

## NORTHAMPTON

Lesbian Line Northampton - 39723  
Tuesdays 6.30 - 9.30pm also drop-  
in between 8.00 - 9.30pm.

PRINCESS ROYAL Womens disco 1st  
Saturday of the month . 172,  
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as a mixed gay club the rest of  
the time ( open 10.30 onwards ).  
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(the Crown), club (Street Life). Club  
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don't know what this is. A phone Line??

## MAISFIELD

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free.

## LOUTH

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information and update on the East  
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Gay Swithboard for contact number.

THE GOLDEN EAGLE High St, Lincoln.  
Mixed disco, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of  
the month. 8pm-midnight. Upstairs room.  
Last admission 10.30pm .

## LOUGHBOROUGH

THE WINDMILL PUB Sparrow Hill (near  
parish church). Thursdays, women only.

THE PACK HORSE INN Woodgate. Mixed.  
Fridays in lounge bar Particularly  
good.

## MABELTHORPE

THE CROSS INN Alford road. Mixed. Gays  
mainly mondays. Music, food, pool,  
restaurant.

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Mixed gay discos. Fridays 7-11pm.

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THE OLDE CROWN Grey Friars Road, (near  
St, Georges church). Lounge bar. Mixed.

## BOOKSHOPS

## NOTTINGHAM

MUSHROOM Heathcote Street.

## LEICESTER

BLACKTHORN 71, Highcross Street.

This guide is as full as we  
were able to make it. If you  
know of anywhere that we  
have missed off - PLEASE LET  
US KNOW. - THANKS.

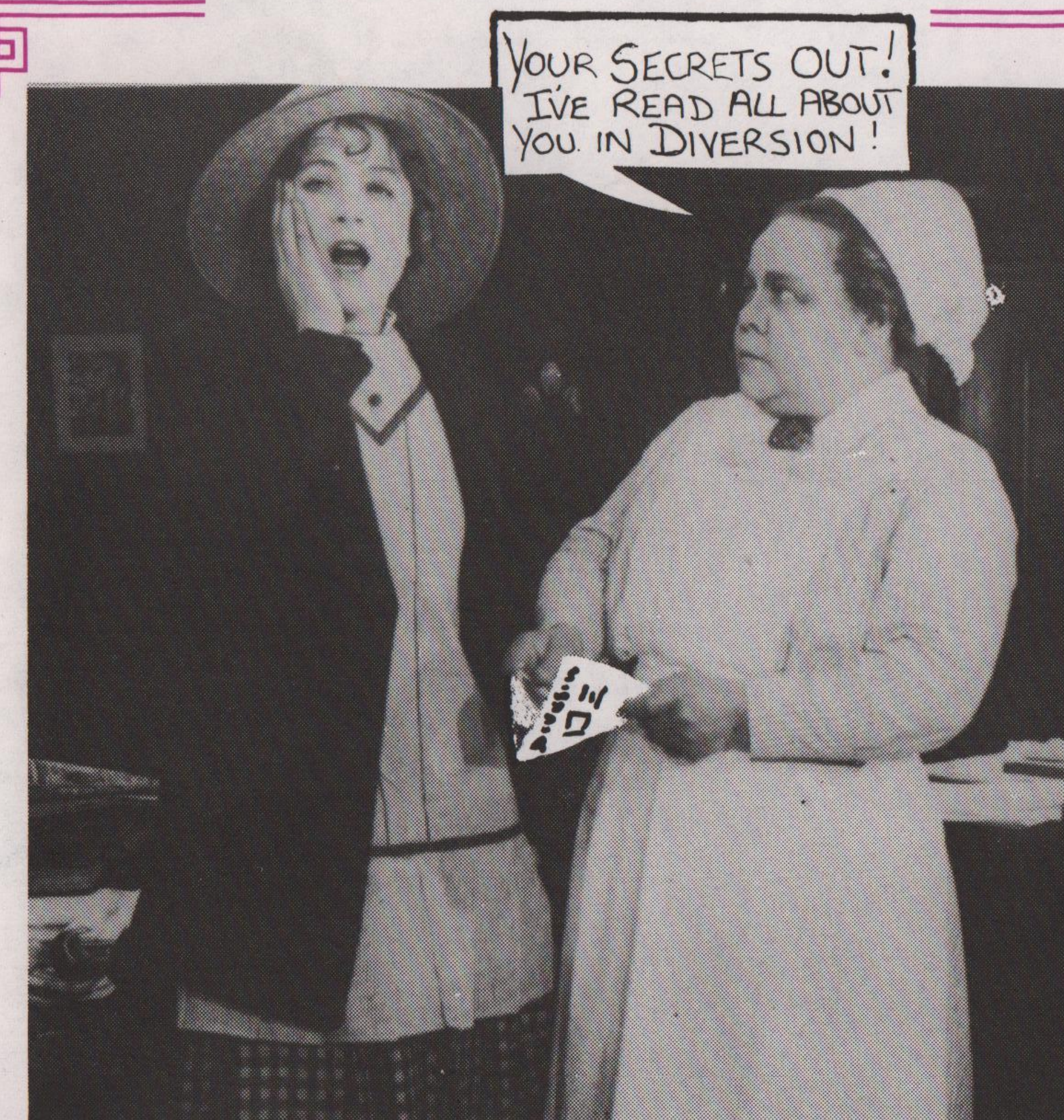
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# DIVERSION

NOTTINGHAM & EAST MIDLANDS  
LESBIAN MAGAZINE

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ISSUE 4



"MY DYKE"

small ADS

LETTERS

NEWS

What's On Lesbians and AIDS

agony dyke Blackpool Revisited

and MORE!!

ON  
SALE  
TO WOMEN



## EDITORIAL

Hi Girls ! At last the 4th Diversion , spring issue - and ain't we full of the joys eh ? No ? then take a look at the lesbian venue guide and try something new.

We've given up offering money/holidays/cruises for completed word searches etc , as we're all now well tanned , and bored with endless trips,as yet again the postman passed us by....We've had an increase of new members to the team, Sister Margereta , who seems to want to solve the whole world and her sisters' problems , she's a real cheery soul , and full of endless charm and chatter . We have now given her her own little cupboard to sit in , out of ear - shot . You could say she's found her niche in life . The other member , Delia , has been testing her recipies on us (show me another parsnip and I'll show you a broken finger). She can't , however , answer any personal cooking problems , so gels please don't send us your failed dumplings .

We hope to update all our information , and we will be visiting all venues , to try and test them for you . We also hope to give them useful star ratings - we will obviously visit in disguise as regular lesbians , so watch out ! Please send in any information of places we've missed out , and do send in your personal ads. or just let us know what you'd like to see in the next issue . I'll say "traa" , and that age old saying "Be good , and if you canna be good be careful , and if you canna be careful , buy a finger cot"!

Contact us through:- Box 11  
118, Mansfield Road.  
Nottingham.  
Lesbian Line  
Mon. & Weds.  
7.30 - 9.00  
410652.

OR COME ALONG TO OUR MEETINGS  
Once a fortnight, Thursdays 5.30 -7.30  
at the womens centre, 30, Chaucer St.  
Next meeting; May 7th.

THE DIVERSION Team



Well, hello dear readers.

We thought it might be a good idea to say a little bit about ourselves and Diversion.

At the moment there are 4 of us working on Diversion (not including Delia - the delectable cook and Margareta - agony aunt extraordinaire). We would really like it if more women become involved - so come on all you frustrated journalists/magazine publishers here's your chance of a lifetime - 'Come on Down' and join us.

We are a bit of a mottley crew (especially first thing Sunday morning after a good night out on a Saturday), though we are all devilishly good looking, highly intelligent, incredibly witty and amusing (and a bunch of liars).

With ages ranging from 2(1) to 3(5) you can see we are a great combination of energy, dashing and childishness on one hand and mature, intelligent sophistication on the other. (Guess how old the woman writing this is and you get a packet of smarties).

So how did Diversion get off the ground? - Well after years of discontented lesbians muttering about how boring Cosmopolitan and Woman was and wouldn't it be great if lesbians had their own magazine us 4 loonies actually thought we'd do something about it. And here's the 4th edition. Getting bigger and better all the time.

The idea was to have a magazine that would appeal to all lesbians, hopefully, amusing and interesting with news, stories, letters, poetry, sport etc., in fact covering as much as possible with one main article every time. We also wanted a magazine that would cover issues around lesbian rights and around our being able to openly be lesbians without fear.

We will not print anything which in anyway may provoke or encourage discrimination against black or disabled people, women or lesbians.

So lets have your stories, cartoons, coming out stories. Whose been in one of the armed forces got any interesting or funny stories from then perhaps.

So if you have anything you want to go in Diversion or fancy being part of getting the magazine together or helping to distribute it just get in touch. Write to us c/o Box 11, 118 Mansfield Rd. or Tel Lesbian Line, 7.30-9pm Mondays and Wednesdays and leave a message and we will contact you.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

PERSONAL. SERVICES. WANTED

If you would like to put an ad in send 30p per advert plus a large stamped addressed envelope to:-

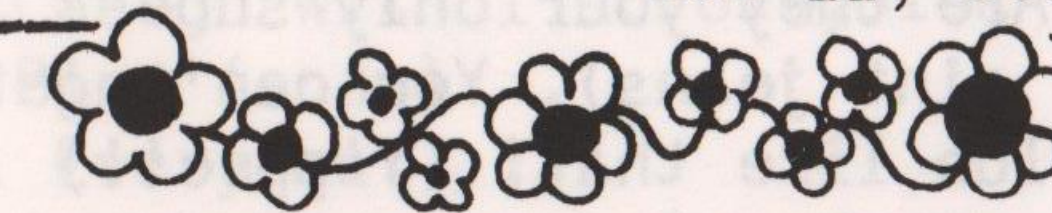
Diversion,  
Box 11,  
118, Mansfield Road,  
Nottingham.

Our copy deadline for the next issue is July 6th , For confidentiality each advert will have a number for replies so you don't have to put an address or phone number. We will then return any replies to you in your stamped addressed envelope.

For replies write C/o Diversion quoting the relevant number.

Typical ad:- Dashing young woman seeks similar. 10.

Typical reply: 10 c/o Diversion,  
Box 11, etc.



DOES YOUR GARDEN need looking after?  
Experienced woman gardener seeks work.  
Contact Bee, tel 412098

WOMAN ROCK CLIMBER  
desperately seeks similar.VS/HVS,  
or thereabouts.Box No.D4.

WANTED - Room in lesbian house, 2 to 3 nights a week, some weekends, negotiate costs - by lesbian non-smoking/vegetarian.REPLIES TO Box No. D1 c/o Diversion

### SINGING GROUP

An informal singing group meets every other sunday evening, very relaxed and friendly. Faint aspirations to get out on the streets, but no pressures. Come and join us. Find out more from DORRY 412098

### SAPPHO PARTNERSHIP.

Photographs of you, your beloved, kids, cats, dogs, etc.  
Phone 706702 or 504087

## LESBIAN MOTHERS

Lesbian Mothers Group meeting in Sunday May 3rd, 2-5pm at the Womens Centre, Chaucer St. For more details phone Chris at the Womens Centre; 411475. Creche provided.

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ALEX you are the sweetest.  
GUESS WHO

Belated card receiver awaits invitation for cocktails.

Funny,witty,humerous dyke seeks similar for boozy nights out.  
Interests include hockey , cricket .  
No.D5

To Chesterfield girls - Thanks ! We'll make that night out soon !

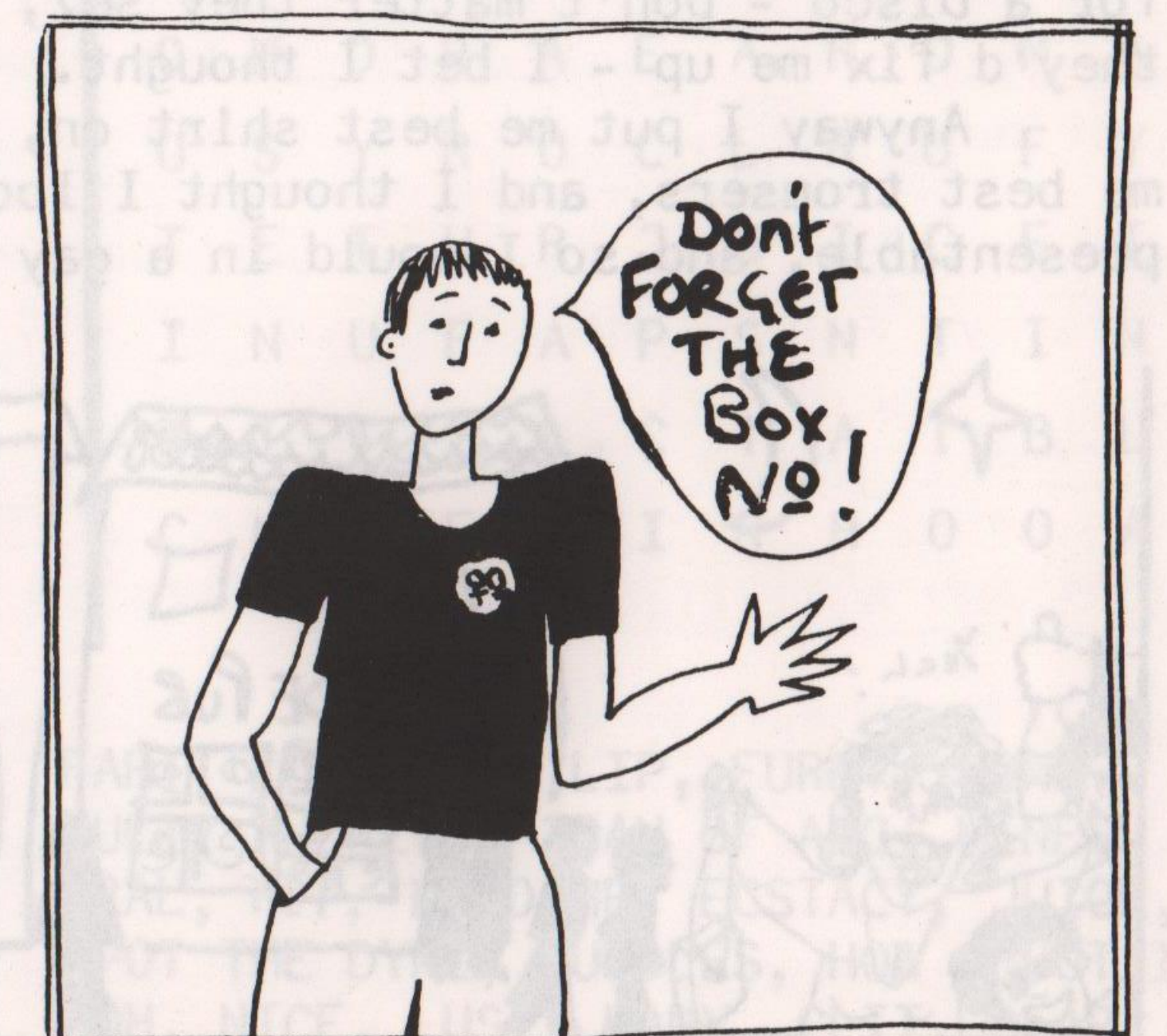
Working class lesbian with sense of humour seeks others for friendship only (any age) for boozy nights out or correspondence .No.D2

M. Take me away from all this ! Angel.

In Hudsons, Feb 28th, You wore black skirt, blue shirt. You dropped book, I picked it up. Our eyes met briefly - can I buy you a drink ? I wore large coat, red face. No.D3.

Pigeon - fly home soon - sparrow.

Hello, Universiteit van Amsterdam!!





## Blackpool Revisited

THE STORY SO FAR — A Dart throwing Dyke goes reluctantly on a Darts weekend, with a straight Darts team — its a Boozy-man-chasing affair, and our Dyke has so far suffered B+B breakfasts, broke land speed records on a Donkey, rose to Dizzy heights on Blackpool Tower, and the Depths of free-for-all of GRAB-A-GEL nights in the local pubs, and sleepless nights in a bed, shared with a straight woman — and now — to continue — THE LAST NIGHT....

### CCCC GETTING READY DDDD

So after such an eventful Saturday I just couldn't wait to discover what was in store for me that evening. I knew it would be another round of pubs. BUT it was Saturday night! The last night here (hurray), the last chance to have a good time (hahh). It had been arranged beforehand that we'd have an evening meal at the B & B. If the breakfast was anything to go by, we weren't in for any culinary delights, so I tried not to eat much in the day so I'd be able to get at least something down - mind after Blackpool tower and the donkey ride I didn't fancy much. Anyway we all converged on dinner, which lived up to even my low expectations, and I was told I'd be going with them to a night club - and to dress accordingly. Gosh sez I, I aint got nowt for a Disco - Don't matter they sez, they'd fix me up - I bet I thought.

