

# SUNDAY at the MET

Sunday 26th August at 5.00pm

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**METRO**

Starring: Raimondo Ruggero, Kiri Te Kanawa

Director: Joseph Losey

France/Italy/Germany 1979 184 mins

Joseph Losey directs this version of Mozart's opera. The hero (Raimondo Ruggero) uses his sexuality with the coldness of steel as he mentally and physically relishes his numerous conquests. This upper class obsession is set against superb Palladian architecture and in the crowded darkened streets of Seville.

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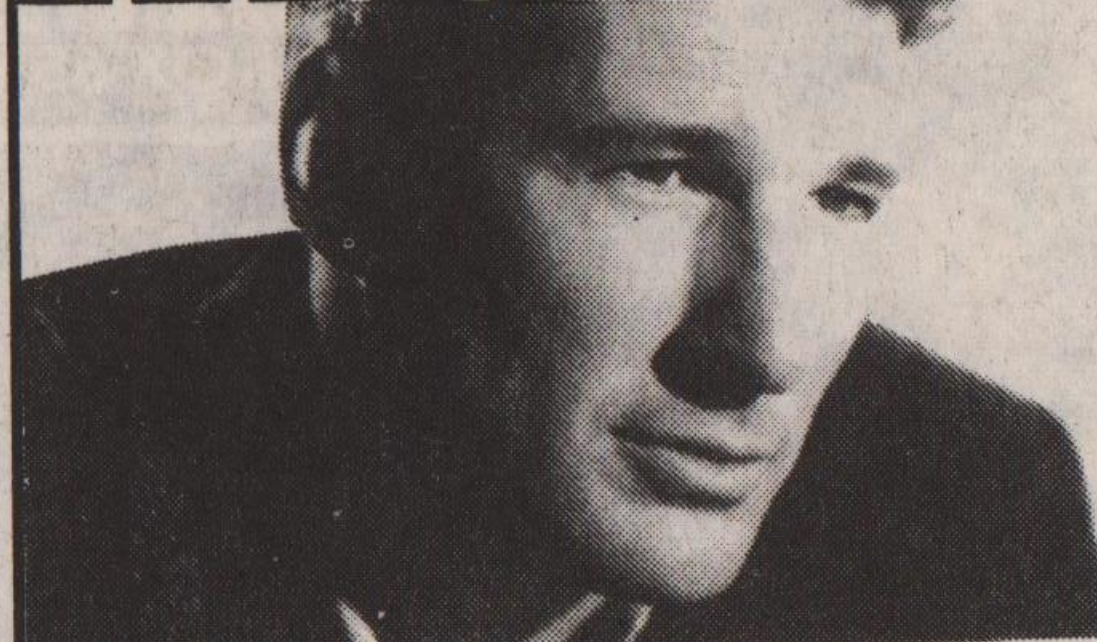
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# OUTRIGHT

Gay Freesheet for the East Midlands

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## Playhouse Row - press officer quits

Derby Playhouse has fired its press officer, Terry Stevenson, following an article in 'Gay Times' last month which was critical of Derby people for not supporting a nationally-acclaimed theatre season, spearheaded by recently departed Playhouse Director, Annie Castledine.

Stevenson was made redundant by Playhouse Chairperson, Brian Coxon because it was claimed he had "insulted the citizens of Derby by suggesting that they were "ignorant, bigoted and po-faced". His exit follows the departure of theatre director Annie Castledine whose shows won acclaim from the critics but failed to put sufficient burns on seats to be judged a commercial success.

The article in Gay Times which caused all the fuss profiled Ms. Castledine written following

## ACT UP ZAPS DSS

Fifteen members of Nottingham ACT-UP picketed the Department of Social Security last month to protest at the Government's appalling record on the treatment of People With Aids and HIV.

Passers by took leaflets highlighting the deficiencies of the government's income support scheme, which has resulted in reduced benefits for People with Aids and HIV, forcing them into situations where they cannot eat properly, leaving them open to infections. (Under the old supplementary benefit rules, people with Aids or

her departure from the Playhouse. "Already, the strait-laced, the po-faced and the bigots are rubbing their hands gleefully, ignorant that the small Midlands city has hosted a revolution in theatre, which though they have shunned it, has been acclaimed nationally. (The Guardian described Derby's programming as 'the most exciting theatre to be seen for ages' whilst The Times Educational Supplement called it 'the boldest repertory of any regional theatre in the country'.

