

the essentials

helplines

Lesbian and gay
Switchboard

0115 934 8485

Monday – Friday
7 – 10 pm

7 Mansfield Road
Nottingham NG1 3FB

nottingham@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk

Nottingham Lesbian Line

0115 941 0652

Monday to Wednesday
7-9 pm

30 Chaucer Street
Nottingham
NG1 5LP

Nottingham University
Lesbian and Gayline

0115 951 4999

Monday term time only

Police Homophobic
Crime Helpline

0800 085 822

local Listings

Breakout

Social group for gay and bisexual men.
Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm
Health Shop, Broad Street
Tele 0115 947 6868
www.breakoutnottm.org.uk

Married Men's Group

Support for men who are
(or have been) married or in relationships
with women and are also attracted to men
Tel 0015 947 6868 or 0115 934 8485

Metropolitan Community Church

Because God loves Queers too
Sundays 11.30
Queen's walk Community Centre
The Meadows
Tele 01332 835 238 or 01332 872 143

Older gay Group

Support and social group for men aged
50+ Third Sunday of the month, 4.00 pm
Health shop.
Tel John 0115 947 6868 (daytimes)

Outburst!

Group for LGB young People up to age 21.
Meets fortnightly at the Health Shop
Tel 0115 947 6868 (daytimes) for dates/
times

WAG

Relaxed and friendly social group, open to
all lesbians and women questioning their
sexuality. Details from Lesbian Line 0115
941 0652.

Out House Project

Working to open an LGB community
centre.
Suite A 40 George Street
Nottingham NG1 3BG
Tel 0115 9110545
www.outhouse.org.uk
Email: info@outhouse.org.uk

The GAI Project

Gay an bisexual men's health project
The Health Shop
Broad Street
Nottingham NG1 3AL
Tel: 0115 947 6868
Email: gaiproject@nottinghamcity-pct.nh

Diary

Julian Clary De Monfort Hall Leicester 3rd May, Assembly Rooms Derby 17th May.

Broadway Cinema

'Far from Heaven' 14th - 17th April (times vary)

'The Hours' 18th - 24 April (times vary)



Incorporating the Out House Newsletter and QB



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needs of the Lesbian,
Gay and Bisexual
Communities of Not-
tingham and District
by providing a com-
munity centre....*



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When OutHouse met QB

QB and the OutHouse Newsletter are, if not married, at least living together. Will it be a consummation devoutly to be wished, with many healthy progeny or will we soon be throwing word processors and strangling each other with our mouse cords? You'll have to wait and see.

The intent behind the "merger" is to widen the overall readership and to try to involve more people in its production.

Partnership registration

Nottingham City Council are soon to be introducing a partnership registration scheme for same sex couples, which it is hoped will also be available to people living in the County. At a recent meeting with leader of the Council, Bryan Parbutt, in his stately office in the CoHo (two sugars please) your daring correspondent was assured great things may happen. "We are reviewing the arrangements for marriages and want to develop something using the same facilities for LGB people and others who want to register their partnerships..... The scheme will be a sort of London++.....It will be as much like a legal register as possible."

Registration ceremonies will take place at the Council House and those taking part will have the choice of three rooms of increasing grandeur. The relatively small Lord Mayor's office will be used for the unpretentious/skint couple accompanied by Aunt Gladys and the cat. Those who insist on a cast of thousands, trumpeters and an entrance on a palanquin preceded by a parade of elephants will choose the Ballroom.

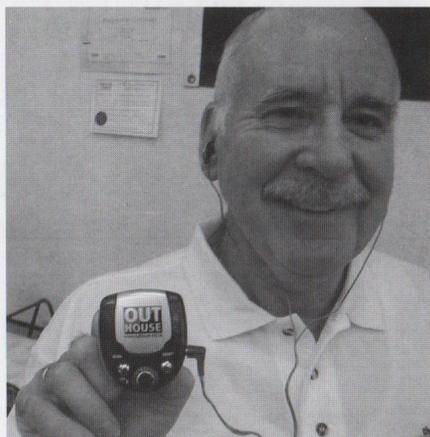
I'm three

NG1 was three in March and the birthday bash occupied a whole weekend. Saturday March 15th was a night of fabulously stunning celebrations with cheap drinks and famous DJs. A late night licence, more cheap drinks, a prize draw and free entry made Sunday stunningly fabulous. They were hoping for an appearance of "The Dream Boys". With hopefully lots of your money going to good causes. If you were there send us a report for the next edition. (Could be a prize in it for you!)

