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We're planning to organise some trips, outings and events over the next few months - in our tireless quest to raise some money to upgrade our equipment. Some of the ideas we've come up with are:-

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS

Leaving Nottingham bright & early one Saturday morning - arriving with plenty of time dump bags in our friendly B&B, paddle, eat candy floss, admire the illuminations or whatever else you fancy before using our concession tickets to hit the Blackpool scene. After breakfast on Sunday we board our bus and swing into the fabulous shopping village at Fleetwood to snap up bargains (inc plenty designer) at up to two thirds off normal prices before wending our way home. November 1997

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Leaving Nottingham by train Saturday morning - staying in hall of residence accom Sat night with concessions to clubs etc for the evening and free tube/bus pass for Saturday. Meeting up in the village for a leisurely brunch on Sunday and then catching the train home. December 1997 (Xmas shopping!)

AMSTERDAM WEEKEND

A cheap and cheerful trip to the city that never sleeps by coach and including 1 night's B&B. Spring 1998

We haven't costed everything fully yet but we hope to do the London trip for around £45 and the Amsterdam weekend around £80 - so very cheap we're sure you'll agree. We'll be publishing the full itineraries and prices next month. Anyway - let us know if you're interested.

OTHER GOOD STUFF

Preliminary market research (ok - so we asked a few people we know) indicates a lot of interest for a wider range of LGB events than currently available - i.e. something other than pubs or clubs. Especially for the more mature who need a week to recover after a night's clubbing these days (Ed. sigh!).

We are more than happy to look into arranging some if enough people are interested. How do you fancy joining some other convivial people for a nice meal in a cosy restaurant with a live guitarist for example?

Or how about a wild night's gambling at the dog track? (It's an amazingly jolly & cheap night out).

You name it - we'll organise it - so let us know your heart's desire - A day at the races? A night at the opera? Trips to Stately Homes and Gardens?

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Time To Celebrate!

After all these years - it's finally happening - yes Nottingham Outhouse opens soon - so what better time to hold Nottingham's 1st Gay Street Party?

Nottingham's first ever LGB festival couldn't come at a better time, because apart from being a big community celebration it also marks an exciting time for The OutHouse Project. The long awaited acquisition of premises for the LGB Centre for Nottingham is likely to become a reality very soon.

The OutHouse Project is poised to sign the lease following the hoped-for planning approval by Nottingham City Council. Plans go before the Committee on 17th September, when the relevant access, building and fire officer's reports will be discussed. Members of the OutHouse Committee met with local ward councillors recently to update them on their plans for the Centre. Jennifer Moore, Chair of the Project and regular *outright!* contributor said: 'Pink Lace and the OutHouse Project are both about the different LGB communities joining together. I am looking forward to welcoming lots of new people to the OutHouse stall at Pink Lace. We will have plenty of information

available - so if you've been meaning to find out more about the OutHouse for ages but just haven't got round to it - here's your chance! Theresa Naish, Project Secretary added 'There's a lot of excitement as we work out the final details of how our Centre will operate and make it a welcoming and inclusive space'.

Serious Money

Over £60,000 has been raised to fund the Centre. Two things took time; getting the money and finding the right building to meet our needs. The money to acquire the premises comes from pledges of regular standing orders from many of the Project's 300 members and regular fund raising drives throughout the year - plus, of course, the much publicised anonymous donation of £40,000 a few years ago.

Consensus

Siting is all important and market research showed a clear consensus that the building should be in the Hockley area and have good access for people with mobility problems.

