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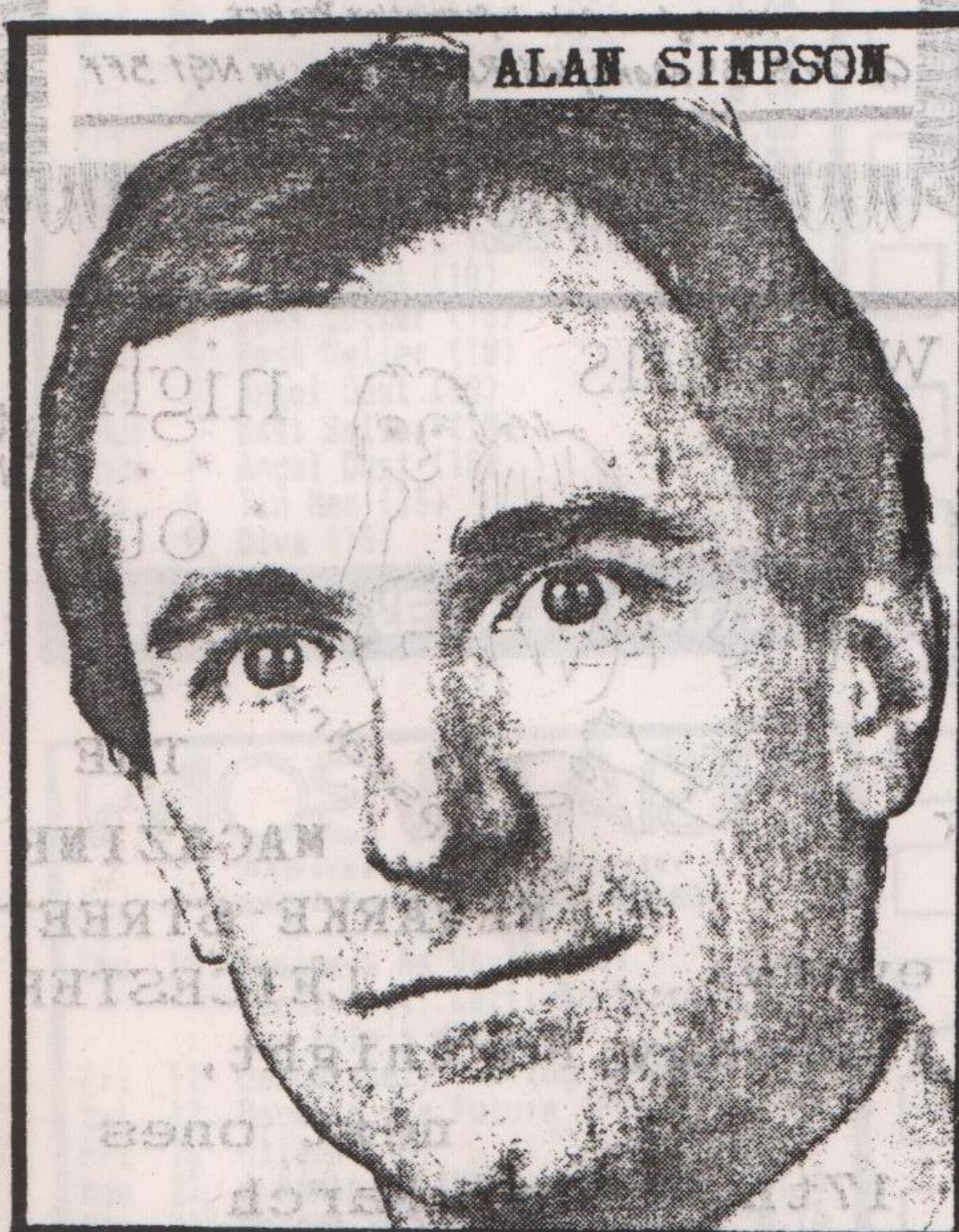
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MONTH IN THE COUNTRY



21st March, 6.15,

22nd March, 8.15, 23rd March, 6.15



ALAN SIMPSON

Cllr. Alan Simpson and Peter Tatchell speak out against Clause 28 at a public meeting on 18th March. In 1985 Alan Simpson personally sponsored a showing of "The Best Of Friends", by gay playwright, Noel Grieg, when it was initially banned by Council officers. "AN INVITATION TO DISCRIMINATE" is at ICC, 61b Mansfield Road, 7.15.



