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OUTRIGHT

Gay Freesheet for the East Midlands

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"THERE ARE NONE SO FIT TO BREAK THE CHAINS AS THOSE WHO WEAR THEM"

Carl Whittman, Gay Liberation Front Manifesto, 1967

Hello, welcome to Outright, the successor to Metro Gay. We aim to carry on many of the achievements of Metro Gay. Most importantly, we will not intentionally originate any material which is racist, ageist or sexist. We are a Workers Co-operative of gay men and though our brief is to report and reflect what is happening in this region's gay male community, we will endeavour to cover issues of lesbian relevance that are important to both our communities. However, as gay men, we cannot be spokespersons for the lesbian community, nor should we attempt to be. Not all our readers have access to other gay publications, so we will try to cover items of national and international news.

Gone (we hope) will be the photos you all loved, shrouded in mist - so you thought it was deliberate! We will be sacrificing Metro Gay's homespun image for a snappier and clearer layout; now you can read us in the half-light of the clubs and pubs, so throw away your lorgnettes, dears!

Enter the uncertain Nineties as both a daunting and exciting era. With the present government intent on decimating our National Health Service, no vaccine yet available for AIDS and a continuing fight against prejudice and discrimination, there is still a lot to be done. Of all the countries in Europe, with the exceptions of Romania, Czechoslovakia and Albania, the United Kingdom is the most backward in terms of lesbian and gay rights. With our country committed to participation in the European Community in 1992, there is hope for our basic human rights as lesbians and gay men to become enshrined in law - if we make it happen.

Despite the scarcity of positive images in our society, young and old card-carrying homosexuals continue to defy the pressures on them and come out as gay or lesbian, to face an uncertain tomorrow.

It is for them, and for those who have died from AIDS and those now living with AIDS, that we dedicate our first issue.

What better than to kick off our first issue with a picture of a positive, confident gathering of members of Leicester Lesbian & Gay Youth Group.

The group has been in existence for over a year now - can you spot the over 21s! That's Sue and Richard, Probation Worker and Teacher, who seem to be the undisputed anchorpersons of the group.

The group becomes a launchpad for many youngsters who come from a 30 mile radius of Leicester, and those pictured were adamant about the benefits of belonging to such a group.

Their zest for life was obvious, and anyone up to 26 years of age is welcome to make contact via the Leicester Lesbian & Gay Line on 0533 550667, between 7.30 and 10.00pm.



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NO SOUL IN LEICESTER

Leicester Community Press, acknowledged as one of the leading resource centres in the country, is under threat of closure by Leicester City Council, who fund the project. A number of organisations are believed to be similarly threatened, including Raddles, a thriving Black bookshop in the City. As yet, no firm decision has been made by the City Council, but a spokesperson for Leicester Community Press said at best, they expected to have their funding severely reduced in 1990/91. The poll tax and a change in emphasis by the ruling right wing Labour Group, led by Peter Soulsby, are blamed.

The Community Press have always been very supportive to disadvantaged groups, and apart from being our printers, they also printed our predecessor, 'Metro Gay', providing much-needed help and advice. If they are forced to close, the region will be deprived of a very important re-

source to small, often unfunded organisations. The Community Press is one of three venues for the forthcoming Leicester and Gay Festival in March.

Letters of support to the staff should be sent to Leicester Community Press Ltd., 27 Lincoln Street, Leicester and letters of protest against the proposed action should be addressed to The Leader of the City Council, Councillor Peter Soulsby, Council Offices, Leicester City Council, New Walk Centre, Leicester LE1 6ZG.

BROADWAY LAUNCH

'Broadway' is the name of the Nottingham Media Centre's new film and TV complex which is shaping up on the site of the old Co-op Educational Centre in Broad Street. When complete, the building will be a unique combination of two cinema screens, a cafe/bar, a gallery and a film and television training centre. Already the centre has launched a weekly season of films on Wednesdays, called 'Polycine 1990 - Putting On the Style'. (See listings for details).

