege to have been able to sit down with gay and bisexual men and talk about coming out and their relationships; something many gay men don't get to do. "To Sit down with someone just coming out, or someone recently diagnosed HIV positive and trying to deal with it is a moving experience".

He is proudest of setting up the GAI Project, named after the French and Spanish translation of the word 'gay', and says he will miss everyone in Nottingham, but he still feels a sense of frustration.

A lot of gay men still think they don't need to worry about HIV. Just because you have a boyfriend, doesn't mean you are off the hook as far as HIV is concerned, it's not even about whether you believe your boyfriend's integrity. Who's to know what his sexual history was; he may believe he always had safe sex, but the reality could be different. The statistics show that if you sleep around you are more likely to be safer than if you have a steady boyfriend. It is better to play safe and use condoms. That message must get through", he urges. "Young gay men are continuing to get HIV in ways they should not be. The rate of increase is still too high!"



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Jade

# Nottingham's first living Saint



On a snowy day in late November a number of people gathered to canonise gay activist Richard McCance, Nottingham's first living Saint. The ceremony was held at Body Positive's Drop-In Centre in Derby.

Taking the name of St. Richard of the Mega Byte-Ram the honour was bestowed by the Sisters of Perpetual In-

dulgence in recognition of services to the gay movement over the last 25 years. During this time Richard was General Secretary of London Friend, Vice-Chair of the

national organisation, Campaign for Homosexual Equality, an out-gay Nottingham City Councillor, a member of the National Executive of the National Council for Civil Liberties - now Liberty - and a leading gay activist in NALGO (now UNISON). He was also responsible for tabling an amendment which ensured that 'sexual orientation' became part of the Code of Ethics of the British Association of Social Workers. A social worker until he took early retirement recently, he has been involved in gay publishing for over ten years, is co-founder of OUT-RIGHT! and organiser of Stonewall Breaks, residential events for gay and bisexual men.

Other saints include Angus Hamilton, (Solicitor, Operation Spanner), Derek Jarman, (filmmaker), Lisa Power and Sharley McLean (lesbian activists), Derek Cohen (SM'ers) Martin Corbett and Ian Dunn (gay activists).

Would his life be any different now? "Well I still can't jump the queue at Sainsburys, that's for sure, but seriously, I feel very honoured to join the other Saints up there and down here", he said. (Pictured are Mother Dominatrix - seated - and others sisters in attendance).

## review

Human Rights, Human Wrongs, - BBC2 13th December, 1996

The recent arguments about whether South Yorkshire Police should advertise in Gay Times for potential recruits and the inevitable spate of homophobic comments shows that the fundamental issues of the position of gays in society is still very vulnerable. BBC2 in a short snappy programme fronted by the cool and collected Miranda Richardson looked at the prejudices faced by gays around the world. References were made to death squads in Latin America, vigilantes in Texas and the fundamentalist bigotry in Zimbabwe. A few vox pop interviews were given by a Romanian couple, one of whom committed suicide as a result of public harassment. Despite the UN regarding Tasmania's legal code which gives 20 years in prison for homosexual acts as contravening basic human rights, the overall message was that gays are still second class citizens and Brian, interviewed in London spoke of his constant fears of abuse after being queer bashed.

Clearly we should not relax our vigilance when under threat. No new or startling facts were revealed and the gay community will be very familiar with the examples shown and the experiences shared to camera. It was a change not to see Peter Tatchell on his Outrage soap box. The message was aimed clearly at thinking straight.

It was good that this programme was shown, albeit briefly in the early evening so there was a chance of a wider audience although the repeat was in the small hours. Further information can be obtained from Human Rights, Human Wrongs, PO Box 7, London W5 2GQ. Nick Tyldesley

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# Politics of AIDS and HIV

On 28 November, to tie in with World AIDS Day, Edward King, author of the book "Safety in Numbers", spoke to over 30 women and men at Marsdens Bar in Chesterfield about "The Gaying, De-gaying and Re-gaying of AIDS". The meeting was organised by CASH, Community Action on Sexual Health.

## An extraordinary accomplishment

When AIDS first appeared (about 1980), people weren't even sure that it was sexually transmitted. But by 1982 - even before HIV was identified - the first "safer sex" advice had been invented, based on available information and common sense. Over the next few years, US and UK gay & bi culture transformed to incorporate the safer sex principles, led by people within the community. Although the uptake of the new ideas was never 100%, it was an extraordinary and unprecedented accomplishment of community education. In the UK, where HIV arrived later than the US, infection rates never reached US levels, probably because of that early effective message.

