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for gays lesbians and bisexuals in central england

LEICESTERSHIRE'S POLICING A MOVE FORWARD

After consultation with the Leicester Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Forum, Leicestershire Constabulary have issued a new policy on how they intend to deal with complaints about cottaging and cruising. The policy was developed in partnership with the police and lacked the acrimonious wrangles that have surrounded such discussions in other counties. Forum spokesperson Andy Griffiths said that the publication of the policy is an important step in reassuring gay men that the Leicestershire Police will not act indiscriminately and that strict controls are being placed on how they operate.

Chief Superintendent Mick Perry, head of the Force's Operations Department said "The job of the Police is to enforce the law but enforcement doesn't have to mean prosecutions in every case. We have no alternative to act on public complaints but the action we take has to be aimed at reassurance and prevention."

The key points of the new police policy are:

1. All complaints must be in writing; trivial or unsubstantiated complaints will not be acted on.

2. Uniformed officers, briefed to give advice where appropriate, will patrol the area as a deterrent.

3. If complaints persist, specially trained officers in plain clothes will mount observations in the area.

4. Any offenders will be liable to be cautioned.

Prosecution will only take place on the authority of the Detective Chief Superintendent and only as a last resort.

Closely linked to the policy is the Force's procedure for dealing with complaints of homophobic violence and harassment, including the unusual step of victims being able to make reports through the Forum's year-old anonymous Monitoring Scheme. The pioneering scheme has already led to several other counties expressing an interest in emulating it.

NEW CLUB FOR NOTTINGHAM



Over 300 people packed the Kitsch Club & Panama Jacks Cafe Bar to mark its opening last month. The Club found instant popularity and has filled a much-needed gap, since the demise of Nero's last year. The picture shows two punters taking time out from enjoying themselves.

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brother to brother



Brother to Brother is a network for men who define themselves as Black which aims to provide support for Black men who have sex with men from across the Midlands and the North. This a weekend event on Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th March in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss things and support each other and have some fun! Accommodation and transport is available for men coming to the event from outside Tyneside. The network was set up in July last year. If you are unable to attend but are interested in attending future events, or would like more information, please feel free to contact Dale or Anthony on 0114 267 8806.

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Leicestershire AIDS Support Services is a registered charity No. 1023914.

Out House Benefit

A classical music recital by Jonathan Bailey (flute) and John Naylor (Piano) takes place on Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon St, Nottingham. The proceeds of this recital are in aid of The Out House Project. Tickets are £3.50/£1.50 from Oxfam shop, 52 Bridlesmith Gate or Mushroom Bookshop and on the door.

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BOOK REVIEW

Homosexuality - A Guide for Parents & Teachers by Dr. Joan Gomez, Robert Hale Ltd. London.

Gomez perpetuates many stereotypes in this book such as causes of homosexuality which range from "strong mothering" to "loneliness and insecurity" or "fear of women". Even sick or dead mothers cannot escape Gomez. A daughter is "more likely to be a lesbian if her mother is dead or incapacitated by illness."

Gays are child-molesting bum bandits because of "The warm welcome given to new, young recruits" which "can ensnare a boy" into all kinds of activities "including sex" and "anal sex....as is the usual role for young boys and adolescents".

Gomez implies that we are irresponsible and immoral by our sexual behaviour and short term relationships and therefore have a price to pay such as "insecurity and a sense of alienation from family and the mainstream of humanity..." and loneliness when we are over 40.

Bisexuals also get it in the neck, "The (bisexual men) are such a highly sexed group that they enjoy intercourse with whichever sex is at hand". Finally, Gomez has a chapter entitled "Minimising the Likelihood of Homosexuality". Pass the sick bag Dorothy! JOE TANG

GOOD VIBES

Some of Britain's best Black lesbian DJ's descend on Nottingham Women's Centre on April 15th.

This is billed as a night of good music vibes and unity. Admission on the night is £3 unwaged and £4 waged.

NOTICE BOARD

● Nottingham Bisexual Group, Mixed group meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at ICC, 61b Mansfield Rd, Nottingham.

● Leicestershire LGB Carers Group, First meeting Thursday 30th March, 7pm, 45 King Street, Leicester.

● 8th March, Nottingham Lesbian Centre Drop-In, 11-3pm, Womens Centre.

● 31st March, Priscilla II Drag Special, Benefit, Derby Metro, 11.15pm.

● 18th March, 2pm, Pink Chalk, International Community Centre, Nottm.

