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HEALTH PROJECT LAUNCHED



Photo: Graham Doyle

On Monday 11th July Sir Ian McKellen was the special guest at the launch of The GAI Project - a gay and bisexual men's HIV prevention initiative - held at and co-sponsored by Nottingham's Broadway Cinema.

Representatives of gay and bisexual groups and venues watched the film 'And The Band Played On' and attended a reception and buffet at which plans for the project were unveiled. The GAI Project is a statutory sector initiative which seeks to reverse the neglect of gay and bisexual men in HIV prevention by working within the community to reinvigorate a safer sex culture.

As one of the stars of 'And The Band Played On', Ian McKellen spoke of the difficulty of getting straight and closeted American actors to play gay characters and said that the gay and lesbian actors who did appear in the story of the early years of AIDS refused to be open about their sexuality.

Launching the new project, he said: "We must not underestimate the importance of a strong community in a city like Nottingham, not only to support people coming out but, with the threat of HIV, to ensure that safer sex is part of our everyday lives as gay men. I wish the GAI Project every success in its future work." The GAI Project is based in Nottingham's Health Shop. Further information from Project Workers Simon Wright and Tim Franks on 0602 475414. (Picture left shows Sir Ian McKellen, with Tim Franks, Outreach Worker for the GAI Project).

SHEFFIELD CELEBRATES

Hundreds of women turned out to celebrate the official opening of Sheffield Women's Cultural Club in the heart of the city's Cultural Industries Quarter.

The Club, which is popular with lesbians, is believed to be the only non-profit making women's club of its kind in the country. With already more than 1,100 members the Club, which is open to all women and has wheelchair access, is proving a focal point in the city.

It was opened after years of fund-raising by a group of dedicated supporters who raised more than £30,000. This money was topped up with cash from Sheffield City Council. The opening ceremony was performed by Sheffield Hillsborough MP, Helen Jackson, who has already given a lot of backing to the club. Praising the hard work of everyone involved, she said: "I am absolutely sure it will be a success and something women and everybody in Sheffield will come to have pride in."



Management committee member Kath Rangeley said the official launch had been a day of celebration for women across Sheffield. "The Club is for all women, from all backgrounds, to come and have a relaxing time in. After all the hard work it feels amazing that it is now up and running".

The Club entrance is on Grinders Hill, off Paternoster Row, near Sheffield Railway Station. The entrance is wheelchair accessible and there is a disabled toilet. Children are also welcome until 8pm every night and the Club is open seven days a week from 11am to 11pm. There is a small membership fee, although guests can be signed in by members. The Club can be contacted on (0742) 721866. (Picture shows Helen Jackson, MP cutting the ribbon with management committee members, Ros Wall (left) and Kath Rangeley (right)).

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NORTHANTS FORGES ALLIANCE

The omission of any reference to the needs of Lesbian and Gay service users in the Northants joint Social Services and Health Authorities Draft Community Care Plan for 94/95 led to the formation of the Northampton Lesbian & Gay Alliance - a group of people from various organisations within the town and county, including Northampton Gayline, Northampton Lesbian Line, Kettering Lesbian & Gay Support Group, Corby Women's Centre, Nene College Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Society and other interested individuals, to provide a focus for a community voice on community issues.

Spokespersons Heather Carroll and Steve Young say the Alliance is ensuring that the needs of Lesbians and Gays, across the broad cross section of Council Services are recognised and acknowledged.

The Alliance can be reached via the Council for Voluntary Service, 13 Hazelwood Road, Northampton, NN1 1LG.

HIV RISE IN S DERBYSHIRE

The number of people with HIV in Southern Derbyshire Health Authority area has risen by 16% to seventy eight of whom thirteen are living with AIDS. Nineteen people have died of the disease.

"WE'RE KIND'A SPECIAL"

As part of its commitment to supporting the needs of Gay men, the Sheffield Centre for HIV and Sexual Health has produced a new resource: 'GAY MEN - WE'RE KIND'A SPECIAL'. The series of four detachable postcards give essential sex-positive information about HIV and safer sex, using affirmative images, as well as providing a list of local and national services. For copies, contact Anthony and Rod on 0742 678806.

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Sun 7 Aug: PAUL NEEDHAM -
Comedy Drag

Sun 14 Aug: BEAUX BELLES - Drag Duo

Sun 21 Aug: MALE STRIPPER - TBA

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DAVID D & THE BOY - vocalist
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Free Barbecue

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY,
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BAND IN VIDEO

Atomic Kandy will be filming for a video on Sunday 14th August 3pm at the Arboretum, Nottingham. So if there are any Atomic Kandy fans out there you are invited along to the video shoot to be part of it. You are also invited to bring a picnic. The video is part of the forthcoming programme called 'Queer Street', will, say the presenters, be 45 minutes long, providing a fast moving, witty fresh approach to many topics. Further details from Triangle Productions Ltd. Studio Four, The Leadmill, 6/7 Leadmill Road, Sheffield, S1 4SF.

LEEDS LOBBY

Leeds Act Up have called an all-day picket of the Leeds Hospital Fund at 41 St Pauls Street, Leeds on Tuesday 2nd August in protest at the refusal of the Fund to pay funeral expenses to the mother of a Fund member, Neil Groat-rex, who died recently of an AIDS-related illness. The picket begins at 10am and culminates in a demo at 6pm when the Hospital Fund meets there. More info from Jude Boyle on 0532-620293.

YOUTH CONFERENCE STEAMS AHEAD

An important lesbian, gay and bisexual youth workers' conference takes place this October - despite obstacles. A residential event, it is to be held near Peterborough from 21st-23rd October and costs £20 (waged) and £15 (unwaged).

