

## HALLOWE'EN

High jinks are promised at the Nottingham Women's Centre for Hallowe'en on Saturday 30th October. A fun-filled night is promised with cabaret, games and of course a disco, a dazzling party to warm and entertain as the winter nights set in. Hallowe'en is the Witches' New Year. In old times the witches were the healers, teachers, poets and midwives of their communities.



The Do is a benefit for the Lesbian Centre. All women welcome, fancy dress encouraged. Doors open at 8pm: Nasty Turns cabaret begins at 8.30pm followed by Ghastly Games; Disco at 10pm till late. Tickets available in advance: tel Lesbian Line 0602-410652 (see also helpline panel, page 10).

### WELCOME!

A welcome from Outright to all the new readers in the Coventry and Warwickshire area receiving Outright for the first time thanks to the distribution network of Coventry MESMEN.

## OPEN AND POSITIVE

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as possible'. I fight all against that. Although it really depends on one's attitude to life generally. The more in the closet, the worse the prognosis, I believe. I make every effort to live". And this is evidenced by fewer and fewer blank spaces in Joe's diary.

"When some people are diagnosed they only seem to live in the fast lane. I am very puritanical and follow a strict health regime. Nutrition is important to health but it can be boring if food is one of your pleasures. I am anti-all drugs including alcohol and tobacco. I believe in the right kind of exercise and practice yoga and swimming and take coffee enemas, and a tumbler of urine a day. It is easier when you're older to do these things", he says.

Joe is currently caretaking a London parish. Then its back to his other base in Leamington, Warwickshire where he has a living. "I am happy to come out as a gay man," says Joe. And he continues to review the question of whether being gay is still subsidiary to being a priest.

## SWITCHBOARD BASH

Several pubs in Nottingham are banding together to raise funds for Nottingham's Lesbian & Gay Switchboard. The week-long events are taking place at the Admiral Duncan and are being organised



by Graham and Martin (pictured). Several other pubs including the **Forresters** are taking part. The **Stag & Pheasant** and **Butlers**, two straight pubs are holding raffles in support. Gatsby's, Nottingham's biggest gay pub, were approached to take part but declined to do so.

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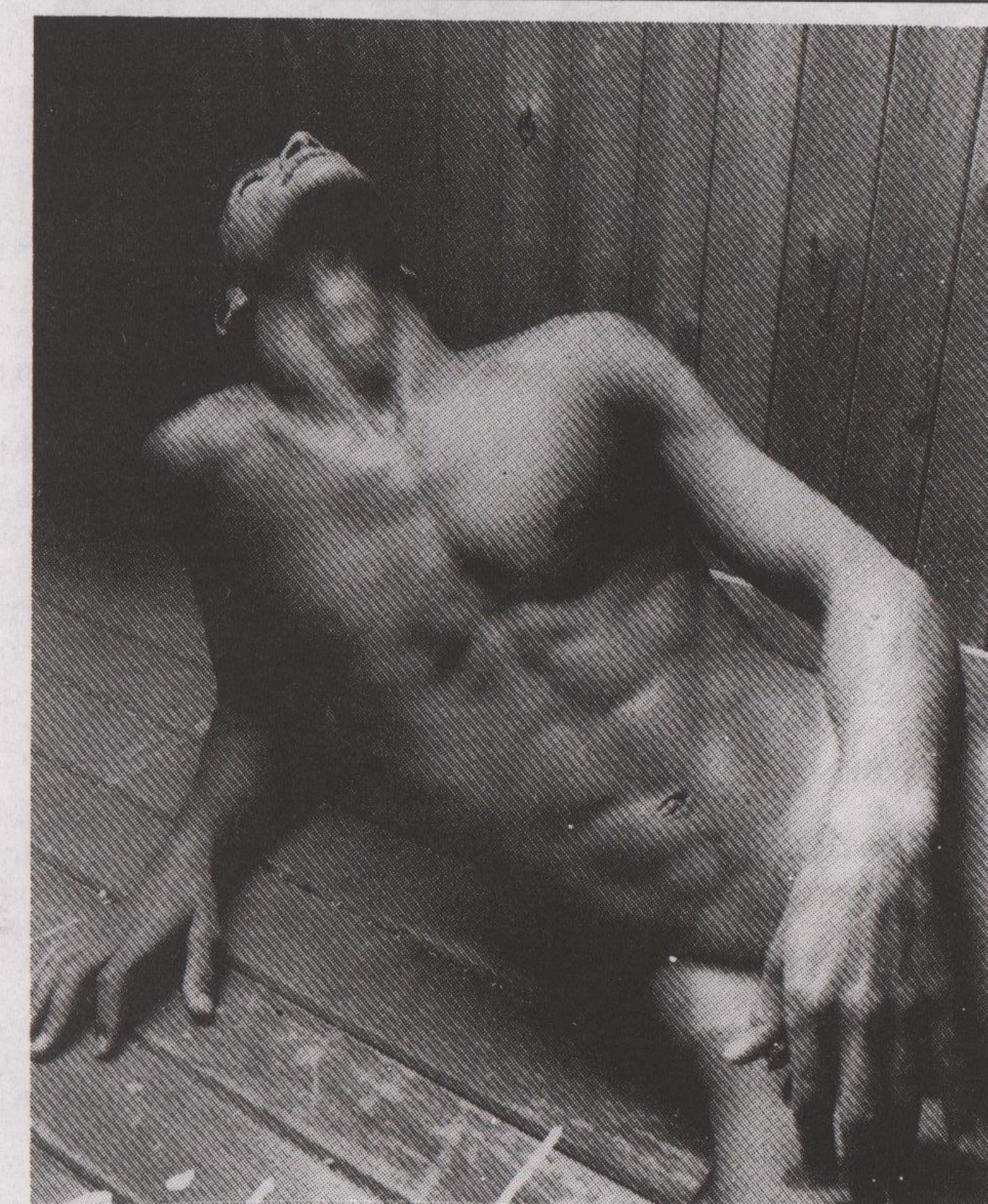
## NERO'S CLUB ATTACKED

A gang of youths made a homophobic attack on Nero's Club in St. James's St, Nottingham in the early hours of Sunday 5th September when they threw bottles at the door of the club.

Several eye witnesses saw them making a pile of the bottles beforehand outside Pieces Club across the road from Nero's. The police were called and claimed they could not take any action because no damage to property had been done and no one was hurt, despite several eye-witnesses identifying the perpetrators. Said one eye witness who later contacted Outright, "This was clearly a premeditated attack and it was lucky no one was injured". The doormen of Nero's insisted on some form of police protection for people coming out of the club, and the police maintained a presence until 3am at the bottom of the street. They have returned on several nights since to keep an eye on things.