Well here it is-the first edition of I'm Free. We hope you like it. "I'm Free" is a newsletter that we hope will reflect what's happening in Nottingham and District, and also what we as a diverse community think about issues-ranging from same sex partnerships to the war in Iraq.

The next edition of "I'm Free" (out in mid June) will have a letters page where you can express your views. In time honoured fashion letters printed will receive a prize-one of these very cute radios (the cute model belongs to us) could easily be yours.

For the letter of the month-'yup' an even bigger, better radio. So come on tell us what's making you smile or getting you down. We will be happy to advertise your events etc. just email us the details at outhouse.org.uk and we will put them in.



Next copy date is 13th June for publication in mid July.

We have also got a pop quiz in this edition-again yet another quality prize is up for grabs. So send us you entries closing date is 13th June.



All entries to our competitions or letters page etc. need to be sent to: **Out House, Suite A, 40 George Street, Nottingham, NG1 3BG.**

Hope you enjoy reading this edition

Editor

Sex in the City. Episode 1

So.....I pour myself vodka number three, slip into something a little more uncomfortable, style my hair within an inch of its life, put Madonna on (any album will do) and prepare myself to be gay and on the scene. I have my costume, my lines and my stage, I know what to expect, and I know how to play the game.

I dance, I drink, I laugh, I look around in my pissed state I am trying to focus, some guy across the room mistakes this for eye ball tennis, am I in trouble. Everybody drinking, dancing, snogging and I am bored I cant even be bothered to play eyeball tennis. "Is this really what its all about" I ask myself, is this clone zone pop tart drinking frenzy supposed to be liberation? Maybe I'd like to know someone (or even their last name) before I slept with them!

I have been on the scene since I was 14 looking for love; it hasn't changed in those ten years much I've just got better at it. It's not all bad, although I have gotten myself into a few sticky situations. But I'm nearly 24 now and the whole things getting a bit old, after a string of failed relationships and many meaningless one-night stands; I am just starting to think maybe he isn't out there? How long can I keep having the same night over and over again? I mean I am still young, I'm still cute, (well I think I am) Funny? I just want something more meaningful, I mean clubs have their place but what happens when the lights go out and the music stops? I am still gay! In desperation I have recently joined GOC (gay outdoors club), its a chance to meet other gay men in daylight and sober.

I need to find a new way of being gay; I want to feel gay and proud during the week not just at weekends! I am determined to find more positive ways to meet men, follow my column as I seek out men and gayness in new places. (Suggestions welcome!)..... to be continued



Take me to your leader

Since the departure of Andy Griffiths last August, the GAI Project has been leaderless. You may have noticed them wandering around bumping into things and having trouble making decisions (not much different to their usual behaviour, come to think of it). Anyway, their predicament has recently been solved with the appointment of a new team leader for the Project in the shape of a certain Mr Jens Zimmermann. Those of you who are interested in this sort of thing will know that Jens has been a GAI Project worker for the last seven years, so he's a familiar face on the Nottingham scene. Be warned, however, that you may not recognise him these days as he's used his pay rise to get a decent haircut.

A priority task for Jens is to get the GAI team back up to full strength by appointing a new Project worker. He will then be consolidating existing work and developing exciting new initiatives, or something. Bet you can't wait.

Jens's favourite colour is blue.