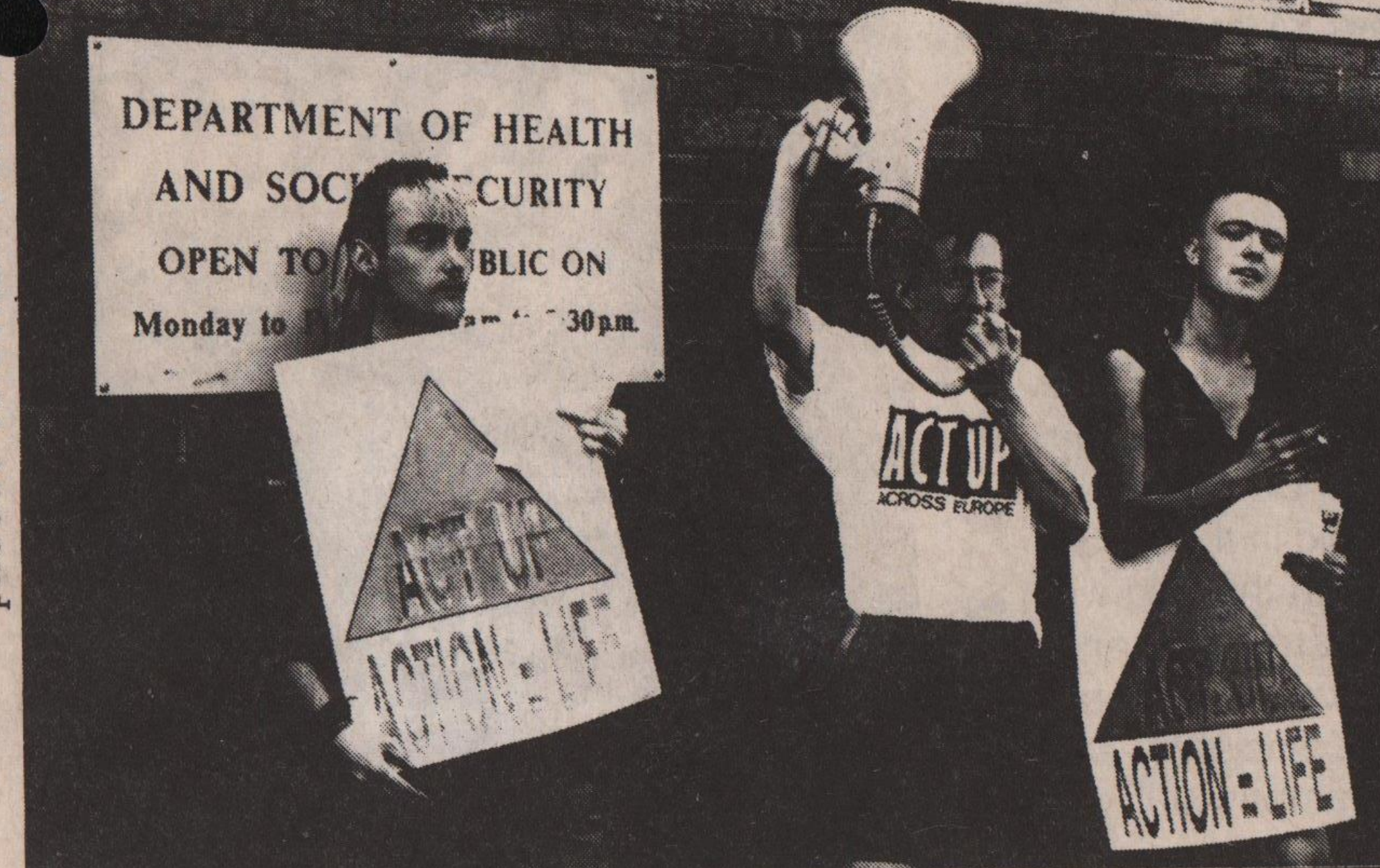
HIV were able to claim extra for a special diet which enabled them to stay well longer and prevent the onset of opportunistic infections).

ACT-UP had called on the DSS to increase benefit levels for everyone who needed it, without special pleading for PWA's, but in its press release the DSS ignored ACT-UP's statement, saying that they made no special provision for People With Aids.

Spokesperson for ACTUP Matthew Toresen said there was plenty of interest from people who took leaflets. One woman said her daughter was HIV+ and she would give her the leaflet. Only when the group moved onto a traffic island did the police intervene, claiming they had a complaint from a member of the public. Said Matthew: 'Shakespeare Street is

relatively quiet but once we decided to be more visible, the police moved us on and told us off for using a mega-phone without permission. We were pleased with the response, and will respond to anything that needs publicising in the future around lesbian and gay inequality or denial of our rights", said Matthew.

photo: MATTHEW TORESEN



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This Issue...

