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for gays lesbians and bisexuals in central england

HOW COULD THEY!

During the past couple of weeks an award winning HIV Unit has been closed down with apparently no prior notice or any explanation offered from the West Midlands Health Authority responsible for its funding.

The Walsall-based Gay Men's Health Project was awarded the 1994 Chairman's Quality Award for Excellence (Certificate of Entry) and had organised an innovative national conference to examine ways of reducing HIV transmission among gay and bisexual men. Its Project Worker has been ordered to stop all work, remove all gay safer sex posters, and not talk to the press.

The rash action has resulted in a serious stoppage in supplies of condoms, and lubricants to gay saunas and support groups, the closure of the project drop-in centre and counselling services and the termination of an established helpline. When contacted by Outright, the Chief Executive of Walsall Health Authority, Michael Evans, was on holiday and thus unavailable for comment.

John Taylor, a spokesperson for the West Midlands Gay Workers Forum, decried the decision, saying "Homophobic Health Chiefs in Walsall have closed down an excellent health project, leaving local gay and bisexual men with nothing."

Outright believes the disgraceful decision to halt the project is yet another example of rampant homophobia designed to pull the rug from under the feet of gay and bisexual health care in the West Midlands.



2WOTHIRD3 appearing at the Red Ribbon event. See back page.

POLICE STRIKE SAUNA

In another example of homophobia, Nottingham Vice-Squad, six strong, led by ex-Leicestershire Inspector Dawson raided Stryker's Sauna early last month towards closing time. The operator of the Sauna, John Turner said "They just came in and asked the clients to get dressed and then went through the place with a toothcomb. All they could come up with were a couple of videos, readily available at Virgin Records or HMV". Several customers who were leaving when the Sauna was raided offered to return to give added support to the sauna management and staff.

The police claimed that the sauna needed a County Council licence to operate, but a spokesperson for Trading Standards assured Stryker's that they didn't enforce the licence provision.

As we go to press, a number of sauna patrons have already been asked by the police "to assist them with their enquiries". Although several people have co-operated with the police, the majority approached have quite rightly refused to answer police questions. Plans are in hand for a new licence application to be made shortly.

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CAMP NIGHT IN NUNEATON

A camp bingo night at Warwickshire's newest gay pub has raised £155 for a local AIDS charity. It was eyes down in aid of MESMEN's free condom and lube project by regulars of The Harcourt pub in Nuneaton. The event was organised by three local regulars dressed in drag, Ian, Mick and Paul. The money raised will be used by the HIV Network's gay health project, MESMEN, who give away free condom and lube packs at the pub despite receiving no funding from local health chiefs. John Taylor, MESMEN worker said: "It's great to see local gay men doing what the health authority won't. That is, preventing HIV by ensuring condoms and lube are easily available in Warwickshire's gay pubs. We're very grateful to The Harcourt, but it's a shame that we rely on charity to fund basic health services for gay men."

MCC DIARY

The Metropolitan Community Church in Nottingham has the following programme planned for November. Preachers are, November 6th Grayham Mayn; November 13th "Bringing your own Worship"; November 20th, Rev. Doreen Shambrook; November 27th, Cecilia Eggleston, (MCC Bath). The Church now meets at Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows, 11.30am each Sunday, followed by tea and biscuits.

LOUGHBOROUGH WOMEN'S BAR

Loughborough Women's Bar takes place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 8.30 onwards at Loughborough Labour Club, Fennel Street, Loughborough, tel 0509 235610. All women welcome.

METRO CINEMA

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THAT TOUCH OF MINK
Dir: Martin Melcher/USA/
1962/99 mins.

Bachelor tycoon pursues virginal secretary. A sexual comedy, enlivened by practised star performances and smart timing, from Cary Grant, Doris Day and Gig Young.

FIVE YEARS YOUNG

SHAKTI, the Midlands Asian Lesbian and Gay Network, in its fifth anniversary year, presents a Diwali Special and disco night on Saturday 12th November. (Shakti is a Sanskrit word for 'strength or power'). Catch this disco from 9pm to 2am at Impressions, No. 22 Pocklington Walk Leicester, Admission £3.50. Everyone welcome, free supper included. Picture shows a group of SHAKTI members from the Midlands.



NORTHAMPTON CAFE OPENS

The Northamptonshire Lesbian & Gay Alliance is spearheading the opening of its own community cafe on Saturday 5th November, when it will be opened by Michael Cashman, Chair of Stonewall. Staffed by volunteers, Ortons Cafe will provide an informal relaxed and safe environment for the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities of the county, their families and friends.

Already renowned for its friendly welcome, the cafe is the ideal town centre drop-off for a cup of coffee, a slice of homemade cake or a light snack. If you want to be in at the start, the address is The Roadmender, 1 Lady's Lane, Northampton.

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'SHORT CHANGED' AT OPEN DAY

Nottingham Women's Centre held an open day recently in a bid to increase its membership, and hopefully involve more women in the running of the centre. It also gave women an opportunity to look round and find out what happens there. Various organisations based there had stalls and information available.



A recent event at the Nottingham Womens Centre

The Day was opened by Annette Nelson with the help of a 'Bet Lynch' lookalike. Later in the day guest speaker, Clare Short MP spoke of the importance of women organising together, although she was strangely silent on lesbians and managed to sidestep issues of sexuality generally, throughout her speech. The Day was rounded off by live music, performance and a disco. Over 300 women attended, 200 of those at the disco.

Further details about joining the Centre and becoming a member from 0602 411475 (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm) and ask to speak to a volunteer on reception. The Women's Centre Annual General Meeting takes place on Friday 18th November, 12-2pm, at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street, (across road from the Centre).

LEICESTER GAY GROUP

Leicester Gay Group meets on Sundays at the Red Lion, Highcross St, Leicester from 7.30pm, 6th November and 4th December. For further details, contact Chris on 0509 415272.

DERBY BENEFITS

The Derby Aids Trust Fund benefit at the Derby Playhouse on the 11th September raised over £1,300. The money will be a boost to assist needy people living with HIV, providing some small comforts to daily living for people in the Derby area.

CIRCLE DANCING

A weekend of Circle Dancing for gay men, with dances from around the World. At Hebden Bridge, 4th-6th Nov, Cost £70 (concessions £60), including full board. Details 0203 670057 (Jon).

CRASHING IN

Lincolnshire HIV/AIDS Voluntary Group along with Ask! (the young persons advice and drop in centre) have teamed together to form Crash! a youth group for lesbians and gay men under 26. The group hopes to plan trips and social events, a gay and lesbian video and book library is currently being set up and discussions on sexual health, coming out and other relevant topics to young gay people are planned. Anyone interested in coming along can contact Sarah at Ask! on (0522) 514244 or Julian at LAVG (0522) 513999. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday 28th October at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

Sunday Breakfast will never be the same again once you've tried this monthly event that combines a cafe and play centre offering an inexpensive Sunday out with free play activities and food that is good value for money. It is a drop-in event where people can meet friends and new people. Further information from 0602 620772 or turn up from 11am-2pm on 13th November. The Croft Family Centre, Albert Road, Alexandra Park, Nottingham end of Dagmar Grove, off Woodborough Road.

DERBY AIDSLINE

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Mon & Thur 7 - 9pm
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LESBIAN SELF-INSEMINATION DAY

If you have ever considered getting pregnant by self-insemination and would like to explore some of the issues involved there is a Lesbian Self Insemination Day in Leicester on Sunday 4th December which will be led by Lisa Saffron, author of 'Challenging Conceptions'. The day will include workshops and discussions on co-parenting, getting pregnant, the law, screening donors, sharing experiences of family relationships, clinics, known/unknown donors and more. Further information and bookings from Jill on 0533 547412, places limited.



