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### PERSONAL GROWTH

For the second year running, gay men in Nottingham will have the chance to participate in a Personal Growth Group. This year the duration of the weekly group has been extended and will meet until Easter. The twelve participants will be asked to initially commit themselves to eight weeks. Thereafter, members may choose to continue, and the group will be open to new men joining. The group will meet in central Nottingham on Mondays from 8-9.30pm.

Last year the members found themselves exploring a wide range of issues including how they felt about themselves, their sexuality, their friendships with other men and women (straight and gay), and their families.

This year participants will decide on what is important for them on the night and the group is likely to be a good place to work on feelings around low self-esteem, difficulties with expressing intimacy, self-oppression etc. In short, any problems that prevent us living our lives to the full, and being all that we can be.

The group will be professionally facilitated by

Dominic Davies, a counsellor and psychotherapist with many years of experience of working with lesbians and gay men. Dominic holds a diploma in psychotherapy and Accreditation with the British Association for Counselling.

Fees for the group will be negotiated at the first meeting, on the basis of ability to pay, and are likely to be between £3 and £15 per meeting.

For further information, and an informal discussion, please contact Dominic Davies on (0602) 297215.

### OUTLAWED IN NOTTINGHAM

A new monthly freesheet hits the streets of Nottingham this month, entitled 'Outlaws'. It was born at a recent campaigning meeting of outrage, and although separate from that organisation the emphasis will be on articles around campaigning in the lesbian and gay movement and personal politics issues. This is the brainchild of Matthew Thoresen and Chris Hinchley and their first, pilot edition was launched at the premiere of 'Young Soul Rebels' in Nottingham earlier this month.

Called No.0 it is a dummy run and will invite comments and criticisms from readers so that future editions can respond to readers' needs.

Not everything in 'Outlaws' will be heavy going. "Anyone who would like to have pictures of their pets in the paper should rush a photo to the editors, and there will be recipes too" said Matthew.

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## OUTING - A DERBY VIEW

*City Councillor interviewed*

The Derby Evening Telegraph recently carried a three-part analysis of things gay in Derby and one interview focused on 'outing'. Former chair of Derby City Council's Equal Opportunities sub-committee, Cllr Robin Wood, came out against 'outing' as being another form of queerbashing. He felt that what was needed was a society which simply accepted gay and lesbian people, and a reaction to finding out that 'so and so' is gay should be 'so what?' He felt it should have no more stigma than being left-handed or black.

Derby City Council has a policy of equal opportunities which applies to relations between staff and to the provision of services. Cllr Wood said that if a gay couple came to the City Council for housing they would

have equal rights with a heterosexual couple and would be entitled to the same facilities as everyone else, providing they had paid their poll tax.

Robin believes that a politician's sexual orientation is not a topic for the Council chamber, and

cannot envisage a situation where it would be relevant to declare it. For instance, when an extension of a licence application came up for discussion for a new gay pub, the councillors

were asked whether any of them should declare an interest. "But we decided that it would not be relevant for a heterosexual councillor to reveal his or her sexual orientation on an application for a straight pub, so what's the difference".

Cllr Wood was a strong opponent of Clause 28 of the Local Government Act which restricts local...

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## PRIDE FOR ME



Two days were left for Pride and I knew I had to go, Pride 1991 was the first pride march I ever went on. At first I was nervous, but as soon as I got off the minibus I just let myself go and ran off and joined the long crowd of marchers; men, women and all different races and nationalities.

Inside I knew this was our day to be proud of being what we are. Everyone around me was blowing whistles and shouting and I was having the time of my life. On this day I wasn't bothered about being recognised. I wouldn't be there otherwise.

I stood in solidarity next to everyone, they were hugging and kissing and holding hands and even I didn't miss out on that. I went down with a whole crowd of people and my best friend Janine, and got really talking to one guy off the minibus and he was so helpful and supportive. I can tell you I was dead thankful for this.

I lost Janine halfway through the march but bumped into her in the park and wanted to tell her how I felt but I couldn't think how but I knew she understood. On the way back home I thought to myself, why can't gay and lesbians express their feelings everyday like today - like in a heterosexual relationship where holding hands and kissing in public is considered normal and natural.

Why couldn't everyday be like today; wouldn't it be great. As I got off the minibus I just felt like getting a loudspeaker and do what I'd been doing all day.

But I knew I could do that again next year. As my eyes were closing into a deep sleep I could hear myself saying, "Pride 1992 here I come!"

- Jamie Bashir



## OUTING - A DERBY VIEW

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authorities spending money on 'the promotion of homosexuality'. Following legal advice, Derby City Council have continued to support groups like Friend. "I am a Tory councillor but I believe the clause was introduced by a minority of bigots" he told Derby Evening Telegraph.

(We thank the Derby Evening Telegraph for permission to reprint extracts of their interview.)

