

## LESBIAN WEEK AT LAURISTON HALL

Laurieston Hall People Centre in Scotland are hosting a Lesbian Week from 1st-8th July and invite lesbians of all ages to join them. This follows a successful lesbian week there last year, and because of the continuing popularity of Gay Men's Weeks, they feel their facilities might be welcomed by lesbians on a more regular basis.

Tucked away in the South West Corner of Scotland in an idyllic setting, the forty-roomed Hall dates back to the early 19th century and is surrounded by its own estate of several hundred acres, where they raise cattle, chickens, and grow vegetables. A community of around thirty people live in and around the Hall and they are well-used to hosting single-sex groups in a safe space. A loch, a sauna by the pond and plenty of lovely walks, complement the various activities that tend to be organised by the participants themselves.

Men as well as women live at Laurieston Hall. It is not a separatist venue.

Charges for the week are on a sliding scale from £72 up to £140 for full board. For further information send a SAE to Laurieston Hall People Centre, Castle Douglas, South West Scotland, DG7 2NB.

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ham, Wednesday, 10th  
March, 9 till 2. Admission  
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▼ Gay Sweatshop in  
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One evening...two  
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'Entering Queens', 'Jack',  
'Drag Act. At the Arts  
Centre, Tamworth, Wed-  
nesday, 10th March.  
Phone box office (0827)  
53092 for times and  
prices.

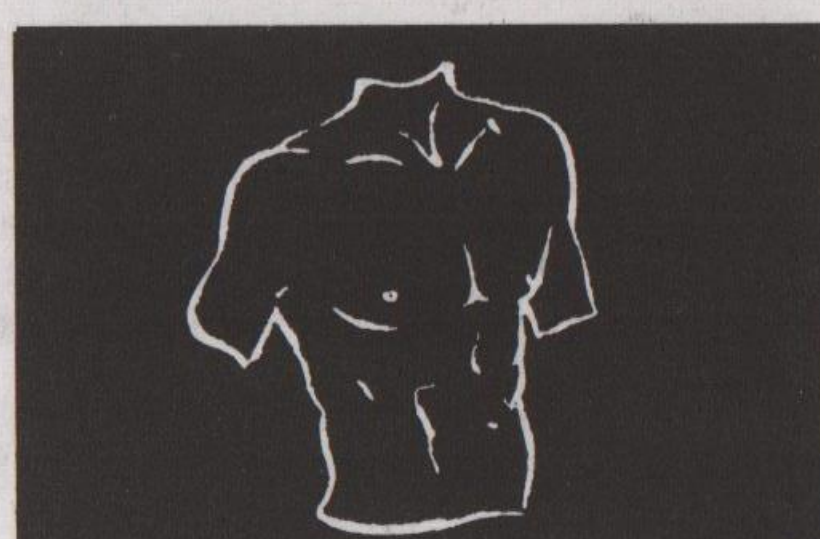
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This is a pilot project from January to March 1993.

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## GAY COUNCILLOR MURDERED

A Nottingham joiner has been charged with the murder of a Manchester city councillor, Chris Rogers (pictured), aged 39, whose body was discovered when police were called to a house in Carlton on 21st February.



photo: Manchester Metro News

His body had been formally identified by a friend who had known him for over twenty years. A preliminary post-mortem report showed that he had died of shock and haemorrhage due to stab injuries to the chest.

Colin Henry of Standhill Road Carlton appeared in Court on the 2nd March, charged with the murder of Chris Rogers and was remanded in custody until the 14th April.

Coun. Rogers, a colleague and personal friend of former Shadow Foreign Secretary, Gerald Kaufman, was Deputy Chair of Manchester Education Committee and had been Chair of the National Lesbian & Gay Group in MSF for over a year.



I lay on the birth bricks and I hurt my back. I sometimes feel like a spineless woman - then I remember, women are the backbone of the World

### My Choice - JACKY KING

Exhibition of Drawings on view at Nottingham Womens Centre, Chaucer St. (see page 5)

## AIDS PROJECT RESTRUCTURES

Nottingham Aids Information Project has suspended the majority of its services and activities to allow for a period of internal restructuring. The decision to take time out was made with the full involvement of representatives from Nottingham Health Authority. Two services remaining active are the buddying (befriending) of existing service users, and the Captain's Fund which assists people facing financial hardship as a result of their HIV status.

