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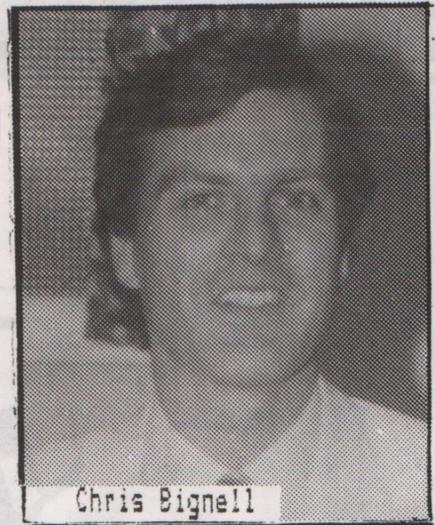
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**HOSPITAL AIDS SEMINAR**

Over 100 GP's and senior nurses attended a day-long seminar on the Community Aspects of Aids at Nottingham University Medical School last month. There were a number of speakers including Dr. Chris Bignell, Senior Consultant at the General Hospital STD Clinic, Barbara Broughton, Health Advisor and a person with the Aids Related Complex.  
 In his address Dr. Bignell, contrasted clinical management in this country with that of New York City where legislation exists to protect the estimated 500,000 people with HIV. Most of the clinical management there was done without testing patients beforehand for HIV.  
 Only 7% of those undergoing treatment, tested for HIV.  
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Chris Bignell

photo: Ben Clarke



**DERBY'S COTTAGE INDUSTRY**

**FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES**

**Gay men and lesbians to be treated as second-class citizens**

Thousands of people are expected to demon-strate on the streets of London as this paper goes to press, to protest against the horrific implications of the amendment to the new Local Government Bill, - Clause 27 - which if it passes the Bill would by April ban all schools and local authorities from adopting positive policies on lesbian and gay rights.

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Simon Hughes



Chris Smith

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The Bill has taken most people by surprise partly because it was pushed through without fuss or publicity before Xmas when the Reagan/Gorbachov summit grabbed the headlines, but despite this nearly 1,000 people turned up to lobby their M.P's at the House of Commons on the 14th December.

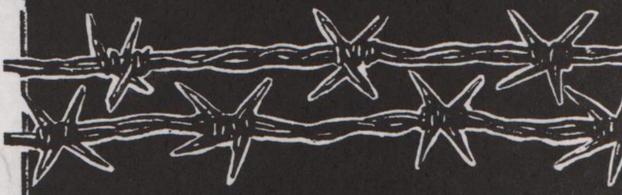
The night before the public gallery was packed with lesbians and gay men and for five minutes the House was paralysed as lesbians and gay men shouted their opposition to the Clause 27.

"It is actually the most massive attack on civil rights and liberties ever launched by an elected government on any group in this country", said Graham Stringer, Leader of Manchester City Council. His views were echoed by the National Council for Civil Liberties and many respected Parliamentarians like Lord Gifford, Liberal Simon Hughes, Tory, Michael Brown and Labour's Ken Livingstone

Closer to home, Cllr. Maggie Stagg, Chair of Leicester City Council's Equal Opportunities Committee slammed Clause 27 stating that

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'First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew.  
Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out - because I was not a communist.  
Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist.  
Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak out for me.'



Pastor Niemoeller (victim of the Nazis)

A Derby man was sentenced to six years jail last month for catching his gay victims with their pants down all over the country.

Rocky Worthington, 29, took three companions as lookouts on awayday trips to London, Sheffield and Manchester between January 1986 and February 1987, prosecuting counsel told the court. The others would keep watch while Rocky approached men in public toilets 'posing as a queer'. If they responded, he would take their wallet while they were 'in a state of embarrassment'.

The gang, who relied on their victim's 'predicament' to discourage them from reporting the crimes, were eventually caught in Derby after approaching someone less bashful than usual. Rocky's three accomplices all pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 27 months, 24 months with twelve suspended and twelve months. Giving evidence, one claimed in court that he used the money to supplement his dole and buy food and necessities.

Sentencing Rocky, the judge at Derby Crown Court said "The extent of this man's crimes will never be known because his victims would be reluctant to come forward and report them". (Thanks to PINK PAPER)

Mike Atkinson at the  
**BARRACUDA**  
soul funk hip hop  
monday 18 Jan.

Where can you hear hip-hop, soul, funk without being blasted by Hi-NRG? The answer is the third Monday of the month at the Barracuda. Kicking off on Monday 18th January, will be Mike Atkinson & Mark Carroll. "We felt that the discos at the Garage were just becoming popular and when they finished suddenly, a lot of people felt disappointed", said Mark. So to put that right, the dynamic duo will be spinning the discs and welcome all lesbians and gay men, particularly younger people. So from 10pm until 2am you can bop away. The Barracuda is in Hurts Yard (off Upper Parliament Street, Nottm).

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photo: Richard McCance



George Porter

I met George Porter across a desk in the Sneinton office of Nottingham Community Housing Association where he is Area Manager. It's nine years now since he first set foot in Nottingham, fresh from a Planning degree in Newcastle. "I knew nothing about the place or even where it was", he joked.

