

The Edward Carpenter Community

Presents

*A Faerie Christmas  
In Wales*

a holiday residential for gay &amp; bisexual men

22nd - 29th December

for details tel 0115 912 7084 or  
write BM PAF London WC1N 3XX*...a break from tradition*

The Edward I Carpenter Community is organising a Faerie Christmas in Wales for Gay & Bisexual men from 22 - 29 December. Based at Manorbier Youth Hostel in the Pembrokeshire National Coast Park. A fairly isolated location about half a mile from the village and five miles from the town of Tenby. There are cliffs, beaches and wildlife all within 100 yards of the hostel.

The Community has been organising these events for about 12 years - all year round not just at Xmas - depending on the event usually between 20 and 60 men attend.

This year they'd like to invite YOU to create the Christmas of your dreams and leave behind the bits you don't like initialled hankies, family rows and having to say 'oh thank you auntie it's just what I've always wanted'. Bring along the bits you do like - chocolate truffles, pass the parcel and lots of tacky baubles.

The events are always very friendly affairs with lots of delicious vegetarian food, hand holding, intimate conversations and a bizarre cabaret put together by the participants.

Charges are on a sliding scale - so it's affordable for everyone. For booking forms and more details of the Faerie Xmas event see advert (left). For details of other events organised by the Edward Carpenter Community write to EC 1 Cambridge Street Hebden Bridge West Yorks HX7 6LN or ring 0142 284 3996.

*...more from the  
Edinburgh Festival*

Among the very good and unexpected shows this year was SHADOWBOXING. A man who's father was a failed boxer is determined to succeed in the ring. Becoming aware of his own sexuality - he tries to hide his gayness professionally and his profession on the scene. Eventually outed his championship opponent refuses to fight him. The inner conflicts are beautifully captured by Kumar who performs in scarlet trunks, constantly training and exercising as he delivers an articulate script. Catch it on tour if you can.

East Palace/West Palace reveals more than the Chinese Authorities wanted revealed. This play by Zhang Yuan concerns a writer arrested to cottaging in Beijing - east palace west palace refers to the parks two cottages - one on each side of the police station! Cottaging is apparently rife - although officially of course there is no gay activity in China. The story hangs on the developing relationship between the writer and the interrogating officer - with short pieces of traditional Chinese opera performed throughout the play. A mesmerising performance.

Labi Siffre performed in Nottingham to a small but enthusiastic audience in December last year. His Festival show was a sellout and earned him 5 stars in 'The Scotsman'. He held his audience rapt with songs and poems on subjects ranging from Nelson Mandela to love songs. Wonderful. Catch him in Leicester 11 Nov at the Y Theatre 0116 2556507.

Colm Toibin (pronounced Colum Tebeen), is an Irish writer who wears his gayness lightly & unselfconsciously. He has some perceptive things to say about a range of subjects and his new novel *The Story of the Night* was featured in the Book Festival. Set in Argentina and basically a rites of passage story. Also at the Book Festival was Edwin Morgan a Scots poet who came out at 70 and is now 75. Youthful, puckish and full of humour, I loved his poem spoken from the apple's point of view as it relishes thoughts of being plucked and eaten.

Who's Laughing Now? a play by Double Edge Drama is about bullying in a public school. Yes, we've all been here before, but the quality of the acting here was stunning. the destruction of one student

by another who clearly had an intense but unexpressed desire for him was subtly but powerfully portrayed. The theme of repressed gay feelings expressing themselves as aggression and hatred towards

the object of desire cropped up in several plays this year. Clearly there is still a long way to go for many of us. This has been just a short taster of a wonderful Festival - do give it a try next year.

Tony Challis

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**Victory on Age of Consent**

*In a ground-breaking decision the European Commission on Human Rights ruled that the British Government unequal age of consent laws are a breach of personal rights - and it now looks like the UK Parliament will have a free vote that will almost certainly equalise the age of consent for all British citizens before the end of the year.*

It's been obvious to anyone with half a brain for some time that a law that singles out young gay men and criminalizes them is blatantly unfair. It certainly seemed so to Euan Sutherland, then 16, when the age of consent for gay men was lowered from 21 to 18 rather than 21. So, with the backing of Stonewall he took his case to Europe, claiming the the British Government were practising discrimination and denying him the same rights as other UK citizens. On 7th October 1997 the European Commission upheld his case together with a similar complaint brought by 18 year old Chris Morris.

The Commission ruled that having an unequal age of consent for gay men was discrimination and a breach of the 'right to respect for private life'. Commissioners agreed with the British Medical Association that sexual orientation for both sexes is fixed by the age of 16 and that 'the risk from predatory older men would appear to be as serious whether the victim was a man or a woman'.

Thus demolishing the argument that young gay men in particular need additional state 'protection' from sexual activities they might later regret.

The European ruling also rejected the argument that society has the right to express its disapproval of homosexuality through legislation.

There are currently over 100 prosecutions a year in the UK for underage gay sex but Home Secretary Jack Straw - a supporter of 16 at the last vote - responded to the Strasbourg decision immediately by announcing a free vote on the age of consent 'at the earliest opportunity' and the change could become law within 18 months.

