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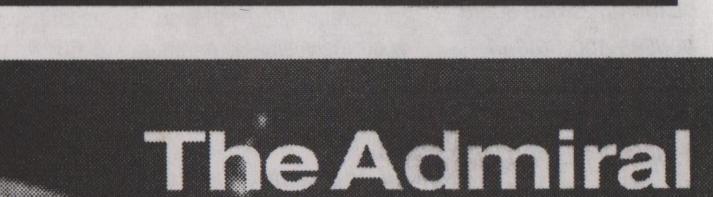
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SHOP TILL YOU DROP

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 itineries 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?

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...awaygays!

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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 GB 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 themontheir 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 nunities joining together. I annooking forward to welcoming lots of new people to the OutHouse stall at Pink Lace. We will have plenty of information

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For further details send S.A.E. to PO Box 92 Nottingham NG 67BY 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.

Concensus

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

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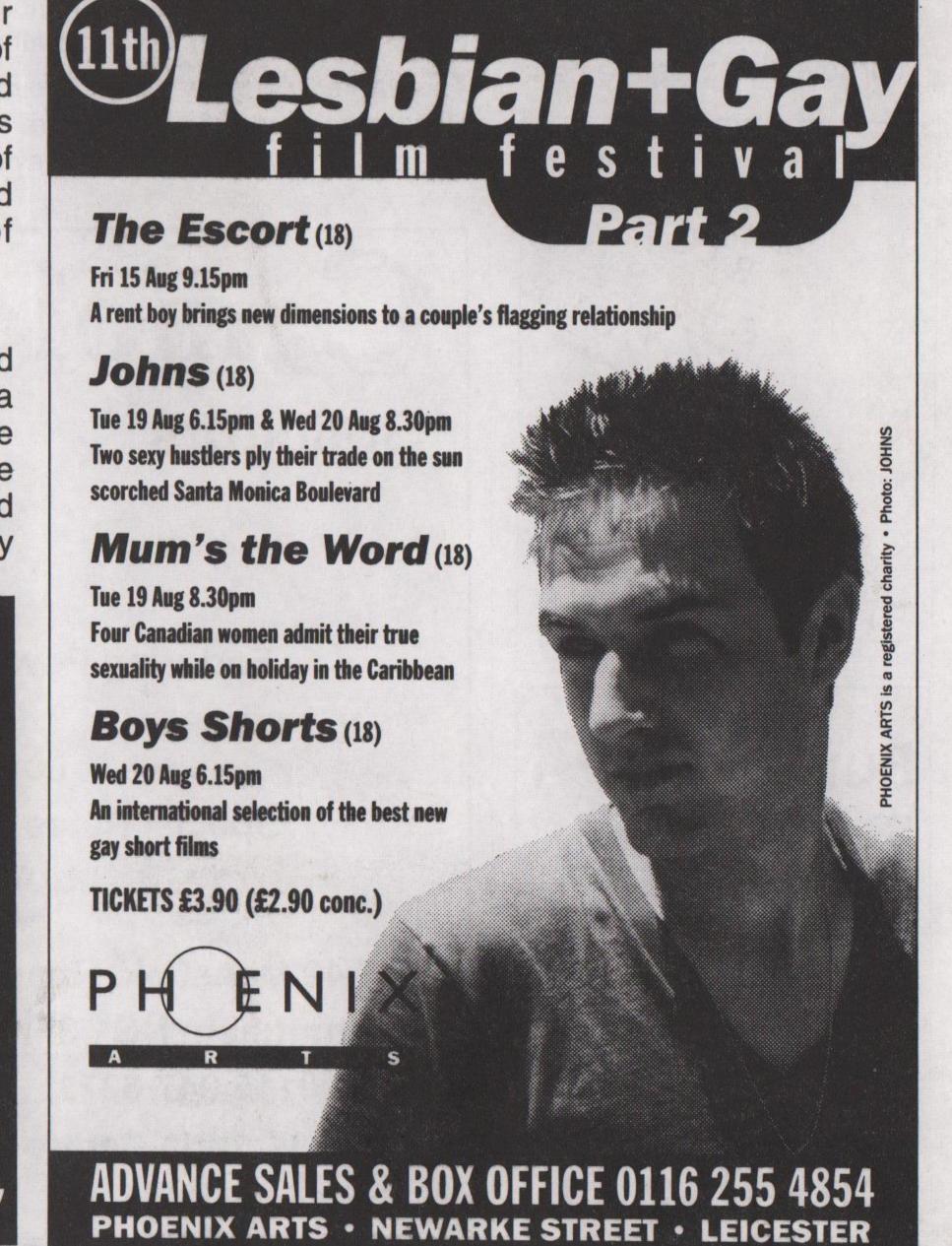
& more!

