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## One World, One Hope

Several HIV organisations in Derbyshire are organising high-profile events leading up to World Aids Day. Derbyshire Body Positive have planned a series of events throughout World Aids week from the 25th November to 1st December including the 'Derbyshire Body Positive Roadshow' which will visit a number of outlying towns in the County\* On Friday 29th November there will be displays and information in the Eagle Centre, Derby with Ram FM and The Lord Mayor, culminating with a series of events of World Aids Day in the city. There will be a service at 2.30pm in Derby Cathedral, followed at 3.15 by 'The Red Ribbon Stomp' which kicks off at the Metro Cinema with a special double feature of 'Jeffery' and 'Beautiful Thing', in aid of Derbyshire Body Positive.

### Benefit Concert

At 8pm 'Labi Siffre in Concert' takes place at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, followed by dancing the night away at Curzons Club with a very special cabaret. Tickets for all three events are £10 each, and are available from Derbyshire BP 01332 292129, throughout the Roadshow and the Green Lane Gallery.

\*Buxton, 23rd November, Heanor, 25th November, Ripley, 26th November, Alfreton 27th November, Swadlincote, 28th November.

The CASH Project in Chesterfield has launched a series of stunning postcards, all modelled by local gay/bisexual men in the area, to encourage and promote a sense of ownership of the campaign (See picture at right.)

On Thursday 28th November, there is a public meeting addressed by Edward King, from Gay Men Fighting Aids, author and medical correspondent of Positive Times. Entitled, "The Gaying, De-gaying and Re-gaying of AIDS" takes place at Marsdens Bar from 7.30pm onwards. It's free and there's a buffet too!



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## Gay Police Debate

A groundbreaking meeting is taking place in Coventry bringing together two local police forces and the lesbian and gay community. The debate takes place on Thursday 21st November, at 7.30pm at Depot Studios, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry.

Speakers include Superintendent Bill Guest from West Midlands Police, Jill Parker, (pictured), from the Leicester Police Liaison Group and a representative from local, gay helpline, Coventry Friend.

The meeting comes after a successful pilot gay training programme for local Police probationary Constables undertaken by gay health project MESMEN and Coventry Friend.

Members of Warwickshire Police and LAGPO, the Lesbian and Gay Police Association, are also expected to attend. The meeting is being organised by MESMEN, the gay health project at the HIV Network charity. The meeting aims to establish a regular dialogue between the local gay community and Warwickshire and West Midlands Police.

MESMEN volunteer Perrie Keenan said: "This meeting gives local gay people the opportunity to speak directly to the Police, have their say and ask questions. The Police should be accountable to all people and this meeting will test their commitment to us."

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## ▽ briefly...

▽ **Edward King**, 'The Gaying, De-gaying and Re-gaying of AIDS', public meeting, Thursday, November 28th, 7.30pm, Marsden's Bar, Chesterfield. Edward King, member of Gay Men Fighting Aids, editor of National Aids Manual and medical correspondent of Positive Times.

▽ **Cellos'** the monthly successful discos now have an added incentive; shuttle buses from Nottingham to the venue. They depart on Sat 23rd November and Fri 20th December from the Lincolnshire Poacher, Mansfield at 8.30pm, 9.30pm and 10.30pm sharp and next to Newmarket on Lower Parliament Street at 8.40pm, 9.40pm and 10.40pm sharp. For more info. on Cellos' contact 0115 961 7389.

▽ **November 5th**, Bonfire night, fundraiser for Derbyshire BP, burgers, fireworks and taters, Tickets from Green Lane Gallery, Derby.

▽ **A black lesbian and gay helpline** has been set up to operate for one evening only, between 7pm and 9pm on the 7th November to serve the Northampton area. The number of 01604 28986.

▽ **Northampton black lesbian, gay and bisexual group** takes place on Thursday 28th November, 7.30pm. For more info contact Suki 01604 601135 or Alasdair 01933 222095.

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## "Spanner" begins in Europe

On October 21, "R v Brown" began its hearing in the European Court of Human Rights. In 1990, 15 gay men were convicted of assault charges, and imprisoned, as a result of injuries consensually given or received in the course of sado-masochistic sex. None of them had complained to the police, all the activities had been in private, and none of the injuries was permanent or needed medical attention. Both the appeal court and the House of Lords upheld the convictions, so three of the original "Spanner men" are now taking the British Government to court in Europe. (Spanner was the codename of the original police operation.) The case will probably take till next year.

### Informed Consent

So what has this to do with us as lesbian, gay and bisexual people, some of whom have no interest in SM? For one thing, the people arrested were gay men. But another connection is the question of what it is to give informed consent. The moral argument for the Spanner prosecution rests on the idea that these activities are so harmful, to the person and hence to society, that consent to them can't be legally valid. As Lord Lowry put it, "Sado-masochistic homosexual activity cannot be regarded as conducive to the enhancement or enjoyment of family life or conducive to the welfare of society". Meanwhile, Lord Templeman asserted rather bizarrely that "Sado-masochistic participants have no way of foretelling the degree of bodily harm which will result from their encounters." There isn't space here to debate the alleged harmfulness of SM activities and principles, relevant though that would be. However, the issue of consent is central to other laws. For instance, the ages of consent for sexual intercourse are based on the idea that young people aren't capable of giving valid consent to sex - especially to male/male sex. Surgery (including for cosmetic reasons), boxing, tattooing and sports like rugby or football are specific situations where something that would otherwise count as assault is made legal by consent. Interestingly, there was recently a case where a woman had convinced her husband that she wanted branding marks, done with a hot knife. As with Spanner, there was no complaint from the participants.

### Consensual activity

On appeal, the case was dismissed, with the branding characterised as "the acquisition of a desirable piece of personal adornment", like "the piercing of nostrils" for "decorative jewellery". Any pain or pleasure from it was thus incidental. The court also held that "Consensual activity between husband and wife, in the privacy of the matrimonial home, is not a proper matter for criminal investigation or prosecution" - apparently as opposed to consensual activity between other people in the privacy of their homes. Both that allusion to marriage and Lord Lowry's inclusion (quoted above) of the word "homosexual" look to me like prejudices clouding the main issue. The basic question is to what degree people have the right to decide what happens to their own bodies. When is consent valid? If no means no, does yes mean yes?

**Jennifer Moore**

### Research contract for Coventry Gay Centre

A Coalition of lesbian and gay agencies in Coventry is currently advertising a tender for a feasibility study into setting up a gay centre in the city. A coalition spokesperson said: "We are looking for an experienced company or individual to research local needs in Coventry and see how a centre would be funded and operated."

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▽ **'Speaking Love's Name'** An informal candlelight gathering of remembrance, care & concern to mark World AIDS Day 1996 on Sunday, 1st December, 4pm, at The Friends Meeting House, Queens Road, Leicester, More. info. please call Margaret Morris on 0116 273 3377.

▽ **East Mercia MSC** has a 'Soldier, Sailor & Airman' night on Friday 8th November with a Bears Night on Saturday 23rd November. Meetings are generally held in Leicester. For further details phone 01332 361056. Meetings take place on the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday monthly.

## New HIV Group for South Warwickshire

A special meeting has been called for people living with HIV and AIDS in South Warwickshire. Taking place on Wednesday 13th November, the group will look at setting up new services including a Body Positive self-help group.

Organised by the Coventry and Warwickshire HIV Network and the local GUM clinics, it is hoped that the new group will complement existing services available locally. There is already a Body Positive group that meets in Coventry.

People attending the meeting will be asked to sign a binding confidentiality pledge and demonstrate evidence of their HIV status.

People interested in attending are asked to call Wes or John at The HIV Network on 01203 229292 or Rosie at Warwick GUM Clinic on 01926 407347. All calls will be treated in strict confidence.



Don't forget your Xmas messages for a box in Outright  
Cartoon: Maggie Guillon Cards

## ▽ briefly...

▽ **The Lesbian Breakfast**, last Sunday of each month, 11-2pm at the lesbian Centre. Food, drink, music, papers, children welcome. Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer St. Nottingham, Info. from Jane 0115 960 6270.

▽ **Careers** - Lesbians wanting free careers advice should check out the Nottingham Women's Centre's Friday sessions, 10 - 12.30pm, 1st, 15th, 29th November & 13th December. Book on 0115 941 1475. 'Herstory' Group meeting Mondays 11th and 29th Nov, 7.30pm, Women's Centre Library.