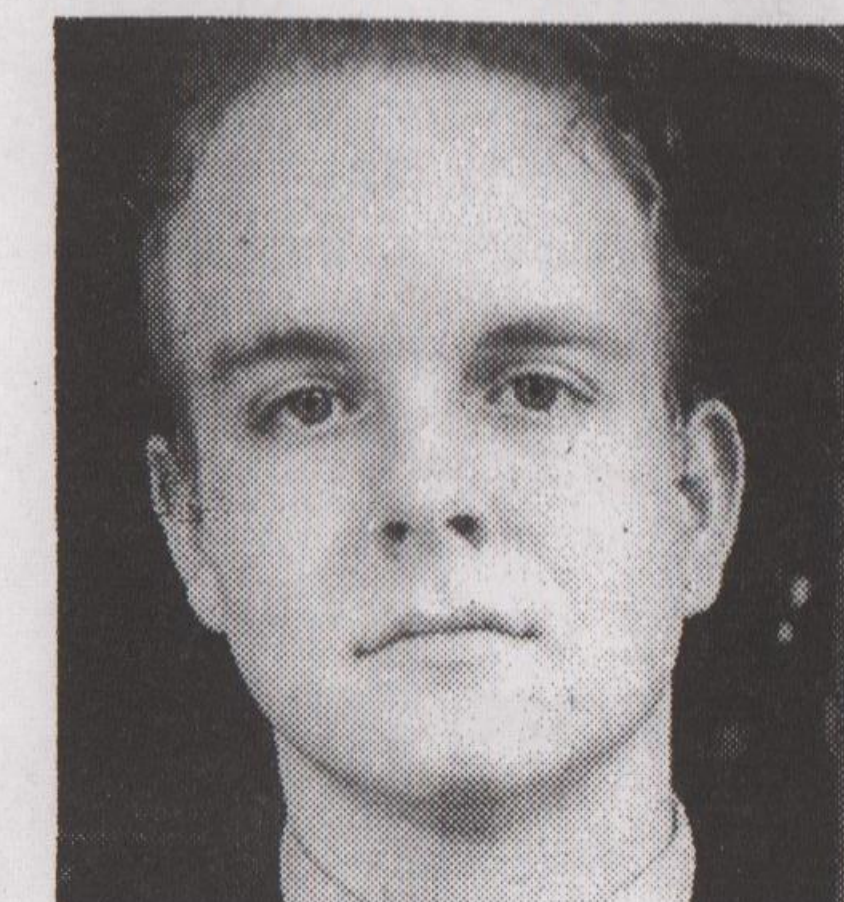
A Stonewall spokesperson was confident that a free vote would ensure a comfortable majority in favour of lowering the male gay age of consent to 16.

But despite there being 4 out MPs in the Labour Government, the party isn't totally united on the issue. Donald Anderson MP (Swansea) has stated his intention to vote for the discriminatory 18 to be retained and it's estimated that around 30 Labour MPs will oppose reducing the age of consent to 16, including Cabinet ministers like David Blunkett and Ann Taylor.

A BMA report earlier this year stated that the average age of the first homosexual encounter was 15.7 years and expressed its concern that these young men need effective health education as they are especially at risk of HIV

because of their reluctance to seek professional help and advice for what is ruled as a criminal activity.

The final word for now goes to Euan. 'I took the case because I believe in equality. Enough damage has been done to people up and the country. You didn't have to be prosecuted, the mere threat, the mere idea of ending up in prison because of a sexual relationship is quite damaging to young people.'



Euan Sutherland Pic Sean Smith

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## ...welcome!

to the October *outright!*

**Brickbat of the Month ...**

...goes to a certain Nottingham gay venue that's more than happy to cash in on the extra trade but couldn't even make the paltry £50 donation they promised to Pink Lace. Jeez...how many of us put that much across Pratsby's bar every week end?

**Bouquet of the Month ...**

Bouquets must go from me to Leicester for: A... Their great new restaurant in the LGB centre and B... Providing us with that wonderful womens' drumming group The Bangshees at Pink Lace.

And let's hear it for the guys at the **Admiral Duncan** too who worked for months to help make Pink Lace a great community event - well done lads.

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

## ...vox pop!

**We asked 100 people at random in Leicester city centre**

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## ...in and out!

Beating even **The Full Monty** as surprise hit comedy film currently taking the US by storm is **In and Out** charting the dilemmas of a midwest high school teacher - unthinkingly outed by an admiring ex-pupil on national tv.

On its release reviewers doubted it would prove popular enough in the heartlands to make the big bucks but it's already second most popular film currently playing.

Much of the success must be down to the brilliant ensemble playing of the cast - Kevin Kline, Matt Dillon, Tom Selleck, Joan Cusack, Debbie Reynolds and Bob Newhart, together with a great script from Paul Rudnick (Addams Family, Jeffry).

Kline and Selleck's kiss has been bringing the house down all over the States. The basic plot focuses on small-town high school teacher (Kline) about to marry his long term girlfriend (Cusack) when he's outed by a former pupil during his Oscar acceptance speech. The resulting media frenzy and the local reaction sends up Hollywood, Smalltown USA, gays, straights, men, women - well everything really. Very funny - go and see it when it's released over here.

## AIDS Memorial Quilt comes to Nottingham....

Base 51 the Nottingham drop-in centre for young people - not funded through a variety of sources - it's an innovative and holistic care project housing a range of services and activities.

