

## Feasibility Study for Coventry Centre

The Coventry Coalition are carrying out a feasibility study to establish whether a lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender resource and drop-in centre is a viable proposition for Coventry & to identify what obstacles need to be overcome to make such a development a reality. The study is supported by Coventry Health.

Questionnaires are being distributed widely throughout Coventry to existing groups and organisations and to individuals in social & community venues. Focus group meetings are being held with a range of existing groups and also with potential supporters and purchasers. Other lesbian & gay centres are being studied to learn from their successes and problems. A specific aspect of the work includes the health needs of lesbians.

The final report will be presented at a meeting on May 17th with a full discussion to build on findings of the study and to identify what to do next, with careful planning for future action.

For further information about the study please contact:

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## Hello Huntingdon!

Following our appeal for more regional information we were really pleased to receive the **Huntingdon L&G Group Newsletter**.

Delights in store over the next couple of months include a homemade cake & biscuit evening (yum yum) on **April 16th** a pub crawl in Peterborough **April 30th**.

The group also organise video nights, 10 pin bowling evenings, socials, discussions, speakers, line dancing, gay

tea dances and **May 30th - June 1st** sees their **Queer Goings On Weekend**. You can contact the group through Geoff on 01223 502915.

Thanks also to the people from Chesterfield and North Notts who wrote in to let us know what was happening in their neck of the woods - you see it does work - all this publicity could be yours. Contact **outright!** with news from your local area

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## Terry takes on Navy

*Terry Perkins has featured in all the national and local papers and TV news as the Nottingham ex-sailor who is taking the Royal navy to the European Court - now he tells his story in his own words for outright!*

I am pleased to give **outright!** a brief history' says Terry.

In 1988 I left college and joined a computer company as a consultant, it was suggested that I might join the Royal Naval Reserves as a Radio Operator to improve my customer communications. But as I am colour blind this wasn't possible. But I had heard about a new branch for Medical Support Assistants. This sounded interesting, so I joined.

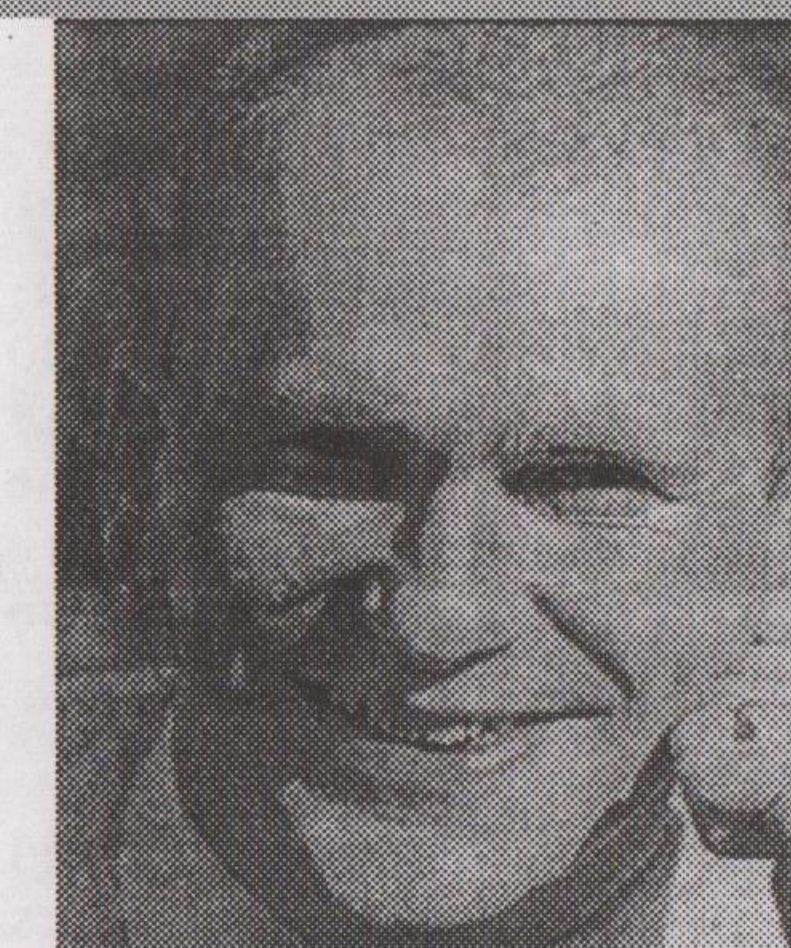
I was in the Reserves for 3 years at HMS Sherwood Nottingham and worked with the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, including training with the Marines in Norway. I thoroughly enjoyed the life and decided I wanted to take it further. So, on 11th February 1991 I joined the Royal Navy starting at HMS Raleigh as an Acting Medical Assistant. I was on basic training with 4 classes and at my Passing Out Parade I was awarded the Owen Cup for the high marks in the entry. In April 91 I took additional training to further my medical knowledge and again got the highest marks in the class. As a reward my next draft was on board HMS Cornwall. After a short spell completing the basic Sea Survival Course (fire fighting & damage control) we were headed out as the West Indies Guard Ship working with the US Coast Guard in search of drug smugglers. During

my five months on board I was promoted to Medical Assistant and we visited some wonderful places - Belize, Bermuda, Curacao, Puerto Rico, Fort Lauderdale and Nassau to name but a few!

On returning to the UK I worked briefly in the sick bay at HMS Drake before joining Commando Logistics Regiment RM for preparation for the MA's Commando Course at Lymington Exmouth. I completed 14 weeks at Lymington at returned to Commando Logs where I was again promoted to Acting Leading Medical Assistant. During my time here I had a second journey to the West Indies attached to the Royal Marines on board HMS Fearless, visiting the jungle in Guyana as well as Bermuda & Puerto Rico again. On my return we were rewarded a short rest & relaxation period camping in Brittany with the Marines.

After this I took the Leading Medical Assistants Professional Qualifying Course and joined the main hospital at RNH Haslar as a fully fledged Leading Medical assistant. When they found out that I knew about computers too, I was also asked to support the hospital's computer system.

It was then that I told a colleague - someone I met before joining the Navy and who I thought I could trust - that I was gay. I continued working at the hospital and was awarded an engraved tankard for my work there. A month or two later I was called to see the Master at Arms, who I knew from helping him to set up his office computer. But he didn't want my help with his computer this time, instead there were two men in civilian clothing with him. I knew immediately what was happening. I was asked to give a recorded interview with the Special Investigations Branch (SIB). This was humiliating and upsetting. I was told that I was going to be discharged from the Royal Navy for being homosexual and was asked if I wanted to appeal against the deci-



sion. My solicitor, Stephen Grosz advised me to state clearly in writing that I considered the decision unfair, unjust and unlawful. There was little else I could do at that stage.

I was finally discharged in November 1995. It's totally ironic that the same Medical Officer who awarded me my tankard for good service was the same person who discharged me because of my sexuality.

In July 1996 Mr Justice Sedley said in the High Court that I had a 'very arguable case' to go to the European Court of Justice. The MOD later decided that my case should wait until the case of Lisa Grant vs South West Trains is heard in Europe. This could take some considerable time so my case was reheard with Mr Justice Lightman saying that 'homosexuality is a reality that the law must adjust to'. Now I'm waiting for my case to be heard in Luxembourg.

I am now working as a Technical Consultant at Soutron Limited in Ilkeston, Derbyshire. I train customers to use the databases and library management systems that we sell. My current employers are fully aware of my case and do not hold any prejudice. I am now living in Nottingham and I've taken a dramatic drop in salary since leaving the Navy. I will continue to fight this case and I believe that the outcome in Europe will be favourable. I will keep **outright!** informed.



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...welcome!

to the april **outright!** sadly we have not had huge postbags of mail about the new format/content - what little we have had has been positive - so we'll just assume you like it until you let us know otherwise. This month, as you'll see takes a slightly sideways look at the upcoming elections.

**Brickbat of the Month...**

Goes to Us ... for totally screwing up the distribution again. (We are trying honestly). And in particular for failing to get any feb copies at all to Portland House in Lincoln - despite several phone calls. Sorry sorry sorry sorry. We really do think we've got it sorted now.

**Bouquet of the Month ...**

Goes to our understanding and supportive **outright!** readers who have been so patient and uncomplaining.

*Nominations for next month's brickbat & bouquet are now open...*

...Vox Pop!