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Tue 19 Aug 8.30pm

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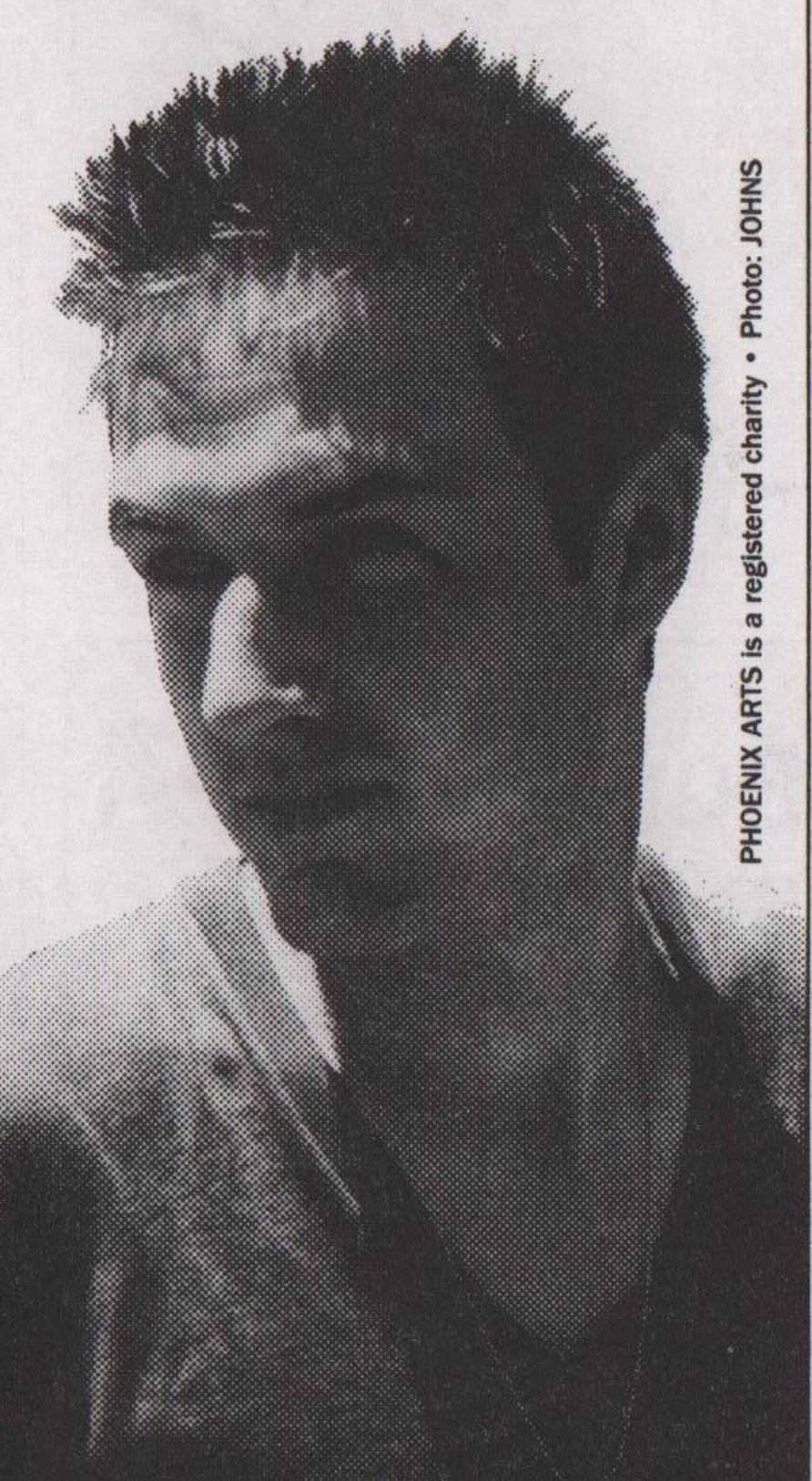
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...welcome!

to the August *outright!*
Brickbat of the Month...

...goes to the Rev Pratt for his antideluvian attitudes and astonishing lack of Christian charity.

Bouquet of the Month...

...goes to the Mother's Union for refusing to be intimidated by El Pratt. Even at the expense of having to close down their group because he won't let them use the church hall anymore.

Hope you soon find a new and nicer home girls.

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

Chesterfield may not be the first place that springs to mind when you think about sun, sea, sand and sex ...but all that is about to change!

The North Derbyshire based sexual health promotion initiative CASH (Community Action on Sexual Health) is launching their new campaign this month **Safe & Sexy Summer Fruits** with a hot beach party at Marsden's Bar on Saturday August 17th.

Starting at around 8.30pm it promises to bring sun, sand and all those other delicious things beginning with S to the heart of Chesterfield with free exotic fruit cocktails, promotional postcards, condoms and flavoured lube.