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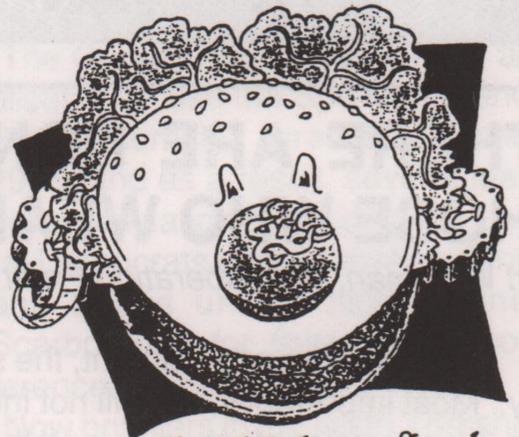
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A sell-out charity gala, repeating its 1989 success at Leicester's Haymarket Theatre, raised over £10,000 in aid of the David Manley Fund recently. Organised by Leicester Aids Support Services (LASS), the gala included members of the casts of 'EastEnders' and 'Coronation Street', Patricia Hayes, Valerie Singleton and Suzi Quatro. The gala was sold out weeks before it took place and the takings were boosted by bucket collections, raffles and a sponsored 'dress up' by co-organisers of the event, Linda Grant and Laura McGregor. Normally given to wearing Doc Martens and jeans, the two were transformed for the night into something else, wearing frocks, make-up and stilettos. The months of planning again paid off with this year's total possibly exceeding that of last year.

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The birthplace of Leicester's most famous son, gay author Joe Orton, is to be marked by the unveiling of a pink plaque during the Leicester Lesbian & Gay Festival, as part of an 'Orton Day'. Other events include Janice Perry and Brendan Nash in cabaret plus 'Bloodlips' troupers, Phil Harmonia and Lavinia Co-op, appearing as 'The Fruits'. Films include 'Desert Hearts' and 'Dona

Herlinda and her Son'. The festival spans three venues - The Phoenix Arts Centre, Picture House Gallery and Leicester Community Press - running from 10th to 24th March. (For performance details, see listings).

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'SOLITARY' VALENTINE

CELL BLOCK H fans have a chance to see Judy Bryant (otherwise known as Betty Bobbitt) straight from solitary at Derby's Ritzy Gay Night on St. Valentine's night. Betty will drop into the Rising Sun earlier in the evening to sign autographs before appearing on stage. Organisers Dave and Keith expect a capacity crowd, as the series gains more 'Prisoners' three times weekly.