▽ **Nottingham Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Forum** for representatives of groups meets on Wed 13th Nov, 7.30pm at CVS, 33 Mansfield Road. More details GAI Project 0115 947 6868.

## Homophobia is alive and well!

The results of a new survey into homophobic incidents in Nottingham have just been published. nearly 60% of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in the survey had experienced some kind of abuse. Nearly a quarter (23.2%) had been physically attacked because of their sexuality. The incidents described by people in Nottingham included GBH, knife attacks and rape.



Worryingly the survey, which was carried out at MGM on the 2nd September and Cellos on the 27th, also showed high levels of non-reporting for crimes against our community. 68% of those that had been attacked did not report the incident to the police. Some of these were the most serious crimes in the survey. The main reason given for non-reporting was the likely attitude or response of the police force. One woman who did try and report an assault gave up because of derogatory remarks made to her.

## Not happy with police response

Where individuals did report crimes, 57% were not happy with the police response. Although some victims of serious crimes said the police dealt with them extremely well. Another woman who was mugged, praised the police handling of her case.

The survey was the work of the Nottingham Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Community Safety Initiative. The Group, which is made up of representatives of the community in Nottingham as well as the police and County Council, is trying to find ways to combat homophobic crime and give support to the victims. The group grew out of the Nottingham Lesbian Gay and Bisexual forum to which it reports back. If you want to be involved in the next Forum meeting it takes place on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm at the home of Switchboard, the side entrance to CVS at 33 Mansfield Road. For more details contact The GAI Project on 0115 947 6868.

The Community Safety initiative is also seeking to interview people who have been the victims of homophobic attacks. If you are interested in taking part in this completely confidential survey please contact Liz Peel at The GAI Project on 0115 947 6868.

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▽ **Nottingham Women's Bi Group** meets 8pm, 3rd Tuesday monthly, Nottingham Women's Centre (Press buzzer marked 'library').

▽ **LAGIM** (Lesbians & Gays in MSF), East Midlands Lesbian and Gay Advisory Committee, meets next on Wed 27th Nov, 7.30pm-9pm, ICC, Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Details from Lesley 0116 269 3909

▽ **Women's Disco**, 7th December, 8pm, till late £2/£1 (unwaged/low waged), some refreshments provided, at Lewicester LGB Cengre, 45 King Street, leicester, all women welcome. Contact 0116 254 7412 for more details.

▽ **An Autumn Walk** on Sun 10th Nov with Paul & Mike of Leicester Gay Group. Meet at 45 King Street, Leicester, 1.30pm, Details from Chris on 01509 415272.

▽ **Talkback** lesbian discussion group meets 13th Nov at Nottingham Women's Centre, 8pm with a discussion on 'lesbians and winter festivals'.

▽ **Women's Music Night** at Nottingham Women's Centre, 20th November (and every 3rd Wed. of the month). come and sing, play jam or just listen all standards/styles. Lesbians and women questioning their sexuality welcome. Details on 0115 985 6981

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## OUT HOUSE SEARCH AT AN END?

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Situated in Hockley, the building currently under consideration has almost 2,000 sq ft of space on the first floor with a separate entrance from the street and lift access through the ground floor premises. Many of the members who had seen the building at two recent open evenings thought it was the best option they had seen so far. As *Outright!* goes to press a General Meeting of members was being held to discuss the proposal to rent the accommodation. A slide presentation was being prepared for the benefit of those who had not been able to visit the building during the open evenings.

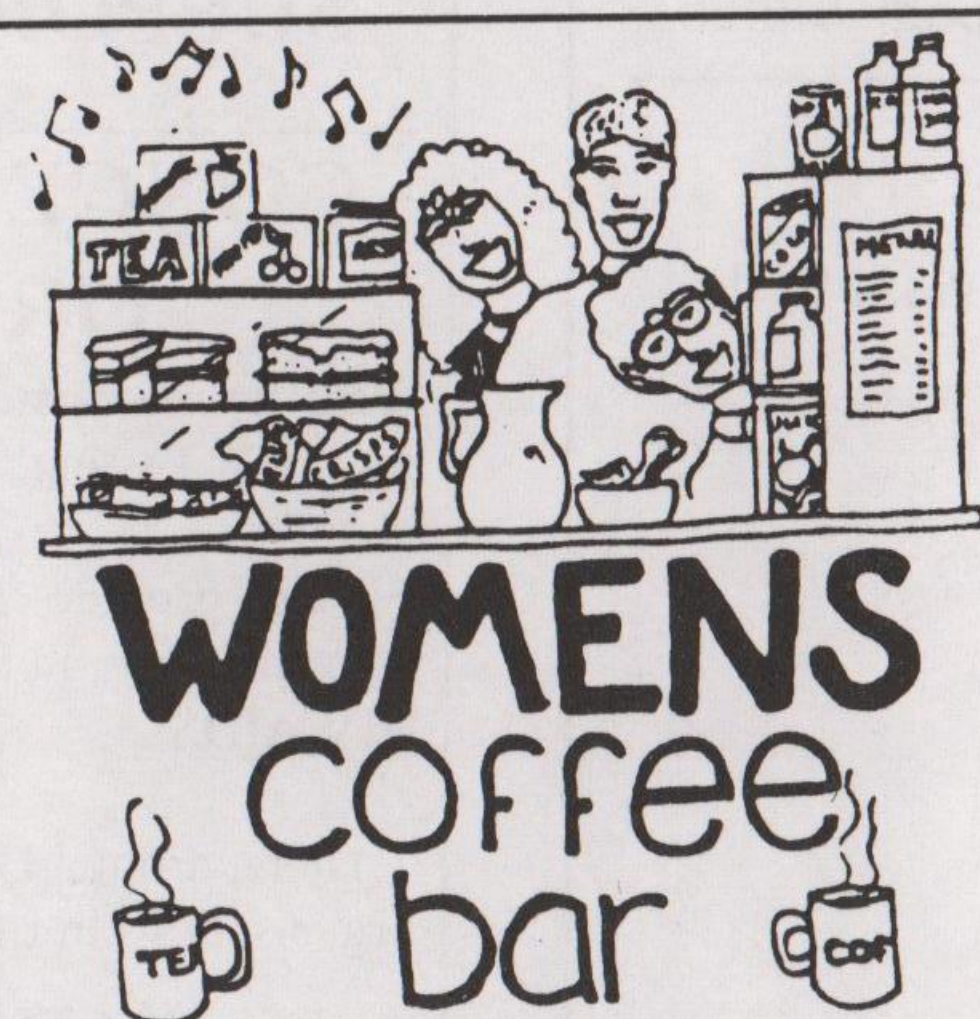
Unlike other cities where health authority or local Council support has helped to set up a centre, Nottingham's efforts to open a community centre have depended solely on individual members' subscriptions and fund raising events. It is a tribute to those who have sustained the campaign that the Out House Project is able to embark on such an ambitious scheme without the financial support of statutory partners.

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'New Boy'  
William Sutcliffe  
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The current fascination for public school settings for the exploration of same sex relationships is continued in this book. The publishers were probably by no means displeased by the claims that the novel is closely based on the actual experiences of the author when he attended a Hertfordshire public school. It caused a flutter of publicity when it first came out.

The story is based upon the cynical and ironic observations of a sixthformer - Mark in describing his fellow students, the foibles of the masters and his own sexual explorations. Woven into this background is Mark's lusting after the school Adonis, Barry, the new boy of the title, although Mark denies he is gay.