When the suspension of the facilities was announced an offer was made that if suitable alternative accommodation could be found, then the costs incurred by users of the Project would be favourably considered by Nottingham Health Authority.

Vice-Chair Jane Kokoszko said: "The decision to suspend activities was not taken lightly, but we felt that in order to ensure that our service provision was of the highest professional standards, and that effective managerial and administrative policies were in place to maintain those standards, then difficult decisions had to be made. With today's funding criteria from Statutory Agencies we need to be able to produce value-for-money of the highest level, otherwise we may no longer receive the funding. Therefore we took the decisions we did to preserve our long-term future".

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## TRIANGLES

Forest Tavern,  
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presents

Friday 6th March,  
**A KARAOKE NIGHT**

Friday 19th March,  
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### Labyrinth of Passion

Almodovar/Spain 1982 100 mins.

A madcap work, never released in Britain before from Spain's most famous and prolific filmmaker, 'Labyrinth of Passion' incorporates Almodovar's typical crazed cast of pop stars, grotesques and actors engaged in sex and outrageous comedy in equal measure and as such it remains both a fascinating insight into the director's fledgling career in post-Franco trendy Spain and a still greatly entertaining satire.

Thursday. 25th March - Sunday 28th March, 6.00/8.15, + 3.30  
Sunday Matinee.

### Orlando

Sally Potter/Europe/1992 93 mins.

With Tilda Swinton, Lothaire Bluteau, Quentin Crisp

Adapted from Virginia Woolf's famous novel, 'Orlando' is a lavish period drama following an Elizabethan aristocrat who, keeping a promise to the Queen, lives through 400 turbulent years first as a man then as a woman (Swinton in an extraordinary dual performance). Exploring the roles of women and questions of identity through the ages, Potter has created a beautiful intelligent, adult and funny film. + SHORT (19 mins)

Fri. 26th March - Thur. 1st April, 6.00 & 8.30, Sun. 8.30 only.

### Some Like it Hot

Wilder/USA/1959 120 mins.

Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Marilyn Monroe, Joe E. Brown

A great chance to catch this wonderful comedy about the farcical exploits of two musicians (Lemmon and Curtis) who, on the run from mobsters in 1920's prohibition Chicago, pose as women in an all girl band on their way to Florida. Enter Monroe as the dippy singer and the rest is history; no need to recite the many classic moments in this enduring masterpiece, it's fantastic, treat yourself.

Wed. 31st March & Thursday 1st April, 6.00 and 8.15pm.

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## FORTY SOMETHING

Jacky King (right) describes herself as '40ish and of challenging appearance'. She has led a varied career as Art School graduate, boutique designer partner, free-lance designer in England and America, restaurateur, hotelier and Art & Design Lecturer.

Her brochure reads "The series of work in the exhibition started two and a half years ago, and is still in progress. The English language, the language of love, of needs, of feelings and the honesty of the words are the starting point. The acquaintance with the words is irresistible hence the activity that keeps the work going. Also the infinite variety and magnitude and worth of this very personal series of work. The cycle of the words produces an innate and instinctive size or shape, colours, emotions, sounds, tastes and aroma. The visual marks must be equal to the symbols of the language. The insistence of equal emphasis." Her exhibition runs at the Womens Centre Nottingham until March 10th.



## PINEAPPLE LEATHER N' DENIM

Leicester will shortly have its own leather and denim bar at the Pineapple Inn. There will be a leather and denim members' bar at the pub which will operate a strict dress code. It is expected that the bar will open in early April and meanwhile anyone wanting further information should phone the Pineapple on (0533) 623384.

## ANGEL'S ATTITUDE

Issue 3 of the k.d. lang fanzine 'Angel with an Attitude' is on sale now. Send cheques for £2.24 to J. A. Bennett, PO Box 501, London SE21 7DS.