I come from a rural background in Cumbria - I'm not out to anyone in the family - where I come from it's not seen as unusual that I'm still unattached, because in my family there are relatives who have remained single for many years. Soon after I arrived in Nottingham I fell in with straight friends from my Newcastle days, and went around with them for several years. This also meant I didn't have to tackle my gayness directly".

But as often happens, George got the coming-out bug and soon began to confide to a few chosen friends that he was gay, before venturing onto the commercial scene. I asked George what he thought of the scene generally. "At first it can be fun - a novelty - but very often it can be "sink or swim" and pretty unfriendly as well, which can be devastating when you have been

gearing up to coming out into what you believe will be a supportive gay world only to find out that it often isn't!"

It's a real pity there's no alternative to the commercial scene in Nottingham, for as long as most gay men see being gay as synonymous with just cruising in pubs and clubs, without anything else I don't think we will get very far. What we need are places run by and for gay people, where profit is not the only motive".

"I'm thinking of a place in London called "The Fallen Angel" which is a cross between a cafe/pub and community centre. This place is comfortable and welcoming and where I can feel, as a gay man, that I really belong".

But now George is ready for a change and has given up his job for a round-the-world trip, via India and Thailand with a long stay planned in Australia where he has friends. "I might even settle there, but first I'd like to know if there's more to the country than Castlemaine XXXX, Bondi Beach and Australian Football! I'd also like to find out if there's real life in New Zealand or whether it's Sunday seven days a week!"

I sensed a hint of restlessness in the man and was keen to know if this move was a sudden decision.

"I could settle down and live with the right person, but I'm not interested in setting up home with someone just for the sake of it. My present job and lifestyle represents security for me and now seems the right time to make a move", he added.

Before I left I asked George for three wishes for himself. "I would like a fulfilling life which I think is sometimes difficult to achieve for a gay man. Secondly, I would like to see gay culture continue to develop as if AIDS wasn't there and not let AIDS take control and shape everything else. And it would be very nice if we could find different ways of communicating with each other than just through clubs and pubs".

Just in case he is not lured away permanently from these shores, he has friends taking care of his house, so should he decide to give Nottingham another whirl it'll be ready and waiting. But even if he decides to stay in Oz, you can be sure there will be a little bit of Nottingham there to remind him of the good things at home.



Terry Sanderson

The Potts Correspondence and Other Gay Humour by Terry Sanderson (The Other Way Press £3.50). Written with a limp wrist the Potts Correspondence induces some mirth and several misgivings. The bulk comprises Sanderson's pieces for Gay Times, letters from Mrs. Doreen Potts, fictional Yorkshire housewife to friend Terry about the doings of her son Gary. Although Doreen is a protagonist in a gay rights demo, an Earl's Court bar, her son's 'marriage' to Bill the footballer and their honeymoon trip to Amsterdam, the overall tone is not merely frivolous, but trivial and trivialising. Sanderson's eye for minutiae is not so much sharp as all-enveloping and indiscriminate. He has a formidable knack for loading every page with references to consumer products; he must spend hours in supermarkets looking at Shake 'n' Vac, Izal, P.6, tips, Ewbanks and Hoovers, then folding them into a Doreen Potts piece which makes the woman seem so compulsively obsessive about cleanliness and a good strong cuppa that she seems unaware that she has been seduced by a lesbian in Spain.

True, we're not looking for social realism here and although the bemused innocent in the gay world is often wittily rendered, the premise makes a shaky platform on which to sustain a single idea over a volume even as slim as this one. Doreen's commendable fight for gay rights and her eloquence simply don't square with her ignorance of what Gary actually gets up to in bed nor her other persona as well-meaning but frankly stupid.

Indeed, Doreen's malapropisms, misunderstandings and general fogginess tend to demean women and northerners both. She belongs to an honoured tradition - Rob Wilton, Hildas Baker and Ogden, Thora Hird, Alan Bennett, Wood and Walters, Su Pollard - but the material is too one-dimensional. Simply, it's too camp if that's not a contradiction in terms; too reliant on making this woman as silly as possible for a camp giggle. It is an inferior variation on a theme not particularly flattering to women, and ultimately, damaging.

The other pieces reveal Sanderson revelling in his inability to be practical or enjoy outdoor pursuits ('Campsite Blues'), his failure with a Bullworker, and his awesome regard for, no surprises, Garland and Busby Berkeley. The autobiographical Introduction concerning sexual awakening is more informative. You don't have to be a media queen to appreciate the humour. Other parts are worrying. A blond Nordic student is fantasised into a 'Viking rapist'; a wind slashes 'like a queer-basher's flick knife'. The former is irresponsible, the latter is pretentious and inappropriate.

Sanderson certainly has a facility with words, occasionally spoiled by over-emphasis, and a ripe sense of the ridiculous. The visual imagery is bizarre because it relies heavily on the commonplace. However, what might be hilarious when verbally related becomes only amusing on the page, and irritating in collection.