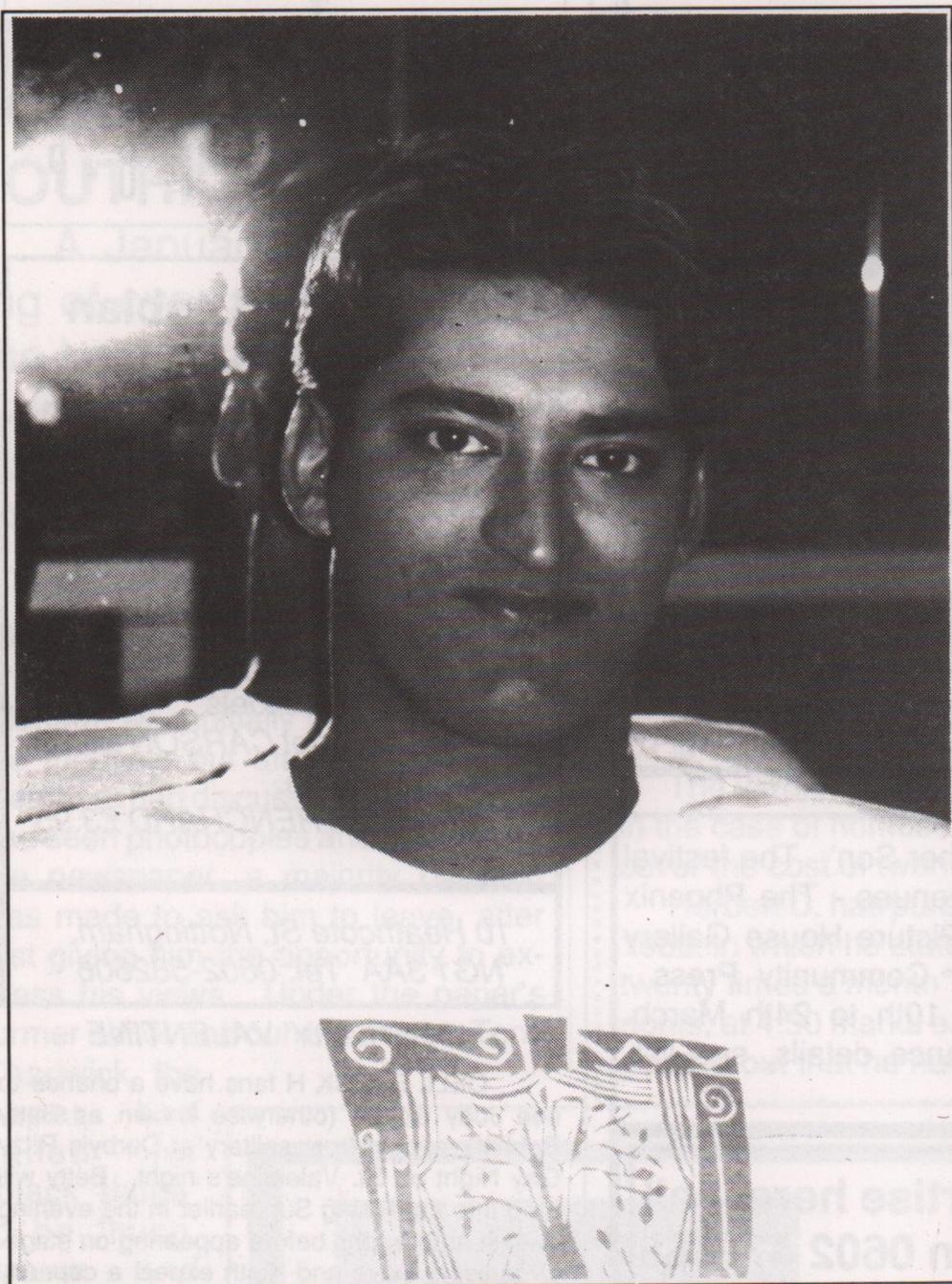
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OUTFRONT WITH ROYCE ULLAH

Outfront recently was Royce Ullah, interviewed in Nottingham when he appeared in 'The Railway Children' at the Theatre Royal.

"Usually three or four of us have to share a draughty dressing room or sometimes even a corridor, so this is a nice

change". Royce is luxuriating in having a dressing room all to himself. "In fact, I made it my home for the two weeks' run". He has brought his telly, his clothes and in between shows he can relax and entertain his friends here, he says.

Royce made his debut on the silver screen when, as a member of the London Gay Teenage Group, he appeared in "Framed Youth", which won plaudits at the Montreux Festival and on Channel 4 TV.

He worked as a library assistant in Islington, always dreaming of acting, "but I just didn't want to go to college", he recalls.

After several failed auditions for theatre school, someone at work suggested he take up clowning in neighbourhood festivals and schools. "Then I presented all my job contracts to Equity, who gave me a card." The job at the library went next. Royce makes it all sound so simple.

"My first real acting break came when I successfully auditioned for a BBC2, four part serial, 'King of the Ghetto'. As you can imagine, it was a thrill for someone with no TV or stage technique; and the money was great, too!"

There followed two years Theatre in Education work and a run at Theatre Centre in Covent Garden, after which a two month Canadian tour, the experience of a lifetime," adds Royce, now on his third Coke.

"These days I act as my own agent. In this production, the company certainly took risks with me. I obviously look Indian, but play a Russian. I don't agree with typecasting and wouldn't choose to play an Indian corner shop owner or a turbaned bus conductor", he admits.

Royce remembers he shocked a fellow gay barman where he once worked. "He referred to me as a 'pretty little brown thing from India', until I opened my mouth. My London accent floored him", he laughs.

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"Society generally sees us as stereotypes; gay Asian youth are supposed to be submissive, giggling or for rent. I am more assertive since I was beaten up by a gang of white youths some years ago for being Asian. You can't 'white up' and hide, whereas I'm not visibly gay, unless I happen to be wearing 'Glad to be Gay' badges."