An on-going theme of their day to day work with young people is HIV/AIDS awareness. Offering support, education, advice & training. Base 51 organises an event every year to commemorate World AIDS Day (Dec 1) and this year there will be a week long event with the theme **Children living in a world of AIDS**. There will be specific sessions for the many closed groups meeting at the centre, the young parents group for example as well as general drop-in sessions open to anyone aged 12-25.

The culmination of the week which aims to raise awareness around HIV/AIDS will be an exhibition featuring parts of the **Names Quilt**. The project will be open to the general public on Sat 6 and Sun 7 Dec.

There are over 300 panels in the UK AIDS Memorial Quilt, each one made in memory of people lost to the disease by family and friends. Each display panel measures 12 feet square and is made up of 8 individual memorial panels. The quilt is a poignant reminder of the devastation caused by AIDS and serves as an evocative emblem for promoting education & prevention. We will be detailing the programme in full next month and interviewing Kate Dudley the World AIDS Day co-ordinator.

...page three people

## Biggest LGB Centre in UK opens in Leicester!...

The Leicester Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Centre has now moved to premises at 15 Wellington St Leics. Over £55,000 has been spent on building work and the Centre now offers much better access for disabled LGB people including a special phone system to take calls from deaf and hearing impaired people.

The huge new centre offers:

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- \* **Men's Sexual Health Project**
- \* **Free gay newspapers**
- \* **Gay Times/Diva on sale**
- \* **Youth service**
- \* **LGB awareness training**
- \* **Training on HIV/AIDS & sexual health**

\* **Advice, information, support & advocacy around sexuality & discrimination**

There was a highly successful launch for the statutory and voluntary sector on Sep 16. Speakers included Dr Rashmi Shukla and the event was attended by Neil Townsend, the Chair of Leicestershire Health. A less formal launch party for the community was held on Oct 4 with free refreshments a raffle and music - and a good time was had by all.

For more information about the Centre call the co-ordinator Fee Scott on 0116 254 7412.

Next month we'll be bringing you a review of the new **Q Bar** based at the Centre with pictures of staff and happy eaters enjoying the great atmosphere and delicious (and extremely good value) menu.

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## Hardship fund launched ... with a hair cut!

The Notts Hardship Fund has recently been set up by the Potter's House Trust in liaison with statutory services and provides financial assistance to people in Nottinghamshire living with HIV/AIDS who have limited financial means.

The fund will be administered by The Potter's House which also runs a scheme providing practical help for people living with HIV/AIDS. The fund is supported by other HIV agencies in the county.

Grants can be made towards essential expenditure or living costs and are available to people living with HIV who either live in Nottinghamshire or access services within the county.

Applications can be made through a recognised agency in the field of health care, welfare rights or social services or individuals can apply directly themselves.

The Fund aims to respond quickly to all requests for help while at the same time maintaining high standards of accountability. Naturally, all applications are handled with the strictest confidence.

At present the fund is totally dependent on voluntary donations. So approaches from groups, organisations or individuals who are interested in organising fund-raising events are very welcome.

The fund was boosted recently by the recent brave sacrifice of Amanda Kaye who lives in Sneinton. Amanda announced on the

main stage at Pink Lace that she would be getting a sponsored haircut to raise money for the fund. A haircut! It doesn't sound like a big deal does it? - but you have to know that Amanda has had a haircut for around seven years - and her striking red and green dreadlocks were a wonder to behold. Not surprisingly she was a bit nervous.

But she raised £270 in sponsorship and Paul at the fabulously plush Palace Hairdressing on Heathcoat Street offered his services free to do the dreadful deed. It must have been a great comfort to lose her locks in such luxurious surroundings. So now Amanda is quite light-headed and the Fund has got off to a good start. So if any of you have any more enterprising ideas for fund-raising - let us know - *outright!* will be delighted to give the event some free publicity.

For anyone interested in applying to the Fund, guidelines and application forms are now available from:

**The Notts Hardship Fund**  
**The Potter's House Trust**  
**Newcastle Chambers**  
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## ...stars!

Scried by Candy Vloss

### h Aquarius

21 Jan - 19 Feb

Try livening your conversation up this month by using more adjectives

Lucky Place- Skegness

### i Pisces

20 Feb - 20 Mar

Put your vest on, its Autumn and its no good showing off with your chest

Lucky Object - Neck brace

### A Arles

21 Mar - 20 Apr

I have cast the runes but one went under the settee so fuck knows whats happening to you this month

Lucky Song - Johnny Reggae

### Taurus

21 Apr - 21 May

If you don't have that wheel repaced on your shopping trolley it will only get worse

Lucky QUANGO - OFTEL

### Gemini

22 May - 21 Jun

I dont know whats going to happen to you when I die and can't lend you your bus fare

Lucky Soprano - Aled Jones

### a Cancer

22 Jun - 23 Jul

If I were you I'd put my entire giro on a horse and spend the rent on satin gloves

Lucky Philosopher - Kant

### b Leo

24 Jul - 23 Aug

Keep away from the Goose Fair this year - I refuse to pay any more itinerant workers for their silence

Lucky Word - Duo

### c Virgo

24 Aug - 23 Sep

I told you you wouldn't like it if you used it straight from the fridge

Lucky Concept - Pluralism

### d Libra

24 Sep - 23 Oct

Stop doing that in front of the telly you may be alone but God can see you

Lucky Literary Convention - Omniscient Narrator

### e Scorpio

24 Oct - 22 Nov

At first I felt sorry for you but now I think you do it just to annoy me

Lucky Character - Juliet Bravo

### f Sagittarius

23 Nov - 21 Dec

Home made wine... should it be subject to EC regulations discuss making use of the word paranoia a lot

Lucky Singer - Dana

### g Capricorn

22 Dec - 20 Jan

Have you ever been on a mystery tour? No! Try one now they're cheap and really fun. GO ON!

