

Maternity Calls

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Jill, her partner and the child's father are envisaging that a number of their friends will be closely involved in bringing up their child. She firmly believes that as lesbians, gays and bisexual people we have an opportunity not only to try different forms of child rearing, but to prove conclusively that we can be brilliant parents.

"Our lifestyle should not preclude us from becoming parents. If you cherish the dream of becoming a parent then talk to your lesbian, gay and bisexual friends. If you're gay then consider being a known or anonymous donor or indeed an involved father. We have the right too, to be part of, and create, happy loving families", she added.

But at present Jill can't really see beyond the birth and her maternity leave. "I know my job at the Centre is in safe hands", she adds. But leaving is still hard to do after five years. "This place and the people who work here and use it represent quite a chunk of my life."

These days the Centre is bursting at the seams, a thriving, vibrant heartbeat of the LGB community. "It's a testament to everyone who's involved - workers, volunteers and users", says Jill.

AWARD WINNING PLAYWRIGHT

Philip Osment's new play for Gay Sweatshop takes place on the streets of London. It's over twenty years since Henry, Michael and Sheila demonstrated together on the streets of London. Now Henry is dead and a small group of his friends and lovers carry his ashes to a remote island off the Irish coast to bid him a final farewell. Before they can fulfill his last wish the heady mix of fresh air, sexual longing and Class A drugs threatens to destroy their friendship.

Specially commissioned by Gay Sweatshop to celebrate their 21st Anniversary, Philip Osment has written a play for a generation, full of warmth, humour and irony, finding comedy in our darkest moments and illuminating them with wit and compassion. Author of 'This Island's Mine', 'What I Did in the Holidays' and 'Dearly Beloved', for which he won the 1993 Writers' Guild of Great Britain Award for the best regional play.

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COUNCIL BANS EXTREMIST GROUP

Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an extremist Muslim group that advocates death to gay men, was banned from meeting in Council-funded premises in Nottingham last month. Following information from an Outright! reader with links to the Muslim community we alerted the Council that the meeting was planned. (In September 1995 we reported a meeting of Hizb-ut-Tahrir at the same Forest Fields Community Centre, booked under another name).

Despite denials of their sinister, right-wing credentials Hizb-ut-Tahrir claim the Holocaust never took place and incite hatred against Jews, Hindus, Black people and gays. Indeed some gay students and lecturers are so worried about possible assaults by Hizb-ut Tahrir supporters that they have ceased to be open about their homosexuality. Such fears are well founded. Hizb-ut-Tahrir have already been banned from a number of University campuses around the country.

Gurmel Singh Kandola, Asst Director of Community Services said: "We advised the Community Association to cancel the booking as it contravened our Equal opportunities policy". The ban was endorsed by Cllr. Sue Scott, Chair of Community Services but she said the City Council had no plans to ban Hizb-ut-Tahrir by name at present. (The only groups proscribed by the Council are the National Front and the British Movement). However, a number of community workers are unhappy with this stance and feel the Council should take stronger action. One worker said: "It's clear it is a dangerous fascist organisation. What more evidence does the Council need?"

Outright! has learned that Hizb-ut-Tahrir is generally seen as an extremist organisation within the Muslim community whose numbers are small but who gave all Muslims a bad name. A growing number of disaffected Asian youth are attracted by its strident style which provides a platform for wider discontents.

John Heppell, MP for Nottingham East said: "The presence of any homophobic and racist group in Nottingham is deplorable. With such high unemployment within the Muslim community and with a government which is no friend of Asian and Black people, the last thing we need is a group which causes divisions within the Muslim community and between other groups," he added.

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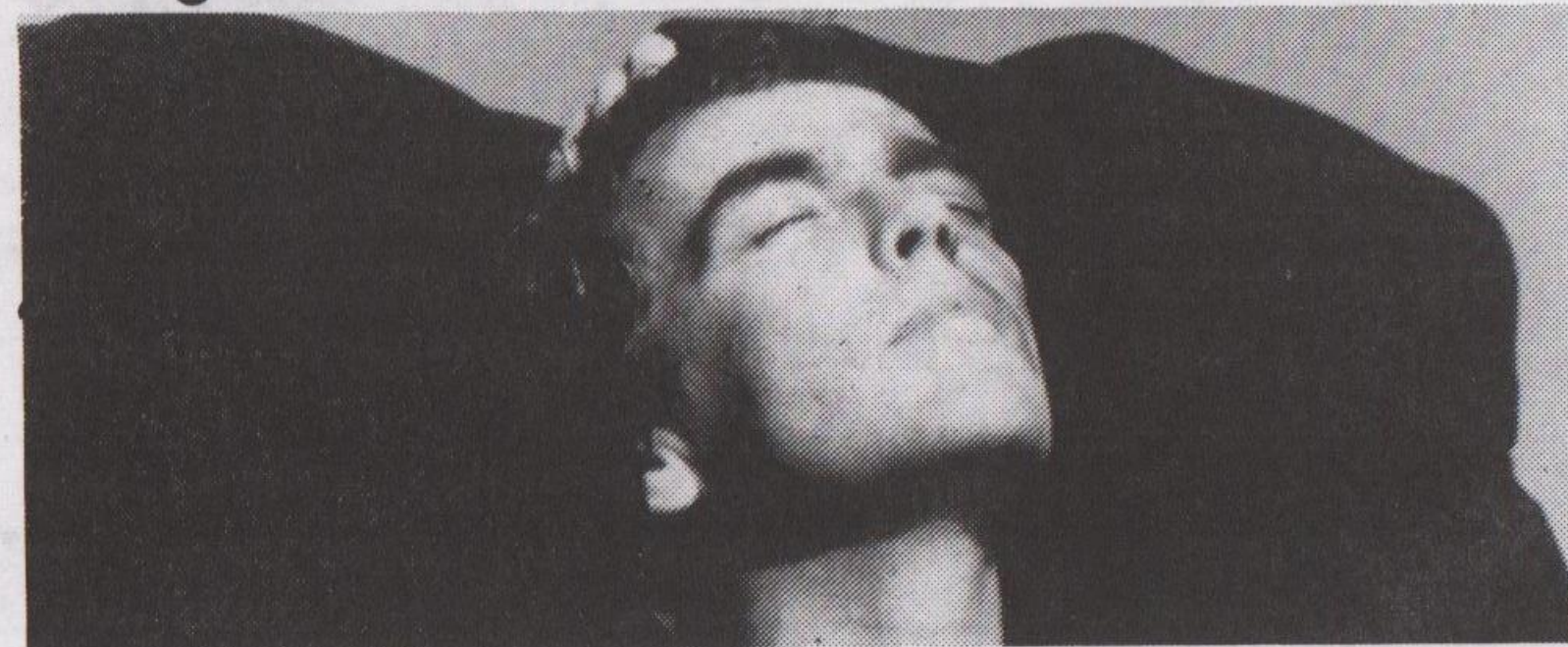
After five years working as co-ordinator of Leicester Lesbian Gay & Bisexual Centre, Jill Parker (pictured) is taking a break for a spell of maternity leave. For Jill, becoming a mother is the fulfilment of a five year dream and she has chosen self-insemination for making the baby. A friend of hers, Maarten, will be the father who will be actively involved as a co-parent alongside Jill and her partner, Susan. "I wanted a visible, named father as distinct from a no-contact donor because my own father was a very important figure in my life and I wanted my child to have a relationship with its father. My mum and Maarten's family are delighted at the pregnancy".

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● Briefly...

● **"Challenging psychopolitics** Lesbian Feminism & Psychology", Sat. 10th Feb, Nottingham half-day conference, Speakers include representatives from a local advocacy group and feminist psychologist Dr. Celia Kitzinger, author of 'The Social Construction of Lesbianism'. Creche available. ICC, 61 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, from 1pm onwards. Open to anyone. Further info. from John Cromby (0115) 970 3553, Sara (0116) 270 6463 or (0116) 286 7711 (w) Thursdays & Fridays.

● **Fancy volunteering for Trade?** There is a recruitment day for the Mens Sexual Health Project in Leicester on the 18th and 25th February. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact (0116) 254 1747.

● **Mansfield & Ashfield Positive Support** group run a drop in Centre on Mondays for HIV+ or their carers. Call in any Monday between 8pm-10pm. MAPS, PO Box 3, Mansfield, Notts. NG18 1QT. (01623) 651351.

● **Stop the Asylum & Immigration Bill**, national demonstration, Saturday 24th February, Assemble 11am, Embankment, rally Trafalgar Square, London. To help phone (0171) 247 9907.

● **Nottingham's International Women's Day** celebrations, 8th March, dance workshop, food, craft fair, face painting, creche, workshops, evening entertainment, (ring for details) doors open 9.30am - 4pm, £1/50p. (01150 941 1475 to book workshops and for more info. and access details.