S.J.'S PALINDROMICS

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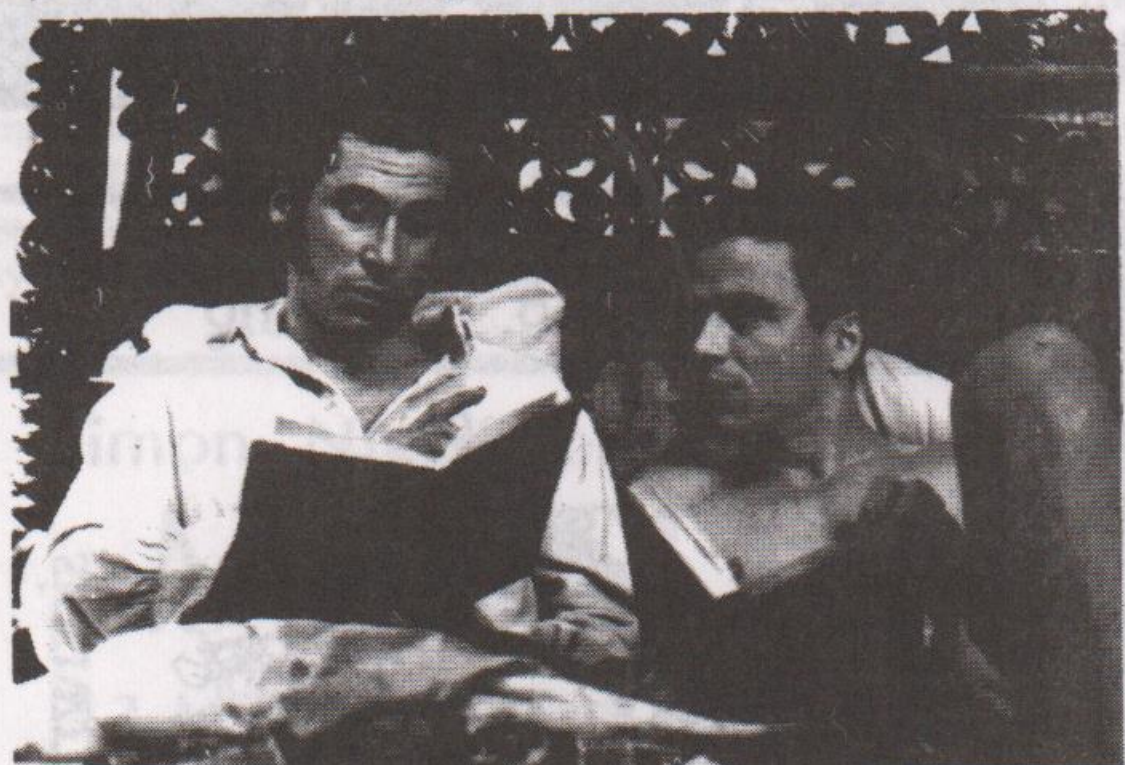
BROADWAY

14 Broad Street, Nottingham Tel: 0115 952 6600 / 6611

ZERO PATIENCE

Dir: John Greyson/Canada/1994/100 mins.

An angry and witty musical counterculture blast to 'Philadelphia' and 'And the Band Played On', by Canadian gay activist Greyson, 'Zero Patience' unites the Air Canada flight attendant (Patient Zero) blamed for bringing AIDS to America, in a sexual liaison with Victorian explorer and sexologist Sir Richard Burton. Fans of Greyson's earlier



work 'Urinal' and 'The Making of Monsters' will recognise the filmmaker's iconoclastic approach to historical figures and fondness for musicals. Tuneful moments include the self-explanatory Butthole Duet: unlike 'Philadelphia' the

intention here is not to woo the squeamish or homophobic but rather to give us a cheeky, intellectual and very sexual piece of agitation.

Wednesday-Thursday, 2nd-3rd November, 6.00 & 8.15pm, Cinema 2

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

Dir: Stephan Elliott/Australia/1994/97 mins.

A glorious camp romp of a film with a very soft centre, following the adventures of two drag queens and a transsexual as they travel by bus through the Australian outback for a cabaret booking. A road movie, musical and western all rolled into one, with a succession of fabulous frocks and everyone's favourite karaoke number, 'Priscilla' makes no concessions to the straight laced, but is disarmingly good humoured. The three leads look great in their glad rags and Sixties icon Terence Stamp is amazing as the bereaved Bernadette, every inch a lady until she's threatened.

Friday, 25th November-Thursday 1st December, 6pm and 8.30pm, Sunday matinee at 3.30pm.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

A local author, Howard Rourke, is calling all East Midlands Gays and Lesbians as he is collecting information on Gay and Lesbian life from as far back as research can take him up to the present day. With a view to writing a history of Gay and Lesbian activity in Nottingham.

If you can remember the Pavilion Club, La Chic, Marios, Shades, Spots, The Salutation Inn and Casablanca and the names of Gay and Lesbian friendly pubs from long ago, please contact him. Discretion guaranteed if required. Write to Howard Rourke c/o 36 Cyril Avenue, Bobbers Mill, Nottingham.

Asian Youth Group Debuts

The new Asian, lesbian, gay and bisexual youth group meets at the Leicester Lesbian and Gay Communities Resource Centre in Leicester. The new group was the idea of Roshni Prajapi who said that a lot of Asian youth had requested the formation of this group. Anyone interested in attending the meetings should contact Dylan Parris, full time development worker at the Centre on (0533) 541747.

THE MEN'S SEXUAL HEALTH PROJECT

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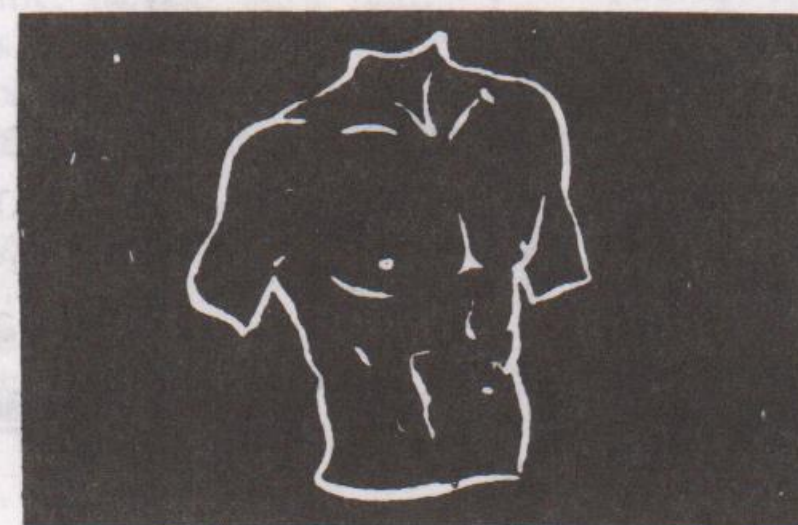
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QUEER BASHED

In July this year I was queer bashed by two young thugs in their twenties - no doubt anxiously shoring up their macho self-image after a drunken night in bed together. I was knocked to the ground, kicked in the ribs and punched in the eye. I fought back sufficiently well to avoid being knocked unconscious, or worse. When they'd had enough to satisfy their homophobic paranoia I was left to get help and report the attack to the police.

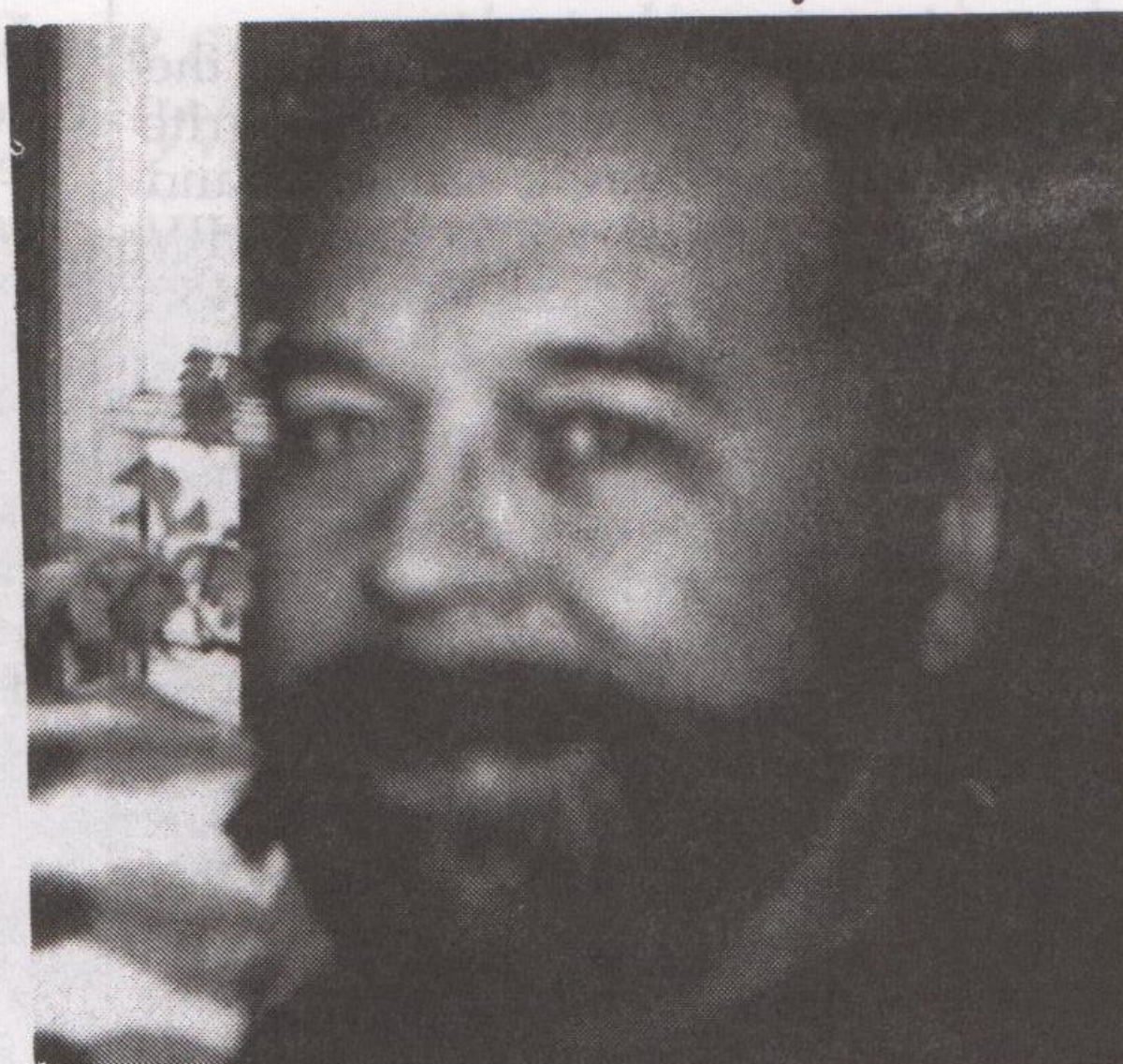
I was well-treated during the emergency by the police and ambulance service. There was never any doubt in my mind that I should report the attack. Violence must not win.