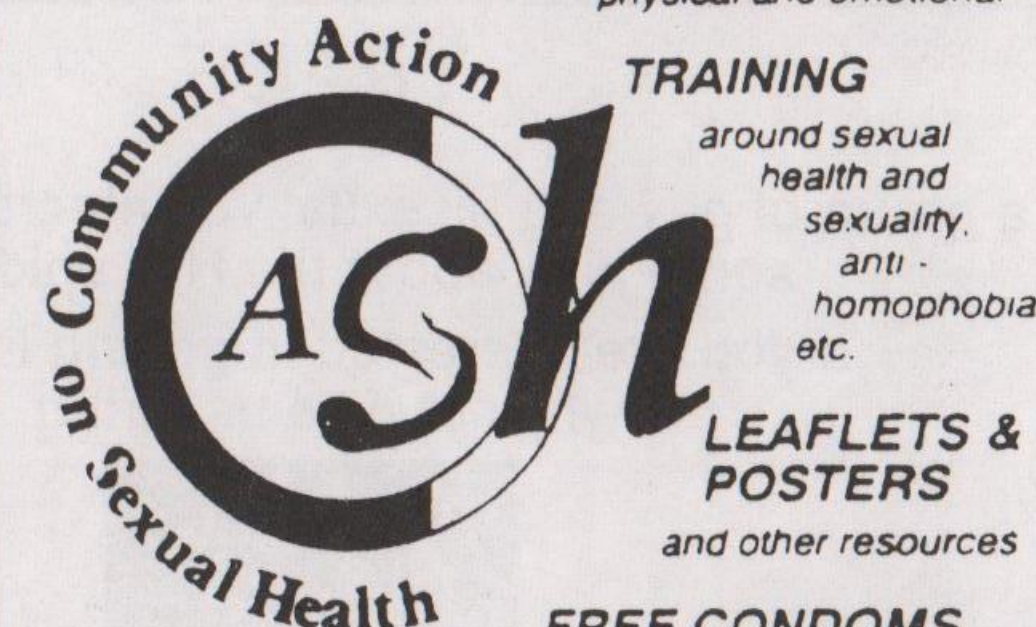
This is a slight tale - an essay on stereotypical adolescent sexual uncertainties in the hothouse atmosphere of an all boys school. It is probably what a clever Adrian Mole might have written aged seventeen and three quarters, having devoured a few Eng Lit texts for A-Level and polished his classical references. For comprehensive school bullies and oiks read the 1st XV rugger buggers and fun in the showers.

It is a good book for a holiday read. It shows public school sex in a witty light and there is no mention of AIDS or of techniques of safe sex. It is delightfully politically incorrect about religion. College students will relate to this and its self-conscious cynical, cool posing and we can too.

Nick Tyldesley

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▽ **Zephyr 6**, comprising of members from acclaimed all-woman rock goddesses Atomic Kandy and Sub Rosa & International Wigg Control host an evening of live 60's classic rock & pop, featuring covers of The Who, Kinks, Rolling Stones, Yardbirds & Francoise Hardy. 8.30pm, Filly & Firkin, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham. £2 on door. Live yourself up before visiting MGM. Don't miss it!

▽ **School's Out National Conference**, Nottingham, Saturday November 23. for lgb education workers. More info from Anthony on 0115 958 5814

▽ **Cafe Quench** continues every Sunday, 11am to 11pm following a successful trial month on Byard Lane, Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham.

▽ **Pink Chalk** country walk in Derbys for members & friends of lgb education workers group, Saturday November 9. Pub lunch & afternoon tea. Details from Anthony on 0115 958 5814

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## Hospital Legal Battle shows Others the Way

A landmark legal battle led by Paul Mayho, a 25 year old HIV+ patient could open the floodgates to a rush of copycat claims. Mayho is suing London's Chelsea and Westminster Hospital for up to £500,000 after contracting drug resistant TB while on one of its wards. Mayho's court case, forced after he turned down a hefty offer from the hospital, is likely to make legal history and, if he is successful, will boost the hopes of many other HIV+ patients who believe they have suffered at the hands of bungling doctors or health care staff.

Most people admitted into hospitals for HIV-related illnesses are put onto mixed wards with HIV negative patients who have a variety of infections. With their immune system already compromised, these people could easily catch new diseases while on the wards.

Out of the four people who caught the deadly TB strain in the Chelsea and Westminster, only Mayho remains alive. Rebecca Francis, a legal advisor at the Terrence Higgins Trust says: "We often advise people who have been treated unfairly or negligently by a hospital. we normally refer people to a medical negligence solicitor. "The problem is that legal aid is getting very difficult to obtain. you have to show the Legal Aid Board that you have a good chance of winning," she says. If you have a similar problem, call TAT on 0171 831 0330. (Thanks to Positive Times).

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The first clinic was held in May at Grimsby District General and since then the 'Links Clinic' have alternated on a bi-monthly basis between both Grimsby and the Scunthorpe General Hospitals. The clinics offer the usual selection of GU services relating to all aspects of Sexual Health, Relationships and Safer Sex. Hepatitis B vaccinations are also available. As there is no established 'scene' in the region, it was felt that by offering this service, it would be the first step in ensuring that the Sexual Health Needs of Gay, Bisexual Men and MWHWSM communities in the South Humber region was being addressed sensitively.

This initiative has been supported by many of the local HIV support groups. To find out more about the Links Clinics and other services on offer to any one infected, affected or concerned about HIV or sexual health, please contact the Grimsby & Scunthorpe Aidsline on 01724 276660, or the Scunthorpe Gay Men and Women's Group on 01724 271661.

Pauline Sinclair of South Humber Health Authority said "Links offer a safe environment for MWHWSM who, for whatever reason, may feel uncomfortable attending the standard GUM services. It is important to see this Pilot Scheme used, in order to develop and promote further services for this community within our region".

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## interview

Labi Siffre describes himself as 'a loose cannon that doesn't follow any party line'; for a start he's been in the business long enough to know all that glisters is definitely not gold.

"In the music business money comes first, second and third, followed by music and then ethics. In my scale of things it is almost in reverse order. I had to ask myself whether I was more interested in my work or the applause. I decided on the former.

His uncompromising stance on issues of oppression have enhanced a solid reputation as a musician and singer forged in the 70's and 80's with a successful international career, a string of albums and several world-wide hit records. However, he remains critical of the pop music industry. "People in the business are generally afraid of passion. Popular songs are more and more constrained by the bloody chorus. And there is this naive idea that you can say anything you like in rock n' roll as long as the lyrics are inaudible."

Labi Siffre's work is infused with intensity and emotion. "The most important thing in art is to have the courage to be vulnerable", he says. He has a habit of saying the things that some would prefer not to hear. Just because you do what is ethically correct do not expect anyone to like you for it. Over the years I have found out who my real friends are.

"I always had a good relationship with the BBC until one occasion when I arrived for a poetry reading. They thought it would be about falling leaves and tinkling streams". he laughs ruefully. The poem was called 'Nigger'. When I'd finished

## Something Inside So Strong



reading, a pool of ice descended on the studio. My manager said: "How could you read that, it was so brutal!" But the reality of lynchings, rape and mutilation are neither gentle nor sweet!"

His biographical notes describe him as someone 'denied a country and a history'. I ask him about this. "It is difficult to feel part of a country that expects its people to lean over backwards to deny themselves", he says. And of being a Gay and Black man? "I am gay first, and black second, simply because when I was 4 years old I was aware of how much I was attracted to men. It was not until I was 7 that I was called a "nigger". Your sexuality is you,

I don't deny who I am but I don't broadcast it either. If someone asks if I am married I say I have been living with my partner for 32 years and his name is .....Your colour is something that someone else tells you are.

Poetry is a bit like love or flu, there's nothing you can do about it. I have been songwriting for over twenty years and what started out as just another song turned into a long and still unfinished poem. At first, when I was writing I wasn't sure who I was speaking to, but then when I found the works of R.S. Thomas and Erich Fried, it was very comforting - it felt like coming home. I'm very secure in my thought processes but as a person, well I'm less secure. People who have an unfinished childhood are people who are eternally bereaved, I would place myself in this category.