OUTHOUSE MOVES

The Nottingham Out House Project is to discuss an offer of partnership with a local Lesbian, gay bisexual friendly business. The partnership if accepted could result in the opening of an LGB Centre for Nottingham this year. A draft business plan will be presented at the general meeting of the Project on the 28th February at the Admiral Duncan and the full business plan will be released at a general meeting in March.

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DYKENOSIS

The newsletter of LesBeWell, the West Midlands lesbian health group, continues to inform and take on controversial subjects. The latest edition reports on the activities of the group during 1995 and contains articles on going for a cervical smear for the first time, and the difficulties that transsexual lesbians often face in lesbian company. Always a good read, Dykenosis is available by post, £6 pa from PO Box 4048, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8DP.

● LesBeWell socials now take place on the first Tuesday of each month in Peacocks, Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham at 8pm.

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HAPPY FAMILIES

Seldom out of the news in 1995, Happy Families has big plans for 1996. Set up a year ago in Doncaster the organisation now has almost 200 members with nationwide newsletter coverage and plans to expand to groups in Nottingham and London. The group, for lesbians, gays and bisexuals and their children, was being filmed in January for an appearance on Dear Nick, the agony uncle television programme.

The group's February meeting in Doncaster takes place from 2-4pm on Sunday 18th Feb at the Edlington Family Centre.

For more information on Happy Families write to PO Box 1060, Doncaster DN6 9QE or phone 01302 702601.

Nottingham Bisexual Group

The group provides a safe space for anyone who considers themselves bisexual, their friends and allies - whoever they choose or choose not to have sex with. Why not pop along to one of their meetings for a chat? They meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 8pm at the International Community Centre (ICC), 61b Mansfield Road usually in Room 3. At each meeting, as well as a general chat, they try to tackle a particular subject for discussion. Future meetings include coming out and non-monogamy. (See 'Briefly' for listings).

● Briefly ...

● **PROMENAI '96** at Leicester's Haymarket Theatre raised over £13,000 this year, bringing the total raised since its inception in 1989 to £96,000. Local HIV/AIDS organisations benefit. The event is a collaboration between The David Manley Fund, staff and companies of the Haymarket Theatre, Leicester and Leicestershire AIDS Support Services.

● **Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Switchboard** have a benefit night at the Admiral Duncan, 74 Lower Parliament Street on Friday 1 March. There will be an entrance fee on the door, part of which goes to Switchboard. Further info from Switchboard on 0115 941 1454 weekdays 7-10 pm.

● **On The Right Tracks** is a new social group for gay, lesbian & bisexual railway workers. For more info write to PO Box 99, Lincoln, LN4 2SD.

● **The Heshima Group**, the Nottingham-based support & social group for Black & Asian lesbians, gays & bisexuals of all ages meet at 7pm on the second Weds of each month at The Information Shop, 24-32 Carlton Street, Nottingham. Next meetings 14 Feb & 13 March.

UNISON Lesbian & Gay Conference Report



Two East Midland delegates who attended the town-hall union, UNISON's annual Lesbian and Gay Self Organised conference in Brighton recently give their impressions of the weekend and how it went for them. **Pam Burrows** "It was very enjoyable, with some exciting debates. The main problem was not enough time to get from the venue to our accommodation which might be especially difficult for people with mobility problems. The international speakers had some very important things to say". **Paul Amann** said "The highlight for me was a moving address from a Brazilian Trade unionist who talked about the lesbian and gay community here and how far we were ahead of their struggle. I was very disappointed that a motion to

include bisexual people within the lesbian and gay union group was defeated".

The conference called upon re-elected General Secretary, Rodney Bickerstaffe to reaffirm its commitment to allow lesbian and gay groups to continue to self-organise within the union. An unsuccessful candidate for the post of General Secretary, Peter Hunter, had used his election address, some month's previously, to call for the disbandment of exclusively gay and lesbian groups within the union. A motion calling for a rule change to debar candidates in future years from using their election addresses to attack other members was passed. Hunter came second out of four in the poll. Kursad Kahramanoglu, Unison's lesbian and gay officer said: "There are a lot of other homophobes in the union apart from Hunter."



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● **Rapture**, Leicester University's Student Union's club night happens on 9 & 23 Feb, 9pm-2am. £2 adv/£2.50 on door.

● **Harambee**, the group for black gay men, lesbians & bisexuals next meet Tues 20 Feb at 45 King Street, Leicester 7pm.

● **Apology - Uniforms** - If you live in Lincs or East Notts and are interested in leather, denim or uniform, a new group is being organised and they would like to hear from you. Contact Lincs. L&G Switchboard 01522 535553, Thurs or Sun. 7-10pm & they'll put you in touch with the organisers (the number we gave last time was wrong).

● **Nottingham Bisexual Group** dates in February: 8th, videos of past TV programmes including/featuring bisexuality. 14th, Bi working party meeting at the Pride Trust in London, going on to the "Fence Sitters Ball", a club for bisexuals. 22nd, Coming Out.

● **'Turning Policy into Action for Lesbian and Gay Equality'**, Labour Party Local Government and European Conference, Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights fringe Meeting, Sat 10 Feb, at 5.45pm Committee Room 6, B'ham City Hall

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A great night out for women is planned for the 9th March to celebrate International Women's Day. The Laven-der Cafe Orchestra will be playing at the City Rooms, Hotel Street, in Leicester, joined by Joy Anagnostis who will teach ballroom dancing and line dancing to novices. Tickets are cheaper in advance, £5/4 unwaged with sae to 'Celebration Ball', 45 King St, Leicester LE1 6RN, or phone 0116 254 7412 fro more information.

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● **Bisexuality Theme Day for Women** For Bisexual women and all women with a positive interest in bisexuality. Saturday, 30th March. Sliding scale of charges. More info. from Tracey (0115) 947 6714 (days).

● **Catholic AIDS Link** has a Mass Of Anointing for all those affected by HIV/AIDS at 3.00pm on Sat 2 March at St. Teresa's Church, Kingsbury Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham. Everyone is welcome.

REVIEW

BUT IS IT CLITPOP? (A Reviewer's Tale)

I'm slightly ashamed to say it-but the last time I went to Rock City it was to see Altered Images. However, Skunk Anansie and the promise of 'Skin'- the black lesbian lead singer with a hairdo not unlike her name - was quite a temptation. I turned up to interview her (with appointment) only to be shoved from bouncer pillar to tour manager pillow post and then told that I couldn't see her anyway. So I slunk off to join the seething skunkish masses - and waited.

Striking, political, tequila sipping Skin claims to have invented the term 'Clitpop' ("We're not Britpop - we're Clitpop") and I

badly wanted a taste of Clitpop. The stage had three blow-up dollies, some dry ice, three blokes on instruments - and Skin. The audience had piles of blokes, a few girlfriends and something like six dykes (five of them my friends).

What Skin was extremely good at was holding the tension in the quieter more melodic bits until you felt like you could bear it no longer, and then smashing into the thrash - in an orgasmic explosion. Another loud bit - the audience pounded up and



Photo: Michael Hubbard

down. Skin scissor jumped and stage-dived. "That was for the girls at the front!" She yelled. Hooray! Sisterly recognition. Hastily followed by "And this one's for the boys at the back." Stuff the boys at the back. We wanted Clitpop. The lesbian politics ended at the hairdo.

So, was it really Clitpop? By the mass of heaving testosterone and the black eye of one of my party I'd say - perhaps not.

Did I enjoy it? Would you? I might whinge about political correctness - but I know how to have a good time.

Debbie Helme

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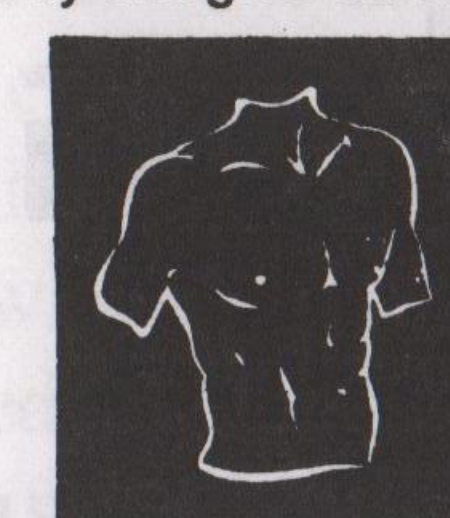
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● We have received a letter from an **OUTRIGHT** reader which we are reproducing in full. We subsequently contacted the Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre for a response and we also reproduce their reply in full.

Dear Outright,

I am writing to you to ask you to publicise an instance of prejudice, discrimination and victimisation. I am a 37 year old "out" lesbian. I have worked for a city council, several small companies, ran my own printing business for ten years and now work for a major national company.