Anyway I put me best shirt on, and me best trousers, and I thought I looked presentable, and so I would in a gay bar,

but that would be the last place they'd go to - they said I looked a mess, why no makeup? Are they your only shoes? Jeans? (No they aint jeans). You can't get in a nightclub like that! (Yippee!!) Oh we'll get her in.....Yug.

### CCCC ON THE TOWN DDDD

Anyway I followed the gels round the town, a haze of pubs, gangs of marauding men - I was poked fun at now and again, but as I felt so odd and small Was I the only person in Blackpool not in stilletoes, and posh frock, (apart from the men), I reckoned I was quite safe with the girls. On seeing a street fight our girls layed into the men and split them up - we're going to be murdered I thought, and flashes of hospitals and police enquiries ran through me head, - but they came away unscathed giving the blokes a telling off.



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After the pubs we attempted to get in a few clubs. However being a Saturday night, the whole world and his girlfriend wanted to go to a club. The night was looking up as we were refused for the 4th time. Oh well I said, we tried, - not hard enough they said as we got in taxis - (to save our heels) - about £4 later we found a club which didn't have a queue - they sent me in to see if they'd let us in, on the theory that if they'd let me in they'd let anyone in. Should I lie? say no? While I was dithering in front of the doorman, the women came charging up behind me, waiting to know the answer - the doorman said we were very welcome, it was only men they were turning away (sounds like my sort of club) as there were already six men to every woman! agghh.

### CCCC AT THE CLUB DDDD

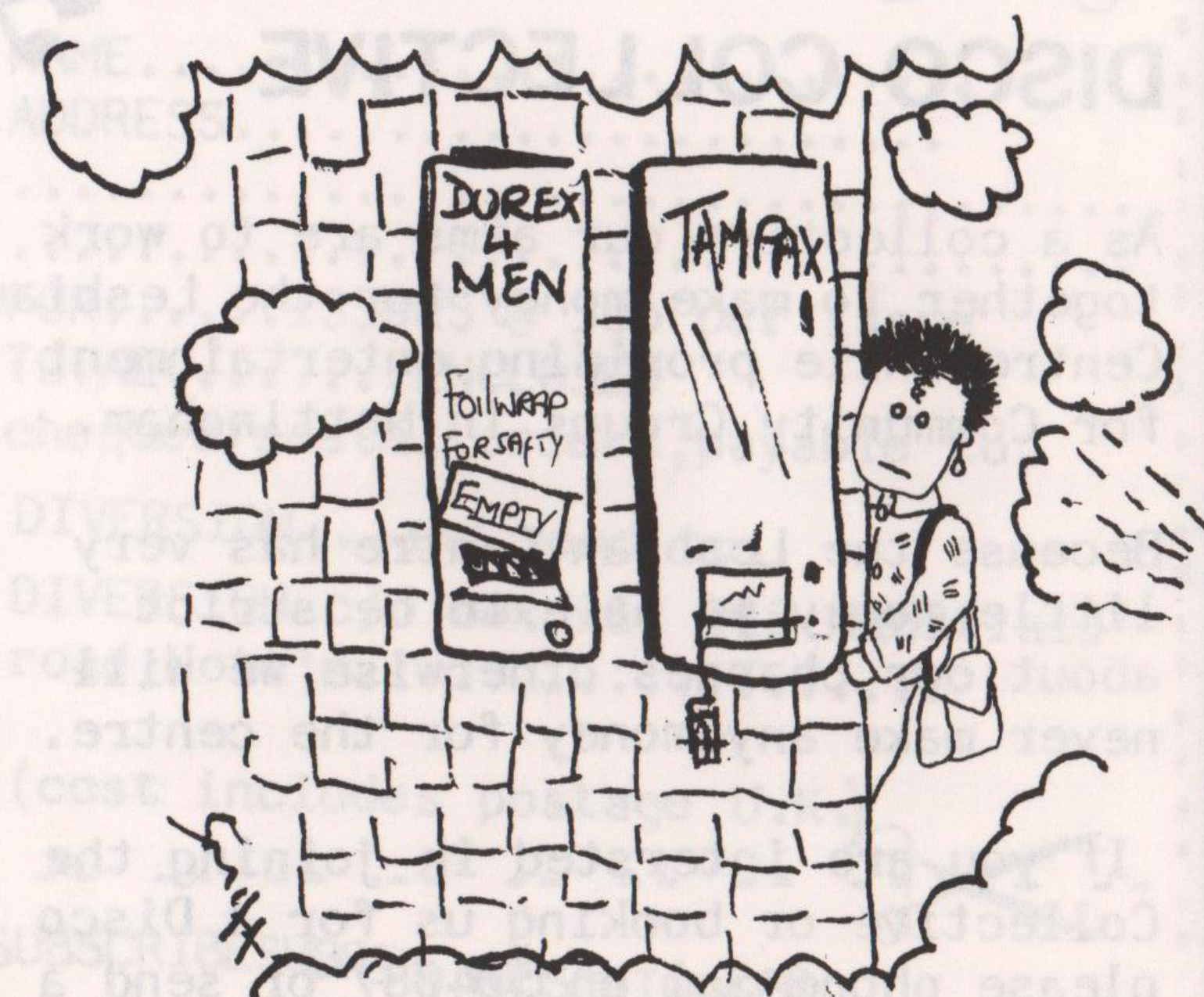


The club was a basement of a Hotel, and it was full of mainly middle-aged business men - pretending they were 18, chatting up women left right and centre, and hoping for a good night away from their wives - Good grief - I hid in a dark corner by the bar - hoping no-one would notice me. The girls had scattered, and by the looks of things doing quite well, hope no-one bothers me - but no, a few of the girls thought I should be enjoying myself more - 'I am, I am, I like standing in dark corners', I pleaded - but before I could get a death grip hold on the bar I'd been dragged onto the dance floor - which was pretty empty and surrounded by mirrors. So, there I stood, glass in one rucksack-come-handbag in the other, not knowing whether to run, fart or climb in to the nearest ashtray - least of all dance. I opted to dance, more a series of twitches, reflected 50 times in the mirrors - however people were finally distracted away from my pitiful performance, by a middle-aged man, "getting on down" and "feeling the groove" He gave

a new meaning to body-popping. The grand finale to his routine was a backflip - he landed on his head - I thought he'd killed himself - but he just got up and went off whisky in hand to grope the nearest woman. I decided to cut short my dancing career and sloped off, after some women had made abusive remarks about me - but not before I'd told one of our girls who went off to sort them out (Tee Hee).

### CCCC HOW TO ESCAPE? DDDD

I then got trapped at the bar for half an hour, I'd been sent to get half a dozen Camparies, but as I turned I was faced by a wall of pin-stripes, and not being very tall I was waist high and my 'excuse mes' were lost in the depths of buckles and zips - but at least I was pretty obscure. When I finally reached disco light, I was informed that I had been fixed up, my friend pointed and waved to a table of men, who enthusiastically waved back, I said I would join them later but I was just going to get a bag of nuts, I went to the bog and hid behind the Tampax machine for an hour, until the fumes from 8 different hair-sprays and 70 different kinds of perfume sent me coughing back into the now gyrating crowd of party goers. I just couldn't believe the lines the men were feeding to the girls, and even me, e.g. 'Oh, your interested in darts, fancy a game? Theres a dart board in the basement (pant, pant). and as they didn't seem to understand a rude no, I had to end up by getting on the dangerous ground of threatening violence, even then they just took it as a joke. By now I was watching the clock - only 2 hours 20 mins and 45 secs 'till I can go - and only one more night in this fair city - how did I cope - I'll never know.



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### Ingredients:

- 800 grams parsnips
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 75 grams of Butter
- 2 Tablespoons of plain flour
- 300 ml of Sour Cream
- 1½ teaspoons of Black pepper
- 1 teaspoon Salt.

Peel the parsnips and put in a bowl of water with lemon juice until required. Cut parsnips into rings and put them into a buttered ovenproof dish. Melt butter and add the flour. Mix to a smooth paste, then add the cream by degrees, until a smooth sauce is obtained. Season with salt and pepper and pour over the parsnips. BAKE for 50 mins, GAS mark 6 (200°C)

(Carrots may be used instead)  
28gms = 1oz 300ml = ½ pint

## DISCO COLLECTIVE

As a collective our aims are to work together to make money for the Lesbian Centre while providing entertainment for Community Groups in Nottingham.

Because the Lesbian Centre has very little money we have to be strict about our charges otherwise we will never make any money for the centre.

If you are interested in joining the Collective or booking us for a Disco please phone Sal on 504087 or send a

note to The Disco Collective,  
30 Chaucer St.  
Nottingham.


Our current charges are:-

- 1). Discos in Women Centre
  - a). Unfunded groups £15
  - b). Funded £25
  - c). Private £40 - £60.

- 2). Outside of the womens Centre there will be an extra charge to cover travel expenses this will be £5 min.

The Disco Collective will not hire out equipment.

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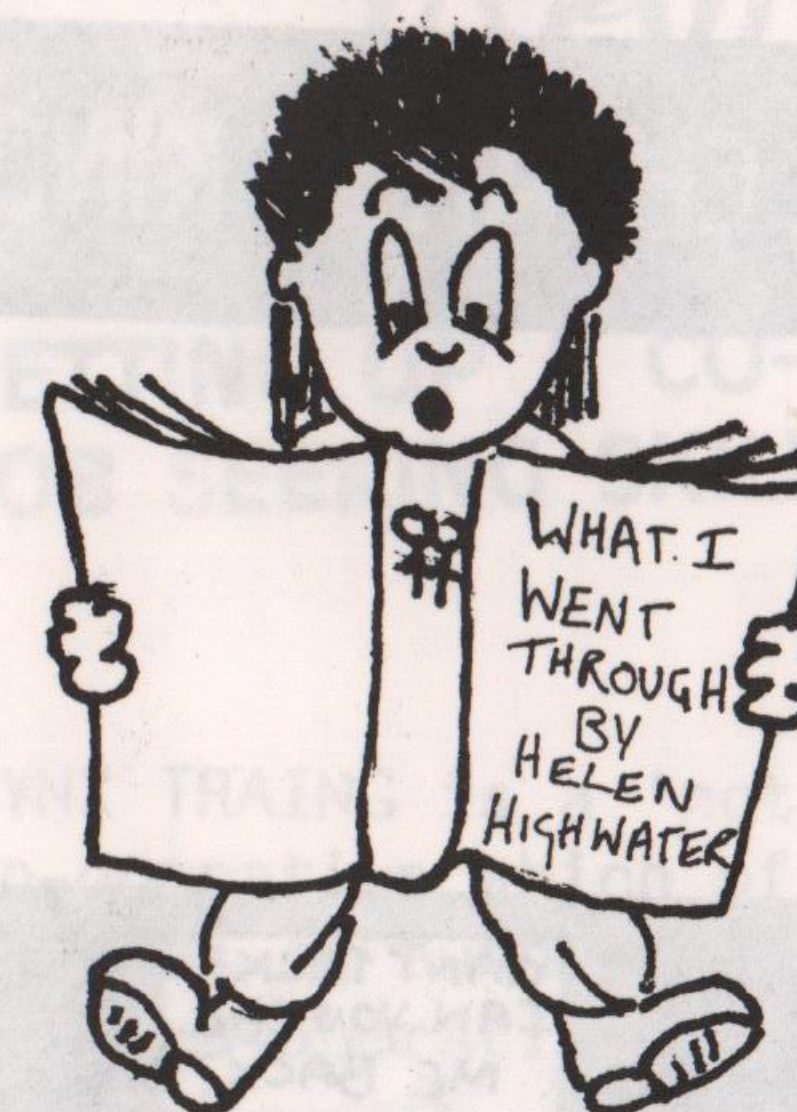
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### NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN LINE 410652



**MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
7.30pm-9pm  
CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE,  
INFORMATION AND SUPPORT.**

## LESBIAN LIBRARY



Look at your bookshelves. Aren't there some books there of interest to lesbians, that you'll most likely never read again? It's a terrible shame to leave them sitting there, when they could be shared with other women. Lesbian resources are scarce we can't afford to keep things to ourselves. It might seem a wrench to part with some, but imagine the joy of coming into the library and finding loads of other lesbian books free for you to borrow.

Please bring them in to Jo Fraser's office, see below for address, and get your friends to do the same. (We'll even pay you for them, we're that keen), though we'd prefer donations, as that means we've got more money to buy new books with.

### OTHER THINGS YOU COULD DO TO HELP

If you come across any lesbian books in second hand shops, grab them and we'll buy them from you.

If you have back copies of any magazines, please pass them onto us.

We'd also like to hear from you - what books you'd like to see in the library. Please contact us with any

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ideas, book lists, suggestions, as soon as possible.

And if you're interested in getting involved with the library group, then please, please contact us:-

c/o Jo Fraser

Equal Opprtunites Unit.

Nottingham City Council

Tel 418571. Ask for Jo Fraser

We're also planning to have videos evenings to help raise money to buy some books and videos too. So please come and support us!

## Black Lesbian Group

There is a room for Black Lesbians in the Womens' Centre. We want to start a group --- Anyone interested phone The Womens' Centre for more details. Tel; 411475, Mon -Fri 10-4, Sat 10-1. Or write to the Black Lesbian Group, c/o The Womens' Centre, Chaucer St, Nottingham.