& Peter Tatchell leading march

Michael Cashman (Colin 'EastEnders')

"We're out, we're angry and we're not going back." That was the chant of over 20,000 demonstrators on Britain's biggest ever lesbian and gay march in Manchester against Clause 28 last month. Coaches, cars, trains - there was even a London "awaygay" special with 500 from Kings Cross - arrived from all corners of Britain. Speakers included Michael Cashman and Peter Tatchell, and Lambeth Council Leader Linda Bellos. She said that lesbians and gay men were not a small minority, but millions of people. "Most of us, including myself, were heterosexual for most of their lives". She added: "We are not going back into the closet."

Organized and controlled by members of the North West Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Equality, the rally climaxed with a sell-out concert for 2,500 people at the Free Trade Hall and included Jimi Somerville, Erasure's Andy Bell and Brookside's 'Sheila Grant'. Nearly five hundred people travelled from the East Midlands to. It was also the first demonstration in recent years when the police behaved themselves, and provides a memorable dress rehearsal for the 50,000 predicted for London's Lesbian/Gay Pride in June. (More pictures of the March next

PANDORA'S BOX

A rare showing of the 1928 German silent film by G.W. Pabst comes to City Lights for one performance only. Adapted from the Wedekind play 'Lulu', this also marked Louise Brooks's finest performance as Lulu, the young woman whose childlike eroticism drives several men to madness and destruction and whose own sexual awakening brings doom upon her. PANDORA'S BOX is one of the greatest films of a period which saw an exceptional flowering of talent in German cinema - soon to be destroyed by the advent of Nazism. Tuesday 8th March, 7.30pm (110 mins).

CITY C.I.N.E.M.A



Tue. 8th March, 7.30



PINK PAPER

Where there is uncertainty, may we bring hope,
Where there is complacency, may we bring a sense of urgency,
Where there is discord, may we bring Stravinsky,
Where there is boredom, let us have sex.
Lottie Cash, Political Visionary

When the burned-out Pavilion Club at Shardlow received money from its insurers after the arson attack on its premises three years' ago, it invested the proceeds, enabling the Trust to make regular grants to suitable applicants.

The Trust is, therefore, keen to hear from groups and individuals who would like to be considered for financial help. Applicants who must be male, need to be based in the East Midlands area. A spokesperson for the Trust stressed that the need could cover hardship, personal or otherwise and must be gay-related. Intending applicants should write in the first instance to Ike Cowen, 33 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.



DERBY CELL-BLOCK FAN CLUB

Two Derby women have organised a 'Prisoner Cell Block H' Fan Club for devotees of the only known pro-lesbian soap.

"It started off as just a bit of fun and grew" says Roz Vecsey who started the club with her friend Tracey Elliott. "The show has a very strong lesbian following, but it appeals to everyone else as well. We had a spot on Central TV recently, and we've had 200 letters since. Members are as young as 11 and as old as 72;

The Show is screened on Channel 4 three times weekly and deals with the life in a women's prison and treats lesbianism as an ordinary component of that life for some of the inmates, with dykes amongst the lead characters.

The Club charges 50p for its newsletter any profits will go towards merchandise such as 'Prisoner' T-shirts and, in the long term, possibly the making of a video about the making of the series.

The Reg Grundy Organisation in Australia, which made the series has agreed to officially recognise the Club and provide information and photographs.

The fan club can be reached by writing to Flat 1, 80 Warner Street, Derby DE3 3TS. (Send 50p, and a large s.a.e. for a copy of the newsletter.



STAND BY IVAN TOMS!

Ivan Toms, A Cape Town doctor and anti-apartheid activist of long standing, faces a three year prison sentence for refusing to serve in the South African Army. Ivan, a founder member of the Cape Town-based Lesbians and Gays against Oppression, one of several emerging, non-racial gay organisations in South Africa, seeks to link the struggle for gay rights with the wider struggle against apartheid. A spokesperson for the Committee On South African War Resistance said that Ivan has been the target of a viciously homophobic campaign by the military authorities since making his stand. More details about Ivan and his case can be obtained by phoning COSAAR (01-278 6928).

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Monte Punchon is the roving ambassador for the World Expo, to be held in Brisbane, Australia this year. She is probably the only living Australian who remembers the Melbourne Expo of 1888, as she is 105 years old. Aged 6 at the time, she won first prize in an Expo handiwork section. The Brisbane organisers flew her up from Melbourne for the initial interview and everyone agreed, including the Deputy Premier of Queensland, Brisbane's Lord, Mayor and the Federal Minister for Tourism, that clear-thinking and likeable Erica Punchon - Monte to her friends - would make an ideal roving ambassador. So they gave her the job.

But the Queensland Premier's office questioned her selection because someone had let them know that Monte Punchon was a lesbian.

Her reply was firm and uncompromising. "If they want me up there, well and good. But if they want to look into my private life they can go to pot. I'm not ashamed to say I love my friend".

Monte Punchon - "I'm not old, I've just lived a long while" - has kept the job and is off to Japan for the launching of her book, in English and Japanese, that recalls historical events as they affected her.