For several years I was a city magistrate in Leicester and I have worked as a volunteer for various charity groups.

Through all of that, there has been discrimination, but nothing that I couldn't cope with.

But just before Xmas I came up against the most blatant, and vindictive piece of prejudice I am ever likely to come across and from where - from the Leicester Lesbian & Gay Coffee Bar. I was publicly asked to leave because "they believed that I was a Transsexual" and Wednesday was 'Women Only' day.

I find it totally reprehensible that they could judge someone on gossip, and publicly humiliate me in that way. Furthermore if they are going to victimise me because of a medical condition, how long before they move on to some other medical condition that they don't like. The location of the Coffee Bar effectively bars anyone who is disabled - what or whom will be next!

As a result of this discrimination I have had to tell those of my friends who did not already know of my "medical condition". Not all of them have taken it well.

I cannot now meet any new friends at the coffee bar, nor can I take my current friends there, and all because people listen to gossip. If they were fair and quizzed everyone before they entered the premises - they'd have a lot of unhappy customers.

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie Fisher, Leicester

Dear Outright

We are writing to clarify the current policy of Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre's Women's Coffee Bar concerning transsexuals.

We are not able to make a public response at this time to the specific incident in question, since it is currently the subject of a formal complaint to the centre.

The Centre does have a policy which states that transsexuals are not permitted to use the Women's Coffee Bar. This is a contentious issue within the Centre and has been the subject of much discussion in the past. The policy decision was made following consultation with women using the coffee bar.

The Women's Coffee Bar provides a space for women who have, by virtue of being born women, experienced discrimination and oppression from wider society throughout their lives, from childhood onwards. This is not to ignore or undermine other forms of oppression, but to specifically recognise oppression arising out of sexism and misogyny. The Management Committee recognised that the Centre does not stand in isolation from wider society and that sexism and other forms of oppression against women occur within this Centre also. Women's space has therefore been provided to redress this. We do not intend to victimise particular individuals in this, and all members of our communities are welcome in our mixed coffee bar. The centre has also had a longstanding commitment to offering space for transsexuals to meet, in view of the recognised oppression and discrimination which they face.

As a centre we are willing to review all policies. We are committed to this happening with ongoing consultation from any member of our communities who has views on issues relevant to the services we provide. We are currently circulating a questionnaire about the services of the centre as one means of obtaining feedback, and would happy hear from people about this and other issues, Yours faithfully, The Management Committee, Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre.

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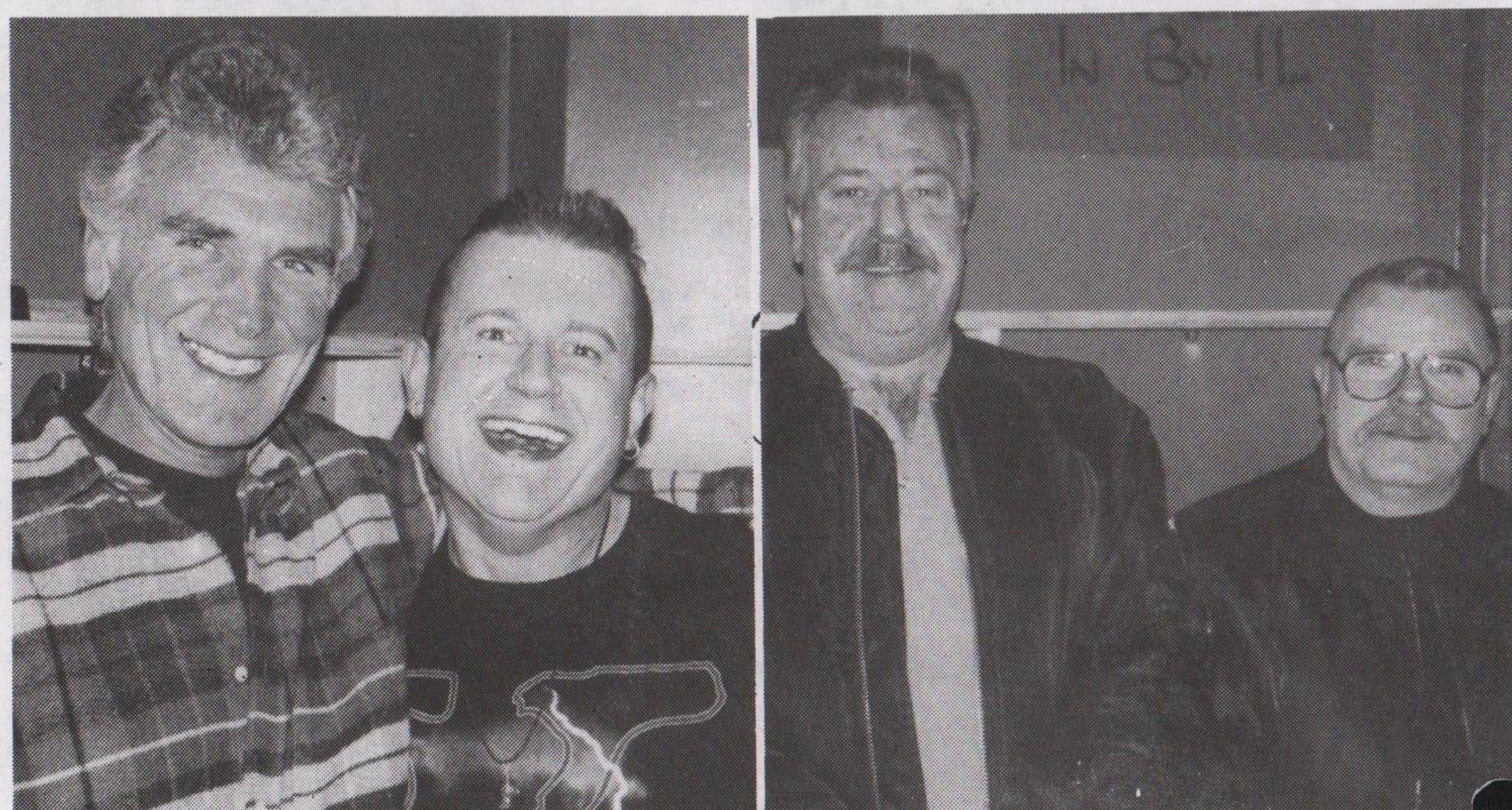
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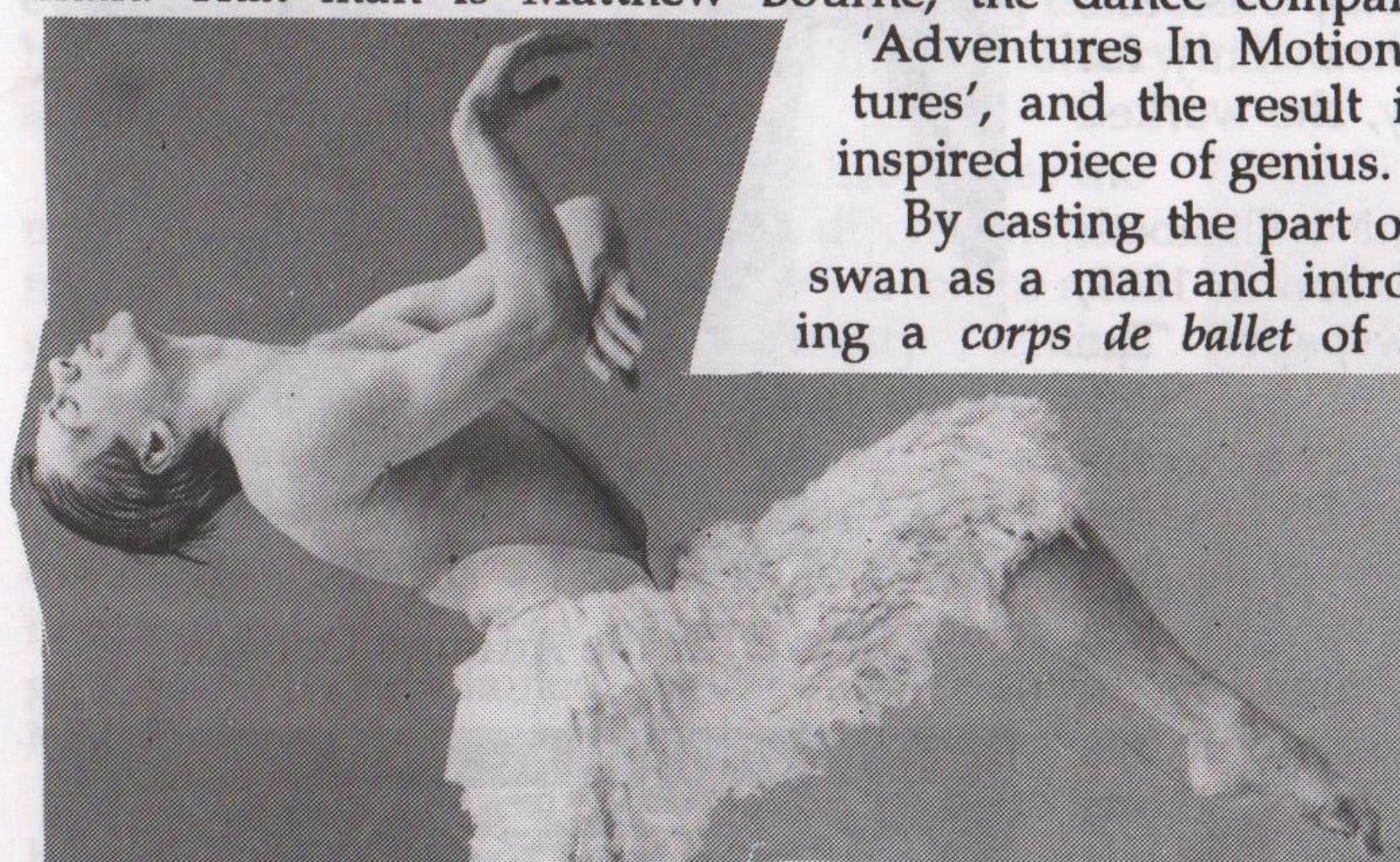
REVIEW