Long Search

Previous premises considered were either too far out of the City Centre, had poor access or were tied to commercial organisations. The architects, in consultation with members and potential users have come up with an innovative use of the spacious airy first floor premises on Hockley. Among features will be a café and servery with separate longue area, a large meeting room, office and reception area. There are also plans to upgrade the existing lifts.

Pink Lace

So Nottingham's first ever LGB Festival - Pink Lace is all set to get the community in the mood with a huge street party. Sat 13 September will sees a gay invasion of the trendy Hockley area of Broad Street with stalls, street performance and special screening of LGB films at Broadway - Nottingham's Media Centre. The evening will see a range of events focussed around the Hockley 'Pink Triangle'. Full programme next month.



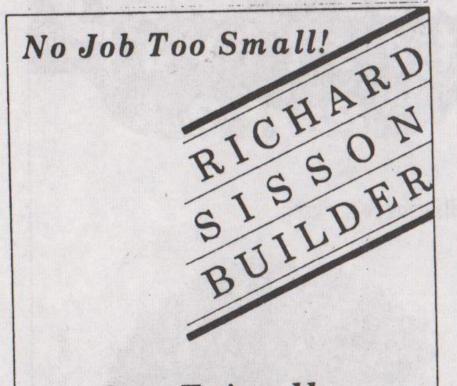
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...welcome!

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.

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

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...hot summer fruits!

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

This wickedly yummy lube is provided by QC Healthcare Products - distributors or 'I-D' who are generously sponsoring the evening.

The 'I-D' range includes the mouthwatering pina colada splash, strawberry kiwi

twist and wet & wild cherry ...mmmm! Definitely the hottest way to be cool this summer! The party includes competions - including best beachwear - so come dressed for the occasion! And don't miss the raffle for some summer essentials like slinky swimwear and big fluffy beach towels. For more details contact CASH project workers Richard or Darren

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

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

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and some new friends waiting

to meet you. Next dates are

But that isn't all the group do-

there's a wide ranging

programme of events to suit

Aug 19 & Sept 2nd.

all tastes.

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.

Here's

some of the

planned events for

the next few months.

Housewarming.

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,

And on a more serious note a.

support group for male

New members are always

welcome - so for more

details call Chris on

01509415272

survivors of sexual abuse.

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-baron 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.

...page three people

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-Friand 10.00am-4.30pm on Saturdays. The Helpline is open Mon-Fri 7.30pm-10.00pm.

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Pisces

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Lucky TV Show - Brookside

Aries 21 Mar - 20 Apr

Your boundless energy is becoming irritating beyond beliefchill out.

Lucky Drug - Anti-Histimine

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 ploy in our desperate attempts to fit a quart into a pint pot!)

CAMBRIDGE DC Dot Cotton Club at The JunctionClifton 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 agternoon 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, videos, coffee, chat, lots of outings UNI Choices Every Thurs 5.30 - 7.30 social group for 13-19 year olds
HUNTINGTON

HGGL&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

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

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

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...walkies!