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## New Boys in Town

Striking silver hair & a dark brown voice all hint at Star Quality - so it comes as no surprise to learn that **Martin Fox** is a stalwart in a local operatic society - singing Bass naturally. In fact his biggest role - Johann Strauss - involved dying his eye-catching locks for the first time ever. 'I had a beard at the time', he explains, 'but it didn't match my hair & the Director said one or the other had to go. I used a temporary spray-on colour. I'm used to it being white - it's has been since I was in my early twenties'.

He has lots of other interests too - He's in the Labour Party (in fact he was a councillor for 6 years), supports CND and the League Against Cruel Sports & is on the Board of Directors of a local Hospice. He says he likes DIY & gardening too - where does he find the time!

**Always an Activist**

Martin worked in the Derby & District HIV/AIDS Services for around 7 years before moving to Nottingham's Health Shop. In fact he's been working in Health since 1989 and an activist around HIV/AIDS since the early 80's. 'Nothing was happening then - it wasn't even called AIDS - nobody knew anything about it. I wanted to do something & made the move from social work to health'.

**New Post - New Scheme**

Martin's just been appointed as the Befriending Service Co-ordinator - a new post funded by Nottingham Community Health NHS Trust - to research, develop and set up a 'buddies' scheme in Nottingham.

There was a scheme in Nottingham organised by NAIP - but when that project folded, sadly, the buddies scheme went with it.

He brings a wealth of experience from co-ordinating the successful Derby Buddies for the last 6 years. So, he's just the man to establish a similar service in Nottingham.

The name decided on is **Nott Buddies**. If you've never heard of a buddies scheme before - basically, it offers practical, emotional and social support

for people living with HIV/AIDS.

**What is a buddy?**

Buddies are volunteers who make a long term commitment to offer friendship & support to someone living with HIV/AIDS or their care partner. They operate on a one-to-one basis - building up a relationship with their 'buddy' and providing additional support - their role is quite fluid and can change over time. It might involve 'being there' to give emotional support or practical help with day to day stuff like shopping or going out to the pub.

**Registering Now!**

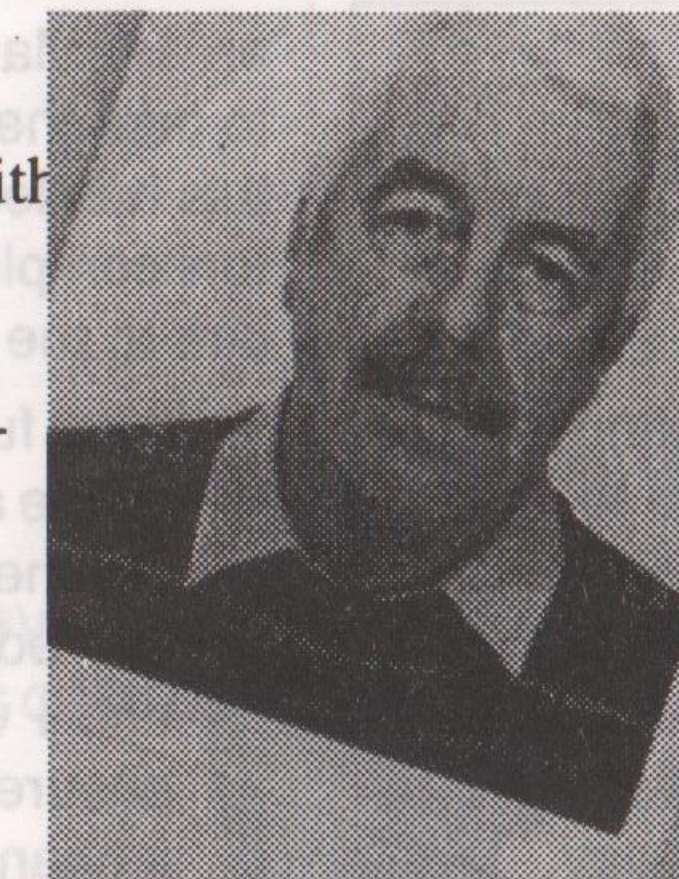
Obviously volunteers need training before they take on this type of commitment. But Martin is registering people who think they might be interested now. 'There will be several open evenings soon to give people a chance to find out more. Information/application packs will be available then too - but there's no pressure to apply right away. In fact I'd much rather people thought about it carefully', says Martin. 'It's going to be a rolling programme ... you can join in when you're ready ... next year or never ... whenever's 's right for you'. Partners of potential buddies are very welcome to attend the open evenings too - in fact - it's encouraged. 'Being a buddy can have an impact on your relationships - it's important for partners to understand what you're involved in'.

**Genuine Commitment**

Being a buddy can be an extremely rewarding experience - but it can be very demanding too. The basic requirements are commitment & confidentiality. The training is based on the Terrance Higgins Trust model and includes basic and residential week end training, on-going support meetings and reviews. If anyone wants to find out more they can contact Martin on 0115 947 5414.

**Diversity**

Volunteers come from all walks of life, all backgrounds, all sexualities - as do people living with

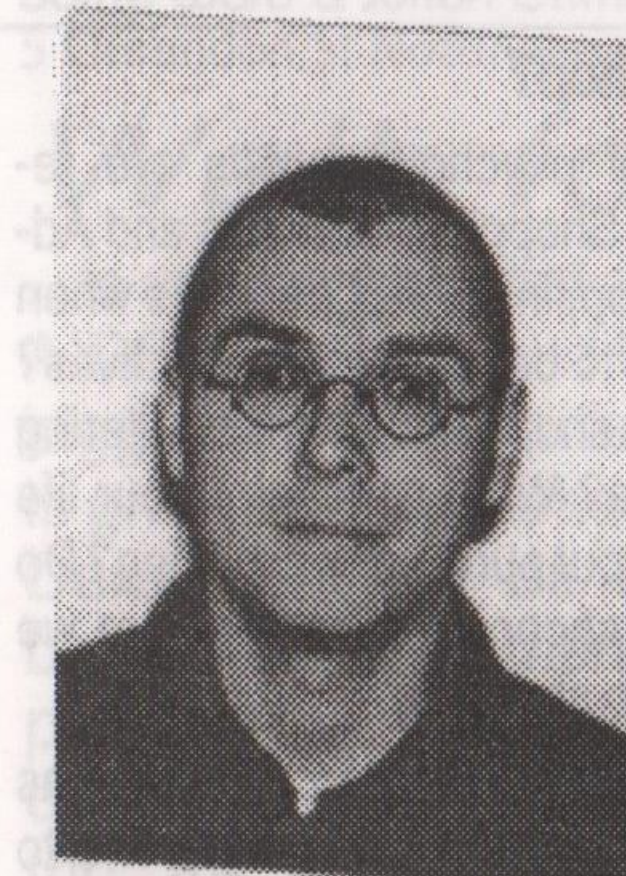


HIV/AIDS. So the more diverse the volunteer group, the better.

People wanting to have a buddy can be put in touch with **Nott Buddies**

their GP or other health professionals or can contact Martin direct. He'll have an initial chat with you about the type of buddy you'd like. The person who best fits your needs will then be selected from the volunteer pool & introduced to you. You can then plan between you how you want it to work. If you go ahead there'll be a review after about 6-8 weeks to see if things are going ok. If not you can always try a different buddy - your existing buddy won't take it personally. Finding the right buddy for you is the important thing.

**New Boy No. 2...**



... Is **John Lippit**, now working half time with Health Shop and half time with the GAI Project.

John 's a local lad - originally from Leicester - and currently back there sleeping on his sister's settee.

He's spent the intervening 10 yearson Merseyside - initially working as a volunteer with Merseyside AIDS Support Group then managing 2 part time jobs - as a health promotion worker in Chester and co-ordinating the Warrington AIDS Line.

**Flat-hunting**

'I'm really hoping to find that perfect flat soon', he said wistfully, 'In fact, I've got something promising to see at 2pm today'. The perfect flat definitely in-

cludes a microwave as John freely admits he can't cook, 'but', he smiles, 'Hiziki's handy for me as I'm vegetarian. Broadway's pretty handy too for someone describing himself as 'vaguely arty', his favourite film so far this year is **Secrets & Lies**.

**I could be a rock star!**

John's also really into music - playing with a Liverpool based indie band called Emperor Julian who've released a couple of singles and had some air play on the radio. 'I haven't had much contact since I moved down from Liverpool, I've been too busy settling in - I could be a rock star by now & not even know about it'.