The new 'Swan Lake' - Ballet with Balls!

To replace the grace of ballerinas in Swan Lake with fourteen strapping bare-chested male dancers takes a brave man. That man is Matthew Bourne, the dance company is 'Adventures In Motion Pictures', and the result is an inspired piece of genius.

By casting the part of the swan as a man and introducing a corps de ballet of male

Photo: Hugo Gendreau



swans, a whole new dimension is explored. Having spent several hours studying video tapes of swans in the wild, Matthew Bourne has choreographed some of the most life-like animal movements ever seen on the stage and created a new production which squawks and struts its way into the 90's.

The piece depicts the tedium of Royal life in Act I and the first tender meeting between the Prince and the Swan in Act II. Act III features the pure eroticism of a dark stranger and ends with Act IV showing the despair and madness of the tortured Prince. Throughout the show Tchaikovsky's fabulous score is played impeccably by the New London Orchestra.

It comes as no surprise that Adventures In Motion Pictures has been nominated for the Olivier Award for 'Best New Dance Production' for this show. 'Swan Lake' is now touring and appears at Nottingham Theatre Royal and Sheffield Lyceum Theatre.

Paul Scott

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Outburst!

Dear Outright!,

Well done for making the bi-positive statement last month alongside your classified ad's regarding comments seen in some of your ad's that exclude bisexuals. This, alongside pride including bisexuals and transgendered people in its title was bordering on too much excitement for me in one week. I was beginning to feel valued and respected by fellow members of my community. Not to worry I was soon knocked firmly back in my place when I learned that the UNISON Lesbian and Gay Self Organised Group has voted to continue to exclude bisexuals.

For me seeing some of our own people putting so much energy into the exclusion of bisexuals is the area of the sexuality oppression that hurts the most. Outright! is leading the way for our community lets hope others will take the hint and follow.

Sincerely, Ange Taggart.

A thought for the New Year from an **outright!** reader

I may be bi, by the by,
But I like it that way,
As do many others. Why?
Best of both worlds - two to try,
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Colin

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Memorably Queer

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

The most widely honoured American feminist, and nicknamed 'The Mother of us All,' Susan B. Anthony was born on February 15th, 1820 in Massachusetts, USA. She travelled extensively, being a lifelong and untiring pioneer crusader not only for women's rights and suffrage, but also for Negro suffrage. Additionally, she worked within the Abolition Movements and the Anti-slavery Society.

Most of her work was achieved together with another great feminist, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The two founded the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1869, and also at this time, edited and published a radical women's newspaper, 'The Revolution.'

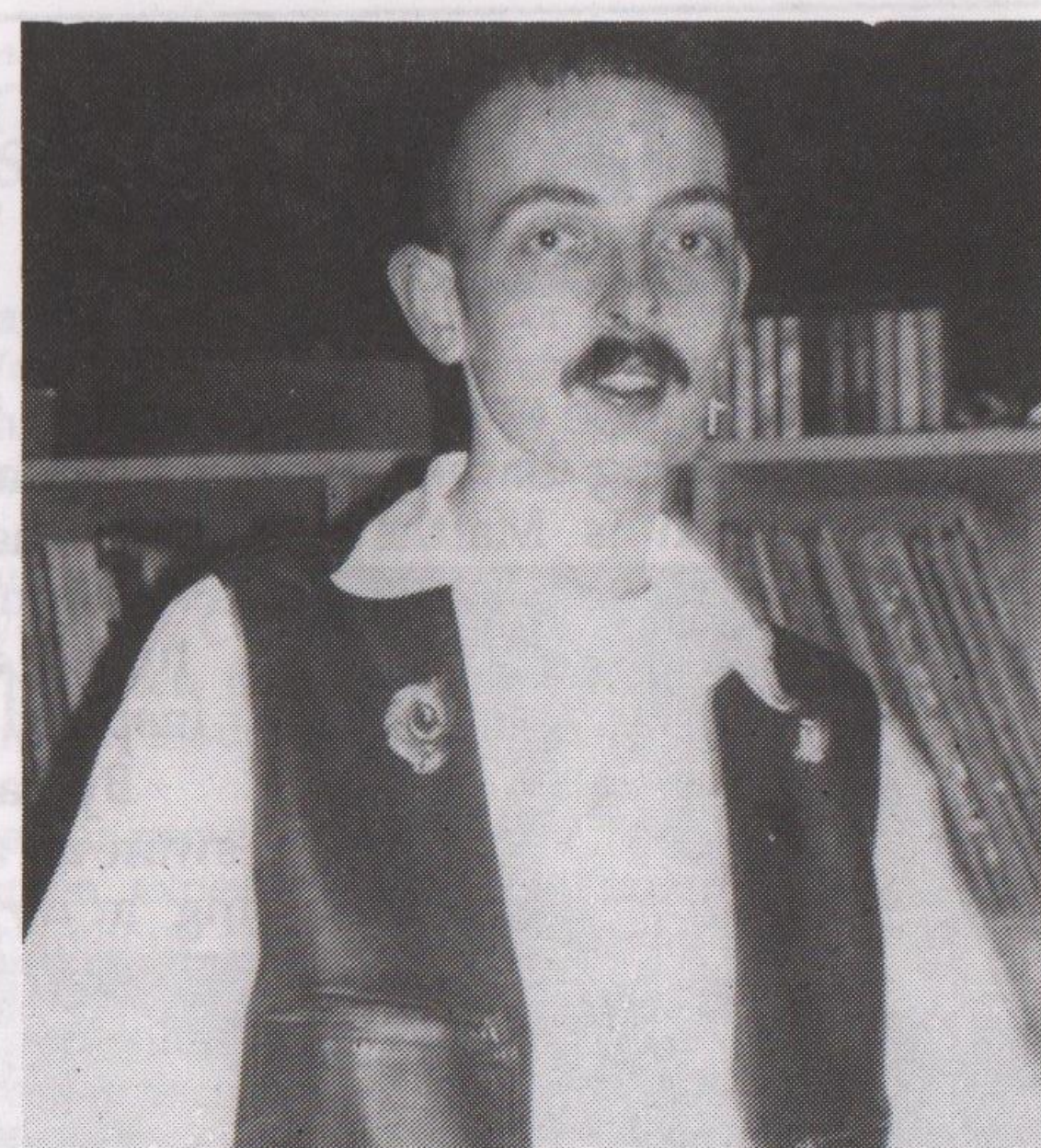
Not content with keeping her quest for women's rights and suffrage strictly to the USA, Anthony called an international conference in 1888 in Washington D.C. where the International Council of Women was organised. In 1904, she presided over the first meeting, and there founded the International Woman Suffrage Alliance.

Susan B. Anthony was admitted into the 'Hall of Fame for Great Americans' in 1950. In 1979, she became the first woman to adorn the USA dollar coin, but this edition did not survive very long - a set up by the government perhaps? Anthony devoted her entire life to women, and spent her whole life with women. Her last public words were "Failure is impossible." She died in 1906. (Thanks to Irene Stuber from 'Women of Achievement & Herstory' for her help.

Clare L. J. Lydon.