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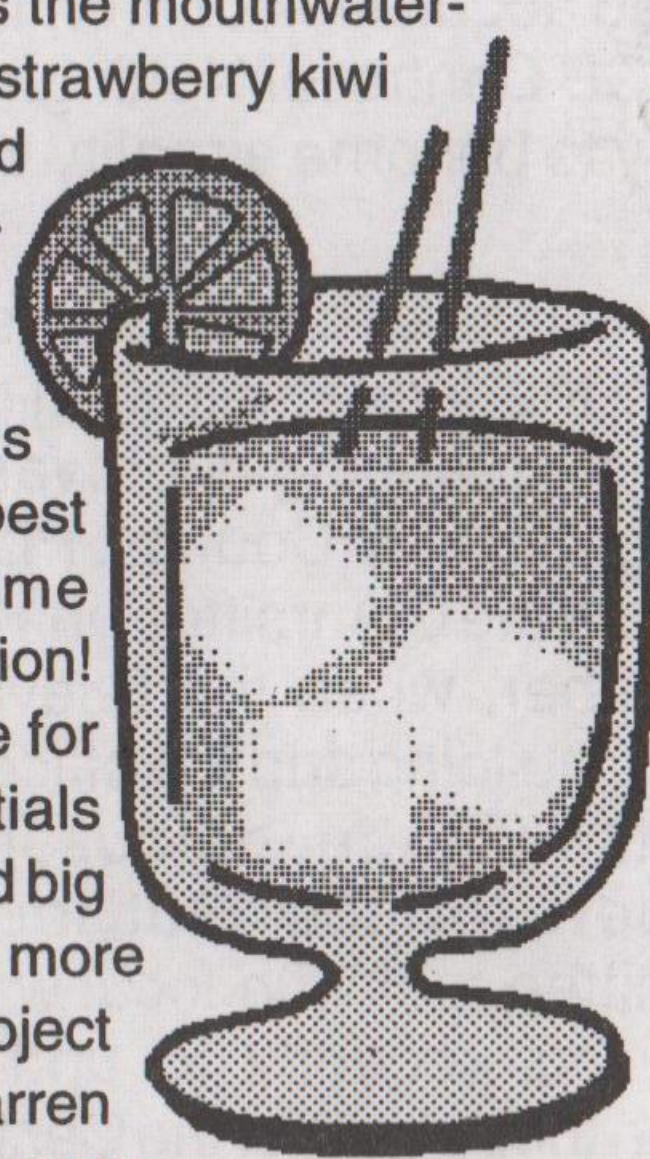
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...what a pratt!

When the Rev. Ted Pratt read a letter from the mother of a gay son in the Mother's Union magazine, 'Home & Family', he was outraged. So much so that he demanded that the local group complain and insist that a second article written from a 'traditional' Christian point of view be published.

When they refused he banned the group from church premises. So after 40 years the group, which has 20 members with an average age of 70, has been forced to fold.

The local MU President, Margaret Symonds, said she was shocked by the 'lack of compassion' and another parishioner commented. 'Throwing out the MU is going a bit far...most of them are over 65 and could not be described as a hotbed of liberal thinking even by the most determined traditionalists'.

Well as someone once said, 'See how they love one another'.

...silver jubilee!

Homosexuality - to paraphrase Phillip Larkin - began in 1967 - with the passing of the Sexual Offences Act. The Leicester Gay Group, which celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year, was born just 5 years later in 1972.

In started life as Leicester Gay Awareness and in its early days was a purely social group, meeting in members houses. In the mid 1970s the group adopted a more active role, lobbying MPs, talking to the press and inviting guest speakers, such as the Bishop of Leicester.

The early 1980's saw a change of direction with greater

emphasis on its social and befriending activities.

Regular Newcomers evenings were introduced in 1993 and today with over 50 members the group is thriving.

LGG offers a wide range of activities to members from walks and parties to discussion evenings and theatre visits.

To celebrate its 25 years, the group will be hosting a Silver Jubilee buffet supper and disco at Leicester University on Saturday 27th September. All past and present members are invited and it should be a reunion to remember! So - come on guys - ring Chris for more details 01509 415 272.

focus on LGG

If you're taking your 1st look at the gay scene or if you're new to Leicester a great introduction are the friendly and relaxed Newcomers Evenings organised for men by the Leicester Gay Group and held in the coffee bar at the LGB Centre. Newcomers are welcome to turn up from 7pm and regular members generally start arriving around 8pm. There's free tea & coffee and some new friends waiting to meet you. Next dates are Aug 19 & Sept 2nd.

But that isn't all the group do - there's a wide ranging programme of events to suit all tastes.

Here's some of the planned events for the next few months.
August Cycling in Rutland, a trip to the LGB Film Festival, Quiz Night, Garden Party,
September Pub Night, Silver Jubilee Reunion Celebration,
November Bonfire Party, Housewarming.

And on a more serious note a support group for male survivors of sexual abuse.

New members are always welcome - so for more details call Chris on

01509 415 272

...page three people

Q Here!

The Leicester Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Centre is on the move and August is the last month at King Street because from September 1st they take over new premises at 15 Wellington Street.

The organisation started 21 years ago as a telephone helpline run from a private house and moved to its current base at King St in 1986. The last ten years has seen a huge growth in activities and services and now they really need a bigger building to continue their success.