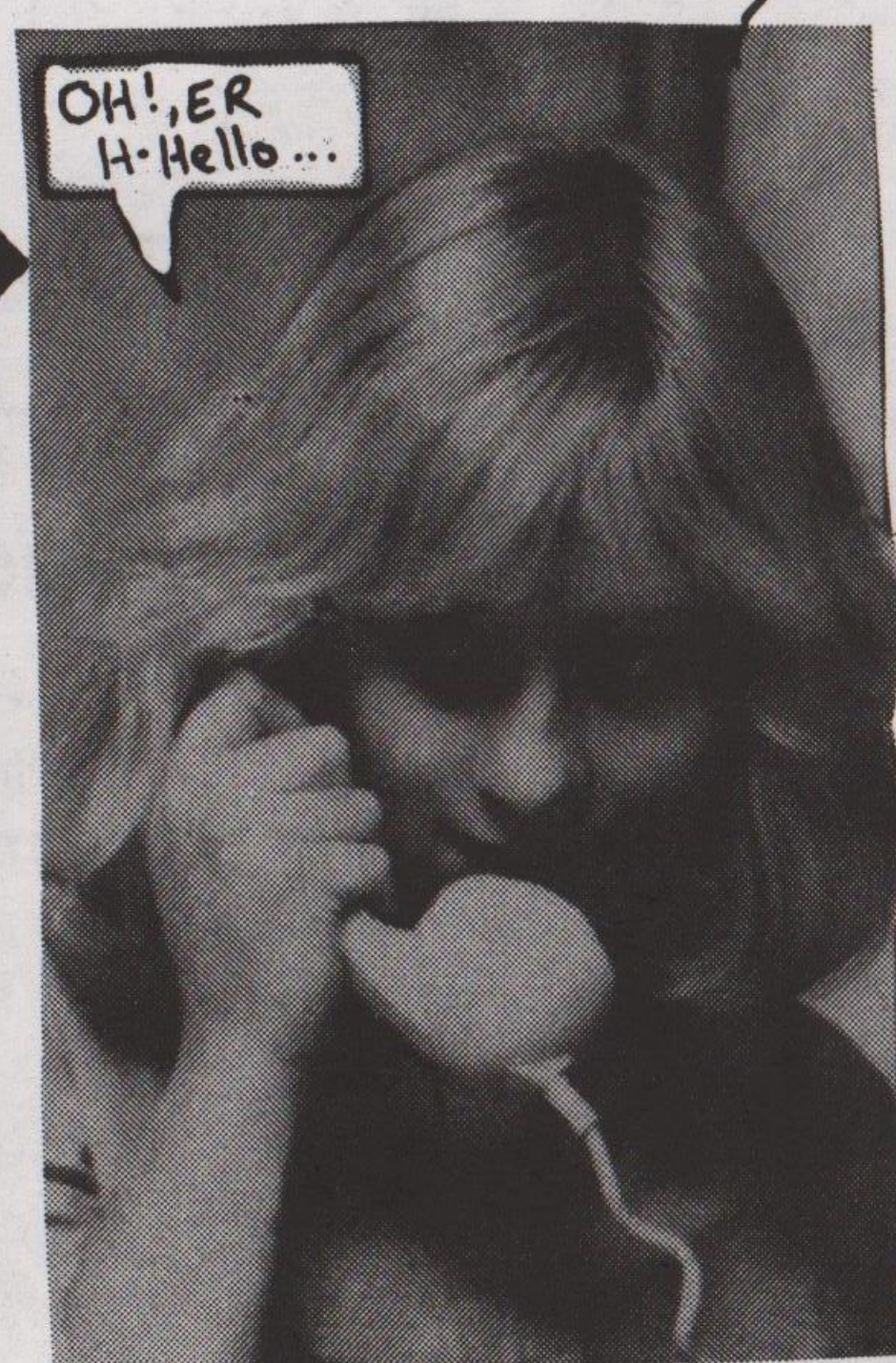
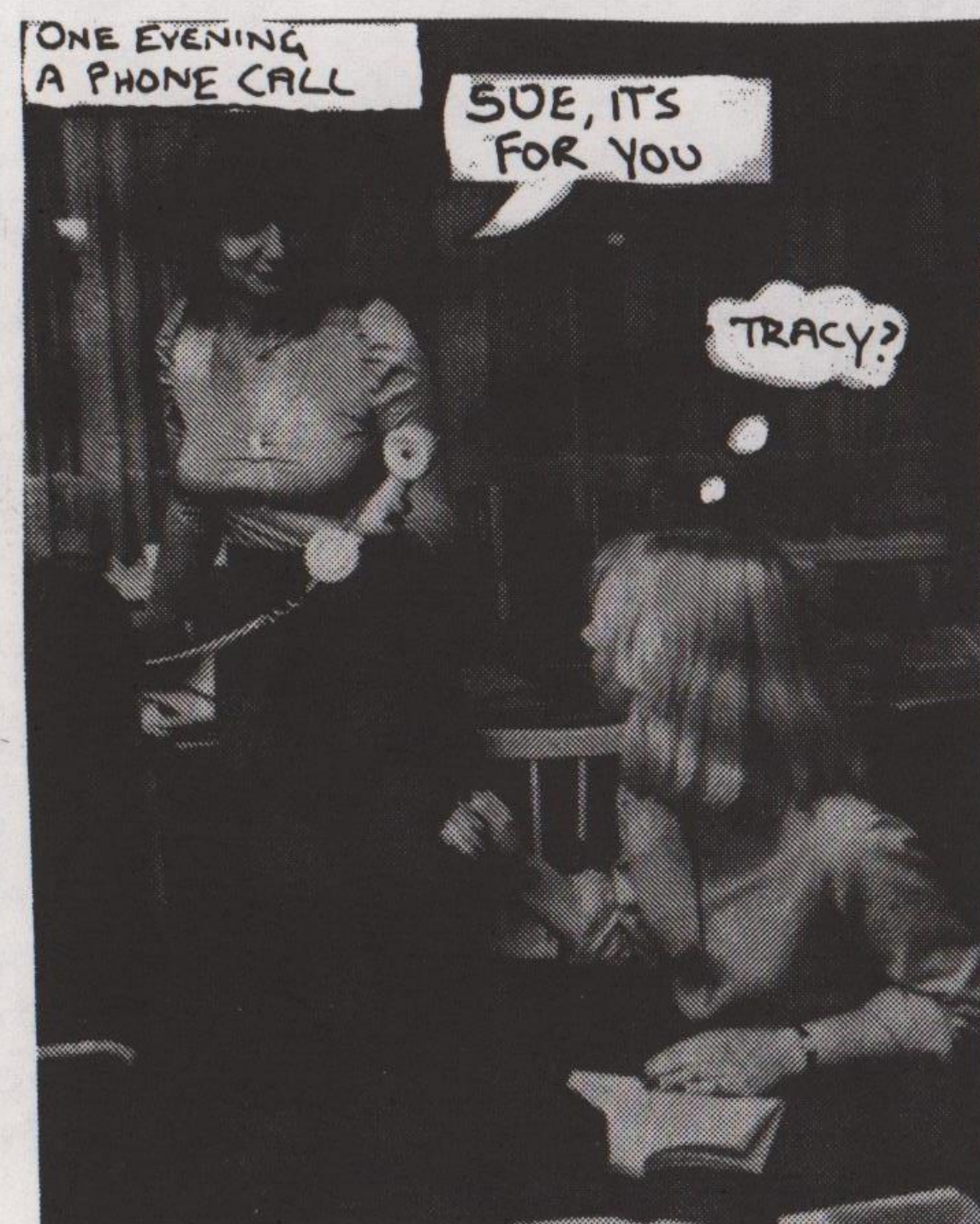


"MY DYKE" CONTINUES THIS MONTH - with a heart-rendering story of love and betrayal our Dyke

Said...

# I FELL FOR HER LIES!

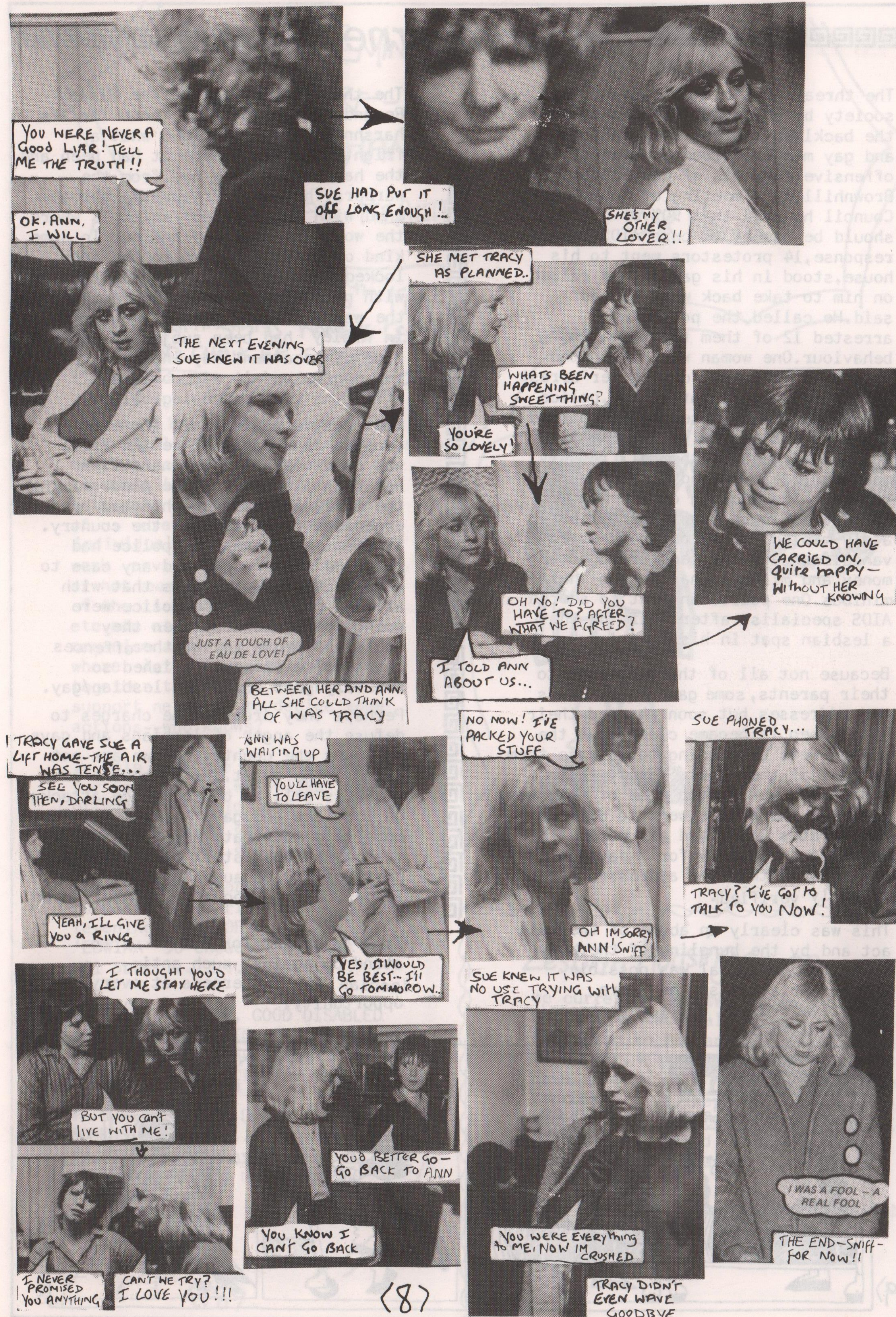
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The threat to the stability of this society by being 'out' was shown by the backlash against the leabians and gay men who stood up against the offensive comments of Councillor Brownhill. At a meeting of South Staffs Council he said that 90% of gays should be gassed to cure AIDS. In response, 14 protestors went to his house, stood in his garden, and called on him to take back what he had said. He called the police who arrested 12 of them for threatening behaviour. One woman was hit in the face by a policeman during her arrest and filed a complaint at the police station. She was subsequently charged with assaulting two policemen. The police treated them all roughly made intimidating and offensive remarks - commenting on how much they agreed with Brownhill, deliberately misled the 12 on procedure, vandalised a camera, and took papers, money, and mileage charts from their minibus. One policeman went to see an AIDS specialist after claiming that a lesbian spat in his eye.

Because not all of them were out to their parents, some gave false names and addresses but soon changed their minds when it became clear that the police were only going to release them on bail if they could verify their addresses. Even though most of them were verified, the police went to Seiden Magistrates Court and all were remanded in custody for 7 days on the grounds that the addresses weren't properly verified.

This was clearly an abuse of the bail act and by the bungling of the duty solicitor, no appeal was possible before Christmas so they were effectively given a 7 day sentence over Christmas.

The three women went to the Risley Remand Centre which is known for its harshness. They described what a frightening experience it had been and the harassment they had from the warders. They were frequently threatened with the 'strips' which is where the woman is stripped and put in some kind of plastic bag up to the neck, locked in a small room and left there, with no access to a loo for as long as the warders want. Some of the women in Risley had been subjected to this kind of treatment day-in, day-out for months and it was obviously affecting them psychologically.

The charges against all 12 were dropped four days before the trial was due to start. A demonstration had been planned to take place outside the trial and many coaches had been organised from all over the country. It seems that even the police had realised that no one had any case to answer. It's also obvious that with all the publicity the police were going to be shown up when they could not prove any of the offences charged. The 12 were punished so severely just for being lesbian/gay.

Perhaps they dropped the charges to defuse the anger of lesbians and gays all over the country, but we are not going to be quiet. The Wombourne 12 cases, as well as other police attacks on lesbians and gays has only given more to demonstrate about. Brownhills statements must still be challenged particularly because Greenway, the leader of the Labour group, had agreed with him.

It's important for all of us to stand up against such anti - lesbian /gay bitterness at every opportunity.



CATHY JACKSON

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This is a bit of a diversion I thought

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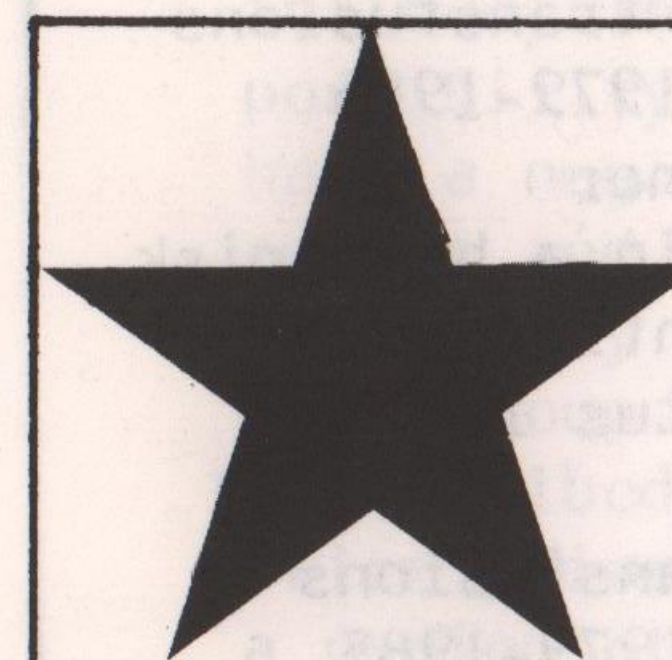
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# STAR LETTER

Dear Diversion,

We've been meaning to write for ages,  
but never got round to it, better late  
than never, eh!

We are both from Chesterfield and a couple of Diversion's have found their way to us. When the second one arrived we couldn't control ourselves and read it from cover to cover in about 4 seconds, the only problem was when reading it on the bus it was a bit hard to read it discreetly - it could have done with a brown paper cover!

We think the magazine is funny, its the only good local lesbian magazine around. We thought the best bits were the photo story, cartoons and the Blackpool story. One thing at least you can understand it - not like some crap you try to read.

Now you can stop getting too big headed cos it could be even more perfect than it is if it had a few more real life stories; maybe interviews with other young lesbians - things about coming out and how other people deal with it.

How about a book list reviewing the best lesbians books around -(especially the juicy ones) - and why haven't you got an agony dyke for all our deep and meaningful? problems!!

Another thing is, we have nowhere to go - and where we do go we get thrown out because we are \*?!\* you know whats, so please, please, grovel, give us more places to go.

Whens the next issue, better be soon  
we're getting withdrawal symptoms.

love from

Paula & Dawn.  
Chesterfield.



# LESBIANS AND AIDS



AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is a disease caused by a virus which breaks down a part of the body's immune system.

Lesbians are at low risk of contracting or transmitting the AIDS virus at this time unless they inject drugs or have unsafe sexual contact with people in high risk groups.



## AM I AT RISK?

The virus is passed on mainly through infected blood or semen (sperm).

The virus can only be caught if it passes directly into the body (eg. through the eyes, or cuts in the mouth, anus, vagina, or skin).

There is a high concentration of the virus in blood and semen and a lower concentration in vaginal, and cervical secretions, and breast milk and an even lower concentration in saliva, tears and urine.

The virus is not easily passed on. You cannot catch the virus through daily social contact (eg. by sharing toilets or crockery; through using swimming pools; or by hugging or shaking hands). Nor can you catch AIDS by giving blood. AIDS is a fragile virus and is not easily transmitted. It needs certain conditions to survive. It is not carried through the air, dies quickly once it is outside the body.

Since the AIDS virus is transmitted primarily through blood and semen, lesbians who may be at risk are those who;

- \*Share needles or any other equipment if using IV drugs. This is the single most important risk category for lesbians

- \*Have had sexual contact with -
  - people who use IV drugs
  - men who have had gay sex since 1979

- people of either sex whose sexual history is unknown
- people who are haemophiliac, or who have received blood transfusions or blood products between 1979-1985

- \*Have used semen for donor insemination from a donor in a high risk group who is known to be antibody positive, or whose risk status is unknown.

- \*Have received blood transfusions or blood products between 1979-1985.

\*( IV drugs, means injecting drugs.)

### LESBIANS AND AIDS - WHATS THE CONNECTION?

MAY 9th. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

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61b MANSFIELD ROAD. (next to Automart).