Serious attacks on people leaving the Nightingale

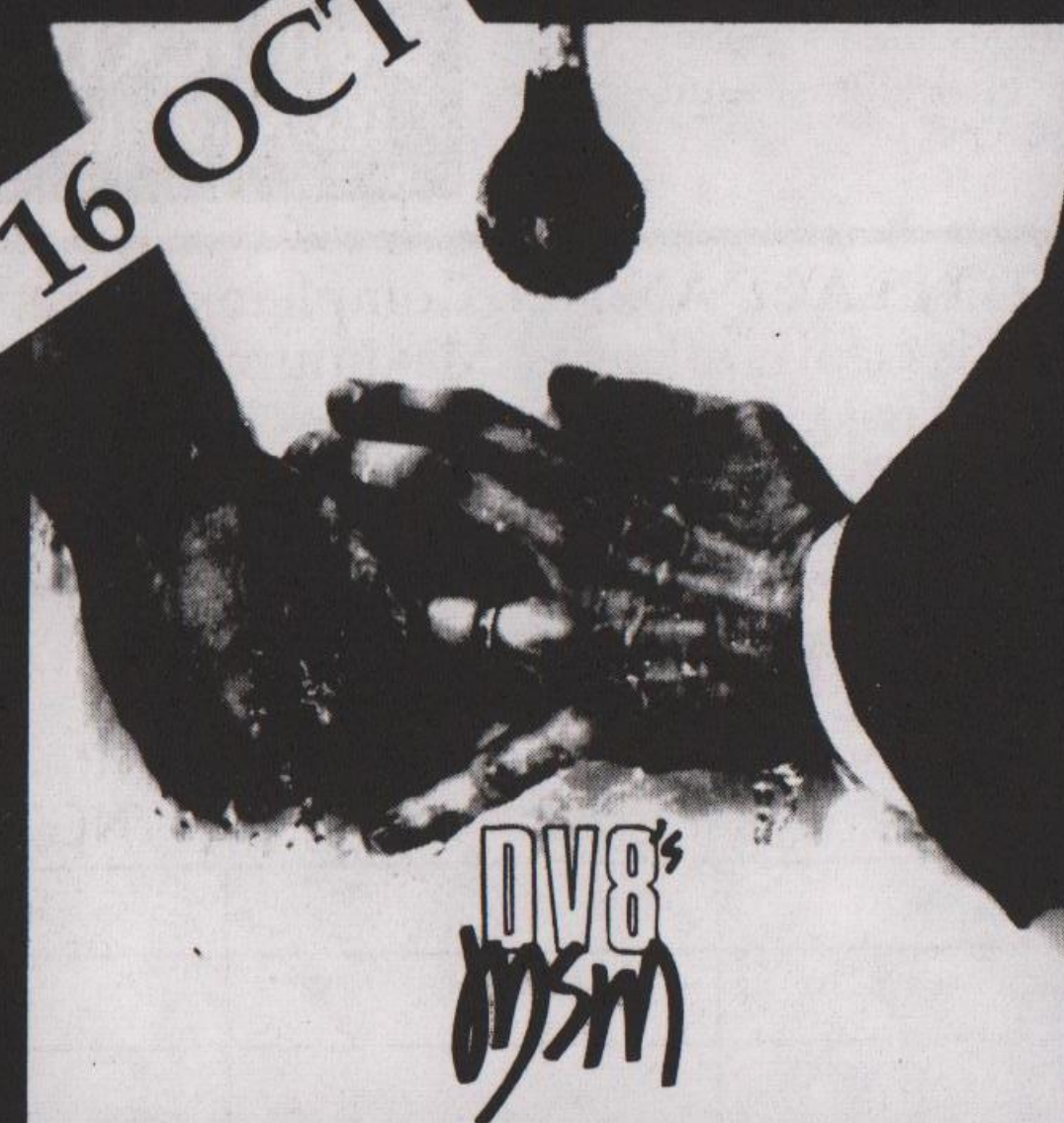
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▼ This striking photograph is one of a series produced by Deutschen AIDS-Hilfe as part of Germany's HIV prevention programme. A report on the International Conference on AIDS in Berlin appears inside.

## Nottingham Playhouse

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## NIGHTAFTERNIGHT



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## "COUNSELLING" SERVICE WARNING

The Coventry based Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association (GALHA) has issued a warning to lesbians and gay men who may be duped by a Christian telephone "counselling" service currently being advertised in local newspapers.

The ad, as it appears in Sheffield's Daily Star (circulated in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire) reads: "HOMOSEXUALITY Inclined? Concerned? For anonymous Christian telephone counsel ring Jef - 0232 230743 Mon-Thurs."

Alerted to the ad by a member in Sheffield, GALHA Secretary George Broadhead said: "This dangerous and spurious service goes back some time and used to go under the name of 'Pilot'. It was based in Poole, Dorset, but judging from the phone code is now in Belfast. A leaflet issued by Pilot maintains that gays 'can enjoy, deep, loving relationships without perverted eroticism corroding and spoiling the relationship' - a view which is all too typical of the Judeo-Christian attitude to homosexuality."



## CIAO BABY, STRUT YER STUFF!

The Charity fashion event of the Autumn takes place in Loughborough on the 27th October when Red Ribbon will be staging a show which has attracted international and local designers and top celebrities. The benefit, co-ordinated by Nottingham-based Phil Blake promises to be a runaway success, judging by the advance ticket sales. Local HIV charities stand to benefit from the bash.



Photo: Gay Times

Designers include Katherine Hamnett, Vivienne Westwood, Red or Dead and Helen Storey. The Celeb line up includes Jo Brand, Tom Robinson, Labi Siffre, Sandra Sandri (Pilar from 'Eldorado') and Mike Fab-Gere of Permissive Society. Jeffery Bryant designer for pop group Right Said Fred has promised to attend and Mama Yvette has threatened to turn up with her Ciao Babies, (pictured fingering one of them).

The show kicks off around 8pm and ends at 11.30pm. Tickets are £9 in advance £10 on door, £7 students/unwaged and can be obtained from Red Ribbon Fashion Event c/o D. Parker, Loughborough Students' Union, Ashby Road, Loughborough, LE113TT. Cheques payable to 'Recycled Show Fund'. Credit Card booking through Way Ahead 0602 483456 (subject to booking fee). Booking enquiries please telephone 0509 217766.

