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Britain's best known and oldest gay campaigning organization, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, will hold its 1986 annual conference in Nottingham. CHE conference organizer, Griffith V. Williams said the City Council had been approached for a suitable venue for a date in the Autumn. In 1977 CHE brought over 700 delegates to the Commodore Rooms. In the last eight years the organization has been particularly effective in Parliamentary lobbying and civil liberty campaigning.

Maudie's Column

and women whose loyalty takes the mistaken form of crowding after our Queen at times when she obviously is seeking privacy and relaxation. Only loyalty can excuse this lack of discretion; but there ought not to be any need for it, surely, if we remember as we should, how unceasingly they work for us, and how rare are their moments of enjoying the privacy every other man and woman in England can claim as a right.

The chance encounter, unsought, is another matter.

Impossible to pass them by as if one had not seen them. We are all agreed on that. But what to do?

Supposing the Royal car passes close by when you, your husband or wife, say, are strolling in a quiet thoroughfare. He should at once take off his hat and hold it in his hand till the car has passed, and you, madam, must make the slightest of curtsies.

In a shop the recognition should be more subtle still, and it should consist of a drawing back rather than a coming forward, and quietly moving away, forbearing to stare at the Royal Lady while she makes her purchases.

In any and every case, staring is wrong, and should be sternly avoided. And finally, you must never, ever offer a tip to Royalty.

(If you have a pressing problem that can't wait, don't worry, Maudie will advise you. Write to her in confidence at Box 11, Gay Nottingham, 118 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham.

