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helplines

Lesbian and gay
Switchboard

0115 934 8485

Monday – Friday
7 – 10 pm

7 Mansfield Road
Nottingham NG1 3FB

nottingham@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk

Nottingham Lesbian Line

0115 941 0652

Monday to Wednesday
7-9 pm

30 Chaucer Street
Nottingham
NG1 5LP

Nottingham University
Lesbian and Gayline

0115 951 4999

Monday term time only

Police Homophobic
Crime Helpline

0800 085 822

local Listings

Breakout

Social group for gay and bisexual men.
Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm Health Shop,
Broad Street Tele 0115 947 6868
www.breakoutnottm.org.uk

Married Men's Group

Support for men who are (or have been)
married or in relationships with women and
are also attracted to men.
Tel 0115 947 6868 or 0115 934 8485

Metropolitan Community Church

Because God loves Queers too.
Sundays 11.30 Queen's walk Community
Centre The Meadows
Tele 01332 835 238 or 01332 872 143

LGCM Nottingham Group

Support for Lesbian & Gay Christians.
Meet 3rd. Friday of the month. Tele. 0115
9827475

Older gay Group

Support and social group for men aged
50+ Third Sunday of the month, 4.00 pm
Health shop.
Tel John 0115 947 6868 (daytimes)

Outburst!

Group for LGB young People up to age 21.
Meets first and third Friday of the month at
the Health Shop
Tel 0115 947 6868

WAG

Relaxed and friendly social group, open to
all lesbians and women questioning their
sexuality. Details from Lesbian Line
0115 941 0652.

Out House Project

Working to open an LGB community
centre.
Suite A 40 George Street
Nottingham NG1 3BG
Tel 0115 9110545
www.outhouse.org.uk
Email: info.outhouse.org.uk

The GAI Project

Gay and bisexual men's health project
The Health Shop
Broad Street
Nottingham NG1 3AL
Tel: 0115 947 6868
Email: gaiproject@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk

Diary

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22nd to 29th August - Lesbian and Gay Film Festival @ The Broadway

I'M FREE!

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Pride Special



Some of the Gorgeous Pride Committee

Nottingham LGBT Pride is getting closer and closer—it's going to be a really great day and the Pride Committee are working really hard to make it a success.

There is fun to be had in the meantime however at the various pre-Pride events. Get these dates in your diary and come along in support of this years Pride. If you've already missed one or two really great nights, then reports and pictures are included in this issue.

Check out the fabulous website at:
www.nottinghampride.com

The website has a guest book, so sign in and say hello; you'll also find loads more info about Pride there. Alternatively you can ring me: Biddy (Nottingham Pride Chairperson) on 0115 911 0545 and I'll tell you all I know. (That'll fit on a postage stamp! - Ed).

The day will be brilliant with a line up that includes Freddie Mercury (the Great Pretender), Elvis (the Very Good Rock and Roll Band), West End Boys, Pussy Galore, and many more. We'll have a market place, beer tent, dance tent, a coffee shop, the Gay Games and lots more. It's a pink paradise and you're all invited!

Pre-Pride Diary

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Editorial

Hi

Welcome to the Pride Special edition of "I'm Free!". As you can see there's loads going on and lots of fun to be had. Come and join in - it's been a great laugh so far. Thanks for your entries to last issues quiz - the winner was Roger Hollier with 30 points out of a possible 33, so a lovely Outhouse radio and T-Shirt are on their way to him. When told of his mighty success Roger sobbed "this is just the most exciting phone call I've ever had". We have forwarded his telephone number to several double glazing companies!

Not everything is rosy though - as a glance at the letters page will show. We send our very best wishes to Peter Thomas from the GAI project who was homophobically attacked on King Edwards Street after working at the Palais on the GAI project stand at the June Revolution night. Whilst not wishing to scare monger, just a reminder to everyone to be vigilant on the streets and look out for each other.

Hope you are continuing to enjoy "I'm Free!" and many thanks for the appreciative comments we've received so far. Should you wish any information to be included in the next edition the copy date is 25th September, for publication in mid October. Our address as usual is: **I'm Free!, Suite A, 40, George Street, Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 3BG, e-mail: biddy@outhouse.org.uk**.

See you at Pride—Ed.

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We're so creative

Did you know that you have a very high Boho Index? The Boho Britain Index ranks cities according to their creativity.

The index was devised by Professor Richard Florida of Carnegie University Pittsburgh.

The Professor assures us that "most centres of technology-based growth have high concentrations of gay couples" and that "straight men and women look for a visible gay community as an indication that a city is an exciting place to live".

Other factors which affect the index are the presence of high ethnic diversity and large numbers of inventors. Nottingham has the fourth highest Boho after London, Manchester and Leicester. Go Boho! (ps does anyone know what Boho means?)

Pride Volunteers

Anyone who'd like to get involved in Pride would be very welcome. We have a lovely, friendly committee and there's bound to be something going on that will put your skills to good use. We also need volunteers for the day to help out at the Arboretum, you'll have a great time. So come on join us!!!

Out House News

On 21 May, a Special General Meeting was held to discuss the future of the project.

Around 30 members attended along with members of the Management Committee, and our Volunteer Co-ordinator. The proposal was:

'That the Cranbrooke Street building be sold and the net proceeds used to establish a modest but viable Out House community café/bookshop as soon as possible'



A wide-ranging discussion took place: e.g. Could the new café compete with the multitude of established café/bars in the city centre or provide something different? How would the café be run?

Would it be put out to tender or would a manager be appointed, or would it be run by volunteers?

There was a widely held feeling that, whatever route was taken, it must be run on a sound financial basis.

