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CANAL DEATH MYSTERY

A body pulled from Leicester's Grand Union Canal by police frogman on the 1st December was that of missing Leicester man Stephen Osborne. Mr. Osborne, also known as Stephen Jackson and Stephen Davi (20), was formally identified by his mother and had been missing since November 19th when he set out from his home in Belgrave Avenue, to visit the Pineapple Inn on Burley's Way, Leicester.

Mystery still surrounds his death after a post-mortem examination carried out at Leicester Royal Infirmary revealed no obvious signs of injury. Police have disclosed that a witness had reported hearing a man screaming for help near where Mr. Jackson disappeared at around 8pm on the 19th November and also reported seeing three men running away down the towpath. Two of the men wore light-coloured jogging tops with the hoods up. The third had a dark top.

On the 5th December three men were arrested in connection with the death, two in Leicester and one in Sussex but were later released on police bail, pending further enquiries. The area where Mr. Jackson was found is between Abbey Park Road and St. Margaret's Way and is a well-known Leicester gay cruising spot. A number of attacks in this area have taken place over the last couple of years.

As a result, the police say they are anxious to build up a picture of assaults around the Abbey Park canal area over the last year. Detective Inspector Jim Donaghy who is leading the enquiry into Mr. Jackson's death, appealed for information. "We would ask anyone who knows anything about the three men to contact us. Also anyone who may have been assaulted, queer bashed or robbed in the vicinity of Abbey Park canal bank during the last year is asked to contact us. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence".

You can reach Jim Donaghy at Syston Police Station, (0116) 253 0066 x4251 (8.30pm-5pm weekdays) or you can telephone **outright!** on (0116) 978 0124.

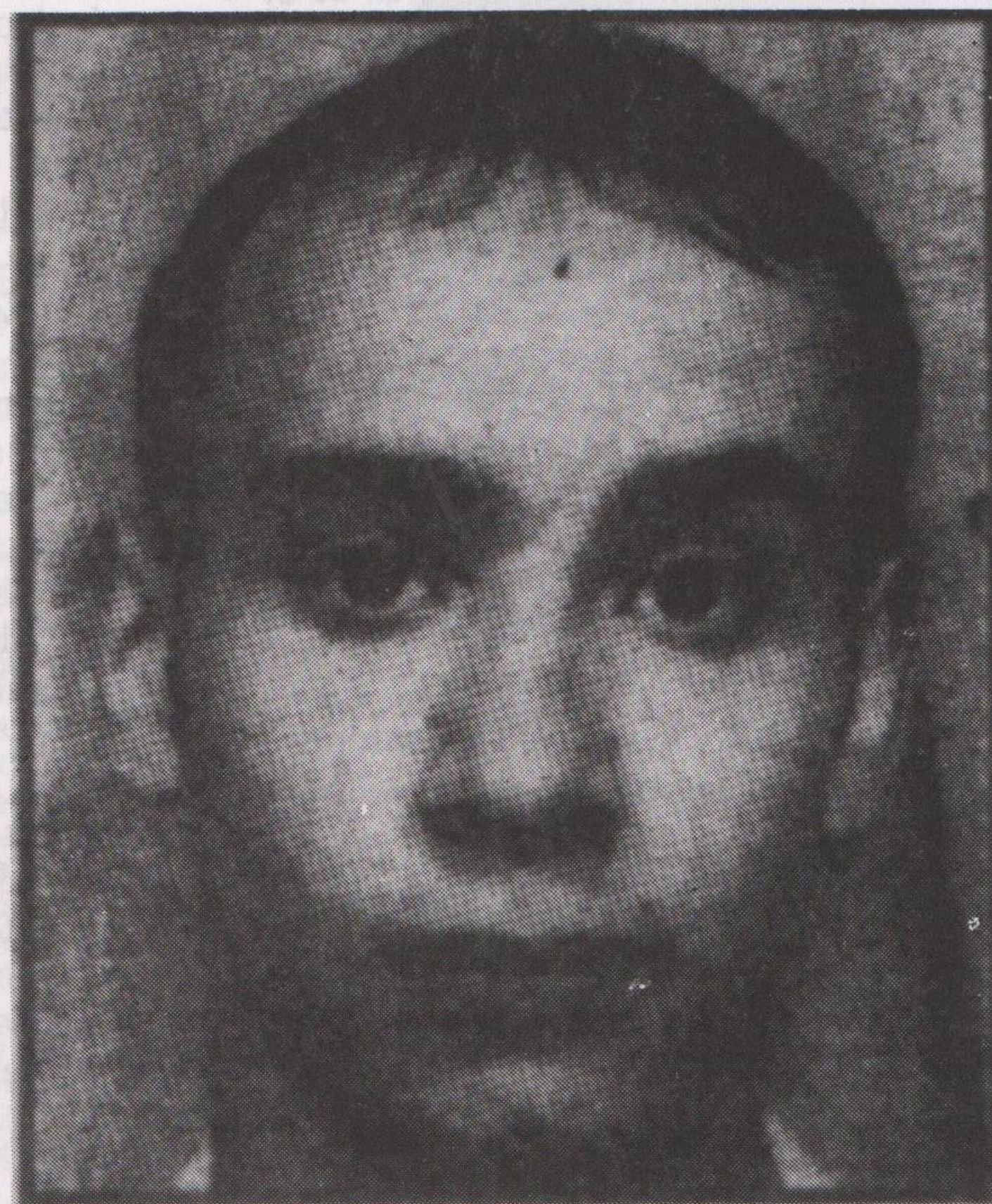
NO PLACE IN SHEFFIELD

A 42 year old Sheffield woman claims that a local college is carrying out a vendetta against her by refusing to offer her a college place.

