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A recent auction by Leicester Clause Out, and opened by Michael Cashman raised over £350. Stars including Aswad, Billy Connolly, & Victoria Wood donated signed photos or albums. Said Michael: "Clause 28 has united the lesbian & gay movement. Those of us in positions of power have a duty to come out. On the train journey to Leicester this man passed me his business card and on the back he had written: 'Thank you for your public stance on Clause 28. You are much braver than I am'. He lived in Leicester. It is things like this that make coming out so important."

Michael Cashman

Huge turnout expected for Pride '88



LEICESTER SPEAKS OUT BUT NOTTS KEEPS MUM

Leicester City Council says it won't be affected by Section 28 of the Local Government Act which stops local authorities intentionally promoting homosexuality.

The City Council believes the new law, which came into force at the end of May, will not prohibit any of its present activities.

"We are anxious to ensure that everyone has equally fair access to Council services, information and assistance", said Councillor Maggie Stagg, (Labour) Deputy Leader of the Council and Chair of the Equal Opportunities Sub Committee. "Contacts have been established to ascertain the needs of lesbian and gay people, just as we have tried to find out the needs of other groups and individuals. Leicester City Council sees it as part of its duty to provide information, assistance, counselling or other services to every group or individual within the local community. This is not promoting a life-style or form of relationship any more than finding out the requirements of the elderly is promoting old age."

Meanwhile, Notts. County Councillor Paddy Tipping (Labour) told a recent Nottingham Clause Out meeting that the Council Leader, Dennis Pettitt would be making a statement about Section 28 towards the end of May, but so far the County Council is coy about its plans and is keeping mum.

The massive turnout of nearly fifty thousand for the April 30th London demonstration against Clause 28 may well be surpassed on this year's Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade on the 25th June. Coaches from Leicester leave Humberstone Gate at 9am (tickets from Blackthorn Books, Women's Centre, & Lesbian & Gay Centre). Nottingham coaches leave from Salutation on Main Marian Way (tickets from Mushroom Bookshop)



RADICAL RECORDS

Femi Otitoju (pictured left) and Bob Cant read from *Radical Records*, thirty years of Lesbian and Gay history from 1957-87 and written by twenty-six of those who helped make it. At a time when the clock is being turned back to days of prejudice and bigotry, this timely book warns against the dangers of scapegoating a single group in society. It will inspire all its readers, be they lesbian, gay or heterosexual. See and hear them at MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP, 30th June, (see listings).

MIKE'S CORNER

GAY TIMES



BOY GEORGE

SINGLE OF THE MONTH: No Clause 28 - Boy George (Virgin).

In a way, it doesn't matter what the record itself sounds like; the mere idea of the words "No Clause 28" nestling in the Top Ten and plastered all over the country as a result make the whole venture worthwhile. However, this has to be the Boy's strongest release since vintage Culture Club days: a witty, cleverly assembled and extremely danceable piece of pop polemic, which even has the nerve to sample arch-homophobes Public Enemy shouting "Yeah, Boy!" in encouragement!! The money goes to AIDS research, so - since you won't be making BG any richer - buy! buy! buy!

RAP OF THE MONTH: Go On Girl - Roxanne Shante (Breakout).

In a lacklustre period for hip-hop (mostly dominated by assorted gun-toters and bullshitters nowadays), this track stands out a mile. Uptempo, brash, brassy and determinedly boppy, it deserves to be massive!

HYPE OF THE MONTH: Escape From New York - Nasty Rox Inc. (ZTT).

I was expecting great things from this lot, who've been paraded in the music papers for weeks as the "band to watch" but despite the presence of Trevor Horn and two former members of N/A/R/R/S, all I can hear is the half-baked "rebel rock" posturing of Soho trendies and an outrageous steal from Chuck Brown's go-go classic "We Need Some Money". This year's Sique Sique Sputnik?

RE-RELEASE OF THE MONTH: Car Wash/Is It Love You're After - Rose Royce (MCA)

The originals have been brightened up with 80's sound quality, but thankfully NOT remixed. Now you can hear where S-Express got their ideas from!

POINTLESS RENIX OF THE MONTH: there's More To Love - Communards (London).

This barely differs from the LP version, save for a bewildering 2 or 3 minute middle section, in a completely

MIKE ATKINSON + MIKE ATKINSON different style from the rest of the song, featuring a very long speech in Spanish over some rather ragged brass playing; guaranteed to clear any dancefloor. However, the B-side contains absolutely delightful covers of "Zing Went The Strings Of My Heart" and "When The Boy In Your Arms Is The Boy In Your Heart": just vocals and piano, and oozing class.