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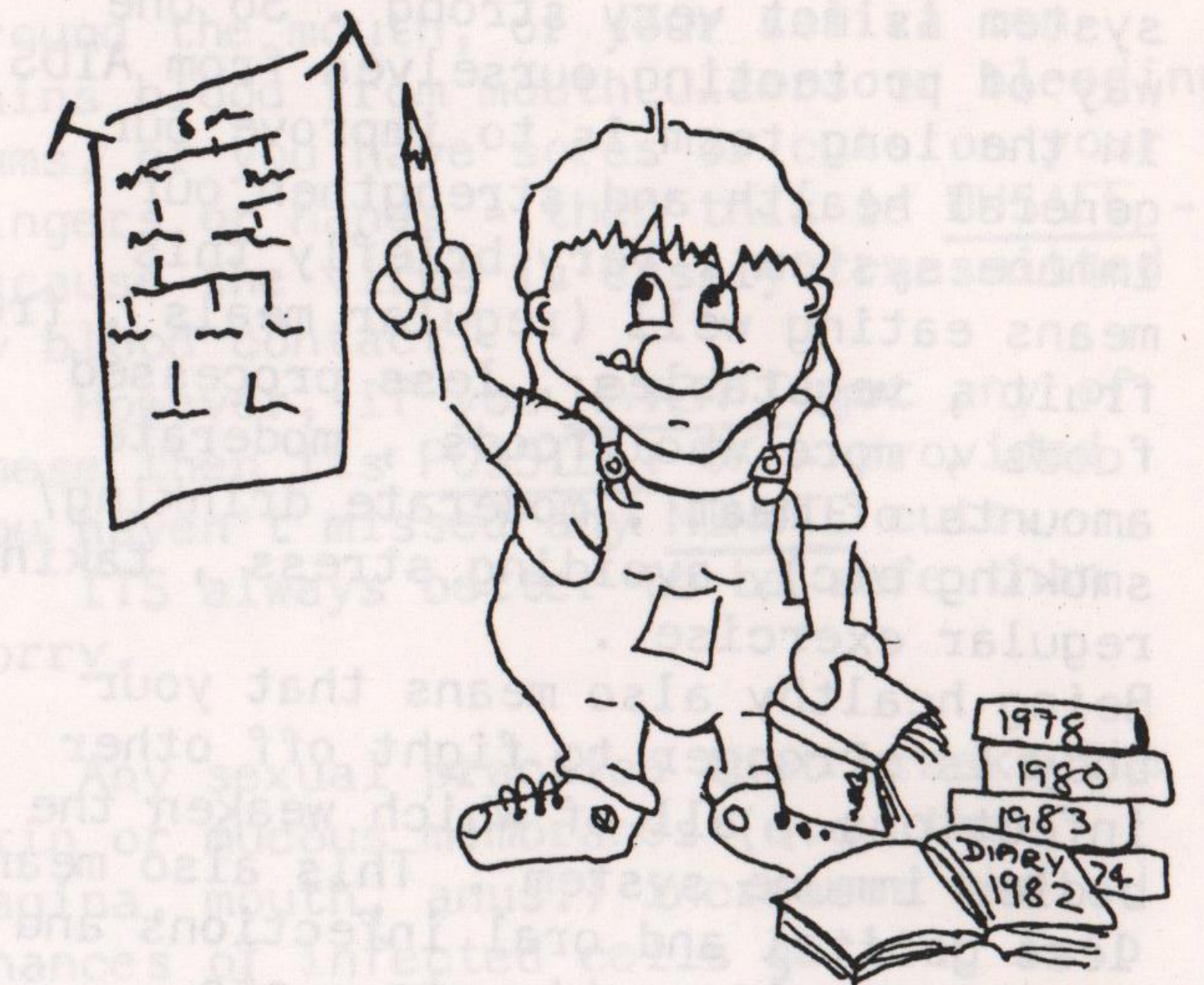


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## Reducing the spread of AIDS in the Lesbian community

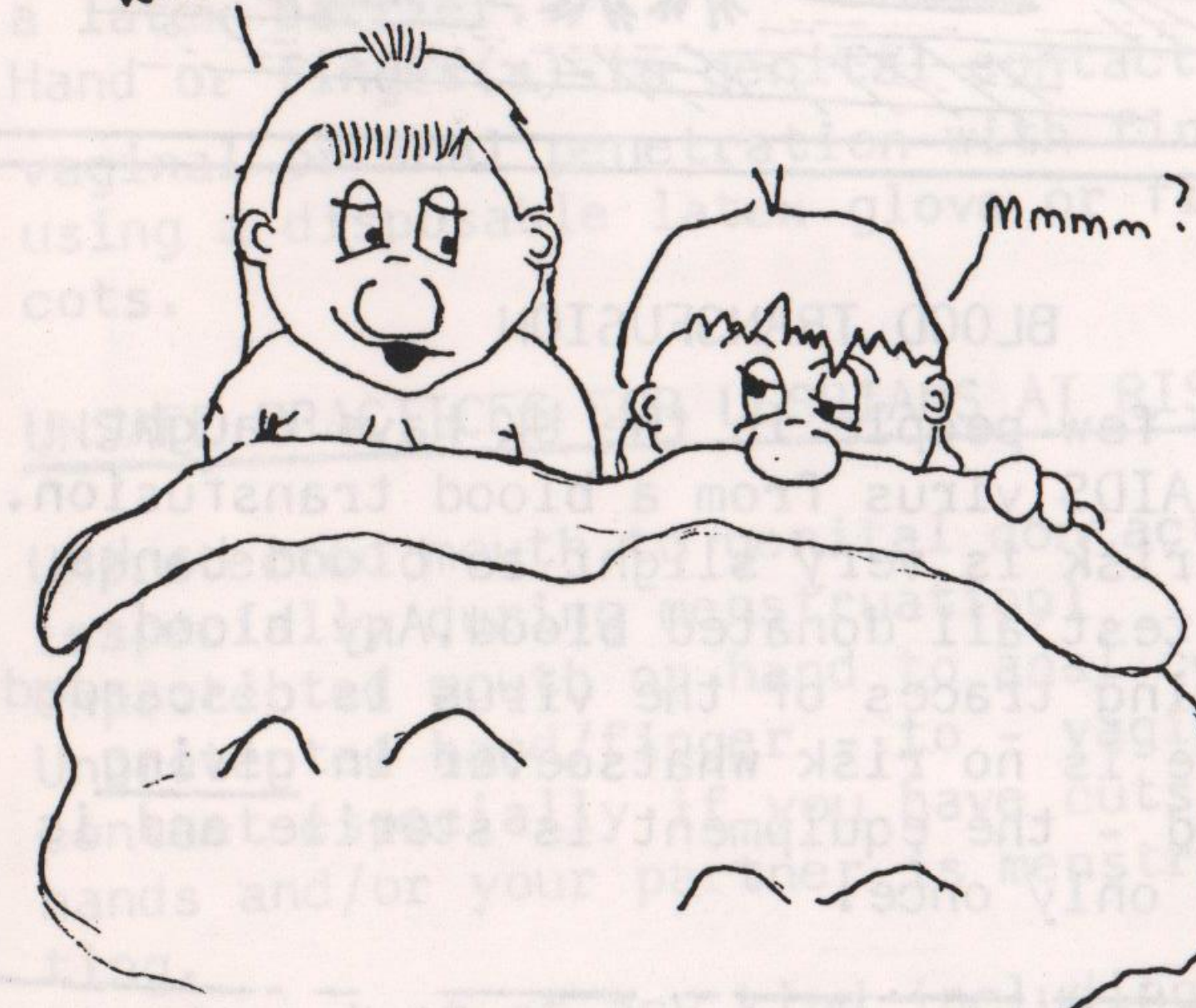
There are , at the moment , very few lesbians (known of) in Britain who are antibody positive . We all need to think about whether we are or have been at risk of contracting the virus . Look at the ' am I at risk ' list . Are you , your lover , your ex-lover in any of those categories ? We need to think about and work out our sexual histories . Try writing it down - like a family tree . When you take on a partner , you take on all their ex - partners and all their partners etc , etc You will need to go back to 1978 , when the first known cases of AIDS occurred in Britain . If you or your partners have been to Africa or America and have had sex with any-one from these countries or had blood donations in one of them , then you will need to trace your sexual history to about 1970 .

You will also need to talk to your partner(s) about it . Even if we don't think we are or have been at risk we need to be prepared to offer to share our sexual histories with new lovers , and to ask about theirs . Everyone needs to feel able to assess the risk for themselves and not be afraid to say 'I'd like to have safe sex'



However carefully we talk about our sexual histories its not really possible to be 100% sure that we have never been at risk. This is because we we're unlikely to be able to trace all our ex-partners' partners' partners and so on. So its probably best if we avoid any contact with each others blood. This will reduce the possibility of any of us getting the virus off each other and will slow down the spread of HIV in our community.

THEN... In 1979 there was ENID....



IF I THINK I MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS , WHAT SHOULD I DO ?

If you think you might be or might have been at risk, then talk to someone from the AIDS information project. They will give you information, advice and support.

**NOTTINGHAM AIDS  
HELPLINE  
585526**

**Monday/Tuesday 7pm-10pm.**

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## Improving your health helps to fight the virus

There is some evidence suggesting that AIDS attacks people whose immune system is not very strong. So one way of protecting ourselves from AIDS in the long term is to improve our general health and strengthen our immune system. Very briefly this means eating well (regular meals, fresh fruit, vegetables, less processed foods, more wholefoods, moderate amounts of meat, moderate drinking/smoking etc), avoiding stress, taking regular exercise. Being healthy also means that your body is stronger to fight off other infections, all of which weaken the bodies immune system. This also means less genital and oral infections and quicker healing skin etc, etc. We particularly need to sort out any genital or mouth complaints, quickly clearing up any cold sores or bleeding gums etc. Don't forget to put plasters on any cuts and don't share tooth brushes or razors etc.

In order to reduce the risk of catching the virus, women who inject drugs should not share needles and syringes and should practise 'safe sex' with all partners.

'Safe sex' is any activity which does not involve an exchange of body fluids eg. hugging, stroking, general body contact.

## Cases of AIDS in Britain upto 1986

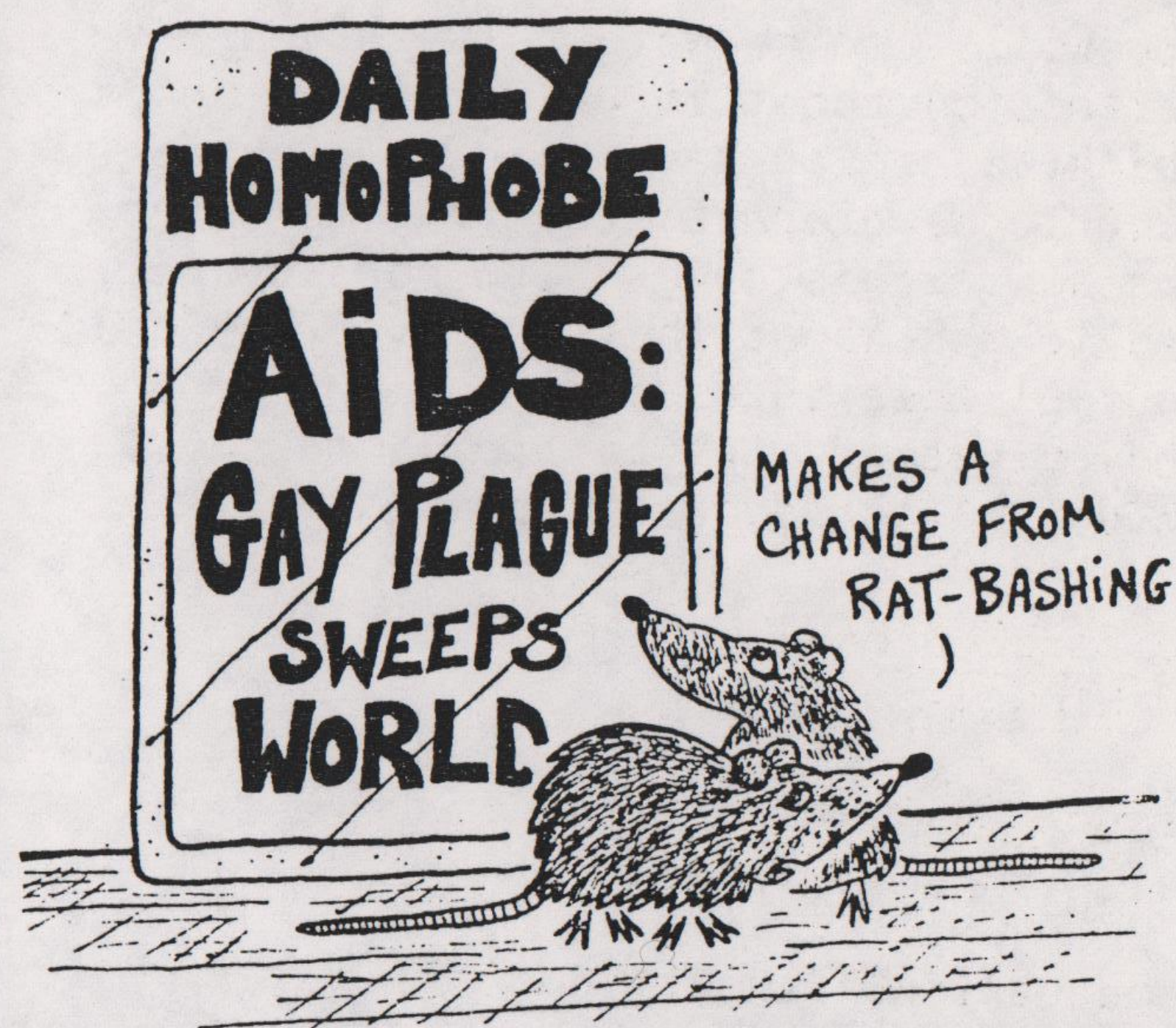
	CASES	DEATHS
	M = male	
	F = female	
Homosexual & bisexual men	487M	234
IV Drug users	6M2F	2
Homosexual & drug users	3M	2
Haemophiliacs	21M	19
Recipients of blood	7M3F	8
Heterosexual contact - UK	2M2F	3
abroad	5M7F	8
Children	2F	1
Other	1F	1

(Note that the figures do not indicate which are male or female deaths)



### HOW LESBIANS GET OR PASS ON AIDS

- \* Through sex
- \* Through sharing needles
- \* Through artificial insemination
- \* Through blood products
- \* To the foetus in pregnancy
- \* Through pregnancy (if you are HIV positive, you are at greater risk of developing the disease if you are pregnant).



### BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Very few people in the UK have caught the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion. The risk is very slight as blood banks now test all donated blood. Any blood showing traces of the virus is discarded. There is no risk whatsoever in giving blood - the equipment is sterile and is used only once.



## Safe sex - Guidelines for Lesbians at risk

These guidelines are intended for those lesbians who have reason to believe they may be infected with the AIDS virus or whose activities may place them at risk:-

If you have a new sexual partner, learn about her history and share your own. Do either of you fit a high risk description? Your responsibility is as vital as your new lovers to reveal important information about exposure.

If either woman may be carrying the virus, she should not allow her menstrual blood, vaginal secretions, urine, feces or breast milk to enter her partners body through the mouth, rectum, vagina, or broken skin. Although the virus has been found in saliva there is no evidence, at present, that it can be transmitted through this fluid.

### SAFE SEX PRACTICES FOR LESBIANS AT RISK:-

Massage.  
Body to body rubbing.  
Stroking.  
Social (dry) kissing.  
Touching your own genitals.  
Vibrators and other sex toys (using only your own/not sharing).  
Body kissing - if all cuts are well covered, (not genital or anal).

### POSSIBLE SAFE SEX PRACTICES FOR LESBIANS AT RISK:-

French (wet) kissing  
Mouth to genital or anal contact - using a latex barrier.  
Hand or finger(s) to genital contact, vaginal or anal penetration with finger(s) using a disposable latex glove or finger cots.

### UNSAFE PRACTICES FOR LESBIANS AT RISK

Unprotected mouth to genital contact (especially during menstruation)  
Unprotected mouth or hand to anal contact.  
Unprotected hand/finger - to - vaginal contact especially if you have cuts on hands and/or your partner is menstruating.  
Blood contact of any kind including menstrual blood.  
Sharing sex toys that have had contact with body fluids.

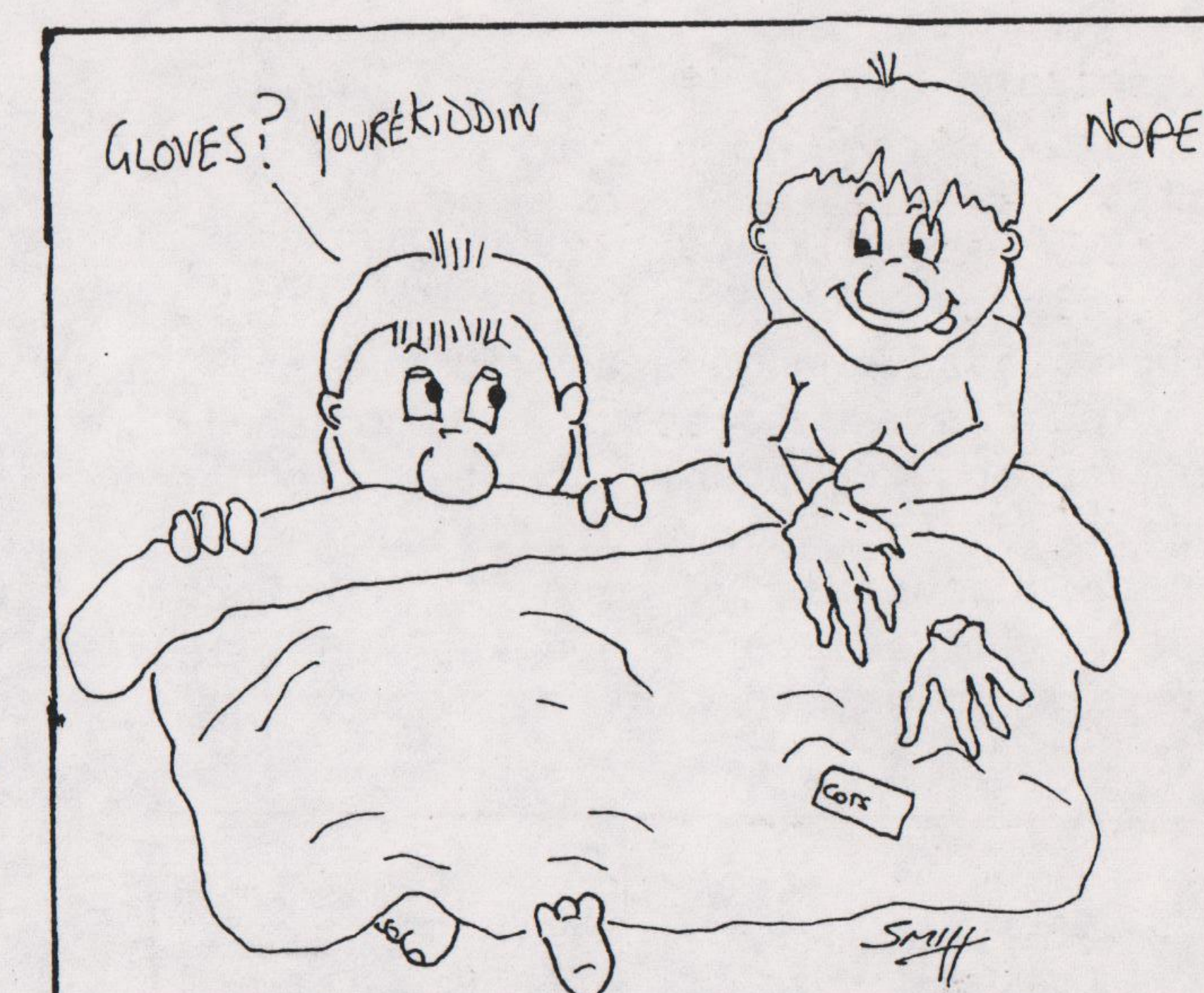
### POSSIBLE SAFE SEX MEANS:-

If you have sores or cuts in or around the mouth, or your saliva contains blood from mouth ulcers or bleeding gums, or you have sores or cuts on your fingers or hands - then this is **UNSAFE** - because the virus is easily transmitted by blood contact.