LAURISTON HALL -  
A HOLIDAY WITH CAMP

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## AN EVENING WITH NEIL BARTLETT



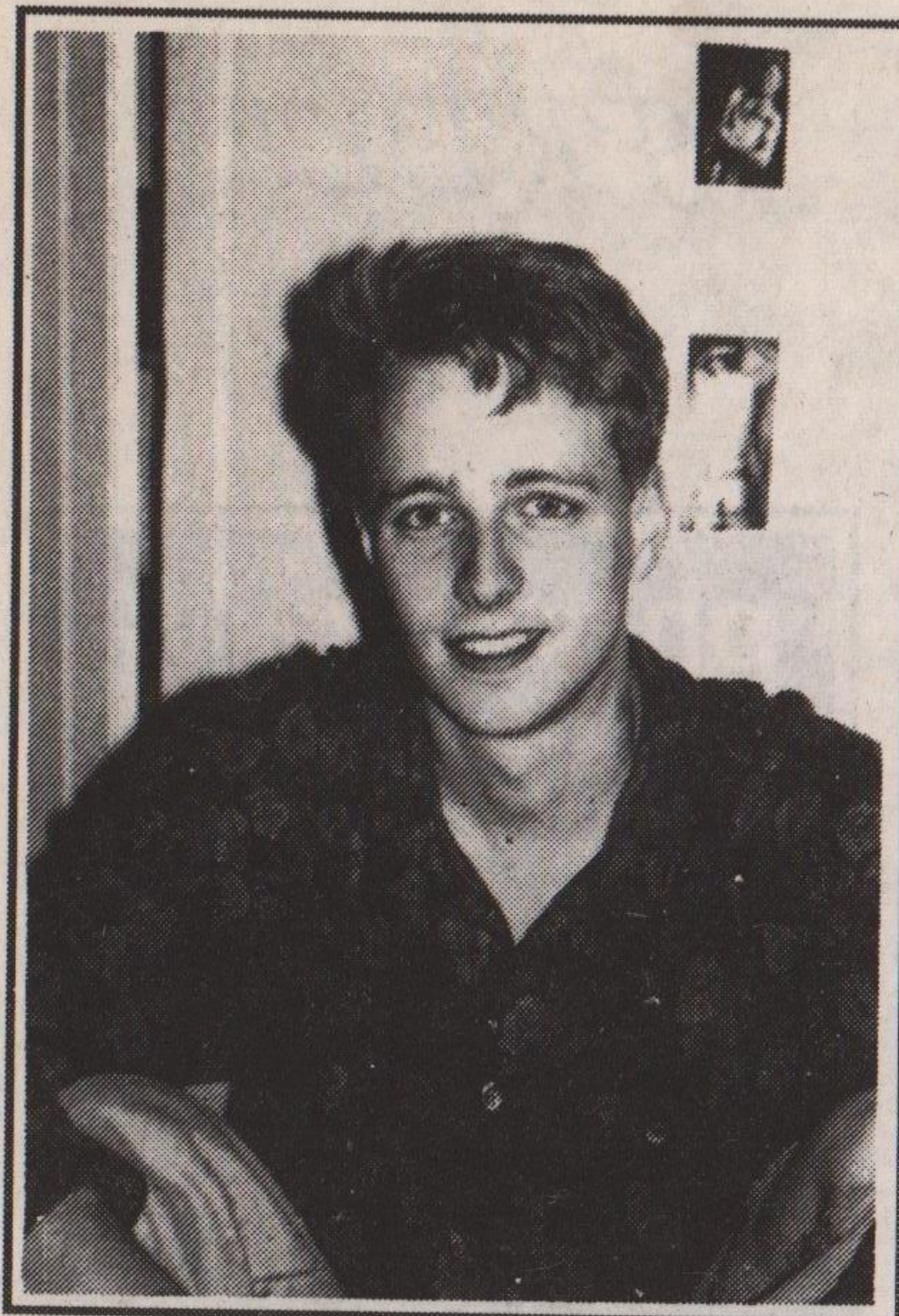
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PINK INK PRESENTATION, TUESDAY, 18th  
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Richard Edmonds (above) has been in Nottingham for several years, since he moved up from Canterbury to study at the University. He can take some credit for the fact that there is now a thriving lesbian and gay society on campus. He takes up the story:

"Geoff Whittaker, a former student set up a stall at the Freshers Fair, which is an all day showcase for student organisations at the beginning of each academic year. This netted us 25 members and by the end of the year we had increased threefold to 75."

The presence of a supportive lesbian/gay society on campus cannot be under estimated for individuals who are re-evaluating their sexuality and also acts as a kind of beacon for those not yet confident enough to come out. A group of individuals can engender confidence and assertiveness in one another, which was one of the reasons why the campus campaign this year has been such a success. Hundreds came to hear speakers at their awareness week like Ian Mc.Kellen and Peter Tatchell, and in terms of the student elections when there were several openly non-heterosexual candidates.