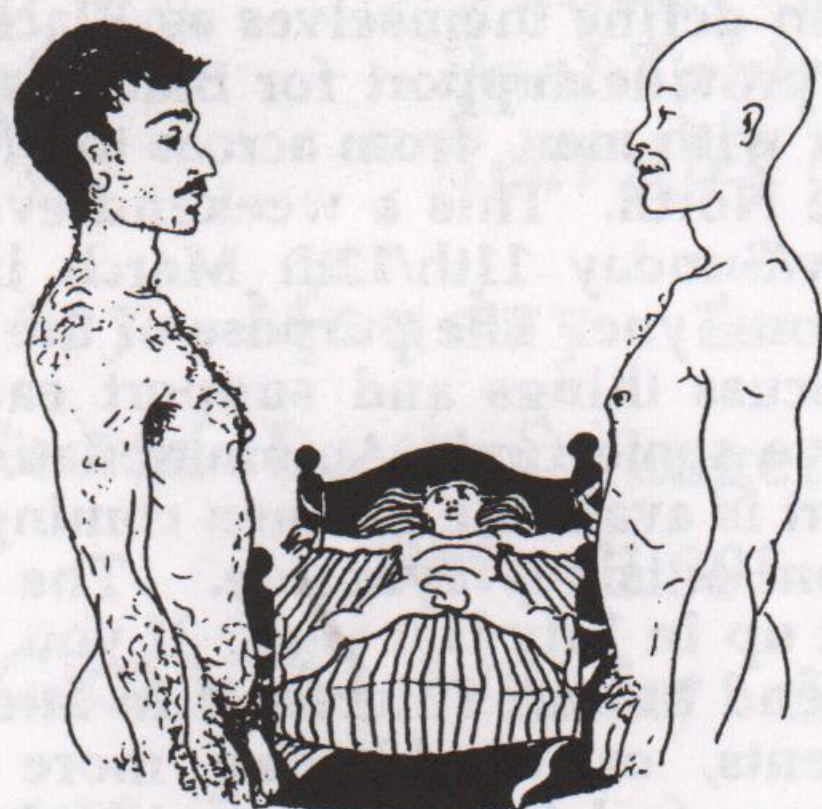
● 18th March, The Irish Night, Nottingham Women's Centre, Celidh! Comedy! Bands! Singers!. tickets, Mushroom Bookshop or Lesbian Line.

Pink Pathfinders

Sunday 19 March, Castleton and Mam Tor, 6 miles, assemble at 10.45 am in car park (A625 in centre of Castleton near information office).

Sunday 9th April Eyam (Plague village) - Bretton Clough and Eyam Moor, 9 miles, Assemble at 10.45am in Eyam Car Park off A623 (via Baslow, Calver and Stoney Middleton).

For further details, Bob 0602 678134.



NED, GO GAG OGDEN

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MCC in Nottingham

The Metropolitan Community Church of Nottingham is noted primarily for its special identification with the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. They believe in God's unconditional love and acceptance of all people regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender, colour or physical ability. They meet at the Queens Walk Community Centre at 11.30am every Sunday followed with time for socialising after the service.

Preachers for March are Kevin (MCC Bournemouth), 5th March, Tony Wilson (MCC North London), 12th March and Carol Wallace, 19th March, Rev. Doreen Shambrook, 26th March (The family service, mother's day). For more information contact Wendy, Ann or Helen on 0602 750031.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY OUT HOUSE COFFEE SHOP

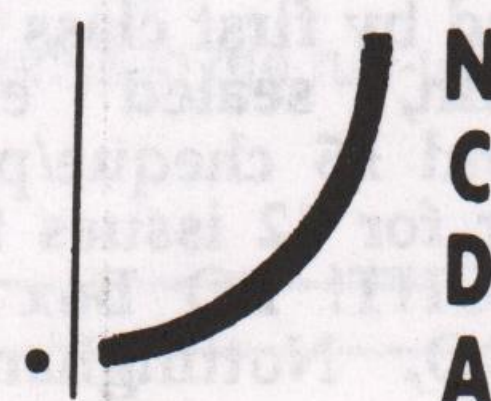
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CHALKING UP A SUCCESS

It's now a year since six people met in Nottingham's International Community Centre to consider the need for a lesbian, gay and bisexual group for workers in education. With 60 people currently on the mailing list and up to 30 attending the monthly meetings, none of us could have foreseen how great that need was.

For many members the half-hour open forum with which all meetings begin has been a useful opportunity to bring up problems and anxieties, such as harassment by management and homophobic abuse in the classroom, in a safe, and supportive environment.

Equality in the workplace has, of course, been a recurring issue. Coming out at work and how to promote equality for students and staff without being the lone crusading voice are important matters. These and other issues will be raised later this year when we question representatives from the trade unions.

The group also recognises its responsibilities to young people in education. At a recent meeting young lesbians and gay men talked about their experiences of school, we have also discussed the government's new sex education guidelines and at our next session we'll be visited by the Leicester Parents' Support Group.

With regular monthly meetings, a new social events programme and a stall at Pride, this will be a busy year for Pink Chalk. If you'd like to be involved phone Anthony on 0115 958 5814. **ANTHONY BLANE**

Pink Chalk is open to all those in education (including former workers and those intending to work in education) who live or working the East Midlands and South Yorkshire. Next meeting 2pm, Saturday 18th March, International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

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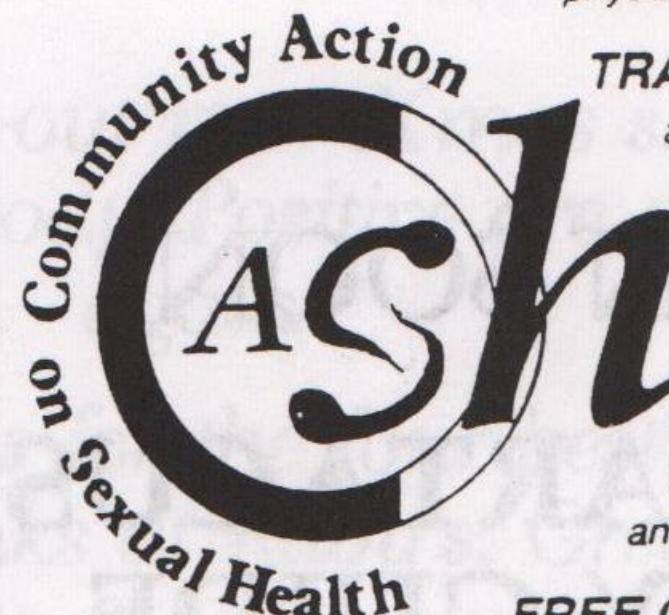
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I FELT FUNNY ALL OVER

Sandi Toksvig may not be an internationally known star but by the end of Stonewall's Equality Show last December she certainly brought the house down at the Albert Hall, and there were not too many dry eyes left by the time she'd finished.