## LIFE IS *not* THE SAME IF YOU'RE GAY.

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## AIDS PROJECT RESTRUCTURES

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It is anticipated that the Project will be in a secure position to re-launch service provision from June 1993 onwards. In the meantime, visitors will continue to be welcomed at the centre's premises, but are requested to make an appointment first by contacting one of the staff members on (0602) 411989.

## DERBY AIDSLINE

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## BRIEF ENCOUNTER

'Encounter', the ITV Religious Affairs programme, was in Derby recently looking for priests to take part in a programme about the priesthood and the Church of England. But they couldn't find any who would be interviewed. That's when Trevor Thurston-Smith stepped in to take part. A social worker, and ex-priest who left the church over their hypocritical attitude to homosexuality, he said he wanted to live his life with integrity and honesty which was not possible when wearing the cloth. The programme makers were also able to find a serving priest in Coventry who was prepared to speak out. The Bishop of Derby was interviewed too, but his views proved to be predictably reactionary. The programme goes out on Sunday 18th April, 11.05-11.35pm, ITV network.

## OUT IN THE SPRING

Nottingham Out House Project is preparing to launch another festival following last year's successful 'Out in the Fall'.

The festival is likely to take place during May and early June and expects feature film, performance, art, photography, street theatre, dance, and a literary event. Anyone in the region who would like to take part in the festival is invited to contact one of the organisers. They are particularly interested to hear from amateurs wanting to showcase their talent for the first time, and are looking for photographers and aspiring performers of all kinds.

Another event in the planning stage is a May Day parade through the city by lesbians and gays in their working gear. Masks and shades will be provided for those who are coy about revealing their identity! Come with your overalls, tools, and briefcases, your hard hats and hand bags, and all your occupational accoutrements. Contact (0602) 780124.

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## PERVERSIONS

*Deviant Readings by Mandy Merck*

Mandy Merck is an Academic and journalist who edited the film quarterly 'Screen', and has produced several lesbian and gay series for British television.

## MAYBE THE MOON

by Armistead Maupin  
now available in cassette and paperback

## YES TO UNISON

The three public service unions, NALGO, COHSE, and NUPE are to amalgamate shortly to become UNISON, which will make it the second largest union in the country. Steve Bedser, from the NALGO Lesbian & Gay Self-Organised Group has some thoughts on the matter:

"Things have now shifted gear in NALGO; we aliens will have to replicate ourselves in this much larger union of over a million. It's a time to encourage lesbians and gays in the other two unions to join us in becoming a very much larger self-organised group. For members of COHSE and NUPE this will be the first time they have had access to a campaigning group for lesbians and gay men within the union. NUPE and COHSE