Terry Stevenson

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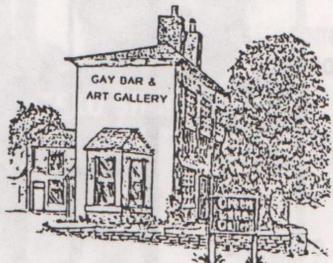
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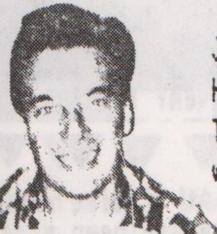
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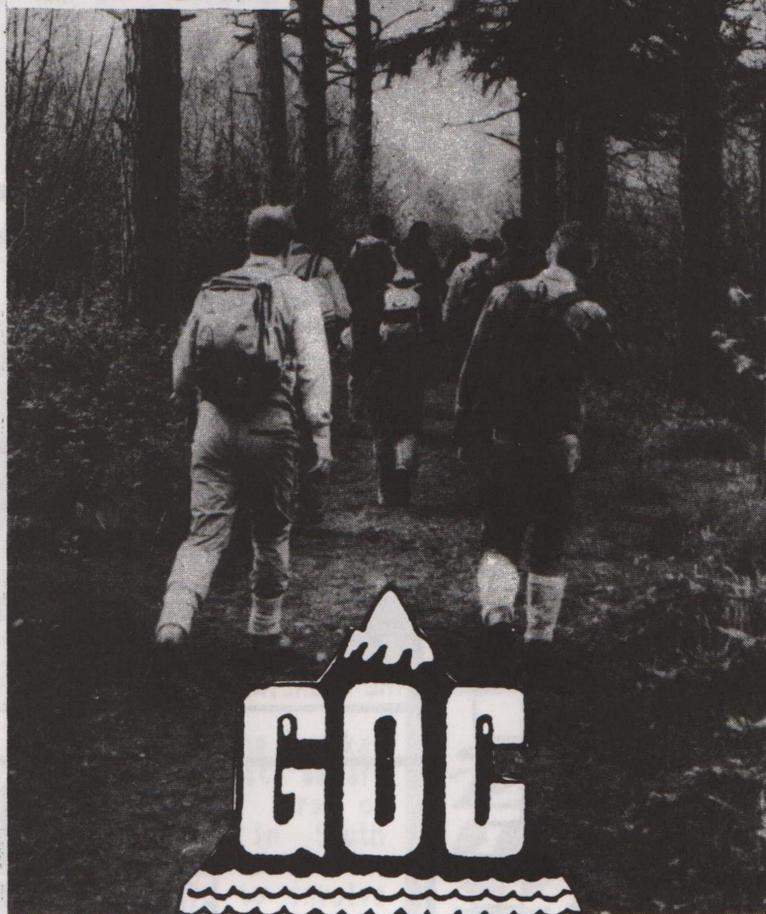
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## PERSONAL SERVICES

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## GAY OUTDOOR CLUB



The Gay Outdoor Club is a countrywide lesbian and gay organisation that holds a regular programme of events, covering most aspects of outdoor activities. We have been in existence since 1972 and have developed a network of over 20 groups throughout the country. The groups between them hold, on average, 25 to 30 events each month. The activities include walking, climbing, camping, swimming, cycling, skiing and caving. Most of these events are day trips, but there is also a healthy programme of weekend and longer events throughout the year.

Full details of meeting places and times are given in the GOC newsletter each month. If you are interested in finding out more about us, write to GAY OUTDOOR CLUB, PO BOX 41, SOUTH PDO, MANCHESTER, M145QF, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for more information and a sample newsletter. Alternatively you might like to phone the EAST MIDLANDS contact, John on Leicester (0533) 26617.

## CITY LIGHTS C-I-N-E-M-A

Sat 9	Aria (15)	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun 10	Aria (15)	5.00/8.00
Tue 12	Trial on the Road	7.30
Wed 13	Novocento (Pt.1) (18) Polycine	4.30/7.30
Thu 14	River's Edge (18)	7.30
Fri 15	River's Edge (18)	7.30
Sat 16	River's Edge	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun 17	Les Anges du Pache	5.00
Sun 17	River's Edge (18)	8.00
Tue 19	Twenty Days Without War	7.30
Wed 20	Novocento (Pt.2) (18) Polycine	4.30/7.30
Fri 22	The Horse Thief	7.30
Sat 23	The Horse Thief	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun 24	Mala Noche	5.00
Sun 24	The Horse Thief	8.00
Tue 26	My Friend Ivan Lapshin	7.30
Wed 27	The Great Gatsby (PG) Polycine	4.30/7.45
Thu 28	Melo (PG)	7.30
Fri 29	Melo (PG)	7.30
Sat 30	The Big Easy (18) 2pm/5.00/8pm	
Sun 31	The Big Easy (18)	5.00/8pm
Tue 2	Judex (15)	7.30
Wed 3	The Tin Drum (18) Polycine	4.30/7.30
Thu 4	Housekeeping (PG)	7.30
Fri 5	Housekeeping (PG)	7.30
Sat 6	Housekeeping (PG) 2pm/5.00/8pm	
Sun 7	Housekeeping (PG)	5.00/8pm
Wed 10	Hope And Glory (15) Polycine	4.30/7.30
Thu 11	Hope And Glory (15)	7.30