**Personal Agenda**

John's approach to men's health is holistic. 'It's not just about HIV/AIDS - feeling confident, feeling good about yourself has a positive impact on health. Coming Out workshops & support groups are all part of it. Although obviously, as a gay man, I do have a personal commitment to the health issues around HIV/AIDS'.

When I asked him for his favourite Abba record he threw his hands up in horror & claimed not to have one - but when pressed, picked **Take A Chance On Me** - OK John we will.

Coventry & Warwickshire's leading HIV charity - **The HIV Network** are also looking for volunteer buddies to join their next training course in May.

The HIV Network combines caring for people with HIV and prevention work. There is a shortage of trained volunteers in the area and they have organised a training course to help address the need.

Training is free and Network volunteer Jamie says 'It's hard work but great fun & very rewarding'.

There's a special introductory evening for potential volunteers to find out more on Monday 14th April ... so ring NOW!

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## ...stars!

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21 Jan - 19 Feb

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**Lucky shop - Argos**

#### Pisces

20 Feb - 20 Mar

If your waterworks aren't what they should be this month don't worry just phone Severn-Trent

**Lucky Drink - Vortex**

#### Aries

21 Mar - 20 Apr

Stop! Think! Is that the partner of your dreams - or just a cunning 3-D hologram?

**Lucky Catalogue - Kays**

#### Taurus

21 Apr - 21 May

Number 13 is often called 'lucky for some' - so you may as well try it!

**Lucky Spice Girl - Mel T(wat)**

#### Gemini

22 May - 21 Jun

I predict a fall in the basic rate of tax, a labour government 10p on ciggies with no change on beer or spirits

**Lucky Flour - Wholemeal**

#### Cancer

22 Jun - 23 Jul

If you think that D.I.S.C.O. is a branch of the UN seek professional help & get out more

**Lucky Group - Ottowan**

#### Leo

24 Jul - 23 Aug

This time the evidence won't stand up in court but you might not be so lucky next time - think on!

**Lucky Town - Goole**

#### Virgo

24 Aug - 23 Sep

Stop showing off - you need the back of your legs slapping - any more of this & it's Goodnight Vienna

**Lucky Word - Jingle**

#### Libra

24 Sep - 23 Oct

Eyebrow plucking Pain or Pleasure? Discuss with reference to 2 texts on your reading list

**Lucky Accessory - Tool Belt**

#### Scorpio

24 Oct - 22 Nov

Think you're the sexiest sign in the zodiac? So do I - ring me ...

**Lucky Relative - Aunty**

#### Sagittarius

23 Nov - 21 Dec

What is that tingly sensation? Check with your GP it could be serious

**Lucky Jail - Parkhurst**

#### Capricorn

22 Dec - 20 Jan

If you think credit card is a dirty word try using 'bollocks' as a handy alternative

**Lucky Hospital - Barts**

## Hey Tom ... ..we need to talk

Pressure is mounting on Warwickshire Police to appoint a gay & lesbian liaison officer following criticism from regulars at the Antelope Inn at Warwick and the local gay health project **mesmen**.

Members of the gay community met with the assistant Chief Constable of Warwickshire last year following which the police developed a plan for further consultation and action. At a successful public meeting in November, senior officers from both Warwickshire & West Midlands Police agreed to improve relationships by taking constructive action. Sadly, little has materialised.

Pressure has increased recently when a gay pub manager, Michael Gilday, was physically attacked on the premises of his pub, The Antelope Inn, Warwick



on 1st March. The police failed to take the matter seriously and this has led to a number of written complaints from pub regulars to the Chief Constable.

'I am furious', says Michael, 'at the appalling lack of interest the police have demonstrated to gay victims of crime and I will now campaign to ensure better treatment and a change in policing in Warwickshire. A lesbian and gay liaison officer is the perfect first step'.

Gay campaigners are already considering a range of tactics to highlight police failings including a survey of homophobic violence, a letter writing campaign, public meetings with the Chief Constable and making it a local issue in the forthcoming General Election campaign with help from Stonewall. Campaigners have stressed that they would prefer to work constructively with local police and hope they will respond accordingly.

John Taylor of **mesmen** commented, 'It's disappointing that

the police have failed to make progress since the public meeting and the development of their gay strategy. We hope they will now take the opportunity to make changes from within. If that doesn't happen, I foresee a very public campaign by local gays and lesbians to change them from the outside'.

Following recent events, The Antelope Inn & the **mesmen** project are urging local lesbians & gay men to write to the police. They recommend writing to:

**Mr Peter Joslin**

**Chief Constable**

**Warwickshire Constabulary**

**Leek Wooton**

**Warwick**

**CV35 7BQ**

(and please send copies to Supt. Martin Richards, Warwickshire Police, Vicarage St, Nuneaton CV11 4DW who is responsible for L & G liaison).

For further information speak to bar staff at The Antelope or contact **mesmen**

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## Tickets For Pride 97

The Out House Project is once again organising coaches down to this year's Pride March & Festival in London on July 5th. Tickets will be available from May 12th from Mushroom Bookshop Nottingham (concessions for unwaged & students).

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# GRIEF

"No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. I am not afraid but the sensation is like being afraid. The same fluttering in the stomach, the same restlessness, the yawning. I keep on swallowing".

These words were written by C.S. Lewis on the death of his wife Joy, in his book, 'A grief Observed' which was made into the moving film Shadowlands.

Some of us may be able to identify with the sentiments, indeed there may be some general pattern of grief but in the details, each person is different and that is how it should be.

For the gay man, death has become an all too familiar part of the landscape, but its familiarity doesn't lessen the pain sadness and sense of desolation felt when a partner or dearly loved friend dies.

Sometimes the feelings can be so intense that they go off the scale into numbness; at other times the heaviness is suddenly gone, to be replaced by an unexpected sense of lightness - even laughter - albeit just for a few moments before the realisation of loss comes flooding back in.

For many, one of the worst things to cope with following the death is the 'aloneness', which is different to loneliness. Aloneness is the sense that there is no one to really talk to about the person who has died,

time after time after time. The feeling that somehow everyone expects you to be getting over it by now and that you have exhausted the early streams of sympathy and understanding you got when the news first broke.

People no longer mention his name - they might upset you; they think it best to either jolly you out of yourself or perhaps just leave you alone. It is at such times as this that aloneness can be hard to bear.

So how can one get through? Can anyone or anything really help? There are no magic cures, no pills, no easy ways out, but sometimes just sharing the feelings, letting them be aired, if necessary many times, eases the pain - a little. It takes time, perhaps a lot of time - don't feel rushed, don't accept pressure from others to 'get over it', go at your own pace. Accept the memories, which will be mixed, sometimes making you sad, sometimes making you surprisingly happy. It is all part of what in the end can only be a process moving towards acceptance. As Terence Rattigan once said "I will not insult you by trying to tell you that one day you will forget. I know as well as you that you will not. But, at least in time you will not remember as fiercely as you do now - and I pray that that time may be soon".

**Rod Beadles**

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## Gay Men's Bereavement Group

The loss of anyone that we feel close to is a difficult process. We may find it hard to accept the pain, sorrow and numbness these losses can bring. The loss of a partner is one of the greatest losses anyone can experience. Living in a society that doesn't recognise or support gay relationships can make it even harder. We aren't always surrounded by people who understand our loss. Some families may be fine in their treatment of bereaved gay men, others may try to be sympathetic but their embarrassment and inability to relate to gay issues often means they can't give the support that's needed. In the worst cases the surviving partner is totally excluded from the funeral arrangements by his dead lover's family and even his own relatives seem relieved that the gay relationship they couldn't handle is over.

The gay community doesn't always handle grief very well either. For many men who've lost their partner, the idea of going back out on the scene as a single man again is horrifying. Almost like having to come out all over again. At a time when friendship and support are needed the scene can be a very daunting place.

We can't rely on colleagues appreciating our loss either. We can't count on their giving us the time and understanding they would offer to our heterosexual counterparts. In a society that barely acknowledges gay relationships there is little or no acknowledgement of gay bereavements.

All this can leave us feeling isolated at a crucial time making an already difficult loss harder to bear. If we can't turn to our family or our community, if we can't find understanding and patience in our workplaces who can we turn to?