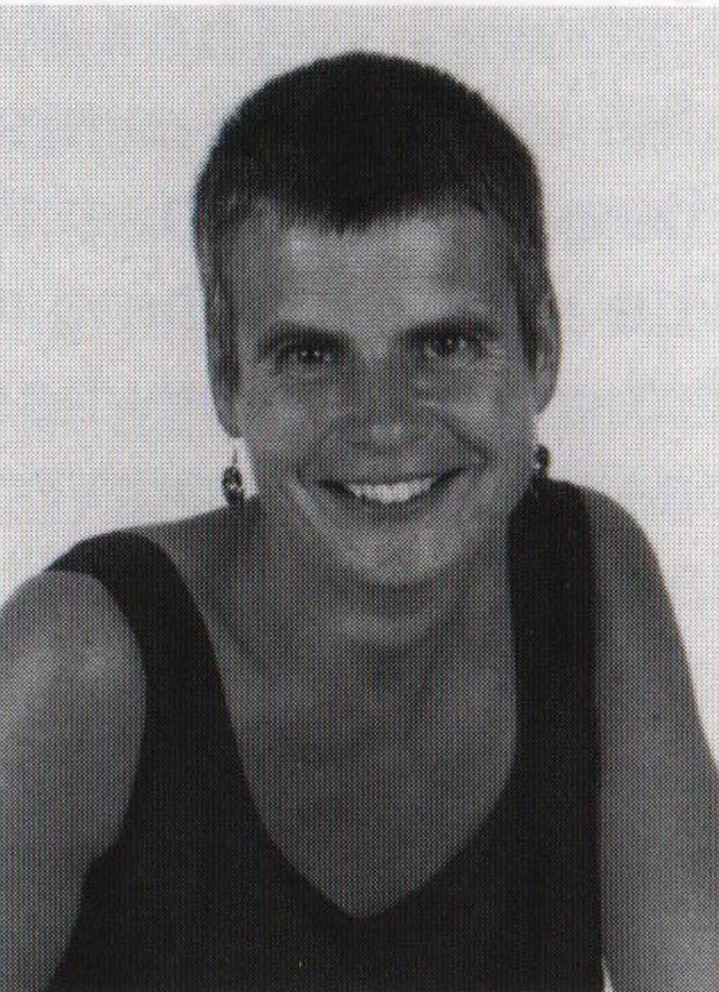
Finally, the following formal resolution was put to the vote. The resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority. Now, all we have to do is make it work! Anyone interested in helping

with the project will be very welcome. Please contact the office.

NG1 kindly lent us their premises and provided refreshments.

Walking for Equality

Bridget Betts, an Outhouse member, is off to the bright lights of the Big Apple in November to participate in Stonewall's Equality Walk.



Bridget will be walking 13.5 miles across Manhattan, starting at the Empire State Building and finishing at the Stonewall Inn at Greenwich Village. She hopes to raise £1200 by late September and is well on the way to achieving this. She has attracted sponsorship from companies and individuals that she has connections with through her work as a freelance social worker and trainer, and she is also getting people hooked on a brain teasing quiz of well known words, phrases and events which is proving a successful fundraiser. For example can you work out '1969 = CFSF', that just one of the 50 questions.

If you want a copy of the quiz, costing £1 to enter with a first prize of £50, they are obtainable from the Outhouse. Donations are also welcome, and can be sent to Bridget via the Outhouse, marked 'Stonewall Equality Walk'. Any cheques need to be made payable to Stonewall.

Michael Limb stabbed to death

It was a shock to hear the news of the death of Michael Limb, who died from a single stab wound, at his home in Harlaxton Drive, The Park. His body was found in his bed at 9am on Tuesday 10th June. And police have stated that his death occurred between the Sunday evening and the Tuesday morning. It was reported that Paul Limb, aged 22, of the same address, appeared in court on Thursday, charged with Dr. Limbs murder, He was remanded to appear at Nottingham Crown Court, on Thursday 19th June. Michael was well known and liked within our community and served for a period on the Out House Project Management Committee. His dental surgery, in Netherfield now has the door boarded up, and patients and neighbours have left flowers on the doorstep.

On behalf of Out House, I would like to offer our sympathy to all of Michael's friends.

Patrick McCrory
Out House Chair

New GAI Boy

The GAI Project is delighted to announce the arrival of their bouncing new project worker. Peter Thomas arrived on the 12th May, weighing an undisclosed amount. Those of you who frequent the scene will recognise Peter, as he's been a Sessional outreach worker for the Project for several years. No doubt he'll carry on doing that, but we suspect he'll now be allowed out in the daylight as well. Peter's favourite colour is blue.

GAI Bashing

On a more serious note, Peter (see above) had a less than auspicious start to his full-time career as GAI Project worker when he became the victim of a homophobic attack. The incident happened in the early hours of 3rd June after Peter had finished an outreach session at the monthly Revolution night at the Palais.

Having dropped his co-worker safely back off at the club at about 1.00am, Peter was assaulted in the street as he walked to his car. He is in no doubt about the motive behind the attack as his assailant shouted homophobic abuse as he punched and kicked Peter to the ground. The attacker then jumped into a waiting car and was driven off. "I saw him hanging around as I left the club" said Peter. "He seemed to be waiting for someone." Peter immediately reported the incident to the police. "I told them I was gay and it was a homophobic attack. They were very positive and sympathetic."

An almost identical incident happened to another gay man later the same night. If you have any information that might help, call the homophobic incident reporting line on 0800 085 8522, or contact the GAI Project. In the meantime, be vigilant around gay venues - try not to leave on your own and look out for each other. For immediate police assistance call 999. Don't let them get away with it!

Outburst

The Outburst group is now meeting every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, from 6pm—8pm. The group is open to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual young people up to the age of 21, and provides a range of activities. Recently the group has zapped each other at laser quest, thrown their balls around at the bowling alley and snapped themselves silly with their photography project. Outburst meets at the Health Shop on Broad Street, call the GAI Project on 0115 947 6868 for more details.