Programme details and information: Nottm. 583184

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## PHOENIX ARTS

Newarke Street Leicester

Mon 11	Love Child (15)	6.15
Mon 11	Sunless (15)	8.15
Tue 12	The Night Is Young (15)	6.15
Tue 12	River's Edge (18)	8.45
Wed 13	River's Edge (18)	6.15
Wed 13	The Night Is Young (15)	8.15
Thu 14	River's Edge (18)	6.15
Thu 14	The Night Is Young (15)	8.15
Fri 15	Koyaanisqatsi (U)	11.15
Sun 17	Good Morning Babylon (15)	4.30
Sun 17	Friendship's Death (15)	7.30
Mon 18	Friendship's Death (15)	6.15
Mon 18	Good Morning Babylon (15)	8.15
Tue 19	Three Men And A Cradle (PG)	6.15
Tue 19	Good Morning Babylon (15)	8.30
Wed 20	Three Men And A Cradle (PG)	6.15
Thu 21	Junk Aesthetics - Prog 3 (15)	6.15
Thu 21	Three Men And A Cradle (PG)	8.15
Fri 22	The Harder They Come (18)	11.15
Sun 24	Zelig (PG) + Dead Men Dont Wear Plaid (PG)	3.30
Sun 24	The Belly Of An Architect (15)	7.30
Mon 25	Sport, Sport, Sport (15)	6.15
Mon 25	The Belly Of An Architect (15)	8.15
Tue 26	Pee Wee's Big Adventure (U)	6.15
Tue 26	The Belly Of An Architect (15)	8.15
Wed 27	Hannah And Her Sisters (15)	6.15
Wed 27	Pee Wee's Big Adventure (U)	8.30
Thu 28	Hannah And Her Sisters (15)	6.15
Thu 28	Pee Wee's Big Adventure (U)	8.30
Fri 29	Ziggy Stardust & The Spiders From Mars (PG)	11.15
Mon 1	Personal Services (18)	6.15
Mon 1	True Stories (PG)	8.15
Fri 5	Personal Services (18)	6.15
Fri 5	Swimming To Cambodia (18)	8.15
Fri 5	Home Of The Brave (U)	11.00
Mon 8	Fellini's Roma (18)	6.15
Mon 8	Hope & Glory (15)	8.45
Tue 9	Hope & Glory (15)	6.15
Tue 9	Ping Pong (18)	8.30
Wed 10	Hope & Glory (15)	6.15
Wed 10	Manon De Sources (PG)	8.30
Thu 11	Manon De Sources (PG)	6.15
Thu 11	Deeper Into The Labyrinth (15)	8.15
Fri 12	Something Wild (18)	6.15
Fri 12	Manon De Sources (PG)	8.30
Sat 13	Gothic (18)	11.00

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## CLAUSE 27

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that the clause was a chilling reminder of what happened during the Thirties in pre-war Germany, before Hitler came to power.

Despite the short notice, lesbian & gay organisations and individuals responded swiftly. The pressure must be kept up. Write to your MP at The House of Commons, London SW1 - you can find his/her name from the local library.

Remember our civil liberties are at stake, our clubs and our pubs and other meeting places. Our only hope is when the House of Commons debate the third reading on the 29th February, when the Lords might ask the amendment to be modified. If we keep up the pressure on MP's, they might think more carefully next time they vote.

So get that pen and paper out, dont leave it to someone else, this is your last chance to let your MP's know of whatever party what you think of this law. A few hundred letters can make the difference.

If they do this to us today, it's just a matter of time before they pick on the next most vulnerable group, the black communities. We must not let that happen either! We are all fighting for our lives.

### AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The results of this survey could be the basis for a closer scrutiny at international level in seeking ways of sharing research findings, and get away from scientists playing political secrecy games, with a view to furthering their own careers.

The Government may not like the Report's findings but there is more chance of it taking them seriously as they are backing the Project financially through the Department of Health. However the final test is whether they chose to act on the recommendations, and here only time will tell.