Three workers who are involved with the lives of gay men in Nottingham are trying to find out if there is a need for a gay men's bereavement group in the city. Anyone who is interested in such a group may want to come to an initial meeting in the upstairs room at The Peacock Mansfield Rd at 4pm Sun April 20. The group is open to any gay/bi man who have suffered from a close bereavement from any cause. If you want to find out more call

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Sat 5 April **Pleasure & Payne Peterhouse Trust Benefit** at Galleries of Justice See Page X

**Every MMonday** The Portland Gay Social Group meets at 8pm in the Portland Arms High St Mansfield Woodhouse.

**Talkback** Lesbian discussion group 2nd Weds every month 8pm Lesbian Centre 9th April **Do We Need a Lesbian Centre?** NWC

**The Women's Room** Women only café night at the Alley Café opposite Odeon cinema. Tuesday 8th April 5.30-11pm Veg/Vegan food, drink etc non-smoking (smoking area available)

**The Lesbian Breakfast** Sun 27th April 11-2pm food, drink, music, papers Children welcome £1.50/£2/£2.50 at Lesbian Centre NWC

**Lesbian Party Night** Sat May 17th 8.30-late £1.5/2.5/4 NWC Fab dance music from Sophie (Hidden Talents) Please bring own refresh-

ments All women welcome - funds to Lesbian Centre

**Women's Music Night NWC** Wed 16th April & every 3rd Wed Come along - sing, play, jam or just listen all standards/styles. All women welcome Wheelchair accessible Details 0115 985 6981

**Transgender Network** meets fortnightly at the ICC Mansfield Rd for discussions and at the Foresters Glasshouse St for socials The group is open to pre/post-op and people questioning their gender or just interested in finding out more - including partners, friends & family etc. And a special welcome to Chris - the group's first F/M member. Details 0115 9261117.

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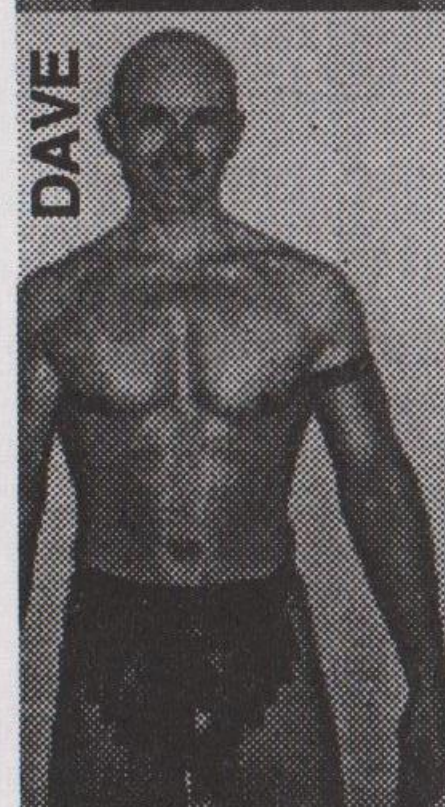
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## Mr Gay UK Heats

Last year saw the national Mr Gay Uk competition bigger & better than ever before with special guest robbie Williams (ex-TakeThat) making the presentation on behalf of the celebrity judging panel.

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Regional heats are in progress all over the country and one of the best so far was recently hosted by the Dot Cotton Club in Cambridge. A bevy of gorgeous local guys fought it out for the title of Mr Gay Cambridge.

Hosted by the infamous Dave Lynn & Felicity Fats, it was another sell out night at the Dot Cotton with contestants strutting their funky stuff on the purpose built catwalk to wild applause from the audience. The competition was tough, entrants ranging from rugged, muscle-bound hunks to cute boys-next-door. The judges were all popular names from the local scene; Toni Elkins - landlady Town & Gown, Frances - ex-landlord Burleigh Arms, Paul - resident DJ Dog & Partridge & Chris G - DJ/Promoter Dot Cotton clubnight.

After much deliberation and to the delight of the crowd a very shy & nervous Tony Cavanagh was announced 1st prize winner. The gorgeous Tony 35 hails from London and was just visiting friends for the weekend and didn't plan to enter the contest - his friends egged him on. Lucky they did because he's won the regional trophy, a year's free club entry for 2 and a place in the grand final in May. Well worth a mention are Dave and Quentin who came in 2nd & 3rd.

Everyone went on to enjoy a wild, hot & throbbing night dancing to the latest most up front sounds courtesy of res DJ Chris The Dot Cotton runs the last Saturday each month at the junction, Clifton Rd Cambridge. 01223 511 511

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## ...walkies!

*It's officially Summertime (brrr!)...so why not grab yourself a bit of fresh air exercise and communing with nature?*

This month's featured group is Leicester-based **Women Out Walking** previously known as Leicester Hiking Dykes. Although a predominantly lesbian group there are bi women, women questioning their sexuality and a few straight friends... so the name change seemed appropriate. Unusually this group organises low cost transport to their walks starting from 45 Kings St. There is an alternative - slightly later - start point too for those with cars and/or a desire for a bit of a lie-in. Walks are not too strenuous and beginners are welcome. Another group that's popular with dogs - 'some of our members wouldn't come if they couldn't bring their dogs'. But obviously dogs must be kept under control especially around sheep. Children are welcome too but as not all routes will be suitable it's best to check in advance. The group is friendly and welcoming - so why not give it a go! **Women Out Walking's** walk this month is **4th May - Nanpanton/Woodhouse Eaves** Transport from 45 King St 10 am (£2/£1) or meet priorly Pub CP 10.30 contact Jeanette for details 0116 260 8400

### Nottingham Hiking Dykes

**Sun Apr 20** Meet Tideswell Dale Picnic Site B6049 9off A6 - B6049 turning approx 3 miles after Bakewell) GR 155742. Moderate 6.5 mile walk with 1 steep climb. Part of walk through wildfowl sanctuary so dogs must be kept

on leads. 11 am start. Tea available at Tideswell. Contact Steph/Dianne 0115 952 1511 Lesbian only group

**Sheffield Hiking Dykes**

**Sun Apr 20** Bradwell/Abney Moor/ Great Hucklow/Tideslow. Moderate 12 mile walk with one steep climb (there is shorter alternative route)

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# ELECTION SPECIAL!

*For the first time ever, the Pink Vote is being actively wooed prior to a General Election. Stonewall is backing a massive national campaign urging us all to 'Vote for Equality' ... and it all adds up to a feeling of growing political power in the community. We offered all three main parties an equal amount of unedited space to tell outright readers why they should put that important cross the their box on 1st May.*

## Liberal Democrats

are committed to fighting discrimination wherever we may find it. Our constitution states that 'we exist to build & safeguard a fair, free and open society... in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity.' We therefore 'reject all prejudice and discrimination based upon race, colour, religion, age, disability, sex or sexual orientation.' We feel that in our free and tolerant society, any discrimination against people on the grounds of sexuality is unacceptable. We see diversity as a great source of strength, not weakness.

The Liberal Democrats do not have add-on policies for equality, along the lines of Labour's proposed Lesbian & Gay Equality Bill. We see the issue of equal rights as a part of our overall commitment to human Rights and therefore of critical importance. Equality before the law for all will be guaranteed in our new Bill of Rights.

Despite forty years of reform since the Wolfenden Report in 1957 lesbians and gay men are still second class citizens in our society. Gays and lesbians can still be legally discriminated against. Discrimination is enforced, for example by the Criminal Justice Act which sets out an age of consent for gay men. Liberal Democrats guarantee to end discrimination. We will create a common age of consent regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

When the opportunity arose in 1994, every Liberal Democrat MP present in the House of Commons voted to lower the age of consent for homosexuals to 16, to bring it into line with the heterosexual age of consent. By contrast, 38 Labour MPs voted against setting the age at 16, including the then Health & Edu-

cation spokespeople David Blunkett and Ann Taylor, and the amendment was only defeated by 27 votes. Nine Labour MPs failed to support 18.

We will repeal 'section 28' of the 1988 Local Government Act, which bans the 'promotion of homosexuality'. Many Liberal Democrat local authorities encourage inclusion within sex education an awareness of different orientations and give support to organisations giving information, advice and counselling to lesbians and gay men. We believe that there are no acceptable grounds for discriminating against homosexuals.

Banning homosexuals from serving in the British armed forces is unacceptable and the current ban should be lifted.

Liberal Democrats will also outlaw incitement to hatred, & discrimination in housing and employment on the grounds of sexual orientations. We will give same sex partners equal succession rights as for married and unmarried heterosexual couples. We will establish fair assessment procedures for prospective adoptive parents which make the suitability of prospective fosterers and the interests of the children the main criteria. In other words, sexual orientation, disability and race will not be prohibitive factors.