Richard again: "I stood as an openly gay candidate for the Students Union elections and achieved the biggest majority of any one standing, despite an anti-lesbian/gay backlash from some of the extreme right-wing students." he modestly ascribes his success partly due to being a new face, but it also proves that being an out-gay candidate is not necessarily a vote loser.

### P-INK?

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at writing or maybe you have but would like to share it with other like-minded people. Well now you can by contacting Pink Ink, an East Midlands Lesbian & Gay writing project. The group meets monthly to provide a forum for discussion and mutual support. At these monthly meetings members are encouraged to read from, or distribute copies of, their work to the other members and to take part in workshoping and other group activities.

Pink Ink is currently seeking support from arts funding groups to enable it to produce a booklet of work by local Gay writers.

### A Nottingham "First"

Nottingham's first Gay Coffee Bar and Meeting Place has opened recently in Nottingham. Called *Centrepont*, the coffee bar will be open seven days a week between 9am-11pm and the organisers say that all funds generated will be used to finance Centre 238, the UK's only 24-hour Gay Community Broadcasting Service.

Situated on Alfreton Road, the coffee bar serves a wide selection of both hot and cold drinks and light snacks. For legal reasons, *Centrepont* is technically a members-only group and membership is open to all Gay people at one pound for six months.

You can find *Centrepont* on the second floor of Forest Mills, a four storey building on the corner of Highhurst Street and Alfreton Road, just down from Canning Circus. (Buses 81 to 85 from Old Market Square by Lloyds Bank pass the door).

"There was a lot of anti-gay prejudice around like the letter to the Students Union newspaper that claimed Gay Times was so offensive it should not be sold in the union bookshop. But in the end we won the day, by argument and debate, but not before several members of the society were harassed on campus but we supported one another which helped win the day," he said.

Right now though he's taking a break from his studies for a year to work part-time in the unpaid post of NUS Secretary which involves liaising with other colleges in the Nottingham region.

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Tue 11 September 7.00 pm

## PHOENIX

The Gay Outdoor Club is a countrywide lesbian and gay organisation that holds a regular programme of events, covering most aspects of outdoor activities. We have been in existence since 1972 and have developed a network of over 20 groups throughout the country. The groups between them hold, on average, 25 to 30 events each month. The activities include walking, climbing, camping, swimming, cycling, skiing and caving. Most of these events are day trips, but there is also a healthy programme of weekend and longer events throughout the year.

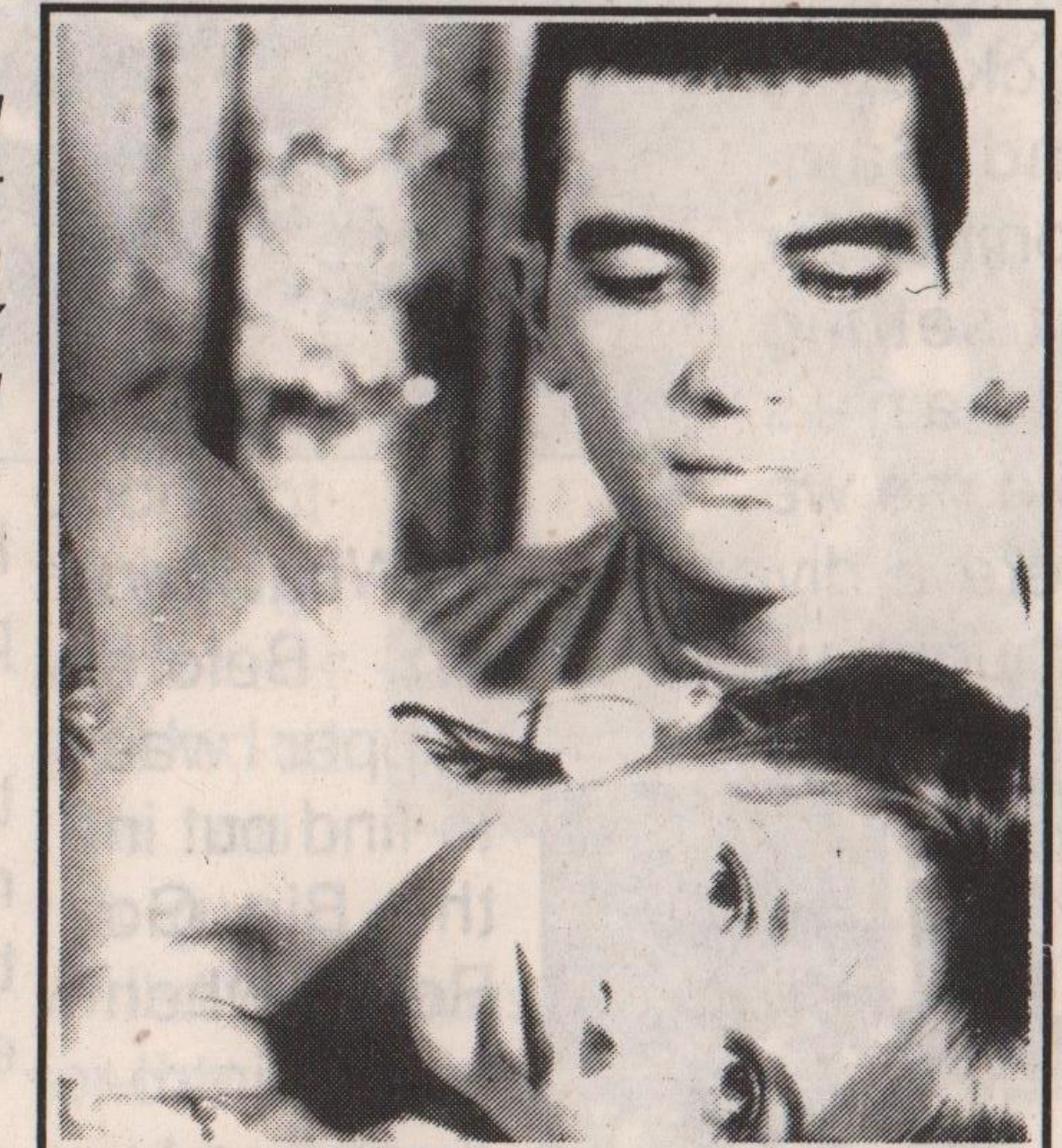
Full details of meeting places and times are given in the GOC newsletter each month. If you are interested in finding out more about us, write to GAY OUTDOOR CLUB, PO BOX 41, SOUTH PDO, MANCHESTER, M14 5QF, enclosing a SAE.