# TRIAL - HIS LIFE



TSEKO SIMON NKOLI

Peter Tatchell

## PHOENIX ARTS

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Fri 8	Betty Blue LATE	11pm
Sat 9	Comrades†	6.30/9pm
Sun 10	Comrades†	9pm
Mon 11	Comrades†	8pm
Tue 12	Comrades†	8pm
Wed 13	Comrades†	8pm
Thu 14	Comrades†	8pm
Fri 15	Hope & Glory	8pm
Fri 15	Salvador LATE	11pm
Sat 16	Hope & Glory	6.30/9pm
Sun 17	Hope & Glory	9pm
Mon 18	Hope & Glory	8pm
Tue 19	Hope & Glory	8pm
Wed 20	Hope & Glory	8pm
Thu 21	Hope & Glory	8pm
Fri 22	Jean de Florette	8pm
Fri 22	Easy Rider LATE	11pm
Sat 23	Jean de Florette	6.30/9pm
Sun 24	Jean de Florette	9pm
Mon 25	Jean de Florette	8pm
Tue 26	Jean de Florette	8pm
Wed 27	Jean de Florette	8pm
Thu 28	Jean de Florette	8pm
Fri 29	Maurice	8pm
Fri 29	Gothic LATE	11pm
Sat 30	Maurice	6.30/9pm
Sun 31	Maurice	9pm
Mon 1	Maurice	8pm
Tue 2	Maurice	8pm
Wed 3	Maurice	8pm
Thur 4	Maurice	8pm
Fri 5	Maurice	8pm
Fri 5	At Close Range LATE	11pm
Sat 6	Maurice	6.30/9pm
Sun 7	Maurice	9pm

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our own civil liberties have risk, we look at the plight of Tseko Simon Nkoli, the South African gay activist who was held by the apartheid government for 33 months detention and 19 of them in solitary confinement mainly to international pressure. He was recently released on bail, but the length of his trial in South Africa with 21 others, (The "Vaal of High Treason, subversion and terrorism") found guilty could face the

charges laid against him is that he was urging people to violence and the deaths of five community members at the time he was nursing his mother in her city, who had just been arrested in an accident.

After a suicide attempt, he was released by the Association of South Africa, but the white membership left the group, and he decided to form a new group within GASA. The fact that blacks were third on the list in their own country led to 28-year resistance to the regime, more than three black people are killed in South Africa) and he was arrested and charged under the Internal Security Act with treason. He was killed in Soweto and this act is one of South Africa's laws, designed to muzzle the press of apartheid. The act is a vicious renewal of the 180-day

Throughout his detention and trial GASA has remained silent, and has been recently expelled from the International Lesbian & Gay Association.

But despite this lack of local support from the Gay Association of South Africa, international support is growing. Both Winnie Mandela, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have visited Tseko Simon and the African National Congress, who had previously dismissed gay rights, now support his right to be gay.

Thabo Mbeki, speaking from the Lusaka-based headquarters of ANC said that "We are firmly committed to removing all forms of discrimination and oppression in South Africa. We therefore appreciate the initiatives undertaken by gays to involve themselves and other people in this struggle. About this there can be no question".

It is also clear that the trial of Nkoli has had a major effect in making the Anti-Apartheid Movement both in South Africa and in this country, more aware and committed to the gay cause.

And in Nottingham recently, the East Midlands branch of the Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights donated £22 towards a visiting delegation of South African Metal workers, £1 for every member of the "Vaal 22".

Messages of support and donations can be sent to Tseko Simon Nkoli, can be sent to RGD, c/o ILGA Information Secretariat, RFSL, Box 350 S-101 24, Stockholm, Sweden.

## Leicester leads the way

Forty five people turned up to the safe sex workshops put on by Leicester City Council over the month of November. Although the majority came from Leicester several came from as far afield as Oxford and a number from Nottingham. The usual hysteria from the Leicester Mercury was absent for a change and Warren Weisner, Aids Liaison Officer for the City Council and co-ordinator of the event said he was pleased with the outcome. It was hoped to repeat the venture next Spring, as a number of people who wanted to take part were unable to get along to the sessions.



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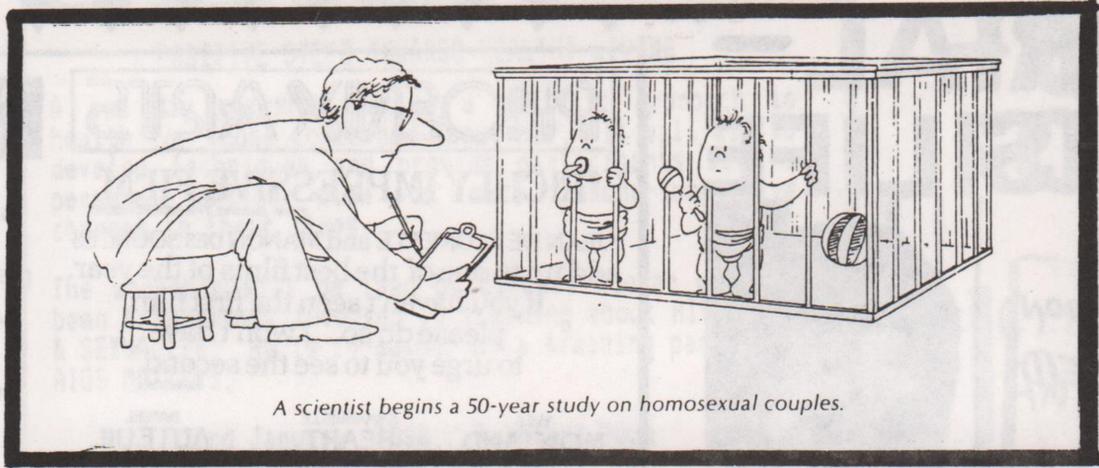
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 the story by WALT CURTIS

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Cool Comedy and Hot Music and Why Not?