The new Centre will house a larger and more accessible café-bar on the ground floor as well as meeting rooms and office space.

Currently the Centre employs 9 paid workers and over 40 volunteers who provide a range of services for LGB people throughout Leicestershire & Rutland. Including the Men's Sexual Health Project, Youth Service, Helpline, Befriending Service and a wide range of

advice, information and support around a variety of health and sexuality issues.

The new Q Bar will be open from Wednesday to Sundays and will be open to women only Wed 12.00pm-2.00pm and Friday 5.00pm-11pm.

The office will be open 9.00am-4.30pm Mon-Fri and 10.00am-4.30pm on Saturdays. The Helpline is open Mon-Fri 7.30pm-10.00pm.

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...stars!

Scried by Candy Vloss

Aquarius

21 Jan - 19 Feb

Travel and romance are well starred this month - but expensive.

Lucky shoe - Espadrille

Pisces

20 Feb - 20 Mar

Promotion is on the cards - so start brown nosing NOW!

Lucky TV Show - Brookside

Aries

21 Mar - 20 Apr

Your boundless energy is becoming irritating beyond belief - chill out.

Lucky Drug - Anti-Histamine

Taurus

21 Apr - 21 May

You are often compared to a bull in a china shop - with good reason - think on.

Lucky Mineral - Evian

Gemini

22 May - 21 Jun

Watch out for overspending this month - also bailiffs, big brown envelopes and the Inland Revenue.

Lucky Fish - Bream

Cancer

22 Jun - 23 Jul

Your lover is going to leave you unless they get more sex - well any sex actually.

Lucky Shop - Farmfoods

Leo

24 Jul - 23 Aug

Think you're pretty sharp don't you? Be careful not to cut yourself!

Lucky Tool - Fret Saw

Virgo

24 Aug - 23 Sep

You can't fool all of the people all of the time - take heed!

Lucky Sport- Sumo Wrestling

Libra

24 Sep - 23 Oct

Bored? Why not crochet yourself a little skull cap?

Lucky Dog - Lassie

Scorpio

24 Oct - 22 Nov

This is a good month to begin training as an exotic dancer so you can live in a nightclub.

Lucky Cereal - Puffed Wheat

Sagittarius

23 Nov - 21 Dec

A good month for staying in bed - alone! (sorry!)

Lucky Shampoo - Wash n Go

Capricorn

22 Dec - 20 Jan

Keep your drawers on for a change you randy bastard.

Lucky Car - CV2

Madame Polari is taking 'the cure' this month but will be back in September - many thanks to her niece Candy for standing in at short

...outings!

A new system - look up short code at start of listing in **contacts!** for contact details (yet another play in our desperate attempts to fit a quart into a pint pot!)

CAMBRIDGE

DC Dot Cotton Club at The Junction/Clifton Rd Last Saturday every month

COVENTRY

GN Think Pink every Thursday at the Gallery Nightclub Careys Hertford Place 9.30 - 2.00

RB Rainbows Late licence from July CMM GL youth group Monday night/ Sat afternoon open to LGB people under 23

DERBY

UNI Friend social/support drop-in group meets weds 7 - 10

UNI Uni LGB Soc meet every Thurs 7.30-9.30 - discussions, games, vids, coffee, chat, lots of outings

UNI Choices Every Thurs 5.30 - 7.30 social group for 13-19 year olds

HUNTINGTON

HGG L & G Social group - lots of local events coming up inc Town & Gown pub night

LEICESTER

45KS Line dancing every Monday 7.30-9 Holy Cross Centre Wellington St

45KS Women's Coffee Bar every weds afternoon 12-2 at 45 King Street

45KS Gemz - LGB group for people from minority ethnic communities 14 June at Access Arts 27a Belvoir St Dylan 0116 254 1747

LINCOLN

...walkies!

East Mid GOC Sun Aug 17 Notts walk 11am meet Laxton Visitors Centre CPOS120724 671 All welcome Alan 0115 9235421

Sheffield Hiking Dykes

Sun 17 Aug Tunnell End CP Marsden 10.30am 11-12 miles mod strenuous GR 041121

Thu 28 Aug 6.30pm Langsett NP CP GR 212005 3.5 miles - pub supper afterwards

Sun 31 Aug 10.30 am Castleton 10-12 miles Village CP GR149830

0114 236 6531

Women Out Walking (Leics)