We are concerned at the increasing number of attacks on lesbians and gay men to which the police must respond. Stonewall estimates that 35% of lesbians & gay men have suffered violence because of their sexuality. Best practice developed by the police in dealing with racial attacks should be deployed in this area to stop these attacks from taking place. It is vital that there is equality of treatment by the police to all people. Liberal Democrats have undertaken to carry out a comprehensive re-

view relating to sexual offenses and the boundary between law and morals. We would ensure that the evidence of agents provocateurs was rendered inadmissible and that the use of entrapment by police was outlawed. Liberal Democrats see discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation as unacceptable in today's society. We fight against it where we can and if elected to government we will take positive action to stop it.



## The Conservative

party rarely gets any credit for the many steps they have taken over recent years to improve the legal position of Britain's lesbian and gay community. The decriminalisation of homosexuality and a reduction in the age of consent for gay men from 21 to 18 have become law under a Conservative government. Conservatives believe in opportunity for all - and the implementation of policies which will be of benefit to all sectors of society. And just as lesbians & gays are not defined solely by their sexuality, they do not vote on that basis alone.

Britain is booming under the Conservatives. Our management of the economy has produced the longest period of low inflation for 50 years. We have the lowest tax burden of any major European economy. Over the next parliament, our aim will be to achieve our target of a 20p base rate of income tax, while maintaining a maximum tax rate of no more than 40p. We have the lowest unemployment of any European country - including Germany. And in 1995 we set ourselves the goal of doubling living standards over 25 years.

By contrast, Labour's commit-

ment a minimum wage, if set at £4.15 an hour, would destroy over 1 million jobs. Labour would sign up to the Social Chapter, jeopardising the competitive edge which has made us No. 1 in Europe for foreign investment, and putting a further 1.5 million jobs at risk. We will insist at the Intergovernmental Conference in Amsterdam that our opt-out is honoured and that Britain is exempted from the new Working Time Directive: if old agreements are broken, we don't see how new ones can be made. Labour have also made 89 spending pledges costing £30 billion - £1,200 pa per average household. Such policies would reduce the celebrated 'pink pound' to pennies.

Then there's Health. The Prime Minister's Health Service Guarantee pledges to increase NHS spending in real terms year on year during the next parliament. NHS spending has grown by 74% in real terms since 1979 & NHS patients waiting over a year for treatment has been cut from 200,000 to 22,000. We will publish more information on how successfully hospitals are treating patients so that they & their GPs can make more informed choices between services in different hospitals and help stimulate better performance. In addition we will promote the Private Finance Initiative which will unleash a new flow of investment funds into the modernisation of the NHS.

The Government has an excellent record on law & order. Spending on the police has doubled since 1979 after allowing for inflation. There are now about 16,000 more police officers than when we took office. Recorded crime has dropped in each of the last 4 years. It is now over 10% down on 1992 levels - more than half a million fewer offences - the biggest drop since records were

first kept. We have also built 22 new prisons since 1980. Slopping out has ended and no prisoners now sleep 3 to a cell designed for 1. The Manifesto commits us to reverse Labour's wrecking amendments to our tough Crime Bill. Anyone convicted of a second serious sexual or violent crime, like rape or armed robbery, will get an automatic life sentence. We will also restore honesty in sentencing by abolishing automatic early release.

The Government has a positive vision for the European Union as a partnership of nations. We will argue for a flexible Europe which fully accommodates the interests of all its member states. We will retain Britain's veto and will take whatever steps necessary to keep our frontier controls. We believe it is in our national interest to keep our options open to take a decision on a single currency when all the facts are before us. If a single currency is created, without sustainable convergence, we will not be part of it. However, if a Conservative government decided that it was in our national interest to join a single currency, no such decision would be implemented unless the British people gave their express approval in a referendum.

Your choice at this election is between a proven Conservative government delivering increasing prosperity and an untested Labour Party with a set of dangerous policies. We are not a single issue party. The Prime Minister has stated that the Conservative theme for this campaign is **Opportunity for All**. You can only be sure with the Conservatives.



**The Labour** party stands firmly against prejudice on the basis of sexuality. The vast majority of Labour MPs support changing the law to make the age of consent for gay and heterosexual sex the same. When this issue was last debated in Parliament - during the debate on the Criminal Justice Act in 1994 - most Labour MPs voted in favour.

New Labour recently revised its statement of beliefs. This new statement - known as Clause IV

- includes for the first time a specific commitment on tackling prejudice. In 1994 Tony Blair became the first Labour Leader to include a reference to equality on the grounds of sexuality in his speech to Labour's annual conference. It is a pledge he repeated at the 1995 conference. More recently, in his speech about social cohesion in South Africa in October 1996, the Labour Leader stated:

"I am eager to see a Labour government make significant progress towards ending discrimination and fostering a society free of homophobic prejudice".

The Labour party is committed to a free vote as soon as it is feasible on equalising the age of consent. Both Tony Blair and Jack Straw (the shadow Home Secretary) voted for this on Edwina Currie's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill in 1994.

The Labour party opposed section 28 of the Local Government Act in 1988, and it is our long-standing policy that we would repeal it. Our commitment to extend civil rights is contained in our pledge to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. Article 8 of the Convention states that "everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life" and Article 14 states that "the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground".

Labour believes that people should not be discharged from the military simply on the basis that they are gay. In government Labour will therefore review the situation in order to evolve a solution.

If we want to be tough on discrimination we have to be tough on crime too. Though our society is now more open and accepting of gay relationships, gay people are still disproportionately likely to be the victims of harassment and attack.

In the last five years 1 in 3 gay men, and 1 in 4 lesbians have experienced violent attacks; 32% have been harassed, and 73% have been verbally abused on the basis of their sexuality.

Often, it starts in an apparently small way - with bullying, taunts and insults - then graduates to graffiti and criminal damage. As

the perpetrators discover how ineffective the law is in dealing with 'lower level' disorder, their behaviour escalates.

Labour is committed to a strategy of 'zero tolerance', to make the streets safe for everyone, regardless of the colour of their skin or their sexual preference.

In government we intend quickly to introduce 'community safety orders' to deal with this type of chronic, low level abuse which cannot be dealt with by the current law. These orders help all law members of the community, but they will be especially useful in cracking down on those who target gay minorities.

Labour sees the HIV virus representing one of the biggest public health challenges we face. We have proposed to meet this challenge by formulating a national AIDS strategy aimed at combatting the spread of HIV. We see a central role for government in educating and informing the public, for ensuring that people with HIV/AIDS are properly cared for and for promoting the contribution of Britain's scientists to the international search for a cure and vaccine.

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'There are existing respite care facilities', say Kay Paul, one of the trustees, 'Bournemouth springs to mind and the London Lighthouse of course, there's even a place in Ibiza. But the travel involved, particularly to Bournemouth and even more so to Ibiza can be pretty gruelling. You need to be quite fit to undertake the journey'. Cost is a factor too. Respite stays at London Lighthouse cost well over £300 per night. Obviously funding is available for respite care, but it doesn't make much sense for the local health authority to pay out huge sums like that when the budget would go much further using a local service. Most people prefer to stay in their own area anyway to remain near friends and family.

So, The Peterhouse Trust is committed to establishing a local respite care facility in the East Midlands - although it would be open to people outside the area too. They've been fundraising for two years and have raised a substantial sum. 'But we would need around half a million to cover the cost of buying a property plus refurbishment and adaptations etc', says Kay. An alternative route the Trust is exploring is becoming the managing agent of a suitable property for an established housing association. 'That would relieve us of upkeep costs and overheads, provide some

## Stars Shine for Local Charity!

regular income and allow us to dedicate our funds to equipping the premises to a very high standard'.

As part of their fund-raising and publicity drive they've written to a host of celebrities and have received lots of supportive replies. Alan Bennet and local writer Alan Sillitoe for example and Robbie Coltraine wrote 'a great supportive letter' but is already fully committed to work with HIV/AIDS projects in Scotland.

The group were really thrilled when **Dame Judi Dench** and **John Hurt** agreed to become patrons of the charity and they've been joined by **Cynthia Payne**, "Who's been wonderful", says Kay.

Cynthia says, "The Peterhouse Trust has shown tremendous commitment to establishing services and facilities in the area of respite care for people affected by HIV and I am very pleased to lend my support to this vital area of work."