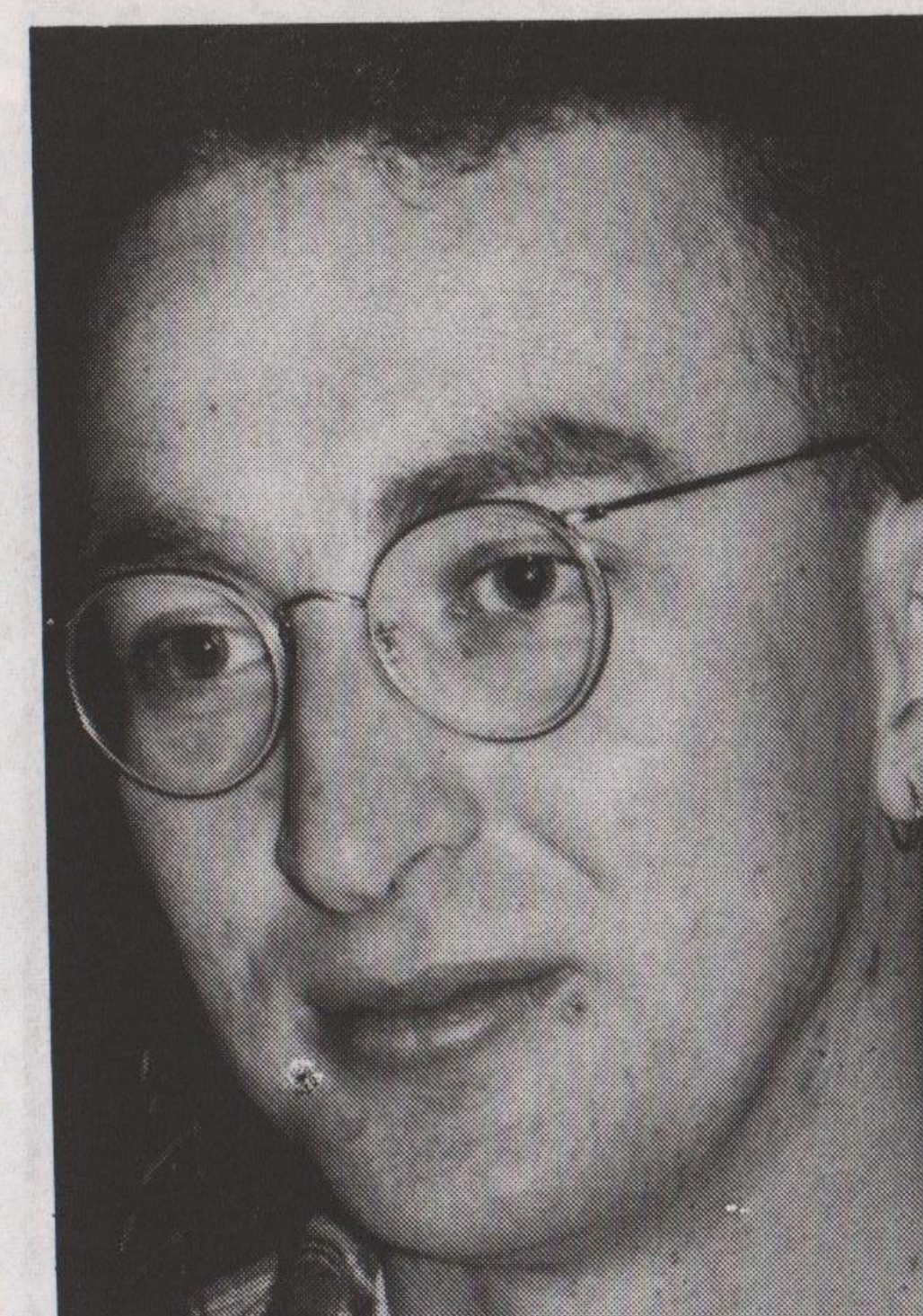


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## METRO CINEMA

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2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY  
Kubrick/Britain/1968 141 mins.

Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke revise the theory of evolution. A homicidal computer and alienated astronaut's journey to the apotheosis. Featuring a new generation of movie effects, most of which have yet to be bettered. The ultimate trip or the ultimate shaggy dog story? Wed. & Thu. 10th/11th March, 6.00pm.

## RESERVOIR DOGS

Tarantino/USA/1991 99 mins.

Six sharp-suited hoods, each given the name of a colour, are drafted in by a crime boss for a diamond rip-off. After a botched job, the survivors stagger back to the rendezvous point. In brutal exchanges of confidences, loyalties and violence, the gang structure is mercilessly dissected in a tour de force of cinematic technique and showcase American male acting. Male bonding turns into male bondage as Tim Roth bleeds to death before your very eyes. The most controversial film you will see this year. Fri. 26th Mar. - Sun. 4th Apr. Fri & Sat, 9.00pm & 11.15pm, Sun-Thur. 9.00pm.

## YESTERYEAR

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

LOUGHBOROUGH: the national Federation of Conservative Students at their annual meeting at Loughborough University affirmed support for the extension of the 1967 Sexual Offences Act to Scotland and Northern Ireland. They also gave support to abortion on demand and legalisation of cannabis. Confirmed bachelor and Shadow Education Secretary Norman St John Stevas claimed "these oversimplified attitudes reject the whole of Tory tradition".