The star of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" said that while waiting to come on in the wings, she was shaking all over. Following her entrance she read out a public apology from the Save the Children Fund, who had dropped her as compere of their 75th anniversary celebrations, following tabloid labelling of her as "bubbly blonde lesbian mother-of-three".

Following a huge outcry, including a zap from the direct action group the Lesbian Avengers, Save the Children Fund conceded that its decision to drop her was wrong and in breach of its own anti-discrimination policy.

Said Sandi: "At the end of the day, the only thing you can arm yourself with is honesty. If I'm teaching my children to tell the truth, then I have to tell the truth myself."



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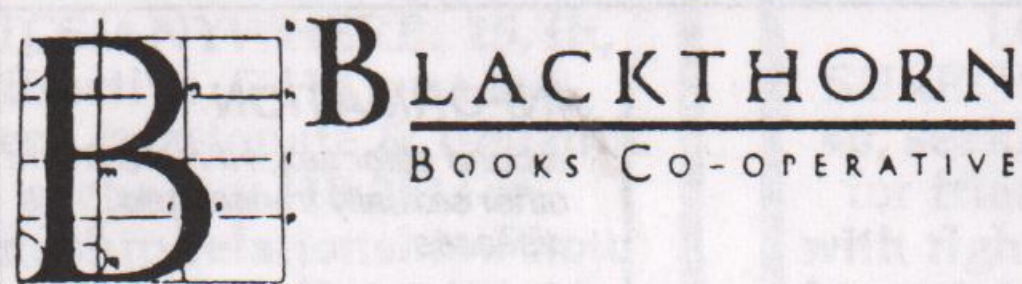
A rehearsed reading of this acclaimed play, first produced in Nottingham in 1985, will be given by local actors as a fund-raising benefit for the Nottingham OUT HOUSE Project.

Set in Skegness the play looks at the lives of an ordinary family and the secrets that lie beneath.

'This tale of repressed male homosexuality, realised female bonds and the tragically destructive power of machismo is so beautifully written that it becomes forcefully symbolic and universal' City Limits

'Greig tackles the issue of sexual awakening and society's attitudes towards homosexuality with great sensitivity' Sheffield Star.

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Stonewall Breaks



A group of strollers at Woody's Top, on the Lincolnshire Wolds, September 1994. Following our sell-out weekend last year, we are making a return visit on the weekend of 7th-9th April.

This is a gay safe space in the middle of the Wolds, with exclusive use of this converted farm house. Mask making, papier mache making, cookery workshops, dancing, singing and cycling, plus gourmet candlelit dinners, with accommodation in warm 4-berth rooms make this a good value weekend.

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DSS Sex Spies

"I am writing to congratulate you, Mushroom Bookshop and Hiziki/Out to Munch on providing a brilliant housing service. It is through this network that I found my current safe secure housing.

"However, my experience of private rented accommodation with the Department of Social Security is another matter.

"I had my income support cut off for five days because they assumed I was heterosexual, and having a relationship with my landlady. This is the second time this has happened in my recent housing history. I proudly stated my sexuality as soon as I realised their case of mistaken identity on the Department's official visit to my home.

"It would seem that same sex partnerships have an advantage over differently sexed partnerships at 'screwing' the system as they wont assume two men or two women possible of having a relationship and I'm sure bisexuality couldn't even fit into their narrow equation of the diverse human relationships we can, and do have.

"Yet again the system fails to provide for the diversity of our communities by failing to even acknowledge that we do live our lives true to ourselves and externalise the heterosexist oppression we are continually bombarded with. Perhaps they are victims of their own oppression and refuse to see past the blinkers society has given them.

"Yours in Pride, strength, solidarity, from Paul Robert Wolfe, a proud Gay Man.

P Some of my best friends are heterosexual, time for a cup of tea I think.

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LESBIAN DROP-IN CENTRE REOPENS

The Nottingham Lesbian Centre Drop-In invites all Lesbians to come to it's re-launch on Wednesday 8th March between 11 and 3, its new opening hours. There will be a free lunch (donations welcome) to celebrate the re-launch and International Womens Day.

The main aim of the Drop-In is to provide Lesbians with the opportunity to socialise during the day in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Other activities are planned later; so come along and let us know what you want! More Volunteers are needed to join the small team running the Drop-In.

If you re interested please come along any Wednesday or leave a message at the Women's Centre, Chaucer Street, Nottingham. And don't forget any Wednesday

THERE ARE NO WORDS...

Sections of the British AIDS Memorial Quilt were on display in Leicester last month at the City Rooms. The Quilt which commemorates the lives and loves of those who died from AIDS-related illnesses, had been brought to the city by Leicestershire Social Services, Leicestershire Health and Leicester City Council who joined forces with LASS and the Men's Sexual Health Project to mount and pay for the costs of the display.