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Dr. Ivan Toms, the gay South African who served time in prison for refusing to do his national military service has won an appeal against his sentence and is now back at his medical practice in the black townships.

METRO CINEMA			
Tues 21	The Krays (18)	6.30	
Tues 21	The Big Blue (15)	9.00	
Wed 22	The Krays (18)	6.30	
Wed 22	The Big Blue (15)	9.00	
Thur 23	The Krays (18)	6.30	
Thur 23	The Big Blue (15)	9.00	
Fri 24	Music Box (15)	6.30	
Fri 24	Cinema Paradiso (PG) S/T	9.00	
Sat 25	Music Box (15)	6.30	
Sat 25	Cinema Paradiso (PG) S/T	9.00	
Sun 26	Don Giovanni (PG) S/T	5.00	
Sun 26	Cinema Paradiso (PG) S/T	9.00	
Tues 28	Cinema Paradiso (PG) S/T	6.30	
Tues 28	Music Box (15)	9.00	
Wed 29	Cinema Paradiso (PG) S/T	6.30	
Wed 29	Music Box (15)	9.00	
Thur 30	Cinema Paradiso (PG) S/T	6.30	
Thur 30	Music Box (15) S/T	9.00	
Fri 31	Internal Affairs (18)	6.30	
Fri 31	Romuald and Juliette (12) S/T	9.00	
September			
Sat 1	Internal Affairs (18)	6.30	
Sat 1	Romuald and Juliette (12) S/T	9.00	
Sun 2	La Boheme (U)	6.00	
Sun 2	Romuald and Juliette (12) S/T	9.00	
Tues 4	Internal Affairs (18)	6.30	
Tues 4	Romuald and Juliette (12) S/T	9.00	
Wed 5	Internal Affairs (18)	6.30	
Wed 5	Romuald and Juliette (12) S/T	9.00	
Thur 6	Internal Affairs (18)	6.30	
Thur 6	Romuald and Juliette (12) S/T	9.00	
Fri 7	Nuns on the Run (12)	7.00	
Fri 7	Crimes and Misdemeanours (15)	9.00	
Sat 8	Nuns on the Run (12)	7.00	
Sat 8	Crimes and Misdemeanours (15)	9.00	
Sun 9	Rashomon (18) S/T	7.00	
Sun 9	Crimes and Misdemeanours (15)	9.00	
Tues 11	Nuns on the Run (12)	7.00	
Tues 11	Crimes and Misdemeanours (15)	9.00	
Wed 12	Nuns on the Run (12)	7.00	
Wed 12	Crimes and Misdemeanours (15)	9.00	
Thur 13	Nuns on the Run (12)	7.00	
Thur 13	Crimes and Misdemeanours (15)	9.00	
Fri 14	She-Devil (15)	7.00	
Fri 14	A Tale of Springtime (U) S/T	9.00	
Sat 15	She-Devil (15)	7.00	
Sat 15	A Tale of Springtime (U) S/T	9.00	
Sun 16	Aria (18)	7.00	
Sun 16	A Tale of Springtime (U) S/T	9.00	
Tues 18	GPO Film Event		
Wed 19	Treasure Island (PG)	6.30	
Wed 19	She-Devil (15)	9.00	
Thur 20	Treasure Island (PG)	6.30	
Thur 20	She-Devil (15)	9.00	
Fri 21	Henry V (PG)	6.15	
Fri 21	Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down (18) S/T	9.00	
Sat 22	Henry V (PG)	6.15	
Sat 22	Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down (18) S/T	9.00	
Sun 23	Throne Of Blood (PG) S/T	6.30	
Sun 23	Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down (18) S/T	9.00	
Tues 25	50 Years Ago: The Hunchback of Notre Dame (PG)	6.30	
Tues 25	Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down (18) S/T	9.00	
Wed 26	Henry V (PG)	6.15	
Wed 26	Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down (18) S/T	9.00	
Thur 27	Henry V (PG)	6.15	
Thur 27	Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down (18) S/T	9.00	