Richard McCance



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## interview

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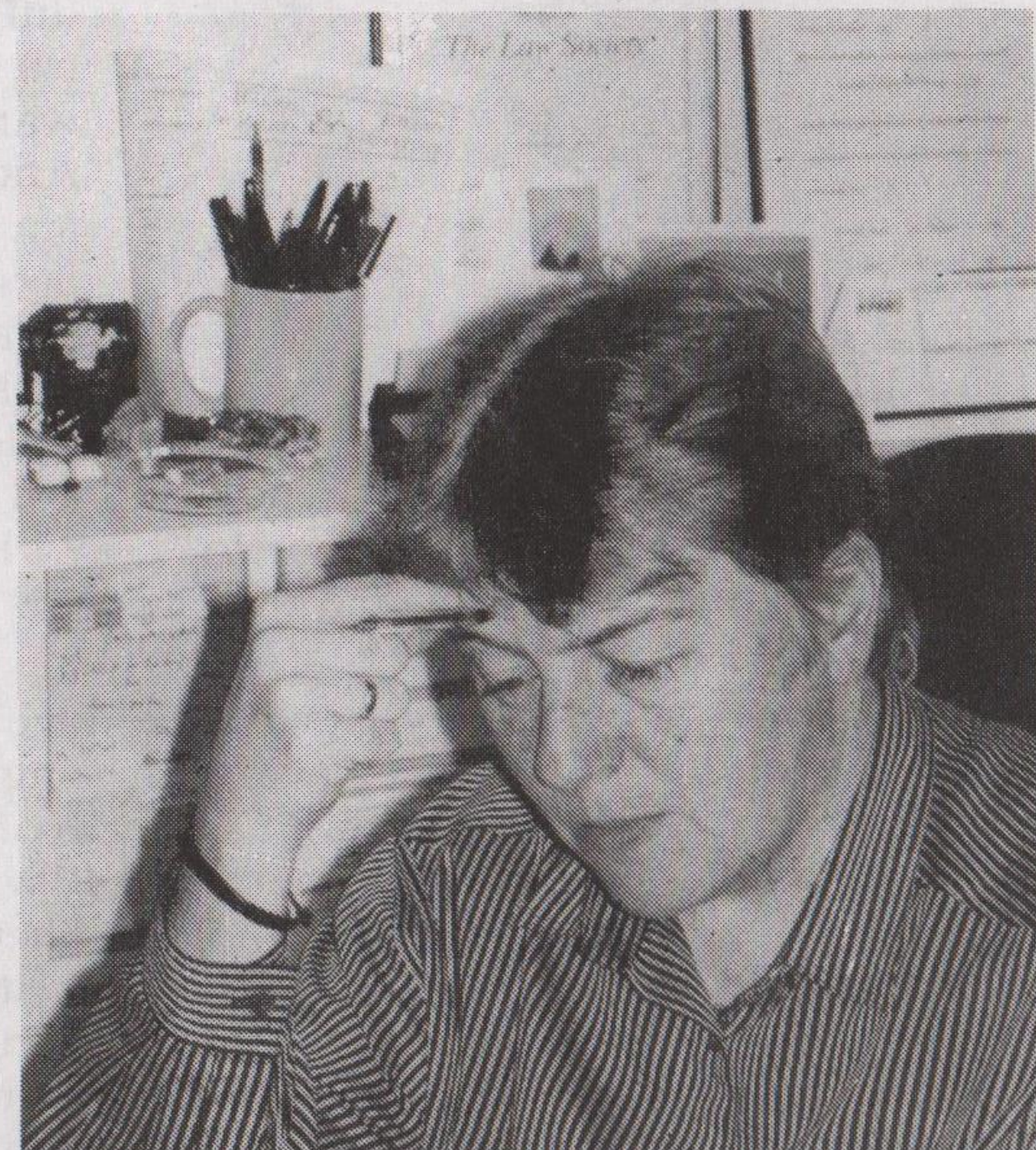
Then Laraine's world was gradually turned on its head/upside down through an unexpected relationship forged at work. "My old boss was transferred to another department and at first I resented this new woman replacing her, but gradually some chemistry began working, suspicion and resentment turned to co-operation followed by friendship. then love blossomed into a ten-year relationship", she said.

A whole new world opened up for me that I never knew existed through my relationship with Carrie. I was introduced into the Women's movement, something I knew existed but had no way of experiencing before. I spent time at Greenham where I met lots of other women". At this time I was studying evenings and weekends over a four year period, followed by a one-year full time course at Trent Polytechnic.

But at the first attempt Laraine didn't make it; "This reinforced a lot of negative feelings I had about myself, but with the support and encouragement of women friends, I went back to try again and this time I won through". She then went on to do her articles and qualify as a Solicitor.

"I see one of my main roles as demystifying the legal process, putting it all into plain English". Laraine prefers one to one work using her listening skills to help people take control of their lives, helping women to help themselves", she adds. Having to deal with authority figures who are usually men can be an ordeal for many women. Laraine is also keen to work with gay men. "I feel they have been oppressed too in different ways and sidelined too much and I would like to help redress that", she says.

"There is still a lot of resistance to women in the profession and entry is still made difficult, especially if you come from working class origins," she says. They try their hardest, in subtle ways, to keep you out, but not this one!" She laughs.



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## review



### Staint Etienne 'Casino Classics' Heavenly Records

Denizens of the dancefloor depths, the spearheading St Etienne hitch up on the remix rollercoaster ride, inviting a clutch of technology terminators to trash up, mash up and mix down Wiggs/Stamley/Cracknell epics that rekindled the fluttering flame of sixties-seventies appreciation afficiandos. The remix merchants bastardize and bulldoze the originals into their own customised knob twiddling flange twisting double-deck delights. Witness nimble digitized selectors The Chemical Brothers bleep & booster their way through, wiping the slate and tape clean, a stripdown to the essential sensual.

Deep dark trouble gurus the Aloof (a much neglected combo if ever there was one) add a veil of well, er, aloofness to the whole proceedings, taking on 'Speedwell' and dubbing it up blacker than dread, as one Lee Perry once said.

It's a pity no-one had the bollocks or the damned cheek to take on the mighty 'Railway Jam' - but whoever did would be destined to lose, daring to interrupt Helen Stephens when she was having a party (doo doo doo doo, do doo do doo do). Justin Robertson's Lionrock leerily convert 'Nothing Can Stop Us' into a semi-familiar cut of almost unrecognisable proportions, the vaguest recollections of the original distilling through the mixing desk hooch. Those au fait with the tracks will rejoice in the classic compositions once more, reeling in the onslaught of delirious speedfreak slashes - all in one handy package, Mam - this is one crazed collection of contemporary previously heard dancefloor dynamite & a set of nouveau feet blisters. The influence of Jamaican echo excites King Tubby/Prince Jammy etc are obvious on this new generation of DJ. Surely this is a celebration of the line 'Hope I die before I get old'.

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**Simon Smalley**

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## Launch of new support group

The launch of a new support group for gay and bisexual men in Chesterfield was one of the outcomes of the recent 'Healthy Gay Day' in Chesterfield last month. In addition there were a series of workshops on aromatherapy, self-defence, massage and aerobics which were all popular. The day was pronounced "an unqualified success" by Richard Marriott of CASH. The first meeting of the group takes place at Marsdens on the 19th November. Ring CASH on 01246 559431 for details of the time.

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**Nottingham Hyking Dykes** Sun. 17th Nov. Tissington to Parwich and return avoiding Tissington Trail, 7 miles, meet in Tissington Trail car park at 10.30am. Afternoon tea at Bassett Wood Farm, Tissington. Info: Marian 01773 820889.

**Leicester Hiking Dykes**, Nottinghamshire walk, depart LGB Centre, 10.30am minibus transport provided. Info: Helen 0116 291 2128. Mon. 11th Nov. Women's navigation Evening, 7pm at LGB Centre, 45 King St. Info: Marie 0116 270 1621. Sun. 17th Nov. Women's Navigation Day - somewhere in Derbyshire - practical outdoor session, transport provided leave LGB Centre, 9am. Info: Marie 0116 270 1621. Sun. 24th Nov. Peak District, leave 9.15am from LGB Centre, Info: Marie 0116 270 1621. For all women.

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# MAKING WAVES

It's one thing living in a large city with ready access to services and entertainment, but quite another living in a smaller town like Chesterfield, whose gay scene is not the busiest in the world, where many gay and bisexual men in the surrounding areas don't have access to social and support networks.

Chesterfield's Community Action on Sexual Health, CASH for short, has been running for three years and its workers Richard Marriott, Co-ordinator, Tony O'Ceallaigh, Community Worker and Darren Goodwin, the Project Support Worker operate from a tiny terraced house in the town centre. Like most successful projects they are bursting at the seams.