The conference 'by workers for workers' has been organised in the face of a complete lack of local authority support. Despite writing to a number of local authorities across the political spectrum, with a request to pass news of the course on to potential delegates, none did so, despite the existence of scattered lesbian and gay youth and community workers.

A Devon authority even wrote back to say that it was felt to be 'inappropriate'. However for 'inappropriate' read homophobia and assumed political backlash. The age of consent issue has now been debated and youth workers now wish to share their issues at a conference. For further details of the conference contact Jill on (0533) 547412 or Paul (071) 607 8346. (Thanks to OUR VIEW for story).

THE MEN'S SEXUAL HEALTH PROJECT

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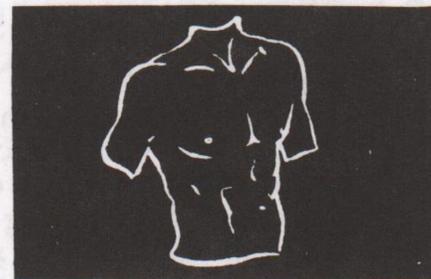
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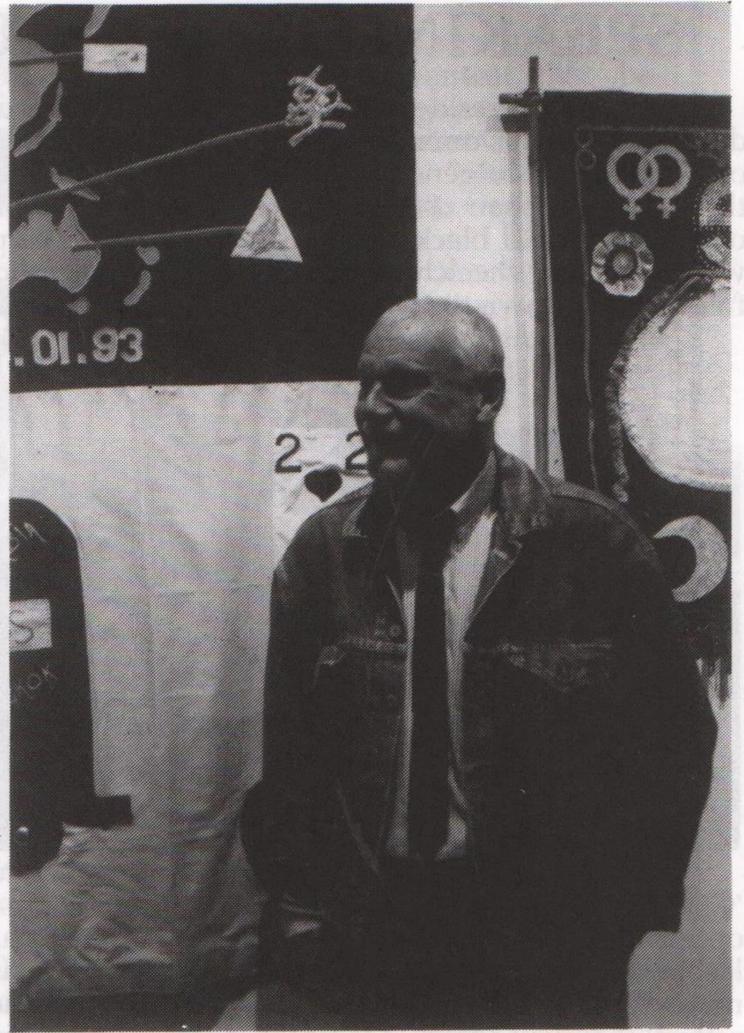
VERNACULAR VALUES

The People's Art Show recently at the Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham. A review by Stephen Jon.

How fitting it is that this show should have started in Nottingham as its curator, Emmanuel Cooper (gay potter, critic and writer) can be claimed as a local boy, hailing as he does from nearby Derbyshire. I find it so revealing that this show is not going to London as its unpretentious content contains little of the head hanging glamour of "high art" that the art establishment expects. Only outside of that scene can these works of ordinary people be appreciated.

This show of extraordinary and apparently disparate artifacts and images expresses the variety of individual endeavour in the face of industrial de-personalization. It charts the course of 200 years of these endeavours, from trade emblems and banners, through utilitarian rugs and quilts and decorative metal ornaments to contemporary graffiti, carnival costumes; customised leather jackets and D M's. Such stories do these things hold, every picture and every object is evidence of a real life, of men and women doing it for themselves. Each is an intimate expression of peoples' Pride in themselves as individuals and as communities outside the confines of imposed social structures. So often these people are using the materials that they are familiar with through work: a coal miner carving anthracite shoes, a milliner weaving a straw cradle, a sailor painting ships or a convict painting scenes from the prisoners' day. These artifacts express an insider's view of the life they know best.

Looking around this show I recognise those quiet moments we all have when we fiddle about with some thing; telephone doodles, motor bike bits, scraps of wood etc. Sometimes some people become so involved or obsessed by this that they have to fiddle on to some sort of conclusion and so often it is a community under threat which motivates this involvement, from the Gay community with the Aids quilt to a Welsh mining village. Surely this is Art in its essence and this to me is what this show is so affirmatively about. The People's Art Show appears next at Barnsley and Cleveland.



DERBY MEN

Following on from the 'Do Men Need to Change?' open forum in May an anti-sexist Men's group - Derby Men for Change - has been set up.

The group hopes to attract men from all backgrounds and aims to establish a non-judgemental environment where any man would feel welcome. Issues hoped to be discussed include masculinity, disability, sexuality, race, culture, male violence and pornography.

The first meeting takes place on 13th September at 7pm at 1a Willow Road, Derby (1st floor above Probation Centre-disabled access). More info 0332-367687 or 0332-332093.