Since this story broke last year, the extreme right-wing anti/lesbian and gay Premier, Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen was forced to resign over his stance on Monte Punchon and other issues.

Upon reading of Ms. Punchon's coming out as a lesbian he was furious and tried to have her sacked but he under estimated her enormous new-found popularity on the airwaves. She won the day and held onto her job. Hitting back at Petersen she said: "Joh is trying to make out that women are criminals when they say they love each other".

Meanwhile Petersen's popularity fell even further as a result of the encounter. A mere 76, he was sacked by his party last November. Meanwhile Ms. Punchon at the age of 105 finds her political life is just beginning. (THANKS TO 'OUT' EIRE'S national magazine).

Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen



YOUTH TUTOR GAGGED



An article, critical of Clause 28, due to be published in this month's edition of Youth in Society has been censored. The acting-director of the National Youth Bureau publishers of the magazine has vetoed the article by college lecturer Peter Kent-Baguley, in order to safeguard the Youth Bureau's funding from the government.

As recently as January of this year the Principal Assistant Secretary at the Department of Education and Science warned the Bureau not to take 'a political or campaigning stance' on youth and community issues, and stressed that the NYB should in no way contradict government policy.

In the article Peter Kent-Baguley says: "the clause is quite clear in its implications, Lesbians and gays must be silenced, rendered invisible and totally stripped of civil rights". Peter Kent-Baguley told METRO GAY "what I wrote a month ago is absolutely correct; this is in effect State Censorship, albeit by the side door, designed to silence lesbians and gays".

He continued: "Youth and community workers have a right to discuss clause 28 without censorship, intimidation and fear. Even before clause 28 is law it's shadow is already curtailing freedom exactly as its opponents predicted".

A two-day residential conference for lesbian and gay youth and community workers planned for March 21st and 22nd to discuss clause 28 is now more important than ever. It will be the first time lesbian/gay youth & community workers have got together and information and support networks are vital for future survival within the service.

Peter Kent-Baguley is determined that his article should be available for debate within the youth service. "To everyone who believes in the freedom of the press I appeal for funds so that we may print the article in leaflet form and mail out to all NYB subscribers and anyone interested in the struggle against state censorship".

Donations to and details of the course from Peter Kent-Baguley, The Old Vicarage, Newchapel, Stoke on Trent, ST74QT, Kidsgrove S270 or work, Crewe & Alsager College of Higher Education, Hassall Road, Alsager, Stoke on Trent, (0270) 882500.

Several young gay men have got together to re-form the Youth Group which has been defunct for nearly a year. Despite this, letters still arrive, which prompted Mark and Richard to set up a meeting. The group can be contacted at Box 11, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham.



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You can also receive money to pay for a special diet you may have to follow, but don't forget, 15th March is the deadline for all claims.

Don't delay, contact your local advice centre or Law Centre or ring Ian Hillier, Welfare Rights Officer on Nottingham 410769 (ansaphone).

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DESERT HEARTS (18) USA 1985



Tue. 29th March, 7.30



The Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Co-op have just five places left on their March weekend away in Derbyshire. Accommodation is in a converted railway cottage, which sleeps twelve. The cottage is on the disused railway line to Matlock, which forms part of the High Peak Trail. For anyone interested in getting away from it all but with the distinct possibility of a jaunt to the flesh pots of Stoke-on-Trent, the date is 25-27th March. At £6 waged and £4 unwaged it's a bargain, so you'd better be quick. Further details from Richard on 708063.