For sometime now a national research project has been looking at the lifestyles of gay men. The Project, jointly funded by the Medical Research Council and the Department of Health, is set to run for three years and is the first large-scale survey of its kind in Britain. Mike Millington, one of the Project's Research Workers, spoke to METRO GAY about this important development, its aims, progress and problems.



**HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED?**

I saw the advert for the job just days before the closing date for applications, sent mine in and didn't think much more about it until I was told I had been short-listed for interview. I am very interested in the sociology of sexuality and thought this was a rare chance to participate in this important study.

**WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT?**

I took a first degree in Philosophy and Sociology at Warwick University and have just completed my Phd in the Sociology of Literature, with special reference to the Lesbian novel when this job opportunity came up.

**HOW MANY OF THE PROJECT WORKERS ARE GAY OR BISEXUAL?**

A key requirement is that all the researchers must have a knowledge of gay and bisexual lifestyles.

**HAS A SURVEY LIKE THIS EVER BEEN DONE BEFORE?**

The only proper large-scale survey on sexuality was done by Kinsey in the United States between 1937 and 1948, when he claimed that up to 50% of the male adult population had some form of homosexual experience in their lives. The Kinsey findings have been disputed ever since, mainly by those who don't want to believe them.

**WHY IS THE PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN NOW AND WHAT DOES IT HOPE TO ACHIEVE?**

There were two main ideas behind the survey; there was no wide-ranging up-to-date research findings to draw on in this country; the surveys which had been done were based on the patients of Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinics (VD Clinics) but did not reach people, who, for instance, never found any need to consult the clinics. The Kinsey Report is only applicable to the United States and, forty years on, is somewhat dated. Sexual practices and attitudes to sex will have changed in this time. With the rapid spread of AIDS in Britain and worldwide, the Government were successfully persuaded that British research was needed to look at patterns of sexual activity among gay and bisexual men. The Government was also anxious to see whether its advertising campaign had got through to the gay men and whether safe sex was being taken seriously.

**WHERE IS THE PROJECT BASED?**

The Project is headed by Professor Tony Coxon, Dr. Peter Davies and Dr. Tom McManus and is split into three sample areas Newcastle Upon Tyne, London and Cardiff. Our task is to look at current

- sexual lifestyles of gay and bisexual men. This will be the first time that British academics have attempted to look at non-heterosexual behaviour among males in Britain and will look at what gay men do with others, as there are different degrees of gay experience. "Who does what, to whom, and who puts what where, when and how often, if at all!"
- The three original sample areas have now been expanded to cover the main centres where gay men are known to have social facilities and where they can be approached confidentially. These include Leeds, Norwich, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Birmingham and Bristol. In each area we will look at a number of gay men in different types of relationships.

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Mike Millington

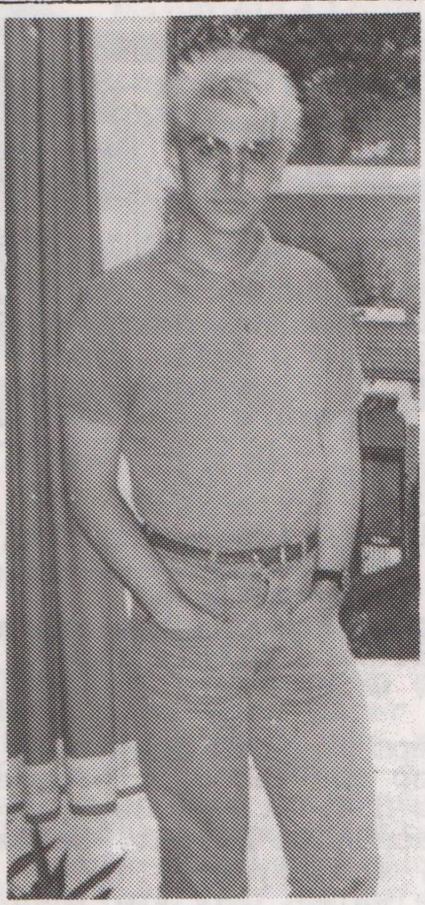
- HOW WILL YOU MAKE FIRST CONTACT WITH PEOPLE IN EACH AREA?
- Through the main gay organisations and the commercial scene which we hope will give us "street credibility", and thus encourage gay men to become involved in the Project itself.
- We will then make a limited number of contacts on the commercial scene and ask each person to keep a sexual diary for a set period and be interviewed at the end of the period. These contacts will be asked to spread the word on the grapevine to encourage other people to come forward.
- For instance some men live in close relationships like imitation "straight marriages", whereas some others live in open relationships where one or both partners may have sex outside that relationship and others who may not have any current relationship. Others may just have sexual encounters on a "no-strings", casual basis.