We talk about Royce and his family. When Royce is not touring, he stays with his sister, Yasmin, in London. "She was the first person I told I was gay and we really understand each other", he says. "I have little contact with my mother or brothers and my father died three years ago."

Royce has no lover at present. "Touring, with a week in each place, plays havoc with your personal relationships, but I like it right now", he says. Royce came out after seeing a TV programme when he was 14 - that was 10 years ago. "It transformed my life. At first I was shocked, seeing men

embracing and dancing together, but gradually I got more comfortable with it all". He wishes he could speak Bengali, his father's first language, which he and his brothers and sisters rejected as children in East London. "My ambition now is to see the village where my father is buried and meet the family I have never known". But this desire conflicts with career dilemmas for Royce, who says if you are away for more than a

couple of months, agents soon forget you.

It's almost time for curtain up. One more drink. I am ready to leave. Royce thanks me for the interview and confides he hasn't the faintest idea how to make a good curry. But curry or not, I'll wager he'll be on that plane to Bangladesh before too long.

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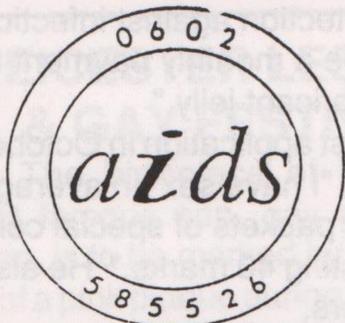
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'ACTION' CONDEMNED OUTRIGHT

A January open meeting of over sixty people at the London Lesbian & Gay Centre condemned the existence of the newspaper 'Action', because of its "racist, misogynist and anti-lesbian material".

The new editor of 'Action', Keith Oldham, was initially voted to stay at the meeting, but after the meeting's members had discussed the issue and had seen photocopies and originals of the newspaper, a majority decision was made to ask him to leave, after first giving him the opportunity to express his views. Under the paper's former editor and current owner, Tony Chadwick, the paper had called for "black thugs" to be "hung, drawn and quartered, without reference to the courts".

A statement, passed by the meeting, urged all lesbian and gay groups and the lesbian and gay press to issue statements of policy "on the existence of this vile material in the lesbian and gay community". Organisations backing the move include OLGA (Organisation for Lesbian/Gay Action), Black Lesbian and Gay Centre, CHE (Cam-

paign for Homosexual Equality), Pride Committee and Act Up London.

A spokesperson for the East Midlands' new gay free-sheet, 'Outright', said: "We at 'Outright' will not accept advertising from any pub, club, organisation or individual that continues to advertise in that paper and will join with other organisations in the gay and lesbian communities to ensure that there is no platform for its despicable views."

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Herbert C. has pursued his case ever since his first application in October 1986, in which he stated that he was a homosexual: "I have sex on average twenty times a month", he wrote, "and I need seven packets of special condoms, at 4.50 marks each, and four tubes of KY, costing 40 marks." He also pointed out that he had sex with a number of partners.



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NATIONAL SURVEY ON POLICE ACTION AGAINST GAY MEN

The Stonewall Group and Leicester Lesbian and Gay Action have written to local and national groups in all parts of the United Kingdom, asking them to help in a survey of police action against gay men, by completing a questionnaire about the situation in their areas. They hope the information will give them a complete picture of the position in all parts of the country. Bernard Greaves, of Leicester Lesbian and Gay Action, said: "We are seeking examples of good practice, which can be held up as a model to be followed elsewhere, every bit as much as instances of malpractice".

When the returns have been studied and evaluated, the two groups will decide whether the situation warrants a national campaign against police malpractice. In any event, they hope to be able to recommend a code of good practice, based on the best examples found around the country.

The move comes at a time when there has been a very substantial increase in the numbers of men charged with, or convicted of indecency or public order offences in or around cottages in the United Kingdom.

A recent, highly effective campaign by LLGA against police entrapment in Leicester cottages led to the issue being raised in Parliament by Leicester East MP, Keith Vaz, and since then there has been a national review of police practises. Plain clothes officers have been told they "should avoid placing themselves in situations where accusations could be made that they have acted as agents provocateurs".