SHEFFIELD WOMENS CULTURAL CLUB

February events include Bee's Quiz every Thurs at 9.15pm; Sat 10, Bingo, 9pm; Tues 13, Open Meeting to discuss re-establishing Lesbian Line, 8pm; Sat 17, Kids Club, 2-5pm celebrating Chinese New Year; Wed 21, 7pm Glass painting workshop; Sat 24, Club lottery draw 9pm; Mon 26, Bowling at Hillsborough, meet at Club 7.15pm; Wed 28, Lesbian Health needs assessment project, 8.30pm. The Club is at Grinders Hill, (an alley) Paternoster Row, near the Showroom cinema.



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978 0124.

REVIEW

**Virtually Normal: an argument
about homosexuality
by Andrew Sullivan,
(Picador, hardback, £14.99).**

I found 'Virtually Normal' to be the most depressing and uninspiring thing I've ever read. True, some of Sullivan's writing is fine and well argued. His major hobby horse is 'gay' marriage and gays 'in the military'. He makes some good points and argues the case well.

However, what he does not realise is that the multiple layers of oppression and discrimination mean an empowerment of ordinary lesbians and gays is necessary at all levels of society. Fighting over marriage and the military can only involve a tiny number of people.

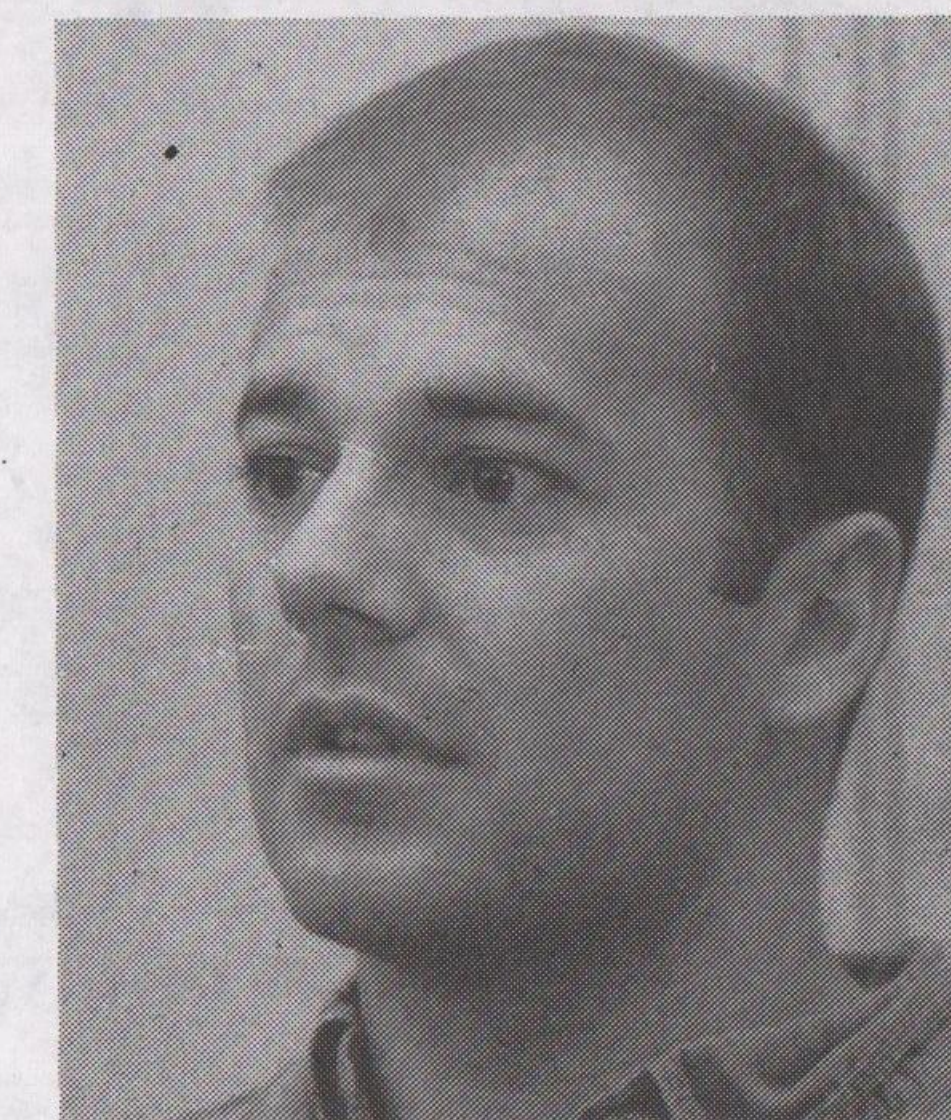
What is really eating Sullivan up are his questions: "What is a homosexual?", "What are homosexuals for". He believes gay men are genetically preordained, so straight society MUST excuse us.

What about lesbians (for whom no gene has been found) or bisexuals or those whose sexuality evolves over time? Presumably these people do not possess the "genetic" excuse. He declines to say how they should be treated.

The inevitable tyranny of assuming sexuality fixed, like your blood group, becomes a straitjacket for all sexualities.

Labelling people homo/hetero/bi constitutes the real crisis in our culture and the ultimate reason a "hetero" society (like ours) may not always define its laws following the intellectual musings of people such as Sullivan.

Craig Nelson



Andrew Sullivan



Living it up at the Admiral Duncan

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available now to all gay men, lesbians and
other gay-friendly people.

*Better join soon and
avoid the last-minute rush*



A lively Friday night at the Admiral Duncan

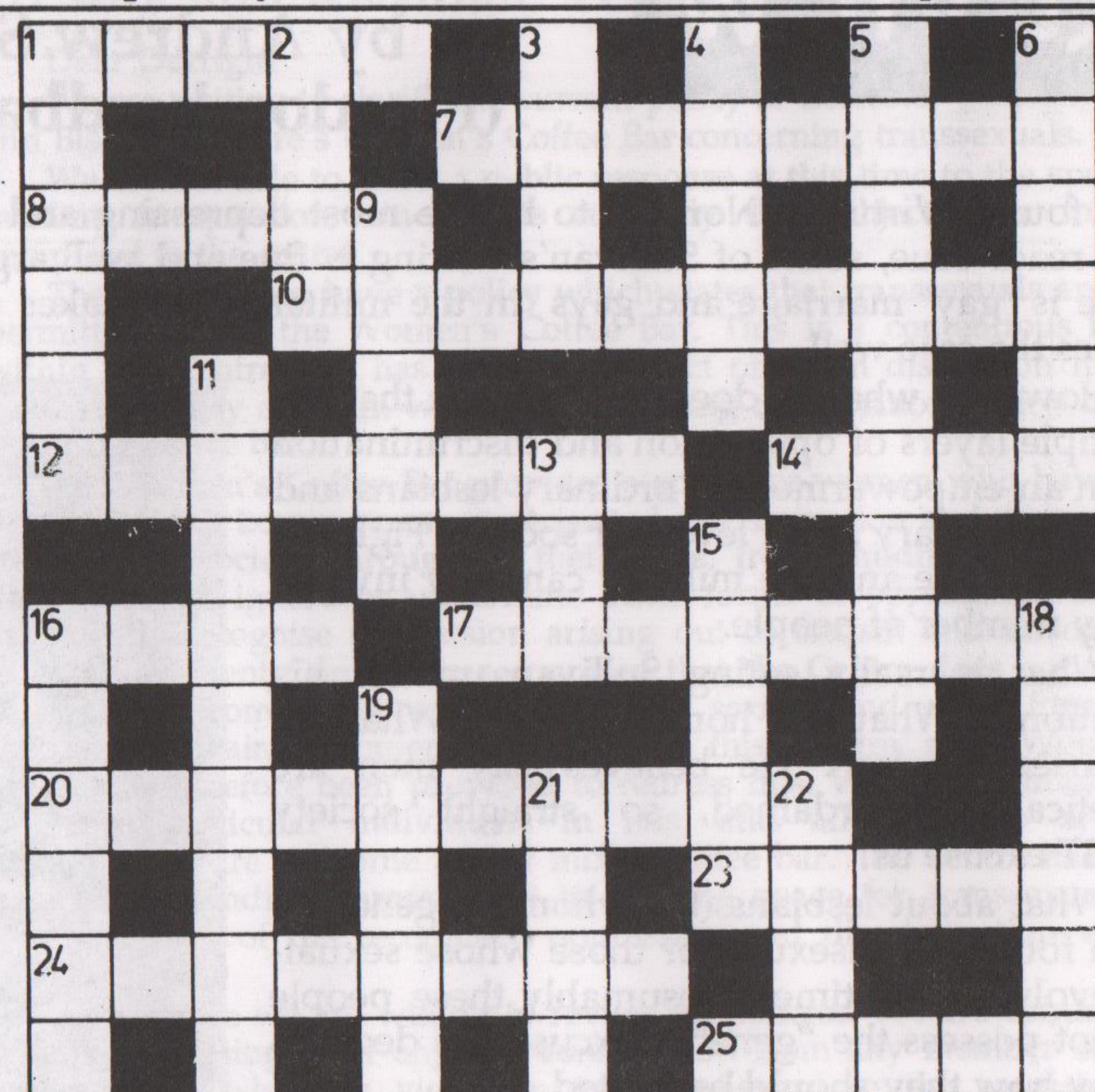
WANTED! This month we print a gay men's crossword devised by two readers. Is there anyone out there who would like to write a lesbian or bi crossword? And are there any astrologers who would like to write a monthly column? If you have a burning desire to write, let us know at PO Box 4, West PDO, Nottingham NG7 2DJ.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service are looking for volunteers who have some time to spare to work with local groups. The Elizabeth Fry Day Centre needs people to help in the nursery, transport families to and from the day centre, organise events, raise funds and support and motivate parents. If you can offer your time, phone Alan Farrell on 0114 970 6221, daytime, mentioning *Outright!*

THE GAY MEN'S CROSSWORD

Compiled by PD & DH. Answers next month (promise!)



