

Over 30,000 lesbians and gay men promoted themselves through the streets of Central London in the annual Pride parade, including several coaches from Leicester, Nottingham and Loughborough. Jubilee Gardens, South Bank was like a giant garden party, with entertainers, Tom Robinson, Erasure and other acts ekeeping the crowds happy. This is the largest lesbian/gay pride parade since they began with a straggly 400 marchers in 1972, and was only topped by the Clause Out Rally earlier in the year

lesbian and three gay men who spent a week prison after lesbian and demonstration have issued a writ against the Chief Constable Staffordshire, Kelly Charles

alleging assault, false imprisonment and malicious arrest.

King, Gill (above) was one of twelve lesbians and gay men who spent Xmas 1986 in They were fail. arrested during a sit-down outside protest the of home Staffordshire councillor, Bill Brownhill who had said: "I'would put 90 per cent of the queers in the ruddy gas chamber." charges he 12, All

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Gill King, charged with assault on two policemen



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George Terry Dean and have Roughly **SUCCESS** their On with hands their monthly onegay at nighter in Confettis Their Leeds. first night 250, Saw which SOOD doubled



their July bash clocked in over 1,000. I first met up with this personable and enterprising duo when they began leafletting the Astoria punters at the back end of 1987. They said that we deserved the best and in that they seem to have succeeded in taking over from where the Astoria left off, with a bit more style.





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Nike & Mark are back with a vengence at their new venue, Eden - formerly the Casablanca Club - in Greyhound Street, Nottingham, (behind Horizon Travel, Slab Square). After a brief break, they start their now legendary fortnightly discos on Thursday 28th July and will be pulling in the punters, old and new once word gets around. They quickly built up a loyal following from their brief spell at the Garage and more recently at the Barracuda. Their well tested music formula is the same, house, hip-hop, funk and soul (dont you dare mention hi-NRG). The new club has two floors with places where you can sit and talk as well as bop.I'm going, are you?