Adoption Research

Vanessa Elms is a student at Nottingham Trent University writing a dissertation on lesbian and gay adoption, and is looking to conduct interviews with people who have adopted children or are hoping to do so in the future. If that's you, and you're willing to give up a little time to help Vanessa on her path to some

high powered job in research somewhere (or at least to help her get her degree), you can contact her on 0791 937 7407 or at fc030190@ntu.ac.uk. Interviews will be tape recorded and treated as confidential. Don't delay, she needs to get this done by yesterday. (Please contact her a.s.a.p.)

Crime Survey

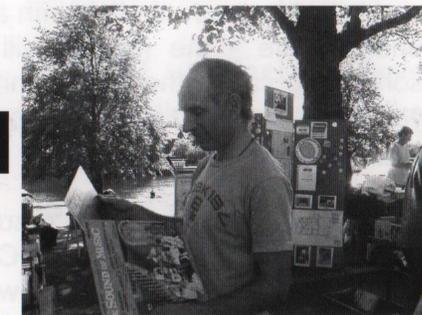
A big thanks to all of you who have completed one of the Crime and Community Safety Survey forms that have been doing the rounds lately. We hear the Police Market Research people have been pleasantly surprised by the number of responses they've had... we'll keep you informed of the results as and when we get our greasy paws on them. We believe they should come out in June.

Natural Born Mincer

Those of you who remember Julian Clary when he was funny (i.e. before the Daz adverts) will be pleased to know that he's doing his first live tour in four years, stopping off at the Concert Hall in Nottingham, if you missed him there he's at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester on 3rd May and the Derby Assembly Rooms on May 17th. Why not go to all three and see if the ad libs are the same every night? Careful though, there's only so much camp nonsense the human brain can stand (and we should know...writing this thing puts us at severe risk).

Chris jump's for it....

Chris Bristow, part-time development worker at the Out House is jumping into the unknown—he's gone and got a new job! **I'm free!** caught up with him recently at the Out House's luxurious (oh well then, badly painted and a bit pokey) George Street offices. "What prompted the move?" I asked as we sat basking in the sunshine on the Out House deck overshadowed by the arse end of a very large building redevelopment. "Well boots Charitable trust recently gave us £6,000 and I was so impressed that I simply felt compelled to go and work for them." (Amazing, I thought, so it had nothing to do with the fact that the funding for his job was running



out....) Many people don't realise that Chris has been connected with the Out House for around 6 years, Having supported the management committee in his previous role with the City Council. Chris signed off by pointing out that the Boots Charitable Trust has not had many bids from LGBT groups in it's area of Notts and Erewash, and he would be happy in his new role to discuss ideas on (0115) 9492185

Money for poofs & dykes

Last year, Home Office money was made available to do a survey of (the lack of) LGBT facilities in North Notts. A further £5000 has been obtained by The LGB North Notts Development Group to help carry things forward.

You may remember that we offered one kilo of Mrs. Prendergast's homemade green-gage jelly and an 8" dildo to anyone who could suggest a snappier name for this group. These prizes have yet to be claimed.

One interesting mini-project which the TLGBNNDG hopes to carry out is to persuade the Holocaust Centre in Newark to have a plaque commemorating the lesbians and gay men who died in the holocaust because of their sexuality.

Lesbian and Gay Switchboard has also received a grant for publicity in North Notts and to set up a phone line with a North Notts phone code - the money will come from something called the Community Chest. Do you think they also do a "Get out of jail free" card?

They have yet to hear the result of another application to the Community Chest. This is for a diversity training event which has no precedent in this area — looking at the needs of lesbians and gays in the local Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities.

**The Gai Project requires
Sessional Outreach Workers
For HIV prevention/sexual
health promotion work in bars
and clubs Hours as required,
average 6-10 per
month at £9-10 per hour
Some knowledge of HIV/sexual
health necessary
For more details and application
forms call 947 6868**

Anyone interested in getting fit

Pink Pathfinders

Hi there, We have just taken over the Pink Pathfinders, which is a Gay/Lesbian walking group for all ages. The walks average 8 miles, walking on the second Sunday of each month. We have a current membership of 22 and are seeking to increase the membership. Our contact details are by phone, tele 0115-9298060 and email 'Thepinkpathfinders@yahoo.co.uk'. Many thanks Dave & Paul

Other groups in the area

Hiking Dykes

Contact Lesbian Line 0115 941 0652

Gay Outdoor Club

Contact Alan on 0115 981 1250

Digging Dykes

Lesbian gardening group/social group for lesbians interested in gardening.