Lucky Fish - Hoki

## ...outings!

A new system - look up short code at start of listing in **contacts!** for contact details.

### 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, videos, 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

15WS Line dancing every Monday 7.30-9 Holy Cross Centre Welling-ton St  
15WSGatz - LGB group for people from minority ethnic communities at Access Arts 27a Belvoir St Dylan 0116 254 1747

## ...walkies !

East Mid GOC Sunday walks once a month with occasional wekkend events and joint walks with other GOCs Mixed group All welcome Alan 0115 923 5421

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### Nottingham Hiking Dykes

Sunday walks 19 Oct Meet Shireoaks near Worksop GR 553809 7mile easy walk along Chesterfield Canal 10.45 start  
16 Nov Butlers Cross market place Bingham GR805399 six mile walk to Car Colston 0115 9410625 Mon/Wed 7-9pm

### LINCOLN

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

### NOTTINGHAM

LL14 Oct The Women's Room women only cafe night at The Alley Café  
LL Lesbian Breakfast 26 Oct food drink papers music children welcome  
25 Oct Cello's Meadows Club  
LL Women's Music Night 15 Oct  
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  
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UNI 01332 349333 (call same time as group you're interested in is listed e.g. Friend Wed 7-10)

## LIES and Whispers

Can you believe it? ... While the nation is still reeling from the shock of Mavis striking out to make a new life for herself in the B & B - sorry - Guest House. Rumour has it that Coro bosses are planning to launch a gay storyline featuring - wait for it - DEIDRE!!!!  
Totally disillusioned by the discovery that her dashing new airline pilot boyfriend actually sells ties for a living she goes into therapy where she finds a very friendly female shoulder to cry on! More? Sorry - my lips are sealed.

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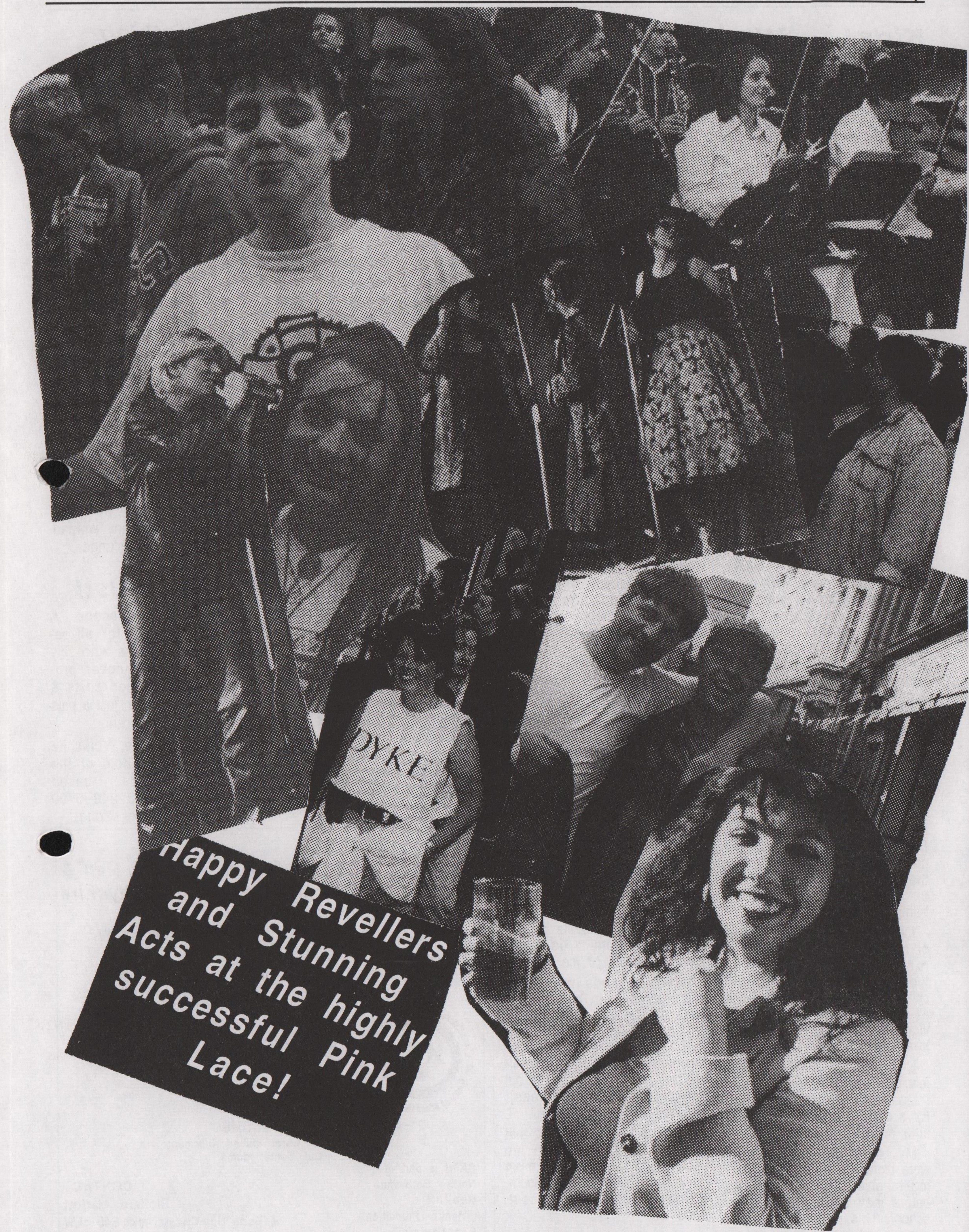
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## Kids! ...Who'd 'ave 'em?