Guide Update

The GAI Project is in the process of updating its ever so useful GAI Guide, which lists every known thing in the queer universe...well, everything in Nottingham actually, but is there anywhere else worth bothering with? If your group or organisation has a listing in the current edition of the guide, you will be contacted soon to check your details. If you know of something that isn't listed in the guide but should be (and we're not talking "best cruising ground" or "most active cottage" here), give the project a call on 0115 947 6868.

Switchboard

Your local Lesbian & Gay Switchboard needs you! Switchboard is always on the lookout for new volunteers to staff its 5 nights a week service. Full training and biscuits are provided. If you'd like to help, contact them on 0115 934 8485. Mmmmm....biscuits.

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Positive Links

Positive Links is a group providing support for people with HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C in the Mansfield and Ashfield areas. It also provides support for their friends, families and carers. It can help with transport to medical and dental appointments, shopping, befriending, listening and offering emotional support, speaking on your behalf to others.

They can be contacted by phoning 01623 824993. You may get an answer phone - if you leave a message, Positive Links WILL get back to you. You can also write to them: c/o Mansfield CVS, Community House, 36 Wood Street, Mansfield, Notts.

No Comment

Lesbian & Gay Switchboard received the following note from Yellow Pages last week: -

"Your free entry in Yellow Pages is currently appearing in the Counselling and Advice section. Call our Customer Service Team if you would like to transfer your entry to the new Addiction, Rehabilitation and Treatment section."

The GAI Project received the same letter. Are they trying to tell us something?

Lovely Lezzies

Some events for the lesbians:

Post Pride Lezzie Love Ball

The Comfort Hotel, Hockley
30th August, 8pm till 2am

Featuring:

The Full Muffty
Funkinsteins
Rachel Harris
Aneesa
DJ Sophie

Tickets £15/£12 Concessions
£2 discount if booked before
30th July. Tickets available
from the Nottingham Playhouse
0115 941 9419

Women's Quiz

New Foresters
31st August, 4pm onwards

Hosted by the sexy duo Tongue and Cheek, this will be a fun and ever so slightly naughty Women's Pride quiz. Lots of prizes - including a crate of beer (donated by the pub) - only £1 per person (max. 5 people per team). There will also be a 70's disco later on when the boys can join us to groove the rest of the Pride weekend away. So get yourselves organised into teams and we'll see you down

Get Packing

If you've ever picked up one of those little packs of condoms and lube from scene venues in Nottingham, you may have wondered how they got there. Then again, you were probably about to take someone home and were more worried about

whether you'd picked your discarded undies up off the bedroom floor.

Anyway, the point of all this is to tell you that the packs are made by a hard working bunch of nimble fingered (and slightly foul mouthed) volunteers, who meet twice a month to drink tea, insult each other and help the gay men of our fair city to have safer sex.

If you'd like to join them, packing sessions take place on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30pm, and the last Saturday, 1 to 4pm, at the Health Shop. Please note there will be no packing sessions on the 30th August cause we'll all be at Nottingham Pride.

Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

The annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival will be taking place at the Broadway between 22nd and 29th August.

August Broadway programmes will be out soon so keep your eyes open for them.

Films include: Do I love you, Luster, Days, Mango Soufflé, Alice, Hormones and Other Demons, etc.