Useful Lessons

This kind of attack is every gay man's nightmare. Maybe some good can come out of my grim experience if I try to draw some useful lessons from what I learned.

Being already 'out' as a gay man makes it much easier to handle any publicity needed to attract witnesses and informants. Having a good network of friends, gay and straight, provided me with powerful support and a much needed reassurance of human decency.

Being a member of Coventry Friend and the Edward Carpenter Community has made me known in the gay community. So I got information about other attacks by my assailants, which I passed to the police.



Social Sickness

I 'politicised' my experience as a victim of homophobic violence by criticising the social sickness of homophobia in letters to the local press. My criticisms included the local Tory MP who had uttered much homophobic cant during the Age of Consent campaign in the columns of the local press. I accused the press and politicians of giving homophobic encouragement to local yobs.

I wrote to the Chief Constable praising the police woman who handled my case initially. But criticised the fact that the police gave my full name and road (no house number) to

the press in a well meaning, but stupidly executed bid to attract witnesses. I got in reply a promise that, in future, police inspectors would ensure victims were not put at risk of being revictimised by attackers.

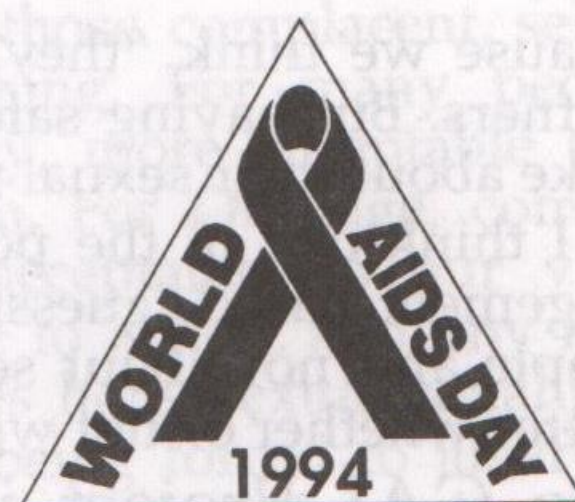
Wrest Back the Power

Psychologically, it is important after being violently attacked to wrest back the power that is wrenched from you. I learned that the personal and the political can never be separated. Being 'political' about my pain has been my personal salvation. Three cheers for gay solidarity, with straight friends too.

Patrick Wilson.

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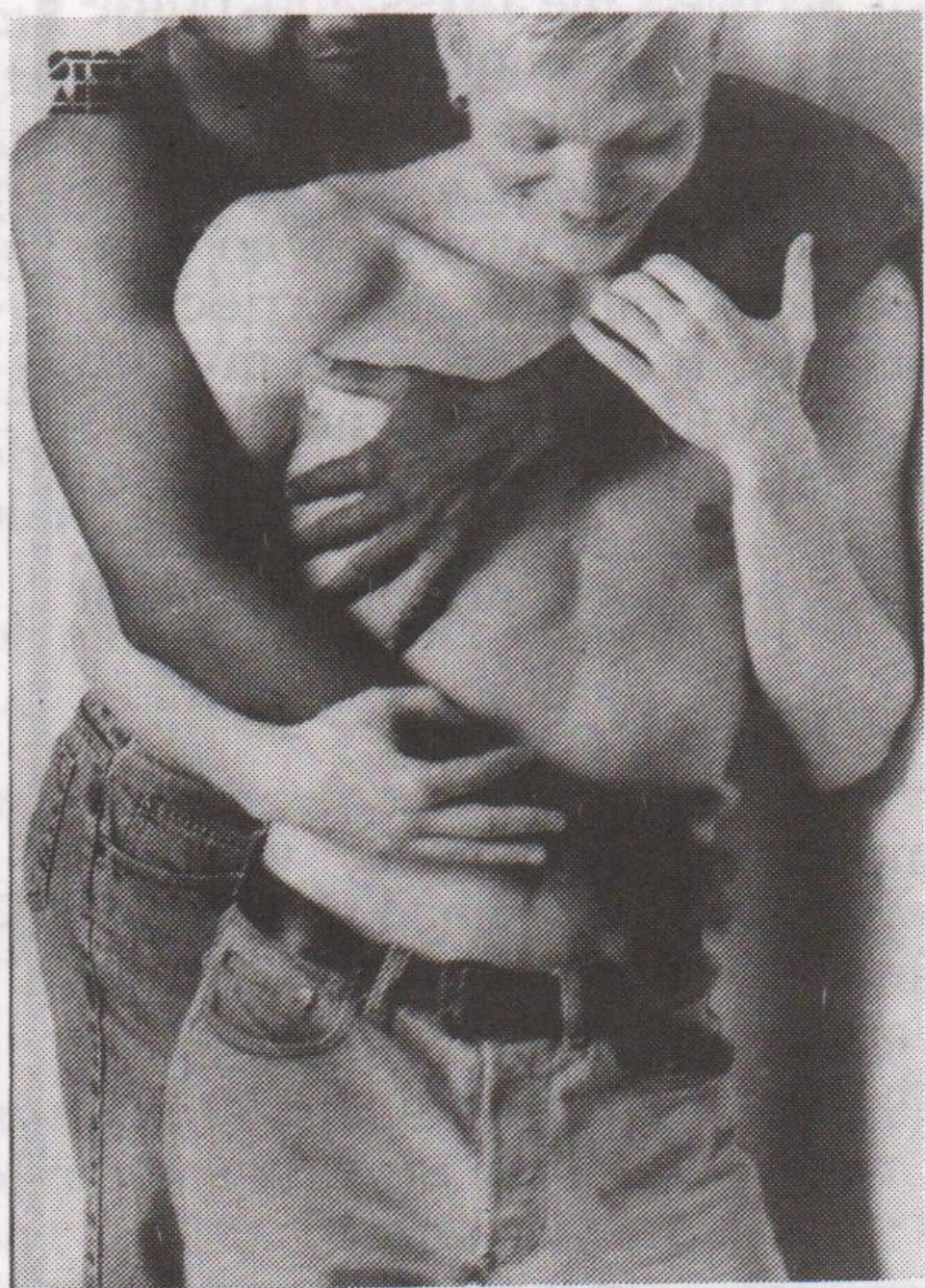
On the door or in advance from The Health Shop and Mushroom Bookshop. Info: 0115-947 5414.

The HEALTH Column

Gay and Bisexual Health Issues

Anyone watching the last series of "Out" on Channel 4 may have noticed the new GMFA (Gay Men Fighting AIDS) safer sex adverts. My particular favourite showed several men cruising or chatting each other up in different situations and all of them were trying to work out whether their potential partner was HIV positive or negative. The "message" of the ad was simple: prejudices won't protect you - safer sex will.

As gay and bisexual men we've grown up with extremely judgemental attitudes to our sexualities. It is not surprising that some of us pick up the habit of condemning others because of how, where and how often they have sex. Now, everyone's different and that's great. My biggest turn on may leave you cold, but there's no reason for either of us to feel bad about it. More importantly it's a good idea not to let our reactions to each others' sex lives make our decisions about safer sex for us.



Avoiding someone because they "sleep around", go cottaging, don't look "well" or because they're into any kind of sex that doesn't appeal to you is really about prejudice and not safer sex. HIV is here, it is in the gay and bisexual community and for the time being it is not going to go away. Trying to guess who has "it" and then avoiding them is offensive and dangerous.