Since the project began in 1987, more than 27,000 panels have been made worldwide. The panels, made from a variety of materials have been painstakingly made by the lovers, families and friends of those who died.

Dr. Rashmi Shukla, Chairperson of Leicestershire's multi-agency working group on AIDS said of the display: "Seeing the AIDS National Quilt is an emotional experience. It illustrates the impact of the HIV epidemic by revealing the names behind the numbers and by providing glimpses of the lives that have been lost."

One of the most moving panels came from Brighton. It shows a night sky illuminated by hundreds of stars. Each star represents a life lost to AIDS. I counted over 300. As one person wrote in the comments book, "there are no words".....

JUSTout

Coming out workshops for gay and bisexual men.

JUSTout is a short course of workshops for gay and bisexual men coming out for the first time, run by the GAI Project. Deciding who to tell, making new friends, exploring relationships, understanding safer sex and finding out about the gay scene can make coming difficult. Over five weeks, participants will have the chance to explore all these issues with a group of people in the same situation.

The next JUSTout runs in May 1995. Workshops are free and will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm-9.00pm. If you are interested and want to find out more, contact Simon or Tim by phoning 0115-947 5414, calling in at the Health Shop or writing to The GAI Project, Health Shop, Broad Street, Nottingham NG1 3AL.

Samples by Simon Smalley

THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE.....

...Well, he had to a month or two ago when he almost forgot to deliver a promo 12" to the House of Outright. In a morning after the week before haze, we managed to negotiate the spindle on the deck and send ourselves reeling back ten years to the golden Summer of Hi-NRG. The cause of this caffeine and umpteen BPM aided kickstart was the first release on the Icon label by award winning gay disc spinner and platter-blasters Tony de Vit. Clattering along like some speeding mutant luurvchild of Man 2 Man and Bobby "O", 'Burning Up' is a galloping formulated synth-throbbing aml and uppers-friendly Capella-ish pounder with a typical middlebreak that, when this hits the top 5 (and it will), the resulting TOTP performances will have all the girlies woooh-ing and screaming as if they've never heard this particular effect before. The 5 track CD single features real off ya head mixes guaranteed to bring a punch of Saturday night fever to bedrooms and living rooms nationwide. Crank it up!

SOME KANDY TALKIN'

East Midlands-based groove-encrusted kickin' quartet Atomic Kandy have 4 cracking new tracks out now. The turbulence which follows a line up shake up has subsided and the funky foursome kick ass big style with the 'Doctor' EP. A nuance of change in musical cohesion is apparent, particularly on the title track which is a belting piece of commerciality which, really, some music biz bigwig should pick up on sharpish. 'Jealous Heart' is the air-punching ballad of the set and erupts in a forceful (dare I say) Cher/US rock anthem-style with delicate Spanish guitar embellishments. The 'loud mix' of 'Stand Up' comes over as a throbbing Hendrixesque packhorse with sturdy Paul Kossoff influenced rhythm and a solid bass & drum foundation for the constantly maturing vocals of singer Claire. Although awash with late sixties progressive flavourings, Atomic Kandy have their feet firmly in the nineties and as long as they continue to improve with the speed of an out of control Exocet missile they should be assured world domination by the end of the year. If you're smart you'll catch them supporting The Groundhogs on Thursday 9 March at Nottingham's Old Vic on Fletcher Gate. The 8-track tape (including the History Of Atomic Kandy) is available for £6 + 60p P&P from: PO Box 6, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 4GU.

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Celebrate at Nottingham Women's Centre, Chaucer Street, on Saturday 18th March in true Irish style - Guest artists, Julie MacNamara, Scotty, our very own Grew; Rachel Foster; Celidh Band; Sub Rosa and many more. Bring your instruments and jam the night away with DJ Jeannie, queen of the turntable. Also, truly delicious Irish Stew and continental Irish breakfast for the late night party goers.

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The HEALTH Column

Gay and Bisexual Health Issues

Servicing Who?

Services for gay and bisexual men seem very much flavour of the month at the moment. After years of neglect, purchasers of services are suddenly waking up and smelling the coffee. Targeted work with gay men is beginning to become less of an attitude of "how do we talk to the Martians/", or sometimes "where do we find them?", and more what are our needs and how can they be met?

In some areas this is part of a genuine commitment to prioritising work with our communities, but in some it is little more than a belated embarrassment that somehow we got "overlooked" in the enthusiasm to set up services for heterosexuals who might be at risk in future epidemics (I wonder why?).

Now, as monies for services are being savaged, purchasers are only too keen to try to redress the balance, if only as much money hadn't already been committed to other services.

Gay and bisexual men are not traditional users of services.

We are brought up in a culture which does not respect or validate our sexualities, and are generally treated as second class citizens. It's not surprising therefore that we don't always find it easy to respond immediately when asked what we really need to protect our lives.

It is not up to us however to take responsibility if few gay men are using services, not to be threatened that these will be withdrawn if we don't get our act together and appear in our thousands at clinics, drop-ins etc.

Responsibility for encouraging us to use services rests firmly with those services that have ignored or excluded us for so long. And this should be done in partnership with gay and bisexual men, not by trying to frighten us into taking whatever is on offer whether is appropriate or not.

Receiving poor services is almost as bad as receiving no services at all. We should not have to apologise for not getting our needs met, nor should we be blamed, or blame ourselves, for it.