MCC FOR DONCASTER

Doncaster Metropolitan Community Church was started a year ago by the Reverend Philip Quinn and Ted Wooldridge. It is affiliated to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, an International Christian Church. They are an ecumenical community which positively welcomes all people regardless of background, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability and health status, to worship with them. Their ministry is open to women, men and transgendered persons.

Their communion is open to all and they meet on a Wednesday evening at 7.15pm. For further details and information you can contact the Reverend Philip Quinn on 0302 701634.

GOINGS ON AT THE WOMEN'S CENTRE

Nottingham Women's Centre has loads going on, writes Denise Pope. Courses, training, groups events etc. You could volunteer or there are courses starting in September on lesbian history, assertiveness, black women's history, sign language and many more. There are lots of groups running including a lesbian centre drop in, a mums + toddlers group, a black lesbian group etc. There's a playscheme running in August, and there's more events being planned including an Open Day on 24th September. Reception is open Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm - so come and see what's happening at 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, or ring them on 411475.



Fri 5th August DREW CHRISTIE - Drag

Sun 7th August DENIM - Stripper

Fri 12th August DAVID D & THE BOY

Sun 14th August GOLDEN BOY - Stripper

Sun 21st August PEGASUS - Stripper

**Fri 26th August DIAMOND SEARCH
FOR A STAR**

Sun 28th August STEVE SMART - Stripper

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SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Nottingham resident Dominic Davies was officially ordained as Sister Dominatrix of the Divine Tongue in the Order of Perpetual Indulgence at Pride this year. It is believed he is the first wheelchair user to join the Order. His habit (a mixture of the traditional black and white with touches of purple satin) went over his wheelchair, to make a fairly splendid sight as he freewheeled down the streets of London's West End.

Photo: Richard McCance



More seriously, Dominic has announced that his particular 'Calling' (apart from perpetually indulging himself at every opportunity) is to officiate at funerals and memorial services for lesbian, gay and bisexual people. His aim is to create non-religious lesbian and gay affirmative ceremonies which reflect the lives of the recently deceased and maximise the potential for beginning the grieving process for those left behind. "Funerals are really important moments in our lives, it is vital that they are about the person we come to grieve. Sometimes the more traditional Christian services bear little relevance to our lives. I hope to correct this," he said. Dominic is happy to conduct the ceremony in 'civilian drag' should that be desired as he doesn't want to detract from the occasion. Although based in Nottingham, Dominic is prepared to travel.

THE OUTDOOR LIFE

Here's a sample of the outdoor activities available from walking groups in the region in August and early Sept:

Wed 3 Aug: *Transpennine GOC* meet 7.15pm for a 6 mile evening walk along the Peak Forest and Macclesfield canals.

Sun Aug: *East Midlands GOC* cycle ride in the Leics Wolds and Vale of Belvoir. *Transpennine GOC* walk from Ladybower reservoir to Alport Castles, 12 miles. *Weekenders* meet 10.45am at Hartington village car park, grid ref 129603, for an 8 mile walk. *Sheffield Hiking Dykes* 15 miles 'easy walking' from Millers Dale car park 10.30am through Monsal Trail.

Wed 10 Aug: *West Midlands GOC* evening walk, meet 7.15pm for 5 mile stroll in Clent Hills.

Thur 11 Aug: *Transpennine GOC* mystery wanderette in Ilkley, 3 miles from railway station.

Sun 14 Aug: *Pink Pathfinders* 11 mile circular walk from Winstar through Wensleydale.

Sun 21 Aug: *East Midlands GOC* walk in Trent Valley from Southwell. *Transpennine GOC* 12 mile walk from Derwent Dams to Margery Hill. *Nott'm Hiking Dykes* 6-10 mile walk. *Sheffield Hiking Dykes* 11 mile walk from Langsett car park 10.30am through Thurlstone Moors.

Sun 28 Aug: *West Midlands GOC* 14 miles through Staffs Roaches.

Mon 29 Aug: *Out House Project* 'Edward Carpenter' walk, 11am from Millthorpe cross roads.

Sun 4th Sept: *Weekenders* walk from White Lodge on A6, 3m north of Ashford in the Water (grid ref: 171713). *Pink Pathfinders* 'Jenny's Surprise' walk.

For most walks you should wear suitable clothes, waterproofs and strong footwear, and for daytime walks bring a packed lunch and drinks. There are sometimes pub stops at lunchtime but practice varies according to the group and the route.

For details of local groups and events mentioned here contact:

Transpennine GOC: John 0532-737040. *East Midlands GOC*: Nick 0533-811138. *West Midlands GOC*: Gordon 021-420-2694.

Weekenders: c/o Outright 0602-780124. *Pink Pathfinders*: Bob 0602-678134.

Nott'm Hiking Dykes: c/o Lesbian Line: - see helpline panel page 10. *Sheffield Hiking Dykes*: c/o Lesbian Line - see helpline panel page 8.

BROADWAY

14 BroadStreet, Nottingham Tel: 0602 526600 / 526611

GO FISH

Dir: Rose Troche/USA/1994/84 mins.

Set in downtown Chicago, the question for this mixed group of young lesbians is whether or not Max, who's been celibate for ten months, can meet a new babe. Max's problem is that she's fussy. Her friends think she'll only be satisfied when she meets "a hiphop Barbie" but the only woman who's available is Evy, the "lesbian Gandhi", a long-haired, decaffeinated hippie who doesn't match Max's fashion requirements. Meanwhile Daria, whose pussy talks, cruises everyone in sight and changes her lovers as often as her boxer shorts. Will Evy cut her hair? Will Daria be ostracised for sleeping with a man? Will Evy's Latino family throw her out? The familiar territory is carved with a fresh, low-key, awkward and very funny style, in seductive black and white photography. As jazzy and moody as Cassavetes' 'Shadows',



'Go Fish' will charm its way, via gossip, nookie and friendship, from your girl patch to your heart. "Sharply observed, visually audacious and full of surprising charms charged with a fierce intelligence about how lesbians actually live" Emanuel Levy, 'Variety'.