- WHAT DOES KEEPING A SEXUAL DIARY INVOLVE?
- We have developed a simple method which is time-saving and safe; the diary can be kept in coded form. So a whole series of sexual events could be summarised in the space of a few coded symbols. Some people might prefer to handwrite it while some others might like to use cassettes and make a recording 'on the job', so to speak.
- The survey and all the interviews will be anonymous and any individual information stored will be coded by number and only a very limited number of people in the Project will have access to this information.
- DO YOU THINK GAY MEN DO MORE KINDS OF SEX THAN STRAIGHTS?
- What you do sexually often depends on whom you are with. Some men may be active on one occasion and "passive" on another with the same person. Some men will be fairly rigid in what they do and don't do, whilst others will be more flexible. So what might become a fixed way of behaving in one particular situation or relationship may be totally different in another.
- CAN YOU FORSEE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING PEOPLE TO TAKE PART?
- If we are open, honest and straightforward with people and explain the purpose of the survey and how they might help contribute towards a greater knowledge of understanding sexual behaviour, I think most people will want to help. It is not our job to make moral judgements about what people do or don't do, but simply to record the information.
- DO YOU THINK THE SURVEY WILL BE SEEN AS TYPICAL OF GAY MEN'S SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR?
- To ensure this happens you have to be careful choosing your sample areas and age ranges, which includes a representation across the whole community. If we only sampled London, for example, this could only be typical of London, nowhere else, because like any big city, gay men often escape from where they grew up. So there may be certain behaviour characteristics which may set London gay men apart from gay men in other parts of the country.
- YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT 'KINSEY TYPE' REPORTS. DOES THIS INCLUDE INVESTIGATIONS INTO SAFE SEX?
- the second part of the project aims to establish the effects of safe sex guidelines on sexual activity. To measure this the survey will take part in two stages so that we will be able to examine sexual behaviour at one fixed point in time and see how it has changed.

# Matthew Toresen

# PORTFOLIO

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Matthew Toresen was born in Libya in 1962 of Norwegian/Welsh stock, and spent much of his childhood abroad in Europe and the Far East. Upon returning to England his parents settled in Northampton and there Matthew lived until he moved to Reading, where he gained a degree in Zoology.

Subsequent to this he turned to photography as a profession, having been an amateur photographer for a number of years. He is entirely self-taught in the medium, working exclusively in black and white and concentrating on portraits of the human form. He has exhibited widely with one-man shows at Warminster Arts Centre and Derngate, Northampton. Whilst preparing the Derngate show he was warned not to include any studies of the male nude (were women O.K. one wonders?). This 'advice' was ignored. And he has been told a second show can be arranged in the near future! His work was also included in the prestigious Blitz

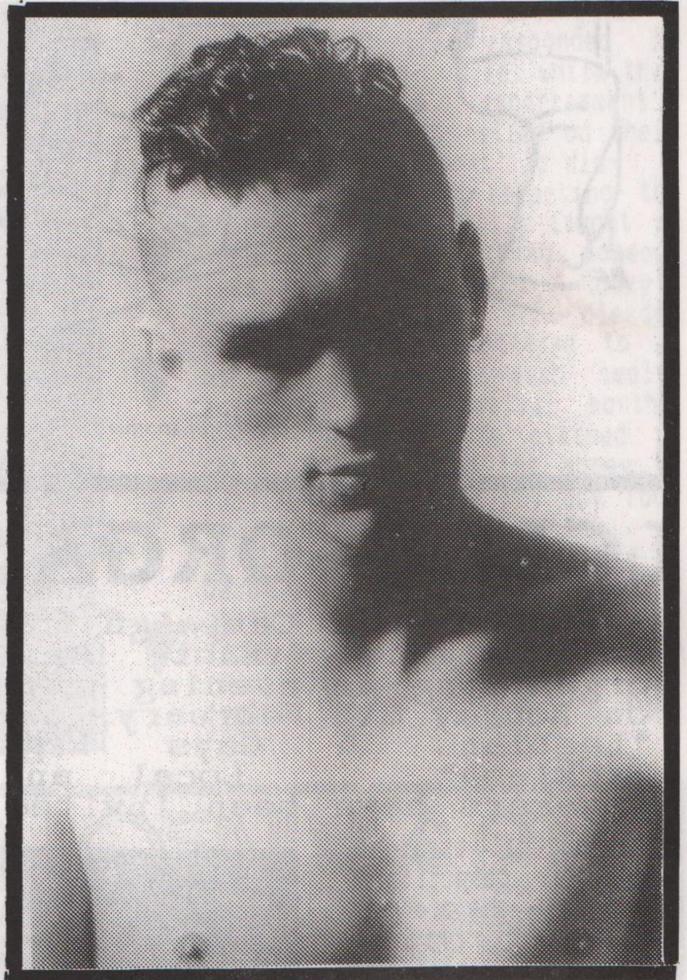


Magazine/Olympus  
Cameras London  
Show in 1984

Matthew has been involved with producing work for the gay press for some time with portfolios in the now defunct "Gay News" and most recently in "Gay Times", (April 1987).

Earlier this year Matthew moved to Nottingham from Reading to live with his boyfriend Geoff, and is currently involved with producing a series of portraits of Lesbians and Gays in the Arts and Media.

Matthew can be contacted c/o Metro Gay, P.O. Box 34, West P.O., Nottingham, NG7 2DL.