Contact Jane on 01636 525198

i cOUnt

Between now and 31st July, Out House will be undertaking an investigation into the needs and wants of LGBT people in Nottinghamshire. The survey will be called 'i cOUnt' and is a 24 page blue booklet which you will see around the venues and other friendly places. We know it's a long questionnaire, however the information we get from it could make a real difference to the way we're all treated. Local government + statutory agencies say they want us to feel valued. Let's tell them how to do just that. This time our views will count.

Nottingham Pride 2003

say absence makes the heart grow fonder. I don't know about that, I think when applied to Michael Barrymore, most people would almost certainly disagree. However, when it comes to pride events, I would suggest that summer isn't summer without large numbers of homos and trans-nies descending on the "polite" British public and showing them how to really party! So, with this in mind (ok, so you knew this was coming), Nottingham Pride is back! And, like the bitter, worn out DJs of Radio 2, we're back to the old school.

But before all you good, self-respecting, pop-loving S clubbers out there turn tail and run, whistles and feather boas a flappin in the wind; we're not talking floppy fringes, baggy "Madchester dungarees" (dyke fashion not with-standing), and spotty teenagers screaming "aciiiiid" and asking you "how big's your tele?" Think more: village fete, less: rave in a rain-sodden field. We're taking a risk this year and aiming to create a

very different but hopefully, still very enjoyable, Pride event that has something for everyone.

We're talking cake stalls, live music on the bandstand, egg and spoon races, stiletto tossing (!), ice creams and market stalls. We're aiming to organise something that will appeal to all ages, children and adults alike.

However, don't be lulled into a false sense of security, for in the evening, as the sun(? fingers crossed...) begins to set over the Arboretum, the venues in the city will be stocking up their bars and opening their doors for some good old-fashioned hedonism. Booze, babes, boys, banging tunes, and hopefully a few great acts, plus something a bit different, thrown in for good measure.

So, if you like the sound of what we're doing, put this date in your pink, fluffy diary: **Saturday 30th August 2003!** Events during the day will take place at the **Arboretum** with events in the evening being held at the various lgb venues around the city (to be confirmed).

There will be a number of fundraising events leading up to this date to help raise

the cash we need to really make this event something special. So if you want to make sure that pink pound gets put to good use, please support the various fundraising events around the venues, and keep an eye out for any donation boxes.

The main focus of Pride 2003 is not commercial gain, it is about all members of our community coming together and having a great time, while giving something back to the lgb and transgender people of Nottingham..

This is our event, we deserve it, please support it!

AND...If you feel you have ideas or skills you would like to share, either in Marketing and Publicity, Fundraising, Entertainment, or Services (health and safety, etc), then please contact our Chair, Bidy at biddy@outhouse.org.uk (or on 0115 9110545), for details of when the various Pride sub-committees are meeting, and maybe you could help make this year's Pride a success.

MUSIC QUIZ

a bit of a mixture so hopefully something for everyone - not at all reflective on the type of music I like (!?) The numbers in brackets after each question give the total points available for that question. Points may sometimes mean prizes but in this case they mean getting your name (or maybe a photo) in the next copy and being the envy of all your pals!