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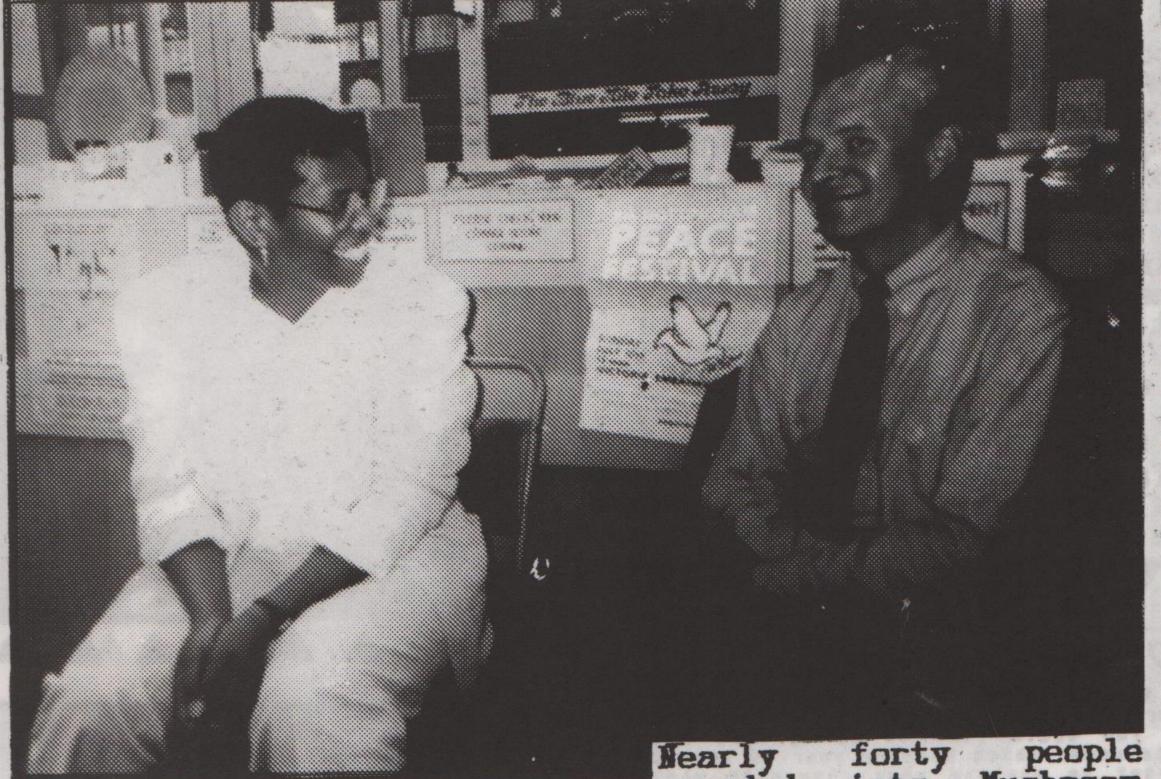
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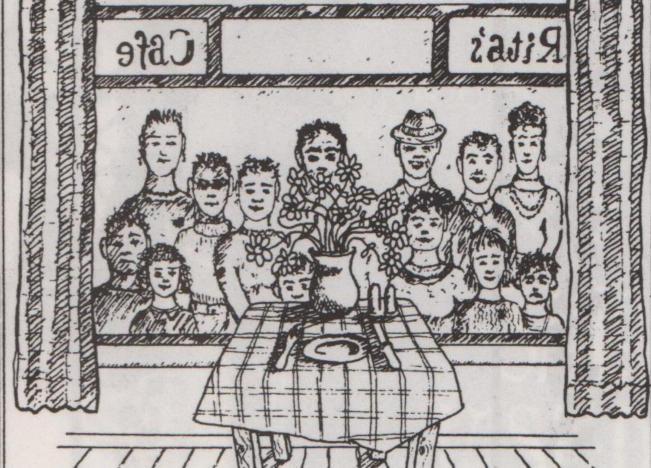