6,712 dead, 5,025 of whom were gay. 15,869 living with HIV/AIDS, 8,635 gay. How many more will it take before real services for real people will take our needs on board?

Andy Griffiths, co-ordinator, Men's Sexual Health Project, Leicester.

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Issues to be covered on this Course will include:

- exploring the way oppression affects/impacts on our lives.
- looking at strategies to challenge heterosexism, homophobia and bi-phobia both in our working and personal lives.
- trying to gain an understanding of the differences, diversities and variations within the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Communities.

We will also be running 2 separate sexual health workshops for men and women.

Dates of the Course: 25th and 26th April, 1995.

For further information and an application form write to either: Chris Pereira at NCWTG, c/o NCVS, 33 Mansfield Road, Nottingham or Irene at Greenfields, 139 Russell Road, Forest Fields, Nottingham.

**Closing date for applications,
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LOOKING FOR Mr. Right? So am I. I'm 35, 5'10" with dark hair, GSOH, genuine. You 18-30 wanting 121. Write today don't delay. ALAWP. Notts/E.Mids. Box 2231.

NOTT'M/ANYWHERE: 23, 5'7", slim, fair hair, boyish, looking for fun/friendship, poss 121. Wants active man 22-35. New to scene wants putting on right track. Box 224

MANSFIELD: 25, 6'2", straight acting/looking, caring, honest & loving. Likes fundraising, running, countryside, occasional scene. Own home, seeks guy 18-35 for friendship/121 rel. ALAWP. Box 225

NOTT'M: Guy, youngish 50's, slim, dark, hairy, offers affection, fun, give & take, maybe more. ALA. Box 226

CALLING ALL SKINNIES! Educated man, 43, wide interests, SOH, seeks younger skinny types esp. TV's/TS/Asians for cosy evenings by the fire in discreet country cottage. Photo app. ALA. Box 227

NOTT'M: Attractive guy, 36, 6'4", med. build, w/e seeks active guy for friendship/121. Likes nights in/out, cuddles. I'm caring, sincere, genuine. Phone/photo ALA. Box 228

LEICS: Two guys seek others interested in naturism with view to forming local group. Box 229

NOTT'M: Guy, smooth, med. build seeks guys 18-early 20's, 5'2"-6'4" smooth/hairy for massage/cp. Inexp, camp, any race/colour welcome. ALAWP/phone. Varied interests. Box 230

DERBY: Black gay man, 26, affectionate, funloving, GSOH, goodlooking, n/scene seeks midlands black man, straight acting, n/scene with caring, loving attitude. Must be single. Photo/phone app. Box 231

S.YORKS/ANYWHERE: Gay man, 29, 6', dark hair, brown eyes seeks someone gen. for f/ship, maybe more. Esp. interested in meeting American/Canadian gay men. Can accom. Box 232

SHEFFIELD: Guy seeks smooth, n/scene young guys 18-24, local area, any colour. Students welcome. Photo if possible. Box 233

LEICS/ANYWHERE: 25, fit, attractive, 5'11" cute lad, sincere, passionate & romantic seeks guy (18-26) for friendship/relationship. Photo pref, not ess. Get writing! Box 234

GAY MALE, 27, good looking, tall, blonde, seeks straight acting, tall, fit guy under 35 who's tired of the scene for nights out, maybe more. Photo please. Box 235

SHEFFIELD: Slim guy, 26, 6', n/scene, gen, down to Earth, seeks masculine honest stocky/heavily built guy for friendship/monogamous 121. N/scene pref. ALAWP (ret). can travel. Box 236

ARE YOU SLIM, smooth, 20-30 seeking traditional discipline in school scenarios? Exp. master (46) firm but caring gives novices or hardened cases what they deserve. E. Mids. Box 237

LEICS: Another empty postbag on Valentine's Day? Caring, romantic guy (30) has card to send. You 25-35, romantic, n/scene looking for 121. Don't delay write today. ALA. Box 238

NOTTS: 35, handsome, straight acting, dark haired, good body, w/e, into sports, training, seeks like-minded pals. Box 239

BARNESLEY AREA: Guy 24 would like to hear from anyone into swapping briefs/photos. Horny letters welcome. Box 240

LEE WHO ANSWERED Box 112 January. Sorry I missed you, please write again. Can you supply a time, date and phone box number and I will ring you. Box 241

NOTT'M/LINCS/E.MIDS: Models sought by amateur photographer. 18-50 year old guys wanted for fantasy posing. Free prints and absolute discretion assured. Box 242

SHEFFIELD/ANYWHERE: Masculine, active, slim, white gay, gen. 49 into swimming, videos, countryside, travel seeks honest, med. cute foreigner student guy/s 18-35. Promise to get in touch. Box 243

SWEET YOUNG 30 yrs 5'6", smooth body, short trendy hair seeks v. romantic guy 30+, Leics/anywhere, only wants 121. Seriously no hairy types. Please write soon. Cuddles. Box 244

DERBYS/NOTTS: Guy, 25, seeks 50+ guy who will care for and look after younger guy. Varied interests. Can travel but not accom. ALAWP. Box 245

S.YORKS/NORTH NOTTS: Attractive couple seek v. w/e versatile male 18-35 slim, av. looks, no 121, just fun/friendship. ALAWP/phone. Box 246