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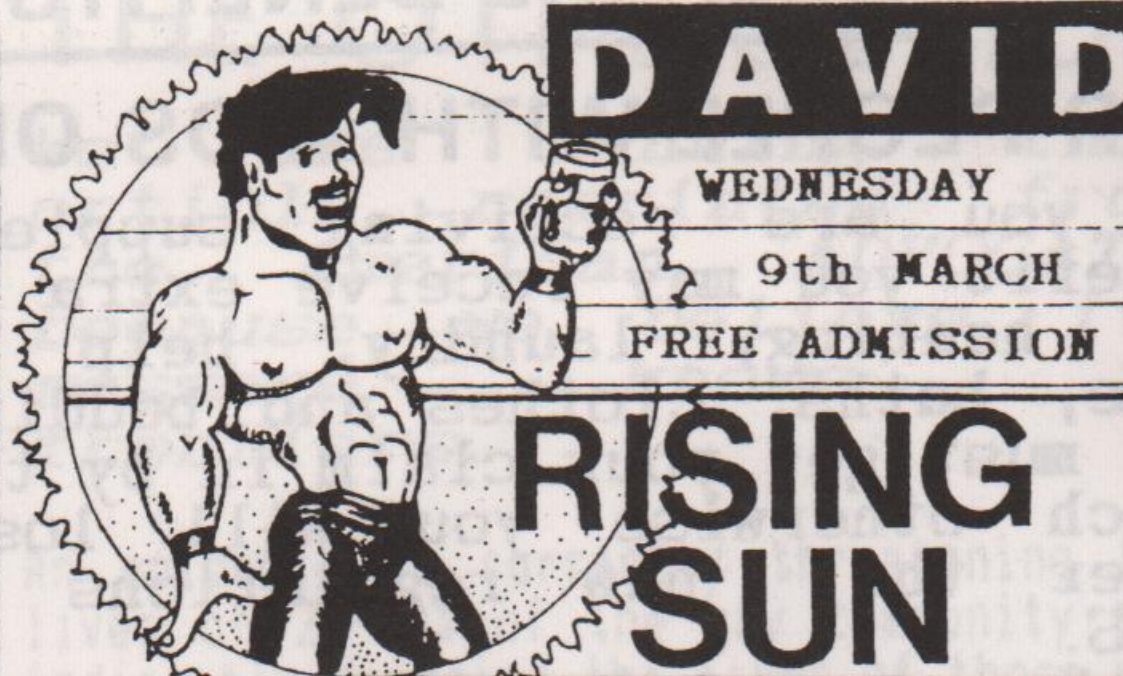
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A wide range of city organisations backed the rally including Leicester Womens Centre, the City Council, Leicester CND, and the Leicester City Trades Council.

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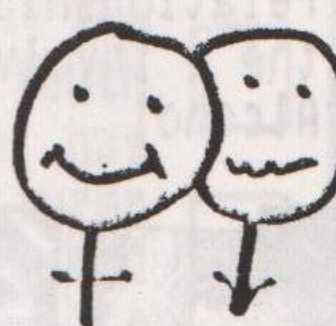
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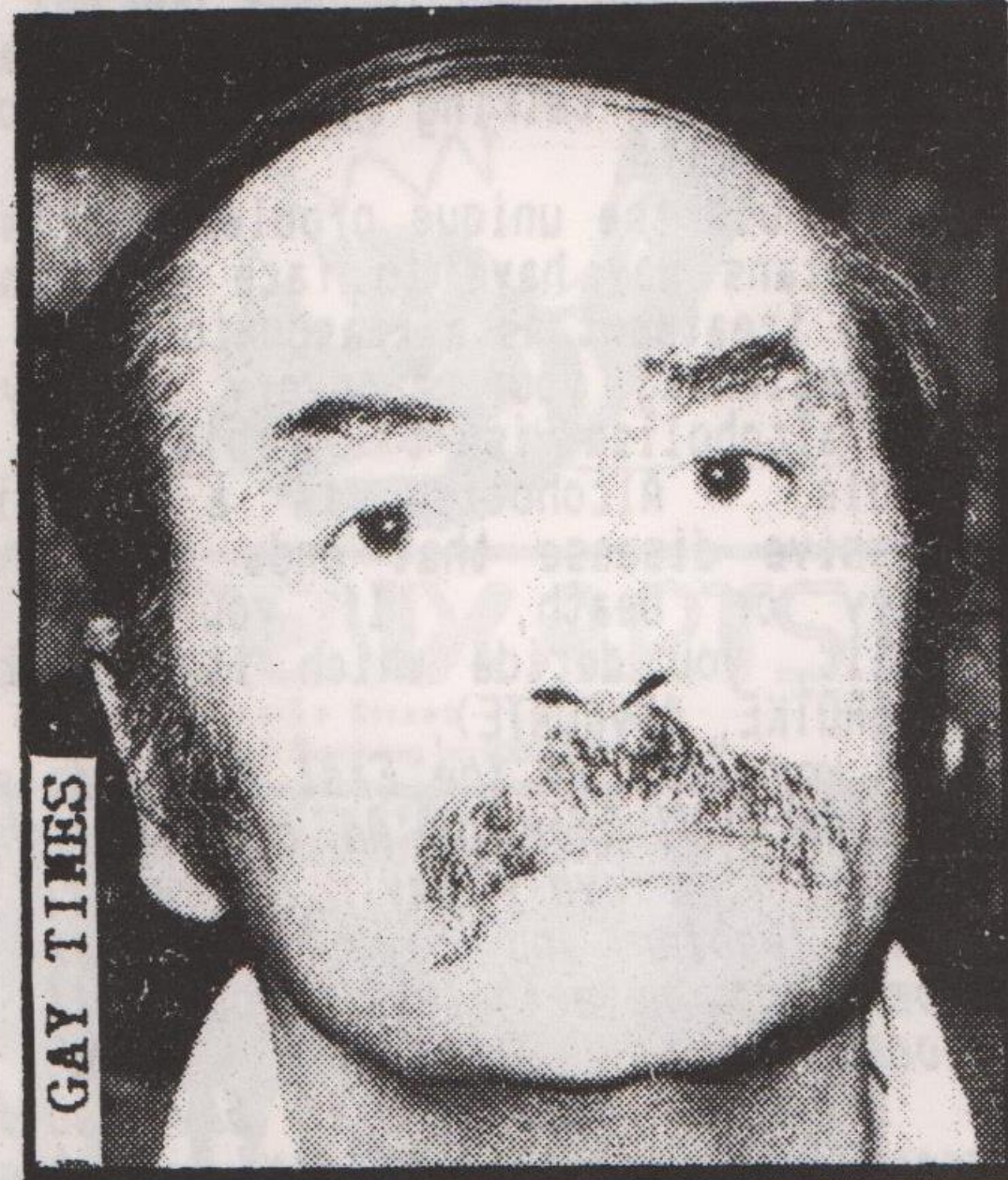
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Tom Wakefield makes a welcome return visit to Angel Row Library on the 6th April when he will be reading extracts from his works, including "Mates", "The Discus Throwers", and "Drifters" and the paperback reprint of "Forties Child". In a recent edition of "Gay Times" Wakefield writes about Special Friendships. There is a particular friend Colin. "We were rarely out of one another's company throughout childhood. Our friendship continued through adolescence and early adulthood. We shared a flat in London for just two weeks. He got his first good job in acting touring in a Brian Rix farce in Australia... where he was swept out to sea by a freak wave whilst standing on a rock. He was twenty-three years of age - he had always said he would not grow old and that he would haunt me forever. Now in middle-age he is still present; the haunting continues. "Forties Child" does not exercise his memory but brings him closer into view.