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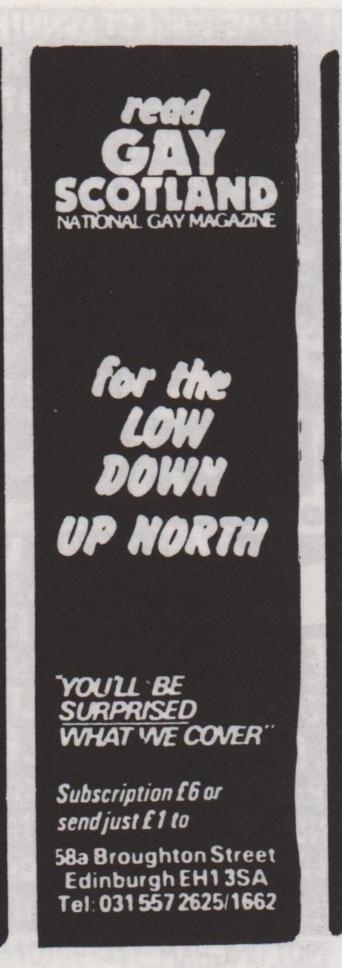
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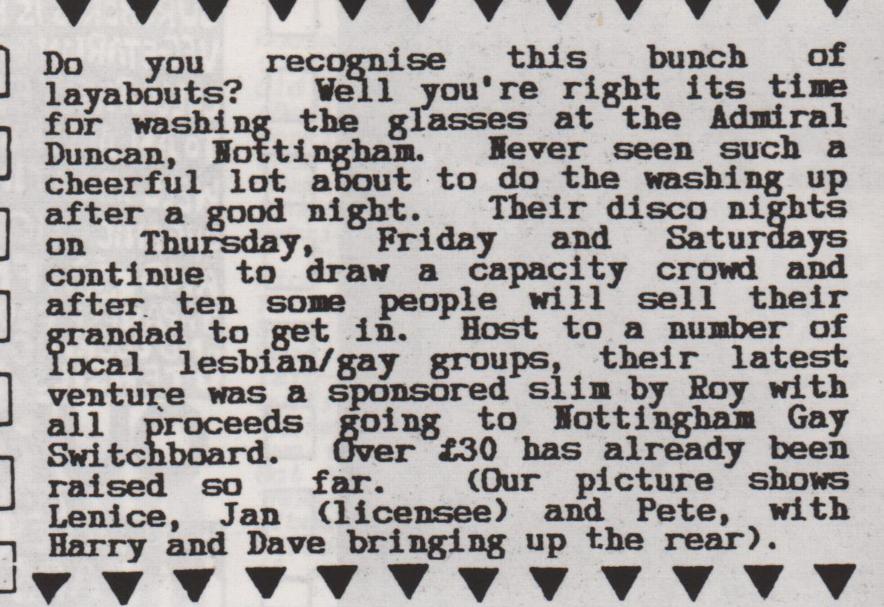
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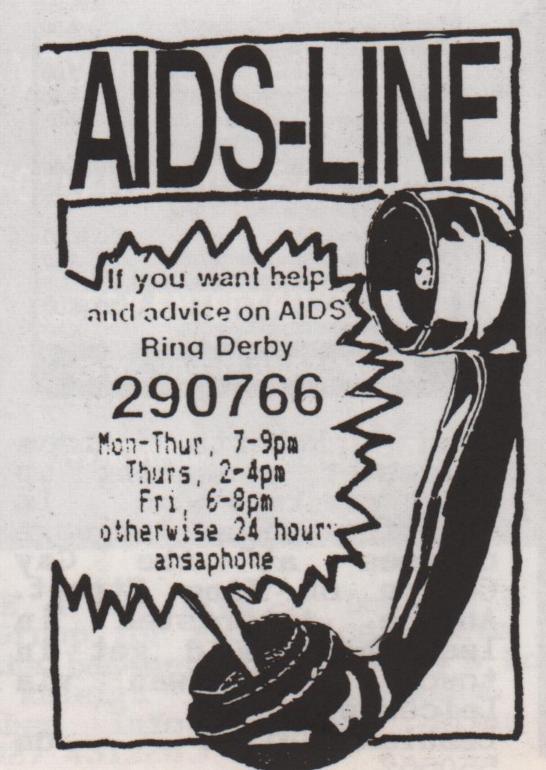