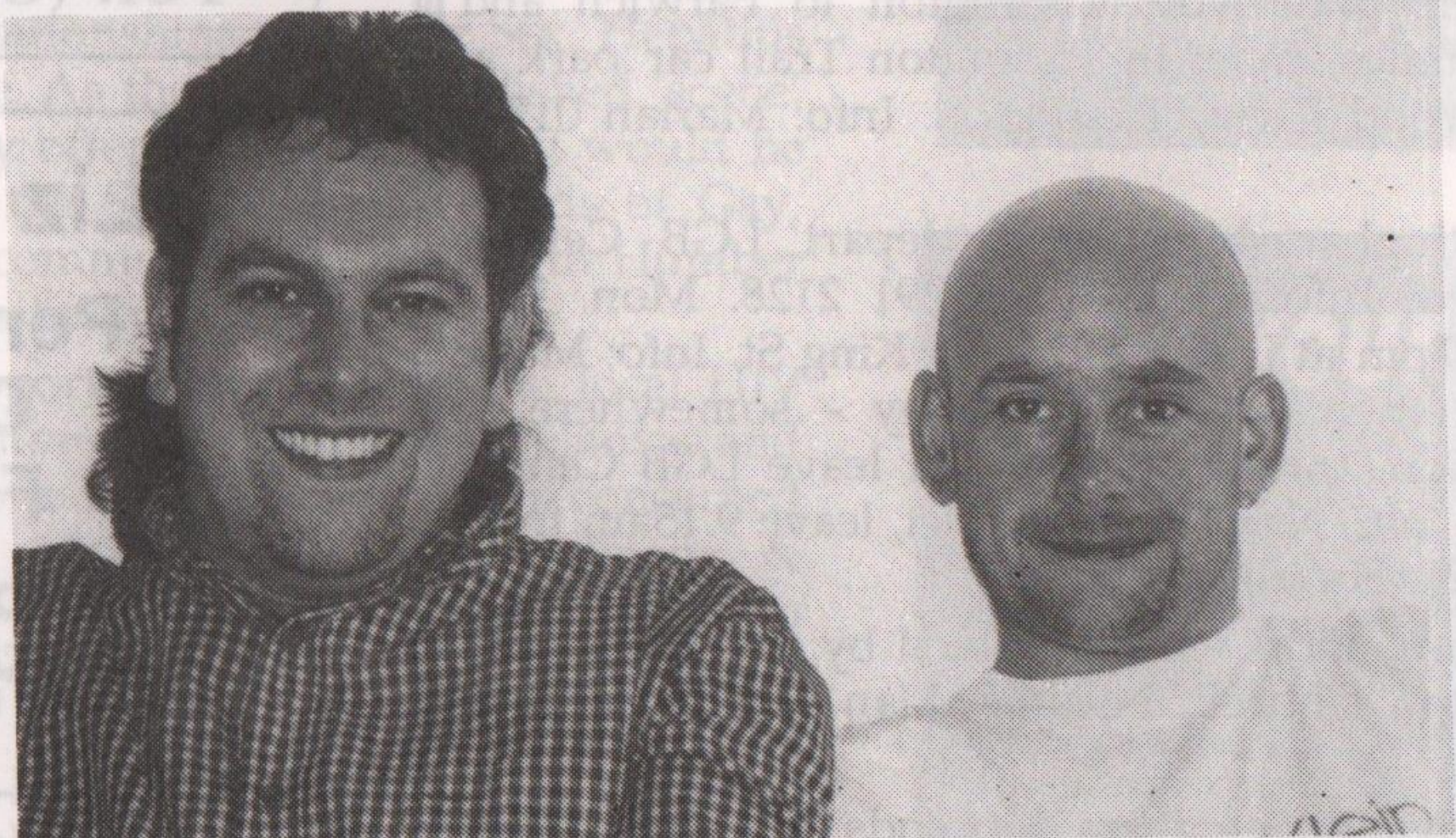
"Though our drop in facilities are well used, local HIV+ often prefer invisibility here, choosing to go for treatment farther afield to Sheffield. They are happy to support collections generously but generally won't take the condoms", said Richard. "For many men in Derbyshire, a furtive liaison in a cottaging/cruising area is as far as they get to a relationship with another man. Positive men often face a double dose of discrimination; when they come out a second time," added Tony.

With this in mind "We have tried to be extremely innovative in our approach", say Richard and Tony (pictured), Their latest

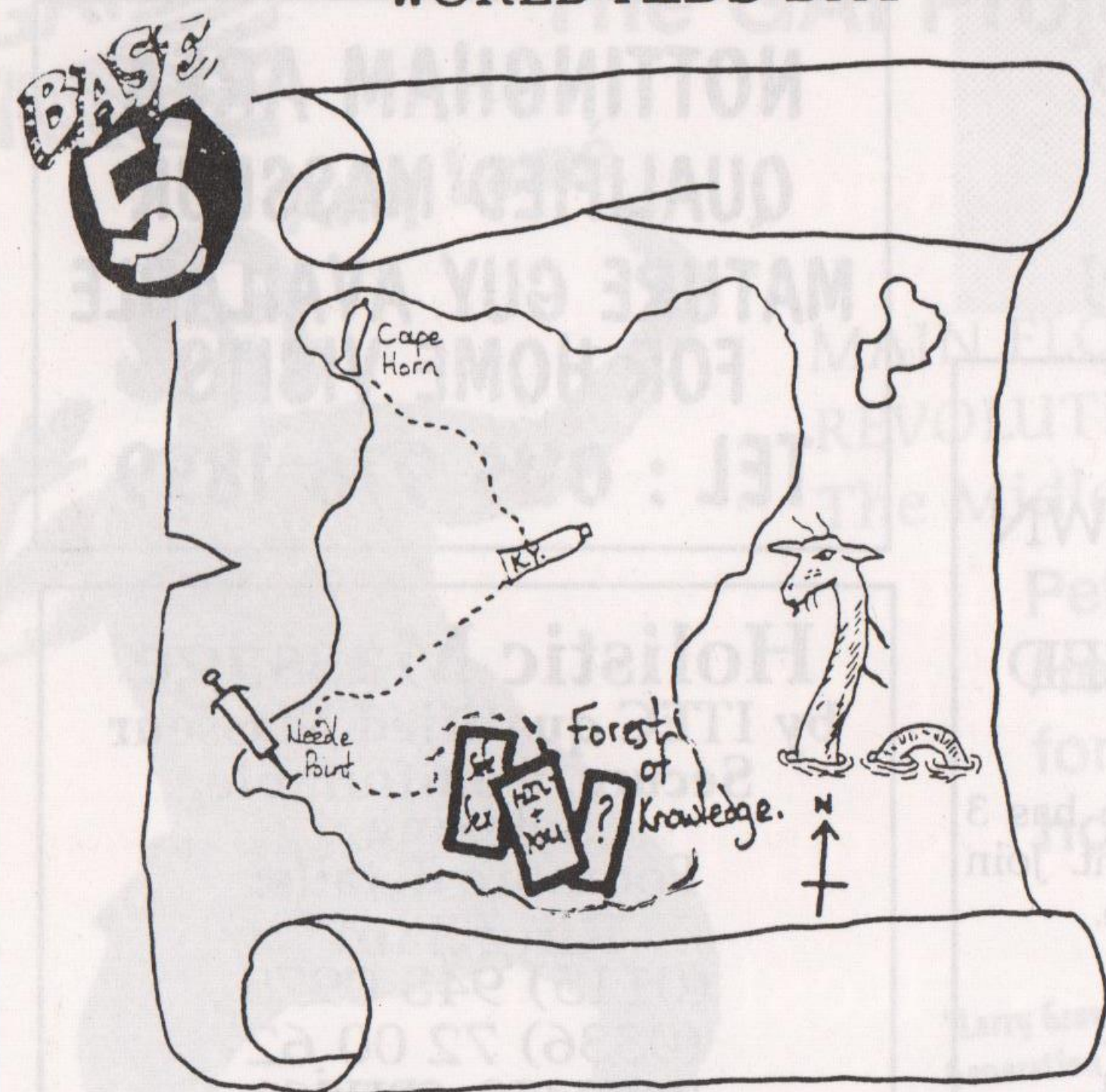
offering are a range of stunning postcards using local gay/bi men as models "We wanted to involve the local community and encourage a sense of ownership of the campaign. Needless to say this has caused palpitations and a turn or two amongst some managers in the Health Authority". The cards cover a range of issues including 'toilet training' - how to cottage without getting into a jam with the police - and how to stay healthy.

There's a paradox that in former mining communities there is a tradition of camaraderie, laced with machismo, amongst the men generally, but that same community can allow pure vitriol in the local newspapers to go unchallenged. There have been several instances of gay men being virtually crucified by the local press", said Richard.

The 'The Healthy Gay Day' on the 28th October was an unqualified success, the sexy postcards and the upcoming public meeting being addressed by Edward King, author of the National Aids Manual, are a significant contribution to World Aids Week, raising the profile and in the process empowering the local gay/bi community. And if there have been a couple of near-admissions of Managers to the coronary care unit, it proves that the Project is being noticed and above all is seen as a force to be proud of.



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The 11th and 17th November herald a Navigation Evening and Day, whereby all women are invited to learn, practice skills in navigation. Training is provided at the Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Centre. Innovator Marie ensures all women "need not worry if you haven't used a map and compass before, the aim of the session is to develop our skills in using maps and compasses to plan and carry out walks.