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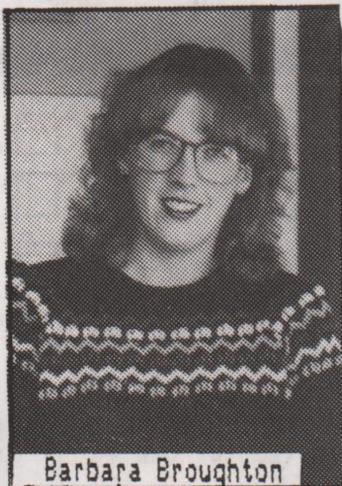
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Barbara Broughton, one of the Health Advisors stressed the importance of Health Advisors being very well informed, not only about AIDS but also about the gay community and gay lifestyles which made for much easier and relaxed communication between clinic staff and users.

A notable contribution came from a Person with the Aids Related Complex who is currently taking the controversial drug, AZT. He gave a graphic account of what it is like to be on the receiving end of medical and social services. For someone living in a rural area, without transport for the necessary regular visits to Nottingham that the treatment required, meant that a large proportion of his income was spent on transport.

It was also during the day which was the most lonely time when his partner was at work, when he most needed to phone someone and this usually meant peak-rate long distance calls, entailing enormous phone bills.

The day was co-ordinated jointly by Jenny Hollingsworth, Aids Liaison Officer to the Nottingham Health Authority and Dr. Sprackling of the University Medical School, who spoke appreciatively of the support given by the person with the Aids Related Complex. Nottingham Aids Information Project, Nottingham Friend and the County Council's Welfare Rights section were in attendance with information stalls.



Barbara Broughton



"Yes, I think we did this in another life—but better."

## LCLGR ORGANISES

The Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights (East Midlands) is organising an evening public meeting on Monday 8th February, on the theme, "Lesbians & Gays Fighting the Backlash". Local and national speakers have been invited including

regional straight and gay councillors who have championed les/gay rights. National speakers invited include de-selected Parliamentary Candidate, Sharon Atkin, Ken Livingstone and Diane Abbott.

Marie Critchley, a spokesperson for LCLGR said that, so far, support from the local Labour movement and Leicester Trades Council had been very positive and it was hoped there would be a good turnout on the 8th.

The venue is still being finalised but will be in central Leicester. Details from Marie on (0533) 531191 x5099 (weekdays).

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## WQT'S GOIN' OFF

**Daily**, NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, Upstairs at the Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer St. Nottm. Tel: 0602 483697/411475 (for messages, 24 hr. ansaphone). Open: Mon-Fri, 10-4pm, + Sat. 10-1pm, Library open, Tues-Sat. 11-2pm + Thur. 10-4pm.

**Weekly**, LEICESTER COFFEE BAR run by Leicester/Lesbian Gayline, 10-5pm, Sats. 8-10pm, Tues. (Women only), 45 King Street, Leicester, (nr. market).

**10th January**, L'Amour, Hi-Tech Sunday Spectacular with free admission and late opening. Nottingham.

**15th January**, C4 "City In Crisis", 2nd of documentary series on Aids looks at a portrait of New York where 500,000 men and women are HIV Positive. This programme looks at pressures affecting hospital and prison services in particular.

**18th January**, "THE BARRACUDA", Hurts Yard, Nottingham. 10pm-2am, DJ Mike Atkinson, Hip-Hop, Soul, Funk. Be there every 3rd Monday.

**22nd January**, C4 "Is There Going to Be A Heterosexual Epidemic?", speculates on how and at what rate, the virus will advance within the heterosexual community. It warns there is no room for complacency.

**23rd January**, 'Positive Steps Towards Healthy Living' - A one-day workshop for those interested in the holistic approach to HIV, 9.30-4.30pm, Victoria Health Centre, Glasshouse Street, Nottm.

**24th January**, "Mala Noche", A story of life's losers, deftly combines the white, gay American loneliness with the economic alienation of the Mexicans, and its explicit sex and violence confirm a cruel fatalism. CITY LITES, NOTTINGHAM, 5pm, Box Office, 583184.

**29th January** WOMENS DISCO at Womens Centre, Chaucer Street, Nottingham. 50p/75p/£1.

**29th January**, C4 "Quest for Control" offers a personal perspective on the political, social and moral implications which could result from the methods which may be used to control the spread of the disease - many of them quite frightening.

**29th January-11th February**, "MAURICE". From the makers of 'Room With A View'. "James Ivory's finest film to date" says Gay Times. METRO CINEMA, DERBY, (see advert for times).

**1st February**, "PERSONAL SERVICES", PHOENIX ARTS, LEICESTER, 6.15pm. Box office (0533) 554854.

**5th February**, "PERSONAL SERVICES", PHOENIX ARTS, LEICESTER, 6.15pm. Box office (0533) 554854.

**13th February**, "GOTHIC", PHOENIX ARTS 11pm.

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NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 30 Chaucer St. Nottm. Tel 483697 or 411475 (24 hour. ansaphone).

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