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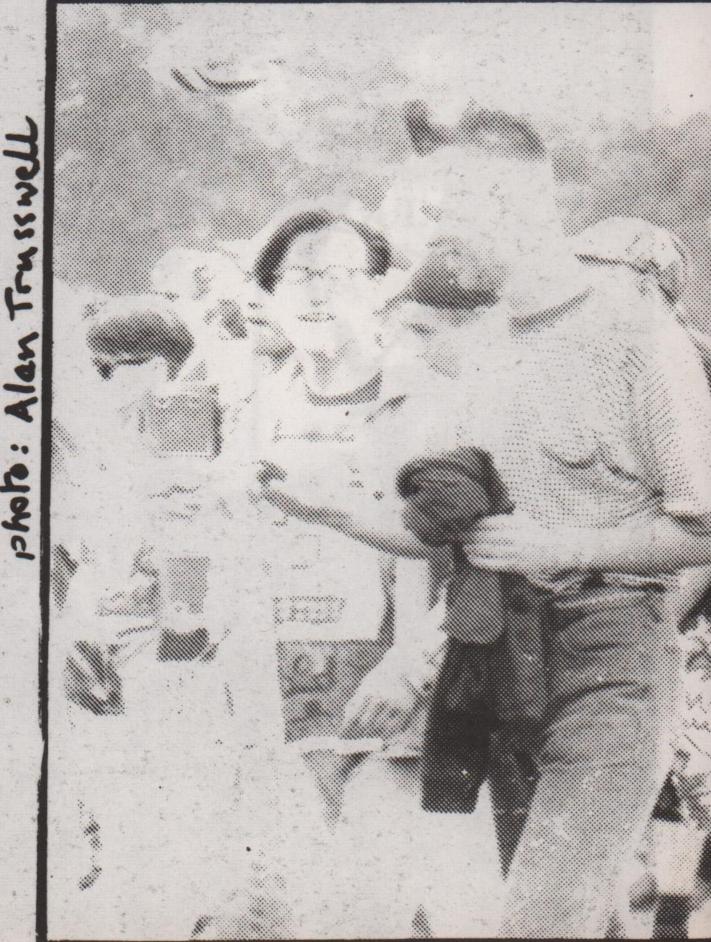
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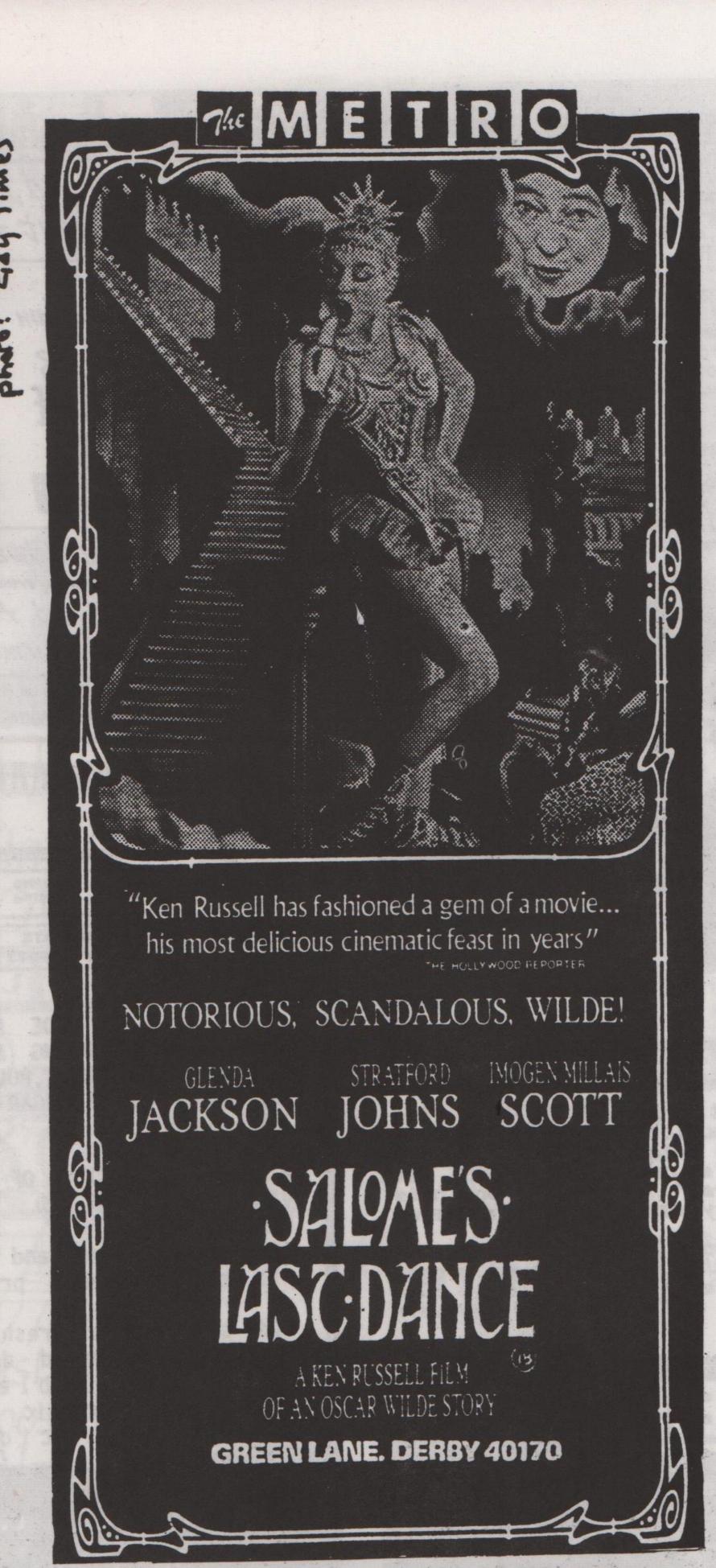