TOM WAKEFIELD is at Angel Row Library on Wednesday, 6th April at 7.30pm.



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THE OTHER EPIDEMIC THAT'S DESTROYING OUR LIVES

We are running this article, reprinted from the **AMERICAN ADVOCATE**, because we believe its message knows no frontiers.

An epidemic is currently threatening the lives of 20-30% of the gay community and indirectly damaging the lives of those who care about it's victims. Inherent in the nature of the disease is that no one wants to talk about it. The silence only feeds the disease process. The time to acknowledge how many lives are damaged by this disease has come. The disease is alcoholism.

If you have ever had a problem as a result of your drinking and you have continued to drink, you are an alcoholic. Examples of problems include drunk driving arrests, relationship upsets, job difficulties and financial. This test would also indicate whether you have any other form of chemical dependency.

One of the most significant symptoms of the disease is denial. So if you read the definition of an alcoholic given above and said to yourself, "Yes, I've had problems because of my drinking, but I can control it now," you may have proven conclusively that you are indeed an alcoholic.

Before you stop reading this because it's making you uncomfortable, consider what alcohol abuse does to your body. Long-term alcohol abuse causes heart disease, liver disease, inflammation of the throat, piles and in men, a wasting away of the balls, not to mention the unattractive little red lines it puts all over your face.

Alcohol abuse also damages the immune system and may contribute to the development of AIDS. Those under the influence are also more likely to engage in unsafe sex, because their judgement is impaired.

Alcohol abuse is a killer, harming your emotions as well as your body. The alcoholic's primary relationship is with the bottle. To try to have a relationship of any intimacy and to continue drinking is, for the alcoholic, pointless.

Alcohol drugs feelings: It makes loneliness, sadness and fear not so overwhelming but the problem is that after you sober up, you're still alone, sad and afraid. Alcohol also takes the pleasure out of the good things in life - like love, sex and friendship. Too many gay men and lesbians have never experienced sex without the assistance of a mind-altering substance. Too many of our relationships are destroyed or impaired by the involvement of a third party: Alcohol.



But what causes alcoholism? And why are so many gay men and lesbians alcoholic? There are many different kinds of alcoholism, each with its own cause. There is, however, a definite genetic component to alcoholism. If one or both of your parents are alcoholic, the chances that you will develop alcoholism are so high that the best thing you can do is not to drink at all. Even if neither of your parents were alcoholic, you are not immune from becoming one.

Gay men and lesbians find themselves in a unique social situation, one that encourages substance abuse. As I said before, alcohol drugs feelings. Many cope with the guilt and fear they have - because of their sexual feelings - with alcohol. Others use it to get past their sexual inhibitions. Alcohol becomes a substitute for self-acceptance, love and support.

