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Simon Fanshawe and Jenny Lecoat have worked the alternative circuit, including the Edinburgh Fringe for some years and have built up a cult following as alternative comics with appearances on Saturday Night Live, and other shows. Now's your chance to catch them at Leicester Phoenix on the 2nd February. (See Diary).



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ONE BILL YOU CAN'T AFFORD!

The campaign to Stop Clause 28 (formerly 27) continues. EDWARD NAISMITH reports on the march in London on the 9th January, the forthcoming events planned in the East Midlands and Manchester and what we can expect once the Bill becomes law.

The anger of lesbians and gay men at the government's attack on us in the shape of Clause 28 expressed itself in a spontaneous demonstration outside Downing Street last month. The demonstration was part of a 12,000 strong march organised to Stop Clause 28. This was the largest ever political action organised by the lesbian and gay communities and its allies and showed how deep and widespread concern is.

When the march reached Downing Street, a contingent of lesbians and gay men blocked the entrance and caught the police completely unprepared. The Police totally overreacted, and there were violent scuffles as they made random arrests from the crowds.

At the rally at the end of the march the main speaker was American comedienne and activist, Robin Tyler, who helped to organise the 500,000 strong march for lesbian and gay rights in Washington last October. She gave an hilarious account of her affair with Dame Jill Knight - the sponsor of the Clause 28 amendment, "That bitch - she swore she'd get even", and talked

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TONY BLUNDELL and NIGEL WEAVER At the "Clause 28" March, London

Polytechnic by the Lesbian/Gay Society

All this coincides with a lesbian & gay writers' season, a lesbian/gay film season at City Lights and a lightening visit by Gay Sweatshop with their latest production, "This Island's Mine" in the Spring (details in March Metro Gay).

Tony Blundell (pictured with Nigel from Leicester) was one of the East Midlands contingent on the march and said there was a great feeling of unity and a determination to fight this Bill. "To get 12,000 people on the streets at three weeks' notice with Xmas in between is good going by any standards and shows just how much opposition there is to this Bill".

As we go to press the Bill is before the House of Lords for its second reading and is due to come into force on April 1st (Is this deliberate or what?) and will begin to be implemented on June 1st (Just in time for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week!)

Under the Bill councils can refuse to grant entertainment licences to gay pubs and clubs, refusal to stock library books that show positive images of lesbians/gays. Leicester City Council's Equal Opportunities Chair, Cllr. Maggie Stagg, described the amendment as "A step backwards on human rights policies".

Tickets from Nottingham for the National Rally in Manchester, can be booked at Mushroom Bookshop, Heathcoat Street, Nottingham or by phoning Eric Nottm, 474240 (evenings & w'ends). Meetings at Admiral Duncan are Tuesday evenings, 8pm (7pm on 2nd February).

about Ronald Reagan being "Margaret Thatcher in drag". She also said this is not an argument about sex, it's about lifestyles, about the right to choose your own lifestyle, about the right to love".

The East Midlands was well represented with three coaches from Nottingham, two from Leicester and one from Loughborough and we came back fired with determination to fight this Bill.

Already a number of events have been planned, including weekly "Stop The Clause" meetings at the Admiral Duncan in Lower Parliament Street, Nottingham. Over 50 people attended the first meeting when it was agreed to organise a city demonstration in the Spring, regular leafletting, fund raising discos are planned (see ad, below).

Three coaches have been organised to the National Rally in Manchester on February 20, which is expected to be one of the largest lesbian and gay events ever held in this country. Already Erasure, Jimi Somerville, Sue Johnson (Sheila in "Brookside"), Michael Cashman (Eastenders), Duncan Campbell and Ken Livingstone have agreed to appear.

In Leicester the Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights has organised a meeting for the 8th February at Highfields Community Centre (see article elsewhere) and the following week sees the start of a week of action at Leicester

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Fri	5	At Close Range (15)	11.00
Sat	6	King Solomon's Mines (PG)	2.30
Sat	6	Maurice (15)	6.30 & 9.00
Sun	7	Junk Aesthetics Prog, 3	6.30
Sun	7	Maurice (15)	9.00
Tues	9	DCHE Guest Lecture - Michael O'Pray	7.00
Wed	10	Maurice (15)	8.00
Thu	11	Maurice (15)	8.00
Fri	12	Friendship's Death (15)	6.30
Fri	12	The Dead (PG)	9.00
Fri	12	Blood Ties (18)	11.00
Sat	13	The Railway Children (U)	2.30
Sat	13	Friendship's Death (15)	6.30
Sat	13	The Dead (PG)	9.00
Sun	14	The Dead (PG)	3.00
Sun	14	Out Of The Past (PG) + Kiss Me Deadly (PG)	5.00
Sun	14	Friendship's Death (15)	9.00
Tues	16	Derby Civic Society Cage Aux Folles III	7.00
Wed	17	The Dead (PG)	8.00
Thu	18	The Dead (PG)	8.00
Fri	19	The Belly Of An Architect	8.00
Fri	19	Salvation! (18)	11.00
Sat	20	An American Tail (U)	2.30
Sat	20	The Belly Of An Architect	6.30 & 9.00
Sun	21	Pandora's Box (PG)	6.30
Sun	21	The Belly Of An Architect	9.00
Tues	23	DCHE Guest Lecture - Daniel Meadows	7.00
Wed	24	The Belly Of An Architect	8.00
Thu	25	The Belly Of An Architect	8.00
Fri	26	The River's Edge (18)	8.00
Fri	26	Mala Noche (18)	11.00
Sat	27	Snoopy Come Home (U)	2.30
Sat	27	The River's Edge (18)	8.00
Sun	28	Obsession (PG)	6.00
Tues	1	DCHE Guest Lecture - Richard Cork	7.00
Wed	2	The River's Edge (18)	8.00
Thu	3	The River's Edge (18)	8.00
Fri	4	Angel Heart	
Fri	4	The Name Of The Rose	11.00
Sat	5	Angel Heart (Check Times)	
Sun	6	Angel Heart (Check Times)	
Sun	6	Letters From A Dead Man	6.00
Tue	8	La Dolce Vita	8.00
Wed	9	La Dolce Vita	8.00
Thu	10	La Dolce Vita	8.00