And those aren't just empty words - Britain's most famous Madame will be in court again on Saturday April 5th, at the Galleries of Justice Nottm. - with a very special performance of her one woman show to raise funds for the Trust. The fun packed evening includes a tour of the Galleries - rapidly becoming one of Nottingham's most famous landmarks, followed by cabaret, buffet and 'enough wine to sink Parkhurst jail'.

Tickets for the benefit cost £39.50.

**For more information or bookings call Kevan on 0115 970 482 and to find out more about the Peterhouse Trust ring Alan on 0115 986 1568.**

*Watch out for - Exclusive interview with Cynthia Payne in May issue of outright!*

## The Investigator

Helen Baxendale (pictured right) swaps her **Cardiac Arrest** white coat for an army uniform in Channel 4's **The Investigator** due to be screened in early May. Playing an army police woman - one of a team investigating suspected lesbians. Rigorous in her application of army policy, subjecting suspects to constant surveillance and ruthless interrogations. Coming to realise that she herself is gay she continues her investigations whilst doing everything she can to conceal her own sexuality. After 12 years service the tables are turned and she finds herself under investigation.



Britain is now the only country in the European Community to ban gay people from the armed services. In the past 10 years over 700 people have been discharged on the grounds of their sexuality and many more have left after gay witch hunts. Sometimes resigning - unable to cope with the pressure of continual suspicion.

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There are regular activities ranging from talks to quiz nights. Right now they're busy building a maypole for the May Ball on the 4th May. They're also arranging a trip to Pride 97 and a Peak District walk. So if you want to improve your social life, a warm welcome awaits you. Or pass the message on to people you know from North Notts - You are not alone - the Portland Group is out there!



**Passionate Circus**

"Acid - for example, lemon juice, consumed in large quantities during pregnancy may cause freakish abnormalities in your baby, such that it may be possible to sell her/him to a circus for a large sum of money".

Rubbish, of course, but believed by quite a number of people in the nineteenth century according to Victor Hugo in his book 'The Man Who Laughs'.

This example of chilling gullibility was one of a number of ideas which inspired the composition of **Acid Circus** by Shane Cullinan, which had its first performance at the Congregational Hall in Nottingham on Tuesday 13th March. It was a very ambitious work for an orchestra of 50 including piano, harp and guitar, narrators, vocal soloists and a small group of singers. The hall was packed and the audience gave the work a standing ovation.

Shane is a gay final year Performing Arts student in Nottingham and this work is his dissertation. It shows the influence of several composers, including Arvo Part and Stephen Sondheim. "I've been working on Acid Circus for a very long time", says Shane. "I wrote one song at the age of 15".

The central characters are twins - brother & sister who run away from the circus but are still haunted by characters from their past. The Siamese Twins Chang & Eng for example and Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren, the famous dwarves, whose wedding forms a central feature of the work. A major source of research for Shane was Frederick Primmer's book **Very Special People**.

Contrary to what you might expect the whole tone is upbeat and affirmative. Extremes in emotion and relationships are examined and the support and commitment inherent in the relationships of the three main 'couples' are clear. We see how a discarded minority can find great strength through their intense personal relationships - a theme with wider application.

Shane intends developing **Acid Circus** into a full stage event and would really like to team up with a librettist who would be willing to help him work on the text. Anyone interested can contact outright! and we'll pass your names along.

I feel sure we'll be hearing more of Shane, he shows much talent and a wealth of musical and textual ideas. For the audience on the 13th - what we heard will resonate in our minds for some time - and one day we'll be able to say "I heard his first work, here, in Nottingham".

**Tony Challis**



## Vote Garden Party!

When I got my first period, I can remember my mum hugging me and giving me one of those long looks full of parental pride - you know - the ones that say you're so grown up. Dad shuffled round the kitchen, cleared his throat a few times and attempted a sentence with the word Congratulations in it. I don't know who was more embarrassed him or me.

Voting for the first time was a similar experience, I drove my mum frantic when I was eighteen. I never left the house, had no friends and spent all my time in my bedroom listening to The Smiths and pouring out my unrequited love in verse. You know the sort of thing - Oh Ange, I yearn for thee endlessly, why don'tcha bloody fancy me - hardly a career option. Anyway she thought voting would at least get me out of the house once in a while.

The trouble was I didn't have any politics. When I was younger I quite wanted Michael Heseltine to be my dad. Not because I bask un-

der a sun that shines blue or anything - just because he was so damn debonair. I imagined him dropping me off at the school disco and my friends thinking 'Wow cool dad!'. A bit earlier I'd picked David Owen as a fantasy relative - dropping me off at the Brownies etc.etc.

I am one of Thatcher's children, an aspiring Luppie, (lesbian upwardly mobile). I would like the Dockland flat, designer trouser suit, mobile phone etc. But I don't actually want to work 24 hours a day for them or anything. Which is probably why I became a Loddie, (lesbian on dole) for a couple of years. Anyway, mum finally dragged me out of the house to vote 'There's a Morrissey CD in it for you darling'. And I voted Labour. Why? Who knows. I like red? The rose is such a romantic symbol? Once again mum beamed with pride & dad shuffled round the kitchen.

It wasn't until the age of consent hoo-ha that I started to think about how politics affects ME. My parent's lifetime subscription to the Daily Mail had me airing my first political opinion.

On reading a Littlejohnesque editorial on the debate I shouted 'Bollocks!' at the top of my voice. Mum grabbed me and threw me into the garden and locked the door, (you just don't swear in my mum's house right). It was 11pm and frigging freezing. 2 hours later she let me back in and gave me a cup of tea. Yeah - like that will cure hypothermia.

I went off to my room and wrote to every politician I could think of - "I've just spent 2 hours freezing my mammeries off because you're a raving bigot ... When I watched the results on Newsnight and saw that we'd 'achieved' 18 I shook with anger and powerlessness. 18 was a compromise - but the issue politically mobilised a generation of lesbian, gay and bisexual men & women. If it hadn't been for groups like Stonewall & Outrage it would probably still be 21. Just being lesbian, gay or bisexual is political. So if you're thinking - Voting - no point - think again. Go round to my mum's house, yell a few obscenities and find your politics. I found mine near the lupins.

Julie Taylor

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#### INFORMATION

around safer sex HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases

#### ADVICE & SUPPORT

on all sexual health issues - physical & emotional

#### TRAINING

around sexual health & sexuality, anti-homophobia etc

#### LEAFLETS & POSTERS

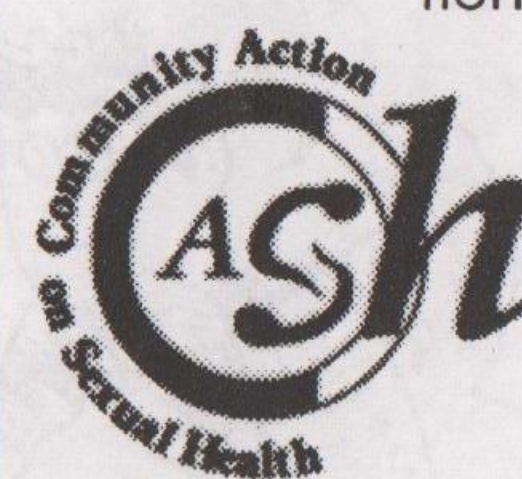
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#### CONTACT

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.... speak in UNISON

For further information contact Terry Tinsley on  
**0115 9160768**

## Pink Lace

### Nottingham's First Gay Street Party!

Nottingham's LGB Forum is planning a major new event for the East Midlands - the first of an annual series of street parties getting bigger and better every year.

The First PINK LACE is planned for September 97 and will involve Street stalls run by community groups, services and businesses. Cabaret & Street Theatre, special LGB screenings at Broadway, lots of activities for visitors to get involved in - competitions, line-dancing etc a big opening and closing event and food drink and music at a range of venues.

LGBF is planning to hold the event in the Hockley Area and hopefully it will co-incide with the long-awaited opening of the Out House.

Fund raising is now underway - see advery centre pages - so please support Pink Lace generously - it's going to be loads of fun for everyone.

### New Venue to Tickle Your Fancy!

The Feathers St Mary's Gate Chesterfield saw a packed opening night for the new gay pub owned by Dennis and Robably assisted by manager Andy. The newly refurbished pub offers a packed menu in every sense.

During the day you can enjoy tasty home made food at astonishingly low prices A steak for £2.95 for example, a greek salad for £1.75 or the Late Late Breakfast for a mere £1.95. There's also exotica like mushrooms farcie and chicken Georgia and a good wide choice for veggies too.