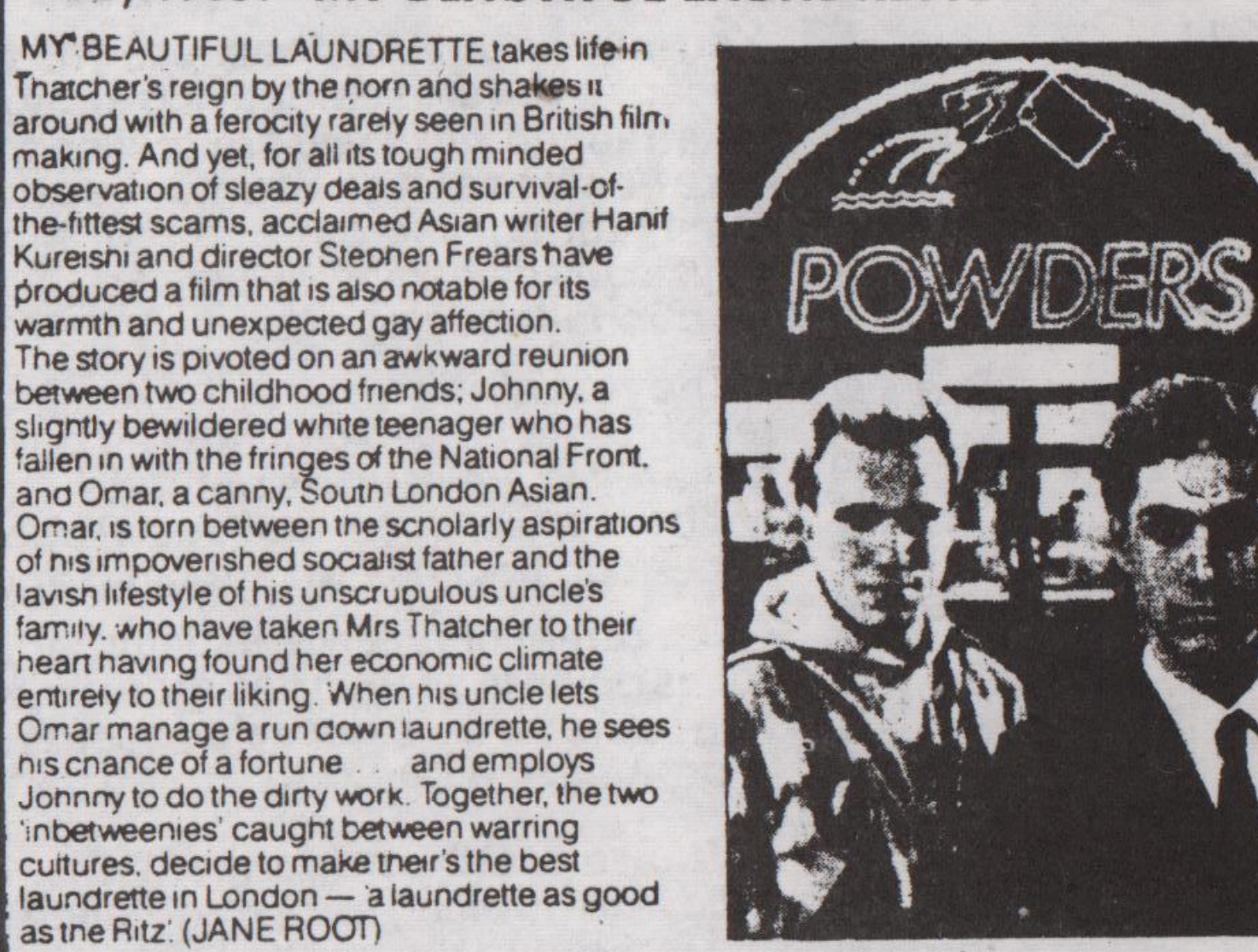
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— SOCIAL GROUPS —
LESBIAN & GAY WELFARE WORKERS GROUP, social, residential & education social workers, teachers, health workers, etc. social & support group, meet 3rd Saturday in month, central Nottingham. Details Chris Williams 27 Moore Road, Mapperley, (S.A.E.) or tel after 7pm, 602164.
NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH ORGANIZATION info. on groups meetings, activities (up to age 26). NLGYO, Box 11, c/o 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham (S.A.E.).
QUEST for gay Catholics, meets fortnightly, 419137 or write c/o Flat 4, 19a Pelham Crescent, The Park, Nottingham.
GAY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, Meets 2nd Friday in month, Men: Mark, 394624. Women: Sheila/Chris, Loughborough 236871.
NOTTINGHAM GAY SOCIAL GROUP, Meets every Thursday, Tel: David 216447, or write c/o 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.
NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY GAYSOC c/o Students Union, Portland Building, Nottingham University, Nottingham.
GAY OUTDOORS GROUP (EAST MIDLANDS) Rambling Group, 3rd Saturday of month. Tel: John (Leicester) - 0533 - 26617.
TV/TS CATHOLIC CLUB, c/o Nottingham Friend, 31a Mansfield Road. Tel Clive Long Eaton 727710.

— HELPLINES —
NOTTINGHAM GAY SWITCHBOARD, your helpline to the gay and lesbian communities, Mon-Thur, 7-10pm, tel: 411454.
LESBIAN LINE, Confidential help & advice for lesbians, Mon. & Wed. 7.30-9pm. 410652, c/o Womens Centre, Shakespeare Street.
NOTTINGHAM FRIEND, Tuesdays, 7-10pm, counselling & befriending for lesbians & gay men, bisexuals TV/TS's, 476714, c/o 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham.
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GAY Nottingham!