I rejoice in never having had the *Maternal Urge*. Except for the odd moment when her 'n me worry about who's going to look after us in our dotage. Our thoughts turn swiftly to my brother's potential offspring, (c'mon bro, reproduce dammit). You see I'm self-inseminating on the off chance I might feel a bit lonely one day in 2050 AD. That's right, gimme meals on wheels, gimme the mobile library - but gimme, gimme, gimme a yoghurt pot after midnight - come on! After what I put my mother through? You must be joking.

Memories of being 'No PE kit Taylor? - Wear your underwear'. Practising London's Burning on the recorder until my fingers bled. Being chased round the playground by the fat boy in NHS specs - well everybody else was chasing Stacey 'blonde-shiny-hairband' Fairbrass - but fair dues - so was I.

Put another helpless human being through all that? Reader, I think not. One of my dyke-mum friends said I was "Too weird and too deep to have children". I felt a bit affronted at the time but watching her wrestle her toddler to the ground for possession of a Teletubbie doll, I couldn't help thinking that depth and weirdness were not necessarily a bad thing.

Recently the press has been crawling with *lesbian mums*. I'm not good at this whole lesbian-mother-concept-thang. As a youngster I never went near Tiny Tears, Cindy or Barbie. Unless of course my cousins were visiting, when their Cindy & Barbs would end up plastic bumps to plastic bumps on my shag-pile.

I grew up without an inkling of maternal instinct. This was reinforced after a brief spell of teenage babysitting when the child in question lost his lunch all over me during a particularly vigorous game over over-the-head aeroplanes.

Discovering my Sapphic leanings was a revelation. Aha! I thought, I can't be maternal, I'm a dyke! It became my smug little secret.

My classmates, however were extremely fertile, all seeming to give birth the Summer before they were due to leave school. This population explosion left me feeling like a dried-

up, barren spinster at the age of 15. For the next several years I harped on about kids being an extension of ego, blah, blah...and women genuinely seemed to listen - but the moment a baby entered the room they's all start ignoring me and going ahhhhh!

When I eventually came out my straight friends were relieved. So was my mum, "Thank God, grandchildren are so aging Jules, so aging". (My mum reached 34 sometime ago and then mysteriously stopped getting any older). So far, so good. I wasn't weird, bitter, psychotic, I wasn't unbalanced or unstable, (People who know me - hold that thought), I was just a dyke.

Imagine my horror when I moved from Hicksville to the Big City. Not only were there more than 2 other lesbians within a ten mile radius, lesbian insemination classes were afoot - big style. I am surrounded self-inseminated dykes, lesbian mums and wannabe pregnant dykes. I'm in despair. I don't like animals either, that whole lesbian-cat-thang...jeeeeeeezus. It's no wonder dykes are so poor, after sacks of kitty litter and giant bags of Pampers there's not much change out of a tenner.

Now I find I'm being judged by my so-called community. Apparently I'm 'denying my womanhood'. When I point out that my biological clock is in fact a £1.99 digital bought at a garage several years ago, I'm labelled as 'oppressed'. Seems these days it's not so much getting 'the ring on your finger' as getting the turkey baster in your pickle jar. Why is everything so cut & dried? Dyke does not equal infertile or unfit to parent, woman does not equal maternal or ice queen.

Which reminds me, when that lesbian mum hit the front page of The Sun in 'pickle jar sensation - shock, horror, probe etc...' It was highly instrumental in getting myself and my current, (ok *only* - but it keeps her on her toes), girlfriend tête à tête.

To cut a long story short, that could *easily* have been me posing beside the proud mum on the front page of The Scum. It doesn't bear thinking about, does it?

Julie Taylor

## ...and now for something completely different....

Following on from our BDSM feature some months ago a Nottingham based social and discussion group is now running for bi-women & lesbians exploring BDSM.

MATRIX meets at 8.00pm the first Wednesday of every month at The Foresters Inn on the corner of Huntindon St & St Mark's St.

Use the St Mark's St entrance and turn right, the meeting room is straight ahead and is no smoking (but you can smoke in the other bars). Access is a bit of a problem as there are 2 steps up to the pub and an internal step for access to the loo.

There's a varied programme lined up over the next few months - **5 Nov The £10 Dungeon** - forget all those expensive perv catalogues & discover the delights of DIY, **3 Dec Talking About Sex** - negotiating and asking for what you want and on **6 Jan Design Your Own Small Ad** - describe your ideal lover in 20 words or less.