## METRO CINEMA

Green Lane, Derby: box office (0332) 40170

**HOUSE OF ANGELS**  
Dir: Colin Nutley/Sweden, Norway, Denmark/1991. 126 mins.

Set in an idyllic rural summer, 'House of Angels' explores the suspicions and bigotry of a small Swedish village. After an rich old landowner dies in an accident, his estate is inherited by a grand daughter no one knew existed. On arrival in the sleepy backwater, the young woman's flamboyancy city ways and her biker boyfriend are met by suspicion and hostility from the locals until she gradually wins them over with her charm and sheer personality.

Fri 1 & Sat 2 Oct, 8.45pm,  
Sun 3 Oct, 8pm.



HOUSE OF ANGELS

**EQUINOX**  
Dir: Alan Rudolph/USA/1993/103 mins.

A sophisticated, stylish suspense drama tracing the trajectory of two twins unknown to each other until they grow up and their paths collide. One is a slick, evil mobster, the other a nerd but honest car mechanic.

Fri 8 & Sat 9 Oct, 6.30pm, Sun 10th, 6pm, Tues 12-Thur 14 Oct, 8.45pm.

**JAMON JAMON**

Dir: Bigas Luna/Spain/1992/94 mins. Set in rural Spain, this bizarre story concerns a factory girl made pregnant by the boss's son, and then seduced by a young stud trying to prevent the couple's marriage. A speedy, farcical, wild black comedy.

Fri 8 & Sat 9 Oct, 8.45/11pm, Sun 10 Oct, 8.15pm.

**APRES L'AMOUR**

Dir: Diane Kurys/France/1992/104 min. A glossy, sensual, immensely enjoyable romantic drama about the complicated love life of a rich, successful writer who is the lover of both a middle aged architect and a young rock musician.

Fri 15 & Sat 16 Oct, 6.45pm, Sun 17 at 6pm, Tue 19 & Wed 20 Oct, 6.30pm, Thur 21 Oct at 8.45pm.

## SPACE SUIT SURGERY

The 'space suits' illustrated here are part of the Nottingham Queen's Medical Centre's precautions to protect surgeons and other staff involved in operations on people with AIDS.

Bone cutting operations create particular problems because of the aerosol of blood created by the high speed instruments. The suits are not routinely used, however: they have proved to be hot and uncomfortable to the wearers. Three suits were bought by the hospital three years ago and have been used in a small number of operations. In the hospital magazine 'Queen's', consultant Chris Colton says "If a patient has a high risk lifestyle, then we make a decision on whether to go ahead with the surgery if such surgery is not life-saving. We need to discuss the risk implications and balance up the risk to staff against the need for the patient's treatment."



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## WOMEN AND IRELAND

In March this year a group of women from Nottingham, the majority of them lesbians, were part of a UK Women's delegation to the North of Ireland. "The visit happens every year around International Women's Day," says Carrie Salzedo (pictured). "It's aim is to inform women about the situation in the six counties, give them a chance to experience life there first hand, and on their return to report back to friends, relations, colleagues and meetings."



As part of their reporting back, the Nottingham Women & Ireland Group invite you to a meeting with slides, photos and refreshments on Friday 22nd October 1993 at the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham, from 7pm to 9pm.

All women and men are welcome for an informative, stimulating and enjoyable couple of hours.

If you would like a speaker for your organisation, please contact the Women & Ireland Group via the Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LP.

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

The laws surrounding pensions make it difficult for unmarried couples to plan for retirement. When you are gay, it is not only the law that makes it difficult, it is the misconceptions surrounding intestacy and trusts. In other words, if you think you may ever want a partner to benefit from your pension plan in the event of your death you cannot leave it to chance.

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## GYGL GOES FOR IT!

Coventry Godiva Young Gays and Lesbians are hoping to raise enough money to send members to the International Lesbian and Gay Association's European conference in London in December. They are holding a fundraising benefit disco featuring Michelle Hunt at McGuiggans Bar in Swanswell Street on Wednesday 27th October from 8pm. Admission is £2 in advance or £2.50 on the door, all welcome.

The GYGL group is for gays and lesbians aged sixteen to twenty two. More info from Lesbian Line or MESMEN (see helpline panel on classified ads page).

## Outburst!

Dear Editor,

It saddens me to read Simon Wilkinson's article (September Outright), mouthing line for line the Tory lie about 'You can buy pornography on Sunday but you can't buy the Bible.'

What is really at the heart of the matter is, if Sunday is to lose its special status and 'Become a day like any other' then the employer will not have to pay overtime or double time. He can then have seven days a week working and never pay overtime rates again. Another giant step at making Britain the Taiwan of Europe.

So think before you are ready to throw a special day out of the window just to go shopping.

There is something that does need reforming and that's the throwing out time at 11pm. If that's not the next best thing to a curfew, I don't know what is.

Regards,  
Alan, Derby.

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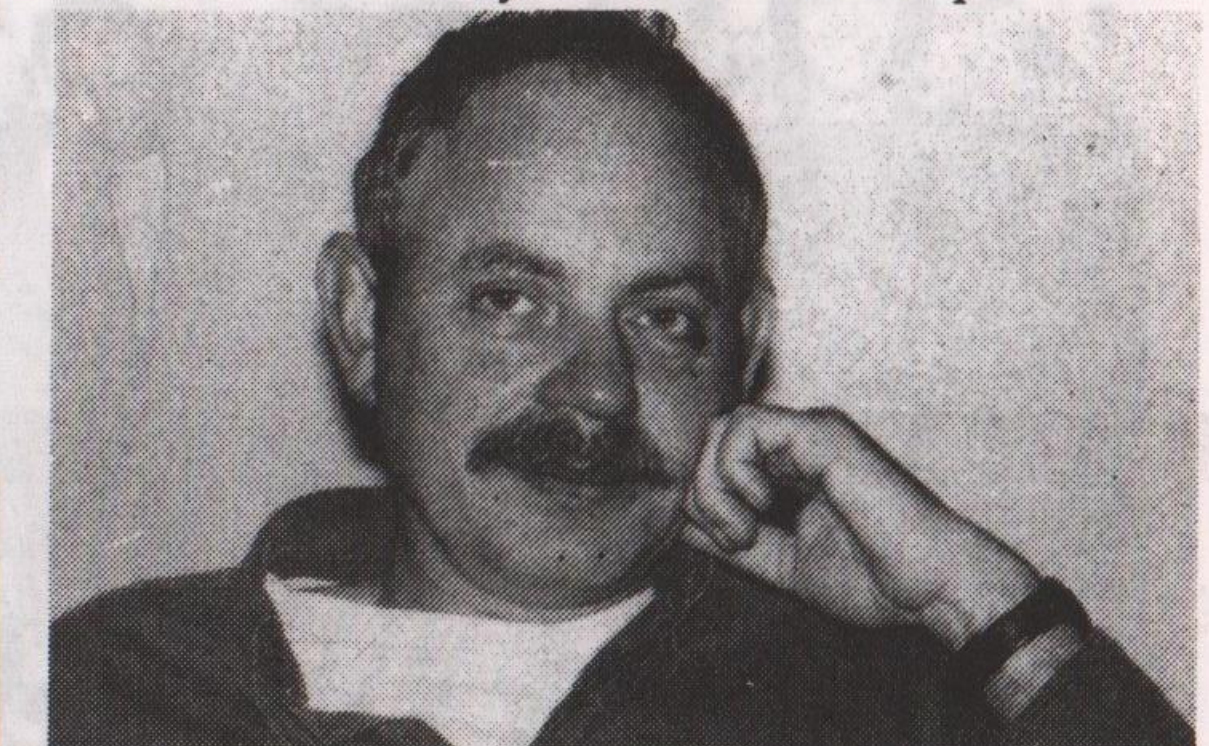
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## GAY GOURMET