Pre-Pride Events

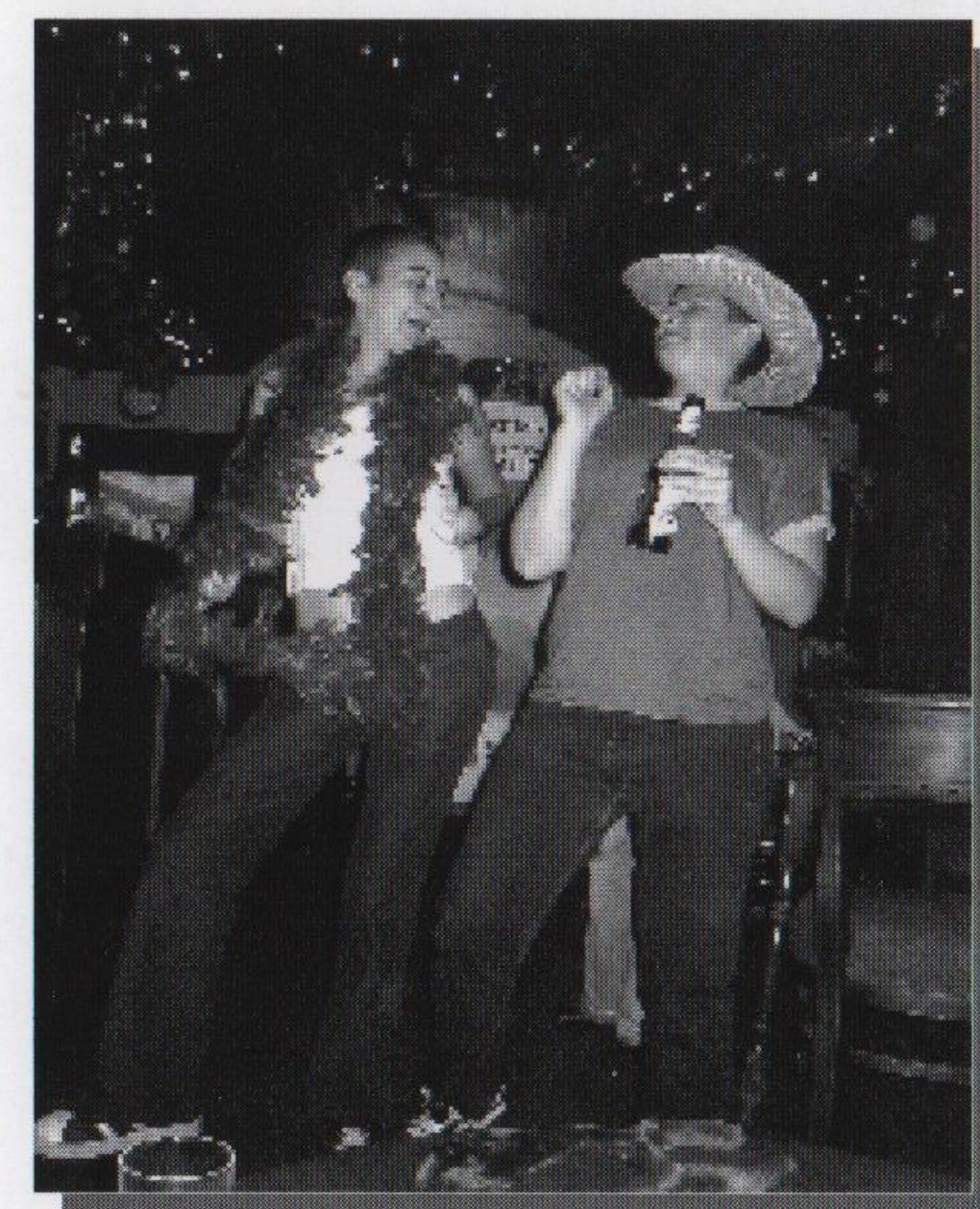
Speedmates

It was Sunday 29th June, the evening got off to a flying start quite literally, as two organisers and a rather handsome contestant flew off down to the Lord Roberts to drum up more custom. Returning with one ticket sold to someone who paid so that they could have a quick chat with Biddy (we'd heard she was good but £5 for a 5 minutes?!) and £1.26 from a chap who felt sorry for us, we decided to crack on with the 10 wonderful contestants we already had, plying them with free liquor to whet their whistles.



through with Grace Jones, pulling up to the bumper just in time. The raffle prize went to Elaine who, on eventually finding her ticket, was delighted. The final prize of the evening went to Moira who accepted her 'booby' prize for the Worst and Silliest Answers with aplomb (her finesse surpassed only by her ability to laugh at anything). So, with the first (and as we like to think of it; experimental rehearsal) SPEED MATES evening hailed as a roaring success, a general good laugh and having raised £50 for Pride whilst having nothing but fun, we look forward to the next and hopefully bigger SPEED MATES on 4TH Aug at George's Bar. To the contestants...thank you!!

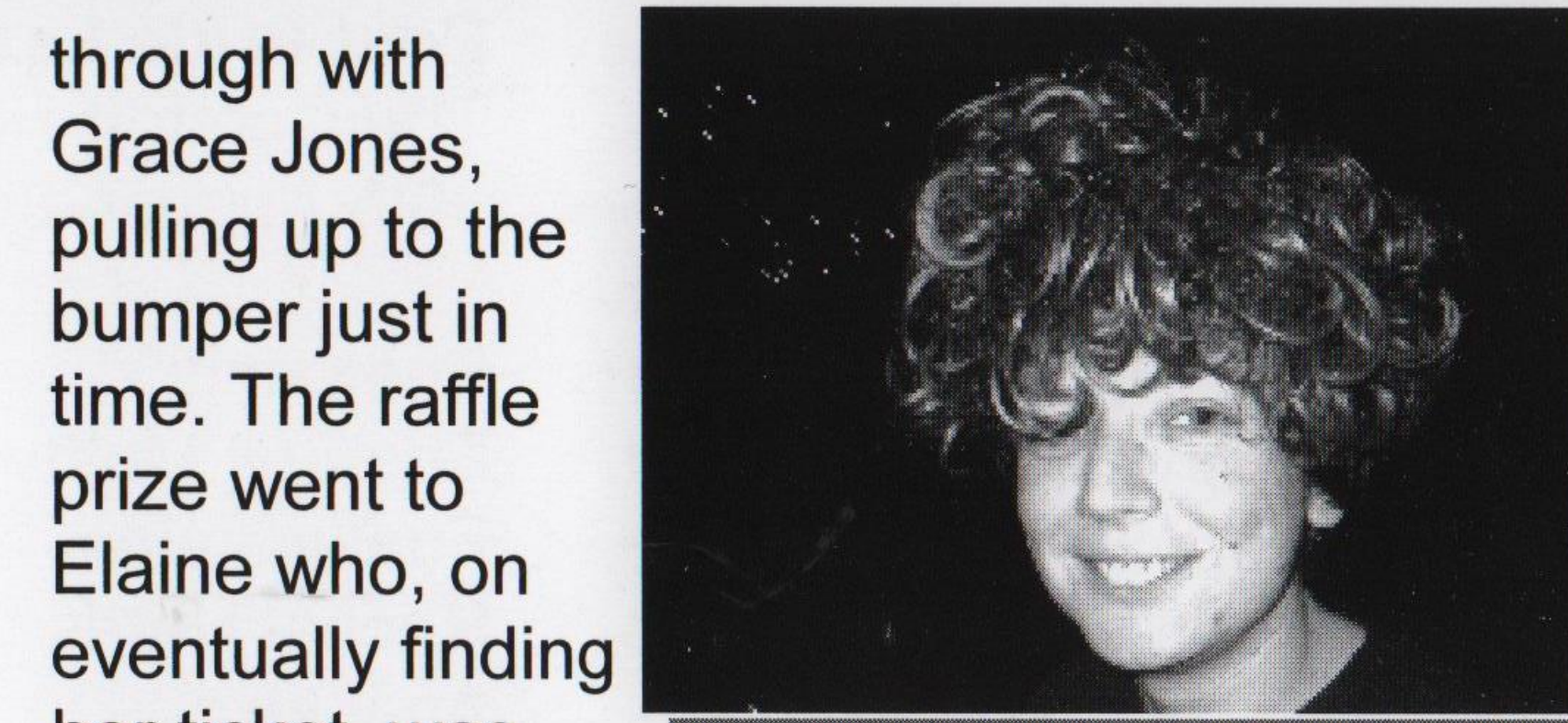
The organisers wish to pass on their heartfelt thanks to George for being the best host ever and to Andy for the fabulous after show grub!