It's friendly, central pub and the group always welcome new women, MATRIX is strictly a discussion & social group not a BDSM play venue - so if you're curious why not come along & find out what you're missing? There's nothing scary happening.

MATRIX can still be contacted via *outright!* for any woman who would like more information before taking the plunge.



## ...another one bites the dust!

Sadly we have to announce the demise of the Sheffield based *Gayzette-N*, which has folded after 34 issues. Formerly known as *Sheffield Pink* the paper was taken over by Krystyna Hayward a few months ago. Krystyna got a lot of flack from advertisers for introducing more lesbian and transgender items rather than aiming exclusively at the gay

male commercial scene. A perennial problem for all regional independents who rely on advertising to cover production & distribution costs & aim to be more than just a pale imitation of BOYZ etc.

As an alternative, Yorkshire readers can get hold of the excellent Leeds based *SHOUT!* Tel 0113 248 5700 which is still going strong.

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## ...sounds!

from DJ Slraker

First up has to be the new Spice Girls single lifted from their album *Spice up your life*. It's a no-holds-barred Latin party tune with full on tacky vocal chorus and really crap lyrics - typical Spice Girls really. But watch out for the David Morales & Murk club mixes that save the day. Murk goes for a very dubby set whilst Morales delivers an excellent set of pumped House/Latin beats and vocals that work a treat.

N-Trance move back into familiar disco territory with *Do ya think I'm sexy*. Yes, the Rod Stewart song, yes it features Rod on vocals too. Similar to their previous workings of *D.I.S.C.O.* and *Stayin' Alive* but a good track if you like that sort of thing.

Lisa Stansfield delivers an amazing package of remixes for her new single *The Line* I've heard 5 separate versions ranging from punk to disco house. Check out the manic Loop Da Loop mix or the jazzed out vibes of the O'Brian mixes. Very impressive - something for everyone here.

Martha Walsh's seminal club anthem *Carry on* get three separate remix promos lay your hands on one of the very limited Masters At Work mixes if you can - there's only 200 out there.

Dannii Minogue's new album is getting trashed but if you come across a promo called *A Taste of Dannii's Girl* grab it. Again limited to just 200 copies this very rare promo features 4 album tracks totally remixed into a frantic euro/nrg style that's very tasty.

Chris & James deliver an impressive dance version of the old *Romantic classic Ghosts* from Japan - keeping the feeling of the original but beefed up into a commercial house style.

Word of Mouth continue to prove they are the dominant force in UK RnB labels with *Everyday* by Devox & Angie Stone - promoted as a double pack with instrumental, acapella dirty & clean versions - a power driven soul vibe of the highest quality

Tune of the month has to be *Alright/Secret* of logic from Tour de Force out through East West. If Perfecto style trance ala Grace style vocalturn you on then this is one big motha of a tune - and humungous out there on the floor.

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## ...surfs up!

This month I have been asked to focus on areas of the net that are aimed specifically at women.

There is a commonly held misconception that the internet is inhabited solely by male 'geeks'. Of course this is not the case and the internet has a lot to offer males, females and geeks!

**Lesbian OutBox** This area features an electronic newspaper covering issues of specific interest to Lesbians. Such as politics, leisure, art, life-style and health.

<http://www.outbox.com/tree/Lesbian/index.html>

There are of course a plethora of what might be called 'glamour'sites' (ok sex sites). Here are a few for the more broadminded amongst us...

<http://www.bluesatin.com/leswarn1.htm>

<http://www.pandd.com/pass/2girls.htm>

<http://lesbian.imco.nl>

<http://cluballure.com.au/index1.htm>

### Lesbian Rights Bookstore

This area is a good source for difficult to obtain books about such matters as coming out, politics, the right to marry etc.

<http://gaylesissues.mining.co.com/msubbook.htm>

One of my favourite sites is

<http://www.gaytimes.co.uk>.

This is the site owned by the Milveres company publishers of *GayTimes* and *Diva*. Once you have carried out the short registration process, you are free to browse the highlights of all their magazines and a lot more besides. I particularly like the UK OUTdirectory which features photos and profiles or those of us who are out on the net.

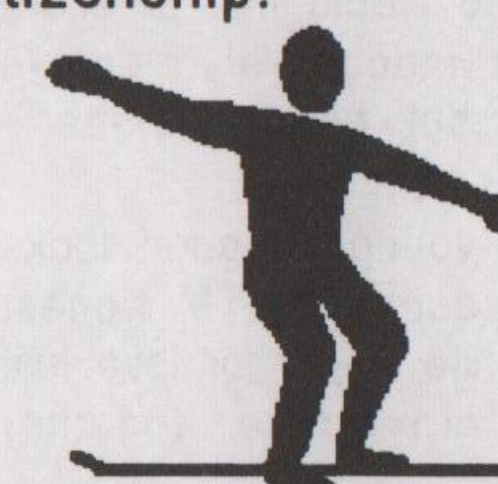
A word of warning about sites that require you to pay for membership. In my experience there is absolutely nothing unique about these sites. All or most of their content can be found elsewhere for free. Don't part with your hard earned cash or plastic unless you are sure the site is something very special.