However, if you **HAVEN'T** got any of these then its **POSSIBLY OK** - provided you haven't missed any **MINUTE** cuts.

ITS always better to be safe than sorry.

Any sexual practice that breaks the skin or mucous membranes (e.g. the vagina, mouth, anus.) increases the chances of infected cells getting into the body. Vaginal, oral or anal sex are high risk practices with an infected person or someone whose background you are not sure about. Sexual activities which carry little/no risk are those in which an infected person does not allow her body fluids to enter another womans body.



The phrases, latex barrier, finger cots and disposable latex gloves are all taken from an American leaflet, you can get disposable rubber gloves (and maybe finger cots) from a large chemist like Boots or possibly Wilkinsons on North Sherwood St.

Keep your finger nails short to avoid cuts and don't make love with cracked lips or unprotected cuts on your hands.



## TO TEST or NOT TO TEST

The testing that is currently available checks for the presence of the antibody. It's a blood test on a small sample of blood taken from the arm and results take between two and four weeks at the moment. You can get a test from most major hospitals and you can be anonymous. If you have a positive test this does not mean you will go on to develop the disease, but it must be assumed that you are infectious. At the moment about 30% will go on to get full blown AIDS, but it would appear that this number is rising. If you have a negative test and are worried that you may have been exposed to the virus, it's a good idea to have the test done again in about three months time as the virus can remain undetected for that time.

However, having a test is not as simple as it may sound. It is important to decide whether the benefits of the test are worth the risk. Having a positive test can affect your work, your sex life, your access to housing, to insurance and so on.

Counselling before the test is vital so that a person is prepared for a positive result.

Talk to Nottingham AIDS Helpline -  
Tel:- 585526. Mondays and Tuesdays 7-10pm.

You can ask to speak to a woman if a man answers the phone. The test is done locally at the Sherwood clinic, The General Hospital, Postern St. Nottingham. Also read the Terence Higgins Trust leaflet 'To test or not to test'.

REMEMBER  
GONNORRHEA?

AH-THOSE  
WERE THE  
DAYS...



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## STATISTICS

Women with AIDS in the USA up until the end of 1986 and how they caught it

53% were injecting drugs  
14% were through heterosexual contact  
10% were through blood transfusions  
4% were through blood products eg factor 8  
23% unknown

Of the 14% heterosexual contact, The men had caught the virus through ;  
71% were injecting drugs  
20% were bisexual  
9% were haemophilliac, blood transfusion recipients, men from outside the states.

## HOMOPHOBIA

A very serious consequence of the media hype on AIDS for Lesbians has been the homophobic reaction of the general public. Many people lump gay men and Lesbians together about the dangers of AIDS, when in fact, Lesbians are a low risk group

In the US a judge denied a lesbian mother access to her children because he feared she'd pass AIDS onto them. In this country a blood donation unit refused to take blood from a lesbian.

(see Diversion no 2 and update in this issue.) Page 22.

Another way that AIDS has affected Lesbians is self-insemination. Until recently, many Lesbians (and heterosexual women) used gay men as sperm donors. Now fewer men (both gay and straight) feel they can safely donate, and women are having to resort to the few private clinics who do not discriminate against Lesbians.....

It is feasible to have many partners as long as you ONLY practice safer sex. HOWEVER, the more people you sleep with obviously increases your chances of sleeping with someone with the virus.

## WHAT ABOUT PREGNANCY?

Women who are infected with the AIDS virus may pass it on to their unborn children during pregnancy or at birth. The AIDS virus can also be transmitted through breast milk.

For women who are infected with the AIDS virus, pregnancy may increase their risk for developing AIDS.

## WHAT IF I WANT TO USE DONOR INSEMINATION TO BECOME PREGNANT?

If you are planning pregnancy through donor insemination, you may want to follow the recommendations listed below. They suggest screening techniques which may reduce your risk of exposure to the AIDS virus.

\*You need to do a risk assessment of your donor(s) on a case-by-case basis. If you want a gay man as a donor, remember that many, but not all gay men are infected with the AIDS virus. Not all have engaged in high risk behaviors.

\*Get information about your donors health and medical history.

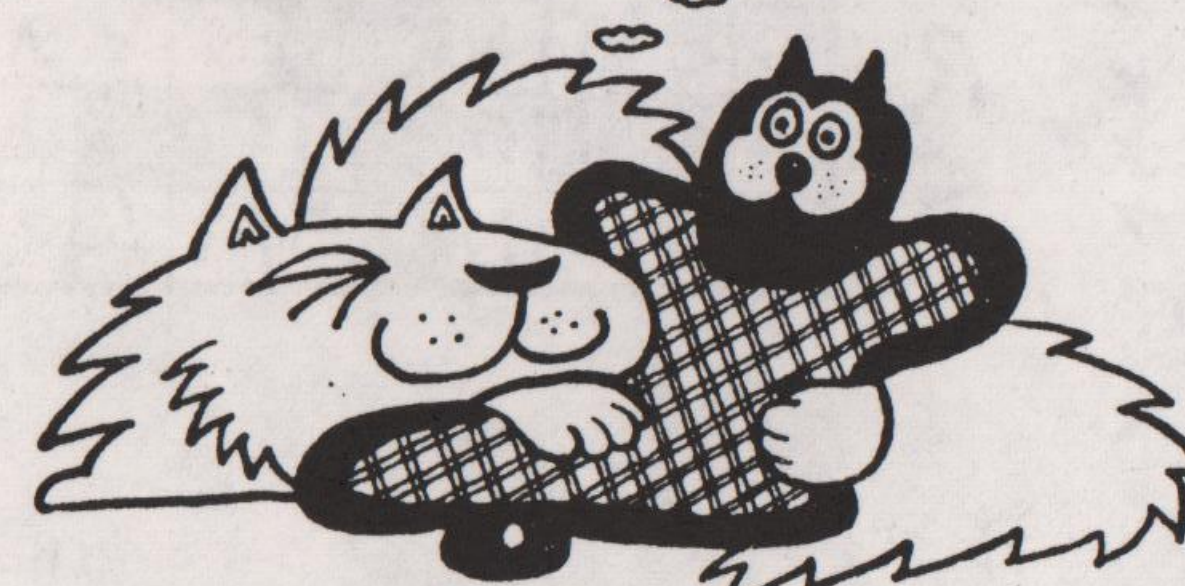
\*With the availability of the AIDS antibody test, many lesbians have asked their donor(s) to be tested. Seriously consider having your donor tested for the AIDS antibody. There is a slim possibility that someone could have a negative antibody test result and yet be a virus carrier, especially if he is in a high risk group.

\*The antibody test should be done twice prior to insemination with a period of 3 to 6 months between tests. Your donor should practise safe sex between tests.

\*All sperm banks and private physicians have been advised to test sperm donors for the AIDS antibody.

Send for the Womens Reproductive Rights Information Centre (WRRIC) leaflet on AIDS and donor insemination.

HUGS NOT BUGS



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More information on AIDS can be got from;

1. The above leaflets, magazines, and books.  
2. The Nottingham AIDS information project. Tel; 585526, Mon and Tues 7-10pm. Ask to speak to a woman if a man answers.

3. The Terrence Higgins Trust. Tel; 01 833 2971. Mon-Fri 7-10pm, Sat & Sun 3-10pm.

4. The Womens Reproductive Rights Information Centre (WRRIC). 52-54 Featherstone Street, London. EC1Y 8RT.

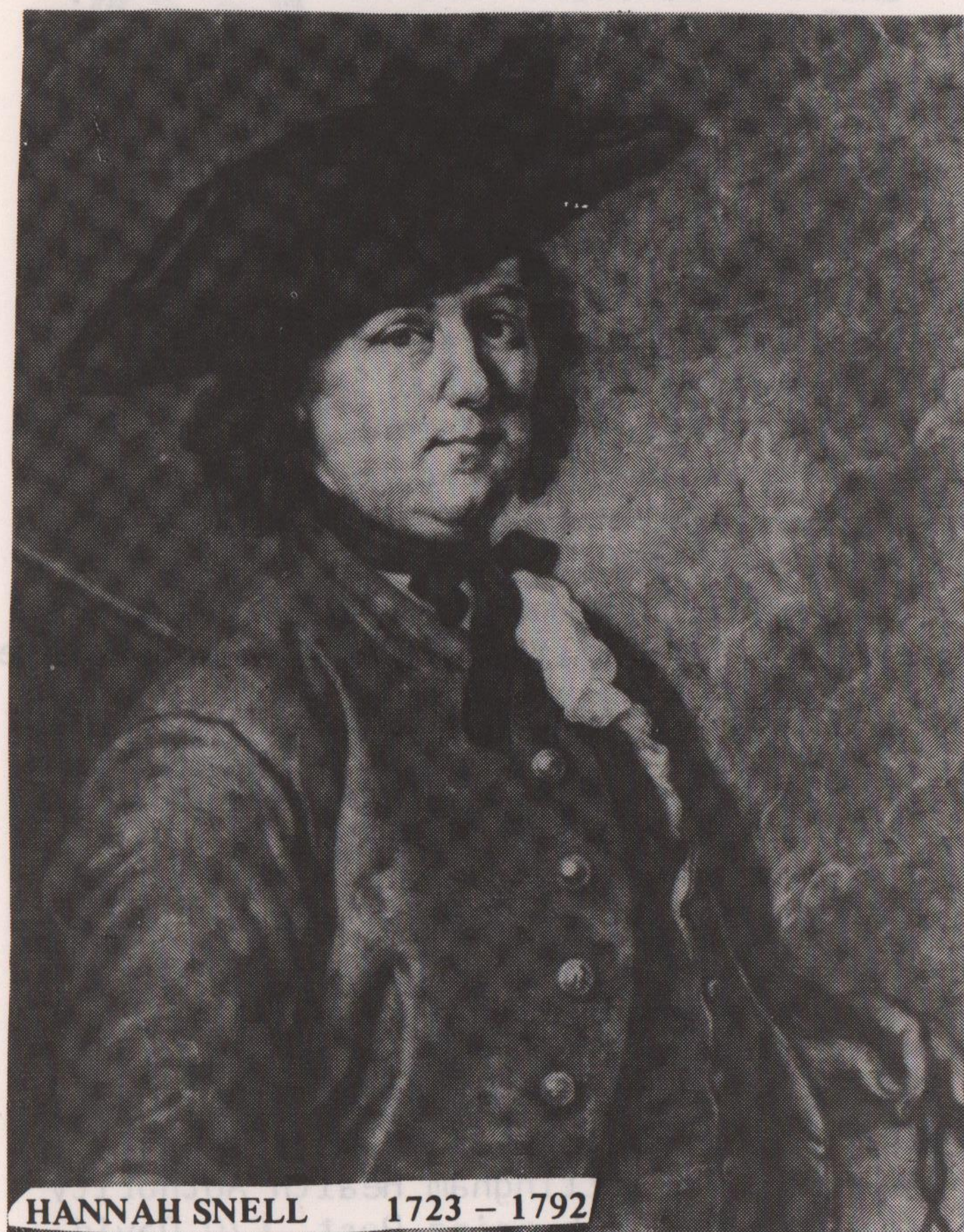
Tel; 01 251 6332. There is a womens' group there that are working on producing information on how AIDS affects particular groups of women. eg. pregnant women, IV drug users, prostitutes,. They have produced one leaflet so far, "AIDS and donor insemination". Send a stamped, addressed envelope to them for it.

5. The Haemophilia society, 123 Westminster Bridge Road, London. SE1 7HR. Tel; 01 928 2020.

6. Healthline Telephone Service, recorded information on safer sex, drug use, and blood transfusions. 24 hour service. Tel; 0345 581151. (charged at local rates).



# ye Olde dykes



HANNAH SNELL 1723 - 1792

Hannah Snell was one of many working class women who dressed as men to enlist as soldiers or sailors. It is impossible to say how extensive a trend this may have been; most of those who were eventually unmasked had gone to great lengths to avoid discovery - bribing men who knew their secret, concealing their sex from surgeons when wounded (even with musket wounds in the groin). Their success over a number of years suggests that many more women may have lived and dressed as men, undiscovered and therefore now unknown. Historians often explain away cross-dressing as a necessary expedient in women's search for errant or missing husbands. Hannah's husband did desert her a few months after marriage, but if she did set off in pursuit of him, she seems to have made no further efforts to track him down. It is inescapable that the freedom she found in the life of a soldier had its own attraction for her.

Soon after Hannah enlisted, she was asked by her sergeant to assist him in an attempt at seduction. Hannah chose instead to make common cause with the woman he was pursuing and conspired with her to thwart his intentions. The two women became 'very intimate friends', to the wrath of the sergeant. Hannah had shortly afterwards to desert to avoid his persecution.

She then embarked on a walk from Carlisle to Portsmouth, where she reenlisted. Having no money, she obtained board and lodging along the way by making friends with the landladies of wayside inns. She then served courageously in various military campaigns without being discovered despite several wounds. On her return to Portsmouth, Hannah was courted by one of her landlady friends. Apparently to avoid the woman's proposal of marriage, she left to live with her sister.

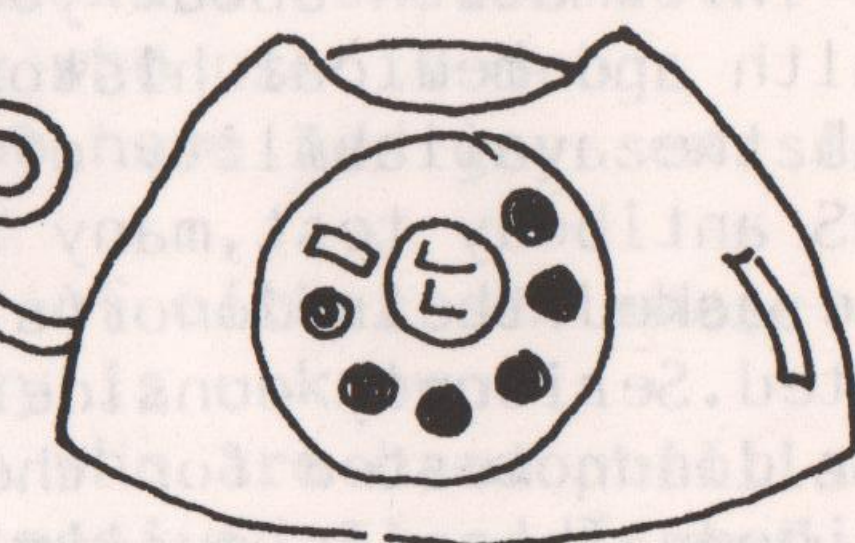
Like other women soldiers who were reluctant to reveal themselves, Hannah did not take the opportunity of civilian life to resume feminine dress. Instead she let the female lodger into her secret (and thus was able to share her bed), while the neighbours were allowed to assume that the two were husband and wife.

When Hannah's secret finally came out she enjoyed a brief stage success, telling of her exploits as a woman soldier. Afterwards she ran a pub in London called 'The Widow in Masquerade' and then an inn triumphantly called 'The Female Warrior'.

## Lesbian Line

Do you need a solicitor ?  
Advice ? Divorce ? Custody ? Need to know your rights ?  
Lesbian line has names of sympathetic solicitors .