Friday 26th August-Thursdays 1st September.

Fri. 6pm & 8.15pm, Sat. 3.30pm, 6pm and 8.15pm, Sun. 2pm only. Mon. 3.30pm, 6pm & 8.15pm, Tue. 6pm & 8.15pm* Wed. 6pm & 8.15pm, Thur. 6pm & 8.15pm.

*Discussion after 8.15pm performance led by Claire Watling and Rachel Driver, Lecturers in Popular Culture.

METRO CINEMA

Green Lane Derby: box office (0332) 340170

PHILADELPHIA
Dir: Jonathan Demme/USA/
1993/125 mins.

Incredibly, over a decade after the start of the epidemic, this was the first major Hollywood movie to tackle the



subject of AIDS. Demme sensibly avoids being overwhelmed by the material by sticking to a simple plot line: a successful gay lawyer (Tom Hanks) sacked for being a Person With Aids hires a homophobic attorney (Denzel Washington) to fight his wrongful dismissal case. Hanks won Best Actor at the Oscars; the arguments over the casting and the lack of sexual intimacy between him and his lover (Antonio Banderas) still rage.

Fri 5th & Sat 6th Aug, 6.15pm; Sun 7th Aug, 8.00pm.

KIKA
Dir: Pedro Almodovar/Spain/
1994/115 mins.

'Kika' encapsulates all the intriguing, contradictory and downright infuriating traits of the maverick director. The film plunges its naive yet plucky heroine into rape and multiple murders with the complete lack of good taste that his fans have come to expect. The basic plot centres around two women,

the eponymous Kika (Veronica Forque), a perky cross between Judy Holliday and Barbara Windsor, and the evil Andrea Scarface (Victoria Abril) who runs an exploitative reality TV show, and who broadcasts a tape of Kika's rape. Add Kika's lesbian maid (Rosy de Palma), a sleazy American stepfather with a guilty secret (Peter Coyote), and Almodovar's granny as a TV presenter. Behind the furious farce is a savage attack on intrusive media exploitation and a celebration of strong



women (and pretty but boring men). In spite of the sexually violent images that litter his films, Pedro is definitely on the side of the girls.

Fri 12th & Sat 13th Aug, 8.45pm; Sun 14th Aug, 8.00pm; Tue 16th Aug, 8.30pm.

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL
Dir: Mike Newell/GB/1993/97 mins.

The film charts the changing social, sexual and romantic fortunes of thirtysomething Charles (Hugh Grant). Comic detail, script direction and performances all make for enormous enjoyment.

Fri 2nd Aug & Sat 3rd Aug, 8.30pm; Sun 4th Aug, 8.00pm; Tue 6th Aug, 6.30pm; Wed 7th Aug, 6.30pm.

NOTICE BOARD

▽ East Mercia MSC

East Mercia MSC has a Jocks & Shorts Night at Leicester Place on 13th Aug and a club night on the 27th Aug. More info write c/o Leics Place, Dryden St, Leicester.

▽ Nott'm MCC

As from 7th August MCC church services take place every Sunday at 11.30am at Queens Walk Community Centre, Meadows. More info from Wendy 0602-750031 or David 0602-416556.

▽ Trent MSC

Leather, denim, rubber, uniform club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Admiral Duncan, Nottingham from 8pm (no trainers!). Wheelchair access. More info 0602-473438.

▽ Leics Univs LGB

Rapture, a buzzing night for all gay people and straight friends at SU nightclub, Percy Gee Building, 9pm-2am, Aug 26th. Last admn 11.30pm. £2/£2.50 on door.

▽ Young Gay & Bi Men

A group for young gay and bisexual men meets Thursdays 2-4pm at Base 51, Glasshouse St, Nott'm, for health, advice, support, info. More info 0602-525040.

▽ LEICESTER ZAMI

Leicester ZAMI/Black Lesbian & Gay Group meets regularly on Thursday nights. More info from 0533-550667, office hours.

▽ Move It

An exhibition of line drawings by Dave Bishop at Triangles, North Sherwood St, Nottingham, July 23rd to August 16th.

▽ Voila

A new lesbian intro service. More info: 95 Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 4ST.

▽ Lesbian Centre

Every Wednesday 11am-3pm volunteers provide a drop-in at Nott'm Lesbian Centre, Chaucer St, for a chat, a cuppa, game of pool... More info from Debbie Royle 0602-411475.

▽ Workers in Education

Pink Chalk (East Midlands Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals in Education) meet at the ICC, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham. More info from Anthony (0602) 585814.

▽ It's Coming

From Hallowe'en to Snozama Eve, a cabaret and disco at Nott'm Womens Centre. Watch this space.

GIVING HEAD

For countless gay men, blow-jobs are an essential part of getting laid. It's something few of us want to give up because of HIV. Yet, "sucking cock, is it risky?" must be one of the most oft-asked questions we hear when working down the pubs, clubs, cottages and cruising areas.

Yes there may be a 'theoretical' risk involved in giving head. But so often discussion about risk is intimidating, far too 'theoretical' and 'scientific', when what are needed are clear, realistic messages. Gay men need to hear, loud and clear that SUCKING COCK IS LOW RISK.

Of course, there are some gay men who state that they can only have become HIV positive through sucking. But the majority of gay men with HIV have become infected through fucking without a condom. Considering the huge amount of sucking that goes on, if sucking cock was a major risk, HIV figures would surely be higher.