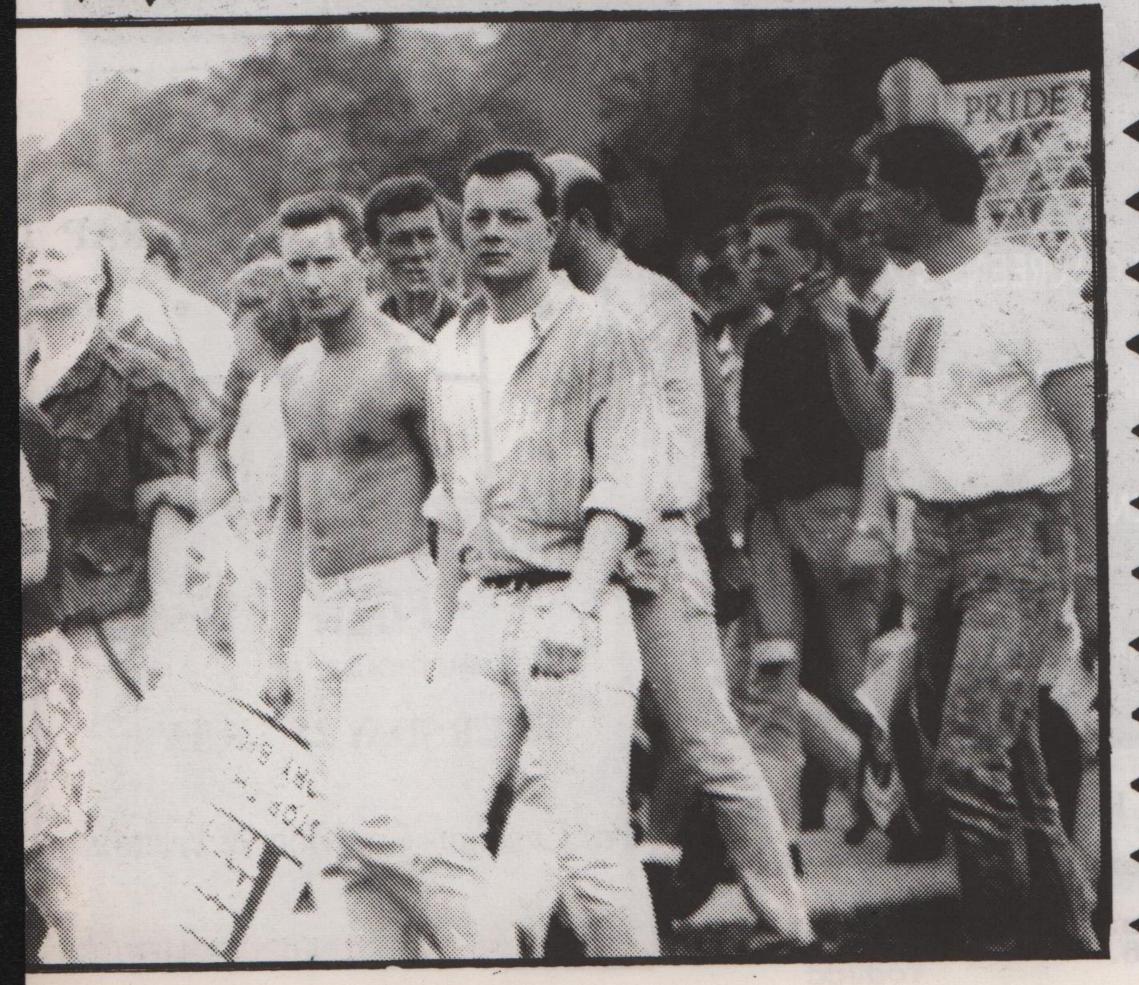












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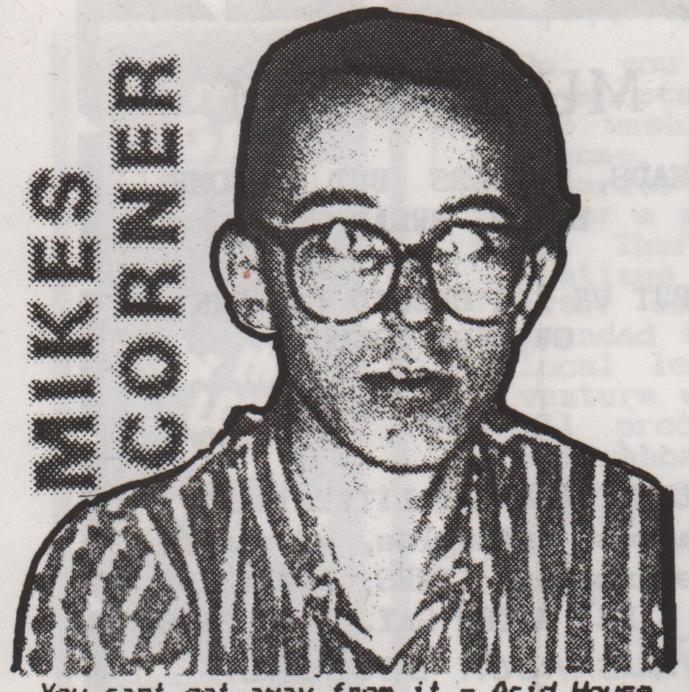
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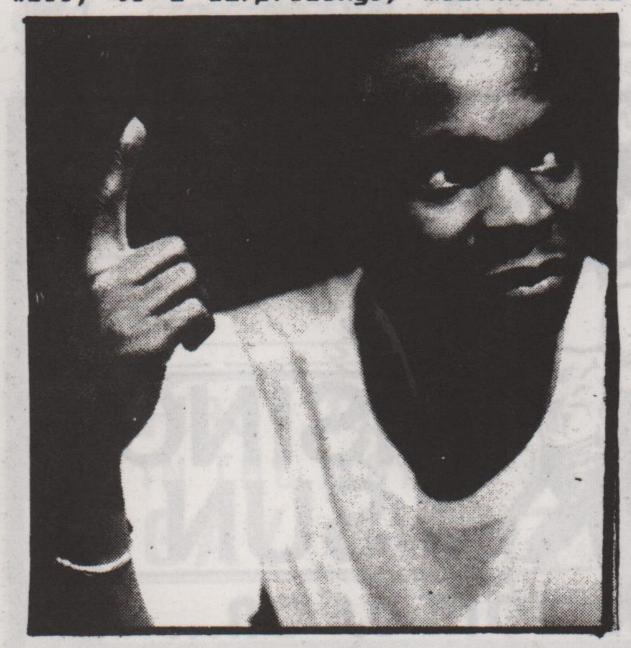
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You cant get away from it - Acid House become soundtrack, with dancefloor reverberating to the sound of hypnotic bleepings and bloopings from the likes of Tyree (with Over"), Reese & Santonio (with to the Beat"), and Baby Ford F, U, Baby yeh yeh"), "Dochy Koochy Baby Ford's track sports a baseline so that it has already several London sound systems: stereo is so far unaffected, but dare you let it onto your turntable?