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Mon	1	Personal Services (18)	6.15
Mon	1	True Stories (PG)	8.15
Tue	2	Alternative Comedy - Simon Fanshawe & Jenny Lecoat	8.00
Fri	5	Personal Services (18)	6.15
Fri	5	Swimming to Cambodia (18)	8.15
Fri	5	Home of the Brave (U)	11.00
Mon	8	Fellini's Roma (18)	6.15
Mon	8	Hope & Glory (15)	8.45
Tue	9	Hope & Glory (15)	6.15
Tue	9	Ping Pong (18)	8.30
Wed	10	Hope & Glory (15)	6.15
Wed	10	Manon de Sources (PG)	8.30
Thu	11	Manon de Sources (PG)	6.15
Thu	11	Deeper into The Labyrinth	8.15
Fri	12	Something Wild (18)	6.15
Fri	12	Manon De Sources (PG)	8.30
Sat	13	Gothic (18)	11.00
Sun	14	Barrie Lyndon	4.00
Sun	14	Something Wild (18)	8.00
Fri	19	Brazil	11.15
Sat	20	Watership Down	3.00
Sun	21	Amarcord	4.30
Sun	21	Let's Hope Its a Girl!	7.30
Mon	22	Roxanne	6.15
Mon	22	Let's Hope Its a Girl!	8.15
Tue	23	Roxanne	6.15
Tue	23	Playing Away	8.15
Wed	24	Roxanne	6.15
Wed	24	Deeper into The Labyrinth	8.15
Thu	25	Strange Fruit Theatre Co. "Bitter Sweet Christmas"	7.30
Fri	26	"Bitter Sweet Christmas"	7.30
Fri	26	Eat The Rich	11.15
Sat	27	The Never Ending Story	3.00
Sat	27	"Bitter Sweet Christmas"	7.30
Mon	29	Another Lonely Place + The Big Heat	7.00
Tue	1	Blue Velvet	6.15
Tue	1	The Last of England	8.15
Wed	2	Blue Velvet	6.15
Wed	2	The Last of England	8.15
Fri	4	Prick Up Your Ears	11.15
Sat	5	Great American Chase Movie	3.00
Sun	6	Women's Festival - The Guest Stars + Donna & Kebab	8.00
Mon	7	Business As Usual + Girls' Night Out	6.15
Mon	7	Rosa Luxemburg	8.15

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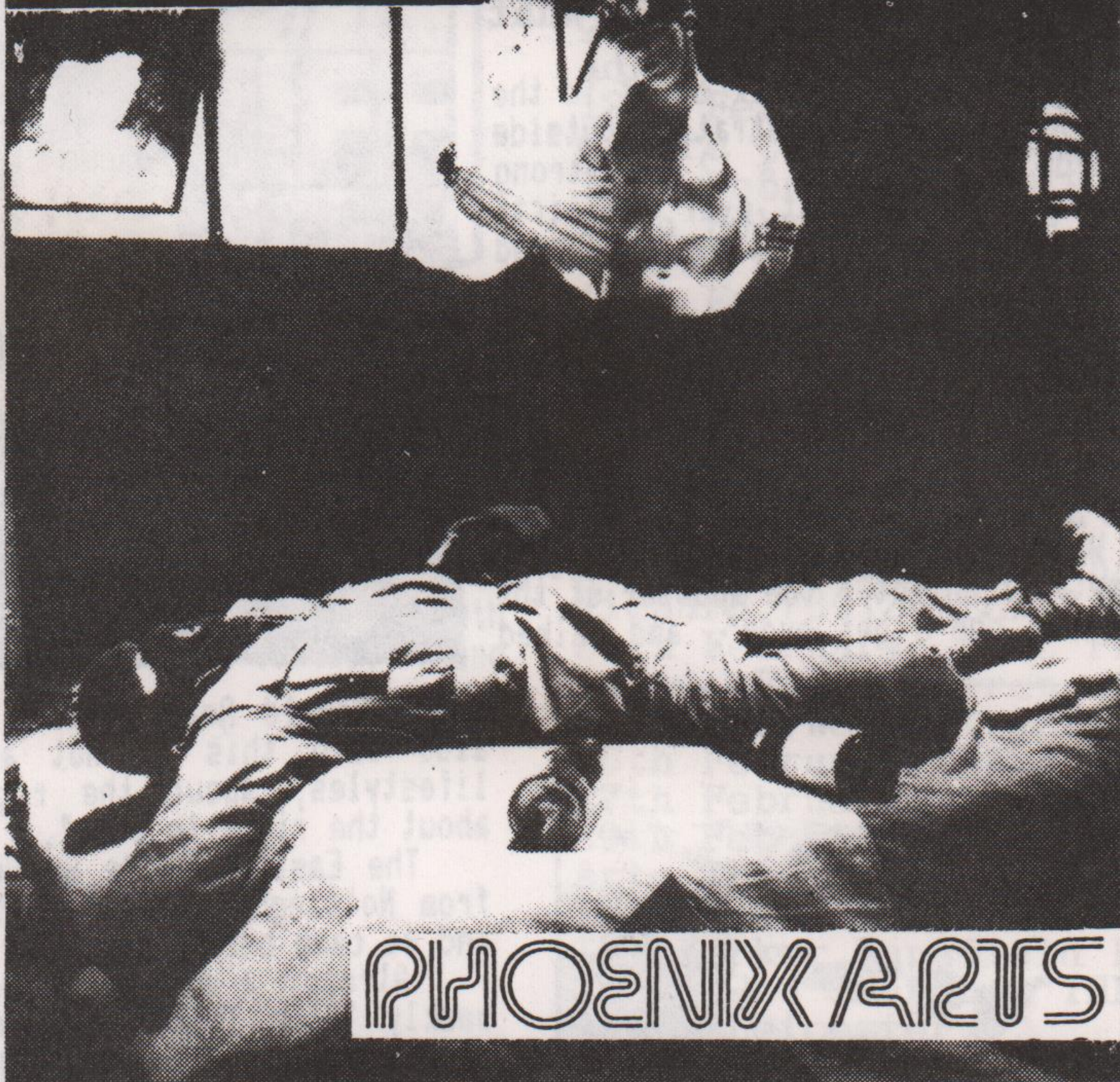