Michelle Callan, a male-to-female transsexual, alleges that Castle College, Sheffield suspended her from a women's car maintenance course in October 1995 when she received a letter saying she couldn't attend a women-only course. (Michelle first enrolled at the College in 1992 for a hairdresser's course but says she was attacked by a group of students in the college canteen and, as a result, had to leave the course. She says the then college principal refused to investigate her claims, although she had a witness prepared to testify).

OUTRIGHT! spoke to Pat Cochran, Head of Human Resources for Castle College who was not able to comment on the 1992 attack and denied that Michelle had been suspended. "Our legal advisors said it was not appropriate for Michelle to be on the women-only course but we have bent over backwards to

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● **Uniforms** - If you live in the Lincs or East Notts area and are interested in leather, denim or uniform, a new group would like to hear from you. Contact Lincs. L&G Switchboard 01522 533353, Thurs or Sun. 7-10pm & they'll put you in touch with the organisers.

● **Promenaid '96** Promenaid raises money for The David Manley Fund, LASS & other Leics. HIV/AIDS groups & agencies. Tickets are £16.50 & £13.00 available from the Haymarket Theatre box office on 0116 253 0021.

● **Pink Chalk** - Working for Lesbian, gay & bisexual equality in education in South Yorkshire & East Midlands, meeting Jan 13th at 2pm, at Queens Hotel, 85 Scotland Street, Sheffield. Anthony (01156) 9585814. For more info. and details of buffet.

● **'Psychology, Politics, Resistance'**, Sat 10th Feb, Nottingham, half-day conference, Speakers including representatives from a local advocacy group and feminist psychologist Dr. Celia Kitzinger, author of 'The Social Construction of Lesbianism'. I.C.C., 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham, from 1pm onward. Open to anyone. Further info. from John Cromby, (0115) 9703553.

NO PLACE IN SHEFFIELD

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help her in other ways. If Michelle wishes to enrol on other courses we would try and offer her a safe working environment there', she added.

But Michelle believes that if she enrolls on mixed or males-only car maintenance courses she will again be physically attacked. "Most of the men seem to think a woman should not be under the body of a car, but presumably it's OK for them to be under a male's body," she added. "Even though my passport, driving licence, rent book and giro are made out in my chosen name, the College are able to discriminate against me as my birth certificate states I was born a male. If I was disabled or black they would have to make provision for me. I felt like Quentin Crisp must have felt like when he was pilloried for living as an out-gay man", she added.

On 29th November Michelle wrote again to college principal Ken Ruddiman requesting a place on a mature students' art and design foundation course but to date she hasn't had a reply from the College. She believes the College is using the law as it stands to exclude her. "Why aren't they showing me any compassion?", she asks.

Liz Parratt, Campaigns Officer of LIBERTY - The National Council for Civil Liberties said: "Transgendered people are widely discriminated against in all walks of life. They have no employment rights whatsoever, and are arbitrarily barred from many professions. Yet almost no employers or colleges have equal opportunities policies which include gender identity. Taking cases to European Court of Justice can take several years. If we had a Bill of Rights in this country it would be much easier to challenge such unjust treatment of individuals," she added.

(In order to protect Michelle from unwanted attention we have not used her real name).

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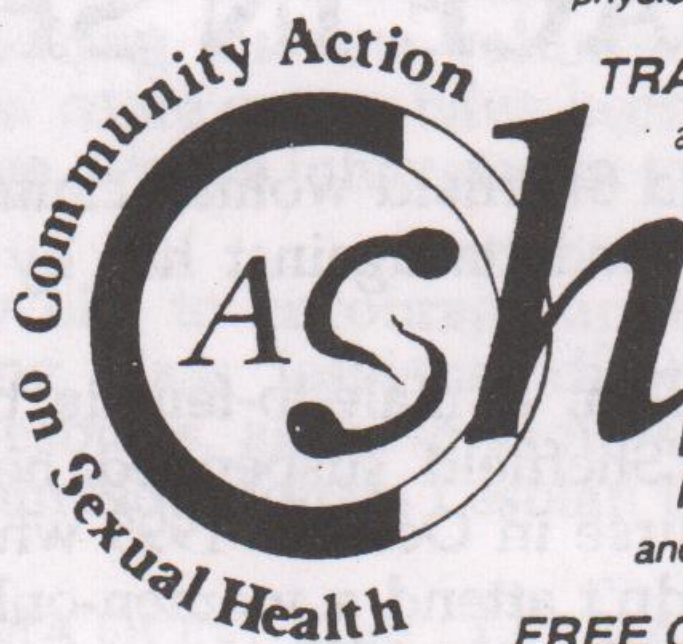
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● Briefly...

● **Donna McPhail**, Warwick Arts Centre. Winner of Time Out comedy award in 1990 and regular appearances on 'Have I Got News For You', she stands up to be counted. Monday, 5th February, 8pm, Warwick Arts Centre.

● **Women's Ceilidh**, Sat. 20th Jan, Nottingham YMCA Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, Slick Bananas Ceilidh Band, Bring your own refreshments, Women only, £5.00\£3.50\£2.50, wheelchair accessible. Info. Jane (0115) 9606270.

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support for their volunteers often get overlooked, particularly if they come from outside London", commented Gordon Warren, LASS Training and Development Manager (pictured), "Many people still believe 'voluntary' to mean 'second-rate'. These awards help to dispel this myth. We are very pleased to have had our efforts nationally recognised", he added.

The £1,000 grant is to develop and better support volunteering within LASS. Their new volunteer recruitment programme begins in April 1996. You can find out more by contacting Gordon Warren, at LASS on (0116) 255 9995.