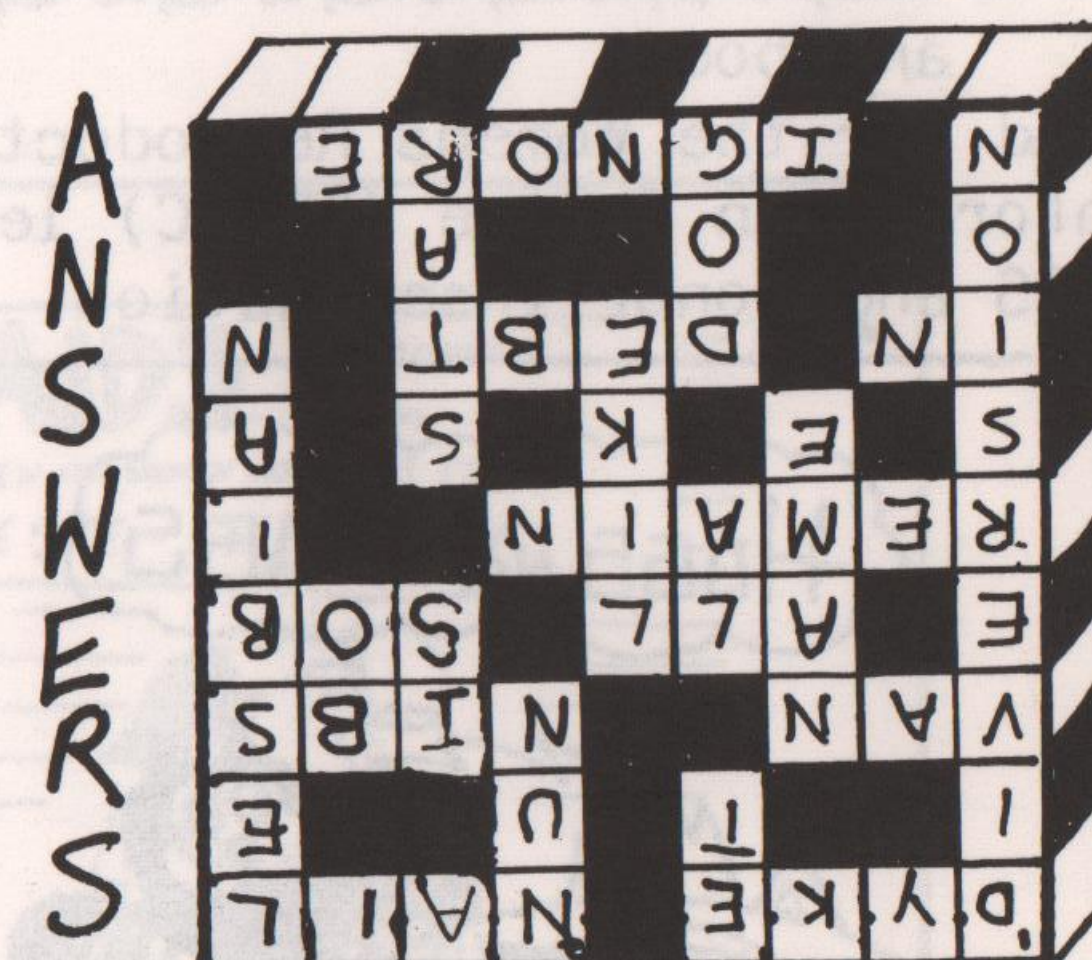
Lesbian line has just received £500 from the City Council and £100 from Karnival - this means we can increase our advertising. Thanks a lot to the labour councillors.



Unattributed cartoons by;  
Fanny Tribble.  
Cath Jackson.  
and Smiff.

Women/lesbians and Drink Group meets weekly. For more details phone the Womens Centre; 411475.

## CROSSWORD



Answers the big spotted scribble

## LESBIAN FEMINISTS INVOLVED IN HEALTH CARE - A NATIONAL MEETING IN NOTTINGHAM

"LESBIAN HEALTH CARE(RS) - OUR NEEDS"

SATURDAY JUNE 6th 1987  
AT: NOTTINGHAM WOMENS CENTRE  
30 CHAUCER STREET

This meeting is being coordinated by a small group of us lesbian nurses midwives and doctors who met together in January 87. Interests of this small group of us were varied - some needing individual support, fears in the work environment of coming out or not coming out, discussion of the issues surrounding AIDS etc etc etc. So we decided to organise a series of meetings where lots of us could get together to talk, to establish support networks, to decide some actions -- who knows?

To help with the prior coordinating for the meeting, we'd like ideas of what YOU would like to talk about and do. We aim to keep the day as informal and flexible as possible.

For further information, problems, queries, please ring 0602-473145 (evenings only) OR write to 'EDWINA' 30 Chaucer st Nott'm NG1 5LP.....

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## Lesbian Housing Co-op

We currently own two large, shared houses and two small houses, and are expecting to buy another small house this year. Next year we will also have three single flats plus one three bedroomed flat. There will shortly be vacancies in the two shared houses. If you are interested or want to know more about the housing co-op, tel; 703628 or 781906.

Stop Press ----- Vacancies now available. Ring above numbers for details.



# Young Lesbian Group

The young lesbian group started again this Feb, however, up to now there hasn't been any young women attending, we don't know whether its just early days yet, or whether our advertising campaign didn't reach out far enough - But we still meet every first Tuesday of the month at the Lesbian Centre, floor 2, Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer St. We had a video the first night, and a selection of films were shown to the volunteers who attended, all 2 of us! The aim is to continue the group as planned, and even if just one, or two women come, we plan to give them the choice of how they want to spend the evening - rather than wait all evening just in case anyone else might turn up. They can either watch videos, go out bowling or anything else they can think of its up to them, we've got a small amount of funds to pay for these.

We appreciate that it is a Big Step to announce yourself a lesbian, especially when you are younger, and we don't really expect girls to do this, to gain entrance to the group - she may just be thinking about her sexuality - nor do we expect them to 'Discuss' this if



they don't want to - the aim, is just to encourage young girls to meet up with others, who may be feeling the same way, experiencing the same difficulties, and have an evening of their own - if anyone is interested in joining the group, (no definite age limit) either go down to the Womens Centre, the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Or if you feel you couldn't go on your own ring Jo Fraser 418571 (work) or Bee 412098 and we'll arrange to meet you.



And if you want to join the group, to help with publicity or organising contact the Womens Centre.

Also some of the organising group are interested in the Education side of young lesbianism i.e. talking to youth groups, youth workers, social workers etc. about the problems young lesbians have, if you are interested in anything contact the womens centre. Ask for Bee or Gill.

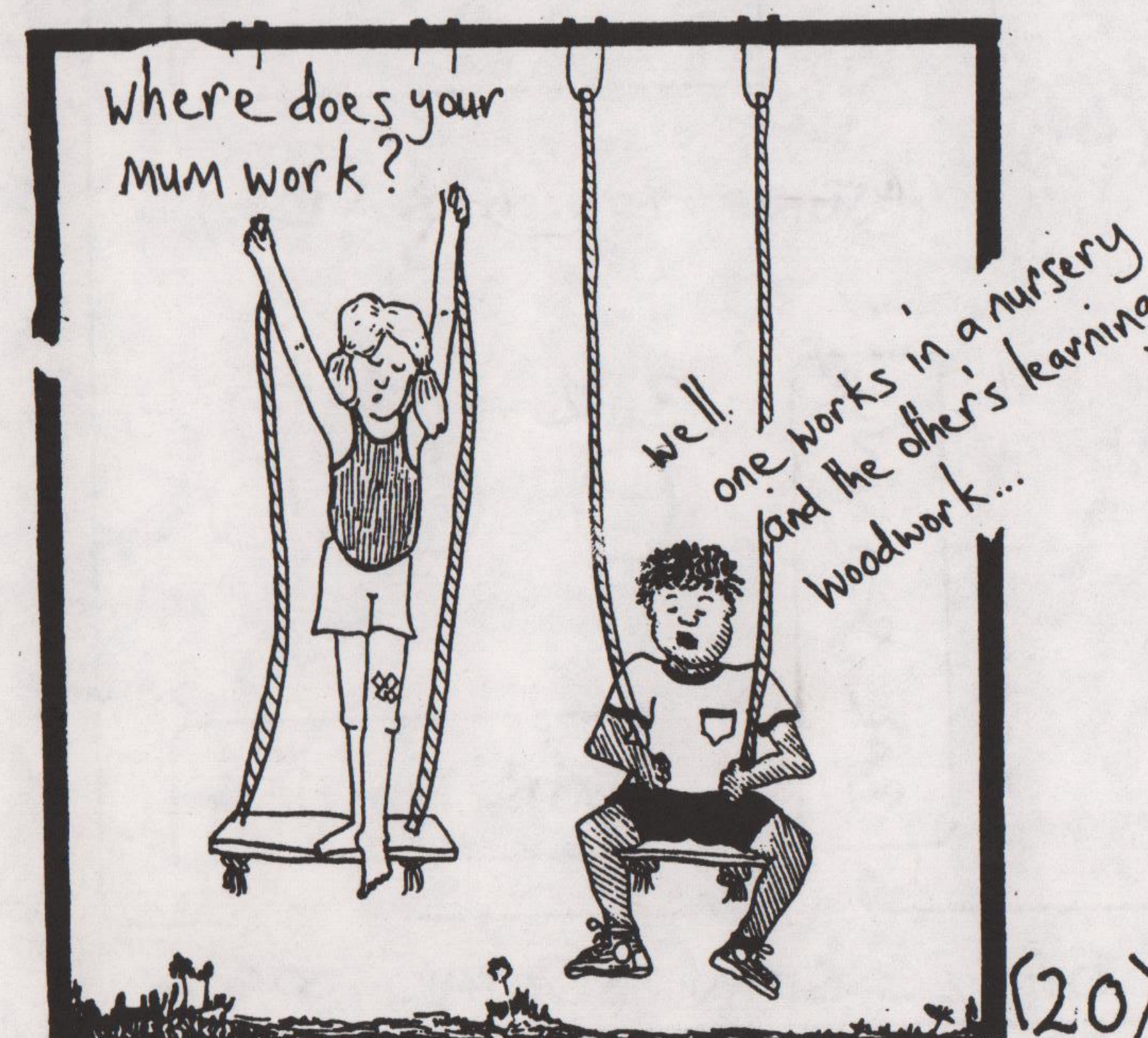


# LYNX TRAINING

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LYNX TRAINING is a 'not for profit' workers co-operative which offers a variety of courses on running a business, setting up a co-operative and job-seeking skills.

Our next free course, funded by Nottinghamshire County Council, is for unemployed women. Childcare and travel allowances will be paid, and no qualifications are needed. The course opens with two introductory weeks, the first beginning on Monday, 11th May and the second on Monday 18th May. The main course begins on Monday June 1st and finishes on Thursday 23rd July. It runs for 4 days a week (Monday to Thursday) 9.45 - 3.15. It is designed to train women in the business and enterprise skills needed to set up a co-operative, and will cover marketing (selling your product - where, how, who to and at what price), finance (book-keeping, cash-flows and budgets), management and administration (keeping records, planning your time, decision - making etc.), co-operative principles and ways of working, and an introduction to new technology. Training is through group and project work. There are also options to help individual women with their specific needs and interests.



## FREE COURSES FOR UNEMPLOYED WOMEN



We also run other courses on specific areas e.g. publicity, book-keeping, confidence in the workplace, for which there is a small fee. Special courses can be designed to fit the needs and interests of an individual group.

For more information contact:

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# NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you have been reading the last few issues of Diversion you will know that there is a Lesbian Centre in the progress of being opened at 1st Floor, Womens Centre, 30 Chaucer Street.

Well things are progressing and many of the different Lesbian groups are beginning to meet there, including the Black Lesbian, the Young Lesbian, Thursday evening and Library groups as well as the Disco Collective.

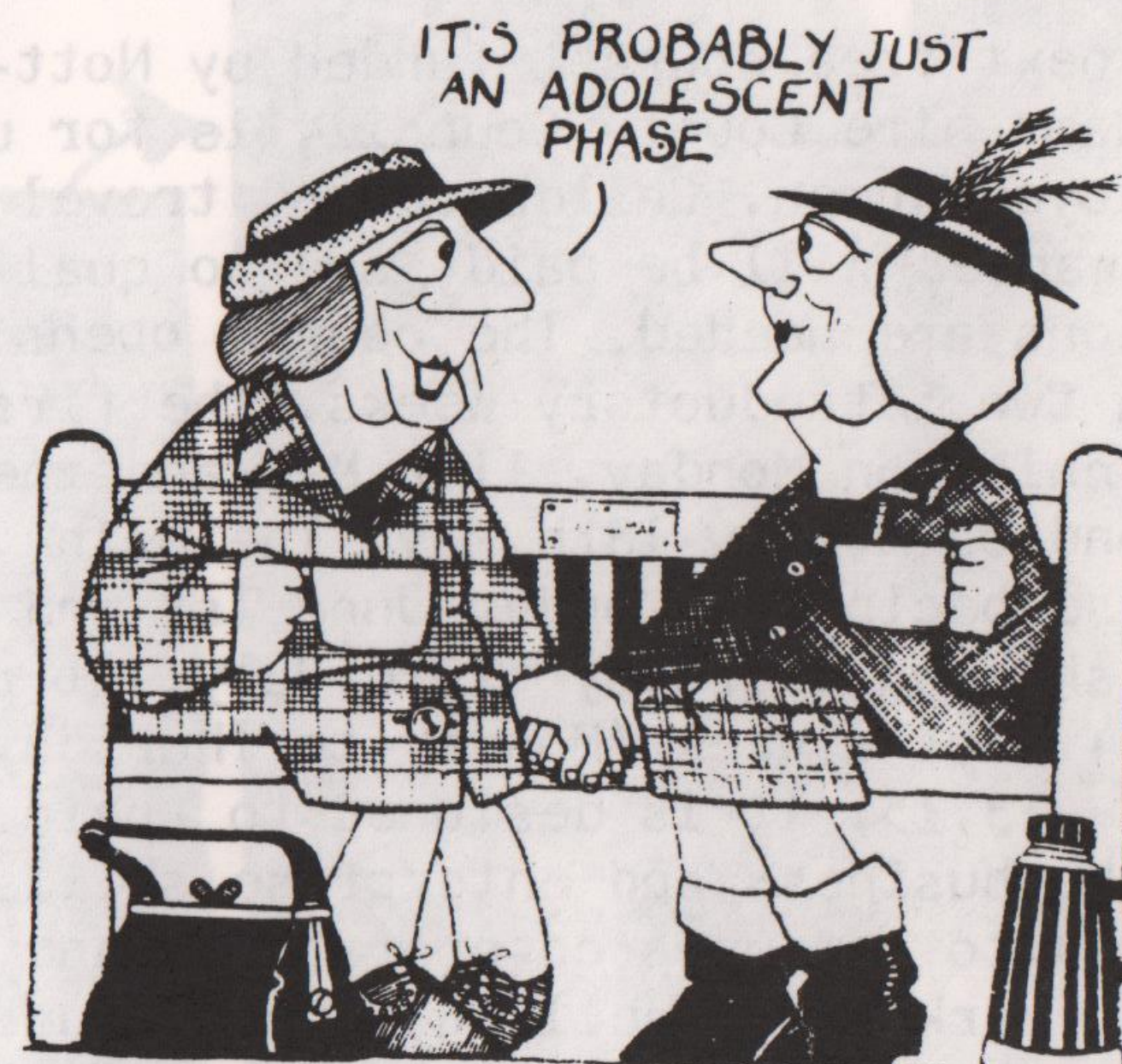
There are 4 rooms in all, 2 meeting rooms, an office and a large social space which will soon have a coffee bar, pool table, juke box, video and book library. It will provide a friendly social environment run by lesbians, for lesbians, to relax and have a good time without being reliant on pubs and clubs only. The women using it will be the women who run it. The social centre will be open as much as possible daytime and evenings, but this will be dependant on lots of lesbians helping to run it and wanting to use it.

There will also be a regular monthly, Saturday night Disco, with a bar.