Gary Oldman as Orton and Alfred Molina as Halliwell in "Prick Up Your Ears"

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Thu	4	Housekeeping (PG)	7.30
Fri	5	Housekeeping (PG)	7.30
Sat	6	Housekeeping (PG)	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun	7	Housekeeping (PG)	5.00/8.00
Wed	10	Hope & Glory (15)(Polycine)	4.30/7.30
Thu	11	Hope & Glory (15)	7.30
Fri	12	La Dolce Vita (15)	7.00
Sat	13	La Dolce Vita (15)	3.00/7.00
Sun	14	La Dolce Vita (15)	3.00/7.00
Tue	16	What Happened to Kerouac (15)	7.30
Wed	17	What Happened to Kerouac (15) (Polycine)	4.30
Thu	18	What Happened to Kerouac (15)	7.30
Fri	19	The Big Heat (18)	7.30
Sat	20	In A Lonely Place (PG)	2.00/8.00
Sat	20	The Big Heat (18)	5.00
Sun	21	Les Yeux Sans Visage (18)	5.00
Sun	21	In A Lonely Place (PG)	8.00
Tue	23	Jean De Florette (PG)	7.30
Wed	24	Platoon (15) (Polycine)	4.30/7.30
Thu	25	Platoon (15)	7.30
Fri	26	Manon Des Sources (PG)	7.30
Sat	27	Manon Des Sources (PG)	2.00/8.00
Sat	27	Jean De Florette (PG)	5.00
Sun	28	Manon Des Sources (PG)	5.00/8.00
Tue	1	Maidens In Uniform (PG)	7.30
Wed	2	The Great Rock 'Roll Swindle (18) (Polycine)	4.30
Thu	3	The Last Of England (18)	7.30
Fri	4	The Last Of England (18)	7.30
Sat	5	Best of Leicester Super 8 (Odeon 5)	2.00
Sat	5	Beyond Therapy (15)	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun	6	Beyond Therapy (15)	5.00/8.00
Tue	8	Pandora's Box (PG)	7.30
Wed	9	Brazil (15) (Polycine)	4.30/7.45

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This month sees the start of a new monthly feature when various people involved in AIDS outreach work in the East Midlands will write about aspects of AIDS. This month Gary Quarless, Nottingham Aids Information Project's publicity officer outlines the set-up at the Project and its work.

Nottingham Aids Information Project was founded in March 1985, by one of the first people in the area to be diagnosed body positive and over the following year a band of committed people began the fight against the fear, bigotry and suffering that homophobia and media misrepresentation was causing to people with the virus and the disease.

Forty volunteers are currently involved in redressing the disgraceful lack of support, information and counselling available to both the general public and professional bodies in all areas concerned with AIDS and HIV infection.

The Project work is divided into five working groups:

1. THE HELPLINE which is 'the public face of the project' operates three nights a week (Mon-Wednesday, 7-10pm). Jointly staffed by men and women who provide accurate and up-to-date information, advice or counselling on AIDS, HIV infection and any issues relating to this.

2. HEALTH EDUCATION & PUBLICITY - This group is responsible for the production of Health Education materials, such as leaflets, posters and information displays, as well as providing speakers for talks and workshops.

3. TRAINING - keeps all the volunteers up-to-date by running regular supervised training workshops for existing volunteers as well as training courses for new volunteers.

4. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT - Initially set up to keep track of new information for the Project, this group has also been responsible for setting up a Body Positive group in Nottingham and is now establishing a 'Buddy' training course for existing members. (The scheme aims to provide one-to-one support for People With Aids and other HIV related problems).

5. ADMIN AND FUNDRAISING - The lynchpin of any organisation (and the least popular group!) which ensures the smooth running of the Project and to secure funding (ANYHOW!) so that we can continue to provide a much needed service.

Over the last two-and-a-half years the Project has become much more than a sympathetic ear at the end of a the phone; We are now a recognised major community resource, providing an effective and professional service both to the general public and statutory bodies with advice and information and counselling.

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Like the circus juggler, we just manage to keep all the plates in the air; but an ever increasing workload stretches us to the limit.

Two factors which restrict our long-term effectiveness are money and volunteers. The Project funding runs out in two months' time in April with as yet, no guarantees of further statutory funding. So we are always in need of more volunteers and welcome donations.

Our next training course begins in the Spring so if you are interested in finding out more do get in touch with us.

Without your support, we cannot continue our struggle in eliminating prejudice, fear and homophobia which not only affects people with AIDS and HIV infections, but all communities, whether heterosexual or lesbian/gay. Nottingham Aids Information Project can be located c/o CVS, 33 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FF.

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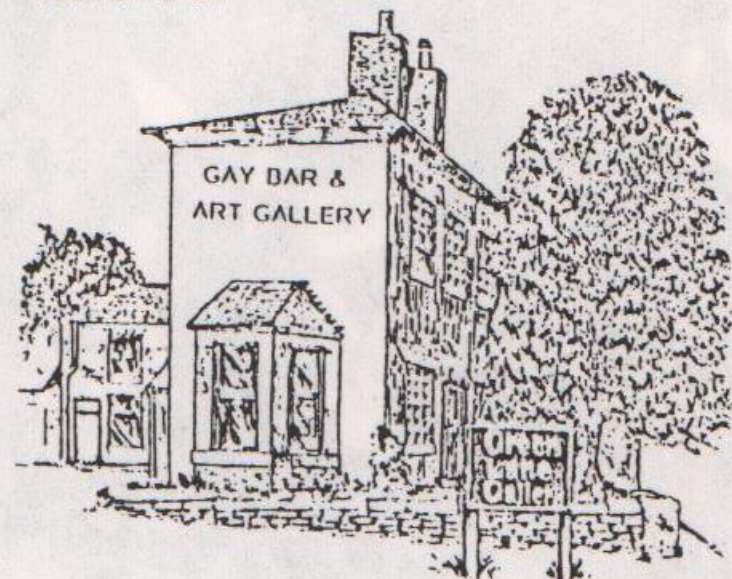
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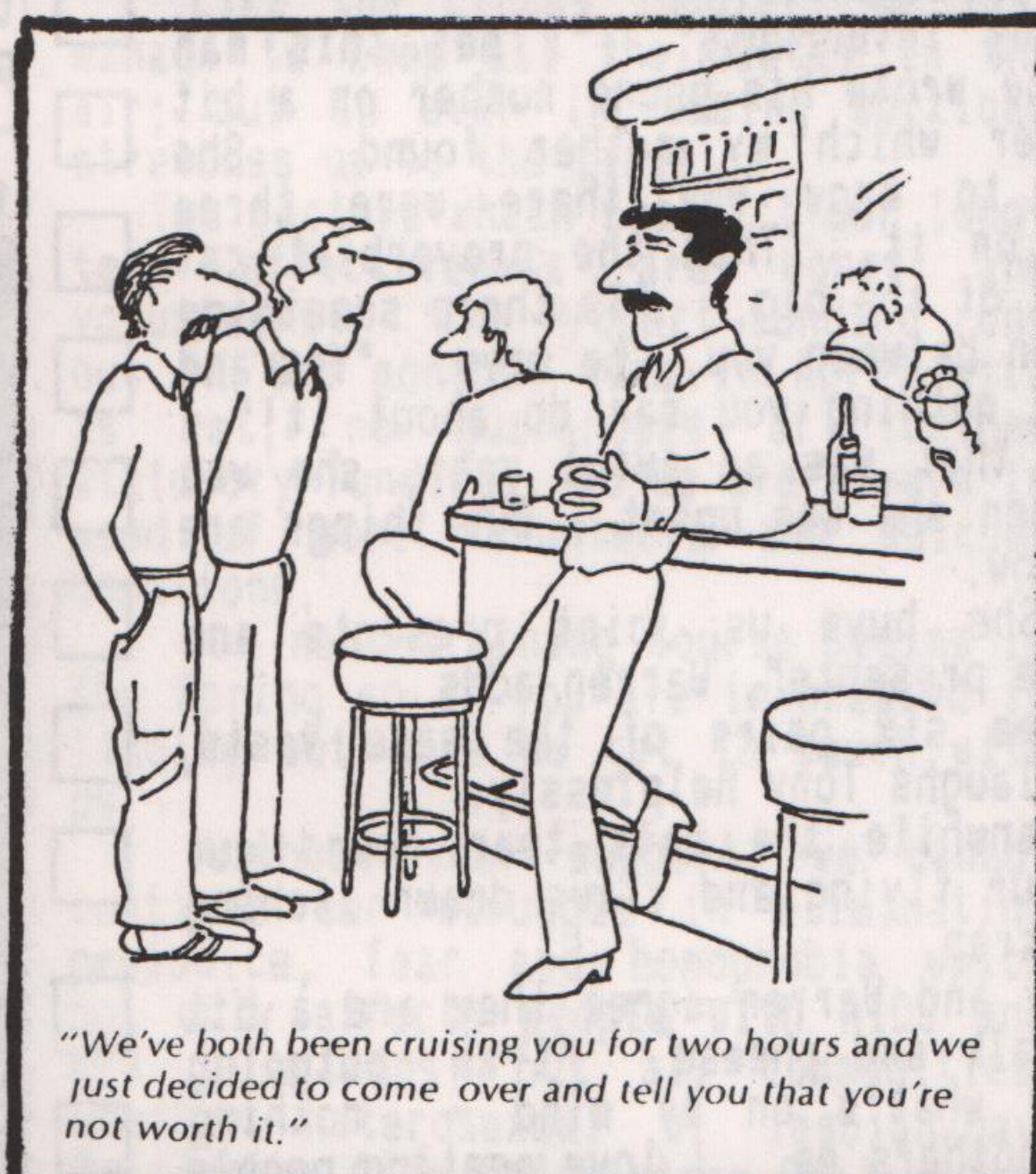
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TONY BLUNDELL and WARREN WEISNER