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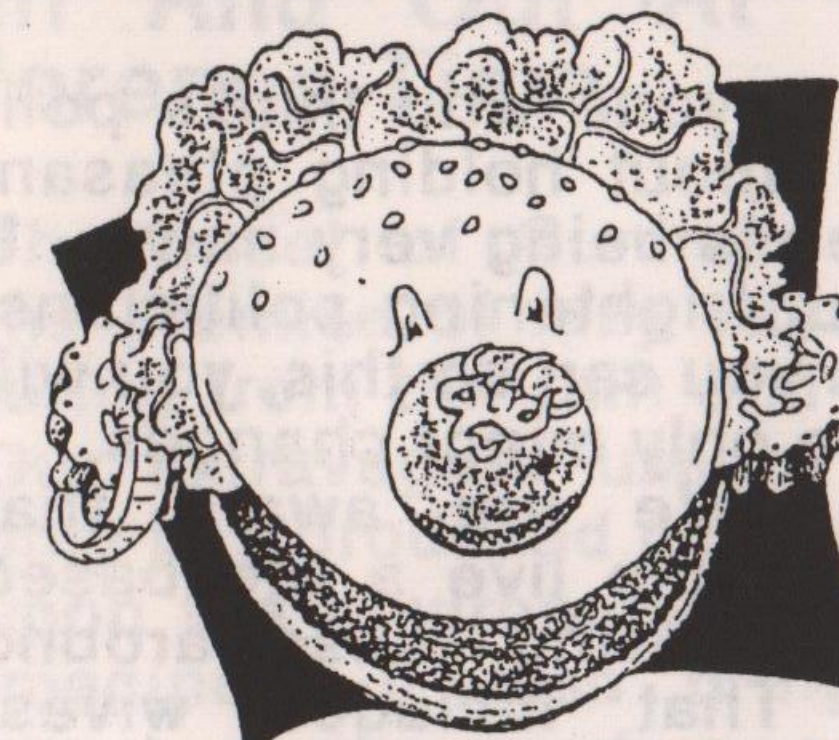
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## LESBIAN THERAPY WEEKEND

A therapeutic weekend for lesbians has been arranged for the end of September. Facilitated by counsellor/Gestalt Therapist Liz Mackenzie, the event will be held at the Leicester Lesbian and Gay Line centre at 45, King Street, Leicester on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September. For more details phone (0533)-550667, Mon-Fri 6.30-10.30pm

## ON HOLIDAY? TAKE CARE

Quoting a recent survey in Nottingham by Dr Pam Gilles, they are reminding travellers to take condoms. Dr Gilles' survey of 978 16-40 year olds who had travelled abroad produced some alarming figures: more than two thirds did not use them regularly.

## COMING SOON

For over 12 years I have carried around with me a dozen cans of film cut from a feature I made in 1978 called, "NIGHTHAWKS". The original running time of the film was around 4 hours. Too long. But I can't throw those good scenes out with the garbage. The reasons were part sentimental but part political. The original film was about a man trying to form relationships in the emerging gay world. Nobody filmed those kinds of things then. I thought that one day the material might add up to something somewhere. Last year, I opened those cans for the first time in 12 years. With the help of Paul Hallam, my collaborator on "NIGHTHAWKS", I started putting it all together. I saw some new material on tape, found some super 8 film shot 25 years' ago. All this disparate material began to find its own strength and shape and I ended up making a partially autobiographical film about being gay in Britain between 1962 and 1990. It seemed a story worth telling. RON PECK.

## COMING

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With Anna Karina, Jean-Paul Belmondo  
Godard's third film is a lighthearted romantic comedy about a couple's arguments over having a baby. Shot in beautiful colour cinemascope, Godard used the opportunity to indulge in lots of jokes about cinema, and to pay homage to the golden era of Hollywood screwball comedies and classic musicals.



■ 29 SEPT 3.00 pm & 6.00 pm  
**BEAUTIFUL DREAMERS (15)**  
Canada 1990 Director John Harrison (108 mins)  
With Colm Feore, Rip Torn, Wendel Meldrum  
Unusual, engrossing literary tale about the real life friendship between the Poet, Walt Whitman and mental asylum superintendent Doctor Maurice Bucke (who became Whitman's biographer), and his wife. Whitman is a source of inspiration and enlightenment for them, and the film, using Bucke's own words about Whitman, carefully depicts their relationship and the power of Whitman's personality.



■ 27-28 SEPT 6.00 pm & 8.30 pm  
29 SEPT 8.30 pm,  
30 SEPT-1 OCT 6.00 pm & 8.30 pm  
**AFTER DARK MY SWEET (18)**  
U.S.A. 1990 Director James Foley (111 mins)  
With Jason Patric, Bruce Dern, Rachel Ward  
A sexy, stylish movie based on the novel by Jim The Grifters Thompson, After Dark My Sweet is an edgy, violent, romantic thriller about a trio of ill-assorted outsiders who become kidnappers in a get-rich-quick scheme. Sensuous, shocking and superbly performed.