Last year 'Outright' reported the 'gay gourmet' project launched by John Hales (pictured) of Leeds. Gay men and lesbians were asked to send him their favourite recipes to be published under the title 'The Gay Gourmet'. All proceeds



to be devoted to Cruiseaid and the Daybreak Trust, two registered charities concerned with Aids and HIV. John reports that he's had a good response, and the celebrities who have written to him with their special recipes include Michael Cashman, Tom Robinson, Jane Rule, Simon Fanshawe, Ned Sherrin and Peter Tatchell. But it's not a book about celebrities and he still needs a few more recipes from gays and lesbians, perhaps with a brief note about what the recipe means to them. Contributions will be gratefully received by John Hales, Project Food Aids, MESMAC, PO Box 172, Leeds, LS7 3BZ.

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## AUTUMN ON 4.

Channel 4 has some new and exciting programmes for the autumn, beginning with **Tales of the City** on Tuesday 28th September. Armistead Maupin's affectionate tales of seventies' San Francisco span the lives and loves of the residents of 28 Barbary Lane. From a serial in the 'San Francisco Chronicle' through a series of six novels, Maupin's lovable characters have entertained a generation of gay and straight readers. With English production and direction and an American cast, the series includes some cameo performances from Ian McKellen, Rod Steiger and Karen Black.



The cast of 'Tales of the City'

**Closing Numbers**, another major drama, tells the story of a middle class English woman (Jane Asher) who discovers her husband has been having a longstanding affair with a man. The producer is Jennifer Howarth who also produced **Distant Voices**, **Still Lives**, and includes Nigel Charnock founder of the dance group DV8 in his first acting role.

**Terry and Julian**, starring Julian Clary gets a repeat showing on Wednesdays from 6th October, and **The Golden Girls** make another re-appearance, this time from their 1988 series, on Fridays from 10th November.

Films on 4 include **My Own Private Idaho** and **The Crying Game**.

Towards the end of November begins a four part series entitled **The Plague**, about the social, political and medical history of AIDS.

## HYPNOTIC

Matt Sharp comes to Derby on the 18th November after a successful two year performance tour of America and Europe, performing at gay and mainstream venues. Matt hopes to extend his gay following when he appears at the Guildhall Theatre. Tickets are available from the Assembly Rooms box office.

## OUR PAST

Simon Wright (pictured) wants to talk to lesbians and gays who have memories of the 1930's, as part of his postgraduate research. Simon can be contacted at the Dept of English Studies, Nottingham University, NG7 2RD.



Simon Wright

## RECORD ROUNDUP

### by Simon Smalley

#### Reefer Madness

It'd be easy to compare Paul Weller's new album 'Wild Wood' to 60's-tinged offerings by Lenny Kravitz, but this appears more honest than a simple back-pedal to that decade. You can't help but feel exhilarated by his applaudable return to form on this kaleidoscope cacophony of eclectic influences. He's not gone overboard on the Small Faces feel, more like slipping and tripping through Itchycoo Park, expanding its boundaries and reclaiming it for himself. Cropping up are some nice mid-track links and instrumentals in a jazzily soul style which many attempt, but few carry off with conviction. Over recent years, I've thought that Weller had lost the plot, but now it seems as if he has all the answers on this curling, swirling whirlpool of Lazy Sunday sounds. 'Sunflower' and 'Wild Wood', already lifted as single are adequate indications of the flow of this set. Certainly this queen's album of the year! Beg, borrow, but don't steal this NOW!

#### Sex Dwarf

Now, I've met Kenny Thomas and he comes over as a pint-sized ex-boxing 'Birds of a Fevva' extra with all the sophistication of Nora Batty. That impression is unfortunately conveyed to

me on his second LP attempt at classy soul. O.K., so he's very, very good at what he does, i.e a white man trying to sound like a member of the Chi-Lites, but it's more like he was chucked out of the Barry White School of Soul mid-term and told not to come back. The third track, 'Piece by Piece' stands out head and shoulders above the rest and would make a first class single, but the remainder is an immaculately produced yawn, ideal for playing in the GTi en route for Ritzeh, but all in all, insufferably BORING! Oh, pass the gin, Mary.

#### Get Into the Groove

After hearing the pre-release tape of the funkastically whoppin' & boppin' single 'Come Together'/'This Is Our Day', by local groove-gods Dr. Egg & The Love Specialists, it left me wigglin' & jigglin' to their smoothly produced chunk o' funk. This is definitely a Grade 'A', free-range groovy luurve thang. Immensely catchy with a hip-gyrating percussive break down with drum & bass, play it loud for optimum excitement! Bump and grind as they bring a sunny side up slant to the term 'Chicken in a basket' at the Old Vic., Fletcher Gate, Nottingham on October 7th, A splendid time is guaranteed for All! Pester your record retailer for a release NOW!

See you anon!

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Nottingham Friend, the counselling and befriending agency for lesbians, gay men and bisexual people is seeking volunteers interested in counselling. For further information please ring 0602 474717 at any time (ansaphone) or write c/o 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FF.

## GAY OUTDOORS

East Midlands and Transpennine Gay Outdoor Clubs have a ten mile walk from Tissington in Derbys on 17th October. West Midlands group have a 12.5 mile walk in the Cotswolds on 24th October and a hillwalking weekend on the 29th/31st. More details about GOC and the walks from John (0532-737040: Transpennine), Nick (0533-811138: East Midlands), Andy (021-779-2402: West Midlands).

## NOTICE BOARD

#### ▼ MCC, Nottingham

The Metropolitan Community Church meets every Sunday at 11am at All Saints Community Centre, 25 Raleigh Street, Nottingham. Preacher on 3rd October, Doreen Shambrook.