There's a full menu of evening entertainment with something happening every night. Monday is quiz night with £20 worth of beer 1st prize. Tuesdays Knock Out Pool night is particularly popular with women - there's a trophy £10 voucher, free buffet and a draw for free beer. There's a games night, an Alternative

Disco, Search for a Star Karaoke with outrageous Drag compere Pearl - 3 prize winners each week with the top prize winners going into a grand final with a weekend for 2 in Paris or Amsterdam. There's classic Hi NRG disco on Saturdays, Songs from the Shows Sundays and Sunday night sees the insane Feathers Showtime Bar Dash - collect a ticket every time you visit and put them in the Sunday draw to win all the beer/spirits you can pull or pour in 2 minutes.

Ring the guys for more details 01246 557 679.

### GALS

Chesterfields Lesbian Social Group

support \* friendship \* advice

All lesbians welcome especially those just discovering or coming to terms with their sexuality

Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30

for details phone 01246 Tues 7.30-9.30

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**Laraine Del Buono**  
Solicitor

**WORKING FOR WOMEN**

### Walk for Life...

...is an international annual event raising money for local HIV/AIDS charities - and Derby Body Positive organise one of the biggest and best. In fact it's grown so much that the City council is giving them Markeaton Park this year - the biggest park in Derby. There'll be lots going on from bouncy castles to basketball not to mention a main stage with big attractions and plenty more. The group are also happy to organise buses from outside Derby so ask your local venue about co-ordinating a trip. It's a grand day out and raises tons of cash for the community - so let's all help make this year's event the most successful ever. Derby BP need volunteers for the walk and stewards on the day - Sunday 8th June. They also want to put up posters in as many places as possible across the East Midlands - so if you can display one or don't mind asking local shops etc please get in touch.

**Contact Wayne on 01332 292129 and watch this space for more details next month...**

### Dining Club

Anyone out there interested in forming a dining club? Two Derby-based friends, David & Peter are willing to organise a Gay & Lesbian Dining Club for people interested in good food, conversation, socialising & making new friends. If you're interested in something different from the pub & club scene or have any further suggestions of your own please call **Peter on 01332 772084**

### ALL WOMEN

Do you enjoy working in a relaxed atmosphere? Perhaps with a friend? Would you like 10% off food & drink?

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## small ads...

**How to reply to box numbers**  
Seal your reply in an envelope and write the box number clearly on the envelope in the top right corner. Post your reply / replies in a larger envelope to **outright! PO BOX 612 NOTTINGHAM NG35TE** Enclose 2 x 1st class stamps for each reply you send. Replies sent without stamps will not be forwarded.

## men's personal

**Derby Guy** 32 cute cuddly seeks safe discreet fun & friendship with guys/couples 25 - 45 married/bisexual especially welcome photo appreciated Box 84/1

**Handsome Gay** guy 34 WLTM S/A guys 21-35 for friendship & fun in Derby area Genuine only please photo guarantees reply Box 84/2  
**Chesterfield cute** slim boyish guy 18 - 21 offered secure perm home/holidays & loads of love Write soon Box 84/3

**West/South Yorks** Good looking hairy Asian social work student 26 seeks social worker friends for help with course work your place phone no. please Box 84/4

**Leather Guy** 30 new to Notts seeks WE Active leather men/bears for fun/friendship possible 1-2-1 ALAWP Box 84/5

**Notts Sportsman** 6ft 26 seeks football/tennis/rugby players to exchange/act out sports sex fantasies Good things under your shorts? Please write now Box 84/6

**Derby WE Active** guy 36 tall slim seeks passive guys for long hard rides let me stretch your horizons & dump my load ALAWP Box 84/7

**Leics slim** youthful S/A S/L 30's seeks slim lover 20-35 ish wise enough to dislike rat race & want hassle free love life Box 84/8

**Leics Guy** 36 seeks friends for socialising & fun prefer ages 25-40 Genuine replies only please Discretion assured ALA Box 84/9

**Nice Northants** 42 good company good looking reliable many interests except sport non hairy likes kissing touching seeks similar younger guy Box 84/10

**S.Derby guy** 43 med build good looking likes clubs pubs snooker pets own place seeks active guy for 1-2-1 any nationality photo helps ALA Box 84/11

**Notts/Derby** guy WLTM guys 25-35 ish who enjoy relaxing massage Any

nationality welcome for regular sessions Photo for prompt reply Box 84/12

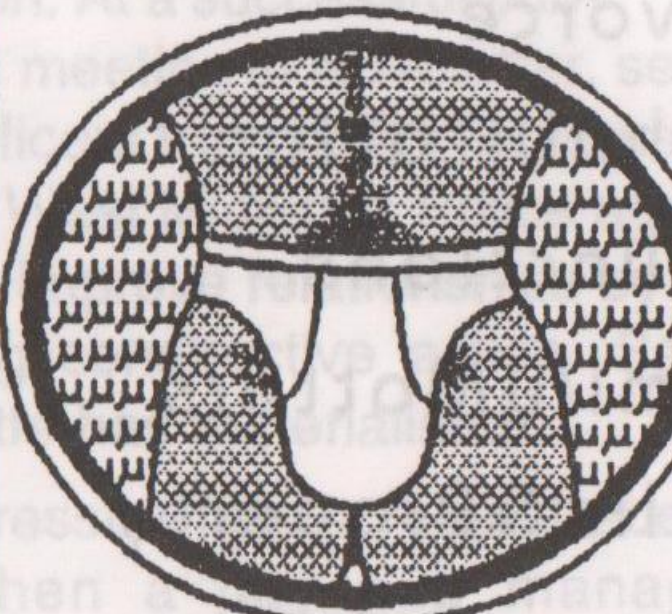
**Leics Is there** any VWE/WE guys out there wanting fun? I'm 27 good looking S/A passive & looking for fun ALAWP Box 84/13

**Burton/Derby** 34 OK looks easy going med build S/A seeks Asian/White guy 25-40 for friendship & maybe more Photo appreciated Box 84/14

**Notts/Anywhere** 44 seeking guy 18-40 into briefs/sportswear/photography for mutual admiration & fun times Any nationality ALAWP Box 84/15

**Nottm slim** tall 24 (looks younger) well dressed party animal seeks youngish guys for fun/friendship or maybe that L word ALA Baked potatah! Box 84/16

**"MESTCUPIA"**



**REQUIRES SLIM MODELS**  
**GOOD RATES OF PAY. WRITE TO "MESTCUPIA", PO BOX 32, CARLTON, NOTTM., NG4 4EX**

**Grey & gold** mature mentor 40's seeks aspiring versatile fun younger guy 18-40 many interest inc travel outdoors arts good conversation etc. ALA Box 84/17

**Nottm/Anywhere** 44 seeking someone 30-40 caring understanding any nationality for socialising cosy evenings together Non smoker S/L many interests Photo please Box 84/18

**Retired Master** gives specialist attention to unruly lads under 35 needing correction Please reply with add & photo no mobiles Notts/Masfield area Box 84/19

**Final year student** 29 horny muscular & fit seeks mature active & WE men 45-75 for mutual pleasure! ALA Genuine Notts/Derbys/Leics Box 84/30

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**NETWORK - Y: CLUB FOR UNDERPANTS FANS. SEND £2.50 TO 'ZO', PO BOX 32, CARLTON, NOTTINGHAM, NG4 4EX FOR MAGAZINE.**

**Leicester Young** good looking genuine guy 25 slim S/A WLTM young guy 18-29 for warm chat, friendship, poss 1-2-1! Write soon Box 84/31

**Young mixed** race guy 22 looking for guys 20 - 35 who are up for it hopefully leading to 1-2-1 ALAWP Box 84/32

**Leics Compliant** guy sought to serve young Master (mid 20's) If you're 25-35 and up to it submit letter of application with photo ALAWP Box 84/33

**Horny Asian** guy 23 5'10" slim & good looking seeks horny sexy men for fun Horny letter & photo ensure reply Own place. Box 84/34

**E Mids Versatile** 42 good looking WE very horny seeks masculine guys for day/eve fun Hairy chested guys esp welcome Phone no. ALA Box 84/35

**Nottm Mature** man GSOH offers uncomplicated help to 18+ lads Discover yourself in an understanding & comfortable environment Please write franklt ALAWP Discretion assured Box 84/36