## USE YOUR BUYING POWER

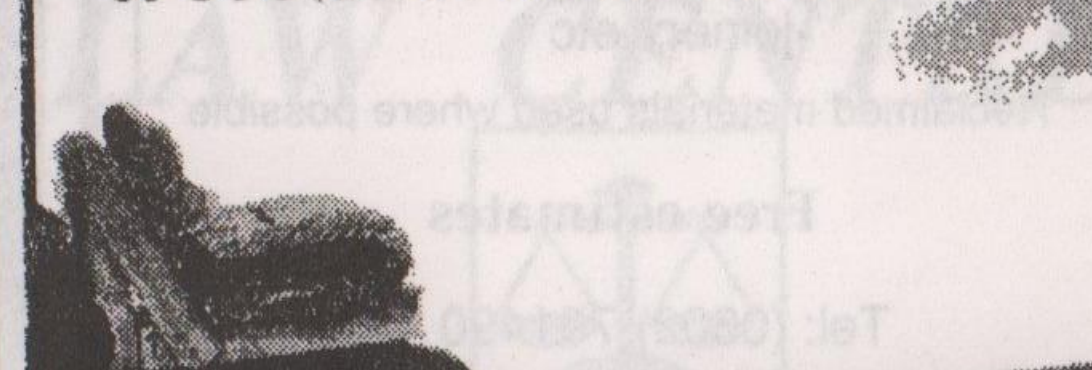


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## HOW WE MET

### Ben and 'Oright Babe'

After years of being a single parent there had been little time or money to meet people or build a relationship. By the time the children were off my hands it was very obvious to me and those around me that I was both looking and feeling old. I retired early and expected to spend the third span of my life alone; that didn't exactly depress me but I secretly hoped I'd meet someone special. I have a spiritual dimension to my life - I suppose one might say I'm religious. But I'd virtually given up churchgoing because I felt in conflict with the Church over the Gay issue.

One Sunday I felt the need to worship. I saw a phone number in Gay Times advertising the Metropolitan Community Church. As I made the journey there I began to wonder why I was bothering but on my arrival I received a tremendously warm welcome. Some gave me a hug, then a man twenty years my junior gave me a hug and a kiss on the cheek. He said, 'Oright Babe'.

I drove home from the Church service, unusually elated with the words 'Oright babe' ringing in my ears. I tried to visualise the faces of the others I'd met but 'Oright Babe' kept pushing his face forward through the windscreen. My usual reserve went out of the window. Within two weeks I was writing my thoughts and feelings to him when, joy upon joys, 'Oright Babe' phoned me.

I found myself explaining that the next Sunday my children would be staying and I would be late at the service after seeing them off. "Will you wait for me?". "I'll wait babe" came the reply.

That was six months ago. Maybe I'm deluding myself when I say I think I no longer look old and I certainly have no difficulty spending a couple of hours dancing.

'Oright Babe' has been the kindest, most loving and considerate person I could ever wish to meet. He doesn't very often get fed up with my stuffiness but I know when he does, because the 'Oright-Babe' can have a slightly different inflection. I am no longer sure if his accent is Brum, he is half Geordie, half Irish and lives in Birmingham. Sometimes I don't understand a word he says but often we don't need to say anything to be able to communicate. Never a day goes by without a phone call one way or the other. He took time off to be with me at Christmas, and New Year was spent together, staying with my son and his wife, who obviously liked him. We plan a holiday together in the Summer and we cannot imagine a future which does not involve us both and we plan to be living much closer together soon.

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## NUS at LGC

The NUS Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Society are holding a half-day regional conference on Saturday 20th March from 12 noon at Leicester Lesbian & Gay Centre with a series of workshops. Further details from (0602) 514999.