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CIVIC WELCOME FOR YOUTH

Over one hundred lesbians and gay men gathered in Nottingham over the pre-Xmas weekend for the Lesbian & Gay Youth Movement Winter Festival. The three-day event was held at Tennyson Hall Youth & Community Centre and began with a Friday evening Civic Reception by Nottingham City Council in the Grand Ballroom of the Council House. Lord Mayor, Cllr. David Tongue and his Consort, Marion Tongue (pictured) welcomed participants to the Festival. This was the first out of London conference organized by the Movement and young people had travelled from as far afield as Belfast and the North of Scotland to be there. On Saturday afternoon, festivalgoers marched through the City Centre to Old Market Square, leafletting Xmas shoppers. Several marchers were kicked by thugs, though not seriously hurt. The police looked on and did nothing to stop the attacks. Workshops, discussions, films and performances, provided a backdrop for relaxation in safe surroundings and for participants to share their personal experiences and to discuss wider political issues such as sexism and youth liberation. The school system was criticised for not preparing young people for the realities of life on the dole, dead end jobs and the fact that heterosexuality was



Cllr. David Tongue & Consort Marion Tongue (continued on page 4)

JO AND BEN LAUNCH 1986 PLANS



Jo Frazer (left) and Ben Benson

Nottingham City Council's Lesbian & Gay Rights Workers, Jo Fraser and Ben Benson have found much support for their work from parents of lesbians and gays and also from the community at large. Speaking at a press conference called by the Equal Opportunities Unit in early December, Jo Frazer underlined the need to dispel some myths and misunderstandings of what equal opportunities was about. "When we have been able to do this, attitudes have become much more positive," she said. In 1986, Ben and Jo will be tackling, among other things the ensuring of fair deals for lesbians and gays in council housing, ensuring that leisure facilities in the city will be more welcoming to our communities. Both Ben and Jo also hope to build a wide variety of community links with groups like Gay Christians, Gay Conservatives and Parents Enquiry (Parents of Gays and Lesbians).

GAY-RUN PUB BANS GAY NOTTINGHAM

City Cllr., Richard Mr. Cance has been banned from Gatsbys, a gay-run pub, for distributing copies of the freesheet, GAY NOTTINGHAM. (Gatsbys is owned by the Bradley family and is the city's busiest gay pub). The ban was made by David Bradley as he objected to other gay venues, in particular, The Catcombs, being advertised although it was pointed out that Gatsbys would be welcome to advertise the same as any other pub or disco, if they paid for the ads. However, Gatsbys have always been reluctant in supporting gay community organisations, though they have advertised the youth disco, which takes place next door to Gatsbys at the Palais, once a month. This is not the first time Gatsbys management have slapped bans on pub users. Several months' ago several enterprising people organised bus trips to Rockshots in Leeds, departing from outside Gatsbys early evening on Saturdays. This was a great success, and full buses took off. The management of the pub promptly banned the organizers. They have also prevented gay leaflets being handed out during the day as they say they don't want to offend their straight customers. Commenting on the ban Cllr. Mr. Cance said: "Gatsbys seem to want it both ways - they are glad of the gay community's money which gives them a nice living, yet they are quite prepared to offend the community by refusing to let us distribute information. However, GAY NOTTINGHAM will not be mean and petty and will continue to list gatsbys and let gays make up their own minds."

Lady Maud Pffpencb

Gay Nottingham is privileged and honoured and proud to have secured the services, at frightful expense, of that well-known socialite, Lady Maud Pffpencb, who has kindly allowed us to eavesdrop whilst she wrestles with the problems of the world, like what to wear at the next Astoria disco or how to eat oysters at Macdonalds. All will be revealed, nothing, but nothing will be spared. Find out how to make friendships with men, when to shed your wrap, and much, much more. This month Lady Maud (our readers may call her "Maudie") tells us what to do when we greet Royalty on lonely roads.



For the masses, an encounter with Royalty is a rather breath-taking event, and so often the interesting moment is spoilt for the lucky one so honoured by doubts as to the exact way to behave, the correct answers to give in conversation with Her Majesty, and the right etiquette to be observed on such occasions. For the encounter may come very suddenly. If we live in Pinxton or East Leake, Royalty may pass in a lonely road. Or the encounter may come in a shop or picture gallery, and, without any wish to put ourselves forward, we may feel that their presence must be suitably recognized.

— THE CHANCE ENCOUNTER —
This paragraph is most distinctly not written for the men (back page).