Sun 17 Aug - Social disco/ BBQ Sian 0145 844 307

Nottingham Hiking Dykes

Sun 17 Aug Tissington Trail GR 149610 11am start 0115 9410625 Mon/Wed 7-9pm

Pink Pathfinders Bob/Brian 0115 967 7081

Cambridge GOC Cambridge Alan 893419

Kings Lynn GOC John 01603 611141

LNx Lesbian social group 8pm 2nd Fridays

LNx Gainsboro L & G Group Freindly group meets 4th Thurs

LOUGHBOROUGH

Women's bar social group meets 8.30 at Labour Club Fennel St 4th Monday of the month

MANSFIELD

PG Gay men's social group at Portland Arms Mansfield Woodhouse

LU Lust - weekly LGB club in the Cavern in the Village Midworth St Mansfield 10-2

NOTTINGHAM

LL12 Aug The Women's Room women only cafe night at The Alley Cafe

LL Lesbian Breakfast 31 Aug food drink papers music children welcome

LL Young lesbian group meets Base 51 weds 6.30-8.30 open to bi and lesbian women under 25

LL Women's Football Sparta Nottm WFC looking for new members Training every Thursday on tForest 7-8.30 Friendly team all ages/abilities welcome

NSB Line dancing for LGB beginners & intermediates (!) Tuesdays 7.15-9.30 All Saints Community Centre Raleigh St £2.50

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RB 01203 551738

PC 0115 9266133

LNx 01522 533 553 Sun/Tue 7-10

45KS 0116 254 7412

NSB 0115 9411454

LL 0115 941 0652

BI 0115 916 1532

LGG 01509 415 272

CMM 01203 224 090

LU 01623 23004

HGG 01223 502 915

UNI 01332 349333 (call same time as group you're interested in is listed e.g. Friend Wed 7-10)

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Womens music night

Nottm Women's Centre 20th Aug & every 3rd Wed - come along & sing, play, jam or just listen - allstyles/standards. All women welcome. Wheelchair access. Details 0115 985 6981

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...therapy!

Sadly there's no article this month - but two of our regular contributors are joining forces to write a special 2-for-the-price-of-one article on Person Centred Counselling for the September issue.

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Transgenderapocalypse 3

The epic saga that continues to traverse both space and time

Editorial

Last month - as you may remember - we published an editorial outlining the view of the group opposing access for transgendered women to Nottingham Women's Centre. We did this because the group had sent us a leaflet that we didn't feel constituted a magazine article although we contacted the group and left a message asking if we could discuss editing or rewriting the material and they failed to get back to us.

After publication the group did contact us again and said that they never received our message - so obviously a breakdown in communications somewhere.

Since then we have received an article from them - which is essentially similar to their leaflet which we are publishing. We also received a very nasty letter portions of which we would like to produce here with my response.

Prior to sending the leaflet we telephoned you ...and the conversation seemed friendly and accomodating.

What you have done is to present your piece using our material in a shockingly inappropriate way.

We feel outright! has totally discredited us...the general tone of the editorial, the dramatic white on black print, the 'thumbs down' symbol by each point ...can only lead to the conclusion that outright! both disagreed with and disapproved of our leaflet.

You wish to be trusted to 'edit material with professional neutrality whatever your own opinion' yet you seem to have done precisely the opposite.

How will anyone be able to trust outright! to edit anything again?

Well, let's take the design features first - the 'dramatic' white on black text was really nothing more than an attempt on my part to produce a more visually exciting page. This is an important issue - but very text heavy - and pages of unrelieved text are dull to look at and present themselves as something of a chore to the readers. It's as simple as that - I could just as easily have decided to print the piece written from the opposing point of view on black - the only reason I didn't was

because it was slightly longer and white text needs to be slightly larger for easy reading.

The 'thumbs up' and 'thumbs down' symbols are well known conventional short hand for indicating arguments for and against. Again in an attempt to graphically 'liven up' a very text heavy piece, I used the 'thumbs down' symbols to indicate that the arguments were opposed to the proposed change in access. There was really nothing more to it than that - and certainly no intention to suggest that **outright!** was giving these arguments the 'thumbs down'.

As to my own personal opinions - I do actually resent anyone assuming that they know them unless they've discussed them with me. But for everyone's information I am an ardent feminist and was involved in the group that established the very first Nottingham Women's Centre - up a dark alley in a couple of damp rooms over the busmen's canteen - in the early 1970's. I know from first hand experience how difficult the fight was to establish any women only space, how important it was and how very dear to us it was. **And I still feel that the right to women only space is of vital importance** for many reasons which I won't take up space to rehearse here.