STRIP JACK NAKED S



## MENS PERSONAL

**HANDSOME**, sincere loving guy, 36, seeks similar, preferably hirsute, 30 miles radius of Nottingham for fun, friendship, possibly relationship. Box 1.

**LEICESTER**, Asian male, 28, 5'8", slim, hirsute, non-scene, seeks passive fair haired romantic guy preferably under 35, for a caring relationship. Box 2.

**NOTTINGHAM**, I am 39 years old, 6' tall, seeking a gay male from Notts area aged 21-30 years old for a relationship. Box 3.

**EAST MIDLANDS**, late forties, getting into leather/SM. Any teachers for a novice? Can travel. Box 4.

**EAST MIDLANDS** 40s looking for new friends to drink with and have fun times. ALA with photo. Can travel, daytimes/evenings. Box 6.

**EASTMIDLANDS**, Gay man, gentle and sensual, outgoing varied interests early 40's, seeks friends and possible partners. Clean shaven, non-smoker essential. A.L.A. Box 7.

**LEICESTER** anywhere, gay male, 28, seeks guys 21-30 for friendship and fun, non-camp. Interests includes music, cinema. A.L.A. with photo. Box 8.

**NOTTINGHAM** mid-thirties, 6' tall queer man seeks playmates/fellow-travellers for spiritual, emotional or/and physical explorations. Photo would be nice. Age immaterial. Box 9.

**MIDLANDS**, two guys 30's seek couples singles 30's for active/passive safe fun and friendship. Photos exchanged. A.L.A. Box 10.

**LEICESTER**, 35, 5'6", clean-shaven, white, submissive, seeks emotionally responsive white/asian/black man under 40 for demanding but loving one to one relationsh. Box 11.

**LEICESTER**, married gay bloke 30, blonde, looking for similar or other gays for friendship/relationship, 25-50 years, straight looking only. Box 12.

**BUENOS AIRES**, Argentina, Jorge, late 20s but irremediably younger in heart and mind, seeks penfriend. Box 13.

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has been up to in the last few years.

Third, anyone who thinks politics is about holding pleasant debates is being very naive. It is about frightening politicians. Unless you can do this, you will achieve only minor changes.

Fourth, We are aware that many people live a life based upon deceiving those around them. That includes wives, lovers and friends. By remaining silent they allow others to continue thinking they are Straight. It is known as being economical with the truth.

One suspects that those who have their doubts about Outing take the view that we will be accepted if we behave extra nicely and show everyone that it is really quite safe to take us home to meet their mother. In other words they are still at the stage of blaming themselves for their situation. Progress will come when they realise that the problem is not them but The Straights.

PETER SMITH.

## WOMENS PERSONAL

**HEDONISTIC DYKE**, 24, seeks playmate, bored with vanilla, adventurous and easy going. Photo appreciated but not essential. Age immaterial. Box 51.

**LESBIAN**, 22, easy going, likes pizza, good videos, cinema, pubs. Seeks new friends, East Midlands/anywhere. Box 52.

## A VIEW FROM THE TOWPATH

### In And Out At Conference Time

The onset of Summer brings the promise of lazy days sheltering from the rain and gales. Our extravagant use of hairspray has produced more effects upon the environment than we imagined. It also brings the onset of the conference season. For the lucky ones this means trips to exotic places which suggests more holiday than erudite activities. For the less fortunate it means a trip to North London, unless you count the dubious pleasures of

Hampstead Heath as exotic.

One of the pleasures of Conference is the opportunity to mix with other people. It is a never ending source of pleasure to discover that there are people out there in the big wide world who not only accept that you are Lesbian or Gay but are genuinely interested in you for that very characteristic. This does suggest that our fear of Coming Out often exists more in our own minds than in any realistic appraisal of the consequences.

More of this anon. First let me announce that I have discovered a New Man and a New Lad. The former is supposedly an understanding and caring creature who values women as people not just as sex objects. Such a rare occurrence, usually thought more fable than real, was spotted each morning walking a baby in the local park. The latter may look trendy and caring but this turns out to be yet another ploy for pulling the "birds". Beneath the Gaultier suit he is as drunken and brutal as ever.

If you really want to know why men have not changed that much you need only look at the typical British SitCom. You seem to have two types. In one the men behave like children. In the other they are all Lads together with the occasional homophobic comment to show they are really straight, and that includes 'Birds Of A Feather'.

What is equally as interesting is the current debate which occurs at some conference sessions about Outing. For those with any doubts about this practice let me indulge in some polemic and make the following points:

First, Attending Conferences does show that even well-educated people are surprisingly ignorant about the lives of Lesbians and Gays. Given the difficulties of starting a debate about this, any publicity is better than none. It is up to us to take advantage of such opportunities. Second, other countries have a constitution which guarantees basic Rights and a Judiciary which protect individuals from Governments. We do not - and we know what our Government...

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