Here's why. If we think we can avoid HIV just by avoiding types of people then when we sleep with a man who is not that type we may be tempted to forget about safer sex. If someone is young, claims to be inexperienced or just wants to have sex with a committed boyfriend is no good reason to forget about HIV. We might go on to fuck with this person and not use condoms

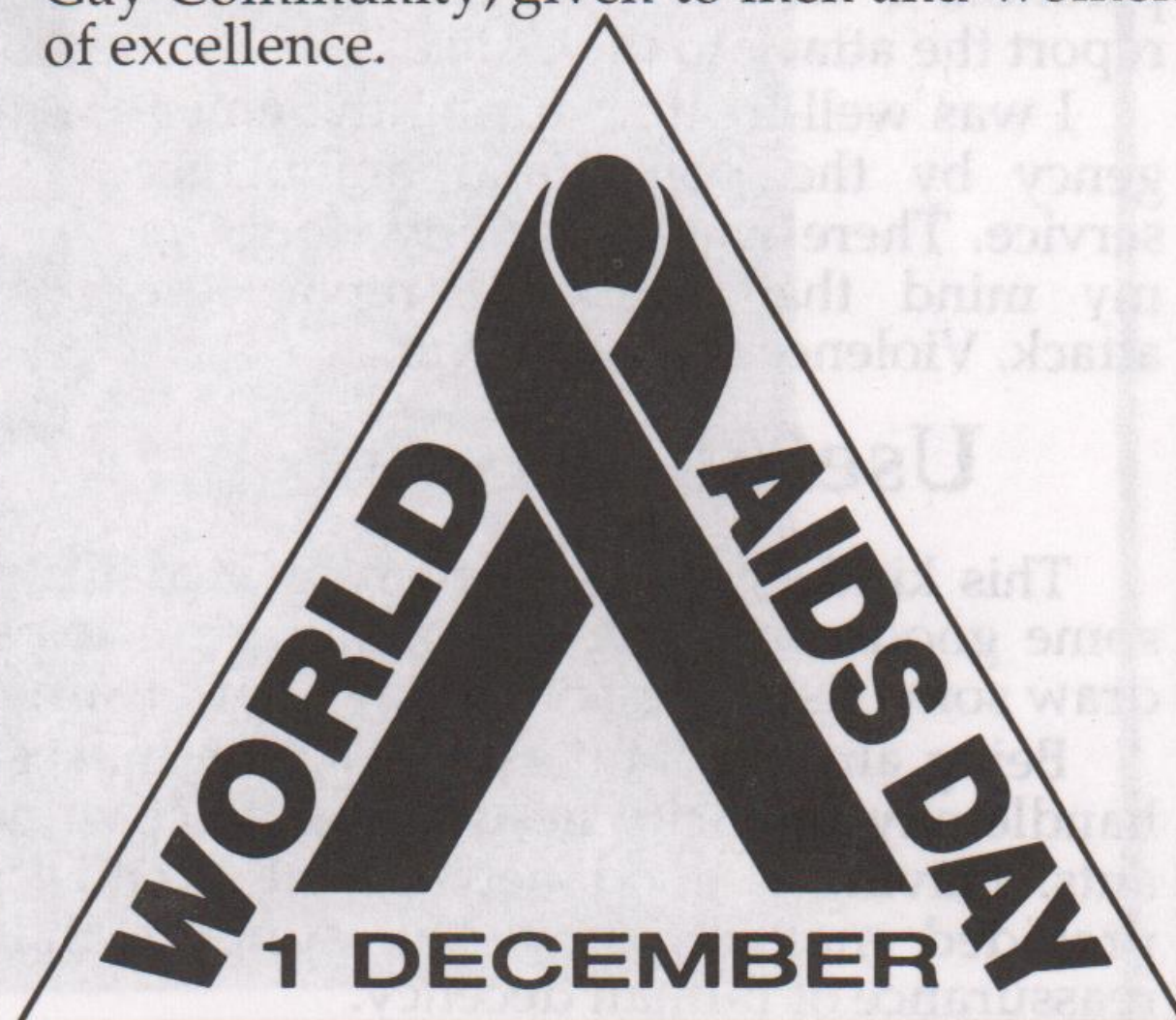
because we think "they're ok". This is no sure way to protect yourself or your partners. But having safer sex with everyone, regardless of judgements we might make about their sexual past, means we can feel safer with them all.

I think one of the points of safer sex is to get us out of the kind of dubious, judgement based, guessing games that can go on when we think about "risky" people and not about sexual acts. Choose safer sex with everyone, so it doesn't matter whether or not we or our partners are positive.

The GAI Project is based at the Health Shop, Broad Street, Nottingham, NG1 3AL. Telephone 0602 475414.

WORLD AIDS WEEK 1994 - Events

SHOUT, Sheffield's community action group is holding a fund raising disco on the 2nd December for World Aids Day and needs some disco equipment. Anyone with disco equipment and decks, CD, amp, speakers to lend is asked to contact SHOUT urgently, c/o 22 Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield S102BA or on 0742 678806 - ask for Rod. It will also be the award ceremony for the "Mary's" - SHOUT's award for Outstanding Contribution to the Lesbian and Gay Community, given to men and women of excellence.



DERBY - A range of events take place between 28th November and 2nd December, including a benefit screening at the Metro Cinema on Tuesday, 29th November at 6.30 (see Metro ad).

Also taking place at Curzons Club, Curzon Street on Wednesday, 16th November is a cabaret of various acts. Pay what you can on the door, which acts as a donation.

POETRY IN MOTION

Author and poet Greg Woods' poetry reading takes place at Nottingham Playhouse, Friday 18th November at 10pm, entitled "Wanted Dead or Alive", tickets are £3 or £2 conc. from Playhouse Box office 0602 474361.

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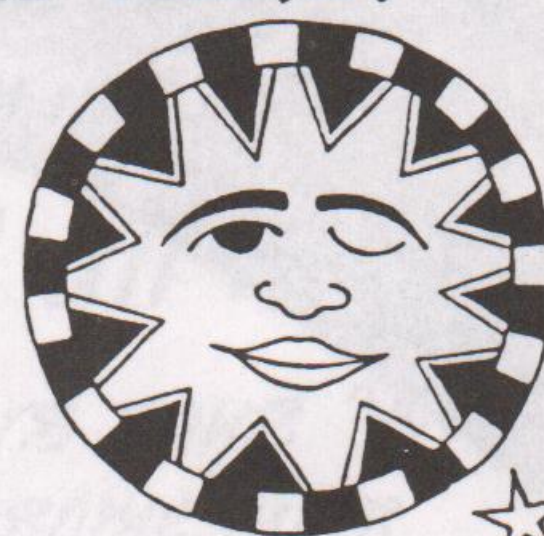
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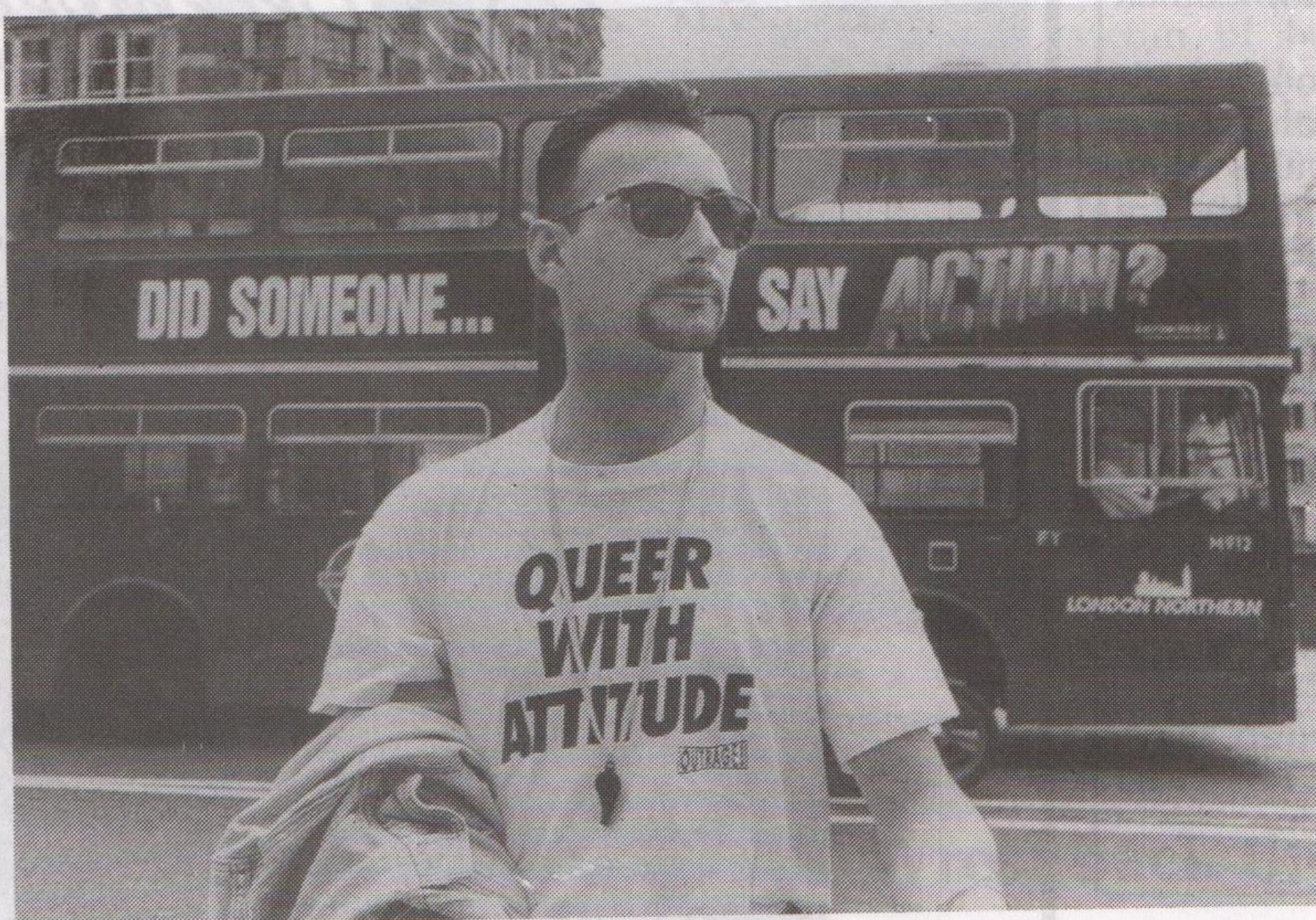
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Peter Tatchell of OutRage argues that direct action has a vital role to play in the process of queer emancipation. We continue this month with the second part of his article.