#### ▼ Countdown on Spanner

Three Spanner campaigners speak at workshops in the Social Sciences Building, Nottingham University at 1.30pm on Saturday 2nd October. Another workshop, **Lebido**, for lesbians and bisexual women, same place at 4pm.

#### ▼ Mansfield Lesbian Parenting

The Parenting Group have moved to an evening meeting once a month at a different venue. Tel: 0623-659453 for more details.

#### ▼ Icebreakers

A new social group meets fortnightly in Nottingham on alternate Thursdays. Phone Switchboard for dates and times: see helpline panel page 10.

#### ▼ BIFU

The gay and lesbian group in the Banking, Insurance & Finance Union are meeting in Birmingham on Thursday 7th Oct at BIFU, High Street. All BIFU members welcome. Phone 0222-224483.

## STUPID CUPID

Gay Sweatshop are back in the Midlands with their new play 'Stupid Cupid' in which they mix the music of the 50's with the cutting edge of their own special style. James Dean and technicolour live again. At Leicester Haymarket Studio from Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th October.

## SEXUAL ABUSE

The second Standing Conference on Sexual Abuse of Men takes place at North London University, Holloway Road, London N5 on 15-17th October. The conference includes 20 workshops including men who have survived rape and a look at traditional views of masculinity. Further information from London Men's Forum at 583 High Road, Tottenham, London N17 6SB, Tel: 081 801 1651.

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## BROADWAY

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### CABARET

Dir: Bob Fosse/USA/1972/125 mins.  
Classic songs, great choreography and the marvellous Liza in this look at the nightlife and Nazis of Weimar Germany, adapted from Christopher Isherwood's Berlin Stories.  
Sunday 3rd October, 3.30/6.00  
Cinema 1.

### MOROCCO

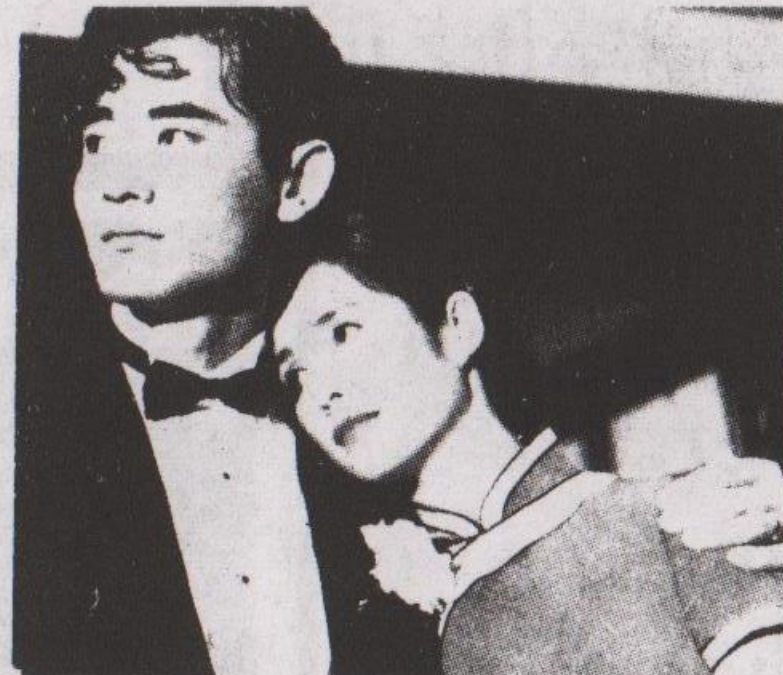
Dir: Von Sternberg/USA/1930/92 mins.  
Marlene Dietrich plays a sumptuous vamp retreating from her past with a one way ticket to Morocco, on the way enslaving all the men in sight, but ultimately sacrificing everything for the one man she truly loves - legionnaire Gary Cooper. Delicious sets, incredible expressionist lighting and Marlene - who needs more?  
Sunday 10th October, 3.30/6.00  
Cinema 1.

### VIRGIN MACHINE

Dir: Monika Treut/Germany/1988/85 mins.  
Candide, a would be journalist, travels from her German home to San Francisco in search of her long lost mother and a cure for life. There she encounters her neighbour's bizarre sex rituals, an array of wild characters and sightseeing of a more traditional kind, until she surfaces in the city's lesbian community - having discovered her true sexuality and left some illusions behind.  
Wed. 13th Oct. 8.15pm, Cinema 1,  
Thur. 14th October, 6.00/8.15pm,  
Cinema 2.

### THE WEDDING BANQUET

Dir: Ang Lee/Taiwan/1992/104 mins.  
Best Film Award winner at 1993 Berlin Film Festival, a comedy of manners about the collisions between Asian and American, old and young, straight and gay. Taiwanese Wai Tung has a happy, successful life in New York with his lover Simon. His parents in Taiwan pester him to marry. To placate them, Wai Tung marries Wei Wei, a Chinese student awaiting deportation for not having a Green Card. The pretence goes smoothly until Mum and Dad decide to make a surprise visit....



Fri. 22nd, 6.00/8.30pm, Sat. 23rd 3.30pm/6.00/8.30pm, Sun. 8.30pm,  
Mon. 25th-Thur. 28th, 6.00/8.00pm  
- Cinema 1. Fri. 29th, 6.00/8.00pm,  
Sat. 30th-Sun 31st October,  
3.30/6.00/ 8.30pm, - Cinema 2.

### PASSION FISH

Dir: John Sayles/USA/1992  
A feisty female soap star is injured in a car crash, and there the tale begins.  
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## REVIEW

### 'The New Joy Of Gay Sex' By Dr. Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano

Gay Mens Press 1993 £16.95

Many might say that this updated version of the old 'classic' - well out of print for years now - was long overdue given how dramatically our lives have changed since the advent of AIDS in the early 80's. The original was an advocate of virtual free-for-all fucking and sucking, which was fine, since this was 1977, HIV was unknown, condoms were novelty sex-toys and the biggest risk was an unexpected dose of herpes.