CLUES ACROSS

1. I have a feeling that it's done by hand. (5)
7. Price of poppers after dark, I hear. (8)
8. Sailor's hideaway for a bit of fluff? (5)
10. Cottage industries could be thus. (10)
12. 'Allo, 'allo - he's gone queer for this outlaw. (8)
14. Fisting fun in boxer shorts? (4)
16. So be it! Is this the answer to a prayer? (4)
17. Is this what practising homosexuals do? (8)
20. Did these men throw a spanner in the works? (10)
23. It sounds like these navy guys could come to a sticky end! (5)
24. Legally, it's 15 and 17. (8)
25. First choice for the Gay Men's Chorus? (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Could be he, she or it! (6)
2. Undress a fruit? (4)
3. Avid mixed-up reader of a lesbian mag. (4)
4. Would this hunter make a heavenly gladiator? (5)
5. Duncan's Sunday asset? (9)
6. This groom needs a stable partner. (6)
9. Regal mix-up for size queen? (5)
11. Look out below! This bottom is often submerged. (9)
13. Maria's deer tips the scales. (3)
15. Quite convenient for short gentlemen. (5)
16. This shining kit is just for one night, I hear. (6)
18. Even Steven gets confused on these occasions. (6)
19. Net result at the end of a cruise. (5)
21. Might Sir Ian play this fellow from Othello? (4)
22. Not just for my shirt, but for my pants & even my cat! (4)

accommodation

NOTT'M, Forest Fields/ Sherwood: Self contained flat req'd by arty female musician. 0115 978 4459

SHEFFIELD, Hillsborough: Gay house-share, 2 furnished rooms, single (shared), suit students, working persons. Mod facilities, meals, all bills £40 pw. Bond £10. No DSS. 0114 285 5179

NOTT'M, Bilborough: Gay person to share comfortable home, own sitting room, double bedroom. £40 pw inc. bills, exc. phone. Steve 0115 928 4620

LINCOLN: Flatshare req'd with gay male. Own room in spacious 2 bed flat. £25 pw excl. 5 mins city centre. N/sm pref, but not ess. Employed only. Box 70/A3

NOTT'M, Basford: Room to rent in gay house for gay person. £160 pm inc. gas/electricity. 0115 979 2372

SHEFFIELD, central: Single room, all mod cons, c/h etc. £35 pw inc bills exc phone. Suit n/sm student or full time employed. 0114 272 9201 eves only.

DERBY, Stenson Fields: Male/female to share semi with friendly gay male. Nice room, all mod cons. Prof only. Smoker OK. £195 pcm inc bills. 01332 768548.

NOTTINGHAM, Trent Bridge: Large room for gay man in shared house. All mod cons, smoker OK. £45 pw inc., exc. phone. 0115 986 2028

NOTT'M, West Bridgford: Rooms to let in gay friendly house. Share from £32 pw inc. Alan 0115 982 1526 eves.

EAST LEICS: Slightly disabled man req's lodger to share bungalow. Own room, all mod cons. £25 pw+bills. 0116 243 4145

DERBY: Room available (furnished). Woman wanted to share comfortable house with owner. GCH & exc. facilities. Must love dogs. £35 excl. Cathy 01332 736494

NOTT'M, Beeston: Share house with female owner. All mod cons, spacious & cosy! Women pref. £165 pcm exc bills. 0115 922 0161

LEICESTER, Evington: Male req'd to share house with male owner. Suit student, worker, DSS considered. Meals avail. 0116 243 3984

LOUGHBOROUGH: Nice room avail. for lesbian in interesting house. £140 pcm inc dog, cat, Rayburn. 01509 217854

LEICESTER, Central: Flatshare £40 inc. Peter 0116 254 3039

NOTT'M: Dyke & well behaved dog seek unfurn. accom. I'm n/sm vegetarian. Own room in friendly laidback les/gay house pref. Leave messages 0115 960 5469

LEICS, Central: Person wanted to share terraced house with current lesbian tenant. Fully furn. except bedroom which has wardrobe & cupboard. £110 pcm. 0116 251 2743

SHEFFIELD: Unemployed gay male (24) seeks house/flat share or own studio flat. Claiming housing benefit, studying part time. Michael 0114 232 2881

LEICS, central: 2 rooms to let to one person, may consider couple. All mod cons. Share bills plus small rent or £40 pw inc all bills, food & phone. Tony 0116 254 6007/0116 252 6761

NOTT'M: Large room fully furnished house available early Feb. GCH, shower, garden, phone & washer. Female n/sm pref. £175 pcm exc. Lyn 0115 987 6233

LEICS: Lesbian n/sm to share larger than average terr house. Close to city centre, good bus routes & local shops. £35 pw + bills. 0116 233 9280

NOTT'M, Woodthorpe: Person wanted to share house. Double room, CH, DG, fully fitted kitchen, parking, buses. Easy-going n/sm pref. £35 pw + share bills. Mike 0115 926 0167

NOTT'M, Beeston: Near railway station, pleasant room for gay person in shared house. All mod cons. Smoker OK. £40 pw inc all bills exc phone. Bob 0115 967 7081/967 8134

PERSON wanted to share period house with gay man. Own double room. £40 pw inc bills exc phone. Barry 0115 973 6131

NOTT'M: Accom offered. Single room in spacious cosy flat. Suit young working gay male. Parking, buses, shops. All mod cons. £40 pw. Kevin 0115 975 6701

CRACKING THE CODE

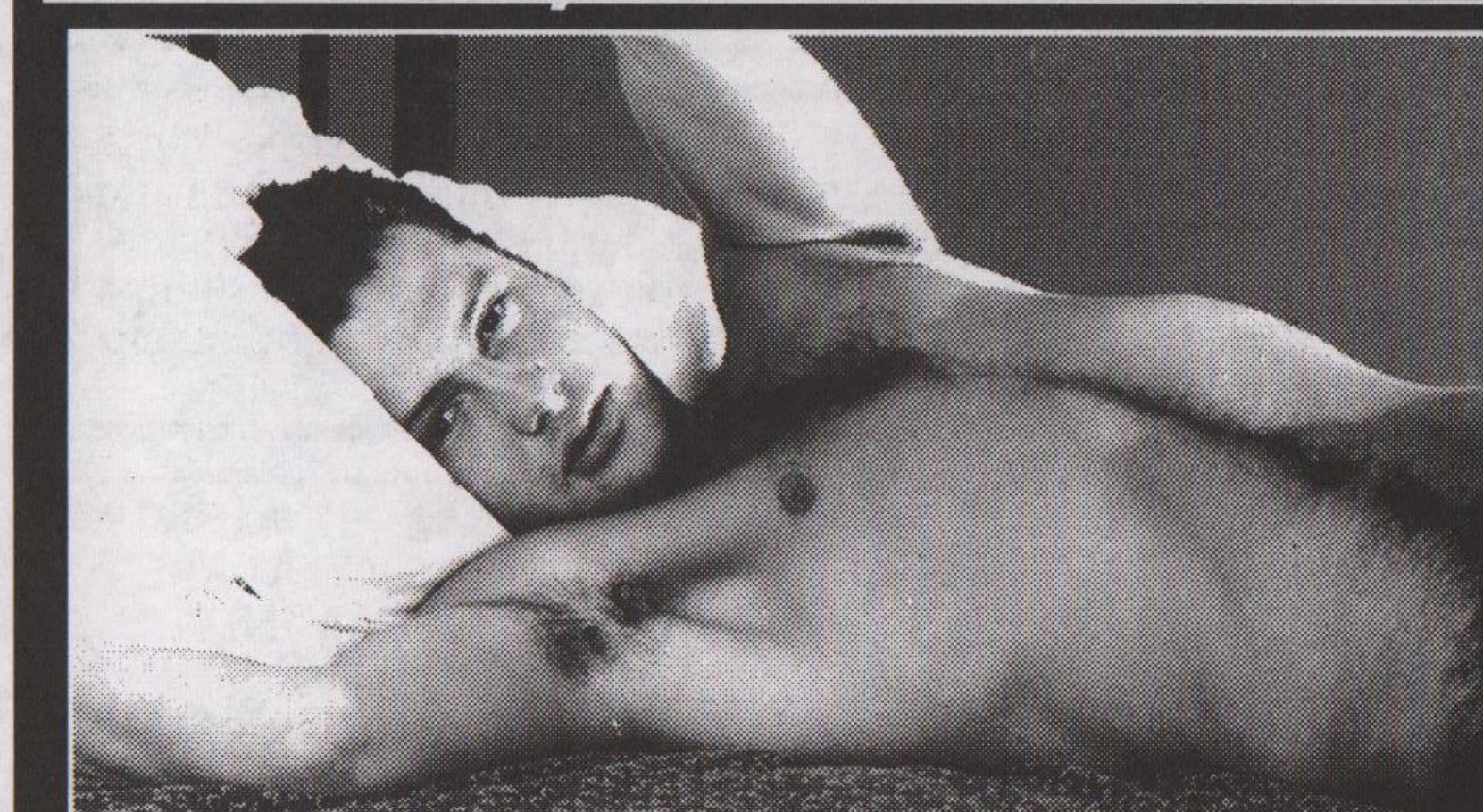
ALA GEN PIP & GSOH, Bish bash tosh mosh - are you bemused, amused or plain confused by the abbreviations that appear in the *Outright!* classified advertisements? Do you find them as confusing as the coloured hanky code? And why is 'Abbreviation' such a long word? Here's a few exp to hlp y on wy to und thm all.