As to my editorial judgement I can only say that I am shocked that the group in question feel their standpoint has been discredited. I introduced my piece by stating that it was essential that all points of view were given equal respect and genuinely made an honest attempt to present the points in an informative and unbiased way. As I would have done for a piece from the opposing point of view. I agree that the piece was not enthusiastically pro the standpoint - but that is precisely what neutrality means.

Cathy White

The Case For Women Only Space

We are a group of women who feel strongly that Nottingham Women's Centre should remain a space for female-born women. We have sent this article to **outright!** because we believe that this issue is even more important for lesbians than it is for heterosexual women.

Why we need a Women's Centre

Women have worked for many years to create & maintain a precious women-only space. This space is vital because of our experience of oppression as women - all the ways we are treated differently from birth in this society, and the disadvantages and inequalities we suffer as a result. Advances have been made over the last 20 years but these inequalities still exist. They include the lack of abortion rights, affordable child care and women's lower pay. A disproportionate number of women still experience domestic violence, sexual harassment & rape. A Women's Centre provides safe space in which women can develop their confidence and express themselves without feeling steamrollered by men. Whilst this may not matter to some women, many of us feel very strongly that it does. To allow M/F transsexuals into the Women's Centre would mean there would be no female-born women-only space anywhere in Nottingham.

Why not admit transsexuals?

This is a big decision for the Women's Centre, one that would change history. It would redefine our hard-won space for everyone. The decision once made would be difficult to reverse.

A decision to open the Centre to M/F transsexuals would limit women's choice; their inclusion would effectively exclude many existing users. Women have said that they would stop using the Centre, as it would no longer be women-only. Why should these women be deprived of the women-only space many of us

have worked so hard over the years to support?

Allowing access to M/F transsexuals actually opens the door to all men. Any man could have access to the Women's Centre if he claims to 'really' be a woman. This means we could no longer have a women's space at all.

Our objections are political

Some women see our opposition to access as bigotry, a lack of caring, failure to recognise a common oppression; they think we just don't like transsexuals. This is not true. Our objections are neither personal or based on prejudice. They are political. Born women's life experiences can not be shared by individuals who have been brought up as men.

We are often asked, as women, or as lesbians, to have compassion for the oppression and distress suffered by transsexuals. However our oppression is different from theirs. There are common issues that we can work on together, but working as allies must include having mutual respect.

We uphold and support the human rights of transsexuals, whilst maintaining our own right to separate space for female born women.

The group can be contacted via
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We would dearly like more feedback from readers on this on-going debate (or anything else they want to write about come to that) and will publish letters etc. from all points of view.

Just a thought - if M/F transsexuals are still 'really' men - are F/M transsexuals still 'really' women and so welcome in women-only space?

Boyz Ban In Leicester - the pussygate facts!

LeicsLGB Centre have stopped stocking or distributing Boyz newspaper - a free paper aimed at gay men. It was banned at a meeting of the management committee on 14th April this year following the publication of several articles insulting and derogatory to women which breached the Centre's EOPs Policy.

At the March MC meeting there was a complaint from Centre users in particular the Feb 22nd front page headline

Juicy Pussy - the birds that even we'd shag
with an inside paged feature headlined

Top Snatch
Below this were listed the names of 40 famous women with photographs of several of those named - this page carried the following sub-head

We may be buggers but that doesn't mean to say we don't have an eye for the ladies. Here are the birds that get even our gay old nadders

aquiver. Yeah we'd give them one.

Alongside each of the 40 names were comments such as

Smamfa Fox - If it's a tut fuck you're after

Gina Gershon - She's a whore darlin'

The committee upheld the complaint and wrote to Boyz stating their objections, asking them to print an apology and an assurance that similar articles would not be published in future. There was no reply.

In the March 16th issue the Editor mentioned that there had been a number of complaints and that several outlets had removed the offending issue from circulation. In what he referred to as the 'Juicy Pussygate' feature he quoted an alleged fellow worker Fiona as saying she would reply to the next complainant who phoned, saying 'I'll tell them to stick it

up their cunt'.

12th April issue carried a double page spread from a gay man describing his first viewing of a straight pornographic video and featured three pictures of virtually naked women taken from pornographic films and magazines. One woman had a small star covering her genitals.

14th April MC meeting decided to stop distributing the paper due to the articles published, the attitude towards complaints and the lack of response from the editor. They wrote again to inform Boyz of their decision but saying that they would reconsider if they took appropriate action. There was no reply.

In May there were requests from some Centre users to reinstate the magazine and the MC wrote to Boyz again hoping for a response but again, there was no reply. The Centre has continued to monitor the

magazine for an apology or a change in their misogynistic attitude towards women so far they've found the following article headline

Shagging Girls: A surprising number of gay boyz have done it I decide that I better bite the bullet and go pussywards. It feels like a back bottom only there is more of it.