The reason oral sex is considered to be safer than anal sex, is that the lining of the mouth is thicker than the lining of the arse, and does not seem to contain cells which are vulnerable to HIV infection. The risk may be higher if he cums in your mouth, and you have bleeding gums, cuts, sores, or an inflammation of the throat caused by an allergy of an infection such as gonorrhoea. If you're the one being sucked the risk is even lower. There are no reliable reports of HIV being transmitted from mouth to dick.

It's also been suggested that gay men who overestimate the HIV risk involved in sucking, are more likely to take part in genuinely high risk activities (i.e. fucking without condoms) because avoiding HIV is seen as virtually impossible, where all the things you enjoy are risky. It makes sense therefore to say to those men who are concerned, that sucking cock is low risk and much, much safer than fuck-

ing without condoms which is THE main route of transmission between gay men. (See 'Safety in Numbers' by Edward King).

Most importantly of all, safer sex is about making informed choices; considering the information available and making choices that feel right for us. So if men don't feel comfortable about taking any RISK, however small, they may choose to use condoms for sucking (despite the lack of dick-flavoured condoms available at Boots!) or avoid getting cum, and pre-cum in the mouth.

Sexual health is not just about disease prevention, avoiding HIV, gonorrhoea and so on. It's about celebrating our right to enjoy sex and explore the possibilities that being gay mean for us. We have every right to a healthy sex life - ENJOY IT!

(Written by Anthony Bains, Gay Men's Community Worker, Sheffield Centre for HIV & Sexual Health).

DERBY AIDSLINE

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SAMPLES by Simon Smalley

THE PRETTIEST STAR

Yeah, yeah, so I know it's the easy action option for a (probably v. sad) deee-voted worshipper at the Temple of T. Rex, but sometimes these things must be said! No, not the 2-for-1 offer on cork soled platform sandals at Dolcis but the amazing re-releases of the six T. Rex LP's issued twixt 1972-77. Lavishly and lovingly restored with original artwork, full lyrics, extra tracks and archive pix, these have obviously been done with an appreciation of good merchandising. Having always been a tad dubious as to whether the re-mastering process actually achieved anything, the two sonic washing machines these recordings have been put through reveals previously hidden musical complexities and a hitherto unheard vibrancy and cleanliness - the musical equivalent of those Daz adverts. Belting through five years of the rise and fall of Mistress Bolan, where the Elemental Child incarnate went from the giddy heights of superstardom to the wastelands of music press induced embarrassment, we witness the spoils of success where a potent cocktail of cocaine and brandy provided the sufficient fuel to propel the mind into an even more surrealistic creativeness, where I think the excesses produced a diverse body of exciting work. The post-hysteria albums were easily condemned as shallow and formulated and tarred with a brush of over-indulgent, heavy-handed self-production, although they were received as treasures by the loyal fans. Hopefully these largely misunderstood and misrepresented albums will rightfully obtain the recognition and respect so long overdue. And That's me being unbiased!



THE SWEET STUFF

On the kind of sultry summer night that makes you sticky in special places, a large contingent of pop tarts and tartettes packed 'emselfes sardine style into the Filly & Firkin boozier to celebrate the release of the debut 12" from homegrown beat combo Atomic Kandy. With so many bods packed so tightly, there'd've been more room in a tin of John West's best and the 'Kandies didn't help matters by generating an audience response that pushed the thermometer to almost explosion point. From the first ignition of sound, these four gals never relented in their musical onslaught. Fran, skulking by the drums adeptly grappled her beefy bass with an almost Suzi Quatro-esque confidence, her notes merging with human metronome Sophie's hi-hat hittin' thunderthud thumpin' rattlin' drum rolls, providing the perfect bass & beat foundation. Draped over this was the guitar of Mary Fastfingers, digits fluttering over the frets, flicking out Hendrix style licks meshed with the occasional stab of raw, nerve-wrenching feedback. Meanwhile, upfront, the continually prowling vox minx Claire paced the confines of the stage maintaining her vocal acrobatics, purring and pleading, whipping the eager crowd into an appreciative sweatbox, demonstrating their enjoyment with volleys of furious applause. The 12" release which the event launched is a three track stormer, featuring live faves 'Don't Wanna Stop' & 'Falling' plus a four-dimensional sensurround sound dub of the lead track, expertly laid down at Nottingham's own Square Centre Studios. The single's in HMV, Virgin et al, so go on, spoil yerself! Failing that, catch 'em on the new series of 'Out' on C4 on August 16th.

HAVE YOUR SAY

A group based in the Department of General Practice at Nottingham University Medical School is researching the community care of people with HIV and AIDS. They are interested in finding out about the full range of services that people might require.

The group want to talk to people in the East Midlands who are HIV+, have AIDS, or who have had cause to use any services offered to people with HIV and their partners or families. Said Bill Farnsworth of the Project: "We want to find out what peoples' experiences are in trying to make use of local services and any difficulties they have experienced or any particularly helpful services. We would also be very interested in talking to people with HIV who go out of the East Midlands for help, support or treatment". If you feel able to take part in the research or want further information, please contact Bill Farnsworth on 0602 421421 ext. 41385. All calls in the strictest confidence.

PERFORMING POLITICS

'Performing Politics' is a conference on political theatres and performative aspects of politics. Among the many papers are 'Kinder Scout and the Mass Trespass in the 1930's', 'Blue Murder: the killing of Derek Bentley', 'The Voice of the working class in British theatre today; 'For and against British stand-up comedy'. Plus a live performance by Peggy Shaw of Split Britches. Full cost for 2 days incl food and accomm is £95, or daily registration of £18.50 (£10 concss), 'Split Britches, only £5.00 (£3.50 concs). Booking details, Mick Wallis, Depart of English & Drama, Loughborough University, Loughborough, LE11 3TU. (0509) 222956.