For most gay men and lesbians the bars are the places where the communities gather. They are the places where we see and are seen. In bars, people usually drink alcohol. The fact that the bars are the only public places where most of us can really be ourselves is a perfect setup for a high rate of alcoholism. This situation is true for no other social or cultural group.

If you are in a relationship with an alcoholic, don't despair. The most important thing you can do is to learn to take care of yourself. You must allow your alcoholic to be responsible for him/herself and the consequences of his/her drinking. You are a victim of the disease, too, and you deserve a recovery of your own. An excellent place to start that recovery is Al-Anon. There you can learn more about alcoholism and, more important, how to find sanity and even joy in your life. Finding a counsellor who is knowledgeable about alcoholism and gay and lesbian issues will also be helpful.

If you are afraid that you yourself might be an alcoholic, the best thing that you can do is to go to an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting. The best long-term treatment for alcoholism is AA. There you can find someone to talk to about your concerns. The second best choice is to call a treatment centre anonymously and talk about your concerns with their staff. Unfortunately, getting into a recovery programme may be more difficult for you than for the non-gay or lesbian alcoholic. Treatment centres may not welcome your talking comfortably about your sexual life.

Don't use the unique problems gay men and lesbians may have to face when they get into treatment as a reason to avoid or delay beginning your recovery. Even though alcoholism isn't curable, it is treatable. Alcoholism is a chronic, progressive disease that ends in either recovery or death. If you are an alcoholic, you decide which it will be. (MARK GROTHE, ADVOCATE).

If you live in the East Midlands you can contact Al-Anon or AA on Nottingham 417100, 7-10pm every day. There are as yet no lesbian and gay Al-Anon or AA groups, but nevertheless, you will be welcomed.

For specific Lesbian & Gay advice concerning alcohol related problems contact NOTTINGHAM FRIEND, NOTTINGHAM GAY SWITCHBOARD or LEICESTER GAYLINE (see listings for times).

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Fri 11	Near Dark (18) LATE	11.00
Sat 12	House of Games (15)	6.15/9.00
Sun 13	Russian Double Bill, Klimov's Sport, Sport, Sport + Adventures of A Dentist	5.00
Sun 13	House of Games (15)	9.00
Wed 16	House of Games (15)	8.00
Thur 17	House of Games (15)	8.00
Fri 18	Sammie & Rosie Get Laid (18)	6.45/9.00
Fri 18	Blue Velvet (18) LATE	11.15
Sat 19	Sammie & Rosie (18)	7.00
Sat 19	Blue Velvet (18) LATE	11.15
Sun 20	Klimov's "Come & See!" (15)	5.00
Sun 20	Sammie & Rosie (18)	9.00
Wed 23	Sammie & Rosie (18)	6.45/9.00
Thur 24	Sammie & Rosie (18)	6.45/9.00
Fri 25	Manon des Sources (PG)	8.00
Fri 25	Hellraiser (18) LATE	11.00
Sat 26	Manon des Sources (PG)	6.15/9.00
Sun 27	Klimov's "Farewell" (PG)	6.00
Sun 27	Manon des Sources (PG)	9.00
Tue 29	Manon des Sources (PG)	8.00
Wed 30	Manon des Sources (PG)	8.00
Thur 31	Manon des Sources (PG)	8.00
Fri 1	Inner Space	6.00
Fri 1	Angel Dust (18)	9.00
Sat 2	Inner Space	2.00/6.00
Sat 2	Angel Dust (18)	9.00
Sun 3	The Night Is Young (15)	6.00
Sun 3	Angel Dust (18)	9.00
Tue 5	Best Seller (18)	8.00
Wed 6	Best Seller (18)	6.30
Wed 6	Angel Dust (18)	9.00
Thur 7	Best Seller (18)	6.30
Thur 7	Angel Dust (18)	9.00
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Fri 8	Diva (15) LATE	11.00

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Fri 11	Desperately Seeking Susan	11.15
Sat 12	Back to the Future (PG)	3.00
Fri 18	Aliens (18)	11.15
Mon 21	A Month in the Country (PG)	6.15
Mon 21	Deeper Into the Labyrinth	8.15
Tue 22	the Belly of an Architect	6.15
Tue 22	A Month in the Country (PG)	8.15
Wed 23	A Month in the Country (PG)	6.15
Wed 23	Playing Away (15)	8.15
Thu 24	La Dolce Vita (18)	7.00
Fri 25	My Beautiful Laundrette (15)	11.15
Mon 28	Little Shop of Horrors (PG)	3.00
Mon 28	Sammie & Rosie Get Laid (18)	6.15
Mon 28	The Dead (U)	8.15
Tue 29	Little Shop of Horrors (PG)	3.00
Tue 29	Sammie & Rosie Get Laid (18)	6.15
Tue 29	The Dead (U)	8.15
Wed 30	Star Trek IV The Voyage Home	3.00
Wed 30	The Dead (U)	6.15
Wed 30	Sammie & Rosie Get Laid (18)	8.15
Thu 31	Star Trek IV The Voyage Home	3.00
Thu 31	The Dead (U)	6.15
Thu 31	Sammie & Rosie Get Laid (18)	8.15