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I found the house up a cobbled street, tucked away behind Leicester Station. It looked derelict with chipboard covering the door. The bellpush produced echoing footfalls, a bit like 'Wuthering Heights'. The door opened. Candelabra flickered in the distance behind Warren, all apologetic because they hadn't quite got it together and Tony was still in the bath.

"We're waiting for the builders", But already the rosewood antiques and alabaster busts look as if they've made themselves at home. Soon we were tucking into lashings of lasagne and trifle, prepared by professional chef Tony. Warren's eyes were positively sparkling as the trifle arrived. "It's my favourite food", he admits.

This is the home of Warren Weisner, 32, and Tony Blundell, 23 who have been together for four years, plus a Siamese cat and the latest edition, a new heinz-57 moggie who was just finding her feet. Warren and Tony met before Tony was 21" and I must have committed over 150 years of offences against Tony in that time!" he admits.

Dead Romantic

Tony hails from Birmingham and starts the ball rolling.

"It was dead romantic the way I met Warren", he mocks; "I was set on having some trade in Leicester... I offered him a sniff of my poppers and after that it was deep throat", he laughs, spreading his ample 6' 3" frame over the armchair. At first I used to be seen as Warren's sidekick, as an accessory,

I was also a bit of a scene queen and it was anything for a laugh, including taunting Pakistanis - they were someone to pick on; it wasn't until I realised how society also treated me unfairly because I was gay that I was able to make the links. Now I aim to treat other people with respect, through understanding my own oppression,

I had a stable, settled childhood, my Dad was a builder, very easy going, no financial problems, I began cottaging at 13 and stumbled onto the gay scene at 17 where I met this rent boy who first took me to the Jester in Birmingham. He had this massive flat, a huge telly, sunbed and hi-fi, I was dead impressed in those days.

Totally estranged

Childhood happiness eluded Warren, "We were a poor family and I was one of six children with a Dad in and out of prison. The teachers always reminded me that I was the only Jewish child in the

☐ school. I used to attend Synagogue on
☐ Saturday and Church on Sundays. (Today I
☐ am passionately anti-Zionist having seen
☐ what happens to Palestinians in
☐ Israel). At one time I used to get on
☐ well with my mother but since I've come
☐ out we have, unfortunately, become
☐ totally estranged.

Chalk and cheese

At 11, I knew I was gay did the usual round of trickyclists and pretty soon I was having sex with Pete, a heterosexual man, which continued for ten years until just before I met Tony. Pete and I travelled all over the world, and we spent a year in Australia where I sowed my wild oats and screwed with everyone in sight. Maybe that's why I seem to have this reputation in Leicester for being pure and virginal".

☐ Tony interrupts: "I met this man
☐ James he wrote his phone number on a bit
☐ of paper which my mother found. She
☐ wanted to know why there were three
☐ kisses on it. Then the proverbial cat
☐ was out of the bag. "Is there something
☐ going on between you, she says. "Yes and
☐ there's nothing you can do about it!" I
☐ said, that was an awful year, she was
☐ vile when she was upset. But things are
☐ great now,

"She buys us joint presents and separate presents", Warren adds

"Yes six pairs of the same vests, each", laughs Tony helplessly.

☐ Meanwhile the cats tear round our
☐ feet, fur flying and claws drawn itching
 for a scrap.

Tony and Warren agree they are a bit like chalk and cheese. "I am outgoing and say what's on my mind - nothing really bothers me. I love meeting people and going on clothes-spending sprees," says Tony. Warren on the other hand likes to be alone at times and meditates. "I have a fairly long fuse", he says.

Kicked the door down

"We are monogamous", says Tony with less than total conviction, looking intently at Warren. "Whether I'm into monogamy depends on my mood at the time, though I'm afraid to go off and have sex with others in case I might want to get more involved", adds Warren.

☐ Tony felt it was commitment to the
☐ other person that mattered. "I think you
☐ can keep sex separate from other parts of
☐ the relationship. Honesty and
☐ commitment are important factors in
☐ relationships", he says.