Nottingham Team Runners Up

Nottingham Community Radio Team were East Midlands runners-up in the 'Highly Commended' category. Said Debbie Helme, their Volunteering Link Worker. "We were very pleased to be runners up to LASS. A number of our former volunteers have cut their teeth with us and gone on to full-time radio work or other employment. Others have learned new skills which have helped improve their confidence generally".

Winners in the West Midlands were Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent Volunteer Bureaux who run a scheme which places volunteers with extra support needs in mainstream voluntary work.

LEICESTER GROUP WINS AWARD

A Leicestershire based HIV/AIDS Charity is celebrating winning a national award from the Home Office and a £1,000 cash boost to its coffers. In announcing the award, which received over 300 nominations nationally, Home Office Minister Baroness Blatch said in a letter to LASS that they "were impressed by the great range of voluntary work, and approaches to supporting volunteering, which the nominations displayed. The winners of the awards demonstrate how effective volunteers can be, and how organisations can provide them with high quality support in their efforts".

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- **Wonderland**, the club night which promises 'a pure blend of dizzy eurohouse, techno beats, sassy nrg & camp disco' have their next shindigs on 12 & 26 January 1996 at The Gallery, Towler Street (off Burghley Road), Peterborough.
- **Sheffield Young Lesbian Group** are urgently seeking a treasurer. As the group is in dire financial difficulties, the position will be voluntary. Anyone who can offer their help, please call Marguerite on 0114 270 0298.
- **'The Children's Hour'**, a story of small town gossip & innuendo which threatens the loves & livelihoods of two women and the girls' school they run, is being performed at The Lace Market Theatre, Halifax Place, Nottingham from 12-17 Feb. More info 0115 950 7201.
- **GLADD, the Gay & Lesbian Association of Doctors & Dentists** is a national group which meets every six weeks, mostly in London. The growing organisation are establishing regional groups and their first regional meeting in Leicester in November was a huge success. Over a dozen people attended, half of whom were students. The next meeting is planned to take place in Nottingham soon after the New Year. For details contact Dan on 0116 270 9568 or e-mail djs13@leicester.ac.uk
- **Marguerite Nisbett** of Sheffield Young Lesbian Group is calling out to the lesbian community to try & organise a more coherent communication & networking system and to try and create more lesbian spaces. Anyone with any input or ideas call her Weds & Fris on 0114 270 0298.

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Dear Outright,

I thought I would write and say that your 'Yesteryear' picture in December's issue must have brought back memories for many people and must also have evoked a good deal of nostalgia for those heady days.

It is a matter of regret that the regular Nottingham scene has contracted somewhat in recent times and although we should value what current venues, we have, there is a widespread feeling that it is not like the old days, indeed many people still speak fondly of Shades and Part Two more than ten years after their demise.

Is it too much to hope that perhaps 1996 could see the return of a large, regular, popular venue like there used to be? The local gay community being many times larger now than in those days surely deserves it. People would travel to Nottingham as they did then, rather than forsaking it for Birmingham, Wolverhampton as many do now. Incidentally, who was that Mr. Shades, twenty years ago and where is he now, does anyone know?

Yours truly, Chris Barker, Derby

Yesteryear

An observant reader spotted our deliberate mistake(!) in last month's *outright!* Twenty years ago Shades nightclub was still 'Mario's' and its owner was Jimmy Etherington. Our photo showed the winner of the Mr Shades competition *nineteen* years ago after the club had changed hands and changed its name. New owner of Shades, Ken Metcalf, was presenting the prize to Andrew Chinaglia.

Where are they now?

also seen at the Mr Shades event 1976



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● **John Gill** has been commissioned by the lesbian & gay studies imprint at Cassell Publishers to research a book about the life experiences of working class gays, lesbians & bisexuals. Anyone who defines themselves as working class gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered and fancy helping John with his project should write to him at 38 Shell Road, London, SE13 7TW.

● **LASS (Leicestershire AIDS Support Services)** have produced a colourful 1996 calendar to help raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. They calendars cost £2.00 (+30p postage) and can be obtained from LASS, 53 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 6YF.

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REVIEW

Tibullus in the House of Delia

Have you wondered if there is a gay painting in the Art Gallery at Nottingham Castle? Well, what about "Tibullus in the House of Delia" painted in 1898 by Charles Hazlewood Shannon? It features portraits of four men - Shannon and Charles Ricketts and two friends. Shannon and Ricketts were gay and lived and worked together throughout their lives after meeting at Lambeth School of Art in the 1880's. They were friends of Oscar Wilde who nicknamed them Orchid and Marigold.