## Q&A

M.B. from Ollerton, Notts wants to know where her local Cybercafé is. Sadly, the Nottingham Cyberpub has recently closed due to lack of support. If all you require is the Internet I suggest you contact your local library or college who may be able to provide you with casual access. Or if you come into Nottingham regularly CODA the community resource Centre and 118 Workshop both offer low-cost casual access. And there are plans to open a community based Cybercafé in Mansfield Woodhouse in the very near future - watch this column for details.

Can any of our readers suggest a better solution to M.B.'s problem?

If anyone has any suggestions for future articles, hints, tips, interesting sites or anything at all to do with the Internet, get in touch via email [outright@hotmail.com](mailto:outright@hotmail.com) or contact us at the usual address.



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## men's personal

**Leicester video parties** guys 18+ for private parties if you are uninhibited send photo for invite to box 89/1

**Mature guy** young outlook clean shaven slim resonable looks non smoking N/S wltm similar 21-40 yo any nationality lots to give photo appreciated 89/2

**Ready or not** Leicester lad 20 seeks affection likes cinema theatre music wltm 20-25 yo for genuine 1 2 1 photo appreciated 89/3

**Young 50 WE** into squash cycling music and general socialising wltm younger man up to 40 for friendship poss more in Notts area 89/4

**Belper/Derby** gay guy 19 SA GSOH looking for friends maybe more 1824 Derby Amber Valley area police officers welcome 89/5

**Anywhere** horny good looking guy 40 passive WLTm uninhibited guys for fun bottom lovers in for a hot time 89/6

**Derbys guy** 43 5'8" 10st ok looks own place seeks guy for 1-2-1 relationship home offered to right guy ALAWP please 89/7

**Nottingham Derby** novice guy 44 WLTm good looking young guys 18-30 who like to wear leather harness shorts jocks no cp or sm guys for t/f photo 89/8

**South Derbys** country loving healthy pensioner seeks similar 65+ for friendship company maybe more living separate but meeting and sharing often genuine replies only please ALA 89/9

**Nottm Derbys Leics** single guy 42 WLTm good looking single guys or couples 18-35 for no strings fun detailed letter photo ALAWP 89/10

**Leicester** down to earth 29 year old very caring and loving on scene occasionally seeks similar male 24-30 lets get together soon 89/11

**Leics guy** wltm n/s guy 25-35 for fun times and poss more your photo and frank letter ensures reply go on try me 89/12

**Spiritualist 33** born romantic 6' slim build caring considerate interests include sports music cosy nights in WLTm similar 28-35 for friendship and poss 1-2-1 89/13

**Notts Derbys Leics** white guy 42 wltm handsome sa/sl black asian oriental younger guys 18-30 for F/F hopefully more discretion assured photo ALAWP 89/14

**Handsome slim** white guy 39 own place /car many interests GSOH seks young slim non camp Asian man for friendship photo please 89/15

**Notts 30** years of age nice looking genuine and loving passiveseking active male 30-45 medium build for F/F maybe more 89/16

**Notts grandad** seeks grandson with specialised interests 89/17

**Leics lad** 18 new to scene blonde hair blue eyes very cute needs fun and passionate nights with fun cute guys photo please 89/18

**Nottm guy** WLTm s/a mature guy for F&F interests include out door holidays and travel me 30 5'8" blonde GSOH ALAWP 89/19

**Derby s/a 33** yo slim build into eating out walks and good pubs WLTm younger guy with similar interests for poss long term 1-2-1 89/20

**Notts Leics naturist** WLTm anyone 18+ who would like to share nude evenings indoors also enjoys massage ALA but phone number ensures quick reply 89/21

**Leicester** very young 40 good looks skinhesd type active WLTm honest guy asian or white 25-35 for love lust and happy horny time together forever 89/22

**You 18-40** with eager butt seeking wariing experiences and explorations from safe mature guy 89/23E

**East Midlands 35** tall slim cropped hair ok loks GSOH honest WLTm genuine 30-45 for friendship or relationship can travel or accomodate ALAWP 89/24

**East Mid prof** guy mid 40s good looks and physique seeks good looking asian guy 30-40 for lasting fun and close friendship ALA 89/25

**Elderly gent bi** occasional cross dresser seeks similar elderly TVs of mature age 75-85 Derby Nottm areas frank reply please 89/26

**Gay male** seeks similar gay male interests coach trips house visits DIY gardening age 18-80 ALA Derby Burton Nottm 89/27

**Derbys** good looking hairy slim passive guy 43 own place likespets homely guy seeks active guy for

long tem F&F 1-2-1 photo returned ALA 89/28

**Derby traditional** headmaster exciting 54 will carefully unravel you your particular discipline requirements wonderful with deserving boyish type visitors 18-30 curious ? enjoy overlap ? 89/29

**Nottm guy** 25 good looking med build GSOH looking for guy between 24/30 with soh likes music clubs night in/out and LIFE S/A ALA 89/30

**Nottm easy going** guy 50 genuine caring sincere S/A S/L seeks similar for friendship hopefully leading to 1-2-1 89/31

**Guy 29 Derby** new to area Good looking prof seeks similar local lad for fun nights in N/S please 89/60

**Chesterfield 40** med build seeks similar for safer sex phone no for quick reply Sorry no place or transport Photo appreciated but not essential 89/61