Any groups or individuals who have not received copies of the survey pack are invited to write in to Leicester Lesbian and Gay Action, 25 Walton Street, Leicester, LE3 0DX or ring Bernard Greaves on Leicester 553436.

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Wed 14	Death of a Salesman (PG)	6.00
Wed 14	Life and Nothing But (15)	9.00
Thur 15	Death of a Salesman (PG)	6.00
Thur 15	Life and Nothing But (15)	9.00
Fri 16	Henry V (PG)	6.15
Fri 16	Sex, Lies and Videotape (18)	9.00
Fri 16	Torch Song Trilogy (15)	11.30
Sat 17	DCHE study day	
Sat 17	Henry V (PG)	6.15
Sat 17	Sex, Lies and Videotape (18)	9.00
Sun 18	Blue Velvet (18)	6.00
Sun 18	Sex, Lies and Videotape (18)	9.00
Tues 20	50 Years Ago - Band Waggon	7.30
Wed 21	Henry V (PG)	6.30
Wed 21	Melancholia (15)	9.00
Thur 22	Henry V (PG)	6.30
Thur 22	Melancholia (15)	9.00
Fri 23	Dead Poets Society (PG)	6.00
Fri 23	Roselyne and the Lions (12)	8.45
Fri 23	The Abyss (15)	11.30
Sat 24	Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (PG)	2.00
Sat 24	Dead Poets Society (PG)	6.00
Sat 24	Roselyne and the Lions (12)	8.45
Sun 25	Blood of a Poet	6.00
Sun 25	Roselyne and the Lions (12)	9.00
Tues 27	DCHE Guest Lecture	9.00
Tues 27	Roselyne and the Lions (12)	9.00
Wed 28	Dead Poets Society (PG)	6.00
Wed 28	Roselyne and the Lions (12)	8.45
Thur 1	Dead Poets Society (PG)	6.00
Thur 1	Roselyne and the Lions (12)	8.45
Fri 2	When Harry Met Sally (15)	6.15
Fri 2	New York Stories (15)	8.30
Fri 2	Toxic Avenger (18)	11.00
Sat 3	Danny, Champion of the World (U)	2.00
Sat 3	When Harry Met Sally (15)	6.15
Sat 3	New York Stories (15)	8.30
Sun 4	Kenneth Anger Programme One.	6.30
Sun 4	New York Stories (15)	9.00
Tues 6	Derby Education Event	
Tues 6	Bagdad Cafe (PG)	9.00
Weds 7	When Harry Met Sally (15)	6.15
Weds 7	Bagdad Cafe (PG)	8.30
Thurs 8	When Harry Met Sally (15)	6.15
Thurs 8	Bagdad Cafe (PG)	8.30
Fri 9	Shirley Valentine (15)	6.15
Fri 9	Jesus of Montreal (18)	8.45
Fri 9	Betty Blue (18)	11.30
Sat 10	Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade (PG)	2.00
Sat 10	Shirley Valentine (15)	6.15
Sat 10	Jesus of Montreal (18)	8.45
Sun 11	Mean Streets (18)	6.15
Sun 11	Jesus of Montreal (18)	8.45
Tues 13	DCHE Guest Lecture	7.00
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Mon 12Feb	Eat a Bowl of Tea	6.15
Mon 12Feb	Kenneth Anger (Prog 1)	8.30
Tue 13Feb	APARTMENT ZERO	6.15
Tue 13Feb	Eat a Bowl of Tea	8.45
Wed 14Feb	Eat a Bowl of Tea	6.15
Wed 14Feb	Let's Hope It's a Girl	8.30
Fri 16Feb	Planes, Trains and Autos.	11.15
Sat 17Feb	The Great American Chase	2.30
Mon 19Feb	Three Men & A Baby	8.45
Tue 20Feb	Salaam Bombay!	8.45
Fri 23Feb	Easy Rider LATE	11.15
Sat 24Feb	Dogs in Space	3.00
Sat 24Feb	Casablanca	6.15
Sat 24Feb	Great Balls of Fire	8.30
Sun 25Feb	Dead Poets Society	33.00
Sun 25Feb	Great Balls of Fire	6.15
Sun 25Feb	Asya's Happiness	8.30
Mon 26Feb	Dead Poets Society	6.15
Mon 26Feb	Kenneth Anger (Prog 2)	8.45
Tue 27Feb	Days Like These	7.00
Wed 28Feb	Rainman	5.30
Wed 28Feb	La Dolca Vita	8.45
Thu 1Mar	Les Enfants du Paradis	7.00
Fri 2Mar	WITHNAIL AND I LATE	11.15
Sat 3Mar	Jason & The Argonauts	2.30
Mon 5Mar	Mystery Train	6.15
Mon 5Mar	The Long Riders	8.30
Tue 6Mar	Kenneth Anger (Prog. 3)	6.15
Tue 6Mar	Mystery Train	8.30
Wed 7Mar	Mystery Train	6.15
Wed 7Mar	Mystery Train	8.30
Fri 9Mar	La Grande Bouffe	11.15
Sat 10Mar	Young Guns LATE	2.30
Sun 11Mar	The Land Before Time	
Mon 12Mar	JANICE PERRY & BRENDAN NASH (Cabaret)	7.30
Mon 12Mar	Jesus of Montreal	6.15
Tue 13Mar	GIANTS OF MARATHON	8.45
Tue 13Mar	DESERT HEARTS + LESBIAN SHORT FILMS	6.15
Tue 13Mar	Jesus of Montreal	8.30
Wed 14Mar	DONNA HERLINDA & HER SON + GAY SHORT FILMS	8.45
Fri 16Mar	CABARET LATE	11.15
Sat 17Mar	THE FROOTS (Cabaret)	8.00