The text has been revised, the illustrations re-done (hardly a clone in sight now), and the price-tag is hefty. And the whole volume is American in style and tone. For £16.95, and the probable expectation of selling a lot of copies, I'm slightly cynical of GMP's 'first UK publication'. A revised version and more relevant for this side of the Atlantic - perhaps using a Tatchell or Watney sort-of-person as writer - would have gone a lot further in

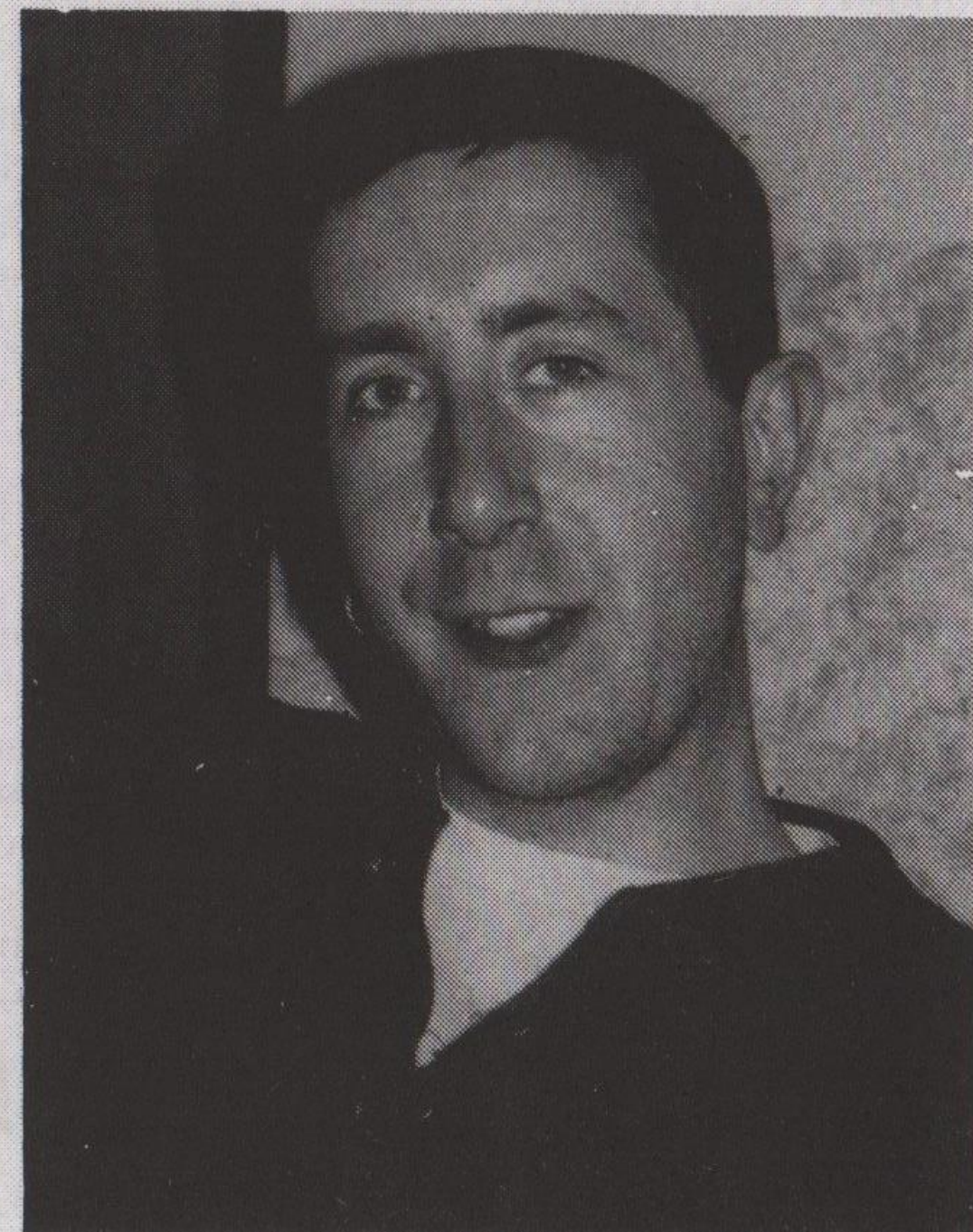
justifying the price and providing a more useful tool to us.

Saying that, there are some good entries in the books' A-Z format - ostensibly (and perhaps presumptuously) - a single, reliable guide to gay life - a necessary addition to every gay mans' bookshelf. These include COMING OUT, PARENTS and BLOW JOBS. Others are just plain fun - SLEAZY SEX and FUCK BUDDIES (still) come to mind. Some of the text is patronising, and some - particularly around 'risk-levels' of safer sex, and early-intervention HIV testing and treatment given the recent AZT furore - is now clearly dated even though written only two years ago.

If you're looking for a wank-book, forget it (although some of the illos are quite horny). Ditto if you seek the definitive gay bible. But for something to dip in and out of and used for fun every so often - preferably with a friend (or two) - then I guess

it works. Don't take it all too seriously and borrow a copy from your local switchboard or HIV organisation.

Reviewed by Chris Hinchley, Development Worker for the Nottingham AIDS Information Project.



Chris Hinchley

## BIFU

The Gay and Lesbian Group of the Banking, Insurance & Finance Union (BIFU), are holding several regional meetings around the country in October. There is a meeting in Birmingham on Thursday 7th October, at BIFU office, Gateway House, High Street, Birmingham B4 7TA and Manchester Wednesday 6th October, BIFU Office, 28 The Crescent, Salford, Lancs, M5 4PF. If you are interested in attending or linking up in your area contact 0222 224483. All BIFU members welcome.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month-long programme recognises the part played by people of African descent over nearly three centuries in Nottingham. Through a series of events it acknowledges the presence of Black people in the past and the present. Events range from drama and theatre workshops for schools to Working Lives, documenting experiences as Miner, Fairground Boxer and Factory Hand. The programme hopes to render visible that which has been made invisible over the years, to restore the contribution made by black people in local history.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Black Lesbian and Gay Group is looking for new volunteers to train for its helpline. The group also has monthly get-togethers at 45 King Street. The September meeting explored aromatherapy, bodycare and general pampering. More information about volunteering and get-togethers from BL & GG, Michael Wood Centre, 53 Regent Road, Leicester.

## NEROS CLUB ATTACKED

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Club in Birmingham in early September are currently being investigated by West Midlands Police and the local Friend group is acting as a go-between for people who have information to pass on. Last month we reported an organised attack on Freddie's Bar in Derby which resulted in four of the attackers being detained by the Police.

## BERLIN

Berlin was the host city to 24,000 delegates to the International Conference on Aids recently. Health and HIV workers from projects in the region took part, including several from Leicester, Nottingham and Coventry.

The conference was held in the wake of adverse reports on the AZT trials, which cast an air of despondency over the proceedings. The incorporation of AIDS activism into the formal agenda also deprived the conference of the heat and anger which has characterised previous events: the Wellcome stall was reported to be zap-free this year.