East Mid GOC Sun Aug 17 Notts walk 11am meet Laxton Visitors Centre CPOS120724 671 All welcome Alan 0115 923 5421

Sheffield Hiking Dykes

Sun 17 Aug Tunnell End CP Marsden 10.30 am 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 CPGR149830

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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 01159677081

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 LL Lesbian Breakfast 31 Aug food

drink papers music children wel-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

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

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666666666666 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 01159856981

.....vox pop!

We asked 100 people at random in Nottingham City Centre - Are any of your friends gay?

NO 73% YES 27%

Over 5M people tuned in for the last episode in the current series of This Life - sending BBC bosses into a frenzy of activity amidst recent rumours of plans to scrap the show. Frantic phone calls are alleged to have been made to the stars checking their availability for a 3rd series.

And rumour has it the grand finale of TL3 will be TV's 1st gay wedding! - so don't despair - we may not have seen the last of Lenny & his amazing

IT'S THE LAW! Groundless Gossip, Unsubstantiated Rumours and Idle Speculation are always welcome for the LAW column!

...dot cotton on the net!

.and we don't mean curtains! Aug 30 sees one of the biggest disco divas on the club scene performing live at the Dot Cotton Club Cambridge. Lonnie Gordon will be singing some ofherbiggest hits and the night's expected to sell out - so early tickets are advised. As usual the resident outright! DJ Siraker-will be helping to trash the floor with Chris G.

DCC happens every last saturday of the month at The Junction Cambridge & DCC 2 (run in association with Heaven's Nation) takes place monthly in Bedford at Enigma. For more information you can

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...therapy!

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



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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 unrelived text are dull to look at and present themselves as something of a chore to the readers. It's as simple as that 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

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. 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 reherse 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 what neutrality precisely 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

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 transexuals into the Women's Centre would mean there would be no female-born women-only space anywhere in Nottingham.

Why not admit transexuals?

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 transexuals 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?

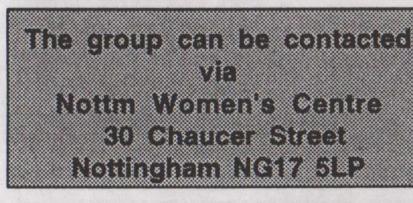
Allowing access to M/F transexuals actually opens the door to all men. Any man could have access to the Women's Centre if he claims to 'really' be a woman. This means we could no longer have a women's space at all.

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 transexuals. This is not true. O 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 transexuals. 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 transexuals, whilst maintaining our own right to separate space for f male born women.



We would dearly like more feedback fron readers on this on-going debate for 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 transexuals are still 'really' men - are F/M transexuals still 'really' women and so welcome in women-only space?

Boyz Ban In Leicester the pussygate facts!

Leics LGB Centre have stopped stocking or distributing Boyz newspaper-afree paper aimed at gay men. It was banned at a meeting of the management committee on 14th April this yearfollowing 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 nadgers

aquiver. Yeah we'd give them one.

Alongside each of the 40 names were comments such

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 refered 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, 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 resonse 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 obectionable 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 organisaations who have banned the paper and hope that community action like this will encourage Boyz to stop publishing offensive articles.



Transgenderropnobenoz 3 and a bit

Nottingham Women's Centre General Committee is managing a consultation process to collect opinions about access for ansgendered 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 1988. A full outline of the consultation process will appear next month.

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



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.

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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Pride

My first Pride was memorable tograph. (So what if it was the albeit because I took quite unsuspectingly a picutre 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 dar-

Having turned into a Pridesnob, 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 phodrag 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? Orwas 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 weaponsweetheart!). 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 HERyou 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 similaraggro.

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-inthe-sand attitude didn't match. Many of us can probably identify with that situation in one way or another.

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

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

> 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 knew - but we're still

otry & intolerance.