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## Lauriston - a holiday with camp and caring

There are two things I have missed out on as a gay man; one is Bloolips and the other is Gay Men's Week at Lauriston Hall. I know I will never see Bloolips again, as they have disbanded, but at last I have been to Lauriston Hall.

There are many special things I was to discover about Lauriston; its location in the quiet, verdant land that is South West Scotland, which is in itself a tonic for a townie like me.

Lauriston Hall was bought in the Seventies by women and men who exchanged the rat race for an uncertain future in self-sufficiency and over the years has provided a home and a living for over twenty adults and twelve children. What was at first a sideline, running alternative conferences has now blossomed into a summer-long celebration of solidarity of different groups and I'm glad to say the beads, bangles and homebaked bread

Driving the last five miles to Lauriston was a delight along my very own private road and not a car in sight. But the nearer I got to the hall my anxiety grew apace. As I passed through the village of Hetland, it somehow marked the frontier of a new world; I wondered what awaited me.

I entered the portals of this 18th century house, the luggage of battered suitcases, rucksacks and Samsonites for jet-setting Sloanes told me we were a diverse mix. What had brought us all here? Before supper I was to find out in the Big Go Round when we all introduced ourselves and said why we came. With five Martins and five Johns and duos of various others we could have done

would have spoilt the fun of trying to remember who was who.

David Adler one of the three gay residents at Lauriston briefed us on some 'do's and 'dont's'; don't waste electricity, wear lifejackets when canoeing on the lake, shower outside meal preparation times, don't shriek when skinny dipping in the wee small hours as the residents had to get up early; remember to sign up for several wash ups or cookins, and most important don't promise Charlie, a nine-year old resident, that you will fish with him unless you mean it.



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for he will stick to you like a limpet.

And if all this reminded me of that far-off wartime camaraderie my parents told me about, I was to find out it was well worth it in exchange for what was to come.

Everyone was assigned to a small base group on arrival, which met for an hour each day, a chance to mull or talk over easing the settling in process. You don't have to attend but most did.

I had heard about the now almost legendary finale, the cabaret which ended every gay men's week and I soon found out that this was a holiday with camp thrown in; (old hands were already in rehearsal practicing that Sondheim number or their juggling act). By the end of the



At the PHOENIX, Leicester Wednesday, 26th September, 8pm. Performer, writer, director and gay activist Neil Bartlett reads from his first novel, "Ready to Catch Him Should He Fall".

second day even I was diving into the communal wardrobe, up the green stairs, which was a veritable Diva's delight, and if there was nothing ready made to take your fancy then a chenille curtain tastefully draped might do the trick.

One tends to forget the days of shared bedrooms, and communal living so sensitivity is called for in avoiding conflict. The proverbial bringing someone back from the sauna at 4am to share your sack may call for a little forward planning like locating an empty room or someone's tent where you can have your night of passion undisturbed. People with Aids and HIV and others as well may need their full eight hours rest and won't necessarily appreciate your gasps of pleasure and the grinding and grunting in unison through the night.

I shared some of my dilemmas round the log fire over a glass and a pint like how do you cope with oodles of gay men, when you have the hots for lots. Lance said he felt randy as hell but had decided that orgasms

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were on ice for the duration and anyway he was into their heads instead. Mind you this was still only day two! Scott proclaimed that he was here to do some right good cottaging, with or without the cottage, whilst Harry was undecided. I left for the sauna feeling comforted.

Lauriston also provides an opportunity for skills to be shared, workshops and co-counselling and more. You simply fill in the slots you want on the week's timetable and before you know it little groups are gathered there wringing their hands at the prospect of missing the Flamenco workshop because it clashes with the eldest sons workshop, and then there's trivial pursuits....