The knock-on effect of all this Acid dementia is that several quite unlikely pieces of music are getting bleeps and bloops grafted on in order to gain dancefloor acceptance; "No Clause 28" has just been given the treatment in a belated effort to hoist it into the top 40, but I fear the remix has come too late to save it, Jerry Dammers has got together with several exiled South African musicians to remake "Free Nelson Mandela" in a special 70th birthday "The Whole world is Watching" mix - but was the whole world expecting Acid House?! Actually, the combination works quite well, to a surprisingly mournful and



melancholy effect, My long-shot tip for a surprise Number One is the superb "Ye Ke Ye Ke" by Mory Kante, a kora player from Mali who has topped the singles charts in several European countries, The track is full-blooded African music at its best, reminiscent of the great Salif Keita - but on the 12", what do we find? Yup, you've guessed it; an "Afro-Acid" remix from one of the guys who brought you "Pump Up The Volume", which eliminates all the kora playing, and indeed just about all the instrumentation, and instead backs the vocals with some good old bleeps and bloops. The result isn't the travesty you might expect, though - it twitters its way along very nicely, though I hope the original gets most of the airplay,

Graeme Park's Nottingham-based Groove have also jumped on the bandwagon, acidifying their "Car Wash" sampling "Submix (To The Beat)" and coupling it with a terrific new track, "Hijack the Beat", which injects its b's and b's with a 70's disco feel, thus neatly straddling two dance trends! However, things get ridiculous when people start doing

House versions of X-Ray Spex songs (Diskord Datkord's "Identity"), The Old Grey Whistle Test's theme tune (Beats Workings's "Sure Beats Working), and the theme and dialogue from the Archers (The Federation's "Papa's Got A Brand New Gro-Bag" and "Underneath The Archers - Acid Rain on Ambridge Mix")!!!

Other recommended releases; kichie Rich's "Turn It Up" - Sturdy Sample-filled volume-pumping fodder, Soul II Soul's "Fairplay" and the Brand New Heavies' "Got To Give"- gritty but laid-back soul from two young London outfits with strong female vocalists, There's also a double-sided reissue of two soul classics; James Brown's "I Got You" with Martha & The Vandellas' "Nowhere To Run", The Godfather's new album "I'm Real", produced by Full Force, is also well worth acquiring; it does sound like he's copying his



copyists, but what the hell - it's still great music! Finally, Bhangra collides with Motown and Hi-Energy in Romi & Jazz's remake of "Reach Out (I'll Be There)", as Punjabi pop hits mainstream gay dancefloors - whatever next!

That's your lot for this month; See you at the new, improved bigger and better "Fever" mega-disco at Eden on July 28th, and every other Thursday thereafter...