Another fund-raiser for
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CIVIC WELCOME FOR YOUTH

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was the only option on offer to youth by most schools in their timetables. Youth Training Schemes and the Government's attempts to restrict bed and breakfast allowances for people under 26, in order to keep them in the family home, were also criticised heavily.

The award-winning film, "THE LIFE & TIMES OF HARVEY MILK", (about the assassination of San Francisco's first out-gay civic official) and a performance of "THE BEST OF FRIENDS" was followed by lesbian/gay cabaret acts Troupe De Doris and singer/guitarist, Ginger. The conference closed on Sunday afternoon.

However, one problem remains. Despite over £600 raised by benefit discos and other events towards the Festival costs, some bills remain outstanding. Commented Ben Clarke, co-ordinator of the Festival: "The whole event was a great success, and what's more we did it ourselves". (The City Council turned down a grant towards the costs).

The next benefit disco takes place on Wednesday, 29th January, Palais, (Cellar Bar, 9.30pm.)

Black Lesbians and Gays —The New Movement—

Several members of the Black Lesbian & Gay Centre Project in London attended a national conference on Black Lesbians & Gays recently. A delegate, Mark Vasson said that the presence of an 82 year-old black lesbian was a source of great strength and encouragement to continue the battle against those whose aim is "to deny our very existence". Further info: Black Lesbian & Gay Centre Project, 69 Cowcross St, London EC1. tel: 01-608 1471.

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NOTTINGHAM GAY PEOPLES CENTRE CO-OP

Lesbian Mayor

The ranks of out lesbian and gay politicians had another name added last month when Councillor Margaret Roff was nominated for the Chair of Manchester City Council by the ruling Labour group. The post is a replacement for the position of Lord or Lady Mayor, and assuming the nomination proceeds as expected, Cllr Roff should take up the responsibility next May. A long-time member of the Labour Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Cllr Roff was delegated by the council's Equal Opportunities Committee to convene a lesbian sub-committee in addition to representing the Rusholme ward on the City Council.



When she spoke to G.N. Margaret Roff was still discussing the details of her future role but explained that some changes were likely. 'In the past the Lord Mayor's post has usually been seen as an official link with business, receiving ambassadors and holding receptions' she said, 'but I hope to use the position much more to forge links with the ordinary people of Manchester.'

Cllr Roff joins Nottingham councillor Richard McCance, Islington councillor and Deputy Mayor Bob Crossman and Islington MP Chris Smith in an increasing number of out gay Labour politicians.

WELFARE WORKERS GROUP

A small mixed group of lesbians and gays working in social work, teaching, nursing and other caring professions meets monthly in Nottingham, usually with a speaker on topics such as the Law and Homosexuality, Lesbian Custody, AIDS, Relationship Counselling and other issues relevant to the professions. Anyone interested in attending the group, which also fulfills a social function, should contact Chris Williams (0602 602164) or Richard McCance (0602 780124) for details.

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OPEN MEETINGS IN JANUARY
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES UNIT

The Gays and Lesbians Sub-Committee meets at 7.30pm. in the Committee Room of the Council House on Thursday 9th January and Thursday 6th February 1986 and the first Thursday of every month, but we want to hear what concerns you. So as part of the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy we are holding regular meetings with Gay men and Lesbians in the community.

INNER AREA PROGRAMME

Millions of pounds are spent every year but until now none on projects for lesbians and gay men. This meeting is for all groups based in the lesbian and gay community to discuss the urban aid programme for Nottingham Inner City. This is a source of grant aid through which groups operating in the City can apply for money to fund a variety of projects which either generate new jobs or counter poor social facilities. How do you want the City to consult with you?

Thursday 16th January 7.00p.m., "The Meeting Room", Central Library, Angel Row, City Centre.