The quotes taken from articles are extracts only - they are not the only objectionable parts but present an abstract of the whole article which is in itself objectionable.

The Boyz newspaper remains banned from the Centre and the MC hope this article will inform **outright!** readers as to their reasons for the ban. They would also be interested in hearing from any other organisations who have banned the paper and hope that community action like this will encourage Boyz to stop publishing offensive articles.

NO! NO! NO! NO!

Transgenderapocalypse 3 and a bit

Nottingham Women's Centre General Committee is managing a consultation process to collect opinions about access for transgendered women to the Centre. A Public meeting was held on the issue on May 17 1997 and a transcript of the notes taken are available from the Centre for anyone who wishes to inform themselves of the meetings discussions.

A further series of closed discussion meetings are now planned as part of the consultation process. One for women-born women only, one for women-born lesbians only & one for transgendered women only. Dates times & venues will be published when we receive them. Or further details can be obtained directly from the Centre. The committee also plans to research how this issue has been handled in other areas & Centres and plan to form its policy decision after considering the outcome of the meeting and research. They hope to announce their decision by March 1998. A full outline of the consultation process will appear next month.

...& talking about bosoms & bits ...



If you would like to help please contact Julie and she'll send you a 15 minute questionnaire and a freepost envelope for its return.

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Julie Fish, a PhD student at Loughborough University is researching lesbian's experiences and perceptions of breast and cervical screening. She is particularly interested in how lesbians describe their experiences of the smear test, breast self-examination and mammograms and how they view their risk of these cancers especially in relation to heterosexual women. She wants her research to be as reflective as possible and is trying to reach a diverse group including Black lesbians, disabled lesbians, low income & younger/older lesbian - aiming for 1,000 survey - the biggest ever lesbian health survey in the UK.

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Pride '97

My first Pride was memorable albeit because I took quite unsuspectingly a picture of my first & future girlfriend. (And you remain the only one you gorgeous foxy stoaty woman you). Where was I? Oh yes - 1993, it all comes flooding back. Deafening whistles echoing round the tube stations. Following Marc Almond around Brockwell Park. Swapping T-shirts with a woman who'd forgotten to wear her bra - hmm - my lecture on the need for undergarments certainly lost me the chance of a good snog there! 'Regrets ... I've had a few...'. Selling my leather jacket to a guy who said he's shagged Jimmy Somerville. Eating over-priced chips and drunkenly blubbing over a beautiful woman during the firework display. Happy Times! Not counting fighting off the advances of an amorous female tube drive, losing all my friends on the march, placing my bum too low on the overfilling portaloo and demanding a full body search from a particularly gorgeous WPC. (She declined on the grounds of public decency - alas!). In fact I narrowly escaped a caution for being drunk & disorderly... 'There's nothing indecent about my body darling'.

Having turned into a Pride-snob, each year I swear I won't do it again. 'Ohhh...it's toooo commercial', I moan, wandering round the stalls with my rucksack groaning at the seams with books, records, videos and dodgy T-shirts. Pockets full of flyers inviting me to all women saunas and underwater lesbian basket weaving classes. We're being recognised/exploited by capitalists at last! (delete as politically appropriate).

Oh Joy! Our air-time has even doubled over the last few years - Pride even got a mention or two on Eastenders this year. (Tone, Simone - sort it out lads!).

Each year I scan the papers for a mention of this vast event and have noticed that the token paragraph has now been augmented with a small pho-

tograph. (So what if it was the drag queen who impaled my foot with her stiletto during the march - it's a start).

Chance meetings with old friends - hmm - did I say chance? Or was I the only one there without a mobile/pager/flock of carrier pigeons? (delete as financially applicable).

Celebrity spotting and being on a high & happy vibe all day are Pride trademarks. Heaven knows what heterosexuals make of it! As a dyke I just know I'm a little sick of the trend encouraging lesbians to become obsessed with sex - the Shh! stall goes right over my repressed ikkle head. (Come near me with that dildo & I'll use it as an offensive weapon sweetheart!). So does 'Flirt' - the new mag for lesbians. I mean obviously I bought one - for research purposes, alright?? That's not my point.

I did make a beeline for the women's tent but I'm just not hip enough to discard my dignity for a dirty dance. (Sorry hon, the cagool stays on). Every year I want to be HER - you know, the ultra-cool dyke that everyone notices. The one who's always got her tongue half way down some besotted stranger's throat.