Monday evening sees an indoor session, looking at maps reading. Sunday's session will be practical, trying out some outdoors skills in Derbyshire, transport provided. So why not spend an evening finding yourself, and others at the Centre. Finally to finish off November, the group are off to the Peak District on the 24th. For further details don't hesitate to contact Marie on 0116 270 1621, or regarding Navigation, Helen on 0116 291 2128 or Fee/Gill at the LGB Centre on 0116 254 7412; they will be happy to hear from you.

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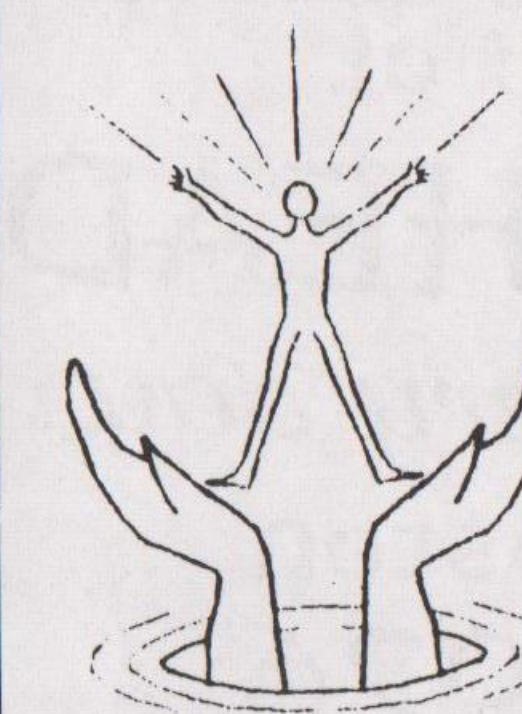
The Deputy Chairperson of Derbyshire Body Positive, Peter, said that the Project already had links with Romania, Denmark and Germany and were pleased to give support "particularly to such an isolated country as Cuba," he added.

## Strike Out!

Plans are already afoot for International Women's Day 1997, which marks the 90th anniversary of the first women's strike for better living and working conditions. Events are already being planned, so if you want to be a part of things, come along to the next meetings which are on 7th November, 10.30-12 midday, 21st November 1.30-3pm, December 12th 10.30-12 midday.

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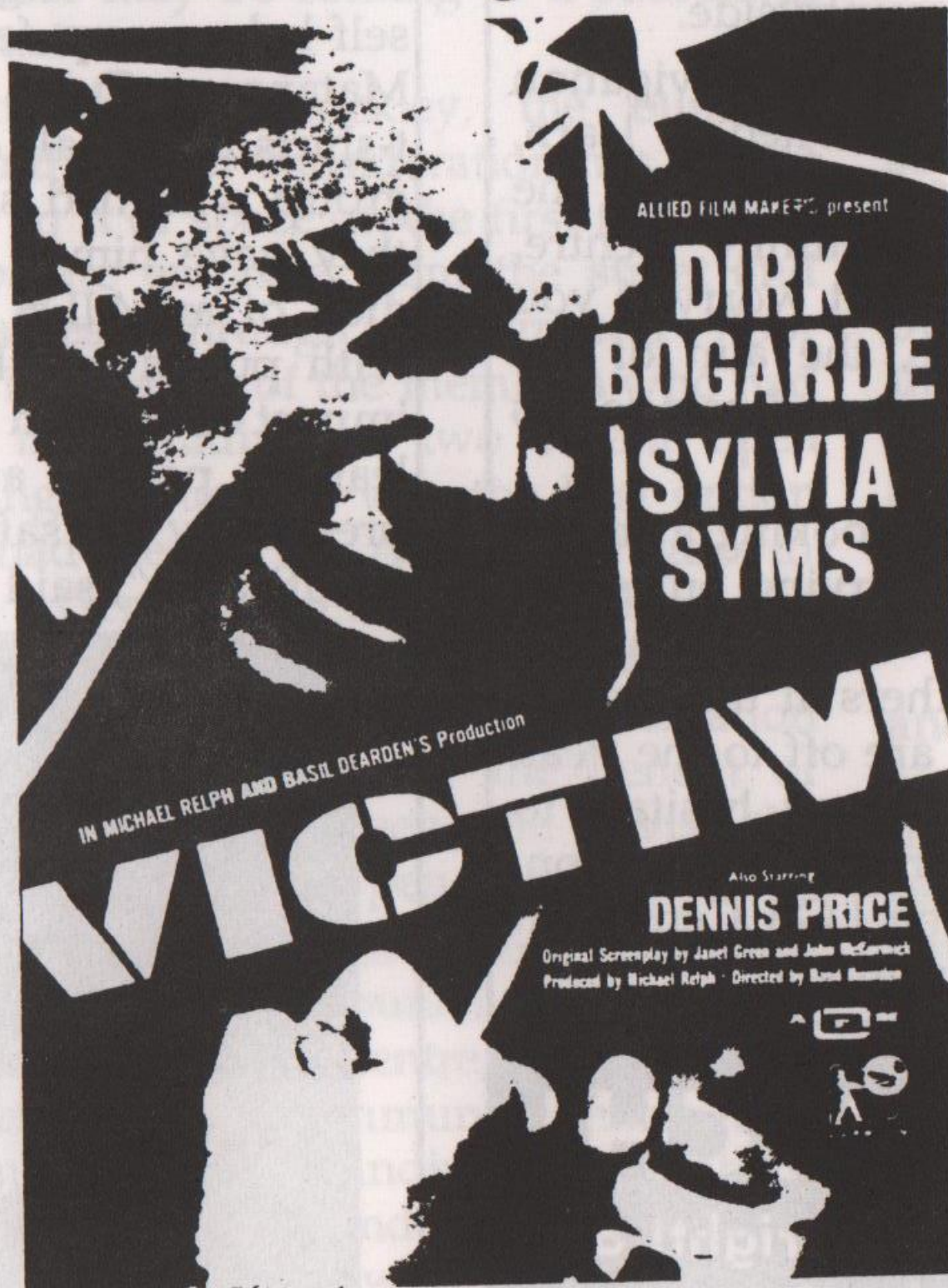


## review

## The Celluloid Closet

This was a two-part documentary on Channel 4 that complemented the gay icons series. It was based on the book by Vito Russo and was intended as a tribute to him. The programmes traced the portrayal of attitudes towards homosexuality in Hollywood movies over the last hundred years as a historical narrative.

The approach was to use a succession of archive clips interspersed with the comments of actors, screen writers and experts on gay culture with Quentin Crisp as a celebrity queen. The story began with the stereotype images of the cissy as a butt for cheap laughs. By the 1930's the homosexual was seen as a villain and a real threat to macho male America. This was slightly modified with the camp bitchiness of 'Boys in the Band' and comedy transvestism in 'some like it Hot'. Hollywood censored attempts to introduce detailed discussion of homosexuality in films with the Hays Code and some space was given to looking at the cut version of 'Ben Hur' which implied a gay relationship between the two main charioteers and the gay debate in 'Spartacus'.



This advertisement for Victim (1961) showed a tortured Dirk Bogarde in a pose that does not appear in the film.

Only with 'Philadelphia' has homosexuality been treated relatively seriously although this was designer Aids for the legal establishment. Lesbians got a relatively short shrift with passing mention of Garbo and Dietrich but not Garland or Taylor.

This was a serious documentary that emphasised the point that social attitudes are significantly determined by cinematic images and Hollywood has a lot to answer for in making Faggot a term of malevolent abuse.

We can make the point that Britain has something to teach America - it is films like 'Beautiful Launderette' and 'Beautiful Thing' that are offering a positive view of coming out. These are very recent efforts but even small beginnings are a start. 'Celluloid Closet' was not the occasion to go OTT about fag hag icons and the delights of 'Priscilla'. The opposition out there is still strong.