The Party Continues

But there's more to getting 10 people to talk to each other for 3 minutes at a time, in order, and make sure everyone's talking to someone new each time the whistle blows. We found this out the hard way. 10 folks, 12 opinions on how the changing of seats should be orchestrated resulting in amicable drunken chaos which (thank goddess) only served to fuel the event with more hilarity, warmth and nuttiness. There was a light bulb out right above the table, and yes it probably would have taken all 10 dykes and queens to change it.

Prizes were awarded at the official post game ceremony. A nail biting tie break decided the winner of the 'find the popstar' part of the game. Congratulations to Leigh who shone



Tension was Building

Photo Album

Cabaret

The first pre-Pride Cabaret night took place on 2nd July at the Central. A great night was had by all, and we raised £150 for Pride. If you missed the first cabaret don't worry we're having another on the **6th August** at **NG1**, and if you didn't miss the first one then hope to see you next time for a different but equally fantastic event. Here's some photos so you get an idea of what to expect!

Thanks to Adrian for letting us use The Central and Paul for being a great compere.



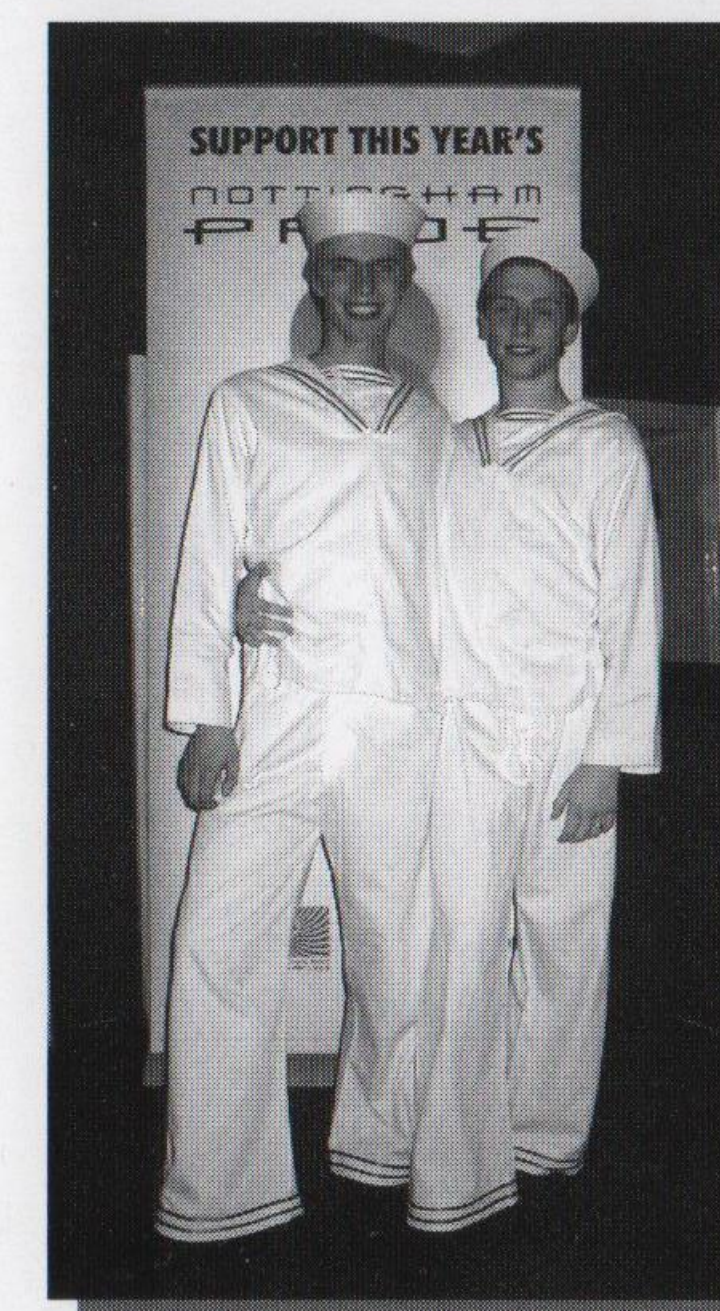
The Court of King Caractacus—As you've never seen it before!