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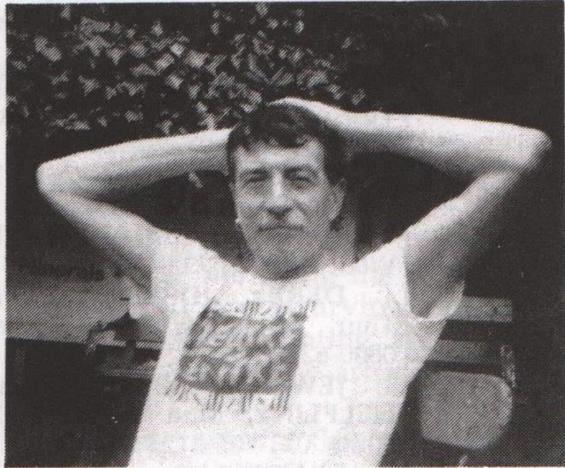
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England Arise!

Founder member of Gay Sweatshop Theatre Company, Noel Greig talks to Richard McCance about libertarian socialist, Edward Carpenter and Carpenter's influence on his own life and work, on the 150th anniversary of his birth on August 29th 1844.

"Whilst researching 'As Time Goes By,' a play about the growth of the early gay movement, I decided I wanted to write a play about gay men in Victorian England and shortly afterwards stumbled across references to this man 'Edward Carpenter'.



Noel Greig

It was obvious that he was someone of substance; a respected philosopher and poet and one of the founding fathers of socialism, counting among his friends H.G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, Bernard Shaw and the Webbs. Yet he had become almost invisible in socialist history by the 1950's. All that remained were the words of his song 'England Arise' in old socialist song books.

"I was fascinated and spellbound. I had spent all those years of involvement in socialist theatre since the late 60's, with the interminable rows with other socialists who were



Edward Carpenter

telling the gay movement that being gay can't be on a socialist agenda and that 'homosexuality is a bourgeois deviance and doesn't exist amongst the working classes', and yet in all this time I had never heard of Edward Carpenter. He was a complete eye-opener for me.

"I just dropped everything and rushed up to Sheffield to research him. Sitting in the library reading letters

that these working class boys had written to Carpenter, which were full of love and affection, was extremely moving. Thus, Carpenter allowed me to put into my work historically-based evidence that relationships between working class and middle class gay men were varied in quality from friendships through to sexuality but had been grossly misrepresented by socialists. That prompted me to write 'Dear Love of Comrades', soon afterwards, about the life and loves of Edward Carpenter.

"Carpenter attempted to relate to a broad vision of socialism, to practice what he preached and relate his politics to the food he grew, and the clothes he wore, things that have now been put into the lifestyle bracket. What is great about him is that there's something in his work for everyone."

WANTED - MALE SINGERS

Required for a proposed concert of the songs from 'The Dear Love Of Comrades' by Noel Greig to take place in November as a benefit for The Out House Project, Nottingham. Please phone Stephen Jon on 0602 506487 for details.

CARPENTER RAMBLE

Celebrate on Edward Carpenter's birthday, Monday 29th August, with a gentle ramble around the village and environs of Millthorpe where he spent most of his life. Meet 11am at Millthorpe road junction, twixt Sheffield and Chesterfield. All welcome.

CARPENTER BARBECUE AT THE FOX

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MENS PERSONAL

TWO PROFESSIONAL GUYS, good looking, seek w/e Black/Arab for no-strings fun visits, 21-40 + photo ensures reply. Box 404.

LINCS/NOTTS/S YORKS guy 26, straight acting, gsoh, seeks gay or bi of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Genuine replies please. Box 405.

LEICS/ANYWHERE. Indian, 30, medium build, hairy, good body, non-smoker, non-scene, seeks smooth, passive, White guy for friendship/poss relationship. Hopeless romantics please note. Box 406.

ANTI-FASCIST queer skinhead, 21, into Aphex Twins, Orbital, Drum Club, seeks non-scene penpals whether male, female or androgenous to write to him 'cos he's got no friends!!! Cheers. Box 407.

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NOTT'M. Do gay guys still have love affairs or just quickie sex? I am smooth blond 5'6" hung and 31. Starting own place. Everything except you. Write to me, blade. Box 410.

LEICS/MIDLANDS AREA couple 24+34 seek guys 25+ for fun and friendships. Must be open minded, no hang-ups, also invite to parties. Phone and photo please. Box 411.

LEICS, new to area. Graduate, 34, arts interests, romantic, caring, seeks younger (21-30) likeminded guys (students?), any race, for friendship/relationship. Personality more important than looks. Box 412.

NOTT'M/ANYWHERE: 32, good looking, cute, with gsoh, seeks horny mates with good bodies for fun and friendship. ALA. Box 413.

LEICS. Bright, caring, artistic guy, 34, slim build. Enjoys sci-fi, music, pubs/clubs. Nights in/out. Seeks: younger, slim, bright, manly lover. For a fun sexy relationship. Box 414.

AWKWARDLY ATTACHED gay lad. Good looks, gsoh, seeks guy 20-30 who's maybe in same situation for flexible caring fun relationship. E Midlands. Photo gets mine. Discretion assured. Box 415.

NOTTS. 35 years old, dark hair, 5'10", slim, caring, honest, looking for fun, poss 1-1. Need some tlc. Photo if poss. Box 416.

LEICS GAY, 48. Interests kilts and grey skirts, spanking. Box 417.

PROFESSIONAL MALE, tall, late 30s, average looks, seeks prof guy 20-28, tall, non-scene, straight acting, discreet, genuine. I'm that too for fun, good times. ALA. Box 418.