**Gay videos** can anyone help me with any surplus gay videos please? I can pay nominal charge (DSS) mine have been stolen. Details to Box 84/37

**Notts mid 20's** tall dark hair genuine seks local guys non scene for friendship fun & maybe more Box 84/38

**Nottm guy** quiet easy going guy 52 genuine loving sincere and S/A non-scene seeks similar for friendship maybe leading to 1-2-1 Box 84/40

**Nottm 44 S/A** non-scene seeks someone 25-35 with GSOH

understanding & caring nature for friendship & fun hopefully more. Photo please ALA Box 84/41

**Keen novice** photographer WLT hear from others also would-be models Box 84/42

**Notts 24 slim** 6'2" veggie smoker shy S/A hippy at heart seeks similar caring person into alternative lifestyle friendship possible relationship? 20-30 Very genuine Box 84/43

**Slim well hung** guy 25 into videos seeks similar guys with VCR to watch! Looks unimportant 18-30 Notts/Derby Genuine replies & photo ALA Box 84/60

**Gay Male** 31 Black hair brown eyes slim smooth non scene non smoker seeks males for fun & freindship possible relationship Replies guaranteed Sheffield Anywhere Box 84/61

**Nottm Committed** couple want to meet other guys/couples for safe fun must be S/A & 18-40 Box 84/62

**Mansfield guy** 35 looking for kinky dirty old men who like wearing stockings, tights etc. Must have dirty mind Frank letter appreciated Box 84/63

**Nottingham** Are you that special lad looking for the care & understanding of an older man/ Please write now ALAWP Roy Box 84/64

**Newcastle lad** 28 soon moving to Notts Tall good looks/build cropped tatooed gsoh looking for friends to show me around ALAWP Box 84/65

**Leics/Mids** Male Sa 38 Dark/Blue slim 5'8" loving sensitive sexy Many interests OK looks seeks youthful 20-40 special friend possible relationship Box 84/66

**ZO-U ZO-G**



**UNDERPANTS & GRAPHICS PHOTOS ETC - WRITE TO 'ZO', PO BOX 32, CARLTON, NOTTINGHAM, NG4 4EX**

## women's personal

**Gay (newly decided)** feminine female 30 petite & attractive WLTM similar female for friendship/possible relationship Notts area Box 84/20  
**Notts lesbian** tall slim attractive early 40's honest caring sincere enjoys music nights in/out initially seeks friends fun laughter 1-2-1 possible Box 84/21

**Notts single** gay animal loving smoking drinking female 39 WLTM other single females for fun/ friendship possibly more Age unimportant GSOH/ sincerity essential ALA Box 84/22

**Nottm 27** smoker/drinker/part time lunatic seeks similar Professional available uncomplicated into sports travel pubs politics forever in pursuit of happiness Interested? Box 84/23

**Lincs Professional** mature lesbian looking for celibate affectionate relationship with n/s 50ish similar Humour vital Goldfish lovers accepted Indep laid back attitude required Box 84/24

**Female needs** friends 30-50 for day evenings out conversation etc couples/singles (with kids welcome - have kids myself) Genuine ALA Box 84/26

**Desperately seeking** feminine straight no time wasters with experience of the scene sought by 2 feminine genuine gay females 25-35 Mansfield/Notts Box 84/44

**Notts lesbian** tall slim attractive early 40's honest caring sincere enjoys music nights in/out initially seeks friends fun & laughter 1-2-1 eventually Box 84/45

**N Notts/Lincs** Prof woman 39 into sport music photography theatre books & lots more seeks similar for laughter friendship maybe more NS preferred Box 84/46

**Fair Maiden** stuck in her ivory tower seeks pantomime prince to rescue me & climb up my v long blonde hair ALA Box 84/47

**Lincs/Notts** attractive gay female 48 seeks stylish socially aware feminine gay woman to share the music theatre & candle lit dinners Box 84/48

**Notts/Lincs** Wanted educated sophisticated & feminine gay female 40 to 50 for socially aware woman Box 84/49

**New to Nottm** Lesbian 23 GSOH & easy going looking to make friends

& have fun (& who knows ?) Into pubs/clubs & having a laugh Box 84/50

**Freindly Gay Female** 40 seeks new friends and possibly relationship with that Someone Special Lots of love to give to the right person Box 84/70

**Are you feminine?** in your 30's So am I I enjoy good food & wine countryside holidays & laughter Seeking friendship or relationship Box 84/71

**Derby Attractive** lesbian 39 Positive sensitive romantic Enjoys many activities/interests Seeks attractive considerate warm hearted woman for frienship/relationship Box 84/72

**Nottingham Lesbian** young 43 involved but WLTM woman for feminine freindship likes walking eating out wine travel humour & honesty non-dsmokers preferred Box 84/73

**Sutton-in-Ashfield** single mum 34 n/s ikes walking swimming tv easy going looking for someone to share these things with Box 84/74

## bi personal

**Plain but passionate** intelligent sensual bi-woman 40's seeks adventurous no strings sexual liasions with bright interesting & sexy grown ups Box 84/27

**north Notts** Bi Female 35 enjoys walking, films, eating, occ drink N/S S/Sc seeks similar for friendship/fun Sensitive caring GSOH Looks/age unimportant Box 84/69

## messages

**Am I the only gay man in Melton?** I WLTM others for friendship I'm 33 with GSOH - well in Melton you need it Genuine Box 84/52

**Spotted Hospital X-Ray Dept** you - shaved pink head! But looked sad Me Green sweatshirt like you. Let me cheer you up Box 84/68

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HAPPY 6TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
**A**

## outright! classifieds...

Short non-profit classifieds (24 words max) are free. Please enter one word per box and circle the category you wish your ad to appear in. Then cut out and post to us at **PO BOX 612 NOTTINGHAM NG35TE** (don't forget to include your address for replies!) If you would like a boxed display style ad please enclose £5 with your ad.

**Categories**

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mixed personal	for sale	
just friends	wanted	

**I enclose £5.00 for display style Yes/No**

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## accommodation

**Nottm** room available in large homely stylish flat Sherwood £200 pcm ex phone Tel 0115 9856618 for details Refs & deposit req Non-smoker preferred

**Nottm** room available close to city centre to share with gay lad £30pw no bills Ring Martin 0115 9599400  
**Lincoln** room available Share with tenant Quiet area suit young gay male/female All mod cons No DSS £40pw inc bills 01522 689745

**Sawley/Long Eaton** Prof discreet male GSOH required to share house with owner £50 inc ex phone Suit quiet type 0115 9727495

**Leics** houseshare close city centre all mod facilities £45 pw inc bills ex phone 0116 251 8929 / 0402 354 856

**Leics** houseshare central with one other male own bedroom with col tv phone Must be clean & tidy £35 pw call Mark 0116 254 5640

**Leics** houseshare Prof female needed to share nice house Wigston area £200 pm inc N/S call after 7pm 0116 288 9932

**Leics** Earl Shilton Large room to rent in clean NS veggie house suit prof lesbian with transport £250 pcm + bills Deposit req 01455 851 532  
**House wanted** 3-4 bedrms for gay female + 2 children + family dog + 2 cats Blackpool Cornwall Manchester Brighton DHSS pay full rent Enquiries Box 84/51

**Sheffield** Hillsborough Gay houseshare 1 single clean furn room meals & bills inc working £33 pw students £32pw B&B £12 pd 0114 220 6638

**Available to Rent 1st May 97 to 1st May 98**

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MESMEN 224090

**DEBY (01332)**  
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FRIEND WE 7-10 349333  
LESBIAN We 7-9 41411  
AIDSLINE Mon 7-9 Th 2-4 & 7-9 0800-622738

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SCUNTHGAY We & Fr 7-9 271661  
AIDSLINE 276660  
GAYLINE Tu Th 7-9 01472 251818  
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**MANSFIELD (01623)**  
POSITIVE SUPPORT 26254  
SEX UAL HEALTH/AIDS 26254

**NORTH STAFFS**  
L&F S / BOARD Mo We Fr 8-10 Su 1-3 01782 266998

**NORTHANTS (01604)**  
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GAYLINE Tu 7.00-9.30 35975

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GAYPHONE Mo-We 730-930 2588199

**SOUTH YORKS (0122)**  
Th 7-10 Su 3-8 6730703

**WELLINGBRO' (01933)**  
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As most helplines are run by small groups of volunteers from time to time lines may not be covered and operational hours may change. We try to keep this section as up to date as possible - please inform us of any changes you know about

Thanks!