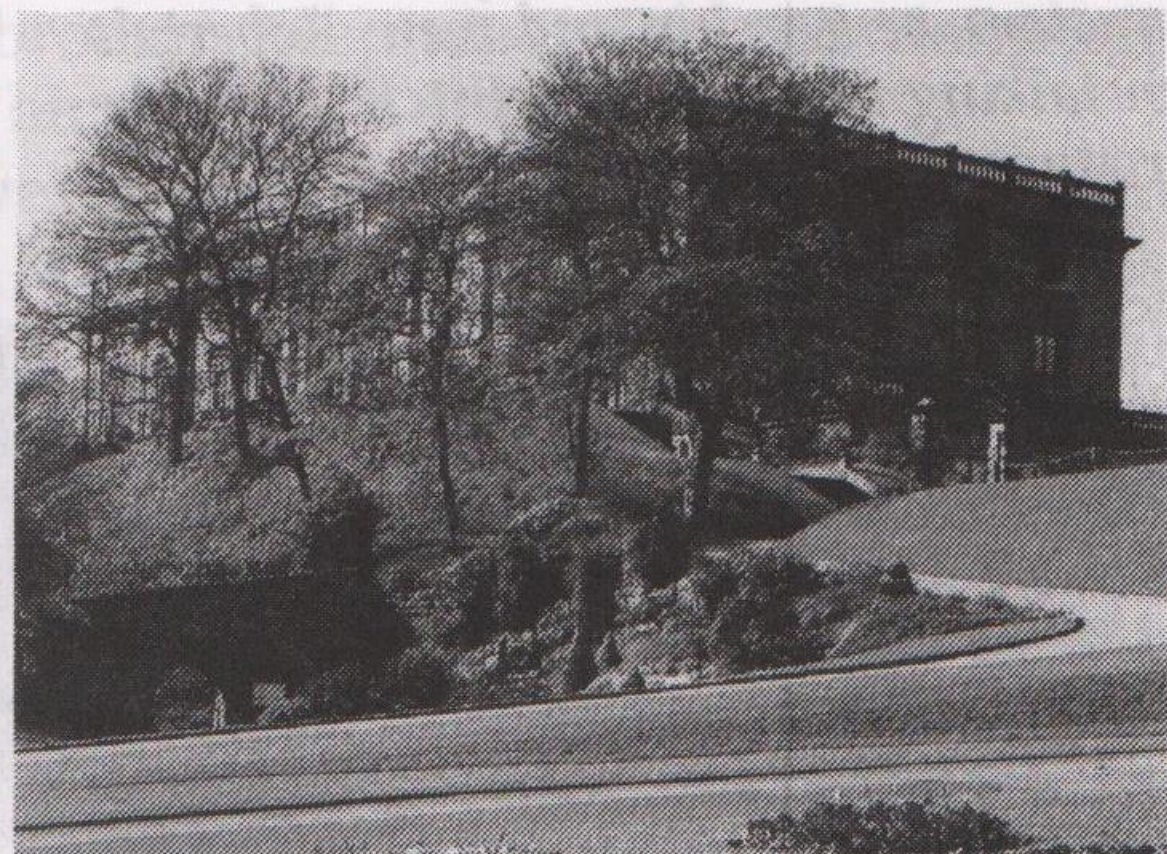
Depending on which Wilde biographer you read, the character of Basil Hallward in 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' was based on either Shannon or Ricketts. Ricketts recalled the friendship with Wilde in his "Recollections".

Shannon was apparently naturally reticent and customarily left Ricketts to speak for them both.

Now about the painting. Tibullus was a Roman soldier and poet who wrote poems both to this mistress Delia and his young male friend Marathus. Presumably the bisexual interest attracted Shannon's attention.

You'll find the painting in the Long Gallery of the Castle Museum - rather high up, not particularly well lit. A painting that tells more than one story!

James T Westland



CALLING ALL COUNSELLORS

When I moved to Nottingham in 1990 and asked around for a lesbian or bisexual psychotherapist there was nobody I could go to see. Now I'm training as a therapist myself and everywhere I turn other lesbians, gay men or bisexuals seem to have done, or are doing training of various kinds.

For a number of different reasons LGB would-be clients might want to work with an LGB counsellor/therapist. So I'd like to set up a Rainbow Practice (a network of LGB counsellors in the East Midlands), which would advertise what we offer and hopefully save some people the kind of haphazard, fruitless search that I had five years ago. The network could develop in other ways too, depending on what we wanted.

A few of us from the Sherwood Psychotherapy Training Institute are going to set this up, and could anyone interested in being part of it please ring me, Eve Parsons, on (0115) 958 0734 or write to me at S.P.T.I. 2 St. James Terrace, Nottingham, NG1 6FW.

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Nervous Energy', 2nd December 1995, BBC 2.

but, as December 1st approached, the schedules seemed to be awash with stars wearing jewel-encrusted red ribbons introducing more stars with red ribbons singing, saying and even miming the virtues of safe sex. How refreshing, therefore was 'Nervous Energy' (BBC 2). Shown in the rather splendid Screen Two series, the film told the story of Ira (Alfred Molina), an American radio presenter working in London and his lover Tom (Cal Macaninch). Of course, as this was broadcast around World AIDS Day, it will surprise no-one that one of the partnership, Tom in fact had AIDS.