Pride Committee won't take no for an answer



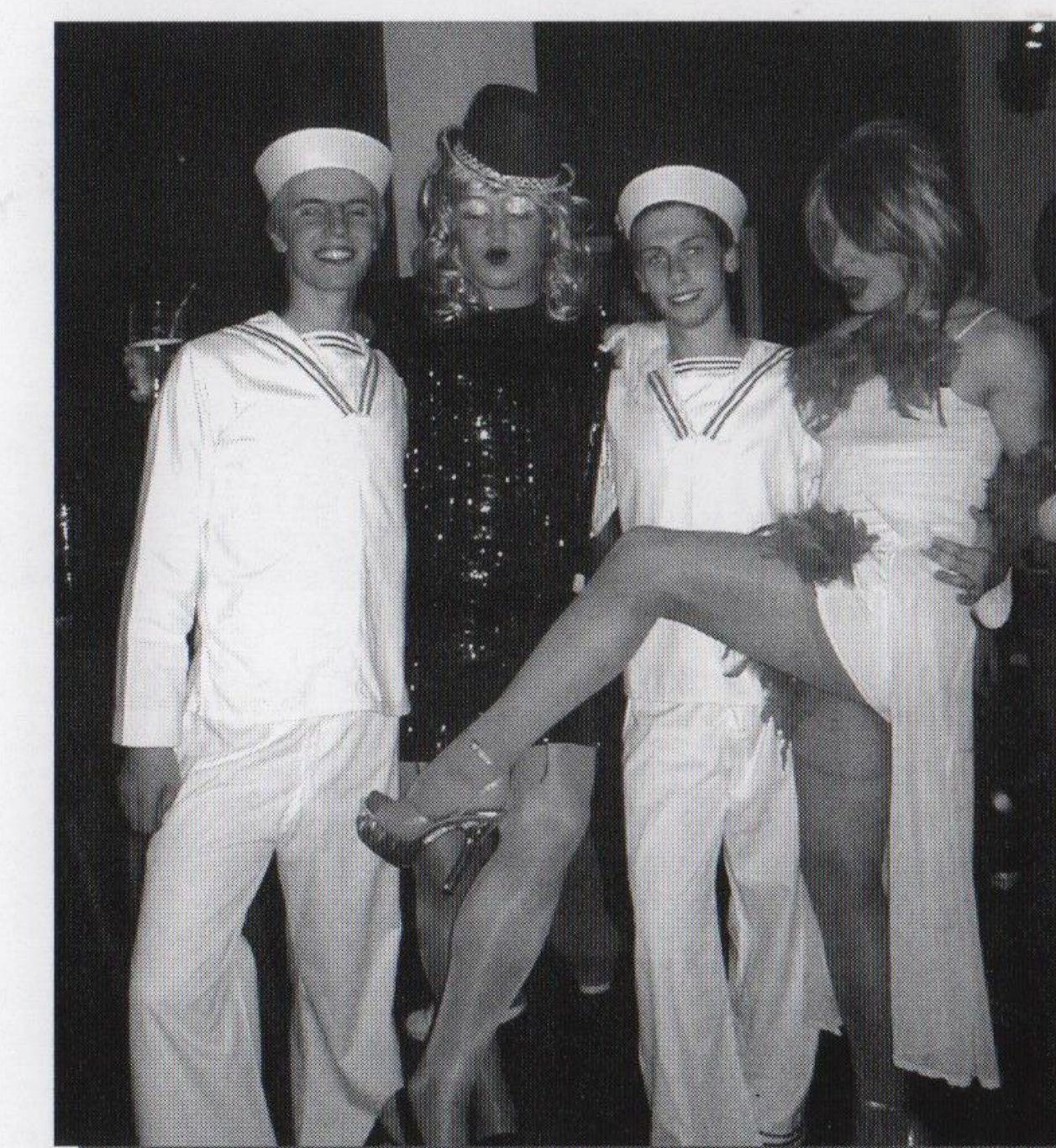
Round the old camp fire - everyone joins in



David & Tristan



Dee Dee Obesity and Dreary Delores Dragnasty share a special, private moment



All the nice girls love a sailor

Swedish Fags Triumphant

Sven, our blonde haired, blue eyed (or is it blue haired, blonde eyed) reporter informs us that ...

The Stockholm Gay Opera Lovers have again won the Stockholm Royal Opera House annual quiz.

The winners have their team's name inscribed on a large Wimbledon-style trophy. For the trophy, they used their official name, rather than their "polite" name ... so underneath illustrious groups such as "Friends of the Royal Opera" and "The Swedish Academy of Music" there appears "2003 - Opera Faggots".

They also won in 2001, but were runners up last year because in the "pot luck" round their questions were on "Sport in Opera" - need I say more.

Bulls-Eye Dykes

We read with interest in the Loughborough Echo the story of Sara and Trudi, who claim they are being discriminated against by opponents in the local darts league.

They have been accused of "hamming it up" when they know their opponents don't like it. Is this a new lesbian sexual practice we haven't heard about? (We've heard of Porking, but think that's something quite different).

We tried to look it up in our Polari dictionary, but to no avail. If any reader can enlighten us, please do. In the meantime we wish the girls happy hamming.

Anti-Bullying Website

Brighton and Hove Council has launched a website to counter bullying in schools. The site presents an on-line soap situated in a virtual Brighton school and follows the characters through a series of interactive scenarios.

The issues dealt with include homophobia and racism. The site - www.coastkid.org - is also designed for use by teachers and youth workers.

Notes & Queries

Everything you've ever wanted to know about LGB history, culture and politics and more! Did you know that Paul Baker's book "Fantabulosa" lists Polari terms for various things. A policeman is "Hilda Handcuffs", "Betty Bracelets" or "Jennifer Justice". Sunglasses are "ogle filters" and a dentist's surgery is a "fang carsey".

More than 100 men and women recently gathered in San Francisco for what organisers said was the city's second annual public "Masturbate-a-Thon". The event raised funds for charity - one of the sponsors was Kleenex.

As the UK has an economy dominated by an expanding "service" industry, previously unfulfilled needs are now being catered for. A Canvey Island firm uses vans which describe themselves as "Cock polishing services".



Channel 4

Channel 4 has commissioned an upbeat, sympathetic and frank portrayal of gay and lesbian parenting issues for a new documentary series.

They would like to hear from gay and lesbian couples and individuals who are either planning to become parents, or who will be having their baby during 2003.

Contact Sarah or Emily, in confidence, on: 020 7013 4454 or 07817 278 798.

E-mail them at parenting@rdmedia.com If you are interested in being involved.

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual (LGB) Work in North Nottinghamshire

Last year money was gained from Stonewall Citizenship 21 to carry out some detailed work on LGB issues. This was an exciting development for North Notts since work of this nature hasn't happened before. Stage 1 of the work involved:

- a mapping exercise showing the provision for LGB people living in North Notts. This covered the whole of Nottinghamshire, Lincoln, Chesterfield, Sheffield and Derby. This also provided an insight into the experience of accessing the services, which varied enormously.
- the production of a directory of services, support, and social facilities available and how to access them
- the planning and delivery of a 2 day multi-agency LGB awareness training event attended by 37 people from 27 different organisations
- the production of an excellent report, which clearly states the situation and makes clear recommendations on how the LGB work could be developed further.