Sadly, I know my place - and it's in the Kenric Tent drinking cups of tea with dykes my granny would be happy to go shopping with. I sip politely and wonder if I've missed my vocation to be a nun or something. Still I have fun in my own way - which is exactly what it's all about isn't it?

I suffer dreadfully from post-Pride blues. Work on that Monday seems so much worse than any other Monday. 'What did you do at the weekend?' - Most Mondays I long to say I've been bungee jumping with a bunch of naturists - but I always say 'Not much'. This year I said 'I went to London actually', but no one picked me up on it and my chance of coming out at last was dashed. Ho-hum - I've obviously got a long way to go - maybe Pride '98 will do it....see you there.

Julie Taylor

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Coming Out

To any of us watching the recent storyline in Eastenders, our hearts & minds could go out to 'Tony' & 'Simon' and the strain on their relationship caused by homophobic violent louts in 'the square'.

Unfortunately, just about everyone of us has experienced, is experiencing or knows someone who is going through similar agony.

For Tony coming-out is a major struggle and he showed how, eventually, even if you lie to others about yourself, truth will push through - sometimes very painfully. Whether you are 16 or 60, in a relationship or single at the moment, to read articles like this will hopefully help the undecided to realise that you are not alone in what seems like a rotten uncaring world!

Simon, on the other hand, showed how he was far more certain of himself and wanted to face head-on (sometimes dangerously), the bigots and the louts causing him grief. Unfortunately Simon's up-front approach and Tony's head-in-the-sand attitude didn't match. Many of us can probably identify with that situation in one way or another.

Queer-bashing and queer-baiting is still common in some work-places, pubs, clubs and neighbourhoods.

Neil Garrat

Recently in the East Midlands there have been several high-profile campaigns to prevent local councils from housing known paedophiles in accommodation - and so what? you may think - but on at least 2 Leicester estates innocent gay people have been chastised & ostracised as 'child-molesters' in the media hyped wake of bigotry & intolerance.

Is it any wonder that coming-out for many of us is done very quietly among selected friends and people we feel 'safe' with? If we are lucky our friends may turn round & say 'Oh yeah - I knew - but we're still mates'. When that happens you sometimes feel like the wind has been taken out of your sails! Equally you also feel that a great weight has been lifted from your shoulders. - and maybe 'that girl' who always smiles at you or 'that guy' you suspected might be gay may suddenly whisk you off to a whole new caring loving world!

I led a double life for ages, for years, until one day I broke out of my chains and now feel just like Simon. So next time you feel like bashing the bigots back - try helping out the 'Tonys' of this world who may need some help to lift their heads out of the sand.

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...sounds!

from DJ Siraker

You can always tell when Summer is really here - it's when the music industry shifts into top gear to bring us mountains of big summer holiday tunes - you know - the ones that hit big in the euroclubs and then show up on the UK pub/club scene around September. So here are a few of the tunes that are currently HUGE in Europe and destined to dominate our charts over the next few months.

Capella return with **Be My Baby** - not their typical style but sounding exactly like a Sash remix of DJ Quicksilver's **Belissima** and its going down a storm clubwise.

DJ Quicksilver also follows with **Free** another hard creamhouse outing with some brilliant remixes from The Drum Club & JDS.

Sex On The Beach is an almost irritatingly catchy tune in Ace of Base style that's going to be a monster commercial hit - out soon from boy/girl band T-spoon - you'll be singing it all summer long.

Billed as this year's **Macerona** Grand Fiesta offer a great latin number **Ritmo De La Noche** with some great remixes from Tony de Vit & Hyper Go Go and check out the B side **Guitara** - wicked!

Two version of Hot Chocolate classic **You Sexy Thing** are currently doing the rounds but the girl band T-shirt's version that's getting all the attention. A strong cover sampling Earl Brown's original vocals but with a modern rap feel.

Classic 80's hit **Hey Little Girl** from Australian band Icehouse has been remixed to brilliant effect - sounding just as good as ever but with a great added commercial dance beat.

Finally - the monster club hit has got to be **Free Gay and Happy** from the Coming Out Crew getting revamped for '97 by The Paradise People featuring Kym Mazelle - maybe the original club classic can't be beaten - but it's a brave attempt!

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...what a gem!

June saw the launch of Leicester **GEMZ** - an LGB support group for minority ethnic communities and the group now meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month. as well as providing the usual sort of support, safe space, advice and information - there's also a lot of emphasis on having fun - with videos and outings etc.

The group is open to men and women from minority ethnic communities who have same sex relationships and a friendly welcome and a new circle of supportive friends is waiting for you.

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