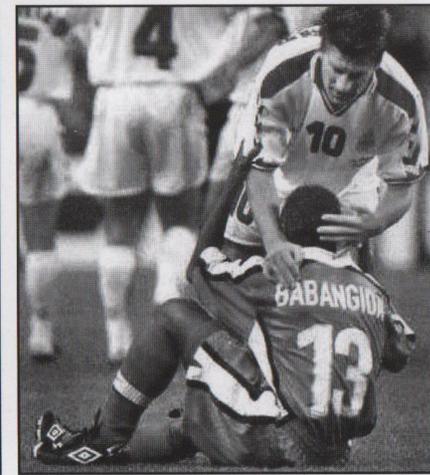
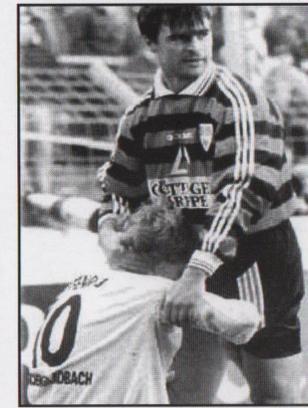
- 1) What is the title of the song that the UK will be entering in this years Eurovision Song Contest? (1)
- 2) Who wrote "With a Little Help from my Friends"? (1)
- 3) What was Kim Wilde's second hit single (see this is a bit tough—you have to think hard here) (1)
- 4) Who composed 'The Four Seasons'? (1)
- 5) Who had a hit with 'Grandma, we love you'? (This is a cultured quiz) and for a bonus point – what was their second single? (2)
- 6) What was the name of Ah-Ha's lead singer? (1)
- 7) Who had a hit in the 80's with 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'? (1)
- 8) Name all 5 members of Here'say (5) (I worry about anyone who knows this without having to look it up!)
- 9) Who wrote American Pie? (1)
- 10) Who's song should Counting Crows have left well enough alone this year? (1)
- 11) Who was insisting 'it wasn't me'? (1)
- 12) Which animated character had a number 1 hit with 'Mambo Number 5'? (1)
- 13) What was the biggest selling album of 2001? (1)
- 14) Who sang about 'Mickey'? (1) (He was so fine he blew her mind)
- 15) Robbie Williams has released 2 albums with nearly identical titles. Name them both (1) (No, that is not worth 2 points)
- 16) What accompanied Ziggy Stardust to give a David Bowie Album Title? (2) (only full answers will get both points!)
- 17) Which damn fine rock chick sang the 1980's version of 'I love Rock 'N' Roll' and who has recently massacred it? (2)
- 18) Which song, sung by Sandy Shaw, won the 1964 Eurovision Song Contest? (1) (Yes I am a bit of a sad Eurovision fan- Terry Wogan is the best!)
- 19) Which musical instrument does Jazz musician Akca Bilk play? (1)
- 20) Which Mama's and Papa's song ended that fabulous film 'Beautiful Thing'? and for a bonus point, though not strictly pop, Jamie's mum also appeared in which quality ITV drama about life in a women's prison? (2)
- 21) Many have sung that all time classic 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' but who sang it in the film 'The Wizzard of Oz' (1) (If you do not know the answer to this question then you need some serious gay history lessons and you will lose any of the five points you may have got for getting Here'say's names right!)
- 22) Who wrote 'I will Always Love You' and which film was it written for? (3) (I have given an extra point as she deserves it!)
- 23) How Many Roads Must a Man Walk Down Before You Call Him A Man? Who can tell me where I would find the answer? (1)

33 points available!

Rules: None, but editors decision is final. All eligible entries marked **MUSIC QUIZ** by 15th June to:

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SPORTSVIEW



It is a complete and utter myth that the LGB Community has no interest in sport in general and football in particular.

Our woman with the zoom lens has captured many of the charms of a game that draws a substantial pink audience to its terraces each Saturday.

Recalling those verbal skills associated with sports commentators, who can forget the occasions when "Juantorena opened his legs and pulled out the big one" and "The bowler's Holding, the batsman's Willey" or the report printed in the Guardian detailing Nadia Comaneci's success on the asymmetric bras.

Of course, when it comes to Tennis, the lesbian domination of the game has a long and glorious history.

At Wimbledon alone, we have the following post-war winners: -

Althea Gibson (1957,58), Maria Bueno (1959, 60, 64), Billy Jean King (1966, 67, 68, 72, 73, 75), Martina Navratilova (1978, 79, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 90), Concita Martinez (1994) and Jana Novotna (1999).

Finally, let us remember Viscount "Camp Freddie" Trubshaw, who won the world's tiddlywinks' championship each year from 1919 to 1943.