Contrary to what some critics claim, OutRage's radical activist methods are never mindless and ill-considered, but always carefully crafted. They follow a well worked out, sophisticated political strategy. Our deliberately shocking and provocative style aims to grab media attention. Press and broadcasting coverage is vital to communicate the lesbian and gay agenda to the wider public and to generate a momentum for social change. Without media coverage, queer issues remain invisible and there is no pressure for reform.



civil rights movement were all condemned in their time as being 'extremist', and 'alienating'. Yet their confrontational methods were vital to raise public awareness, provoke debate, and pressure the authorities for social reform. They would never have won justice if they had confined themselves to lobbying parliament and writing letters to MPs. It was precisely their noisy, rebellious and troublesome direct action which forced society to sit up and take notice.

Moderate

Think Twice

Photo from: 'Pride & Protest - Celebrate 25 Years of Lesbian & Gay Visibility and Action!' Published by Cassell, £6.99

Our challenging, confrontational tactics are also intended to embarrass, ridicule and unnerve homophobes. Of course, we would prefer to win them over as allies of the lesbian and gay community. However, that is not always possible. Some bigots are devoid of reason and compassion. In such cases, the objective of our face-to-face confrontations is to make them think twice before they again openly parade their bigotry. We try to do this by instilling in homophobes the knowledge that their intolerance will cost them dearly in terms of lost public esteem and credibility (and, where possible, financial loss). The aim is to show them that their prejudice is not worth the trouble we can create for them. Of course bigots and their apologists will get offended. Too bad!

Rocking the boat

No movement for social equality has ever succeeded without rocking the boat and disrupting the status quo. The direct action tactics of the Chartists, Suffragettes and the Black

ment. Nevertheless, we often get attacked as extremists, even by other lesbians and gay men. It is truly perverse when, instead of homophobes being forced to justify their bigotry, OutRage is forced to justify fighting homophobia. Why should we, the lesbian and gay victims of prejudice, be condemned for daring to challenge our oppressors?

It is rare for anyone to criticise those complacent, selfish queers who sit back and do nothing. For many people, inaction and collusion is, apparently, more acceptable than radical activism against homophobia. For OutRage, complacency and acquiescence are never acceptable. In our view, injustice imposes a moral imperative to action, and any form of non-violent action which advances homosexual equality is legitimate. OutRage is fed up with being forced to justify its struggle against prejudice. We are proud to be hell-raising homos, because without confrontation and controversy the claim for queer freedom will never be heard, let alone achieved.

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AUTUMN WALKS

with groups in the region.

Sun 20 Nov: Charnwood Forest walk, Leics. EMGOC Stanage Edge, Derbys, 8 miles from Heatherdene cp, 10.30am. TPGOC. Lantern Pike and Cown Edge, 8 miles, 10.30am, women only. SHD.

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:

EMGOC: East Midlands GOC: Nick 0533-811138.

TPGOC: Transpennine GOC: John 0532-737040.

SHD: Sheffield Hiking Dykes: c/o Lesbian Line - see helpline panel page 10.

Does your walking group have plans for December and the New Year? Let us know and we'll publish.

BLACK GAY GROUP

The next meetin of the Black Gay Group takes place in Leicester on 11th November at 7pm at the Leicester Lesbian & Gay Communities Resource Centre, 45 King Street. Further information from Dylan Parris, Project Worker, Black Men on 0533 541747 or 0533 550667 (evenings on helpline).


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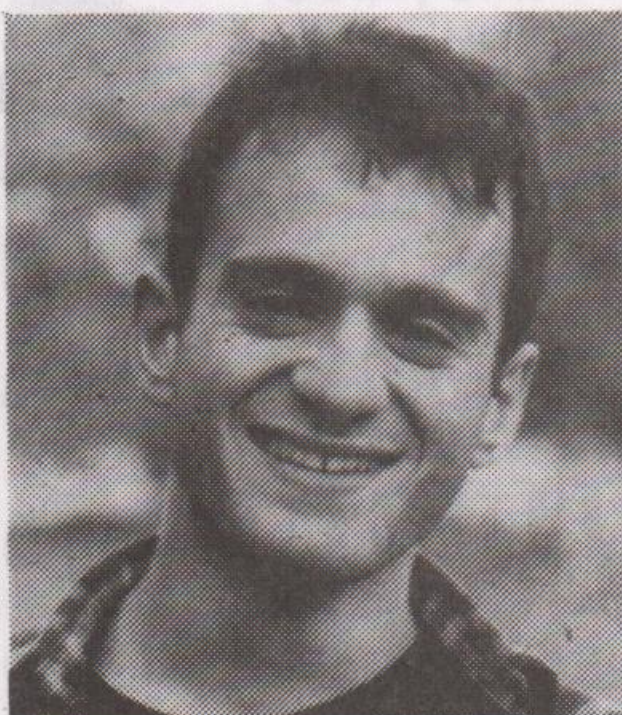
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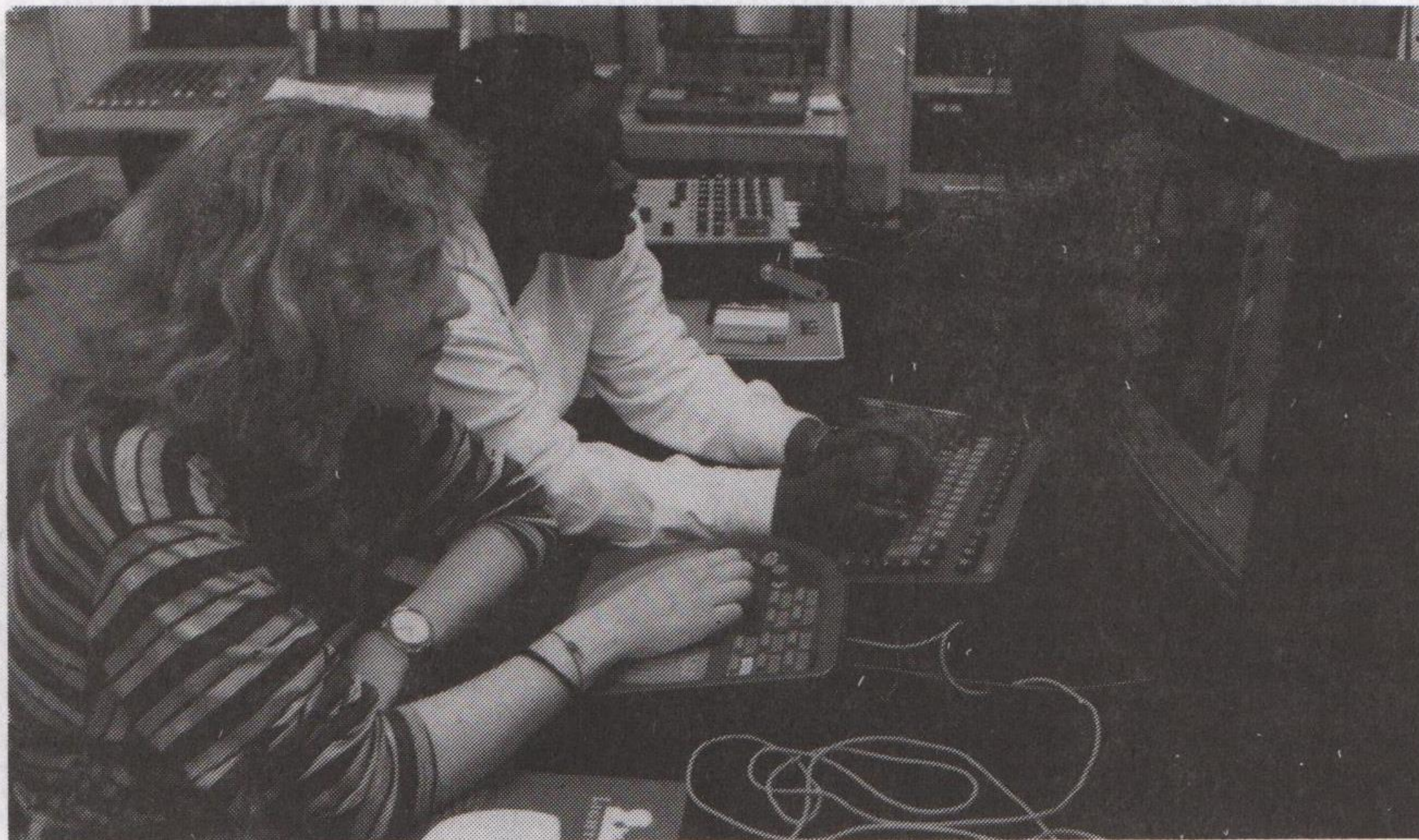


Pavlo, one of our organizers says 'Why not treat yourself to some more information by writing or phoning for our Xmas leaflet and details of our weekend breaks. We should be happy to discuss any aspect of the Break with you if you care to phone the number below.'