NOTT'M/ANYWHERE. Slim attractive passive guy 38 likes to receive over the knee. Seeks active gay/bi guys 25-45 with firm right hand for discreet fun/friendship. Photo apprec. Box 419.

SHEFFIELD. Tall, slim, 20's, looking for short, stocky (balding?) type guy for friendship/relationship. Not interested in pretty boys, but prefer the company of a cuddly bloke. Box 420.

MIDLANDS/YORKSHIRE. Attractive hairy guy, 36, straight acting, cross between Phil Collins/Grant (Eastenders) seeks slim, manly guy (18-35) for fun & friendship. Black/Asian welcome. Photo? Box 421.

INDIAN, 37, 5'7", slim, whole body hairless, very smooth, seeks friends, active riders. Me passive, very sexy. Will try anything safe. Unshockable. Any nationality. Phone no. for quick reply. Try me, you won't be disappointed. Leicester. Box 424.

LEICS AREA, caring guy early 40's would like to meet similar for long term friendship maybe 1-1. I am 6'2", clean shaven, like socialising. ALA. Box 422.

MAYDAY, MAYDAY. Calling all international cops, part.pol. m'cyclists w. big boots, assist. req. by gen. UK fant. officer for l'term c'spond./f'ship/poss. meets. ALA (no time wasters). Box 423.

SOUTH CHESHIRE. Established couple 40/50 just moved to area seek similar for friendship. Box 426.

NOTT'M BI GUY, 40's, slim, 5'6", non-scene, non-smoker, seeks similar or younger for safe fun, hopefully lasting friendship, married or bisexual pref. Ac-comm avail. Box 427.

ATTRACTIVE, fit, youthful looking male, early 30's, w/e non-scene, seeks males 18-30 for friendship and a 1-1 with someone. Photo apprec but looks unimportant. ALA. Box 428.

NOTT'M graduate, 25, 6'1", fair hair, blue eyes, attractive. Looking for caring, honest male of similar age. Must be intelligent, and be fun to be with. Box 429.

LEICS/ANYWHERE gay guy, 21, into films, music, Absolutely Fabulous, Keanu Reeves & Robbie from Take That wants to be into you! Write now! ALA. Box 430.

LEICS, 22, gay student, seeks same age group friends. Interests, music, cooking, drinking. Why not drop me a line, and we will meet for coffee and chat. Box 431.

LEICS. Good looking guy, 40, 5'10", slim build, non-effem. Six years in 'closet' after 10 year 1-1 ended. Now, out seeking guy for friendship, 1-1. ALAWP. Box 432.

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EAST MIDLANDS/ANYWHERE, camp leather queen, 22, needs lusty nights out with hunky man. Looks unimportant but must have gsoh. ALAWP. Box 435.

NOTT'M GAY couple, 32 and 47, looking for other couples/singles for friendship. We enjoy pubs, clubs, and the uncomplicated company of people with a sense of fun. Box 436.

DERBYS/NOTTS, stocky tached hairy 31 year old wants similar tached bearded guys 30-55. Can travel or accomm. ALA. Box 437.

SHEFFIELD. I'm 21 with blonde hair & blue eyes. I'm only 5'4" but very loving and caring. I'm looking for similar who like me is getting lonely. Please get in touch. ALAWP. Box 438.

SPORTSMAN, squash/cycle/hike/weights seeks similar genuine sports enthusiasts/jocks into outdoor/locker room fun'n'games. Students/beginners welcome. Foto would be nice. Come on, do it! Box 439.

EAST MIDLANDS, desperately seeking loving sincere Phil Mitchell (Eastenders) look-a-like. Helps if you're into cp/experimentation. Frank letter please. Box 440.

WANTED: guy with no ex-boyfriend to go back to. I'm 40, attractive, 5'8", nice tanned body, honest, caring, very loving, seeking 1-1. Versatile, can accomm. ALAWP. Box 441.

ASIAN GUY, attractive, straight looking/acting, masculine, seeks similar Afro-Caribbean or very dark Asian, active, any age. Can travel/accomm. Box 442.

MIDLANDS. He's 25, passive, dark, beautiful. I'm 42, strong, good looking, dominant. We'd like to meet other horny boyz, men, couples for uncomplicated filthy fun. Photo please. Box 443.

MELTON/LEICS established gay couple looking for friendship, outings, eating together and fun but not group sex! Box 444.

MIDLANDS GUY, adventurous, sincere with gsoh seeks friendship & fun with masculine guy (30-50). Personality more important than looks. Non-smoker pref. ALA. Box 446.

EAST MIDLAND deaf guy, 41, straight acting, seeks any age, race, straight, gay, bi's welcome. Must have soh for 1-1 relationship. Photo please. Write me soon. Box 447.

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NOTT'M BISEXUAL male, 29, tall, slim, handsome, happy, healthy, seeks bisexuals for friendship, support, laughter, nights in/out good times. Inspire me, be inspired by me. Please write! Box 425.

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NOTTS/WEST YORKS lesbian 30's seeks loving affectionate lesbian 40+. I like masculine looks with a soft interior! Interests music, outdoors, many more. Why not write and see? Box 562.

YOUNG CARING DYKE, 27, into Levellers, Clannad, Black to the Planet, Ace the Base, Tori Amos, seeks non-scene, Beth lookalike (out of Brookside) who enjoys a pint. Box 563.

BISEXUAL MARRIED woman, 30's, feminist in Sheffield to share passionate conversation and gentle moments. I can't be the only one? Box 564.

NOTTS/DERBY. Where are you my woman 35-40 soh non-smoker non-dyke. I'm here with optimism and open heart. Mother 37, loves the sea and walking. Box 565.