☐ They both agree that one of the most dangerous things in a relationship is boredom. "You need to keep it fresh and

detach yourself from it and look at what's happening, and relationships need working at and nursing. It takes time to get to know someone - and it's nice to have someone to come back to.

Like most relationships theirs contains a fair share of arguments, which mean few dull moments,

"There was the time Tony flew out after an argument. He went down the club and got plastered. When he came in he locked the door was soon dead to the world.

When I got back and couldn't get in I was livid and, in trying to kick the door down lost my balance, fell over and tore a ligament in my leg! We've also had fights at times, "I gave him a black eye", Tony reminds Warren gleefully.

"We like to massage each other with oils,....I do it to him more than he does it to me", complains Warren, who blows smoke rings into the air and vows he will stop smoking on the 8th March - No Smoking Day. But he fails to convince Tony.

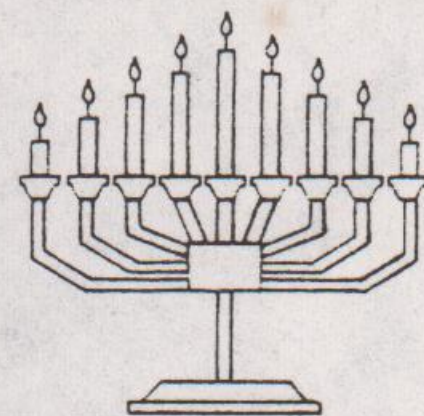
"That's a load of crap", says Tony, "It'll last as long as he's collecting in his sponsorship money!", says Tony.

Warren works for Leicester City Council as their Aids Liaison Officer. I asked him whether there were any conflicts of loyalties in his job.

"I hope people don't just see me as a worker but as someone who has managed to get from the outside in, breaking a mould, but I am still very much involved in the commercial gay scene as well.

Then they began to argue over trifles and things, "My idea of heaven would be trifle, massage and then sex", Tony corrected him, "No, its the other way round "Massage, sex and then trifle".

I left them assuring each other of their love, and still contemplating the prospect of the Trifle.●



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Britain's first ever Jewish Lesbian & Gay Helpline starts on Monday 8th February on 01 833-8126, Mondays & Thursdays, 7-10pm. The helpline aims to provide information, advice support and counselling to Jewish lesbians, gay men and Bisexuals & those unsure about their sexuality. It also aims to be of help to family and friends, and to other agencies in both the Jewish and lesbian/gay communities. Jewish lesbians and gay men experience a whole range of issues, best dealt with by people from a similar background. We are also here for a friendly chat! All trained volunteers and completely confidential, the line is staffed by Jewish lesbians & gay men. 01 833-8126

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WATCH OUT

Metro Gay has been contacted about two separate incidents, one in Leicester and the other in Nottingham.

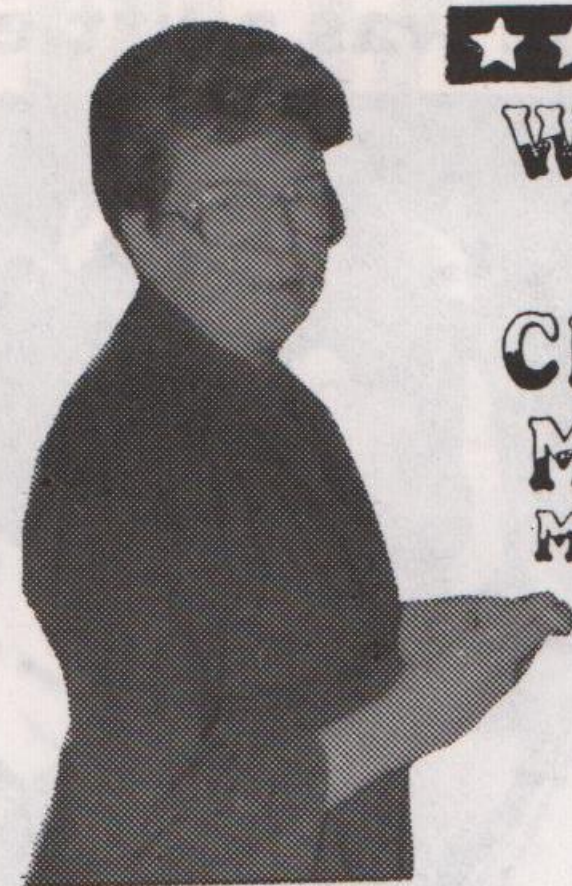
In Leicester, a man has been entrapping gay men in St. Andrews cottage, Belgrave Gate and then blackmailing them. The latest victim is considering taking the matter to the police.

The blackmailer calls himself David, aged 30-35, white, 5' 8", slight Irish accent, dark, wavy collar length hair, medium build, brown eyes and pasty complexion. So watch out!

The second incident occurred in Nottingham in mid-January when a middle aged man befriended a younger man in a gay pub and they went back to the older man's home for the night.

After the young man had left the following day several items including a watch went missing.

The man is called Danny, aged 21, white, 5' 6", auburn hair swept back at sides, pallid complexion and serious expression. He usually wears black trousers, blue/white windcheater and is a regular on the club/pub scene in Nottingham. So be warned!