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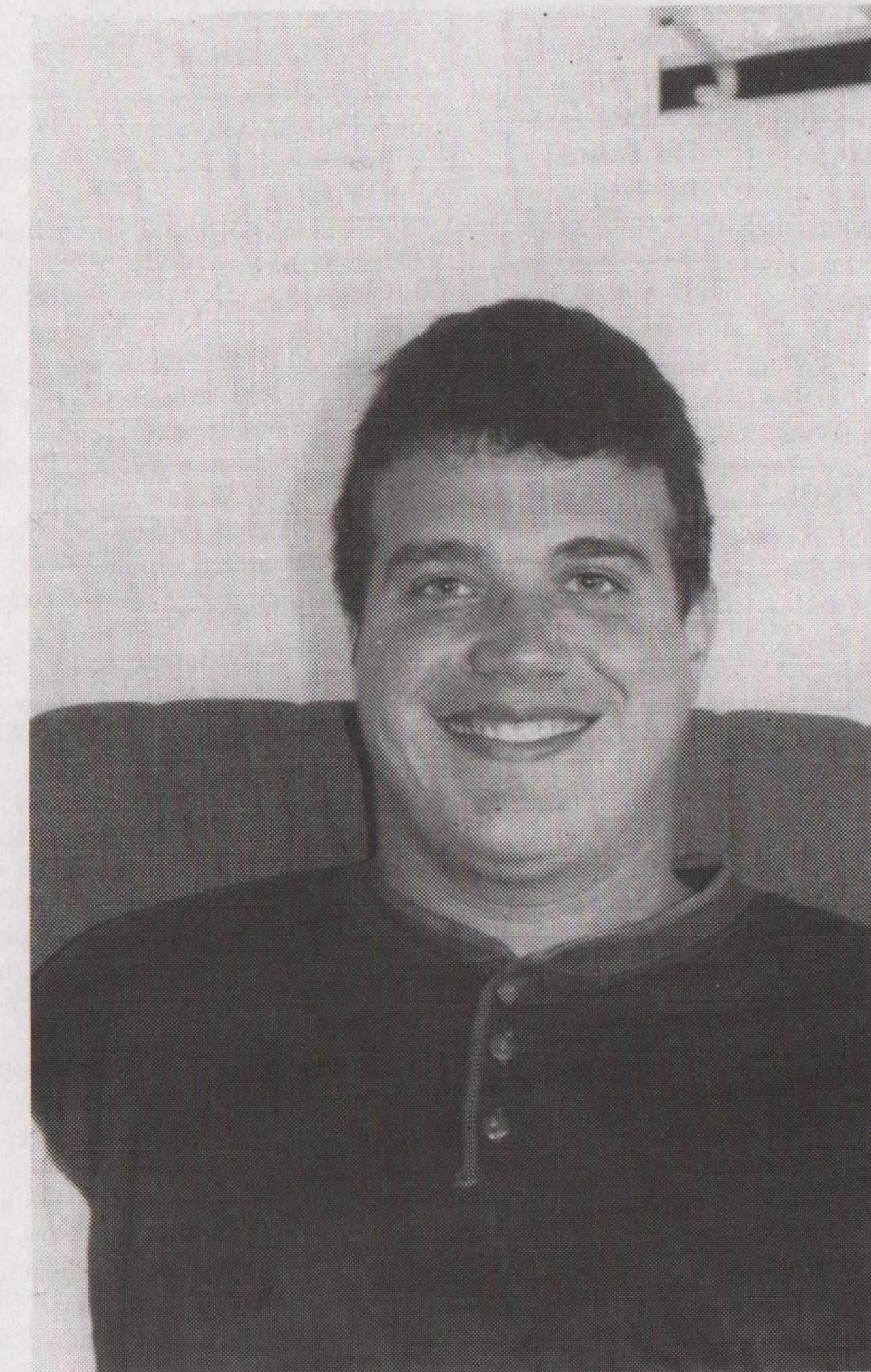
Four happy people enjoying a night in at The Vine in Derby. Presided over by mine hosts Linda and Ian, this venue has quickly established itself as a friendly, relaxed place. For longer than we care to remember you had to go to Nottingham or Leicester for a good time. Not any more! Derby has joined the fast lane in entertainment. Enjoy the quiet ambience of the Gallery Wine Bar or get lively in Freddie's Bar, followed by a singalong at the Vine, and then its off with those slingbacks to dance at the night away at Curzon's luxury club. Not bad for a place that until recently was only known for British Rail!

## interview

## Cuba Libre

Time was when gays and lesbians were barred from professional life in Cuba, writers were censored, actors and directors fired and with the onslaught of AIDS, people living with the virus were automatically locked up in 'protective custody', in Sanatoria for life. Julio Nunez is a 28 year old Cuban gay man, healthy and HIV+ for eight years. He visited England recently, as a guest of the town hall union, UNISON. He talks to Richard McCance about living with HIV.

"I had to give up training to be a doctor when I was first diagnosed with HIV. It was a bodyblow for me sacrificing my chosen career, and facing a life of potential incarceration in the Sanatorium without hope of returning to my home and friends. In the beginning, I had a hard time there. At that time, like elsewhere in the world, nobody knew much about the disease, so the staff all wore special coats and masks when they had any contact with us. We were not allowed to leave the centre for the first 45 days. Then we were allowed out once a week with a chaperone to make sure we didn't have any sexual contact with anyone and infect them. Psychological and character evaluations were carried out on us to determine



whether we were trustworthy and responsible citizens. Once this was established, we could go out without a chaperone.

The Sanatoria were originally set up as isolation hospitals and because the early cases of HIV occurred in Cuban internationalists, returning from Africa, responsibility for their care lay with the Army. As cases spread to the civilian population control passed to the Health Ministry. Then things began to improve.

The release in 1993 of the Cuban film, 'Fresa y Chocolate' reflects in part the Cuban government's changing position in regard to allowing both open criticism of past government policies and a more sympathetic portrayal of homosexuality. This was followed in 1994 by a liberalisation of its AIDS policy.

The quality of safe-sex products is not very good and we rely more and more on donations from overseas although the government does issue condoms. In Cuba because of the shortage of paper and ink, caused by an almost world-wide economic blockade, nearly all the health education past and present takes place on TV and radio."

However Julio says these days, the quality of life within the Sanatoria is very good; people living with HIV are entitled to special food rations, not available to the rest of the population. The staff are well-trained and paid a special premium to work there and the facilities are quite luxurious. Sometimes people chose to remain in the Sanatoria rather than go home.

These days Julio works as a translator, living at home with his mother. He has learned to live with the virus and still have a meaningful quality of life. "I never had a problem about coming out as a gay man, though sometimes people try and ridicule you and pretend you don't exist", he says. He could not envisage a situation where someone would lose their job simply because they were gay or lesbian. "This was more likely to happen if they were plotting against the government". If I was a medical student now I would be able to continue my studies. Things have definitely improved all round, he believes.



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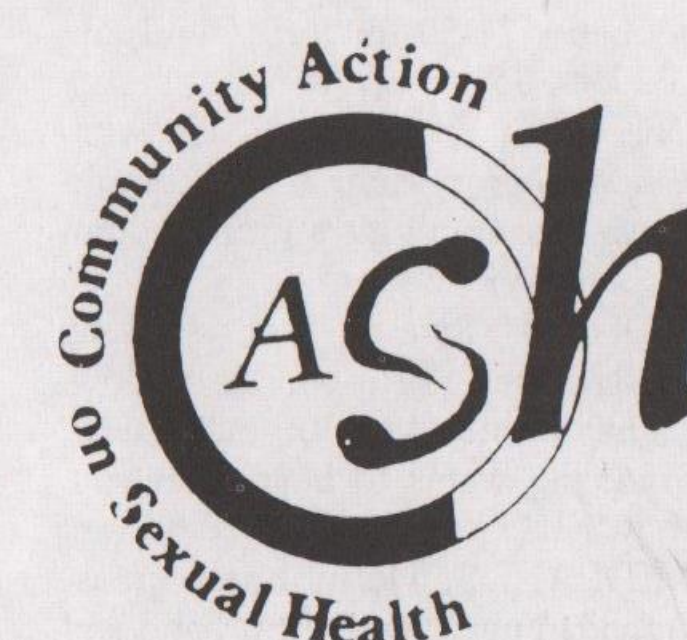
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## men's personal

**SHEFFIELD:** 31, caring, honest, multiple interests, fed up of playing the Invisible Man seeks guys 18-35 for friendship, possible 121. ALA. Photo appreciated. Box 695

**FANCY** Xmas on your own? I don't! I'm 57, from Leicester. If you're younger (18+) & interested, get in touch! Phone appreciated. ALA. Box 696

**NOTTINGHAM:** Trent MSC has gone. 45, stocky needs fresh direction, firm control from compatible age. ALAWP. Right setting welcome. Box 697

**STAFFS/Derbys:** 33, 5'10", medium build, number 1 crop, dark hair seeks genuine loyal guy 18-40 for committed 121. Colour/race unimportant. Box 698

**LEICESTER:** Mature 20 y/o w/ltm 18-30 for friendship, fun, possibly more. I'm 5'6-ish, slim, GSOH, interested in everything in life, love talking. ALAWP. Box 699