## "HIV doesn't discriminate"

Until the mid-eighties, AIDS was seen in the US and Europe primarily as a "gay disease". Then government advisors began predicting an epidemic of heterosexual transmission, as was happening in parts of Africa. In what's been called the "de-gaying" of AIDS - around 1986 to 1991 - the public was warned, "HIV doesn't discriminate; this could happen to you".

Many gay people welcomed this change of emphasis. Maybe if AIDS began to be seen as relevant to everyone, it would stop being used as justification for anti-gay moral judgements and campaigns - such as the suggestion by some Conservative MPs in 1986 that all gay pubs and clubs be closed in order to stop the spread of AIDS. (Clause 28 originated around the same time.) Another reason was the hope that more resources - for research, education and the care of people with AIDS - would

become available if the heterosexual majority seemed in danger.

## Here's the catch

During the "de-gaying" phase, an idea grew up that gay & bi men already knew enough (even though new people were arriving on the scene all the time) and so were now less at risk than most people. The community's own initiatives began to turn into, or be replaced by, "professional" AIDS organisations, funded to educate everyone. Government-funded education was hampered by the "political sensitivity" of sexually explicit and/or queer-friendly information. These factors meant that although more money did become available, initiatives aimed at gay and bisexual men decreased drastically.

True, everyone is biologically susceptible to HIV, and ought to know about it. That's different from saying that everyone is at equal risk, which depends also on their chances of encountering HIV. Around 1992, both health workers and activists realised that education aimed at "everyone" in this country - in effect, addressed to the white heterosexual literate majority - was failing the groups at highest risk.

The point of what's been called "re-gaying" is not to deny that other people are at risk. But given the statistical reality, resources designed specifically for gay and bisexual men are, and will be for the foreseeable future, crucial to the fight against AIDS.

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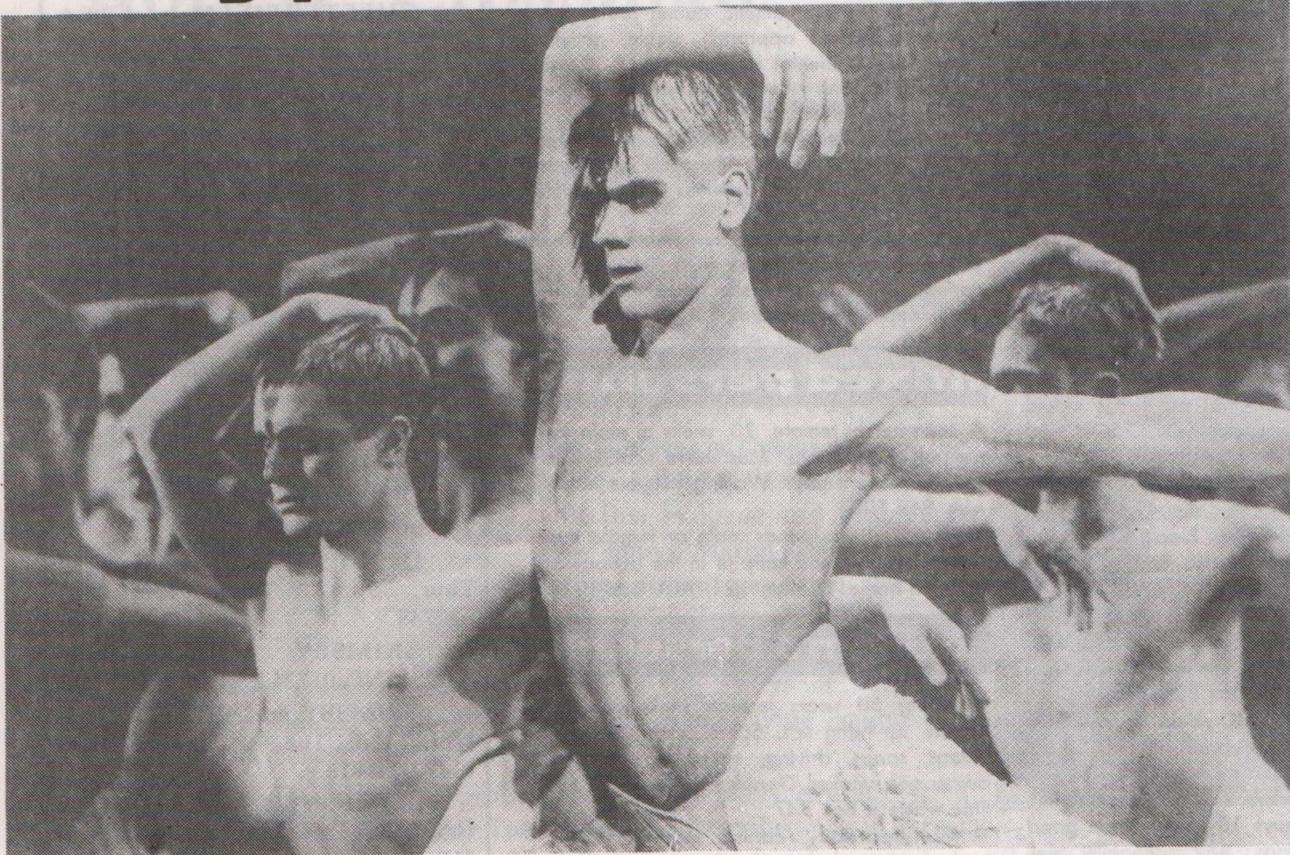
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Chris Morley of SWAN told us: "The swan stands for our true selves as gay and bisexual men and yet we are often made to feel as if we are the ugly duckling. We grow up hearing we are sick, sad, deviant and perverted and don't belong. Most of us know that this is a lie. Yet how many of us find it hard to claim our rights, say honestly what we really want and all in a way which respects the same things in other people?"