Reports were given from all over the world on HIV preventative work and evaluations of their effectiveness, largely measured in numbers of condoms distributed and the trends in numbers of new HIV cases recorded. Only about 10% of the conference time was estimated to have been spent on discussions around men who have sex with men, and even less on young gays and women. Fear, taboos and prejudice were still holding back the work needed to encourage safer sex activity, and not only in those countries where sex between men is denied and HIV+ women are characterised as the cause rather

than the effect of unsafe sexual activity. A comparison of the preventative publicity from official sources in Britain and Germany illustrates the point.

Based on reports from local delegates to the conference.

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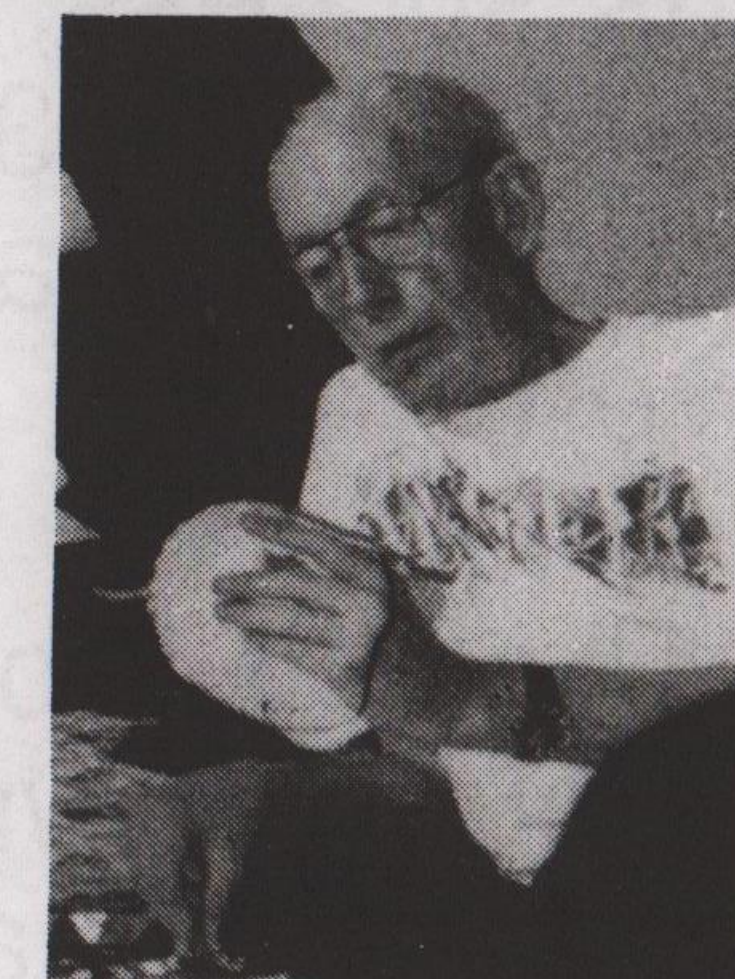


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Joe Humble is a priest who was diagnosed HIV+ in 1986 when he was a christian missionary working in Argentina. Joe returned to England after his diagnosis but at first was too scared to speak to anyone. "It's not easy even today being a homosexual. It is a situation of stress and that is something we need to avoid". Not many clergy admit to be HIV+ - I know at least twenty of them who are, they end up suffering in silence,

"When I was diagnosed, the official line was: 'I am sorry you are HIV+ we'll make your life as comfortable (continued on back page)"



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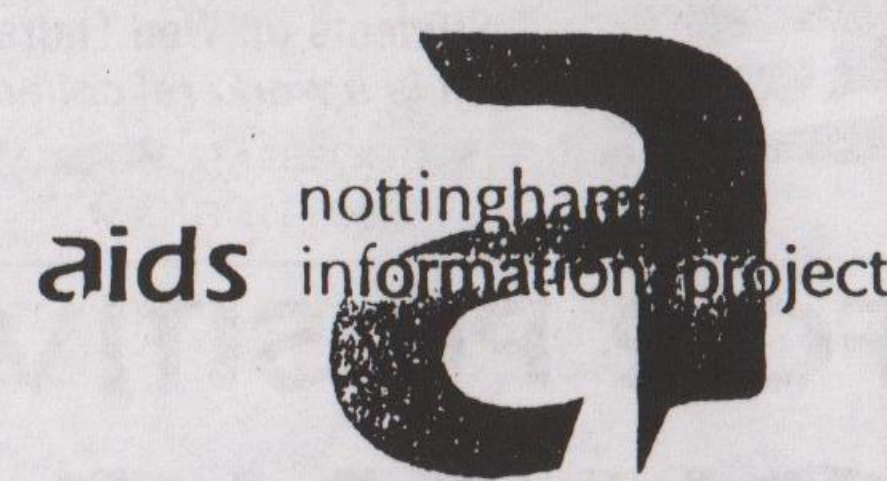
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## BLUE - A film by Derek Jarman

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You sense that you are on a journey - with mention of Marco Polo, of caravans, of the Taj Mahal: there are sounds of gradual movement and a sense of the wide world - and of daily suffering, of heaps of tablets to be taken until their carrier expects to rattle. And then, a numbing list of side effects of a drug, of which the patient has to sign acceptance - and which might make the term 'guinea pig' enter a cynical mind. You feel the suffering this film maker and artist is willing to undergo to secure a further period of stable sight.

"This illness knocks you for six just when you think you've forgotten it." Then a compassionate description of a young man, green hospital pyjamas hanging from him, looking like a refugee from Belsen. A statement that the earth is dying, and we do not notice it (AIDS could be a mere overture). And leading to memory lost in time - of 'us' - to the laying on the grave of a (presumed) lover - a delphinium. Blue.

This film contains many statements that stay in the mind and that cannot be included in this space. It is a disturbing meditation. In its conveying of loss, of the gradual relinquishing of senses and of wonders, in its precise recounting of treatment and suffering, it is a moving testament to a dignified spirit. It may also be the best advertisement for safe and careful sex outside of personal loss. Review by Tony Challis.