photo: Stuart Hollis

## PROMENAIDING TO £13,000!

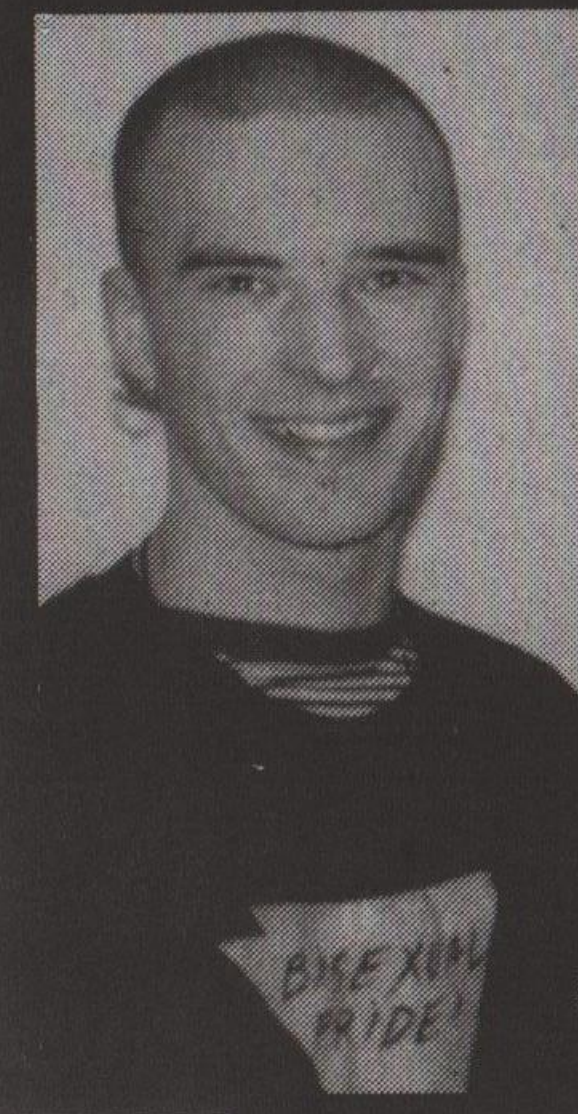
PROMENAID '93, the fundraising variety event, raised over £13,000 recently for the David Manley Fund and other HIV organisations in Leicester-shire.

This, the fifth Promenaide, brings the total raised by the annual event to £55,000. As a finale, the company sang Freddie Mercury's 'We Are The Champions' and had most of the audience on their feet.

For the first time the event was covered on local television in addition to wide regional press coverage.

Plans are already well in hand for Promenaide '94.

## BI ANY MEANS NECESSARY



That's the title of the regional monthly newsletter of the Bisexual Movement. Issue 4 has details of forthcoming workshops, together with the first part of an article by Jo Eadie (pictured), entitled 'So Just What is Bisexual Politics Anyway?' In it Jo Eadie argues that sexuality is alive, not set in stone, and the assumption that bisexuals will settle as either gay or straight simply doesn't fit the reality of most people's lives.

(The article in full was first featured in the current issue of 'Rouge', available from good bookshops such as Mushroom Bookshop, Nottingham, Blackthorn Books, Leicester and the Independent Bookshop in Sheffield).

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## EVENTS...EVENTS...

▼ **THE WAY WE LIVE NOW**  
Bonington Gallery, Nottingham Trent University, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, runs until mid-March, put together by British writer Howard Hodgkin and American writer, Susan Sontag.

▼ **"You Are My Good Teachers"**  
An exploration of what it means to be Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual in School, a one-day course, Nottingham University, Friday, 26th March. Cost £35. Contact Max Biddulph 0602-514457.

▼ **Gay Outdoor Club**  
Sundays. 21st March, E. Leics Ramble, 4th April, Charnwood Forest Cycle Ride, 18th April, Melbourne Ramble, details Nick (0533) 811138.

▼ **The Very Good Rock 'N' Roll Band**  
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## PACKED TO THE GILLS

300 panting women packed Nottingham Women's Centre, for Blind Date recently, raising over £500 profit to fund local parenting events. Sharon, Ange and June chorused: "Women came out of the woodwork, from Derby, Lincoln, Boston (not USA!), Leicester and elsewhere to gawp." The Centre was transformed into a veritable fairyland strewn with hearts and flowers. Sue (left) chose Rachel (middle) in preference to a nun and after a whirlwind getting-to-know-you session of fifteen minutes they both returned to tell a frothing Cilla how it went. But, sadly it didn't look as if they would get knotted on this occasion. Ms. Black was a vision of loveliness in a fetching acrylic two-piece oatmeal ensemble. Her outfit was complemented by black leather (shoes) and hair to match, which offset her peach and brickdust complexion and violet mascara, which at times made her look like an escapee from Wentworth.

The event proved to be one of the biggest crowd pullers at the Womens Centre for a very long time.

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