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Wed 12 Feb	Blue Velvet	8.00
Wed 21 Feb	Judex	5.00
Wed 21 Feb	Judex	8.00
Wed 28 Feb	A Bout De Souffle	5.00
Wed 28 Feb	A Bout De Souffle	8.00
Wed 7 Mar	Breathless	5.00
Wed 7 Mar	Breathless	8.00
Wed 14 Mar	Sat. Night & Sunday Morning	5.00
Wed 14 Mar	Sat. Night & Sunday Morning	8.00
Wed 21 Mar	Distant Voices, Still Lives	5.00
Wed 21 Mar	Distant Voices, Still Lives	8.00
Wed 28 Mar	Betty Blue	5.00
Wed 28 Mar	Betty Blue	8.00

Council costs the Cost of Bigotry

Scarborough Council's ban on the Campaign for Homosexual Equality has backfired, it was admitted.

The Council had vetoed CHE's application to use the Spa Conference Centre complex three times since 1976, and as a result, several leading organisations, including the Liberal Democrats and several students' and trades unions have banned Scarborough for their annual conferences.

Now hoteliers in the north Yorkshire resort are having second thoughts, admitting that the ban has cost them millions of pounds in lost tourist revenue.

Councillor Harry Dixon, owner of Southlands Hotel in the town, said it was felt that the issue should be reviewed.

"Personally, I would not like to stop anybody coming to Scarborough", he said, and hedging his bets, added, "providing they do not bring the town into disrepute."

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- 13 Feb APARTMENT ZERO, Phoenix, 6.15pm
- 14 Feb BETTY BOBBITT, Derby Ritzy, 9.30pm - 2am
- 16 Feb TORCH SONG TRILOGY, Derby Metro, 11.30pm
- 18 Feb BAGDAD CAFE, Curzon, Loughboro', 6pm
- 18 Feb GAY OUTDOOR CLUB, 11am, John 0533-626617
- 25 Feb LESBIAN HOUSING CO-OP MEETING, Womens Centre, Nottingham, 2pm, creche provided, info from Lesbian Line
- 26 Feb KENNETH ANGER (Prog 2), Phoenix, 8.45pm
- 4 Mar KENNETH ANGER (Prog 1), Metro Derby, 6.30pm
- 6 Mar KENNETH ANGER (Prog 3), Phoenix, 6.15pm
- 7 Mar BAGDAD CAFE, Metro Derby, 8.30pm
- 11 Mar ORTON DAY, unveiling of plaque at Orton's birthplace, 2.30pm, 9 Gayhurst Rd, Leicester