HOUSE TRACK OF THE MONTH: I am sick of buying utterly boring, characterless house records recommended by journalists frantically trying to 'keep up', so I'm certainly not going to recommend any of them to you! If you simply must have your monthly fix of the stuff, I can only suggest the album "Best Of House Megamix 2" (Serious), which mixes a large number of tracks together with sufficient rapidity to create the illusion that something interesting is happening...



MEL AND KIM
'hedonistic sisters'...

DISCO RECORD OF THE MONTH: One Love Nation - Disco 2000 (KLF).

As recently performed at the "Stop The Clause" rally in London, a frothy house/rap/hi-nrg tune reminiscent of "Rok Da House". Disco 2000 are Mel & Kim with blood and sweat. (And the video was made with a lesbian bikers group!!)

Finally - don't forget the last ever "Fever" night at the Barracuda on June 9th. the Club itself is shutting very soon... but we'll be looking for a new venue, so watch forthcoming issues of this paper for details!

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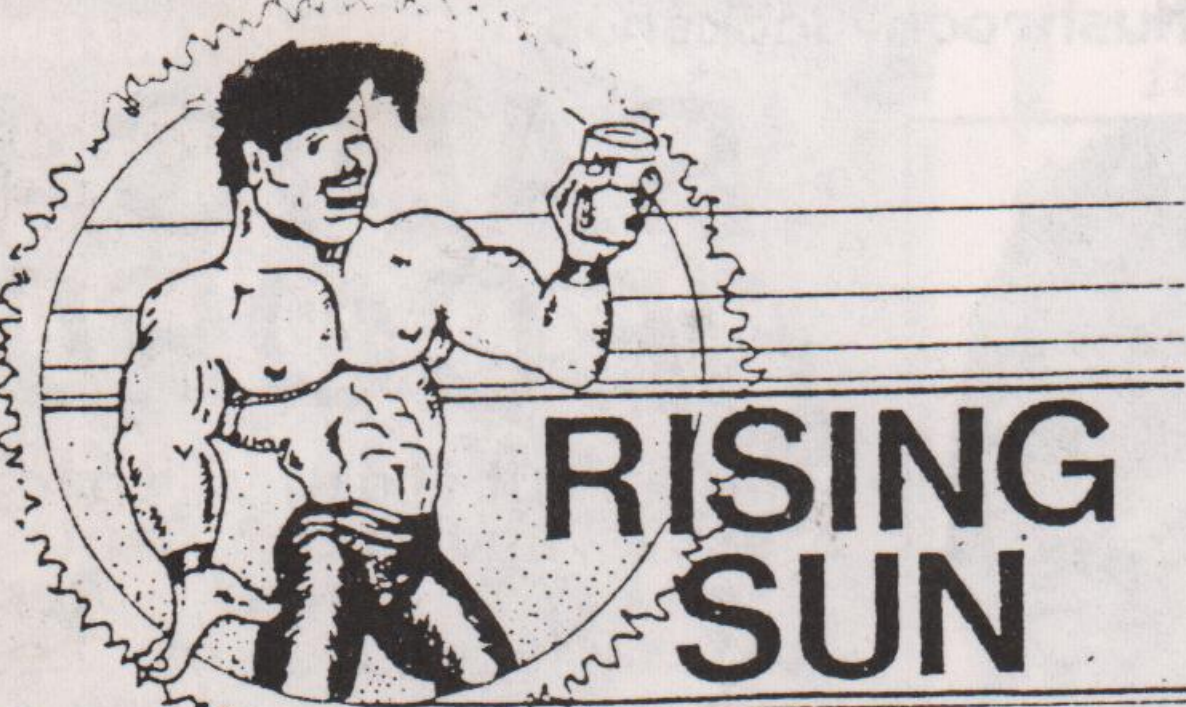