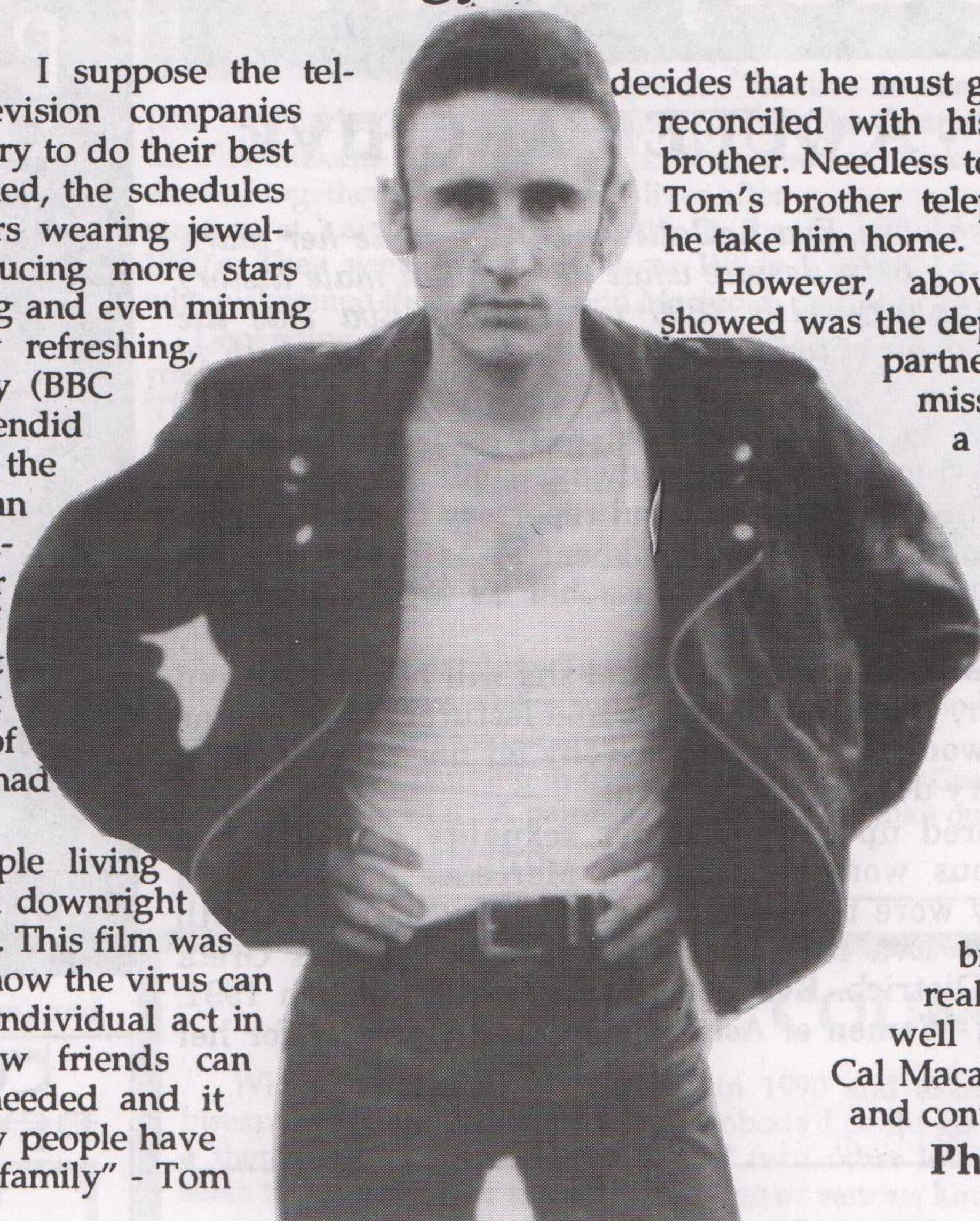
So often, plays about people living with AIDS tend to range from downright depressing to totally unrealistic. This film was neither. It graphically showed how the virus can affect the mind and make an individual act in strange ways, it showed how friends can conveniently be busy when needed and it showed the difficulty that many people have in trying to be "one big happy family" - Tom

decides that he must go home to Glasgow to be reconciled with his estranged parents and brother. Needless to say, disaster results and Tom's brother telephones Ira and demands he take him home.

However, above all, what this film showed was the depth of love Ira had for his partner - an area which is often missed in such films. His was a love which knew no bounds and was always there no matter what. And, in the film's final shot, we see Tom lying on a bed, perfectly happy, in the arms of his lover, having just been through a relapse which nearly killed him.

Well done BBC for broadcasting a positive and realistic image of gay life and well done Alfred Molina and Cal Macaninch for giving unselfish and convincing performances.

Philip Daly



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Sister My Sister 15

Based on the true story that inspired Genet's 'The Maids', Joely Richardson is the quiet reserved servant in the suffocating house of domineering Madame Danzard and her daughter. When her sister comes to live with them, their relationship goes beyond normal sibling affection and they gradually begin to lose all grip on reality, with horrifying results.

Intro Fri 26 Jan at 9pm

Gregory Woods, Reader in Gay and Lesbian Studies at TNTU will introduce the film and muse on Genet, Queer Culture and Killer Lesbians.



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LeGallienne's ambitions to be an actress were thwarted by the misogyny and sexism that characterised Broadway. Undaunted, in 1926 she established America's first and only classical repertory theatre, and in 1946, she co-founded the American Repertory Theatre. As her reputation as an actor grew, so too did the critics dismiss her as 'intellectual and cold,' as a dykish snob.

However, Eva's career evolved and soared, and she will be remembered as an actor, author, director, producer, manager and lecturer: LeGallienne was Oscar-nominated and won an Emmy and a Tony for her theatre work, as well as dozens of honorary degrees and awards.

LeGallienne never covered up or denied her sexuality, and she had relationships with numerous women, including Mercedes de Acosta, a woman who controversially wore trousers and slicked her hair back with Brilliantine. De Acosta left Eva for an affair with film goddess Greta Garbo, and later Marlene Dietrich. Eva LeGallienne died in March 1991. (Thanks to Irene Stuber of 'Women of Achievement and Herstory for her help).