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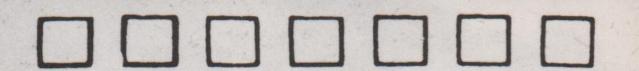
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Anne Matthews is no stranger to Nottingham, She marched through the rain with a 1,000 others in October 1986 against Notts County Council's refusal to implement their commitment to lesbian and gay rights, and previously attended the university for an English degree, The daughter of a retired British Telecom engineer, and convent educated she is one of a pioneering band of women carpenters and joiners and is one of the few women Council leaders in London, leading Labour-controlled Southwark Council and the only out lesbian leader at that.

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But when 34-year old Anne Matthews
first stood for election in May 1986
she faced a barrage of anti-gay smears
from political opponents and from
within the ruling Labour Party,
Matthews recalls; "I was so angry that
people should try to defeat me
politically by playing on prejudice
that I raised the issue in the Labour
Group of councillors," To many
people's surprise not only did
Matthew's fellow councillors roundly
condemn the homophobic whispering
campaign, they went on to elect her
leader of the council, In this twopart feature, LAURENCE De SOUZA puts
the questions and find out how it all
happened,

DO YOU COME FROM A FAMILY WITH A BACKGROUND IN POLITICS?

Oh, not at all. My father voted Labour and had been very active all his life the trades union movement but my mother votes Tory and came from an army family so there was always quite a about politics although my father my sister and myself had always voted Labour and identified with my father's politics, At first it was quite a surprise to me when I got into the sixth form and teachers were saying 'you could go to university', was no tradition of further education in our family, But I went and did English at Nottingham with a view ultimately of teaching, politically active at all at Nottingham University,

YOU EVENTUALLY BECAME A CARPENTER WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM TEACHING

Yes, following my degree I did a year's teacher training and then taught for a term in a Comprehensive School in Loughborough, I didnt enjoy having to make sure the class was a disciplined body of people before I could get on with the job and thought that if thirty people dont really want to listen to me all at the same time that was quite understandable. I was also concerned that I would become too insular having gone from Convent to university to teaching without wider experience of the world outside, so I just left and moved to London and did a training course in carpentry and I'm now a carpenter,

WHAT MADE YOU CHOSE CARPENTRY?

All of my school and college holidays were spent at home decorating my parents house, I was good at it and this led me to decorating friends'houses; I actually earned money doing that. When I was 13, I tagged along behind my father and learned a lot from him, we did a lot of practical things including installing central heating at home. So when teaching didn't come up to expectations this was a natural choice,

Burns Pete video independent and producer currently working on a production called "PINK It's VID". of short collection gags and sketches based around the gay scene. When completed he hopes distribute it to groups around the East Midlands. He is on the lookout for original material so if you have any funny stories to tell, he would like to hear from you. be contacted on (0602) 401702.



WAS YOUR ENTRY INTO POLITICS INFLUENCED BY A PARTICULAR POLITICAL EVENT?

It wasn't so much by a particular event as by the friends I went to live with in Bermondsey in South East London both of whom had been at Nottingham University with me. We often sat into the early hours talking about politics and putting the world to rights and this led us to decide we had better shut up or get actively involved in a political organisation so the three of us joined the Labour Party at the end of 1979.

YOU ASCENDED THE POLITICAL HEIRARCHY FAIRLY RAPIDLY, WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE THIS TO?

In 1981 there'd been the election of the new GLC, which was then led by Ken Livingstone, and the new mood of the Labour Party right across London, at that time, was to change the type of politics that Labour stood for, Whilst preparing for the elections, Peter. Tatchell actually said to me 'There aren't enough women standing why don't I was really taken you stand', aback because I'd only joined the party in 1979 I never thought of myself as a potential elected representative; didn't think I had earned my spurs if you like, served my apprenticeship,

WAS THIS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT WOMEN ARE GENERALLY ENCOURAGED NOT TO AIM HIGH?

No, I dont think so, I actually think it was the fact that I'd only been in the party 18 months when Peter raised it, and though the Labour Party is not renowned for politically educating people, I really felt that being a middle class woman coming into a very strongly working area with a still strongly-working class Labour Party was even a stronger reason why I needed to do a bit more ground work before I deserved to be chosen to represent other people,

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED (TO CHANGE THIS)?

Well I'd agreed to stand; the ward I actually lived in didn't fit with my politics or I didn't fit with its politics and I eventually stood for the ward where Peter himself lived which is a multi-racial area and much better fitted with the sort of politics I was interested in.