Below are proposed set out of the social centre and a map of how to get to the Lesbian Centre from the Victoria Centre

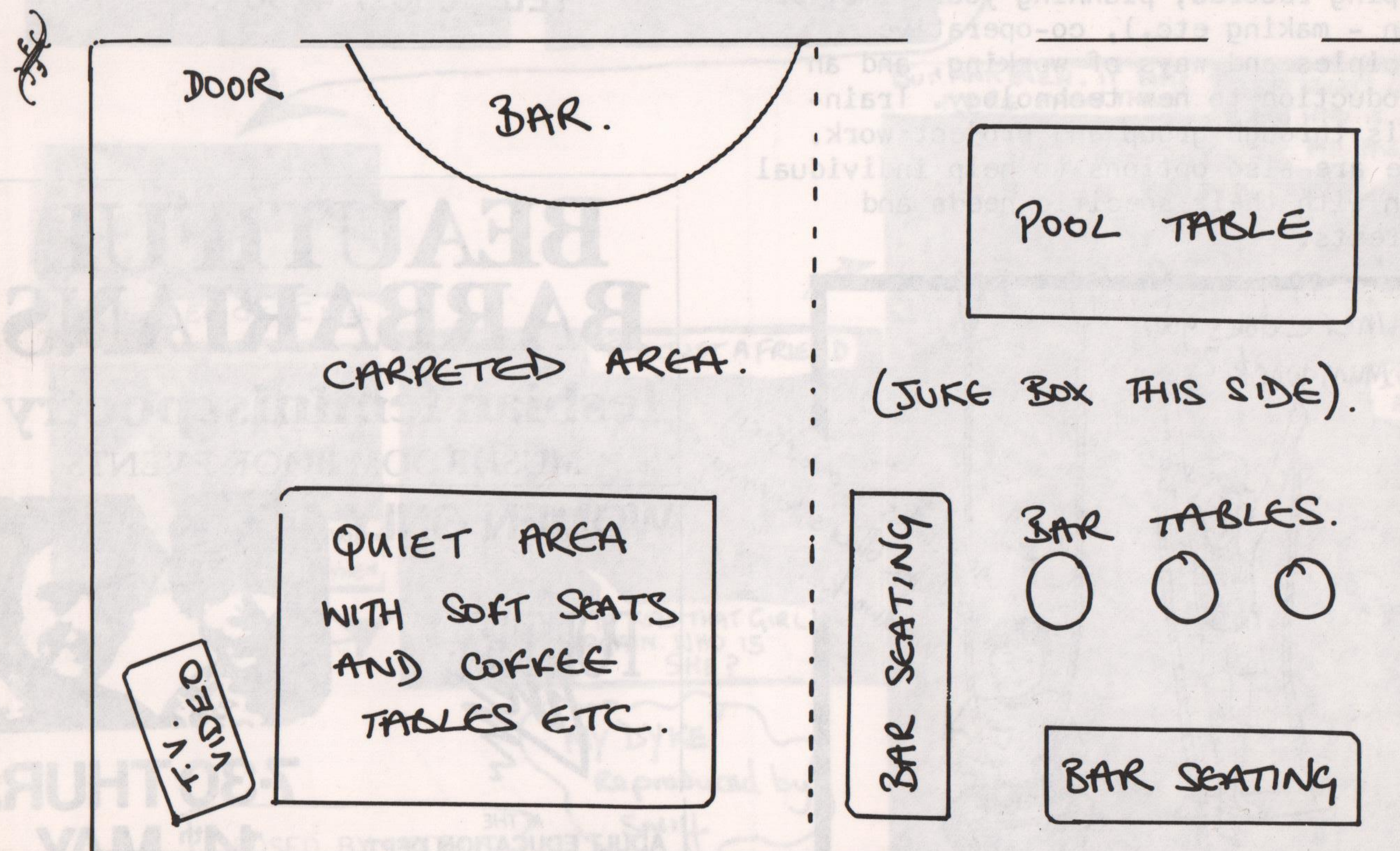
Interested? Then why not come along to a Thursday night meeting of the Lesbain Group at 7.30pm at Chaucer St. Or keep an eye out for Disco's and other events taking place at the Lesbian Centre

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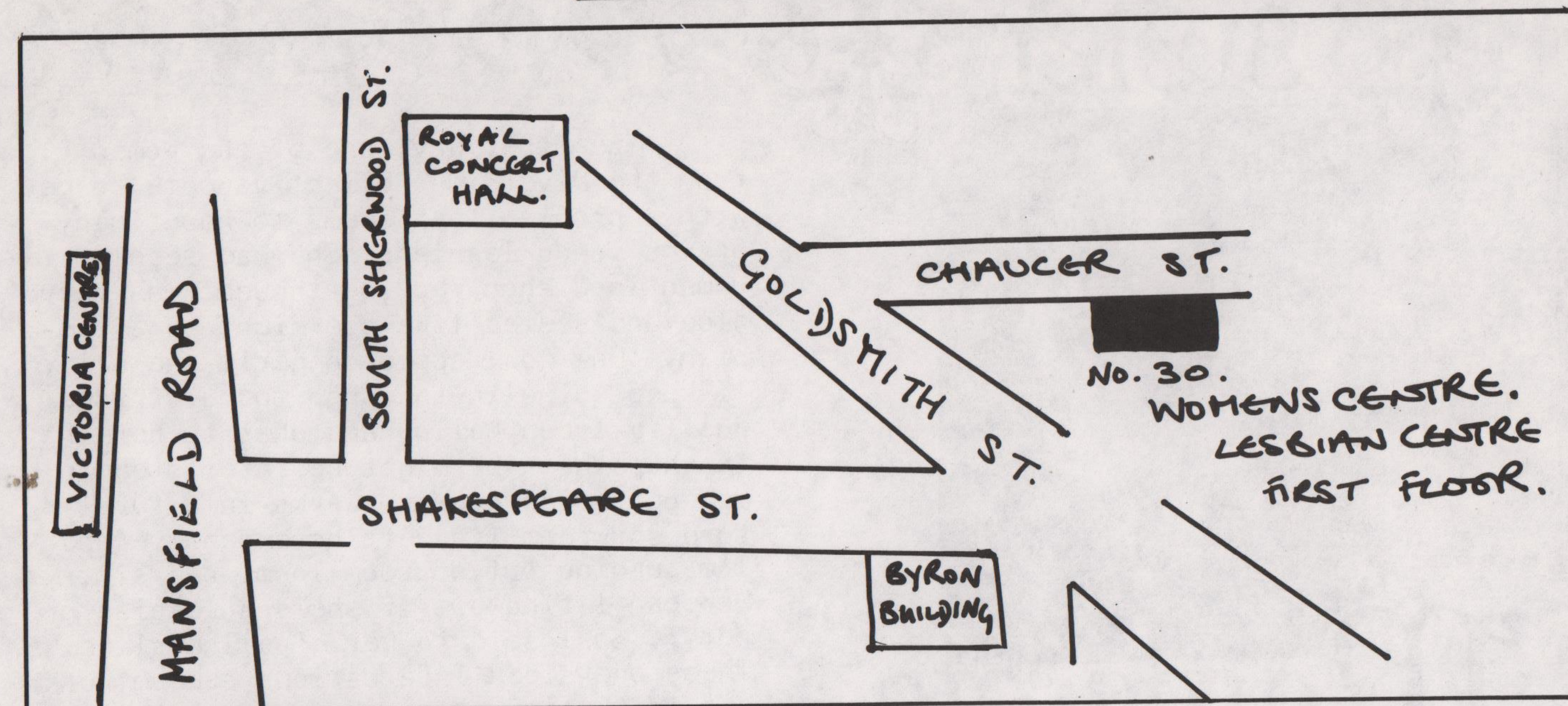


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## HOW TO GET TO THE LESBIAN CENTRE.



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### NEWS UPDATE.

#### National Blood Transfusion Service

changes it's policy--- "Lesbians ..... welcome at any blood donor session."

Regular Diversion readers may remember we had an article covering the refusal of Nottingham Blood Transfusion Unit to accept blood from a lesbian. There followed a demonstration at the Unit and a series of letters between the Equal Opportunities Unit and the Director of the National Blood Transfusion Service. We print below an extract from the final letter....

"On the positive action front, all members of staff of this and every other transfusion centre in the U.K. have been made aware that there is no contra-indication to blood donations by lesbians. They are to be regarded in every way as normal blood donors..... They will be welcome at any blood donor session they care to attend."

Victory to us\*\*\*\*\*

So it just goes to show that a bit of persistence can make a difference.\*\*\*  
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## NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN LINE

Nottingham Lesbian Line is a collective made up of lesbians. We operate from 7.30 - 9.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are always available to give confidential advice, information and support. We will also meet women if they want to talk to us on a more informal basis or if they are new to the scene and just want someone to go with them to various venues for the first time. We also can give up to the minute information on events, places to go, etc.

You can call us on Nottm. 410652 If you think you might be interested in joining the collective, then call us and we would be happy to discuss the lines work with you.

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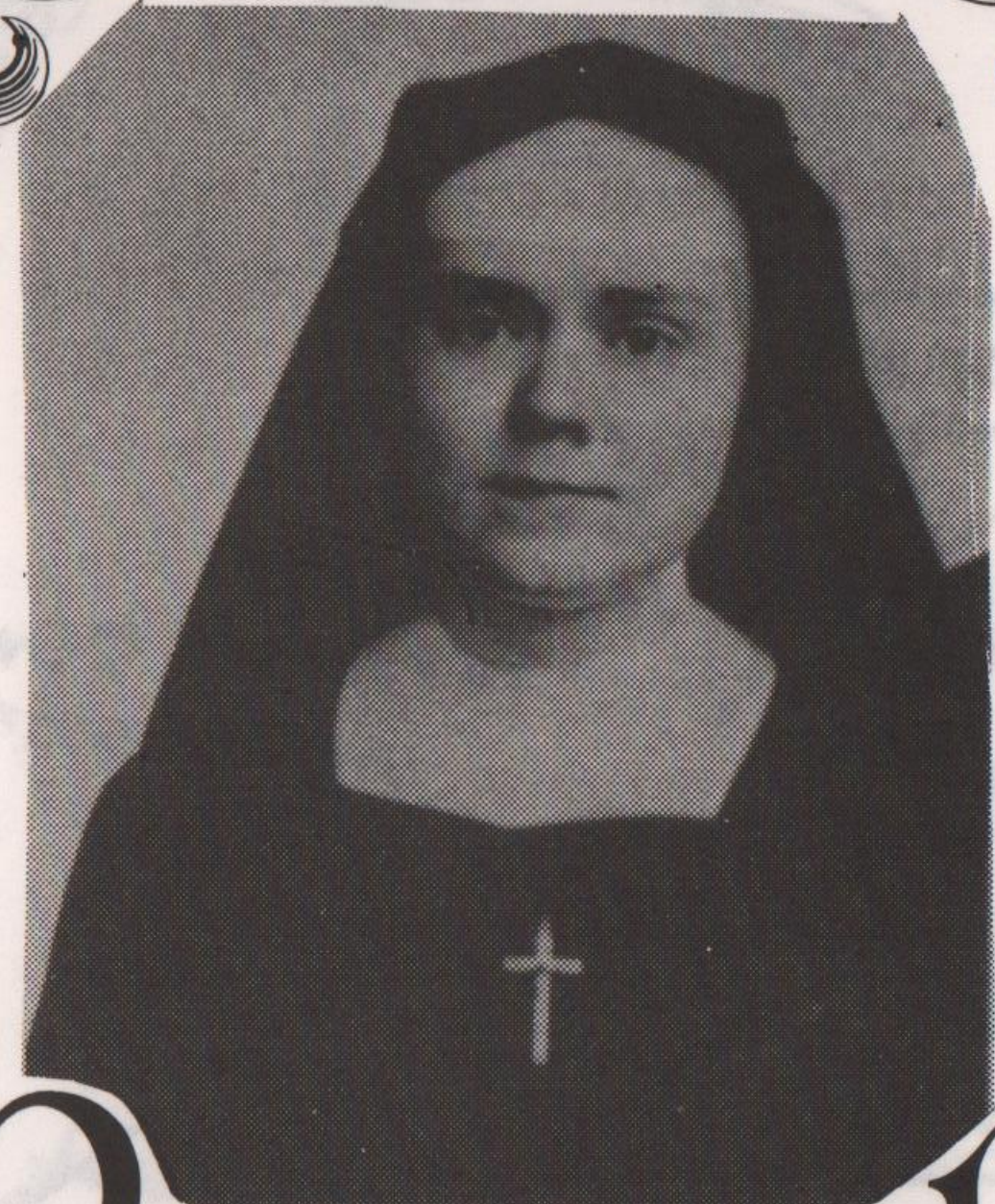
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# Sister



## Margereta

INTRODUCING OUR NEW AGONY DYKE:-  
SISTER MARGERETA., AMELIA G.P.,  
MRCVS, CHARTERED CHIROPODIST, PAINTER  
AND DECORATOR.

Just a brief introduction before I get down to solving all your problems. I was born in 1935 in Rotherham. My mother was a whippet breeder and father was a sausage linker. I became interested in the convent life when I was 19 so I studied to be a chiropodist. In those days there was a great need for foot care in the convents because cobbled stones and Jesus sandals played havoc with ones feet.

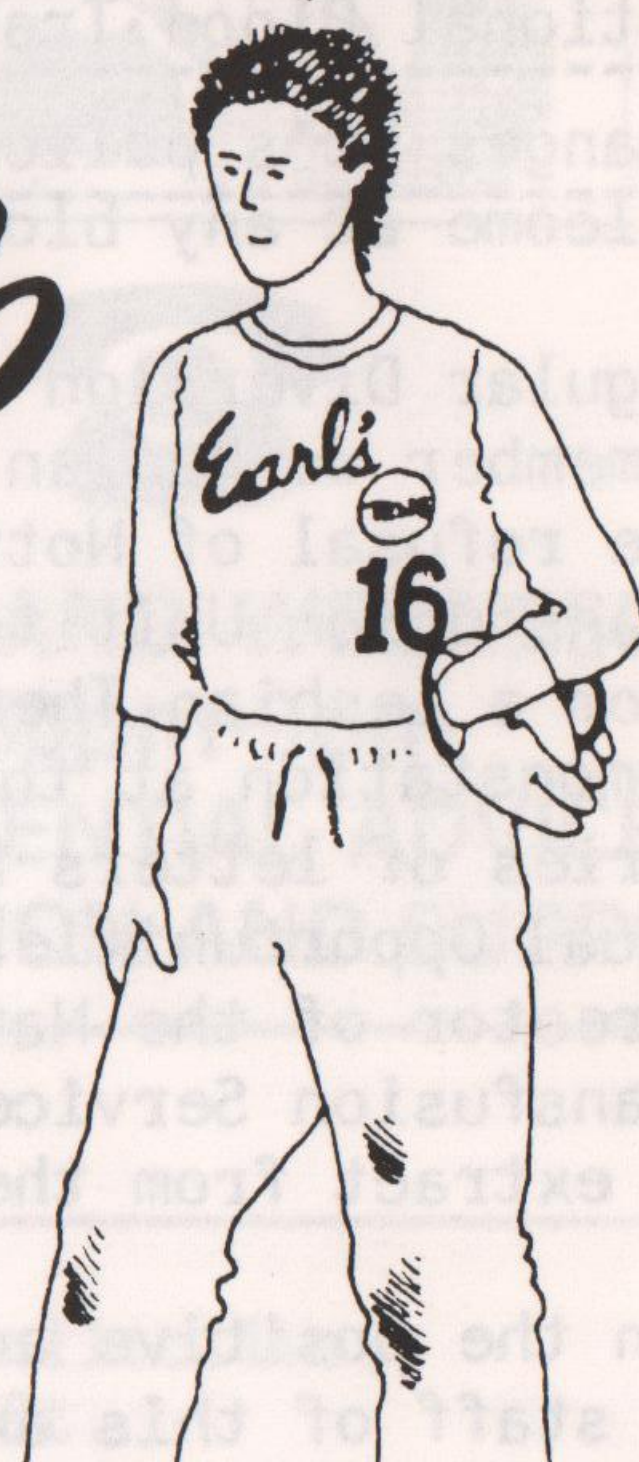
So after all my studying for various qualifications you will see above, I finally entered the order of St. Agathas, Immaculate Heart of Juliets convent deep in the heart of Bradford, when I was 36. When I finally left convent life to be a free-lance nun, I tried to get involved with a number of well known organisations, like Lesbian Line, and the Lesbian Disco Collective. But, after much deliberation I found my niche with the Diversion collective, and because of my uncanny ability to be able to solve problems at the drop of a wimple, became resident agony dyke and I also hope to be able to do reviews on your favourite pubs and clubs around the area. So girls, if you have a problem, large or small, then write to me, Sister Margareta for sincere advice straight from my immaculate heart.

I'll just give you one example of my work for now girls.

The other day, one of the women from the Diversion Collective came to me with a problem that seems to haunt many of you young lesbians. She had seen a woman in a shop who she thought was very nice and seemed like she might be a lesbian. 'How do I approach her', she said, 'I keep going in the shop to buy things just so I can hello, and chat to her in the hope that she might be interested in me, but being how she works in a furniture showroom its getting expensive and I'm running out of room in my bed-sit. How can I find out if she's a lesbian or not-'. So I said to her, "Well darling. These one-sided infatuations seldom work and in the end only cause heartbreak and in your case an empty purse. My advice to you is to get out there and meet lots of nice girls down at the Manor and other choice venues. If you cannot do that then move to a bigger home."



## SPORTS



There is still a women only sports session at John Carroll Leisure Centre. every Tues 1.30 - 4.00. Since the last Diversion numbers have picked up a bit but we still want women down there. There is a lesbian instructor who would be very happy to see lesbians using the session.