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Thu 16	The Fly (18)	7.30
Fri 17	Hollywood Shuffle (15)	7.30
Sat 18	Hollywood Shuffle (15)	5.00/8.00
Sun 19	A Man & A Woman + 20 Yrs. later	5.00
Sun 19	Hollywood Shuffle (15)	8.00
Tue 21	The Pied Piper/The Extinct World of Gloves (PG)	7.30
Wed 22	No End (18)	7.30
Thu 23	No End (18)	7.30
Fri 24	Barfly (18)	7.30
Sat 25	Barfly (18)	5.00/8.00
Sun 26	Repentance (PG)	4.30
Sun 26	Barfly (18)	8.00
Tue 28	Best Seller (18)	7.30
Wed 29	Moir Et Blanc + Coffee And Cigarettes (18)	7.30
Thu 30	Moir Et Blanc + Coffee And Cigarettes (18)	7.30
Fri 1	The Untouchables (15)	7.30
Sun 3	House Of Games (15)	5.00/8.00
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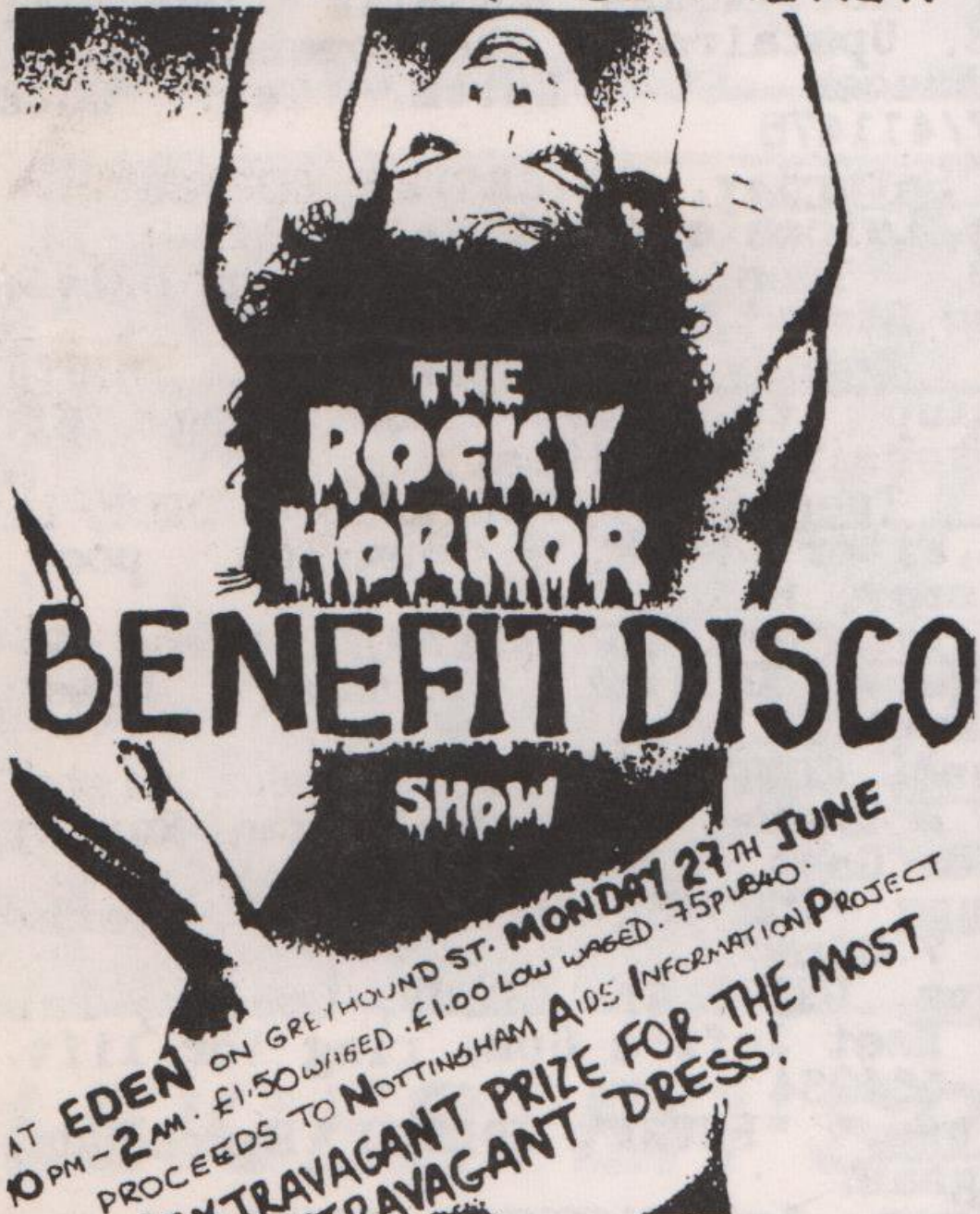
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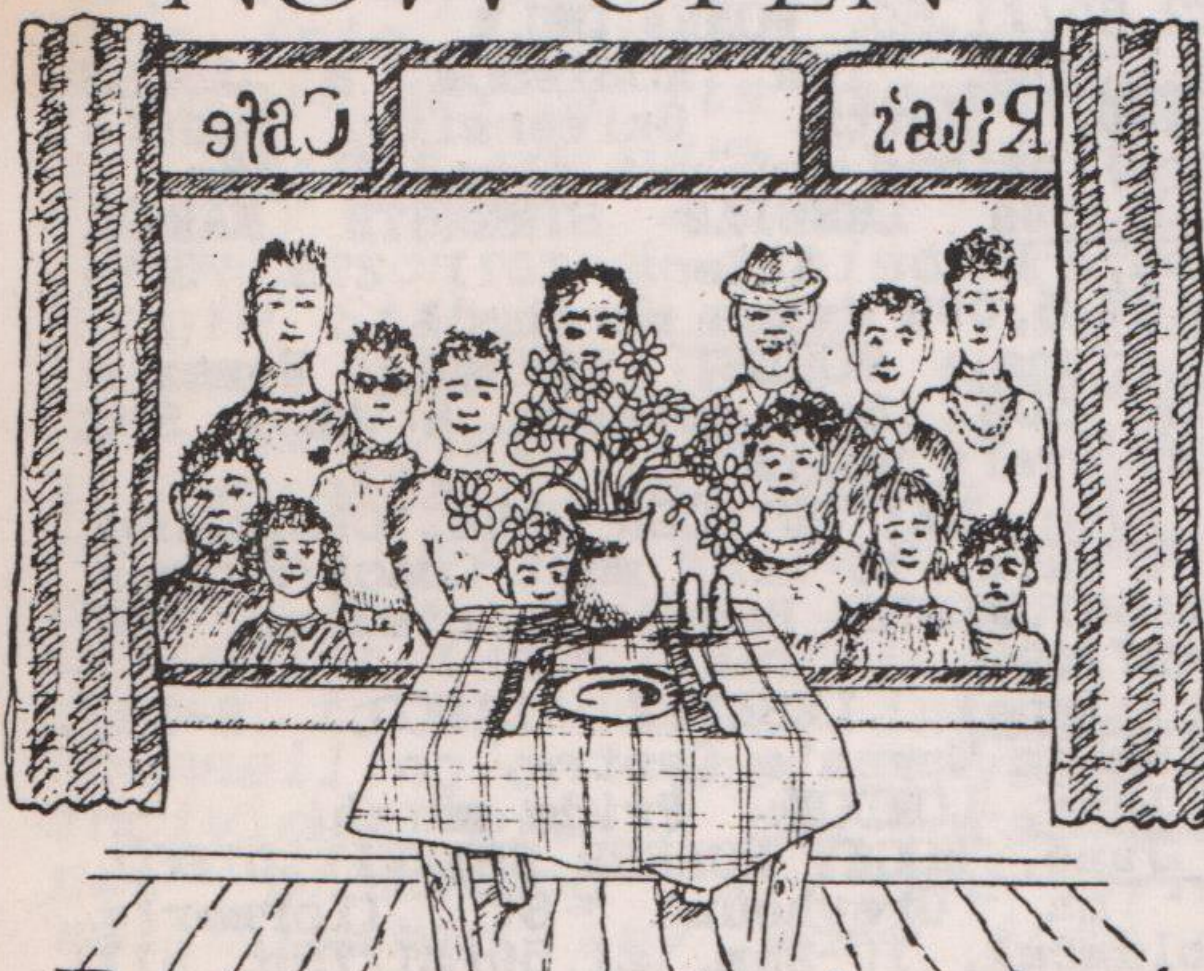
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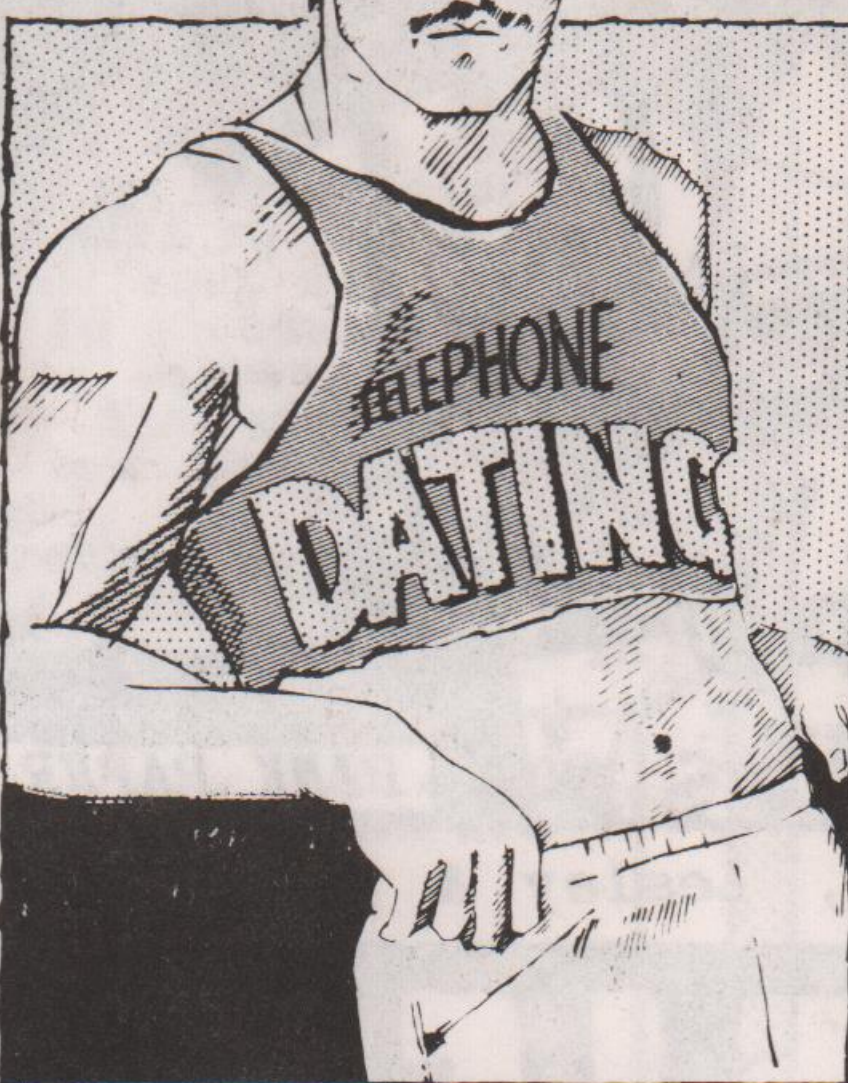
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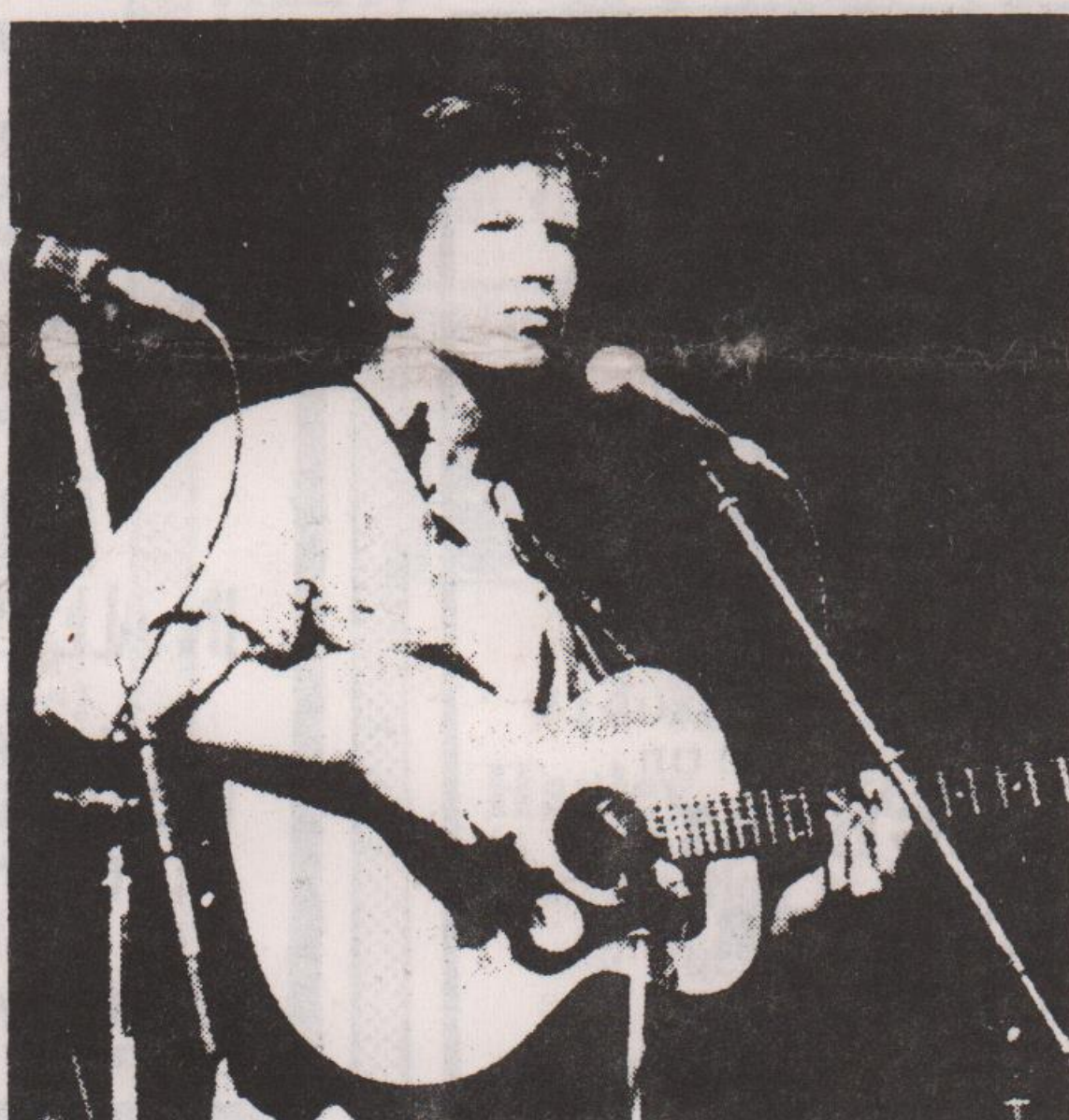
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WOT'S GOIN' OFF