NOTTS/MIDS: 24, half-Italian, 5'8". Why do people think that just because you're good looking you haven't a heart. I have. Looking for 19-30 for fun/good times. Box 247

SHEFFIELD/CHESTERFIELD: Attractive, slim, 43, tall, confident, versatile guy, caring, affectionate, nights in, cuddles, seeks special guy, 28-50, clean shaven, n/smoker for f/ship/relationship. Can accom. ALA. Box 248

GAY GUY in Derbys. area looking for fit men for travel/friendship, maybe rel. Please inc. age & photo. Box 249

WANTED: Gay male below 35 (over 18) reasonably good looking wanting honest friendship on 121 basis. I'm 27, slim, quite attractive, down-to-Earth positive guy. Box 250

LONG EATON/SURROUNDING AREA: I'm 40, seeking someone younger for friendship, possible 121 with right person. You must be honest, caring, sincere, GSOH. Photo assures reply. Box 251

STH.YORKS/N.DERBYS: Gay guy (29) looking to visit older men (65-75) for friendship, conversation, cuddles & laughs. Photo (returned) & phone no. app. ALA. Box 252

YOUNG GAY COUPLE aged 24/26 looking for couples or singles for good fun and friendship. Must be young, friendly and above all GSOH. ALA. Box 253

LEICS/ANYWHERE: Good-looking guy (37) seeks raunchy fun with imaginative guys. ALAWP. Box 254

NOTT'M: Amateur photographer seeks guys 18-early 20's who are willing to model nude/semi-nude. No fee, fun only. Free prints & discretion assured. ALAWP please. Box 255

NOTT'M: Guy 21 yrs. old GSOH wishes to meet gen. guys for lasting 121. Likes nights in & out. Box 256

LEICS: Deaf guy, straight acting seeks any age guy for friendship, poss. 121 rel. Mine is 42, SOH, tall, med. build. Write soon with photo. Box 257

DERBYS/ANYWHERE: Tattooed,

pierced, slim, muscular guy willing to try anything safe looking for friends for fun, nights out, holidays & short breaks. Box 258

MATURE, SENSITIVE, cultured, romantic uncle 49+ wanted for petit nephew (40). Something with arts/travel interests. Non smoker, passive into briefs seeking loving friendship. Frank letters welcome. Box 259

NOTT'M: 34, tall, slim, hairy, non-scene, non-smoker seeks guys 18-35 for safe, uncomplicated daytime fun. Discretion expected/assured. Def ALAWP. Box 260

COVENTRY/ANYWHERE: Student, 23, brown eyes, dark hair, handsome, GSOH enjoys swimming, travel, tennis, golf seeks young mate (18-35). Photo please. Box 261

GOOD LOOKING well built black guy, 30's into weights, sensitive inside, GSOH seeks prince, poss. 121, 18-30, sensitive. ALAWP. Box 262

NOTT'M: Guy (33) genuine, honest, reliable, caring, straight acting with no hang-ups seeking similar from refreshing, semi-intelligent, fun clean-cut young guy (18-28). Box 263

COUPLE seeks similar for w/ends, hols etc. Home visits on a reciprocal basis. Interests varied. Box 264

MIDLANDS: There has to be a guy out there who's quite attractive with genuine untwisted personality who wants a solid friendship. I'm mid-20's, decent looks, friendly. Box 265

INTELLECTUAL-ISH, VARIED INTERESTS, not just sex, Notts 35, inexp. searching ideal bi. masculine active strict mate involved profession arts intellectually demanding career or maybe you're street-wise macho. Box 266

LEICS/NOTTS: Cute 23, gen, seeks caring 18-25, for friendship poss long term loving rel. Can accom, town centre. ALAWP. Box 267

NOTT'M: Eight good looking horny guys wanted for party being held in April. Age up to 35. Reply with your details & photo (ret). Box 268

ROTHERHAM/SHEFFIELD: 25, 6', blonde, blue eyed, tanned, slim guy in love with being in love but seldom in love. Write now with photo. First ad. Box 269

BIKER, N.Derbys. serious leather interests, fit 37, generally active, good, fairly hairy body, 6'2" seeking sim; good body & brain ess. 25-45. Honest letter & photo please. Box 270

E.MIDS/ANYWHERE: Fit 36 requires younger horny guys (18+). if you can satisfy, get in touch. Race/looks unimportant. ALA. Box 271

NOTT'M/ANYWHERE: Non-scene (29) good looking, slim & fit seeks similar guy for fun hopefully leading to 121. Box 272

DERBY: Guy (34) passive, seeks dark haired, smooth/hairy, active, muscular guy (Asians esp. welcome) for safe fun & friendship. Photo, frank letter ensures reply. Can travel. Box 273

LEICS: Good looking guy (20) seeks other horny friends (18+) for serious clubbing, partying & loads of fun, poss. 121 with right person. ALAWP. Box 274

MANSFIELD AREA: Males under 40 wanted for friendship, poss. rel. Will set up group meetings monthly if enough response. Box 275

E. MIDS: Disabled guy (40) seeks friendship with younger (21-30) straight acting disabled males. Write fully. Disability needn't be a barrier to friendship. ALA Box 276

WRESTLING FANS WANTED. Masculine guy (32) with some exp. seeks others to try out the sport. You don't need to be super-fit, just keen. Novices wel-

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

COVENTRY MESMEN, 0203-224090.