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The Hart, or 'Dragons Den' as it is affectionately known to the local crowd has a private disco bar which is exclusively gay every Friday and Saturday night. (named after Jean the Landlady who breathes fire onto anyone who offends her gay clientele). With reasonable bar prices and DJ Kevin playing the latest sounds from the States and Europe you can be sure of a good night out.

Watch out on Saturday 13th February, its Roy Francis, comedy drag, Sunday 14th Feb, a chunky, male stripper will be revealing all, Saturday 20th also a female stripper and Saturday 27th Feb, its Rita Bix, the mad, bad drag hag.

Why not pay the Hart a visit and say hello to the old dragon!



FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES



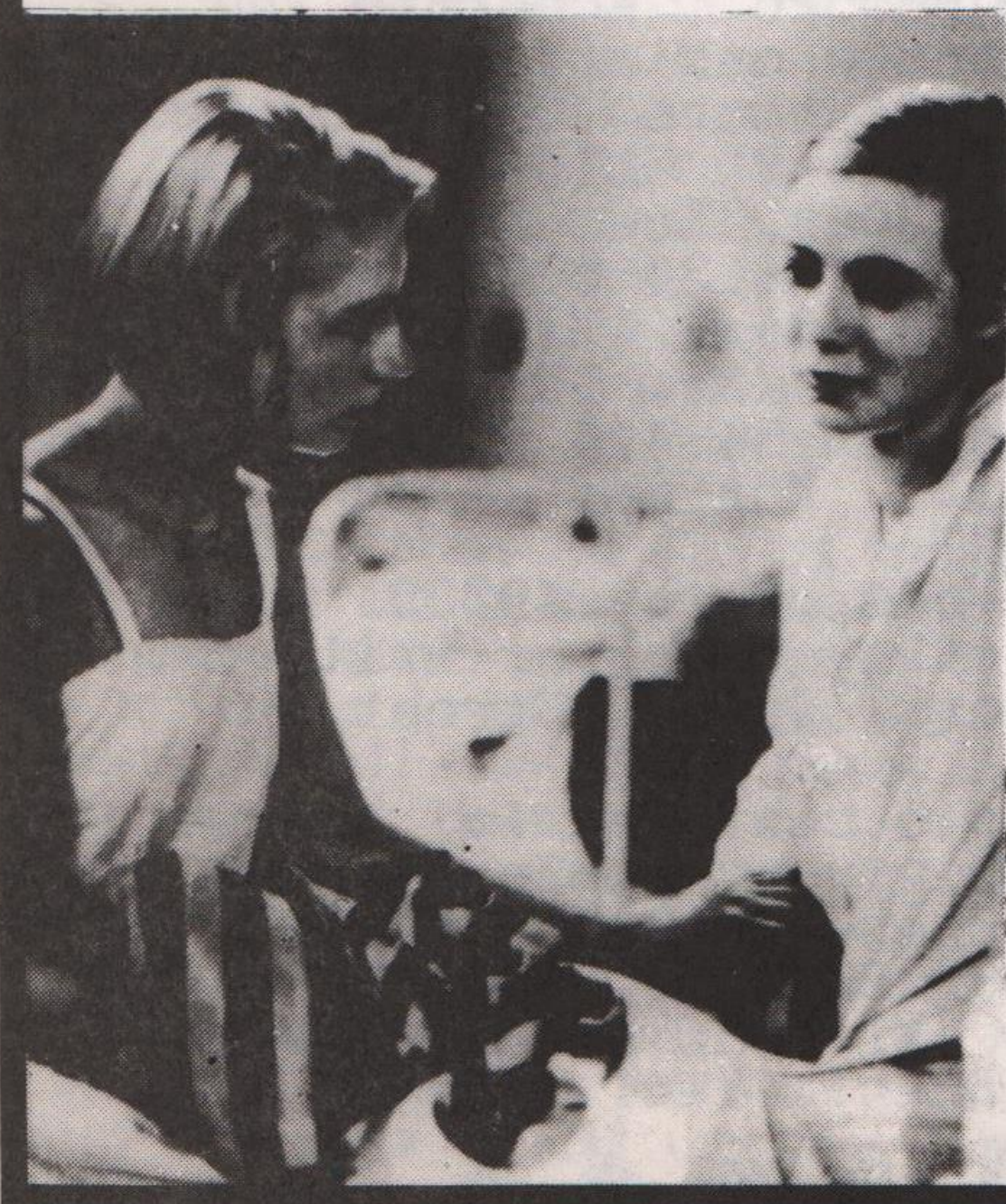
"Lesbians & Gays Fighting the Backlash" is the theme of a public meeting called by Leicester Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights Monday 8th February. Speakers include Sharon Atkin, (former Parliamentary Candidate for Nottingham East), Leicester Councillor, Paul Gosling and several others from the Lesbian & Gay movement.

Marie Critchley, a co-organiser of the meeting said that the the Leicester Trades Council and local union groups had been very supportive and a large turnout was expected. The venue is the Highfields Community Centre, Highfields, Leicester and further info, from Leicester 550946 (evenings).



ERASURE photo: MAN ALIVE

MÄDCHEN IN UNIFORM



Tuesday 1 March

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Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill could severely restrict the work of Nottingham Friend, the counselling and befriending organisation, when it becomes law in the summer. With this in mind they are making representations to all those who could modify the effects of the Bill. "We needed Clause 28 like a hole in a Condom", said a spokesperson for Friend, "but our work must continue". With this in mind they are finalising details of their 1988 volunteer training programme which begins on the 9th February. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Friend on 2nd February on Nottingham 474717, 7-10pm.