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Tue 8	Pandora's Box (PG)	7.30
Wed 9	Brazil (15) 4.30 (Polycine)	7.30
Fri 11	Let's Hope It's A Girl (15)	7.30
Sat 12	- ditto -	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun 13	Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid	8.00
Sun 13	Let's Hope It's A Girl (15)	8.00
Tue 15	Dance With A Stranger (15)	7.30
Wed 16	Blade Runner 4.30 (Polycine)	7.30
Thu 17	Junk Aesthetics 1	7.30
Fri 18	Babette's Feast (U)	7.30
Sat 19	Babette's Feast (U)	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun 20	Babette's Feast (U)	5.00/8.00
Tue 22	She's Gotta Have It (18)	7.30
Wed 23	The Black Cannon Incident	7.30
Thu 24	The Black Cannon Incident	7.30
Fri 25	Angel Dust (15)	7.30
Sat 26	Angel Dust (15)	2.00/5.00/8.00
Sun 27	Sport, Sport, Sport (15)	5.00
Sun 27	Angel Dust (15)	8.00
Tue 29	Desert Hearts (18)	7.30
Wed 30	Sitting In Limbo (15)	7.30
Thu 31	Junk Aesthetics 2	7.30
Fri 1	A Month In The Country	7.30
Sat 2	A Month In The Country	5.00/8.00
Sun 3	Thomas L'Imposteur	5.00
Sun 3	A Month In The Country	8.00
Tue 5	Letter From An Unknown Woman	7.30
Wed 6	Lear	7.30
Thu 7	Lear	7.30
Fri 8	Black Widow	7.30
Sat 9	Black Widow + Jane Root	2.00

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DERBY FRIEND BACKED BY MP's

Derby Friend, the lesbian/gay counselling organisation, has received several positive letters from locally-based MP's, who oppose Clause 28. Harry Barnes, MP for North East Derbyshire voted against the Clause in the House, Edwina Currie, MP abstained on the vote. (It is believed she is a supporter of Derby Friend's work).

But by far the most telling reply came from Margaret Beckett, MP for Derby South who said it was the first time in her political career that she had received a number of letters from people who were too frightened to give their name and address. "Not all of these people are gay themselves. Some are heterosexuals in the position of dealing with members of the public, who are nevertheless afraid that their identification with an issue which arouses such strong feelings might cause them problems as individuals"

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NO FUN AT CLUB



Some Time Tunnel members

What should have been a post-Manchester celebration Bop at the Fun Club in Leicester turned out to be no fun at all with one woman knocked down by a bouncer and another bouncer drawing a flick knife on someone else.

Time Tunnel's Toby Kettle, one of the organizers said: "I blame the Manager for not informing her staff that this was a lesbian/gay event. She should not have used staff who were clearly homophobic at a gay disco".

During the evening bouncers made derogatory remarks, unnoticed, though by most of the 150-plus crowd who had a good time without incidents, but towards the end of the evening, a bouncer attacked a woman, pushing her over. Eye witness Karen Spencer said "I saw this man go over to a woman in a group in front of me, he pushed her over, she got up and he pushed her over again. The women with her tried to protect her; they cleared out of the club fast after that", she said.

METRO GAY spoke to another witness, who claims she saw a different bouncer with a knife. "There were a group of women just about to leave when suddenly this bouncer pulled a flick knife out, but he didn't open it and several women persuaded him to put it away, which he did. I think he was feeling uneasy with so many lesbians around", she added.

METRO GAY tried to contact the Club Manager, without success.

"We want to apologise to anyone whose evening was spoiled. We certainly won't be using that club again. We believed they were pro-gay. We think that many people will boycott the club now, once they know what's happened", said Toby.

But despite the setbacks, and a doubling of the agreed hire charge for the Club, Time Tunnel made a modest surplus which will be split between The Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights and Leicester Claws 28.



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Edward Carpenter outside
Millthorpe, Derbyshire

Playwright Noel Grieg speaks out about the life of Edward Carpenter, (1844-1929) socialist writer and out gay man.

After leaving university Carpenter spent the rest of his life at the Derbyshire commune in Millthorpe where he lived an open gay lifestyle with his working class lover George Merrill and friends. His home was a place of pilgrimage for many gay men, driven underground by the criminalisation of homosexuality in 1885 and the Oscar Wilde Trials ten years later. E. M. Forster and Havelock Ellis were regular visitors. He is best remembered for his long Whitmanite poem, *Towards Democracy* and his anthem *England Arise*.