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 suddendly 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

Neil Garrat

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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 Greamhouse 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 Tspoon - 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 roundsbut 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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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 empohasis 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

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Leics 58 gentle and loyal looking for younger partner for long term 1-2-1 based on love respect & friendship and eventually live together 87/2 Novice gay male 29 seeks experienced leather guys 40-50 for fun poss 1-2-1 bears very welcome

Nottm gay male 18 y/o wants guy 18 plus for fun times maybe friendship 1-2-1 cum on guys let me please photo if poss 87/3

Leicester

Asian lad smooth fair seeks loyal sincere white guy 23-35 active friendship maybe more phone photo appreciated promise will return 87/534

No1 crop heavy beard tashe very hairy drinks smokes into biker look witm guy under 40 who needs a real man Derby/Staffs 87/6

Mansfield anywhere bi -guy seeks guys who cross dress any age explicit letter gets speedy reply

Nottm guy 49 slim to medium build intrests photography naturism video WLTM active guys 25+ alll types interests welcome 87/8

Burton/Derby 43 ok looks medium build hairy passive own place seeks active horny guys for safe fun day night black white w/e ALA

Notts couple looking for others for F/F give us a try into most things 87/

Leicester guy 25 slim seeks guys 18-39 for fun parties can accom videos available photo for reply 87/

Notts/Derby guy with GSOH 49 57 cropped hair likes music passive active seeks guy for friendship poss 1-2-1 87/12

Guy 31 into DIY briefs I am loking for fun and nights of passion with guys

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Leather guy/skinhead 32 seeks active leather master for F/F poss 1-2-1 ALAWP 87/14

Nottm leather M slim 40 seeks strict S to take me in harness black grey most colours not brown full CV and photo ALA 87/15

Mids guy 27 non scene SA SL very attractive WLTM good looking guy between 21-30 hairy but not essential photo phone please 87/16 Black muscle guy 20 wants hot but discreet sex with men couples photo and phone number gets mine ALA 87/17

îNotts guy 40s into oral/DIY seeks guys in uniform of any kind very discreet 87/18

Derby area 42 good looking SA many interests seeks SA guys for F&F ALA 87/19

Male 35 SA non scene seeks similar 30-40 for friendship and to cane me occasionally mabe 1-2-1 87/20

Leather guy 41 seeks active man in Notts area good but for all games CP toys 87/21

Notts male 41 seeking safe sane mate for tuition in discipline and widening not only one horizon 87/22 Isolated N/S slightly fem Notts student seeks gen gay or bi for N/S friendship must be assertive intelligent with GSOH photo appreciated 87/23

Derby traditional headmaster respectable 54 will care fully provide your discipline requirements. Wonderful with deserving visitors enjoy overlap? 87/24

Leicester gay man 50s seeks friends and pen friends up to 35 interests course fishing swimming pubs travel 87/25

E Mids tolerant lad 18 sought by active caring sincere older guy non scene N/S frank letter tel.87/26

Derby avuncular schoolmaster likeable 54 offers to carefully unravel the long term discipline requirements of local naughty novices 18-28 shy letters welcome 87/27

Voyuer would love to watch your single or duo action age looks unimportant 87/28

Nottm black wheelchair user 31 yo SA seeks local caring gunuine guys 18-30 for friendship penpals also welcome 87/29

North Notts 44 seeks bootboy houseboy novices welcome duties include bootlicking cleaning polishing ALA especially with photo can accom 87/30

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Notts guy 21 not bad looking seeks guys 18-30 with leather/rubber interests photo/phone

appreciated ALA Box 87/61 Nottingham 22 gay Christian seeks similar reliable loving guys with GSOH for freindship poss more ALAWP Box 87/62

Is it possible? Male slim attractive 30 up for whatever friendship/more Come on guys let's have some fun Notts/Derby/Anywhere Box 87/63 Leics 58 gentle & loyal looking for younger partner for long term 1-2-1 based on love respect & friendship eventually live together Box 87/64 Notts 26 good looks half italian sick of gay scene WLTM genuine guy 28-40 active for love lust & happy times together forever ALAWP Box 87/65