Accom-Accomodate/accommodation; Aff-Affectionate; ALA-All Letters Answered (if you put this then please do it!); ALAWP-All Letters Answered With Photo (this means that if you send a reply sans photo you may not get a response); ALAWPR-All Letters Answered With Photo Returned (so even if the advertiser isn't interested, they will - or should!! - return your photo. An SAE included with your reply will often help the safe return of your piccy); ALAWP+Ph-All Letters Answered With Photo & Phone number (There may also be +add which means include your address); CP-Corporal Punishment; C/shv-Cleanhaven; Ess-Essential; Exp-Experienced; Fem-Feminine; F'ship-Friendship; Gen- Genuine; GSOH- Good Sense Of Humour; Inexp-Inexperienced; Masc-Masculine; N/Sc-Non-scene; N/Sm-Non-smoker; N/Str-No strings (commitment); Occ-Occasional; PIP-Photo If Possible

PIPR-Photo If Possible (returned) (see also ALAWPR); Prof-Professional; S/Ac-Straight acting; Sim-Similar; S/Lk-Straight looking; SM-Sado-Masochism (not to be confused with MS, which is Marks & Spencer); TLC-Tender Loving Care; Unimp-Unimportant; Var int-Varied interests; V/W/E-Very Well Endowed; W/E-Well Endowed; W/end-Weekend; wltm-Would Like To Meet; 121-One-to-one.

A few obvious ones in there but you wouldn't believe the amount of letters we receive each month asking for a list of code breakdowns. Don't worry about abbreviating the ad yourself as our highly trained classifieds staff will do the chopping where appropriate. The practise of abbreviating ads means that we can include even more personals in *Outright!* If there are any you know of that we haven't inc, let us know.

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men's personal

NOTTS/Derbys: Gay guy (24) s/ac slim, brown hair/eyes seeks guy 5'9"-6'3" 18-28 looks unimp slim, maybe muscular s/ac to ride life's roller coaster together! Box 893
NOTT'M/Derby: Hi, I'm 43 seeking someone who's caring, sincere, GSOH for f'ship, poss. 121 with right person. Var int. Your photo assures my reply. Box 894

PASSIVE mid-30's, stocky, told fairly att seeks active 25-45 for fun, cuddles, nights in/out, f'ship, poss 121. Can accom. Let's make '96 special together. S.Yorks/anywhere. Box 895

DERBY area. Guy 32, 6'4", size 15 feet, blue/green eyes seeks s/ac guys for fun & f'ship. Enjoys rugby, travel & cinema. Gen reps only. Box 896

NOTTS male 44 seeks Notts gay male 20-40 f'ship/rel. Int's 60's & 70's music, Carry On films, railway models, road videos, 007 films. NTW. 0115 943 1057

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SMELLY B: BE MY OWN TRUE VALENTINE! ALL MY LOVE AS ALWAYS, BUMPY 'EAD XXXX

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LEICS: S/AC guy 42 seeks nephew type 18-30 view f'ship, poss 121. Write with photo. Hope to hear from you. Box 898

TALL slim arty guy 29 non stereotyped intelligent & articulate GSOH likes eating out, cinema etc. seeks guy 21-30 for f'ship or fun times. Photo ess! Box 899

DERBY/Burton: Goodlooking 41, med. build, hairy body, caring, honest, sincere likes walking, music, clubs, pubs seeks 40+ guy, med. build smoker for 121. ALAWP/ph#. Box 900

LEICS guy 29 att (apparently) prof, fit, romantic, tall, short brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH but shy, var int looking for friends/ fun/maybe 121. Box 901

E.MIDS 6'2", masc, active, v. hairy fit 38 n/sc n/sm many int seeks sim att slim honest unpretentious guy 30-40 to work towards comm 121. Photo please. Box 902

DERBYS: W/E active guy 37 slim seeks randy passive guys with great butts for regular uninhibited fun. Hairy guys esp. welcome. Horny & yours! Frank letters ALAWP. Box 903

RANDY guy 40 with oral & other fixations wants to meet overweight guys. Notts/Derby/Leics. ALAWP. Box 904

NOTTM GUY med. build smooth seeks guys 18-early 20's 5'2"-6'4" smooth/hairy slim build n/scene for massage/CP. Inexp welcome. Var int. ALAWP/Ph. Box 905

LEICS: Gay male late 40's looking for friends/penfriends 18+. Interests travelling, pubs, clubs. Can accom. ALAWP. Box 906

BEAR like late 40's looking for friends/ penfriends & chubby admirers. Can accom. Sex toys liked. If you're interested & likeminded write. Box 907

NOTTM: 48 seeks new friends for companionship. 121 poss. Box 908

RECREATIONAL swimmer (no fitness freak this man!) seeks company both in the pool & out. ALA. Box 909

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TO COCO. I WISH WE COULD DANCE TOGETHER AGAIN! THINKING OF YOU ALL THE TIME. LOVE YOU LOTS. JOE. X

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ORIENTAL companion 18-32 with aff nature & smiling eyes sought by gentle, sympathetic prof guy 45, artistic, musical, n/sc, loves countryside, longing for someone to care for. Box 926

LEICS/Northants: Male 31 seeks guy 21-35 for committed rel. N/sm only. Able to travel & accom. Box 927

S.YORKS: Short haired guy, OK looks (40) occ. scene, for some reason v. lonely seeks sincere funloving prof guy 25-45 for f'ship, perhaps 121. Box 928

ANYONE for tennis or badminton? Beginner improver seeks partner to brush up on techniques on/off court. Box 929

WILD & an untamed thing wanted for cuddly 20 y/o lad. Looks unimp but good pers & GSOH a must! Don't dream it, be it! Lincs/Notts. Box 930

LEICS: Caring prof male wltm young man 18+ for f'ship/rel. Me s/ac 42, like most things, wants good company. ALA. Write soon, discretion assured. Box 931

GOODLOOKING passive guy wltm w/e or v.w/e friends for safe fun. Can accom. ALAWP+ph. Box 932

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TO MY DARLING NICK - BET YOU CAN'T GUESS WHO'S SENT YOU A VALENTINE! ALL MY LOVE FOREVER, GORGEOUS, YOUR "SEXBOMB" XXXX

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NOTT'M/Derby/surrounding area: Gay lad 23 seeks other lads/young couples 18+ for wild times & safe hot fun. N/sc, bi's & students welc. Sexy photos app. Box 933

NOTT'M area: I'm 40, bored, lonely & looking for guys 25-35 for w/end fun times. Detailed letter & photo gets mine in return. Write soon guys! Box 934

ACTIVE guy 47, cigar smoker, humorous, lives Sheffield, own house/car, var int, enjoys life seeks one special guy & new friends. Can travel. ALA. Photo unnecessary. Box 935

PROF guy 40, 6', dark hair, into wearing suits, shirts, ties, waistcoats, leather shoes looking for guy who wears same, interests opera, theatre, concerts, travel. Box 936

NOTTS/ANYWHERE: Lonely guy 36 in need of love & aff. I'm 5'10", dark hair, slim build. Gen. replies from guys looking for same. 121. ALAWP. Box 937

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NICK & GLYN: TONS OF LOVE ON YOUR FIRST VALENTINE'S TOGETHER. MAKE IT ONE TO REMEMBER. FOREVER YOURS, LOVE STEVE.