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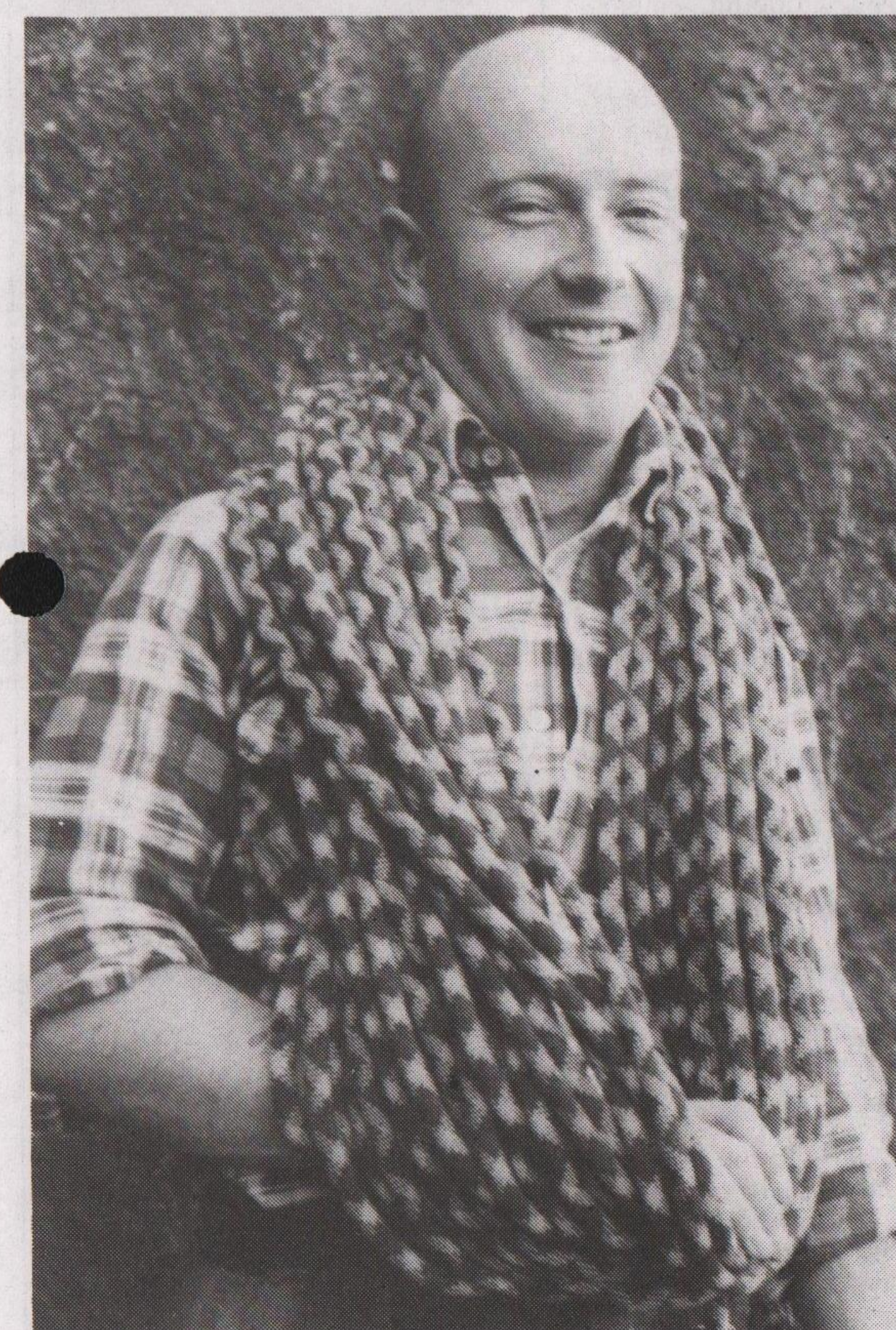
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## SLOW, SLOW, QUICK- QUICK, SLOW

Dave Loraine organises Gay Men's Outdoor Adventure Weekends and Outright eavesdropped at their base, a local pub in the Lakes where twelve gay men were settling in to a weekend of abseiling, caving and climbing.

Most people look slightly apprehensive. Said Michael, one of the party: "I feel dizzy climbing onto the first rung of a ladder, so what am I doing here on a weekend of abseiling, rock climbing and caving? I resisted the urge to hijack the nearest car and drive back to London. The following day, with mining helmets and yards of rope our first task was to learn how to get into the harnesses safely followed by some



Dave Loraine

gentle rock climbing and rope work. The first climb seemed within everyone's abilities and gave people confidence. Later in smaller groups people were able to progress at their chosen pace."

Later Michael found himself at the base of a cliff with a length of rope and a safety harness and words of encouragement followed by applause ringing in his ears, as he made his ascent. "I may not have been elegant but I made it to the top and back again and was still in one piece". Meanwhile on the ground an impromptu dance class was in progress. It must have been quite a sight for the bemused locals seeing a group of helmeted men negotiating a sheer cliff face whilst learning how to fox trot!

Richard takes up the story: "In the afternoon we did a surprisingly long abseil down a narrow canyon and onto a shallow river bed. The length of the drop was daunting at first but nearly everybody did it in the end - many going back for a second attempt. At one moment I was about to bow out of the next foolhardy exercise, next I found myself dangling in mid air at the end of a rope. I had to admit I was enjoying myself swinging over the river below."

"Caving rounded off the weekend on Sunday. The sun shone as lambs frolicked in the meadows as we negotiated subterranean waterfalls and echoing caverns. The thrill of the green overalls and mining helmets, did little to compensate for the rather narrow tunnel I had just squeezed myself into. A hand gripped mine reassuringly and I suddenly realised that this touch was the magic ingredient of the weekend. People were very supportive of each other, and helped when there were slight panic attacks."

Said Richard: "I've done these type of activities before but never with a group of gay men. Being with other gay men made things warmer and less competitive. It wasn't like being at school. It was wonderful to be able to hug each other after overcoming obstacles. More than anything else there was so much more humour and 'camping it up' than there would have been with a straight crowd! I left with a wonderful sense of accomplishment. But it was the caring and the support we got from one another that left us all wanting more."

## CELLO'S TAKES OFF

Cello's, Nottingham's newest Women's nightspot is proving to be an extremely popular monthly venue. All three nights so far have reached maximum capacity.

A highlight was the live performance in August of 'Romy and Sandra' from Rotterdam (pictured). A return booking has provisionally been made for next March.



The attendance at Cello's can no longer be catered for downstairs at 'The Old Vic'. The club is moving to the larger hall for its Halloween bash on Saturday 30th October. As usual discounts are available on entry with a flyer.

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## STUDENT NEWS

Are you a student at one of the region's Universities? Do you have, or are you setting up, a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Society this term? Outright would like to know. LGB Societies often have interesting programmes which are open to non-students as well. Last year for instance Warwick University LGB Society celebrated Pink Triangle Day - a national students day for LGB awareness - held meetings and discussions, began to set up a library on sexuality issues affecting students, and established a befriending scheme for students 'coming out'. Nottingham University's society held meetings on Queer Politics, 'Homotextuality' and 'How to cope with Xmas'. We hope to publish a guide to LGB societies in the region in November. So, if you're out there in a LGB Society, get writing right away.



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