Daily, NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, Upstairs at the Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer St Nottm. Tel: 0602 483697/411475

Every Saturday, LEICESTER COFFEE BAR run by Leicester/Lesbian Gayline, 11-5.30pm, Tues. 8-10pm (Women only), 45 King Street, Leics.

Every Monday, LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUP, (up to 25), 45 King St. Leicester. 7.45pm-10ish.

Every Tuesday, LESBIAN'S DROP-IN SOCIAL, after work, 5pm-9pm, pool, games snax, and music.

Every Tuesday, NOTTINGHAM, Clause 29 Meetings, Admiral Duncan, Lower Parliament St. 8pm

7th June, CONFETTI'S, LEEDS mega disco, HI-NEG & House, Merrion Centre, Run by Gays for Gays.

7th June "ON THE WATERFRONT", Derby Metro, 7.30pm.

8th June, DERBY GAY GROUP, Country Pub Night, Meet Jeff's 8pm, ring for lift. Derby: 664234

9th June, "FEVER" DISCO Barracuda, Nottingham.

11th June, 1st BIRTHDAY PARTY of the LESBIAN & GAY COFFEE BAR, 45 King Street, Leicester. Afternoon tea dance on patio, free food, etc. 10.30-5.30pm.

12th June EDWARD CARPENTER RAMBLE, Meet at X-roads, Millthorpe, Mr. Chesterfield. Details: Chris 780124

14th June ALIX DOBKIN in concert, at Nottingham Women's Centre, 7.30pm. £3/£2.50/£1.50. WOMEN ONLY

15th June, TOM ROBINSON & JULES HOLLAND, Nottm. University Sports Centre, prices not yet fixed 8-12am.

18th June LESBIAN STRENGTH MARCH, London, Info: Alison (01) 278 7654. (In '87 5,000 dykes marched)

19th June, FOREST TAVERN, Women's Disco, 50p. 8pm onwards & then 3rd Sunday every month.

19th June, GAY OUTDOOR CLUB, Charnwood Forest Walk, 10 mls, meet Coach/Horses PH (A50), Field Head, Leic'shire, OS 140-497/099.

24th June, LESBIAN DISCO, 8-12, Nottingham Women's Centre.

25th June, LONDON: Pride march.

27th June, ROCKY HORROR BENEFIT DISCO, Eden on Greyhound St (formerly Casablanca), 10-2am, £1.50/£1/75p, all proceeds to Nottm Aids Project.

30th June, CONFETTI'S in DERBY, Gay Night, Mega disco, DJ, Tony DeVit, lighting & laser shop.

30th June, BOB CANT & FEMI OTITOJU reading from "Radical Records" at Mushroom Bkshop, (see ad).

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