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OPINION by Elmo Stick

Once more, reports of homophobia are fronting our news this month. The six-officer police raid on Nottingham's Stryker's gay sauna was a waste of police resources, your money and mine, whilst outside, real crimes (with victims) like burglaries, muggings, car thefts, and rapes are on the increase. Which is the worst crime - men visiting a gay sauna or an 80 year old woman being dragged to the ground by teenage thugs in the process of snatching her handbag for the gain of a few pounds. If those officers used in the sauna raid had their time better utilised, how many real crimes could be solved or even averted?

Meanwhile, in Walsall, the axing of an HIV information project falls nothing short of blatant homophobia with the order to remove gay safer sex posters from the offices and not even to provide condoms and lube, shows the Government's callous disregard for the health of gay and bisexual men. We are now reaping the whirlwind from the Government dictum that heterosexual men should get priority funding.

With World AIDS day on the horizon, the information education and support generated by thousands of people worldwide needs backup and promotion by Area Health Authorities to reach the minds of the misinformed masses. The closure of this Health Project and many others up and down the country is nothing short of a criminal act which can only hinder, not help the worldwide fight against AIDS.

END OF THE LINE?

Following three successful years of weekly operations, Coventry Lesbian Line is likely to close unless some new volunteers come forward quickly. The present group of seven women say they are exhausted and need a break.

If the Line closes there won't be any specific lesbian provision in Coventry or Warwickshire at all. However, the Line has funding until December 1994, and current members are willing to re-open the line in the New Year if more women do come forward. Penny Brown, a volunteer said, "We all feel very sad about this decision but after running weekly for three years with a small group, we are all very tired and demotivated. We hope women realise the seriousness of this and come forward to support the line". You can contact Penny Brown on 0926 881576 or Wendy Bicknall on 0926 452719.

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Saturday 12th November: SHAKTI

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Sunday 13th November:

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or bitter 75p B4 10pm.

Sunday 20th November:

Games Show with prizes, prizes, prizes
starts 10pm, 1st drink half price B4 9.30pm

Sunday 27th November: Mexican Night

Mexican food, Mexican music, Sol Mexican beer,
99p a bottle B4 10pm.

Friday 18th November: Bears Night

No Bears Night in December

22 Pocklington's Walk, Leicester (off Belvoir St &
Newarke St). Info Trevor or David on (0533) 541640

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HOW TO REPLY. Seal each reply in a separate envelope. Write the number of the Box you are replying to in the top right hand corner of each envelope. Place them in a larger envelope. **Enclose two loose first class stamps for each reply: replies without stamps are not forwarded** Address the outer envelope to **Outright**, stamp and post to: PO Box 4, West PDO, Nottingham NG7 2DJ.

MENS PERSONAL

MANSFIELD/EAST MIDLANDS, retired, caring, straight-acting gsoh 6' 14 stone, friendly gay seeks younger guy for poss 1-1 preferably active sincere, honest discreet. Box 890.

SWIMMERS! Derby lad, 30, seeks mates to swim with-Derby area and along A38 to Mansfield, keep fit, get wet, write now. Box 891.

SHEFFIELD/DERBY 34, 6 ft, prof, slim guy non-scene would like to meet similar gay/bi 25/45 for fun, friendship, phone no appreciated. Box 892.

EAST MIDLANDS, straight-acting, semi-retired prof. reserved and n/s, looking for young friend. Looks and equipment are less important than your sincerity. Oriental person welcome ALA. Box 893.

EAST MIDLANDS, 47 n/s looking for friends/penfriends under 35 into, swimming, walking, music, videos, can accommodate, any nationality welcome ALAWP. Box 894.

EAST MIDLANDS/ANYWHERE Hairy, tached guy 30 yrs, short brown hair, 5' 7" tall looking for daddy/older brother or both. Must be tached for family fun. ALAWP. Box 895.

NOTTS, 45 very straight-acting/looking, w/e, reliable, non-scene, discreet, seeks similar for relaxed give/take fun and friendship, any age, nationality. Box 896.

NOTT'M guy, 21 blond, slim, tall seeks similar for a groovy kind of love but no Phil Collins thank you. Write soon dudes! Later...Box 897.

WRESTLING: Handsome cropped swimmer, 30 wants horny fantasy/submission bouts. You: preferably dark hairy-legged Mediterranean/Indian (Akshay Kumar, Naseem Hamed types welcome). Scissors, boots, leather? Whatever! ALAWP. Box 898.

SHEFFIELD Male, 46, stocky, beard and tache looking for slim guys up to 30 for hot times no strings. Can accommodate. Photo please, mine returned with reply. Box 899.

SOUTH Lincs tall smooth goodlooker, fair swimmer, nudism, body culture, keen photo posing camera and camcorder user, seeks well defined bodies for caring friendship, exch. photos. Box 900.

ROMANTIC, 40+, 5' 5", seeks guy any age. Must be near my height, n/s, sensitive, any race, sharing arts interests, into scanty

briefs, any race. Box 901.

LEICESTER Young boy (25), seeks young mates to play truth or dare. New to area. Box 902.

LEICESTER guy 19, blonde, blue eyes, smooth boyish looks seeks adventurous young guy with attitude to rediscover excitement gsoh a must, possible 1-1 or friendship. Photo please. Box 903.

SOUTH YORKS/ANYWHERE passive, mid-30s, 5'6", fairish, medium/stocky build. told fairly attractive. Seeks active 21-45 for fun, cuddles, tlc, friendship initially, possible relationship later. Can accommodate ALAWP. Box 904.

NEW to Nottingham, horny student, 22, honest, reliable, gsoh, ready for fun, friendship and passion. If you're the same, then reply. ALA photo would be nice. Box 905.

NOTTINGHAM/DERBY, 39 caring, considerate, sincere, gsoh, n/s, looking for friendship - possible 1-1 with right person. 25-35. If you're the same, please write photo assures my reply. Box 906.

CHESTERFIELD Gay male blonde, 30 years old seeks male 30-36 for poss. 1-1 occasional scene, likes a laugh, fed up with being messed around. Only genuine need apply. Box 907.

SHEFFIELD/ANYWHERE Intelligent romantic 40's, 5'4" non-scene, n/s, arts/travel interests seeks sweet matured soul mate any race into scanty briefs 21-60 frank letter please. Box 908.

LEICESTER Prof. guy 41, own house wishes to meet young man for friendship, outings, make my day and write soon. ALA. Box 909.

LEICS, Prof. tall gay male late 30's, seeks tall prof. male 20-26 for friendship and fun non-scene, straight acting discreet 1-1, genuine. photo please. ALA. Box 910.

MANSFIELD Retired Notts. Guy seeks younger master. Box 911.

MELTON MOWBRAY GUY
40 tall slim dark hair
handsome seeks guy between
40-60 for 1-1 if poss photo
appreciated and phone
number. ALA. Box 912.

DERBY Oh, look over here, if you are looking for someone to have fun with no strings and no 1-1, then contact me. Photo ensures reply, discretion assured. Box 913.

NOTTS, 23 into sport, cinema, and computers seeks 20/28 male with similar interests for friendship and going out. must have gsoh, 1-1 for right person. photo essential. Box 914.

NORTH NOTTS, Bi male, 45, slim, 5'6", non-smoker, seeks active guy for hot horny safe fun and friendship. 21-50 slim only. Box 915.

NOTTINGHAM Young looking 22, bored, lonely, but playful house pup, seeks caring loving and uncomplicated 26-35 year old man for 1-1. Box 916.

LEICESTER/ANYWHERE 30, 5'6", smooth skinned body, sexy green eyes, seeks true romantic 30+ for 1-1. Guys around my height please. Briefs, shorts, shirts, ties etc. Box 917.

NOTTS, Hi, are you 21-30, straight acting, loving and caring, preferably from Midlands area. I could be your ideal partner, I am 39 good looks, from Nottm. ALAWP. Box 918.

LEICESTER Young gay boy seeks same for passionate fun and friendship. If you like wonderful food, drinking till dawn and talking in bed, let's get together. ALAWP. Box 919.

NOTTS/DERBY area, Spanish male student, 26, varied interests gregarious, enjoys travelling seeks friend to share close friendship. Box 920.

NOTTS Stephen 23 and Richard 28, are looking for young 18-21's for fun'mmm. We have our own house, can accommodate, please write urgent, visits darlings xxx Box 921

WEST MIDLANDS 44, medium build 5'9", 13 stone own home car seeks hunky male 18-40, to brighten up my life must be sincere for friendship 1-1 ALA. Box 922.

RIPLEY/BELPER/ALFRETON area, gay guy having suffered a bereavement earlier this year, now finding its time to live again, looking for friends to socialise with in area. Box 923.

LEICESTER Guy 45 winter has arrived, thus, I am seeking friends, for those cosy fun nights in. Age unimportant, passion for underwear preferred, write soon with photo. Box 924.