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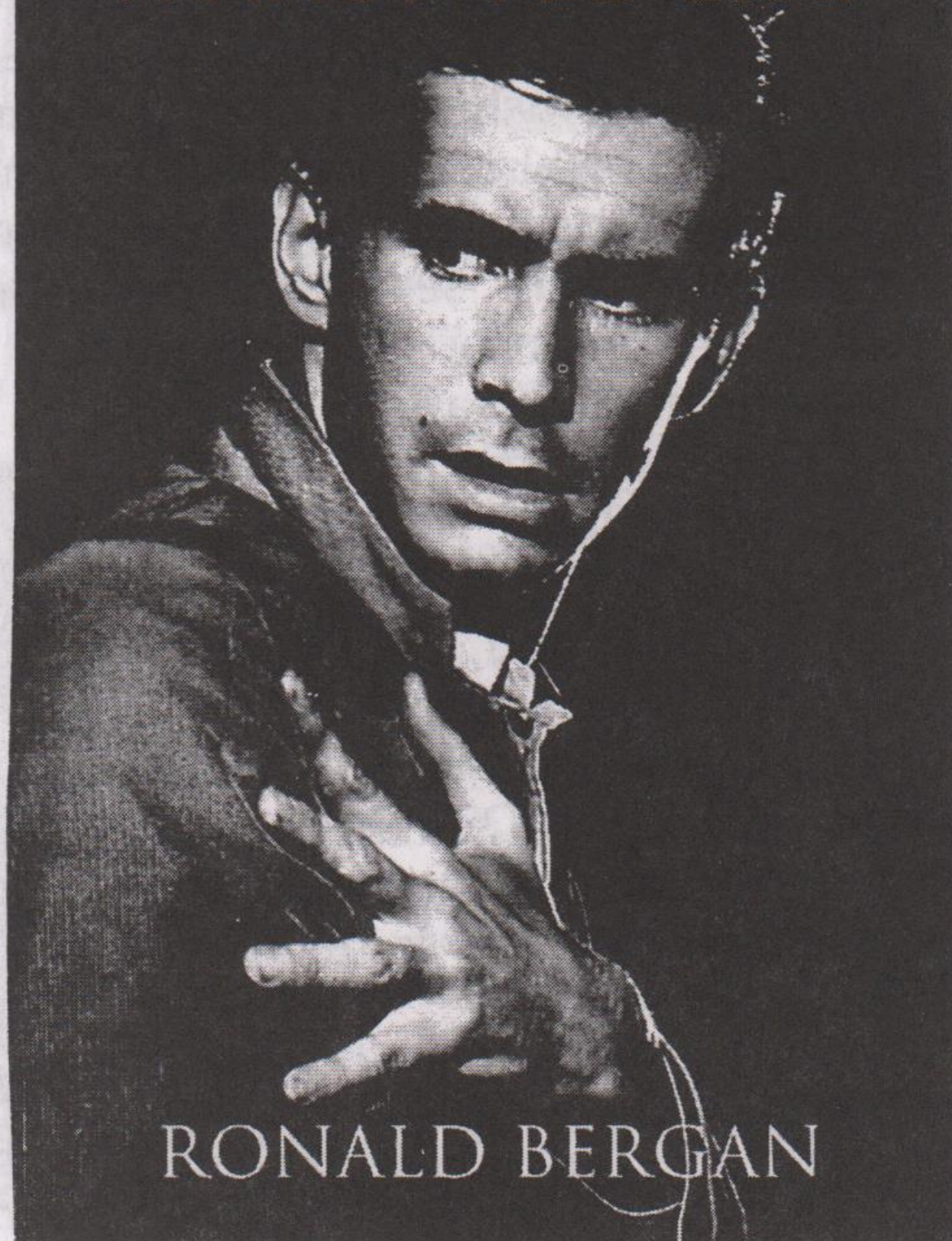
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REVIEW

'100 Women who Shook the World', The Observer, 10th December.

I looked first to see how old they all were - how young you could be to qualify as one of the 'Hundred Women Who Shook The World' (The Observer, December 10th). Seven of them were younger than me (time to pull up my socks if I'm planning on shaking the world myself). Then I had a look at the occupations - punks, poets, activists, artists, prostitutes - as well as Margaret Thatcher. Then I looked for the lesbians. So who were they? Out Lesbians: Pat Arrowsmith (CND vice president), Martina Navratilova (lesbian herotennis star), Myra Hindley (murderer). Lesbian Dabblers: Madonna, Rosemary West. Lesbian Friendly: Alice Walker, Rosanne Barr, Sheila Kitzinger (has an out-



lesbian daughter). Appreciated by Lesbians: Sinead O'Connor (well she was - at Gay Pride some years ago), Lorena Bobbit (after years of abuse chopped off her husband's willy and threw it out of the car window). Conclusion: Three out lesbians - lesbians don't shake the world. Notes to the conclusion: There are factors that may affect this conclusion - namely that lesbians are sometimes invisible and that the writer of this review unfortunately does not know the personal business of all the women. There are statistically seven women missing - reader - take your pick!

Debra Helme

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DERBY MAN, early 40's seeks new friends for conversation, evenings out & growing closeness. ALA. Box 845

NOTTS: MATURE sub seeks dom guy for discipline. Please reply with photo & address. No telephone. Box 846

LEICS: 23, fit, educated seeks friends, pref. n/scene/occ. scene. 20-30. ALAWP. Box 847

GAY MALE, Leics. 25 black guy goodlooking with GSOH looking for new friends for poss. 121 for quiet nights in & fun times out. 23-32. Box 848

NORTHAMPTON: GAY male (27) 6' & av. muscular, gen, caring, romantic, sometimes shy. Various interests (I'll try anything once) seeks special guy 21-35 for 121 rel. Box 849

NOTTS GUY (22) n/scene, s/acting seeks f'ship/poss. 121 for right person 18-24. Photo app. N/smokers only. Box 851

NORTH NOTTS: Bi-guy (50) slim, 5'6" seeks local slim active guys for mutual safe hot horny fun. Photo app. Box 852

LINCOLN/SURROUNDING area: Goodlooking (30) slim, short hair, fun-loving seeks gen. guy for 121 (25-35). Detailed letter ensures reply. Photo app. Write now. Box 853

LEICS/MELTON/Oakham area: Guy (34) dark haired, c/shaven, n/s,

COUPLE (20's & 30's) NOTT'M/DERBY

reliable, intelligent, articulate, great many interests especially nature, walking, theatre & the arts, generally n/scene, seek sim. any age for f'ship & pleasant socialising. Box 850