Memories of the week are a pot-pourri of blackcurrent sorbet, freshly made and gathered not two hours before eating, picking and eating fennel for the first time, sitting and contemplating the silence by the loch, lots of hugs, cuddles and more. I discovered I could sing. I enjoyed the massage workshop and the circle dancing; maybe I shall join a choir and circle dance class.

For me it's also a chance to get to know other gay men away from the commercial scene; mixing with people in so many different circumstances and doing things together during the week means you are privy to each others unguarded moments, You will probably laugh a lot and maybe cry a little too, but there is always someone to listen, understand and support.

By the end of the week it was



clear that many a gay man's life had been transformed or had changed direction. As David said 'there's too much of everything and yet not enough' and Anthony, 'coming here must be one of the best things about being a gay man'. I agree and, what's more I'll be back next year.

Richard McCance.

For more information about Gay Men's Week, send a SAE to 37 Ritherdon Rd, Tooting Rec, London SW17 8QE.



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In Sheffield, counsellors from the city's Aids Education Project have been handing out free condoms to men who use two city centre public lavatories for sex. The initiative is reported to be proceeding with the co-operation of the local police, and in the last eight months the counsellors have made contact with more than 50 men. "Sheffield leads the way nationally in reaching people in the community who have historically been regarded as unreachable," said the project's manager, Jo Adams. Counsellor Jef Jones reports that "cottaging" is "still an illegal and socially stigmatised activity, and we have been careful to understand its internal dynamics and to cultivate a non-judgemental approach. The work is innovative and challenging. We are working with men, many of whom have very low levels of knowledge about HIV transmission and many of whom do not identify as gay."



Women on the Verge...

Work is now underway for the 1991 Womens Festival which will take place over a six week period during March and April next year and is open to any woman, women's Groups or women in mixed groups. Women can organise events as well as attend Festival events.

The Festival takes place throughout the City in Libraries, Community, Health and Leisure Centres; in fact anywhere you want to put something on, say the organisers. An early start is necessary if you would like to put an event on, so that individual funding applications can be made on behalf of anyone wishing to promote an event.

Past events have included sports activities, self defence, art, womens poetry, cabaret, D.I.Y. Health issues, Asian Music and Fashion Show, workshops for Black women on fostering, films, pottery, lesbian cabaret and workshops on AIDS.

More women are also needed to help co-ordinate the Festival so even if you have only a few hours spare each week or fortnight, they would like to hear from you. Equally, if you want to organise an event or would like more information please contact Kay at the Womens Festival Group, c/o The Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LP. TEL: 0602 483821.