This work was completed in September 2002 and was enormously successful. The North Nottinghamshire LGB Development Group was established, which involves representatives from a wide range

of voluntary and statutory agencies. This group has been meeting regularly and gained funding via the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation to develop Stage 2 of the LGB work. Stage 2 is currently being developed and will:

- support specific city-based LGB organisations to become countywide including the whole of North Nottinghamshire. This includes organisations such as the Switchboard, Lesbian Line and the Outhouse. The Switchboard is soon to be re-launched as the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire LGB Switchboard.
- improve information to relevant individual members of the community as well as a wide range of relevant organisations on support services and mutual aid opportunities available
- plan and deliver a further 4 North Notts wide LGB awareness training events. There will be a training event in the following districts of North Notts: Bassetlaw: Thursday July 24th with a focus on those who work with young LGB people. Mansfield: Wednesday 24th September. Ashfield: Wednesday 15th October. Newark & Sherwood: November - date to be confirmed.

There are also a number of other new developments.

Thanks to funding from Gay Connection, a North Notts support network, a conference is being planned for Feb 2004 for those from the educational field.

There is also an historical event planned at the National Holocaust Centre in Laxton, linked with the Aegis Trust. "The Lessons of History" will take place on Thursday September 18th and will focus on how to avoid historical mistakes of persecution and exclusion of many minorities, including LGB people. It is hoped that a memorial plaque will be put in the garden to commemorate the gay men and others massacred in the Holocaust.

The Outhouse "i cOUNt" questionnaires are available in North Notts. Your local CVS has copies, so if you are LGBT then please complete one - they are completely anonymous, no name or address requested.

If you are an interested individual or a voluntary group and would like to know more about the LGB work in North Nottinghamshire then please contact Michael Newstead at BCVS (Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service) on 01909 476118 or

Email: director@bcvs.org.uk

Quiz

Another Poptastic Prize Quiz!

State which artist/group sang the following lyrics for 1 point, and which one of their hits it came from for another. 40 possible points. Normal rules apply.

- 1. Your money or your life
- 2. I don't have no time for no monkey business
- 3. Pushed around and kicked around I was a lonely boy
- 4. Learn to speak Arapaho
- 5. You say to me I don't talk enough but when I do I'm a fool
- 6. O yeah, I wait tables too
- 7. And then you call me and it's not too bad
- 8. For the love you bring won't mean a thing
- 9. So you're Brad Pitt
- 10. I'm going to let myself get absolutely soaking wet
- 11. Just a man and his will to survive
- 12. Hey mister DJ put a record on
- 13. Your love's like a slow train coming
- 14. He got the action, he got the motion
- 15. My loneliness is killing me
- 16. Start spreading the news
- 17. Hey teacher, leave those kids alone
- 18. I'm going where the sun shines brightly
- 19. She stood there laughing
- 20. I'd like to take her home, that's understood

Return to "I'm Free!" (address on page 2) by the 25th September, maybe you'll be the lucky winner of a fabulous prize!

Last Issues Quiz
Answers

1. Cry Baby, 2. Lennon/McCartney, 3. Chequered Love, 4. Vivaldi, 5. St Winifred's School Choir? I'm only a poor little Sparrow, 6. Morten Harkett, 7. Tight Fit, 8. Danny, Mylene, Suzanne, Noel and Kim, 9. Don McClean, 10. Joni Mitchell, 11. Shaggy, 12. Bob the Builder, 13. I'm no Angel—Dido, 14. Toni Basil, 15. Swing when you're winning/ Sing when you're winning, 16. The rise and fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars, 17. Joan Jett and the Blackhearts/Britney Spears, 18. Puppet on a String, 19. Clarinet, 20. Dream a little dream of me/Bad Girls, 21. Judy Garland, 22. Dolly Parton/Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, 23. Blowing in the Wind

Raffle

Pride raffle tickets (£1 each) will be on sale shortly. We have some amazing prize up for grabs e.g. a holiday for two in Ibiza, a screening of your favourite film for you and 19 of your best friends, as well as an assortment of meals, vouchers, DVD's, games, haircuts, magazine subscriptions, tickets and loads more. Look out for Pride committee members selling them in venues and on the day. Also available from the Outhouse: 0115 911 0545