SOH, intelligent yet down to earth seeks guy 30-40 to gen. try for 121. Phone# app. Box 854

NOTT'M: WET nosed Irish redhead

wants new friends for romps in woods, breed unimportant. Artist owner (43) short, stocky, bald #1 crop but fun! ALAWP. Box 855

35 Y/O, GOOD physique seeks uniformed guys. RAC/AA, security guards, forces, bus drivers, greasy overalls etc. Active/passive 30-60. Frank letter with photo ensures prompt rep. Box 856

SEXY FIT horny 22 y/o lad, works

ANYWHERE: GOODLOOKING slim, hairy non-camp guy, own place/car (38) seeks younger (18+) fit, active s/acting guys for fun/f'ship. Great video collection. Any race. Photo? Box 862

out, plays hard enjoys life. Looking for man 25-35 to spoil & impress. Leics/ Nott'm area. Dare you chance it? Box 857

STRICT BUT caring headmaster (46) invites deserving boyish pupils (18-35) to report to his well-equipped study for suitable discipline. experience, discretion & accuracy promised. E. Mids. Box 858

NOTT'M COUPLE, attractive, GSOH, 30/40 wltm other couples for f'ship & socialising. Pubs, clubs, theatre. want to increase our circle of friends - do you? Box 859

S.YORKS/N.DERBYS: 30's, slim, smooth, firm body, shaved head, attractive, bright, energetic seeks under 45 (18+) for safe fun, poss. more. ALA. Box 860

ATTRACTIVE BOYISH 30, tall, stocky, good company seeks relaxed safe fun & f'ship with working male under 40 (18+) s/acting/looking. Stocky masc. type pref. Discretion assured. Box 861

MELTON MOWBRAY/ Grantham: gay guy (42) blue eyes, dark hair, ave. looks seeks gay/bi 25-45 s/acting for fun, f'ship, nights in/out, sharing life's good/bad times. Box 863

WANTED! E.MIDS c/shaven n/ smoking educated prof. guy 30-45 (art-s/other interests). I'm likewise but richly mature, caring, romantic, active - poised for deep love. Photo/phone# (ret) app. Box 864

LEICS: 25, attractive, muscular, w/e, versatile, shaved seeking sim. sane w/e & v.w/e men into leather, rubber, w/s, cp. bd for private party. ALAWP+ph#. Box 865

NOTT'M: 30, 5'10", med. build, smooth, s/acting passive, horny seeks guys into uniforms or football kit for f'ship & safe fun. Photo please. No tashes. Box 866

FRIENDLY GAY OAP seeks sim. for social pursuits, coach trips, gardening, music, TV. Burton/Derby/Notts area. Reciprocal home visits. ALA. Box 867

ASHFIELD AREA: 37, young looking male, brown hair, blue eyes & n/smoker looking for horny man under 40 (18+) for fun, f'ship, maybe more. Box 868

E.MIDS GUY (42) s/acting gay seeks nephew type. Must have SOH, trust, clean for view 121. Hope to hear from you with photo. Box 869

STAFFORD/MIDS: 35 y/o gay man, slim, tall, n/smoker, cropped receded hair seeks sim. 25-45 to share the fun of being gay, maybe more. No timewasters. ALA. Box 870

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E.MIDS COUPLE (40's) looking for couples/singles for fun times during the long winter ahead. ALAWP. Box 872

SHEFFIELD: 29, 6'. Am I the only gay boy at Rise and love to be...? Looking for 121 with hedonistic clubber. Looks, age (18+), race immaterial. ALA. Box 873

GAY LAD (20) s/a looking for 121 with guy non-camp under 24 (18+) with GSOH & going out to pubs, clubs & cinema. Gen. replies. Box 874

ANYWHERE: WANTED penpals also guys to swap photos, undies, experiences & fantasies. Me 30's, gay. You 18+ Def. ALA. Box 875

WARM & LOVING mid 40's guy seeks sim. up to 50 y/o, not afraid of his feelings. I'm active, likes scene, cinema. Pref. c/shaven n/smokers. ALA. Box 876

DONCASTER AREA: lonely gay man (40's) seeks new friends, younger (18+) & same age. Also that special man for deep loving rel. I'm campish & like butchish men. Box 877

NORTHANTS: BUSY gay exec. (40's) 5'11", 150lbs, blue eyes, slim, smart, attractive, vs/looking vesh bright happy intelligent seeks slim smooth guy under 30 (18+) for love & laughter. Box 878

NEW YEAR, new romance? I hope so! David, 31, slim build, romantic, caring, sincere into music, cinema, theatre, romantic nights in & out seeks sim. 25-35. Box 879

NOTTS: 41 y/o guy seeks older hairy guy for no strings fun. ALA. Box 880

DERBY AREA: 31 yo s/acting & looking guy wltm younger guy (18+) for fun, f'ship & good times. Box 881

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LEICS. ASIAN (35) 5'8" hirsute, muscular build, s/acting, n/smoker seeks smooth, passive white guy under 35 (18+) for f'ship/rel. You must be honest, reliable & romantic. ALAWP. Box 883

30+ CLUB!! New social group for gay/bi men over 30. Leics. area. More info contact Nick 0116 243 4145 any-time or Dennis 0116 253 2645 6-9pm

NOTT'M GUY (30) seeks men 21+ that would like to meet for dinner

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COVENTRY MESMEN, 01203-224090.

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NORTHANTS GAYLINE, Tue 6.30-9.30pm, 01604-39722.

NORTHANTS LESBIAN LINE, Tue 7-9.30pm, 01604-39723

NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD, Mon-Fri, 7-10pm. 0115-941-1454.

NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN LINE, Mon & Wed, 7-9pm. 0115-941-0652.

NOTTINGHAM FRIEND, Tue, 7-10pm, 0115-947-4717.

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ORIENTAL COMPANION sought by caring, discreet young 50's male. Varied interests, n/scene, n/smoker 20+1. Box 887

NOTT'M: LOOKING for gay twins/brothers for f'ship & fun. Me 26, goodlooking & sexy. Box 888

NOTTS: 20y/o lad looking for 121 & lots of TLC with lad 18-23. Looks unimp. and GSOH also going out to pubs & clubs. Box 889

GAY MALE seeks sweet guy to love & be proud of. Photo please. Notts area only. Box 890

DERBY: 20-30 y/o wanted for hot fun. Must be goodlooking, able to accom/travel. explicit letter or photo please. Builders welcome. Box 891

PASSIVE, MID-30's, fairish, stocky, told attractive seeks active 25-45 for fun, cuddles, nights in/out, f'ship, poss. 121. can accom. Let's make 1996 special. Photo. S.Yorks/anywhere. Box 892

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SLIM ATTRACTIVE bi male seeks kinky slim bi female for fun & excitement. Must be openminded & have sense of adventure! 20-35. Photo app. ALA. Box 132

women's personal

LEICS. LESBIAN friendly, caring, loveable seeks friends/partner. Must like kids. 30-ish. Box 413

BLACK LESBIAN couple, early to middle 30's, one mother, seek other lesbians any nationality/age for easy-going f'ship & socialising. var. interests, can travel. Box 414

CAN YOU relight my fire? Sad, blue eyed dyke is looking for a significant other for stimulating times, lingering looks & kisses! No butches. Box 415

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BISEXUAL WOMAN looking for other bisexual women to have long delicious chats, drinks & fun with. Looks & age don't matter. ALA, photo if poss. Sheffield/Sth. Yorks. Box 419

LEICS: FEMALE (24) seeks warm, caring fem. female 20-27 for n/scene f'ship, poss. more. Must enjoy music, going out, staying in, having a laugh. Hinckley area pref. Box 420

THIRTYSOMETHING MUM, disillusioned seeks sincere, honest, caring, tactile friends/rel. Likes cinema, reading, talking, cuddles, cosy nights in with a special person. Must like kids/animals. ALA. Box 421

I'M HERE I'm queer & ya wanted here! Burton lesbian Asian (23) romantic, caring & a soft spot for cream & women. Could it be you?! Box 422

FEMININE GAY female (49) wishes to meet honest, rel. women. N/smoker but GSOH. Romantic & caring. Married or single. ALA. Box 423

SHEFFIELD/ELSEWHERE: mature prof. health/social care. Boyish/fem supportive, kind, aware. Interests spiritual growth, countryside, arts wltm middle life or older woman seeking f'ship, affection, 121? Box 424

NOTT'M: GAY female. I'm not too feminine, not too butch very attractive 35 years likes dancing, socialising, talking, clothes, wltm someone fem. Box 425

GAY FEMALE (52) animal lover, large build but GSOH. Enjoys going out or stopping in with right person. Derbys area. ALA. Box 426

FAST APPROACHING sell by date, is there a sincere, caring, attractive nurse 40's for f'ship/poss. rel? Me: gen, sincere, mature prof., varied interests. Sth. Yorks. Box 427

SHEFFIELD: N?SCENE, 30, sporty wltm other lively, open-minded

women for raving, fun, passion or even friendship! Box 428

SANTA DIDN'T find me the lady of my dreams. Maybe this advert will. I'm feminine, 32, Notts. seeking feminine friends, possibly more. 1996 could be our year!! Box 429

accommodation

SHEFFIELD: GAY male (24) seeks house/flatshare (poss. with owner?) or own studio flat. Claiming housing benefit. Tel: Michael 0114 232 2881

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Sun 7 Jan: **Sheffield Hiking Dykes**, meet at Grindleford station for 8-10 mile walk, 10.45am. Train leaves Sheffield station at 10.24am.

Sun 7 Jan: **Leicester Hiking Dykes**, meet at 45 King St, Leicester, 10.30am. More info from Angie 0116 240 4423.

Sunday 14 Jan: **Pink Pathfinders'** walk Hathersage/Hope Valley/Hood Brook/Hathersage (7 miles). Meet 10.45am in car park opp. swimming pool, Hathersage. Info: Bob & Brian 01159 677081.

Sunday 28 Jan: **Leicester Hiking Dykes**, Sarah's Surprise Walk, meet at 45 King St., Leicester at 9am.

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THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Clearly a high price was paid by wealthy barrister and N.W. Leicestershire MP, David Ashby, when following the defeat of his libel action against the Sunday Times for outing him, he was landed with £500,000 costs and is said to be facing financial ruin, not to mention moral bankruptcy.

Times they are a changing when the cornerstone of a Defence argument was that to call someone 'homosexual' is no longer a slur. True. Yet he chose the rocky road of denial having seemingly lived a life of denial. What can he expect when he goes public espousing good old family values and the next minute is 'found out' to be having a gay relationship. A case for outing if ever there was.

And as he scurried from media attention back to the House of Commons where he landed a standing ovation from both sides. Is not this house riven with hypocrisy or did they recognise what could happen to any of them if their own very private lives were revealed to public scrutiny. The higher they rise the harder they fall.

David Ashby says he has nothing left. Well yes, he may lose his three homes, (some people haven't got one!) his career as a barrister and an MP. He could use the opportunity to wipe the late clean and begin a new life based on a degree of openness as far as his sexuality is concerned. But to do that he has to love himself at least a little but on the present showing there is little evidence of that.



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