**NOTTINGHAM:** Black guy with disability seeks smooth white boybabes 18-25 for fun & friendship. Into DIY etc. Cum on make the earth move! Box 700

**LEICESTER** gay, married, 36, seeks broadminded guys for friendship & no strings fun. Prefer Leics area. Write soon. Box 701

**NOTTS** male, mid 40's, likes 60's/70's music, collects stamps, collects road/rail videos, collects Carry On films. I am seeking gay male from Notts area 18-49 for 121. Tel: 0115 943 1057/ Box 702

### LINCS/NOTTS:

**Guy, 33, slim build, 5'8", w/ltm masculine tall or stocky bi/gay active man 20's-40ish for hard times/lots of cuddles. Discreet, can travel or accomodate. ALAWP. Phone if poss. Box 703**

**DERBY/Nottingham:** Attractive tall early 30's, working seeks similar non-scene straight acting friends for social & sports activities. Maybe more! ALAWP. Box 704

**EAST MIDLANDS:** Experienced mature guy offers safe warming experiences and explorations to eager butts 23-40. ALA. Box 705

31, fit body, good looking, intelligent likes clubbing, wild times and red. Leics. ALAWP. Box 706

**LEICS:** Straight acting & looking masculine 25 yo, goodlooking, GSOH, non-scene, sporty, fit, new to area seeks similar friends, 121, no queens, primadonnas need apply. ALAWP. Box 707

**NOTTINGHAM/Midlands:** White guy 40 w/ltm Black, Asian, Oriental guys for mutual friendship & fun times. Possible 121 with right person. Photo assures reply. Box 708

**ME, 31, 5'10", enjoys gym, fitness, nights in, conversation, hopeless romantic! You, similar age, muscular looking for fun, friendship and 121. Photo appreciated. Box 709**

**DERBY:** Entertaining schoolmaster 54, seeks local boyish type special friends, mobile 18-28. Offers lay-on preferable excitement/desired stimulation. Happy future awaits deserving students. Box 710

**EAST MIDLANDS:** Sub skin 32 into leather/rubber/bikers, most colours, have GSOH looking for horny times with a guy 18-40. ALAWP. Box 711

**NOTTS:** 18, 5'11", short brown hair, w/e, goodlooking w/ltm similar lad 18-25 with GSOH. Friendship-more? Phone no. if possible. Write now! Box 712

**ATTRACTIVE** slim guy, caring personality, interests briefs, sportswear, essential oil, aromatherapy, massage, tickling sessions, lots of hugs & cuddles seeks friends.

## NOTTINGHAM:

Professional, 28, goodlooking, new to city w/ltm similar people during week for socialising, drinks, meals, cinema etc. ALA.

**Box 732**

w/ltm slim-med active guy 26-45 for friendship, possible 121. ALA. Photo appreciated. Box 733

**SOUTH NOTTS** and north Leics areas: Indoor naturist seeks singles or couples for warm nude socialising on winter evenings. Box 734

**RURAL LINCS:** Easygoing 45, 6', medium build beachcomber seeks other outdoor types for winter walks, mutual pleasure, growth & friendship. More? Photo helps. Box 735

**DERBY:** Gentle honest articulate caring graduate, 29, seeks similar for friendship, long walks, sunshine, smiles & good times. Box 736

**NOTTS:** Tall, slim, hairy 45 seeks similar or younger for fun times. Briefs/shorts interest. Phone helpful but ALA. Box 737

**DERBY:** Seeking 55+ nonsmoking, non-drinking type homelover for fun, cuddles & friendship, lots of affection, maybe more for compatible relationship. ALA. Box 738

**LEICESTER:** Male, 40's, straight acting, reasonable looking into underwear, hopefully seeks likeminded males for no strings under duvet.fun. Can travel. Box 739

**MANCHESTER/North west/Nottingham:** Gay lad 20, 5'7", slim, dark hair, average looks seeks guys 18+ as penpals, also for fun, friendship etc. ALA. Box 740

**DERBY:** Slim/medium build 6'2", straight acting still looking for Mr. Right seeks younger guy 22-30 for fun & hopefully more. Smoker preferred. ALAWP. Box 741

**CHESTERFIELD:** Professional tall, slim, fit attractive 43 looking younger every day, GSOH, straight acting/looking, into theatre, cinema, countryside, swimming w/ltm similar 30-45. Possible 121. Box 742

**NORTHAMPTON** gay guy 28, genuine, loving & caring seeks guy 18-35 for nights in/out. Hopefully leading to 121 relationship. Must be local. Photo preferred. Box 743

**GAY MALE, 30, non-scene** seeks males for lots of fun, friendship, possible relationship. I'm slim, smooth, boyish, GSOH, caring. ALA. Sheffield/anywhere. Box 744

**TALL SKINNY** student 27 seeks 3 & 4-somes with young uninhibited guys 18+. Looks unimportant but photo appreciated & phone. Genuine only! Box 745

**LEICESTER** male 40's, fed up with scene seeks friends/penfriends 18-38 for evenings together. Interests walking, youth hostelling, other activities considered. Box 746

**LEICESTER:** 33, tall, fit, presentable, intelligent, GSOH, longterm participant in combat sports now looking to become a lover as well as a fighter. Box 747

**NOTTINGHAM** guy, mid 20's, boy next door seeks down to earth guys 20-40 for fun nights out, cinema, theatre, dining out etc. Box 748

**NOTTINGHAM:** We enjoy a good drink, a chat and a laugh in a nice smokey atmosphere. Gay couple, 30's/40's seek similar friends. No Tories please!!! ALAWP. Box 749

**LEICESTER/East Midlands:** 35, slin, told good looking, in relationship seeks similar 18-34 for discreet safe no strings fun. ALA so get writing! Box 750

**EAST MIDLANDS** guy, 42, clean cut physique, boyish, horny, seeks masculine guy, possibly hairy, 21-50 for fun, friendship. Tel no. ALA. Box 751

**NOTTINGHAM:** Fit, friendly 37, w/ltm men 30-60, active or passive for uncomplicated no strings fun. Hairy guys preferred but not essential. ALAWP. Box 752

**NOTTINGHAM:** Sweaty feet, stinking armpits, smelly arses. Brown & yellow. Any burly, hairy men 30-70 out there? Bearded 35 y/o pig wants to hear from you. Others think it, I DO it. Box 753

**EAST MIDLANDS:** Hefty, hirsute masculine Dad/grandad/uncle with firm hand and dirty habits sought by bearded son/grandson/nephew, 32 for no-strings fun. ALAWP. Box 754

## helplines

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

**CHESTERFIELD HAND,** Thurs 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, 7-10pm. 01332-349333.

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

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**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 7.30-9.30pm (women), Thur, 7-9.30 pm (les/gay/bi), 0115-947-4717

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**S YORKS CONNECTIONS,** Thurs 7-10pm & Sun 3-8pm, 0122 6730703

**SHEFFIELD AIDS LINE,** Mon-Thur, 7-10pm, 0800-844334

**SHEFFIELD GAYPHONE** Mon-Wed, 7.30-9.30pm, 0114-258-8199

**WELLINGBORO' GAYLINE** Thur, 6.30-9.30pm, 01933-223591

## mixed personal

**WEST YORKS/Humberside:** Goodlooking hairy bisexual Asian guy, 25, non-scene, medium build seeks bisexual male/female couple for fun at your place. Photo? Box 164

## women's personal

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**LEICESTER:** Feminine gay female 21, smoking, scene-going seeks caring, funloving femme for friendship/relationship. Response guarantees a reply. Photo app. Box 305

**NOTTS:** Lonely lesbian, new to gay scene w/ltm other lesbians 25-35 for friendship/relationship. If you're looking for love write now. Photo app. ALAWP. Box 306

**SOUTH YORKS:** Partially disabled lesbian in monogamous relationship (8 yrs) seeks friends. GSOH essential. 40+. Partner has vetted this ad!! I'm just a bit lonely sometimes. Box 307

**LINCS:** Gay female 22, GSOH, likes cinema, music, countryside, animals seeks gay female for friendship, maybe relationship. ALA. Box 308

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**ALL** revved up with no place to go? Leics gay girl, 30 and fem waiting to show true colours. Seeking similar. Box 312

**SHEFFIELD:** Woman, femme 33, caring, honest, loves nature, walking seeks women friends anywhere for scene or countryside. Box 313

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**LEICESTER:** House share near city centre with owner. Own bedroom. Use of facilities. Must be clean & tidy. £35 pw inc exc phone. Mark 0116 254 5640

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