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

DERBY FRIEND, Wed, 7-9.45pm. 0332-49333.

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.

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

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

MANSFIELD & ASHFIELD POSITIVE SUPPORT, 0623-26254

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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. Answer-phone other times.

S YORKS CONNECTIONS, Thurs 7-10pm & Sun 3-8pm, 0122-673 0703.

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.

WELFAIR, 0115-403-940.

WELLINGBOROUGH GAYLINE, Thur, 6.30-9.30pm, 0933-223591.

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LEICESTER/ANYWHERE: Guy, young 40, quite good looking, slim body, seeks honest caring guy 30-45. Must be s/acting, with view to forming lasting rel. ALAWP. Gen. Box 278

DERBY: Male (35), tall, attractive, slim, seeks gen. n/scene soul friend to share laughter, tears & passion in faithful 121 where love matters. Photo please. ALA. Box 279

YOUNG AT HEART & outlook 50's seeks 25-40, any nationality, clean shaven, straight acting/looking. Non scene/smoking slim build. friendship, maybe 121. Photo app. Genuine, honest, caring? Box 280

MANSFIELD/NOTTS: 28, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", med. build, versatile, adventurous, discreet, looking for older uncle type. Ideally hairy, similar GSOH for friendship & fun. ALAWP. Box 281

BOY NEXT DOOR TYPE, slim, blond-ish, GSOH, shy, good looking. racked off with clubs & losers. Seeking someone young (18+) & good looking. Don't be disappointed! ALAWP. Box 282

LEICS: Straight acting mid 40's looking for that special person up to 35. Interests walking, travel, music, swimming & other water sports. Oriental guys welcome. GSOH. ALAWP. Box 283

WE HAVE bike leathers, no bike. Need black knights of the road with full leathers & throbbing machines for long distance rides. Nott'm/anywhere. Gen. replies ALA. Box 284

DERBYS: Virgo fossil (37) seeks Pisces archaeologist 25-40 for excavation work on broken heart. Must be intelligent with GSOH. Pickaxe optional. Box 285

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WOMENS PERSONAL

NOTT'M: Young 40's, seeking someone special to share life's ups & downs. GSOH, varied interests, n/smoker. Let's make 1995 "our year". Any age, no bi's. ALA. Box 712

NOTT'M: Lesbian, 26, average build & looks, GSOH enjoys the good things in life, been let down in love. Looking for some TLC and poss. 121. Age 25-40. Box 713

DERBY: Lesbian seeks butch lesbians in area for f/ship or maybe relationship. Photo please. Box 714

DERBY: Lesbian prof. seeks fem. partner. Music, walking, must like dogs, n/smoker, driver, caring, romantic, sincere. VGSOH. Help me fill those lonely nights. ALAWP. Box 715

LESBIAN WITH ATTITUDE seeks submissive les/bi to kneel before me. Beginners welcome but full personal details and photograph should be sent at ONCE! Box 716

DERBYS/STAFFS: Seek and thee shall find? Gay female (35) seeks single butch women 35-40 with no ties for friendship/poss. 121. ALA. Box 717

FRUSTRATED GAY WOMAN currently in prison needs penpals for laughter and love. Write to me and help change my life with friendship. ALA. Box 718

E.MIDS: Lesbian couple, 37 & 32 yrs. old are looking for friends (single or couples) for evenings out. ALA. Box 719

NOTT'M; Genuine non-scene gay woman, late 50's, seeks friends for friendship. Professional with GSOH, smoker & enjoys most things in life. Age unimportant. Box 720

LEICS: Female (27) slim, attractive, sensitive, independent seeks similar feminine female for close friendship, possible 121. Must be animal lover & have GSOH. Photo if possible please. Box 721

LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS? So am I. I'm a 28 year old lesbian who needs to socialise more. ALA. Box 722

LEICS: LESBIAN (35) seeks new friends & lovers. I'm not looking for a partner & commitment - but would like some fun with other out & proud feminists. Box 723

NOTTS: Gay woman seeks penpals/friends. No relationships. GSOH. Age no concern. Interests sport, cinema, theatre. Box 724

FEMININE gay female wanted GSOH, enjoys travel, adventure, laughs for possible 121 rel. Any age & area. Photo would be nice. ALA. Boyish lesbian needs you now! Box 725

NOTTS-based lesbian (23) enjoys sports, cinema, pubs, clubs, nights in/out, GSOH seeks sim. for friendship, getting out & about. What's there to lose? ALAWP. Box 726

FEMININE, INTELLIGENT lesbian (31) enjoys good food, beer, wine, laughing, socialising, dancing, travelling & much more. Do you? Are you non-butch? Then let's enjoy good times together. Box 727

LEICS: WOMAN (40) n/s, loves Mozart, walking, talking, goosd wine, wishes to meet other women for friendship, maybe more. Any area. GSOH ess. Photo app. No butches. Box 730

SHY GAY FEMALE (20), younger looking, 5'6", blue eyes, short brown hair seeks gentle woman under 30 for f/ship, occasional nights out, love? ALA, photo if possible. Box 728

LEICS: Gentle, sensitive lesbian feminist & mother currently living with a disability seeks self-aware, mature friends. I enjoy good conversation, eating out, fun! Age unimportant. Box 729

LEICS: Lesbian, 30's, post graduate, smoker, carnivorous, Taurean. Into pubs, pool, eating out, live music, intelligent conversation & cuddles. Looking for fun - rescue me from boredom. Box 731