Sixteen years into the HIV epidemic gay and bisexual men continue to set up the best and most innovative ways of supporting us to live full and gorgeous lives. Neil Walbran of SWAN commented: "Gay and bisexual men - positive, negative or unsure - need good self-esteem as well as the practical skills and support to ask for and maintain the treatment, relationships and sex we deserve.

Matt, a hospital social worker commented about his time on a course "I'm me and I'm gay. No apologies needed. I learned to say NO in a difficult situation when I would have said YES before but regretted it. I have a right to express my feelings and that is my new mission now. "Writing a few months after the event he added "the workshop on assertiveness has had several positive spin offs for me. It was a rare opportunity to get some training and develop some skills for ME rather than for my job. One key change is that it has helped me to realise what I want and to set about getting it - in the past I had real trouble recognising what I was entitled to." Assertiveness training can help do just that and SWAN is the only national body to offer this." SWAN trainers have already run successful training programmes across the country and are accredited by the Sheffield Centre for HIV and Sexual Health, one of the flagship HIV prevention organisations in the UK: one tenth of the 'Health in the Nation' handbook's examples of good practice came from here.

Some new cygnets are currently undergoing their transformation into SWANS to boost the national coverage the Association offers. There are 14 accredited trainers and another 10 beginning their training.

Like the Centre, SWAN's gay and bisexual men trainers are completely committed to providing gay and bisexual men with the very best training. Lawrence at the Centre on 0114 267 8806 can be contacted for details of local SWAN trainers.

SWAN is named after the Adventure in Motion Pictures production of "Swan Lake" (pictured above) which spellbound the fledgling flock in Sheffield during their training.