Chesterfield 40 med build seeks similar for safer sex Phone no for quick reply Sorry - no place/car Photo if poss not essential Box 87/

Lincs NS Guy 28 seeking guys 27-32 for friendship/ hopefully 1-2-1 ALA Photo nice Box 87/67

Anywhere genuine sincere Scottish guy own place seeks friends poss more honesty more imp than looks ALA Box 87/68

Lincs guy 28 NS n/s driver needing lift to happiness You 27-32 driver patient understanding ALA Box 87/

Come on guys 27 y/o guy looking for that 1-2-1 21-29 Me long blonde hair/blue eyes Looking for ages Mansfield/Nottm ALAWP Box 87/70 Mature guy slim young outlook S/A SOH chean shaven Non smoking WLTM similar 21-40 Phone/photo appreciated Weat/West Mids Box

Burton area 39 seeks good looking gay guy same area for f&f poss 1-2-1 photo please to be discreet Box

Derby/Belper mid 30s stocky looking for similar mates 40+ big? bulky? overweight? GSOH? Rugged? S/A? Photo nice not essential ALA Box 87/73

Bi male 26 seeks 2st time leics based adventurous will try anything once ALA sae appreciated Fast reply Box 87/74

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Blonde fem female 30's seeks sweet butch dyke for friendship socialising must have GSOH and enjoy company ALA Box 87/31

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Mansfield/Notts 24 y/o lesbian looking for Miss Perfect to have fun with and cosy nights in ALA Box 87/

Attractive intelligent female 40s likes films dogs country walks and all the usual stuff seeks similar for friendship poss relationship Box 87/

Mansfield Gay feminine female GSOH loves clubbing walking films 32 caring honest and reliable WLTM feminine lady for friendship maybe more Box 87/35

Buxom blonde Melinda Messenger lookalike lesbian with 2 children looking for females 20-25 who are fun loving & caring leading to 1-2-1 ALAWP Box 87/36

Leics gay female 31 seeks gay female 25+ for fun possible relationship There's got to be somebody out there who's genuine lovable & caring Box 87/37

32 y/o feminine lesbian looking same aged between 29-40 prei Derby area need caring person Box

Leics/Notts young looking woman early 40s seeks lesbian for F&F & maybe more I like rock music films dogs & travel Box 87/39

Slim tall boyish attractive prof female 25 GSOH inexperienced WLTM female 25-40ish for F&F & poss 1-2-1 Nottm Box 87/40

Leics lesbian 46 GSOH smoker enjoys nights in and out cuddly seeks other for friendship and who knows? Box 87/41

Leics gay female 40s fun-loving lively sporty seeks excitement & adventure with intelligent dyke Reply to share ideas/energy & maybe bed Box 87/42

Emotional wreck late 30s seeks similar for nights in sobbing and moaning Must enjoy character assassination and revenge fantasies Box 87/43

Wild veggie into skunk anasie dance music & heads off fun seeks boyish gal for fun/laughs & who knows what? Box 87/75

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Occasional cross dresser 27 own house and car seeks bright funny understanding female for F&F relationship likes music quiet night nights out n/s preffered 87/55 Well built black guy 27 seeks bi girl for friendship initally photo and phone please no timewasters 87/

Bi male seeks similar or bi females for letters meetings and fun ALA SAE for fast reply 87/57

Mansfield plain but passionate intelligent sensual bi married female early 40s seeks occasional female company for no strings fun and lively conversation 87/58

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Notttingham Professional Late 40s seeks knowledge of antiques ranging from local fairs to auction houses genuine juiry Box 87/99

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accommodation

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Double room in comfy lesbian family home plus small garden south Notts village Nottm Newark Leices 20 mins £220 pcm phone i 01159892464

Lenton student house 4 beds FGCH double glazed alarm nicely decorated rent £40-£50 pw excl refs and deposit required piano and mercury indivualized bills Edward 01723 672934

Gay male to share house use of facilities non smoker please £35 pw incl bills meals available 0116 2433984

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