AT THAT TIME WERE YOU DUT AS A LESBIAN?

Not at all, it was not something that I wanted to bring into my public life and I didn't see it at the time as being particularly important.

WHAT HAPPENED TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?

Between 1982 and 1986 as a councillor I held various positions and the last one which was important to me was the Chair of the Women's Committee, I came out at that committee meeting and therefore obviously a number of people knew I was lesbian, In 1986 when I became Leader of the Council, I decided that, to prevent publicity being used against me personally or against the Council, it was important that I came out on my own Besides I was one of only two lesbian leaders of a local authority in London (Linda Bellos was the other) and as I was going to be a fairly public figure, it was important should say I was a lesbian and that I was proud of it, It would also mean that Southwark would have to do something significant in terms of lesbian and gay rights,

In the next issue we look at some of the policies that Anne Matthews has been influential in promoting and her views for the future.

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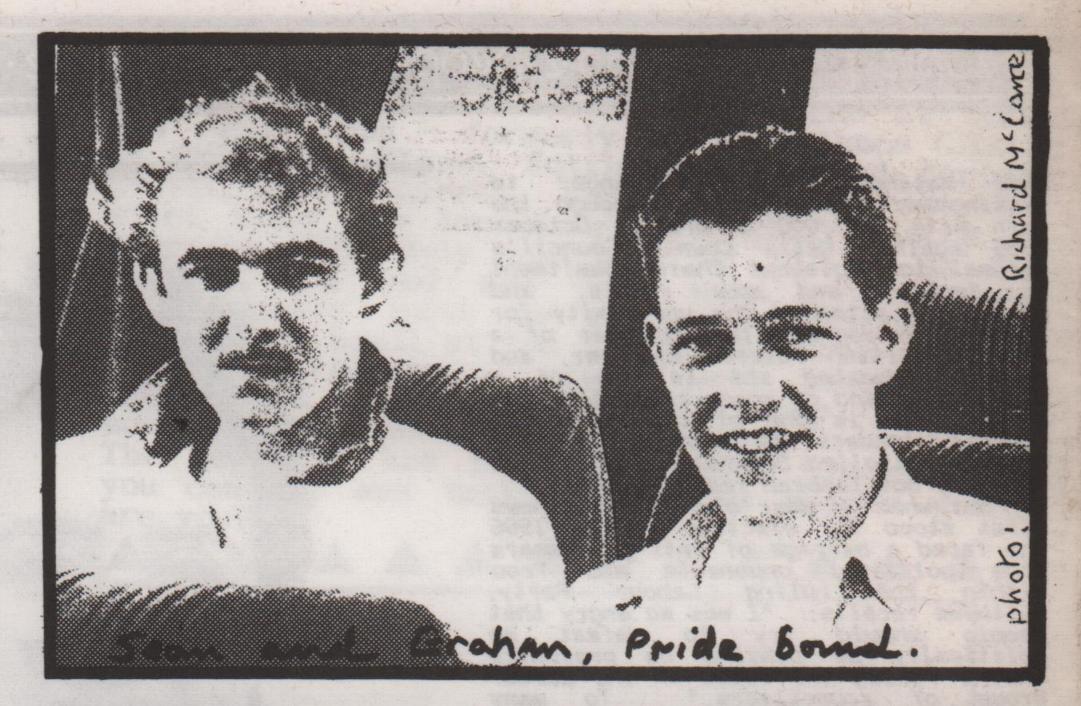


North Staffordshire Gay Switchboard is running a recruitment drive for volunteers during July. No previous experience of telephone counselling necessary as a full training course will be Anyone provided. interested please ring (0782) 266998 during operating times, Mon. & Weds, 8pm-10pm or write c/o 46 Marsh Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST1 1JD.



A new face on the gay scene in Derby is the Olde Avebury, Osmaston Road, (tel: 293408). It's right royally placed next to the Crown Derby factory (behind the Derby Royal Infirmary and only five minutes from the railway station). There is a disco bar combining\_ a comfortablelounge, with a Tap Room Bar for those quieter moments, with pool table and darts. Plans are afoot for a garden and patio in an enclosed courtyard. And in a month or two several rooms should be completed for bed and breakfast, they tell us. Dave, Alan Keith, Heath and licensee, Andy extend a Warm welcome to anyone who likes a friendly venue with the best in Hi N.R.G. old and new. Maybe see you





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