Noel Grieg is a founder member of Gay Sweatshop Theatre Company. His works include *As Time Goes By*, *Poppies* and *The Best Of Friends*. One performance only, Saturday 9th April, 2pm, Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham.



UNSILENCED VOICES - SPEAKING OUT

Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill outlaws "the promotion of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship". We believe it is now even more important that the voices in the lesbian/gay communities are heard loud and clear. MUSHROOM BOOK EVENTS, therefore, decided it was time to promote a "lesbian/gay writers' season."

Wednesday, 6th April, 7.30pm.

TOM WAKEFIELD

("Mates", "Forties Child" etc.)

at the County Library, Angel Row, Nottingham.

Saturday, 9th April, 2pm.

NOEL GRIEG
ON EDWARD CARPENTER

("The Best of Friends" and "Dear Love of Comrades")

At the Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare St. Nottingham.

Monday 11th April, 7.30.

CAELA MARCH

("Three Ply Yarn" Women's Press)

at the County Library, Angel Row, Nottingham.

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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
NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 30 Chaucer St, Nottm, Tel: 483697 or 411475 (24 hour, ansaphone).
NOTTINGHAM FRIEND, Tuesdays, 7-10pm, counselling & befriending for lesbians & gay men, bisexuals, TV/TS's, tel: 474717 c/o 31a Mansfield Road, Nottm.
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
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DRUG LINE, Tues-Weds, 4-8pm, Nottingham, 483190.
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 (staffed Mon-Fri, 7-9pm, Thurs, 2-4pm, Fri, 6-8pm. Outside these hours, 24-hour ansaphone).
DERBY LESBIAN LINE, Wednesdays 7-9pm Derby 414111 or write c/o P.O. Box 140, Derby.
DERBY ROYAL INFIRMARY, William Donald (VD) Clinic, London Road, Derby 361266, (direct line & 24 hour ansaphone, contact Andrea or Roger, Health Advisors.

WOT'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-Thur, 10-4pm & Thur, 7-9pm (& 1st Fri of each month).
Every Saturday, LEICESTER COFFEE BAR run by Leicester/Lesbian Gayline, 11-5.30pm, Tues, 8-10pm (Women only), 45 King Street, Leicester.
Every Tuesday NOTTINGHAM, Clause 28 Meetings, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St, 8pm onwards
8th March, OLDER LESBIAN GROUP (over 30's) 8pm Lesbian Community Centre. For info, ring Nottm. Lesbian Line 410652, Mon & Wed, 7.30-9pm
8th March, CITY LIGHTS, Nottm, "PANDORA'S BDX", 7.30pm.
8th March, Mixed CLAWS 28 meetings every Tues, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St, Nottm, 8pm.
8th March, MATTHEW PARRIS, opens Green Lane Gallery's Spring Exhibition from 8pm onwards.
8th & 9th March, "PICTURE PALACE, Womens Theatre Group, 7.30pm, Phoenix Arts, Leicester.
15th March, Mixed CLAWS 28 meetings every Tues, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St, Nottm, 8pm.
18th March, NOTTINGHAM, PETER TATCHELL & CLLR, ALAN SIMPSON + other speakers, speak out on CLAWS 28 at ICC, Mansfield Road, 7.15.
21st-23rd March, PHOENIX, Leicester, "A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY" (for times see listings).
22nd March, Mixed CLAWS 28 meetings every Tues, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St, Nottm, 8pm.
25th March, LESBIAN DISCO, 8-12 (last Friday of the month), Lesbian Community Centre, 30 Chaucer St, Nottm, (£1/75p/50p) Dine at Gossip Cafe 6.30pm-8pm (bookings only on 470573).
25th March, "MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE, Phoenix, Leicester 11.15pm.
25th March, LEICESTER, Spectrum, Clause 28, Fund-Raising Disco, 8pm onwards, details: Leicester Lesbian/Gayline.
25th March SANDRA EDWARDS on stage at EXCALIBUR CLUB, Stoke-on-Trent, Clause 28 Benefit Night.
25-27th March, Walking Weekend in Derbyshire, 5 places left! £6 (w) £4 (lw) Richard: 708063
26th March, WOMEN'S SEXUALITY - Workshop/discussion, International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Rd, Nottm, 10am-midday, WOMEN ONLY Tracey 761666(eves)
29th March, Mixed CLAWS 28 meetings every Tues, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St, Nottm, 8pm.
AIDS & SAFER SEX workshops, Nottm. Aids Info. Project, venue, Hyson Green Community Centre, St. Paul's Terrace, Nottm, 1-3pm; Eve Cina 700481