So please come down and give it a try The same also applies to the women only swim on Fridays 1.30 - 3.00. <23>

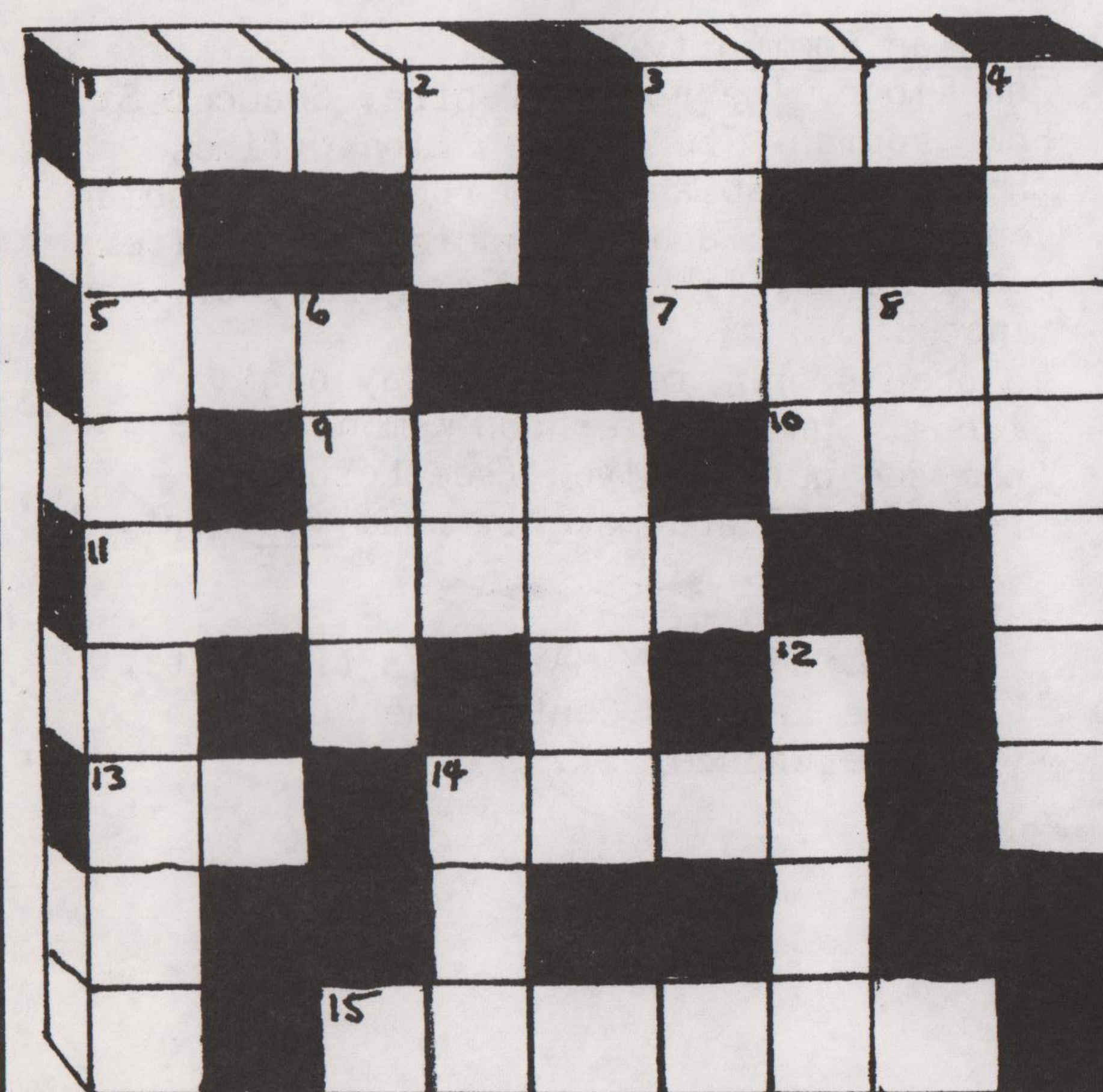
## QUICK CROSSWORD

### DOWN

1. Internationally known lesbian magazine.
2. Speilberg film.
3. Our agony dyke is one of these.
4. Another word for 1 across.
6. What's in one.
8. Your best friend would tell you if you had this.
12. Rats are well known. (anag)
14. Snoopy is one. (No not a lesbian)

### ACROSS

1. This may be a ditch, or a woman you know.
3. We're sure we don't have to hammer this one home to you.
5. Can go with 1 across, Dick ... ..
7. Bins (anag)
9. Everyone.
10. Cry, weep.
11. What you do after a party if your lucks in.
13. One for all you Guardian readers. Ni (anag)
14. Most of us are in this.
15. Don't speak.

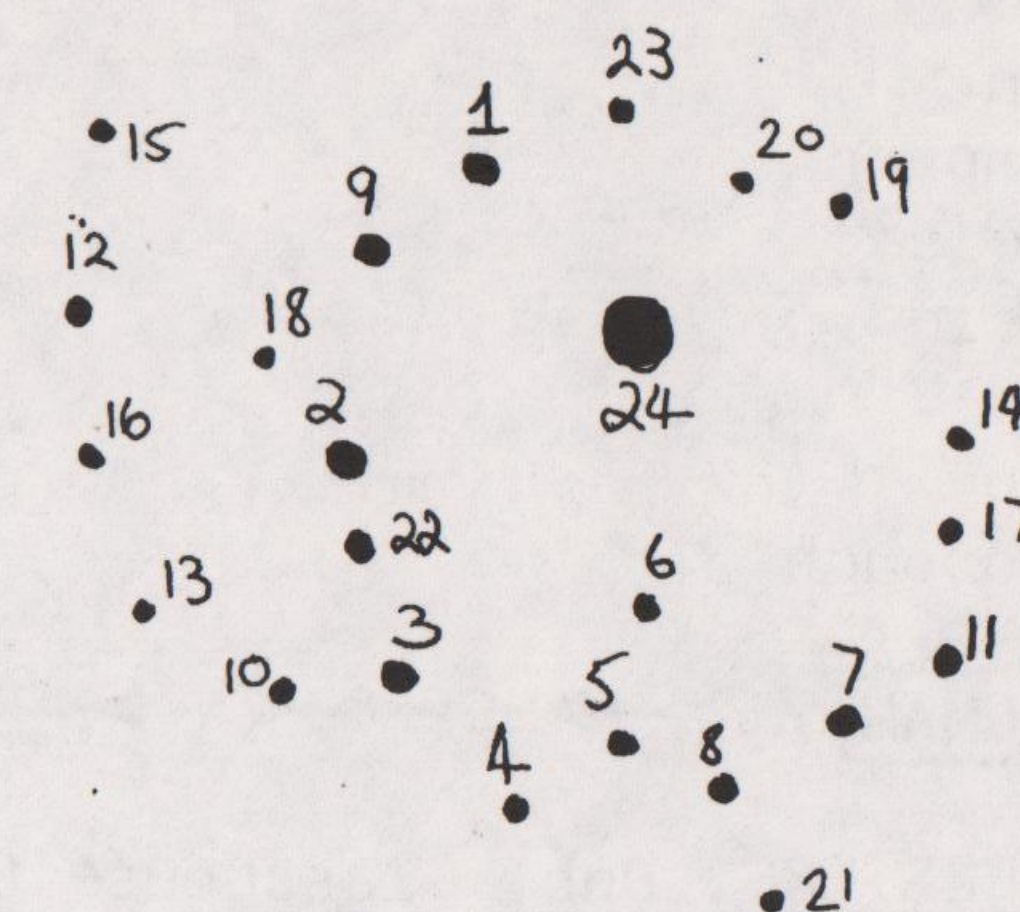


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## Join The Dots:

Join the 24 Dots



to find a rare animal  
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## WORDSEARCH

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# Whats on in the East Midlands

## LESBIAN (and mixed gay) INFORMATION.

### PLACES TO GO IN

Nottingham  
Derby  
Lincoln  
Northampton  
Sheffield  
Mansfield  
Retford  
Worksop  
Loughborough

### NOTTINGHAM

**THE FORESTERS**, pub, Glasshouse St., just around corner from 'The Olde Boot' pub behind the Victoria Centre. Sometimes mostly women, sometimes mixed. Disco Thursday (60's music) and Sundays.

**THE MANOR CLUB**, Saturdays only 8-12pm. The Manor, Albert Rd, off Central Ave. West. Entrance rear and left of pub. Entrance fee. Very large, 9. Disco and pool table.

**POT-LUCK PUBS AND DISCOS** (some women use them sometimes).

The Clarence, 284 Alferton Rd. Nott'm.

The Admiral Duncan 74 Lower Parliament St. Discos Fri, Sat & Sun. Late Bar. Bar with 'Private Party' on door.

The Nags Head Mansfield Rd (right hand side going out of town). Back bar.

Oskar J. Spielberg M. (left hand side) STOP PRESS...CLOSED...almost opposite The 1 STOP PRESS.

The Newcastle Arms 68 North Sherwood St. Thursdays 9.30 onwards only.

The Napier North Sherwood St. (by Arboretum gates).

### GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES.

**Lesbian Discussion, Action & Social Gp.** Meets every Thursday (except when sub-committee meets). 7.30 - 9.30.

From the beginning of April this group will be meeting at the Lesbian Community Centre. Phone Lesbian Line for details

Discussion Group (lesbian books, lesbians and children, lesbians and AIDS, etc, etc) Also organising group for the Lesbian Community Centre. All lesbians/Gay women welcome. Has various sub-groups (as necessary) e.g. Finance gp, Womens festival lesbians events gp. If you would like to be on the groups mailing list Tel Jo Fraser on 418571.

**Lesbian Line** 410652.

Telephone advice and information service. Mondays and Wednesdays 7.30 - 9pm. Run by small group of lesbians. Any lesbians who'd like to join in phone us for more information, new members welcome.

**Young Lesbian Group** meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month. 7-30 - 9-30pm at the Womens' Centre, Chaucer St. Next group meeting; May 5th. For more details see article in this issue. **Disco Collective** run by lesbians if you are interested in joining please phone Sal on 504087 or send a note to Disco Collective c/o womens centre, 30 Chaucer St.

**Black Lesbian Group** newly formed group for Black lesbians. For more info. phone Lesbian Line or write to Black Lesbian gp c/o Womens Centre, Chaucer St.

**Lesbian Community Centre.** 2nd Floor, The Womens Centre. Chaucer St. Four rooms - The Lesbian Line Office, the Black Lesbian group room, the Lesbian Centre Office and the Social space (i.e. pool, darts, library, coffee bar, t.v. and video).

To open soon - regular Friday night discos, Sunday afternoon womens films etc Come and get involved (see Lesbian Group above) and make it what you want.

DISCO. SATURDAY MAY30th, 8 till late. at the Lesbian Centre, the Womens Centre, Chaucer St.

**Lesbian Sub-Committee.** (City Council) Part of the City Councils Equal Opportunities Programme. Meets every other month at the Council House (on a Thurs. evening). Consists of five lesbian community representatives, three city councillors and Jo Fraser - Equal Opportunities Unit Officer/Lesbian Issues, (see below). Open to all lesbians. Discusses lesbian issues of relevance to the City Council e.g. Housing, leisure services, etc. Can make recommendations to the Equal Opportunities Committee. It has no powers or money. The reps. have written reports on e.g. housing to say how lesbians can be discriminated against in this area and what the City Housing Department can do about it. It can also take up an issue e.g. the blood donor issue (see elsewhere in Diversion). Contact Jo Fraser 418571 (ask for Equal Opportunities Unit) for more details

**Jo Fraser** - Lesbian Equal Opportunities Officer.

Part of Equal Opportunities Unit, South Sherwood St (entrance with a ramp) Can take up individual cases of Discrimination. Tel 418571 (City Council Number - ask for Equal Opps. who will put you through to Jo).

### OTHER LOCAL MIXED GROUPS

**Gay Christian Movement** (East Midlands). Meets 2nd Friday in month. Women phone Sheila/Chris Loughborough 236871.

**Lesbian/Gay Welfare Workers Group.** (Social and Support) including health and Education workers. Meets monthly. Central Nottingham. For information - Chris Williams, 27 Moore Rd, Mapperley. or 602164 (after 7pm) / 3rd Saturday in the month in the afternoon.

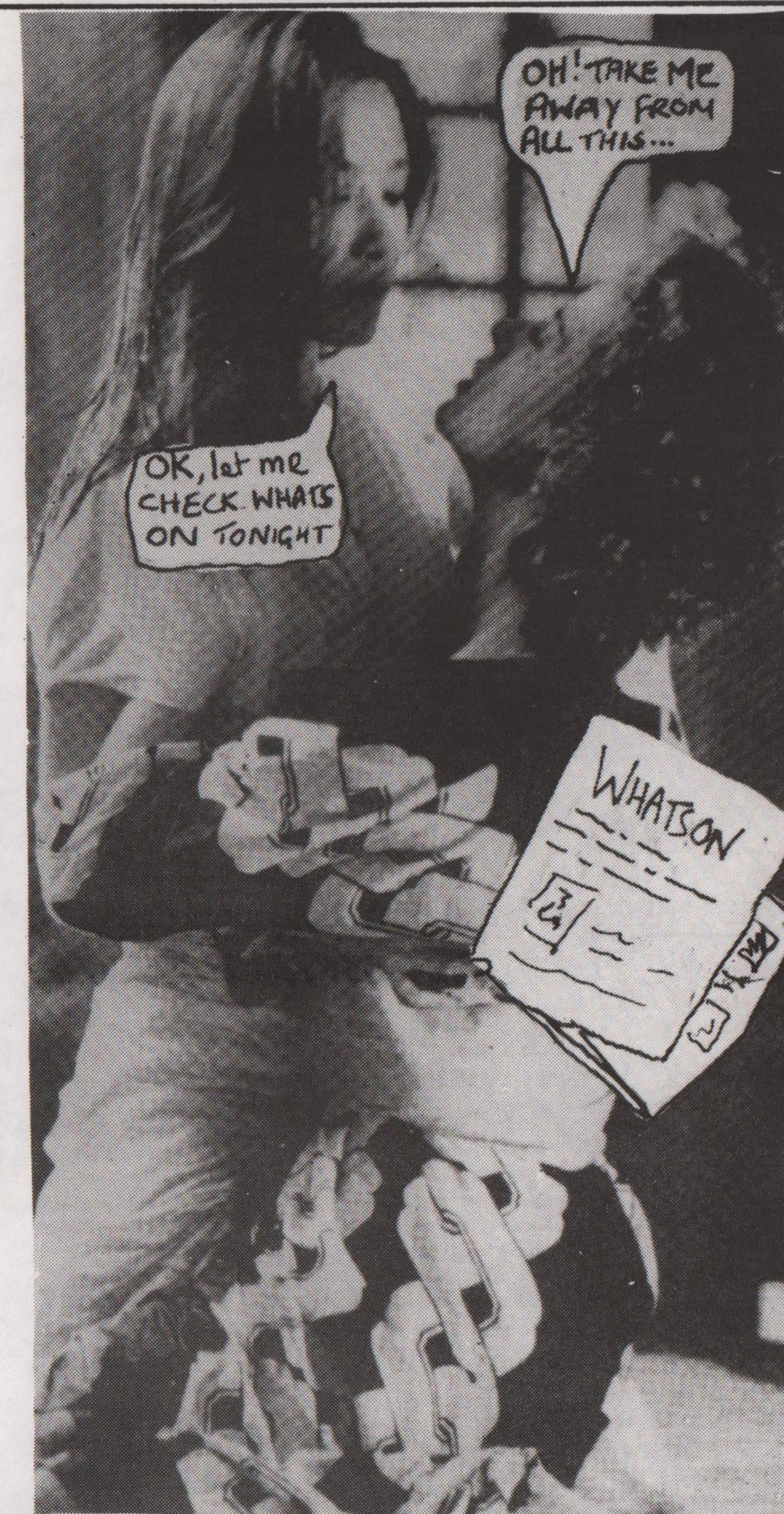
**Midland Deaf Gay Group.** 021 - 707 - 8327.

**Labour Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Rights** c/o Mick Wallis, 3 Marlborough Rd. Beeston Nottingham. NG9 2H. Tel 223090.

### NATIONAL LESBIAN ORGANISATIONS WITH LOCAL GROUPS

**Gemma** (Lesbians with disabilities) B.M. Box 5700, London WC1N 3XX.

**Kenric** National social organisation for lesbians plus monthly newsletter and regional reps. Details:- B/M Kenric (M53), London, WC1N 3XX. <26>



### DERBY

**Derby Lesbian Line** Wednesdays 7-9pm. Tel:- Derby 414111 or write C/O P.O. Box 140, Derby DE1 1XS.

**Derby Lesbian Line Socials.**

1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at the Womens' Centre, Green Lanes, Derby. 7-30pm onwards.

**Womens' Disco at the Station Hotel,** (near Derby Station). Every 1st Saturday.

**The Old Avesbury**, Osmaston Rd. Fridays Womens Disco, upstairs bar, 9pm+ **Lesbians in Derbyshire group** - meets monthly. Phone Derby Lesbian Line for details.

**Derby Friend** Weds 7-9.45pm - woman on duty. Tel Derby 371725.

**Green Lane Gallery/Wine Bar**. Mixed. 130 Green Lane. 8.30-11pm every night Lunchtimes Fridays and Saturdays.

**Derby Gay Group.** Mixed. Tel Derby 664234, Thurs 7-11 for more info.