SPOTZ CABARET.

FEBRUARY 7TH

COMIC RELIEF...

FRINGE BENEFIT

MARCH 6TH

WOMENS FESTIVAL...

BENEFIT



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7.30

WQT'S GOIN' OFF

Daily, NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, Upstairs at the Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer St. Nottm. Tel: 0602 483697/411475 (for messages, 24 hr. ansaphone). Open: Mon-Fri, 10-4pm, + Sat. 10-1pm, Library open, Tues-Sat. 11-2pm + Thur. 10-4pm. Weekly, LEICESTER COFFEE BAR run by Leicester/Lesbian Gayline, 10-5pm, Sats. 8-10pm, Tues. (Women only), 45 King Street, Leicester, (nr. market). 2nd February, "STOP THE CLAUSE" Meeting, 7pm, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St. Nottm. 2nd February "CLAUSE OUT" BENEFIT, Old Vic Tavern Fletchergate, 8-12, Skeeta, £1.50/£1. 2nd February, Alternative Comedy, SIMON FANSHAW & JENNY LECOAT, Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 554854. 2nd February, "STOP THE CLAUSE" Meetings, 8pm, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St, Nottm. 3rd-11th February, "MAURICE". From the makers of 'Room With A View'. "James Ivory's finest film to date" says Gay Times. METRO CINEMA, DERBY, (see advert for times). 4th February "ANOTHER COUNTRY", Channel 4 TV. 5th February, "PERSONAL SERVICES", PHOENIX ARTS, LEICESTER, 6.15pm. Box office (0533) 554854. 8th February, LCLGR Meeting, "LESBIANS & GAYS FIGHTING THE BACKLASH" Highfields Community Centre, Highfields, Leicester, Speakers include Sharon Atkin, Paul Gosling, Richard McCance. 9th February, "STOP THE CLAUSE" Meetings, 8pm, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St. Nottm. 12th February, AGM, Nottm. Lesbian/Gay Community Centre Co-op, 7.30pm. ICC, Mansfield Rd, Nottm. 13th February, "GOTHIC", PHOENIX ARTS 11pm. 15th February, MIKE at the BARRACUDA, Hurts Yard, House, Hip-Hop, Soul, Funk, No Hi-Energy! 16th February, "CAGE AUX FOLLES III" + Jacques Tati's TRAFFIC, Derby Metro, 7pm, tickets, Green Lane Gallery or Metro Cinema. Derby Civic Society 16th February, "STOP THE CLAUSE" Meetings, 8pm, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament Street, Nottm. 20th February, Nureyev in "VALENTINO", C4 TV 20th February, "STOP THE CLAUSE" Manchester Demo, coaches from Nottingham, Tel: Fiver 483697 or Richard 780124 for tickets. 24th February, BOYZ PLUS, Derby's latest gay venue, Ellie Warren, 10-2am, 20th Century Night Club, Derwent Street, Derby. 26th February, "MALA NOCHE", Derby Metro, 11pm. 27th February, "EQUUS", C4 TV. 29th Feb-5th March, "THE CHILDRENS HOUR", Co-op Arts Theatre, George St, Nottm. 476096 bookings. 1st March, NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN/GAY CO-OP DISCO, The Yorker Mansfield Road, Nottingham. 8.30-11pm 1st & 2nd March, "THE LAST OF ENGLAND", Phoenix Arts, Leicester. 4th March, PRICK UP YOUR EARS, Phoenix Arts, 11.15 6th March, DONNA & KEBAB - Phoenix Arts, 8pm. 7th March, ASTORIA MONTHLY MEGA DISCO, Nottm.

HELPLINES

NOTTINGHAM GAY SWITCHBOARD, your helpline to the gay/lesbian communities, Mon-Fri, 7-10pm. 0602 411454. LESBIAN LINE, Confidential help/advice for lesbians, Mon. & Weds. 7.30-9pm, 0602 410652 AIDS HELPLINE, Worried about AIDS? Call us Mon-Wed 7-10pm, Nottingham 585526. Accurate information can help reduce anxiety. NATIONAL AIDS HELPLINE (24 hours) 0800-567-123 NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL VD CLINIC, 475989, Daily, Mon-Fri, 9.30-11.30am, Tues & Weds. 2-3.30pm, Eves., Mon & Thurs. 4.30-6.30, Sats. Emergencies only, 9.30-10.30am. LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY, Infirmary Close, (Nr. BR Station) V.D. Clinic, Tel: Leicester 541414 x 5208. LEICESTER LESBIAN/GAYLINE, Mon-Fri, 7.30-10.30pm Leicester 550667. DERBY FRIEND, 7-10pm, Weds, Derby 49333 (answering service at other times or write c/o Derby CVS, Kings Chambers, Queens Street, Derby. DE1 3DA. DERBY AIDSLINE for help & confidential advice, Derby 290766 (ansaphone gives opening times). DERBY LESBIAN LINE, Wednesdays 7-9pm Derby 41411 or write c/o P.O. Box 140, Derby. DERBY ROYAL INFIRMARY, William Donald (VD) Clinic, London Road, Derby 47141 x 504.