DERBYS /NOTTS: Attractive, feminine female seeks similar 20-30 for friendship, nights out. Interests music, clubs/pubs, eating out, cinema, travelling etc. Photo app. No butch/bi's. Box 732

MIXED PERSONAL

LEICS: Bi male (58) married with wife that does not understand gay people seeks bi female for gen. friendship. Age 50-70. Looks unimportant. Must be bisexual. ALA. Box 382

ARE YOU 'GLAD TO BE GAY, sorry to be childless' male/couple? Interested in a live-in co-parenting friendship with fertile bi-female? If so, please write to Box 383

TRAVEL COMPANIONS REQ'D, one week at easter then more in the summer. Male (36) with not much money looking to visit Europe. Box 384

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LONG EATON: Close to J 24/25 M1. Prof. male/female non smoker req. to share house with owner. £40 pw, shared bills, own room. Nigel 0115-972-7495

THURMASTON, LEICS: One or two people needed to share large house. All mod cons. Beside fields & public transport. Rent £35 pw, non-smoker pref. Liam 0116-269-3295

WALSALL: Male to share house. Non-smoking vegetarian pref. £30 pw+bills. All mod cons, share facilities. 0154-337-6662

LEICS: Young guy (23) req. as flatmate (18-26) to share lge. 1 bedroom in city centre. No half rent need to be paid only share bills. Box 901

NOTT'M: Beautiful bungalow in Bulwell urg. req. flatmate. All mod cons + lge. garden to rear. £35 pw + bills. Phone Ian 0115-950-6234 ext. 4024 daytime only.

LEICS: SINGLE ROOM in shared house. meals available, all mod cons. Any nationality welcome. 0116-243-3984

NOTTINGHAM: Professional working guy (35) seeks flat in Victoria Centre flats. Tel: Ian 0115-952-4945.

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ALLESTREE, DERBY: Single room in newly decorated cottage. Suit non-smoking young prof. male. Must like dogs. £40 pw inc. bills. Meals extra. Contact Graham, 01332 541074

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BLATANT HOMOPHOBIA

Birmingham City Council has refused to register Pride Place, a six bedroom home because it says it fears the children there will face further "stigmatisation and labelling". The decision has prompted a row between social workers, childcare experts and councillors and may mean that teenagers who have been abused themselves because of their sexuality may end up back in the homes of their abusers.

Bill Marsden, co-ordinator of Triangle Courses and Resources, an established training agency approved by the Central Council for Education and Training of Social Workers which trains carers and social workers at Pride Place has branded the decision "blatantly homophobic", a claim the Labour-controlled authority strongly denies. Marsden said: "In all the council's reports not once have they criticised the care or facilities here, or said anything about bad practice. We think the underlying reason for their decision is homophobia".

The controversy erupted last year when Halesowen and Stourbridge Conservative MP Warren Hawksley said he was "horrified" at the thought of the council registering a home for young lesbians and gay men. The home's owners are expected to appeal against the council's decision.

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OBITUARY

Lesbian and gay culture has lost a significant and innovative talent with the death of Shauna Brown at the age of 37 late last year. Shauna Brown, staunch feminist and television producer, died following a two year battle against cancer. In 1977 Shauna and a girl-friend came out in the Guardian, with a full half-page article complete with photo, talking about their life together. Many women will remember this courageous public affirmation of lesbianism. From her initial involvement in London Gay Switchboard she went on to help found Lesbian Line and also worked for a time on Homeless Action, a project housing single homeless women in London. In 1988 Shauna started out on a programme about women suffering domestic violence, 'I Shot My Husband' and 'Nobody Asked Me Why'. Her latent talent was obvious and during her far too short career she researched, interviewed, produced and directed. Shauna was involved throughout the Out series on Channel 4 and co-produced the night of gay television of BBC2 in 1991, gaining a nomination for a BFI award and other awards for her Gay Rock and Roll Years. Other programmes included the Advent Calendar and her last, Diwali Lights.



POSITIVE TIMES

That's the new publication to emerge from the Pink Paper publishing group. It's the first newspaper specifically aimed at gay men living with HIV and AIDS and is set to appear monthly. The first issue covers 12 pages with articles and features written by people who are themselves positive. Further info. about the publication can be obtained from Positive Times, 77 Garden Row, London, N1 8EZ. tel 0171 608 2677.

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ZERO PATIENCE

Dir: John Greyson/Canada/1993/100 mins.

Patient Zero was the term given by medical researchers to a French Canadian airline steward who allegedly passed the HIV virus across North America at the start of the 80s. A decade after his death, his spirit is conjured up by reincarnated Victorian anthropologist Richard Burton, who wonders if he should be reassessed as the heroic slut who invented safe sex. A camp extravaganza mixing sci-fi fantasy with surrealistic logic and angry dissertation on the politics and age of AIDS.

Thursday 16th March, at 6pm

DAYS OF BEING WILD

Dir: Wong Kar Wai/Hong Kong/1992/92 mins.

This masterly portrait of lovelorn youth focuses on an affluent young playboy drifting through a series of casual affairs and friendships in a dreamily sketched Hong Kong of 1960. The film cleverly captures the sense of anxiety and suspense in the run-up to Hong Kong's uncertain future.

Wednesday, 15th March at 6pm