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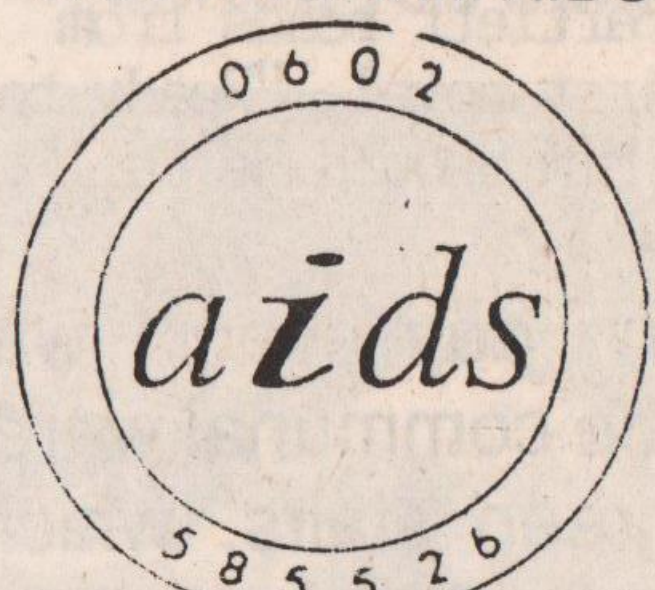
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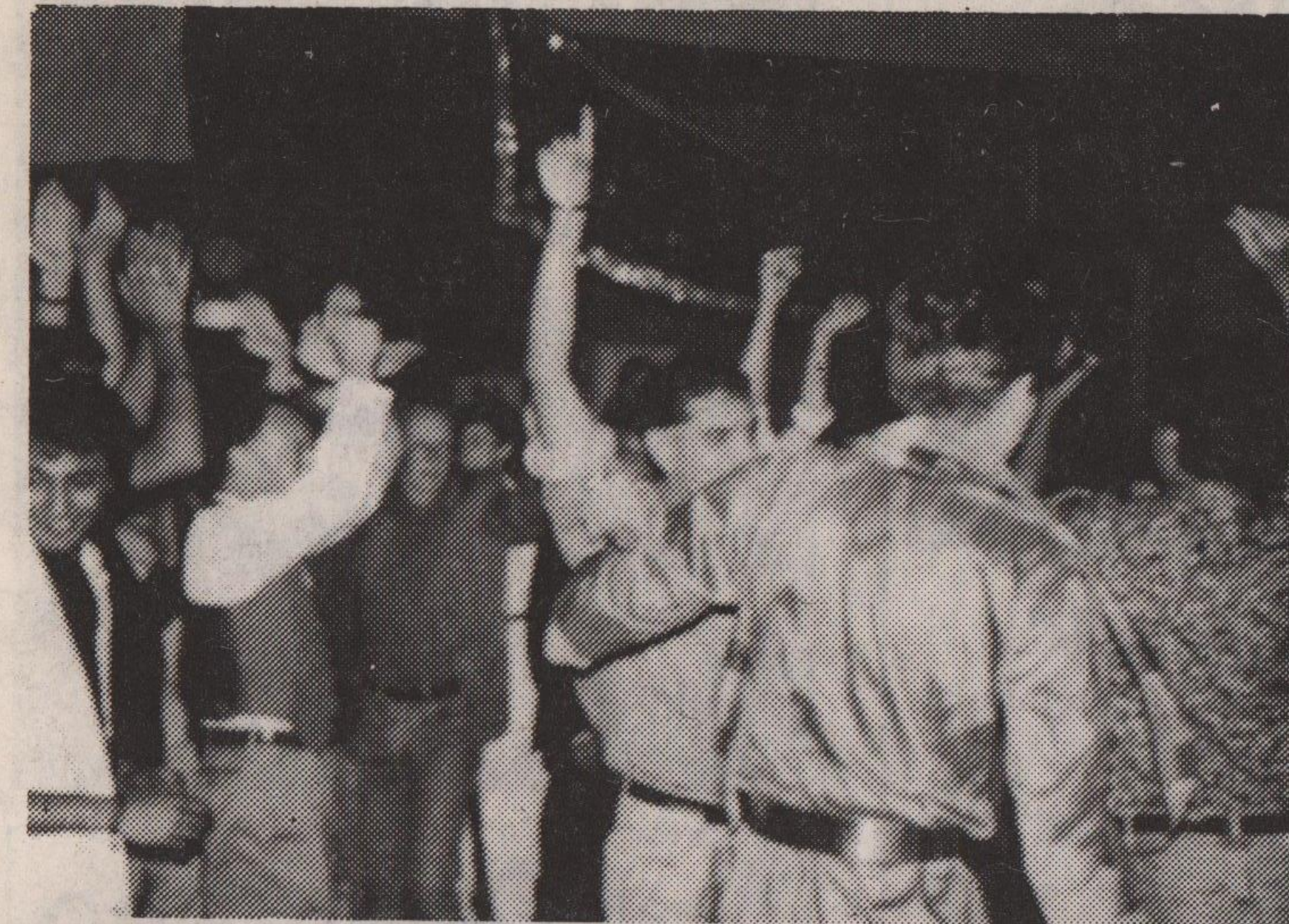
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SHAKTI Lesbian & Gay discos in Leicester began a year ago this month, and have built up a steady following since their first bhangra-fever disco last year at Leicester University. Their most recent disco in Leicester was on the 7th July at Asquiths and was very popular. SHAKTI stands for the South Asian Lesbian and Gay Network, and was founded by a group of four South Asians, concerned at the isolation many of their sisters and brothers experienced in their communities for being lesbian or gay. The Leicester group of nearly fifty members adds to a national membership approaching 1,000, with networks in Bradford, Leeds, Birmingham and Manchester. Any Asian lesbian or gay person wishing to make contact with SHAKTI should write to SHAKTI KHABAR, BM BOX 4390, LONDON WC1N 3XXI. Contact Leicester Lesbian/Gayline for local group contact and watch Outright for next disco.

The National Council for Civil Liberties has produced a new range of factsheets containing practical information and advice about the civil rights of individuals in Britain. The new guidelines contain information about homosexuality and the criminal law, as well as advice about police powers, prisoners' rights, immigration, racial harassment, legal aid, and many other subjects. The pack is available from NCCL, 21 Tabard Street, London SE1 4LA (price 7.95 plus 70p. p & p).

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Asian people concerned about HIV and AIDS are invited to a special one-day seminar to be held at London Lighthouse on August 29th. The seminar is open to all Asians, regardless of sexuality or gender. Write for details to HIV Seminar, c/o BM Box 3167, London WC1N 3XX or phone 081-740 0477 (day) or 081-993 9001 (evening).

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