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## men's personal

- Leics: gay couple 40's would love to meet singles/couples for safe fun and friendship. All ages welcome. Photo please. ALA. Box 805
- Nottingham: Guy 45, slim, OK looks w/ltm mature active guy/s. Personality more important than age/looks, w/e a bonus. Photo/phone appreciated. Box 806
- Leicester, 29, exciting, intellectual professional Asian guy, nonscene, sporty, straight acting/looking with VGSOH seeks similar friends for social & sports activities. Tel no preferred. Box 807
- Lincs area, gay lad, goodlooking, wicked SOH seeks others for clubbing, laughs, promise ALAWP. Cheers for now.XXX. Box 808
- Leicester: Early 40's seeks firmhanded guy 30+ for heavy spanking sessions also into shorts, briefs, leather. ALA photo phone number for quick replies. Box 809
- Laughter and libidol Tall, lively mature man, many interests who thinks fun means fun seeks jaw-dropping men. Nottingham/anywhere. ALA. Photo appreciated. Box 810
- Leics: Gay guy 38 seeks White or Asian guys for fun, friendship 121. Honest, sincere, horny you the same? Write now & change your life. Box 811
- Back once again. Cool Nottingham guy, 23, tall, blonde, slim seeks cool dude for some fun times. You won't be disappointed. Write soon, later....Box 812
- Anywhere: Bearded dominant active cigar smoking leather master has vacancy after recent slave released from detention. Only guys with stamina need apply. No wimps. Box 813
- Nottingham/Derby: Guy 40, stocky build, varied interests into briefs, jocks, tactile looking for similar 25-45. Box 814
- South Yorks: Professional guy, 53 w/ltm similar for friendship. Interests include opera, theatre, walking. Photo appreciated. Discretion assured. ALA. Box 815
- Notts guy 20, told goodlooking seeks fun & friendship with guys 18-25. ALAWP. Box 816
- Notts: Married guy, 63, passive, straight acting, butch looking seeks much younger active straight acting/looking guy/guys. Firm friendship applicants understand at times dominant. Box 817
- Nottingham: Arts graduate, professional, quiet, nonscene, nonsmoker, reliable guy, early 50's w/ltm similar to love and be proud of, 121. Me into arts c/music. Box 818
- Midlands lad 25, smooth n/s fit attractive, slight technohead w/ltm guys 18-30 who are up for it. Fit, hairy, attractive, any nationality. ALA. Box 819
- Nottingham: 31, 5'10", slim, brown eyes, straight acting, nonsmoker interests music, travel, football seeks guys 25+ for fun, friendship, maybe more. ALAWP. Box 820
- New year, new beginning. 23 y/o needs injection of life: Humour, genuine, understanding, longterm not short. 18-50 applicable. Address, photo ALA. RU late Christmas present? Box 821
- Nottingham: Male 32, decent looking, s/a, non scene GSOH smoker seeks similar for genuine discreet friendship, maybe more. Photo nice but not essential. Box 822
- East Midlands: Young outlook 50's, slim build nonsmoking seeks similar brother 21-40. White Asian Black slim straight acting. Friendship 121. Photo photo appreciated. Box 823
- Derby: Versatile guy 36, goodlooking, w/e, very horny seeks masculine guys for daytime/evening fun. Hairy chested guys especially welcome. Frank letter ALAWP. Box 824

- N.Derbys/S.Yorks/Notts: Masculine gay male, 30's seeks hairy guys 18-40 for fun & friendship. Photo appreciated - returnable. ALA. Box 825
- Nottingham: Unoriginal ad writer would like to meet original man with GSOH and zest for life. Mid 30's, 6', NS. Box 826
- Yorks/anywhere: Goodlooking White guy 39, no.2 crop, tache, slim, hairy, own place/car seeks younger Black/Indian guy for relationship. Photo please. Box 827
- Rotherham: Professional bi male, 40, v.w/e, attractive, GSOH, needs cute 20-30 professional guy any colour for occasional hot safe fun. GSOH + intelligence essential. Phone number please. Box 828
- Sweaty masculine 30 seeks appreciative sniffers. Yellow/brown briefs interest a bonus. Photo please. Box 829
- Nottingham/Derby/Leics: Hi I'm 44 & seeking younger guys 18-35 for some good safe fun. No strings. Any nationality welcome. Your photo assures reply. Discretion assured. Box 830
- Nottingham: 50 year old outdoor type, straight acting, non scene, slim Y/G into walking, youth hosting seeks genuine younger similar guy 18-30 for friendship. Photo/photo helps. Box 831
- New year, new man? 25 year old seeks friendship and love in 1997 from guys 18-30, straight acting, non scene, uninhibited, Notts area only please. Box 832
- Leicester guy 25, professional, attractive, GSOH seeks similar guys, camp or straight acting, scene or non scene for friendship or more. Photo appreciated. Box 833
- New year, new friends? Professional man from Derby, early 40's w/ltm men 30-45 for socialising, intimacy and, perhaps, commitment. ALA. Box 834
- Leicester, couple 40's n/s, straight-acting, easy going, OK looks, seeks single guys 25+ for long walks, window shopping, friendship and fun, ALAWP returned. Box 835
- Derby, 38, tall OK looking w/e, smoker, non-scene, gsoh, in relationship, seeks similar guys, 25-43 for safe uncomplicated fun, please quote tel No. Box 836
- East Midlands versatile guy, 38, good physique, firm butt, very horny, seeks non-scene guy, 18-50 tel. no. ALA. Box 837
- Nottm/Derby, guy 44, seeks younger guy, 25-35, honest sincere, caring, gsoh for friendship, possibly 102-1 photo please, any nationality. Box 838
- Nottm/Derby, guy 40, inexperienced interested in briefs, w/s, rimming, seeks other guy, 18-25, for mutual fun. Photo. Box 839
- Nottm/Midlands, amateur photographer requires young exhibitionists, 18-30, to pose your fantasy, relaxed surroundings, no fee but free prints, discretion assured, photo gets quick reply. Box 840
- Sir, Nottm. guy 38, slim w/e, seeks master dominant guy for humiliation, c.p. firm hand, fun friendship 1-2-1 genuine, frank letter photo ALA. Box 841
- New Year, new start, one thing missing, a partner, 22 year old gay male, 5" 6", gsoh. looking for 1-2-1 photo please. Box 842
- Notts/Derbyshire, me lonely, 25 year old seeks 18-25, my name is Steve, I'm looking for 1-2-1 person relationship, I have short brown hair, 5' 8" tall like music, pets can accommodate, ALAWP. Box 843
- Burton/Derby/Staffs, 50 mile radius, retired Gay couple seek similar or single for home visits varied interests, any age over 18 ALA. Box 844.
- East Midlands, male 30's, looking to increase circle of friends, wants other working class straight-acting guys down to earth and reliable. Box 845.
- Solvent guy 48 years old, likes most things, easy going happy go lucky seeks younger guy any nationality to spoil, coset and care for. Box 846.