**Experienced Nottm guy** s/a s' med build smooth seeks N/Sc guys smooth/hairy slim build 18-25 for O/A massage ALAWP & phone 89/62

**Derbys male 43** No 1 crop med build not ugly hairy passive/active likes pubs/clubs Own place seeks guy 35-50 for f&f 1-2-1 ALA 89/63

**Rugger/Superleague fan** 40 fit fun nice looking seeks young sport jocks/student type to enjoy low key friendship & games also muscle/ gym mates 89/64

**Nottm any young nude** cleaners? £20 for 3 hours cleaning private house midweek afternoon send details/photo 89/65

**Any naturists** interested in day time nudism? Guy 40s trying to get a few uninhibited young guys together Photo/phone helps 89/66

**Horny uncomplicated** good times assured E Mids couple not bad looking 31 WLTm broad minded couples/singles for hot steamy fun Can travel/accom Interested? 89/67

**41 Tall Not crop** slim many interests looking for friend/s in Notts area I enjoy leather/rubbe meals out & theatre sex travelling etc I don't fit into pigeon holes Kenn? Write 89/68

**Derby Rural** schoolmaster/uncle exciting 54 seeks local deserving nephew type visitors 18-35 Offers stimulating hospitality carefully unravelling your special interests Curious replies welcome 89/69

**Leics 62** lonely old man seeks toyboy to brighten his declining years Little money but large libido and GSOH 89/74

## women's personal

**Leics lady** 40 caring loves walking theatre eating out GSOH WLTm similar 35-55 for genuine 1-2-1 or just friendship 89/32

**Big bubbly bisexual** gal into music theatre and drag queens seeks caring affectionate BIs and lesbians 18-30 for friendship and poss relationship write now ALA 89/33

**Leics lesbian** 34 fem interests include sports theatre pubs clubs seeks semi butch female 28-35 GSOH caring romantic for fun friendship and poss 1-2-1 89/34

**Blue eyed blonde** 5'10" 33 GSOH OHAC seeks feminine female for cosy nights & sensual love 89/35

**Leics lesbian** 39 slim GSOH smoker enjoys nights in and out seeks other females for friendship and maybe more non scene 89/39

**Feminine lesbian** 30 prof independant with children enjoys DIY cinema swimming and theatre WLTm women for friendship pen pals and maybe even more ALA in Leicester area non scene 89/37

**Lesbian complete** with broken heart seeks friend in same position not seeking romance just outgoing friend for outing etc...AL 89/38

**Honest caring romantic** lesbian 29 into cats music aromatherapy/ massage seeks understanding openminded friends & poss 1-2-1 relationship in Leics area ALA 89/39

**Derby lesbian** 26 non scene brown hair brown eyes into cinema eating out and quiet nights in WLTm some one similar between 20-30 ALA Derby Notts area 89/40

**Slim athletic 30** something gay female WLTm similar feminine female for f&f enjoys a good film/ dance/meal/drink Notts pref 89/70

**Leics lady 40** small slim smoker N/ Sc varied interests seeks ladies similar age for f&f poss more 89/71

**Romantic feminine** lesbian pretty 20 WLTm lonely caring ladies 18-30 for possible 1-2-1 anywhere Let's drink wine & make love by candlelight ALA 89/72

**Attractive gay** fashionable fem 26 seeks femme gay females 30-40 for friendship poss 1-2-1 I'm honest caring & love life E Mids/anywhere ALA 89/73

**Nottm prof blonde** femme 20s VGSOH like fitness music going out/nights in seeks feminine 25-35 Notts area for poss relationship Pulse preferable 89/75

**North Derbys** new to area lesbian 48 many interests needs friends for going out & more WLTm gay single feminine woman 35-49 ALA 89/76

## bi personal

**Bi lad 25** slim seeks any sa guys 18-30 only into videos poppersetc photo and phone essential Derby area genuine replies only 88/41

**Mansfield bi female** seeks similar for occasional fun times I'm in my late 30s and very easy going 88/42

## just friends

**Derbys lesbian** 40s looking for friendship non smoker not into pubs enjoy days out/in quiet life disabled welcome ALA poss 11-2-1 89/43

**Any christians** who wish to make penpals with inmate drop me a line can't supply photo me 37 you 25-37 (lifer??) 89/44

## messages

**Hi responding** to your letter 16/8/97 this all sounds very tempting... need to know more awaiting further contact. P. 87/45

**Money** you know the group wants more to do with you after the incident with the teepee and the branding iron SNOW

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**Gamrad Man** I wouldn't touch them - I'm a Christian.

**Beano** Are you serious?

**GM** Yes

**B** I'll have to tell my community to boycott your business

**GM** That's alright

**B** Can you recommend anywhere that might do them?

**Divorce**

**Cohabitation**

**Injunctions**

**Family Matters**

**Wills & Property**

The Gamrad Man folded his arms and looked even more tense and shhok his head

**GM** No

I walked out of the door and thought I can't leave this without saying anything.... so went back in

**B** I want you to know that there's lots of Gay Christians and you're being terriblt narrow minded.

At hearing this the Gamrad Man reached for his bible which was within arm's reach and was about to start reading to me - he seemed to know exactly which page to turn to - but I walked out before he could utter a word.



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