GAY MEN'S GENERAL MEETINGS

The report of the Gay reps. on the Council's Gays and Lesbians sub-committee: plus - we want to hear your views on cottaging and police reactions to gay men: plus - videos of the recent Trades Union Congress and Labour Party Conference debates on Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Thursday 30th January, 7.30p.m. in Small Hall, International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottm.

GAY MEN AND HOUSING

- towards ending discrimination in housing. The Report of the gay men's reps. working party - does it go far enough in ending the harassment and discrimination that gay men encounter? Come and have your say.

Thursday 23rd January, 7.30p.m. in Small Hall, International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham.

LESBIAN MEETINGS

The Lesbian Group meet every Thursday evening at 7.30p.m. in the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road. There is a separate topic for each meeting. Ring Jo Fraser on 418571 Ext. 4520 to find out what's coming up.

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FIGHTING BACK

With attacks on lesbians and gay men on the increase at present, GAY NOTTINGHAM takes a two-part look at what we can do, without special training, to protect ourselves.....

You may be attacked because you are obviously gay, or because you are seen leaving a gay pub or club. You may be attacked while you are cruising, or by someone you take home as a lover. You may be attacked by one of your family for coming out. Some of these attacks may be physically damaging (or even fatal), some may be simply emotionally damaging.

They are all the result of the way people see us, and our response is helped or hindered by the way we see ourselves. We are seen as natural victims, we 'deserve' to get beaten up for our anti-social behaviour, we are easy to beat up because we are timid and don't fight back.

The threat of violence usually begins as an attempt to put us down in speech and attitude, at work for example. This basic verbal expression occurs at all levels right up to organised assaults by armed gangs of queerbashers.

'What on earth can I do, then?' Obviously the best thing to do is to go along to a self-defence group. Ours in London is a group run by and for gay men and women. Our aim is to help people to feel safe and confident in all sorts of awkward, threatening or dangerous situations. This includes advice on how to avoid trouble, practice in dealing with verbal hassle and intimidating behaviour, plus defence methods in case of actual physical attack.

Avoidance

Fighting techniques are difficult to explain in print. You need to see them and try them, get the feel of them and understand how they work. I can give a few hints but first I'll deal with avoidance. This is something you can exchange ideas on with friends.

Unfortunately many queerbashers now go so far as to find out which bars and clubs are used by gays. Whenever you leave a bar, take a look around before you walk too far from the door. Go back inside fast if you're worried. I don't want to induce total paranoia, but this sort of care can and should be as natural as looking both ways before crossing the road.

When you enter a bar, particularly an unfamiliar one, be alert and trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy try to spot who or what is making you feel that way. Put distance and people between yourself and the unpleasant customers, and keep a wary eye on them.

Verbals

If you are accosted, or find yourself in conversation with a drunk who makes you uneasy, try to say as little as possible and move away. Try to speak definitely, with apparent confidence, you needn't be aggressive, just firm. It can be funny, humour will often turn away trouble, and may also win other people onto your side. It can sometimes pay to make a fuss, people who want to put down queers are not usually looking for a lively argument. Screaming queens are often left in peace when a timid type would get insulted and browbeaten.

Obviously it is easier to be confident when you believe you could handle physical trouble, but plenty of people stick up for themselves successfully simply because they know they have a right to.

Street sense

Out on the street, especially at night, walk steadily as though you know just where you are going. Be alert but don't look furtive, try and avoid darkened streets. Avoid dark doorways and parked cars where people may be hidden, walk in the middle of the road if necessary! When you enter a street look immediately for people who might be trouble. The sooner you spot them the better, then you can immediately cross the road if that was your intention, rather than attracting attention by dodging out of their way at the last moment. Try to notice if you are being followed, listen to footsteps and use reflections in shop and car windows to see who is behind you. Don't be afraid to turn and run if you think you may become trapped. If you are seriously worried, or even being chased, go to a house with lighted windows and ring the bell. It may be embarrassing, but people are usually sympathetic, and most attackers are afraid of that sort of attention.

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