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LEICS/NOTT'M: Sexy fit 23 y/o, tall, blue eyes, dark hair enjoys having fun in & out looking for fit 25-35 to enjoy life & love. Box 938

COVENTRY: Gay lad (23) seeks easy-going gay/bi friend & lover for life. Box 939

ATT. slim guy 30's, caring, aff. pers into briefs/trunks, fun wrestling, tickling sessions, essential oil massage, lots of hugs & cuddles seeks friends. Shirtless photo app. Box 940

S.YORKS: Large build 39 y/o guy, v. loving & caring, int. theatre & cinema wltm 30-50 y/o, n/sm pref. ALA. Box 941

WANTED! Escort pref coloured v.w/e hairy rugby type. Lincs/Notts area by 50's agile slim w/e guy. ALAWP. Box 942

NORTH NOTTS: Gay OAP, quiet honest n/sm, s/ac & s/lk, var int seeks sim or younger (18+) for f'ship & fun times. Discretion assured/expected. Box 943

NOTTS: Guy 22 n/sc, s/ac seeks f'ship poss 121 for right person. 18-24. Photo app. n/sm only. Box 944

DERBY: 39, slim, blue eyes, smooth versatile into country, the arts, tight briefs, lycra wltm dark haired masc. guy 32-45 for f'ship/rel. Photo app. ALA. Box 945

NOTT'M: 26 chubbyish but cute guy seeks s/ac friends pref n/sc / occ/sc for f'ship poss 121. V.gen, caring & romantic. Restore my faith in men. Box 946

HELPLINES

CHESTERFIELD AREA LESBIAN LINE, Tue 7.30-9.30pm. 01246-559431.

CHESTERFIELD HAND, Mon 1-3pm, Sun 7-9pm. 01246-550550.

COVENTRY FRIEND, Mon, Wed, Fri, 7.30-9.30pm. 01203-714199.

COVENTRY LESBIAN LINE Wed, 7.30-9.30pm. 01203-717166
COVENTRY MESMEN, 01203-224090.

DERBY BODY POSITIVE, Tue 10.30am-1.30pm, Thur 11.30am-4pm, 01332-292129.

DERBY FRIEND, Wed, 7-9.45pm. 01332-349333.

DERBY LESBIAN LINE, Wed, 7-9pm. 01332-41411.

DERBY AIDS LINE, Mon & Thur, 7-9pm, & Thur, 2-4pm. 0800-622738.

GRIMSBY/ SCUNTHORPE AIDS LINE, 01724 276660

GRIMSBY & DISTRICT GAY HELPLINE, Tue & Thur, 7-9pm. 01472-251818.

LEICESTER LESBIAN/ GAYLINE, Mon-Fri, 7.30-10.30pm. 0116-255-0667.

LEICESTERSHIRE AIDS SUPPORT SERVICES, Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm. 0116-255-9995.

LINCOLNSHIRE AIDS VOLUNTARY GROUP, Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am-9pm, & Tues, Thur, 9am-5.30pm. 01522-513999.

LINCOLNSHIRE LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD, Thur & Sun, 7-10pm. 01522-535553.

MANSFIELD/ASHFIELD POSITIVE SUPPORT, 01623-26254

NATIONAL BISEXUAL PHONELINE, Tue & Wed, 7.30-9.30pm. 0181-569-7500.

NORTH STAFFS LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD, Mon, Wed, Fri 8-10pm, Sun 1-3pm, 01782-266998.

NORTHANTS GAYLINE, Tue 6.30-9.30pm, 01604-35975.

NORTHANTS LESBIAN LINE, Wed 7-9.30pm 01604-250887

NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD, Mon-Fri, 7-10pm. 0115-941-1454.

NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN LINE, Mon & Wed, 7-9pm. 0115-941-0652.

NOTTINGHAM FRIEND, Tue, 7-10pm, 0115-947-4717.

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WANTED! E.Mids c/shv n/sm educated prof guy 30-45 (arty/other int). I'm likewise but richly mature, caring, romantic, active-poised for deep love. Photo/ph (ret) app. Box 947

NOTT'M: 50 5'6" slim, active/passive s/ac, s/lk seeks local guys for n/str fun. Photo app. Box 948

LEICS/Derby: Funloving guy mid 30's seeks sim 25-40 for f'ship, socialising, var int but mainly pubs, travel, occ scene. Someone sim. must be around! Box 949

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women's personal

FEM. gay female 49 wltm single or married women. Romantic, caring & honest. ALA, S.Yorks. Box 430

I'M feeling confused, bewilderment, distress, anxiety...Help! Woman 22 kind, caring nature seeks bi female who's sincere/honest for first time exp. Photo app. Must be gen. Box 431

WARM sensitive prof, fair skin, dark blue eyes, likes music, theatre, art, days out, needs the closeness of caring sensitive woman. Single, gay, 40's-50's, any nationality. ALA. Box 432

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TRACEY: ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE, I HAVE A CONSTANT CRAVING ALL BECAUSE OF YOU. LOVE YOU.
♥♥ A.J. ♥♥

NOTT'M: Lesbian 42 neglected by present partner seeking friends, maybe more with the right woman. Sincere, honest, caring, var int, n/sm pref, no butches. Box 433

BI woman 36 married (non-sexual) with child seeks sim for woman only nights out & poss nookie. Loughborough area. Photo would be nice. Box 434

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FEM. attractive gay female 23, quiet, ever so lost seeks sim heavenly creature for f'ship/exploring scene. No butches. Notts/ Derbys area. Box 435

HANDSOME loving Nott'm 24 y/o boyish lesbian req's fem gal 18-30 (max) with GSOH for lust & laughter. I'm crazy but you'll be glad. Box 436

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STELL, ETERNALLY YOURS BABE, YOU'RE MY DREAM COME TRUE ANGE, LOVE YOU FOREVER. P.S. I LOVE YOU MORE, EMMA X
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SHORT fat poet from Cumbria looking for friends to help her out of a man made mess! I love walks, music, books & food! Please write. Box 437

LEICS: Gay fem female 21 seeks fem funloving female for scene exploration, nights in/out & a good laugh. Poss 121? Box 438

PROF lesbian 40's, caring with love to give, n/sm, n/sc, var int, meaningful conversation. Don't miss this opportunity. I could be the special woman for you. ALA. Box 439

GAY woman, blonde fem 32, lonely, into lipstick, leather miniskirts, aerobics, cycling, hiking seeks gay or bi dominant woman. ALA+add. Sheffield/Derby. Box 440

NOTTS: Lesbian 23 fem, att, GSOH seeks f'ship poss rel. Age/area unimp, personality is. Photo guar rep. Box 441

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SHEFFIELD: Butch dyke 28 Chinese smokes, drinks, on scene likes reggae music & rave parties seeks femme 22+. Box 442

FIRST ad. Disillusioned gay female, n/sm, sports, VGSOH, honest, caring, romantic, looks & age unimp seeks soulmate for fun, f'ship, maybe more. Photo please. Car driver, music, good food. ALA. Box 443

LATE 20's gay female seeks n/sc woman for longlasting rel. Ideally fem with GSOH. Photo app, all areas welcome. Write soon - very depressed. Box 444

SHEFFIELD: Sexy, horny, extraordinary, flirty, funny, imaginative, exciting, luscious & daring bi woman looking for other appealing women to meet for f'ship, fun & passion. ALA. PIP. Box 445

TWO 23 y/o lesbians, just coming out & finding themselves in the gay world, into sports, cinema, dining & fun seek sim friends for socialising. No butch. Box 446

LEICS: Tall gay fem female 30's warm, caring & n/sc seeks sim for f'ship/rel, pref in Leics. Box 447

FEM woman wanted by Notts early 30's sociable fem lesbian for good times, laughs, f'ship & anything else that may develop. Please reply. Box 448

GAY female 30something. I am the only feminine gay woman in the world. Come on ladies prove me wrong, V. att & modest. Hurry, write now! Boz 449

messages

NICK, what do you fancy doing for your birthday? Pictures? Meal? Club? Or 'Corrie' & pizza, curled up on the sofa again? Love you dearly whatever, Glyn. XXX

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