GAY FEMALE 40's wishes to meet married/bi or single women, non-smokers, honest, reliable. ALA. Box 566.

NOTTS/DERBYS MOTHER, student, straight looking 37 years old, seeks woman 35-40 to accept her faults. Non-smoker. No dykes or sporty types. Been hurt, am fragile, need TLC. Box 567.

GOOD LOOKING gay female, feminine, caring, 30, seeks feminine honest gay woman for friendship/relationship. Must be attractive, genuine, caring. No bi's or butch dykes. Lincs. Box 568.

NORTH NOTTS gay fem'ish female. Searching, 'endlessly searching' for mature, honest, sensible friends, only. I'm caring, sincere, gsoh, brand etc. Into sports, music, anything fun. Photo pref. Box 569.

FUN LOVING, attractive, slim, early 40's Nott'm lesbian. Sincere, gsoh, walk-

ing, music, theatre, cinema. Seeks friendship, poss relationship. Non-smoker, no bi's, age not important. ALA. Box 572.

DERBY LESBIAN seeks female 30's upwards for fun and romance. Must have gsoh for what they are about to undergo. Box 573.

EASY GOING feminine lady, non-smoker with no hang-ups and with varied interests seeks similar lady for friendship or more. No butch. Box 575.

LEICS BI wants to meet other for friendship poss romance. I am a 17 year old vegan student. You: 17-25 veggie or vegan, femininity preferred. Box 576.

LESBIAN (16) seeks older woman. Lincoln/anywhere. Box 577.

DERBYSHIRE lesbian age 51, vgsch and lots of love to give. So let's get together and see what happens. Age & looks unimp. Photo if poss. ALA. Box 578.

NOTTS lesbian, boyish, 30, easy going, caring, seeks 1-1 to break through hard shell with soft centre. Lots of love to give, but a bit scared. Box 579.

LONELY LESBIAN, sexual abuse survivor. In healing. Seeks supportive friends or other sexual abuse survivors to spend time with. Likes music, cinema, reading. Notts or any area. Box 580.

COVENTRY bisexual 21 from Canada seeks female friends in similar area for fun times. I am blond, attractive, vgsch. Genuine replies u/d photo, letter. Similar ages please. Box 581.

SHEFFIELD gay girl. Blonde blue eyes tanned. Butchish looking, likes to rave and stay in. If you too are looking for fun reply to my ad. Box 582.

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Channel 4 'OUT'

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In the second programme Chris Woods looks at the relationship between drugs and the gay scene. And in 'Pull Your Finger Out' the programme looks at the explosion of lesbian bands, including Atomic Kandy. **Tues 16 August.**

In the third week 'Out' Lizzie Thyne looks at lesbians and gays in the post-Revolution Czech and Slovak republics. Plus the last film of Stuart Marshall who died of AIDS in 1993. **Tues 23 August**

In programme four new Black film maker Inge Blackman explores Black sexuality in Britain today. Plus a fast-moving look at 'growing up queer'. **Tuesday 30 August.**

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Leicestershire AIDS Support Services, together with the HIV peer-support development worker, are holding a series of Discussion Groups for people recently diagnosed as HIV positive or who have been diagnosed for some time but who have not needed support before.

The groups will be limited to 6-8 people and will be 'closed', that is, no one will be allowed to join the group once it has started, and they will run for a period of two hours, one evening a week for six weeks. Participants are therefore asked to commit themselves to attending the six meetings. The participants will set the agenda themselves and join in at whatever level they want to.

The groups will be helped by a skilled facilitator who will encourage participants to share feelings, emotions and information about dealing with living with an HIV positive diagnosis. Confidentiality is assured. The first of the Time-limited Discussion Groups will start in September. If you are interested in joining a group or want to know more, contact Geoff Lilley, 0533 559995 Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm.

SHEFFIELD LAUNCH

Sheffield SHOUT, a community-based group of gay, bisexual men and their allies, celebrated its birthday on the 23rd July. The group formed out of a conference on HIV & AIDS in Sheffield last July.

The celebration included workshops on aromatherapy, shiatsu massage, self-expansion through art, and self-defence. One of the organisers, Rod McIntosh, told Outright that the event had surpassed all their expectations. A follow-up meeting is to be organised for later in the month.

SHOUT organises regular discos and part of the proceeds go to various lesbian & gay groups in the city. (Previous recipients include the Quilt Project Hardship Fund, and the Lesbian & Gay Youth Group). Apart from a coach to Pride last month, other activities planned include a charity auction, gay men's self-defence course, supplying gay pubs with safer sex literature, condoms and lubricants and a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

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Fancy spending five nights at lake Wastwater in a luxury lakeside hostel, ringed by mountains? This is the scene of Stonewall Breaks' Cumbrian holiday at Wasdale Hall. The Hall is an early Victorian building, set in its own grounds where all the main rooms face out across the lake and the lawn slopes down to the water's edge. Wastwater is well off the beaten track away from the main tourist areas in a quiet, unspoilt part of Cumbria.



This will be an activity holiday with a difference: Dave Loraine, is an experienced climber who knows the area well and returns for the third time to lead our outdoor activities. This is not an exercise to see who can be the most macho but a chance to be part of supportive group of gay and bisexual men. If you've never tried abseiling, ghyll scrambling or climbing, now's your chance, whatever your age. In addition to guided walks, there will be a full range of other activities for the couch potatoes, board games, dancing, singing, aerobics, relaxation workshops, massage, non-competitive games and table tennis.

The holiday runs from Wednesday 21st to Monday morning 26th September. Full board rates on a sliding scale, according to income, from £69.

XMAS IN WALES

Five nights, Friday 23rd December to 28th December now booking.

**For booking forms and further details of our other Breaks,
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