WE OFFER you to meet young gay men, photomodels, as well as tourism and leisure with us. Arnold, PO Box 62, Gdansk 16, Poland. (enc. international reply coupon).

NOTTS 23 genuine, caring, dark hair, tall, blue eyes, seeks big brother/boy next door for fun, friendship and safe fun, discretion expected and assured. Box 926.

SOUTH YORKS Gay male, 39 years, straight acting genuine type good looking seeks someone for friendship and 1-1 good times photo if possible please. Box 927

RUTLAND/LEICS. Still wanted - experienced submissives, smooth (nearly?), under 35, for BD, SM, CP, safe fun by w/e master (50's) with well equipped playroom. Send full details. Box 928.

COVENTRY area, young gay male 21, seeks others who are interesting and honest; loving and artistically minded. I'm submissive and into anything. photo appreciated. ALA. Box 929.

EAST MIDLANDS, 31, tall, easy-going, lofty preoccupations, spirituality, truth; nature, down-to-earth interests, football, wrestling, seeks similar uncomplicated masculine guys for fun and friendship. Box 930.

NOTT'M. We are a monogamous couple. We enjoy our own company and would like to meet new friends! Box 931.

NOTTINGHAM, 27 year old guy looking for single man or couple any age or size for unhurried pleasures. Keen on most things especially dressing up. TV's welcome, phone number ensures immediate reply. Box 934.

LEICS. Caring, genuine gay guy 40 looking for that special 1-1. Fed up with scene. Looking for 21-30 similar. Photo please. ALA. Come on let's try. Box 935.

SHEFFIELD, retired mature gay guy would like to meet new friends 50+ for socialising, pub meals, safe fun, this area/ Midlands. Own home/car. Straight acting only. Box 936.



HELPLINES

BIRMINGHAM BLACK LESBIAN & GAY GROUP, 021-622-7351 for details.

COVENTRY FRIEND, Mon, Wed, Fri, 7.30-9.30pm. 0203-714199.

COVENTRY LESBIAN LINE, Wed, 7.30-9.30pm. 0203-717166.

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DERBY BODY POSITIVE, Tue 10.30am-1.30pm, Thur 11.30am-4pm, 0332-292129.

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DERBY LESBIAN LINE, Wed, 7-9pm. 0332-41411.

DERBY AIDSLINE, Mon & Thur, 7-9pm, & Thur, 2-4pm. 0800-622738.

GRIMSBY & DISTRICT GAY HELPLINE, Tue & Thur, 7-9pm. 0472-251818.

JEWISH LESBIAN & GAY HELPLINE, Mon & Thur, 7-10pm. 071-706-3123.

LEICESTER LESBIAN/ GAYLINE, Mon-Fri, 7.30-10.30pm. 0533-550667.

LEICESTERSHIRE AIDS SUPPORT SERVICES, Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm. 0533-559995.

LINCOLNSHIRE AIDS VOLUNTARY GROUP, Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am-9pm, & Tues, Thur, 9am-5.30pm. 0522-513999.

LINCOLNSHIRE LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD, Thur & Sun, 7-10pm. 0522-535553.

MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD POSITIVE SUPPORT, 0623-26254

NATIONAL BISEXUAL PHONELINE, Tue & Wed, 7.30-9.30pm. 081-569-7500.

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NORTHANTS GAYLINE, Tue 6.30-9.30pm, 0604-39722.

NORTHANTS LESBIAN LINE, Tue 7-9.30pm, 0604-39723.

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NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN LINE, Mon & Wed, 7-9pm. 0602-410652.

NOTTINGHAM FRIEND, Tue, 7-10pm, 0602-474717.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY LESBIAN & GAYLINE, termtime Mon, 8-10pm. 0602-514999, internal 4999.

PETERBOROUGH FRIEND, Tue & Thur, 7.30-9.30pm, 0733-61499. Answerphone other times.

SHEFFIELD AIDS LINE, Mon-Thur, 7-10pm, 0800-844334.

SHEFFIELD GAYPHONE, Mon-Wed, 7.30-9.30pm, 0742-588199.

SHEFFIELD LESBIAN LINE, Thur, 7-10pm, 0742-581238.

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SOS Friends urgently needed male or female, loneliness beginning to kill me. Me mid-30's. You any age. Interests pubs, pool, squash, walking, theatre, films anything! Box 646.

NOTTS/DERBY. Submissive TV, late 40's, looking for dominant partner, male/female or couple. I would like to be your plaything. Box 932.

LEICESTER Sikh Guy, 25, desperate to find 'girl' for mutually beneficial arrangement. Wants child. I am a caring nice looking guy. If anyone can help me thanks. Please contact Box 933.

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WOMENS PERSONAL

NOTT'M Yum chim Darling, wanted for ever and stormyship. Impatient for real body experience with blonde buxom adventurer into tantrum sex. Distance no barrier. Keep the faith. Box 621.

DERBY lesbian, 26, new to scene, seeks friendship, interests cinema, dancing, music, loves animals, good runner, long Mot unfortunately, engine smokes! Box 622.

NOTTS/DERBYS, 37 year old nature lover n/s Taurean, Jonathan Livingston Seagull doesn't like flying alone, needs a mate, n/s with car 32-40 finding it hard starting again. Box 623.

LEICS, young lesbian, femme vegetarian, completely new, untouched and lonely, seeks les/bi angel 18-25, friendship, whatever, any students who are mystical, gsoh, esp. Leics. area. Box 624.

LEICS lonely gay female (30's) seeks slim, caring attractive interesting 25-35 year old for friendship possible relationship, photo please Box 626.

DERBY gay female, 37, graduate, attractive, independent, sensitive, kind, seeks similar to share life's tender moments, trials, tribulations and adventures. Sincerity and stability a must. No butch. Box 627.

LEICESTER gay female 30's, intelli-

gent, attractive non-scene, gsoh seeks friends, East Mids area. Box 628.

LEICESTER Black gay woman, wishes to meet other gay women for genuine friendship. Photo, phone no. if poss, don't delay, write today. ALA. Box 630.

CHESTERFIELD Gay female 40's, wishes to meet friends. I'm reliable and honest, please write if married bi or single. ALA. Box 631.

LEICESTER Lesbian, 22 attractive, feminine, and sincere, seeks similar women, any age or race for friendship possible 1-1. Photo optional. ALA. Box 632.

BIRMINGHAM Beautiful lesbian with attitude seeks lesbian or bi females who need total control. Frank letter and photo. Box 633.

DERBYSHIRE, attractive blonde mid. 40's, not butch, enjoys eating out, walking gardening, tv, vgsch, sincere, caring, wishes to meet similar. Photo appreciated. Box 634.

DERBYSHIRE

Attractive, independent, sexy, funny? No that's me dear! But I want similar sincere woman to satisfy my every need!! No butch or Bi's. Photo please. Box 635.

DERBYSHIRE, lesbian, 24, monogamous, loving and caring into cats, music, beer, evenings in and love. non-scene, gsoh, seeking similar for friendship, possible 1-1. Any area. ALA. Box 636.

DERBY Easy going lesbian seeks honest, genuine, caring, romantic, sporty n/s animal-lover, driver over 30 years vgsch, photo, dancing, swimming, friendship, relationship. No Bi's, no Dykes. ALA. Box 637.

SHEFFIELD Lesbian, attached, 30's, n/s, gsoh, affectionate "good looking" likes art, music, poetry, seeks affectionate feminine friend(s)/soulmate into sharing, fun, no complications, no butches, photo appreciated. Box 638.

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LEICS, Lezzie, 25, attractive, enjoys drinking, laughing, walking, cinema and general good times, seeks feminine female for friendship/poss relationship. Box 639.

NOTT'M slim, attractive, young 40's, lesbian gsoh, easy going n/s seeks 1-1 or friendship. Theatre, walking, cosy evenings, cinema, non-scene, write soon!! No bi's. ALA Box 640.

DERBYSHIRE Lesbian 30's seeks others to do "ordinary" things with. Sharing, loving, laughing, staying in, going out. I'm isolated, need friends get in touch; please! ALA. Box 641.

GAY LESBIAN 50, looking for new friends, possible relationship. Very loving, butch, got lots of tlc to give to right feminine woman. Box 642.

CHESTERFIELD Are there any feminine attractive lesbians out there? I'm 28, slim, attractive, very caring, honest and sincere, need someone loving and genuine must be lesbian. ALA. Box 643.

FRENCH femme 60 smart active, slim, large house, Atlantic Island, seeks genuine friend many interests, honest caring into reading walks, pets. Ms. M Benoist, 6 Rue Du Ventoux, 17670 La Courde, Ile De Re, France (25p. stamp).

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NOTTS/DERBY, Room in lesbian h'hold, suit student temp or full time employment, n/s, fgch, inc. spa bath, close all amenities, £40 p.w. inc. (0602) 723623.

LEICS. Charming rural location, convt for Leics, Coventry, Hinckley. Share well apptd modern det house with prof young guy. £50pw inc bills. Graham 0585 200550.

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THE GAY & LESBIAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION (GALHA)

An organisation for the non-religious promoting a rational Humanist approach to sexuality and gay/lesbian rights as human rights.