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- Sheffield/anywhere, gay male 31, non scene, non smoker, seeks masculine male. I'm caring, honest, friendly, slim and smooth with a gsoh. Replies assured. Box 850.

## mixed personal

- Leicester bi female, 20, seeks bi male for penpals relationship. Must have GSOH, be caring. Photo if poss. Waiting for your letter! ALA. Box 100

- Bi guy seeks friends male or female into weight training and keep fit in the privacy of my own home. Possible 121. ALA. Box 101

## women's personal

- Young 50 years lesbian seeks genuine friends, no hang ups. Sports, cinema, pubs, videos, soaps, driving, eating in/out. Dog owner non smoker. Genuine replies only. No time wasters. Box 347

- Mansfield lady, caring, sincere, honest seeks feminine lady to brighten up my days. Between 25-35. GSOH. Box 348

- Lincoln/Lincs: Feminine female 19 w/ltm similar for friendship or ? You must be genuine and 16-25. Don't be alone, confide in me! Box 349

- Leicester dyke 21 seeks genuine friends to share times with. GSOH, easygoing, honest. Possible relationship? Leicester/anywhere. Photo poss? ALA any age. Box 350

- Leics or close: been alone for too long - save me! lesbian, 30's, honest, sincere, seeks similar for mutual admiration and big love. Please write. Box 351

- Leicester female 41 seeks other feminine females for friendship (maybe more). Interests cinema, walking, country pubs, girls who can cope with my wicked SOH. Box 352
- Single gay female 53, with GSOH, enjoys social life, dog lover and good lover! ALA. Box 353

- Happy go lucky 46, GSOH, country life & socialising, attractive loyal female, smart casual seeks attractive femme GSOH for friendship maybe more. ALAWP. Box 355

- Leics, nice looking affectionate femme post op TS lesbian, 27, many interests seeks partner 25-40, 5'5"+, medium build also seeking friends. Genuine responses only please. Box 356

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- Leics. happy, 29 in relationship but seeking friends to have fun with. More pub than club, cinema, eating out sand gossip! Laughs guaranteed. Box 355

- Sheffield woman, seeks prince charming boyish and beautiful nice figure, to climb up my long blonde hair to my ivory tower, wine and dine ALA. Box 356

- Lincs. Lonely lesbian, 33, n/s and gone to seed! Seeking similar friends for mutual nurturing - maybe we can 'bloom' again together. ALA. Box 357

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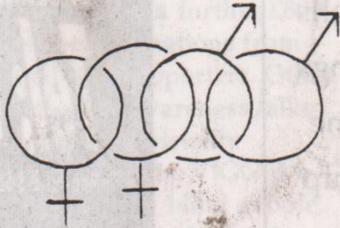
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