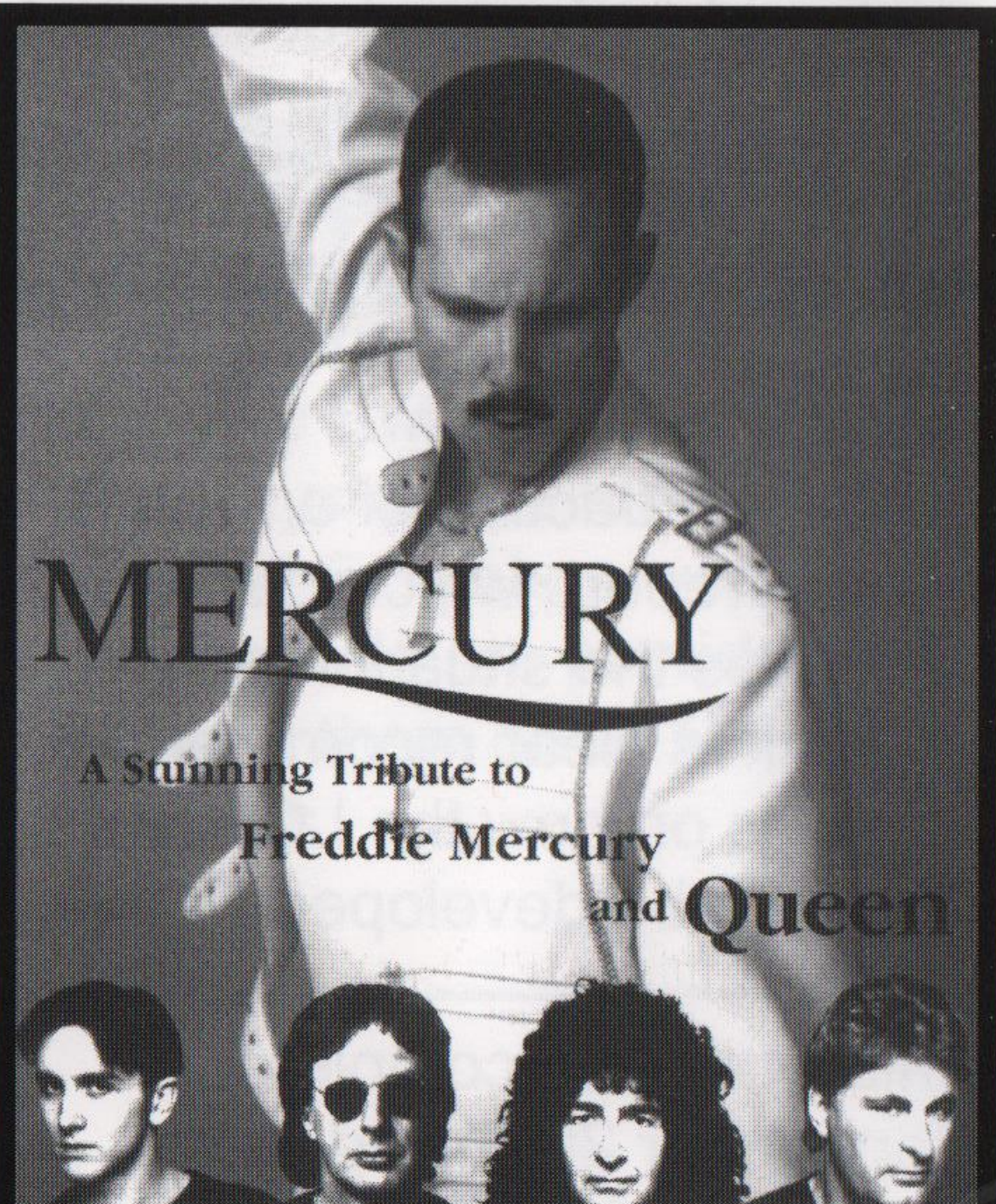
Fancy a stall?

Would you like a stall in the Pride market place? Individuals and organisations welcome. Please e-mail: nottinghampride03@hotmail.com and we'll get right back to you

Women's Volleyball

Women only volleyball: Every Friday, 8 - 9pm Portland Leisure Centre, The Meadows. New members are always welcome. You don't have to be any good, just full of fun and enthusiasm. For more details contact Al on 07791 177576

Don't Miss



MERCURY
A Stunning Tribute to
Freddie Mercury
and Queen

12th September - 7:30pm
£8.50
Nottingham Arts Theatre
George St, Nottingham

Letters

Dear I'm Free

Having attended most of the fabulous nights at Revolution, I was at the July event and wanting to pick up some condoms. So where was the usual safer sex stall? I looked everywhere but they were no where to be found. Have they stopped doing the stall? If so I think it is a real shame as me and my friends often collect our supplies from them. It's also real important to remind people about safe sex as some blokes I meet still think it's OK not to use a condom. Apart from that it was another great night.

Dave

Reply from the GAI Project

Dear I'm Free

Further to your enquiry with regards to the Projects stall at the Palais: we have currently withdrawn the stall due to an incident that took place at the June night of Revolution.

A member of the GAI Project staff had left the club after working at the stall and was homophobically attacked along King Edward Street. When he went back to the club for assistance, he was refused entry to use the phone in order to call the police. He reports the door staff were very abusive towards him.

I have written to the Manager at the Palais asking for reas-

urance that this would not happen in the future, but as yet I have not received a reply from them.

Clearly I can not expect any member of the GAI Project to work at a venue where they feel unsupported. This is by no means a reflection on the actual Revolution event and it's promoters, but rather on the door staff of the venue.

I'm hoping that this matter will be resolved soon, but until it is—I am sorry to say we won't be there.

Jens Zimmermann
GAI Project Team Leader.

Ed—we hope that the Palais and the GAI project can resolve this situation, so that safer sex information and condoms are available at this venue once more: we need to be safe in the sheets as well as the streets.

Dear I'm Free

The Nottingham Bi-Women's Group has been getting active again after a relatively dormant phase. We recently had a picnic, and have met a few times at Broadway cinema to chat and see films. We also chat on our emailing list sometimes. The group welcomes all women who identify as bi, or who recognise attractions to more than one gender (even if they don't use the word "bisexual"), or who are ques-

tioning their sexuality.

We recently set up a new web page, which we hope will be a useful starting point for all bi people in the Nottingham area: www.nottsbi.info. It includes a link to information about our emailing list.

If you haven't got access to the web, you can also write to the group care of the Women's Centre:
Nottingham Bi-Women's Group
Nottingham Women's Centre
30 Chaucer Street
Nottingham
NG1 5LP.

We're currently planning a semi-structured chat/discussion evening for either late July or early September, which will be a good event for newcomers and people questioning their sexuality. So it's a good time to get in touch.

Jennifer
On behalf of NBWG

Dear I'm Free

A German Court fined a man, 63, euros 2,700 (£1,900) for celebrating his neighbours death by loudly singing "It's a wonderful day". He also lit 3 fireworks as the coffin of his homosexual neighbour was carried out of the house. The dead mans partner complained.

Cheers

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