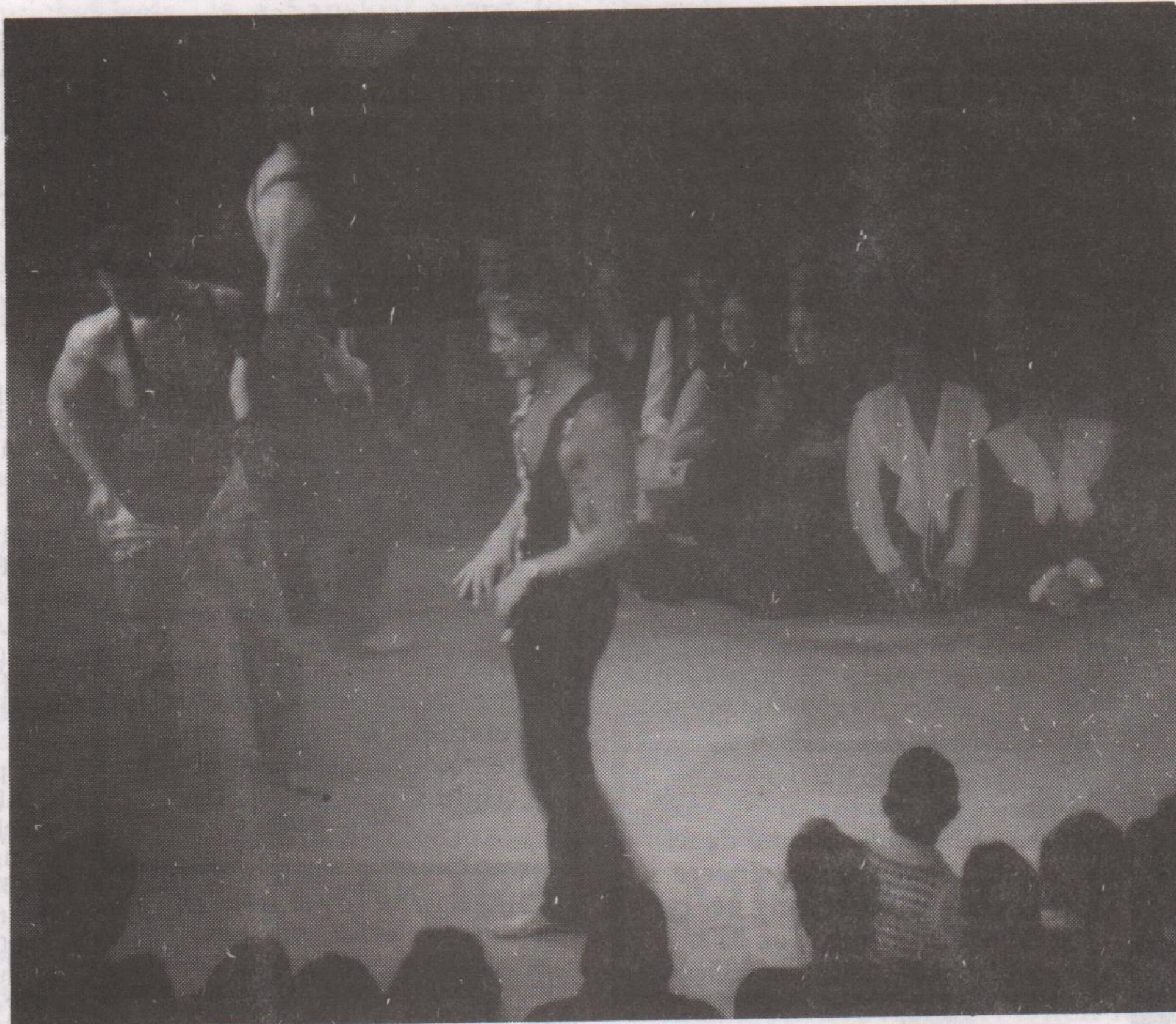
GALHA has: national/international membership, arranges meetings, socials and weekend events, publishes a quality magazine free to members, and provides officiants for non-religious ceremonies.

Leaflet and membership form from: GALHA (06), 34 Spring Lane, Kenilworth, Warks, CV8 2HB. (Tel/fax 0926 58450)

STUDDERED WITH STARS

Local AIDS Charities will benefit considerably following the largest, liveliest fashion show to be staged outside London which is set to take Loughborough University Students' Union by storm on 7th December 1994. Jo Brand tops the bill, and is set to shock the audience senseless with her wicked one-liners, following the roaring success of her TV series, 'Through the Cakehole'.

The cream of British fashion will be on show including Helen Storey, Paul Smith (his designs are never shown outside Paris), and the Queen herself, Vivienne Westwood. You will also be able to feast your eyes on the saucily OTT creations of Jeff Bryant: stretch lycra, flimsy gauze and sequins will adorn some of the most beautiful guys in fashion.



A scene from Red Ribbon 1993

Live music will be provided by 2WO THIRD3, now touring the country, following their successful support for East 17.

The Red Ribbon Fashion Event is in its second year of raising money for AIDS charities. Phil Blake launched it last year to raise awareness and funds, on learning of a friend's death. "This second Red Ribbon will be bigger and better than before" said Phil. "We hope everyone will bring along their enthusiasm, and their loose change, to help make the experience as much of an enjoyable success as it was last year".

Tickets for this extravaganza cost

£12 or £10 with concs. Available from Ents, Loughboro' Students' Union (0509) 217766 and Way Ahead 0602 483456 (credit cards).

WARWICKS WOMEN

A social gathering for lesbian and bisexual women in Coventry & Warwickshire has been arranged for Sunday 20th November between noon and 3pm at The HIV Network, 12 Park Road, Coventry. A free lunch will be followed by an opportunity to set up a support group focussing on sexual health needs of lesbian and bisexual women in the community. More info from Karen on 0203 22 92 92.

The Gay Outdoor Club

is a countrywide 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. Write to Gay Outdoor Club, PO Box 24, Minehead, Somerset TA24 8YZ

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

Ninety nine years after Oscar Wilde's trial and destruction, Nottingham Playhouse, Gloria and The Lyric Hammersmith co-produce a new version of his most haunting text.

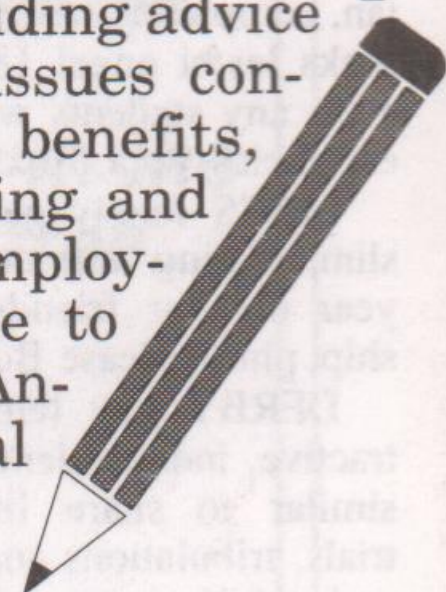
A group of Wilde's acquaintances gather at London's Savoy Hotel in 1923, to re-tell Wilde's chilling tale of a young man's fatal progress from perfect beauty to absolute corruption. Each person brings a very different memory of the man who inspired, destroyed or scarred their lives. Through this characterisation and the use of live music the story is given a very personal twist, taking the audience back to the danger of the original and exposing Wilde's outrageous defiance of the hypocrisy of English society. Cast includes Maria Aitken, Tim Pigott-Smith, Benedict Bates, Bette Bourne, of 'Blue Lips' fame, joined by a seven piece chamber orchestra. 2nd - 26th Nov, Nottingham Playhouse.

WELFARE RIGHTS INFORMATION BOARD

Have you ever walked out or been sacked from work? Harassed by landlords or made homeless because of your sexuality?

As promised in last month's edition, we write this month with the good news. Andrew Clarke of the Nottinghamshire Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Advice & Advocacy Project will be providing advice sessions at the **Admiral Duncan**, Cranbrook St, Nottingham, every Wednesday from 6-8pm from 16th November.

Andrew, a Welfare Rights Officer by day, will be providing advice and representation on issues concerning social security benefits, disability benefits, housing and homelessness, and employment concerns. Feel free to drop in and speak to Andrew for free, confidential advice.



GAY MEN'S MUTUAL SUPPORT

Are you looking for something more positive and exciting than coffee evenings and social chat? Then the Midlands Mutual Support Group could be for you! The group is a non-commercial organisation, welcoming gay men. They offer a varied programme of meetings for personal growth and support, providing a safe, confidential facility for gay men. They are affiliated to the nationwide Edward Carpenter Community which was established in 1985, following a series of Gay Men's Weeks held each year at Laurieston Hall in Scotland.

With Midland meetings averaging twice monthly, usually in members homes they offer massage workshops, circle dancing, yoga, meditation, drama workshops, co-counselling, body painting and mask making. On a lighter side canal trips and walks, parties and seaside jaunts are all part of their programme. Membership is £5 per year. More info from Ian on 0543 376662.

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