

# local listings

## Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

0115 934 8485  
01623 621 515  
Monday to Friday, 7 – 10 pm  
Write C/O VAC, 7 Mansfield Road,  
Nottingham, NG1 3FB  
nottingham@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk

## Outburst!

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

## Older Gay Group

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

## 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

## The GAI Project

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

## Lookout!

Quarterly what's on newsletter for  
lesbians in the Nottingham area.  
For a copy, write to:  
Nottingham Lesbian Community  
Centre, c/o Women's Centre,  
30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham,  
NG1 5LP, or e-mail  
nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com

## Nottingham University Lesbian and Gayline

0115 951 4999  
Monday term time only

## Flame (lesbians with M.E. Group)

Support and social group for lesbi-  
ans suffering from ME/CFS.  
Flame, C/O Self-Help Nottingham,  
Ormiston House, 32-36 Pelham  
Street, Nottingham, NG1 2EG  
Tel: 0115 911 1662 (9am to 1pm or  
leave a message)  
E-mail:  
nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com

## Nottingham Bi-Women's Group

For all women who identify as bi,  
who recognise attraction to more  
than one gender, or who are ques-  
tioning their sexuality.  
Nottingham Women's Centre,  
30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham,  
NG1 5LP  
www.nottsbi.info  
Email: nbwg@nottsbi.info

## East Mercia MSC

Friendly gay men's club and wel-  
coming guys who are into leather,  
rubber, skinhead kit, full replica  
sports kit, uniform, western and  
work-gear. STRICT dress code.  
Regular meetings in the Cellar Bar  
at the Lord Roberts, 24 Broad  
Street, Nottingham City Centre from  
8.30pm - 11pm, second Friday of  
each month. Other events are  
arranged throughout the year.  
P.O. Box 6360, Leicester, LE3 5ZZ  
www.emmsc.org.uk

## 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

## Police Homophobic Crime Helpline

0800 085 8522

## WAG

Relaxed and friendly social group,  
open to all lesbians and women  
questioning their sexuality.  
Details from Lesbian & Gay  
switchboard  
Tel: 0115 934 8485.

## Chameleon Group

Group for transvestites and trans-  
sexual people. Changing facilities  
available.  
Thursdays 7.30pm - 11.00pm  
Wollaton Grange Community  
Centre, Treymane Road,  
Billborough.  
Secure parking available.  
Tel: 0115 928 3610

## Trans-Action (UK) Nottingham Group

A support group for transgendered  
people of all persuasions. Friendly  
atmosphere in warm homely sur-  
roundings. There is a charge of £1.  
Meet 1st Wednesday of the month,  
7pm - 11pm.  
Tel: Charlotte Belle (Charlee) on  
0115 958 7403  
www.geocities.com/trans\_actionuk/  
classic\_tan.html  
Email:  
NorthNottsTransAction@groups.msn.com

## LGCM Nottingham Group

Support for Lesbian & Gay Chris-  
tians. Meet 3rd Friday of the month.  
Tel: 0115 9827475

## Breakout

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

# i'm free

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NOTTINGHAM PRIDE 2004  
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# Editor

WOW!!!

What a GREAT Pride we had this year. Fantastic weather, 6,000 party goers, brilliant bands, extended market place and the wonderful New Foresters uniform bar and disco tent. We've booked great weather for next year and can't wait to do it all again!

Thanks to everyone who organised the event, and supported it by turning up. **You all rock!!**

Copy date for the next edition of I'm Free is 23rd September 2004, should you want anything including please contact us at: I'm Free, c/o The Out House Project, Suite A, 40 George Street, Nottingham, NG1 3BG or e-mail at [imfree\\_editor@hotmail.com](mailto:imfree_editor@hotmail.com)

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## ...i cOUNt

### Update and Out House AGM

At long last the 'i cOUNt' report is finished and the data analysed. There have been some very worrying health concerns identified for the whole LGBT Community, and other specific concerns and issues identified for specific groups within the LGBT Community. The summary report was available to all at Pride from the Out House Marquee. We wanted to launch the report at Pride, so that all those who completed the questionnaire have a chance of seeing the results for themselves, especially those who don't frequent gay venues.

We will be hosting a public forum to discuss the results and the way forward at the

**Out House AGM on Wednesday 22nd September at NG1 from 7pm.**

Come along and find out in more depth what we discovered and have your say in how we take the findings forward.

## Out House - the next move!

Those of you who attended last year's AGM and SGM will be wondering what has happened to the Cranbrook Street building, the café idea and the money! So, here is a mini update.

The building was sold in the autumn after years of trying to raise funds for renovation and development. For those who had been involved it was a difficult decision but lack of progress forced the re-thinking of what the Nottingham LGBT community wants and needs - the revisioning of the aims of the project.

The sale brought in enough cash to repay the grant that had been given by the Community Fund and to restore funds into the Out House coffers - monies that had been raised through events, membership fees, gifts and grants. This has left the Out House in the position of being able to think of funding a different type of community centre. The current idea is still that of opening a café type venue as agreed with our members at the AGM.

Over the past few months we

have explored possibilities but unfortunately non has yet worked out. So...

The management Committee recently voted to recruit a Project Manager to locate and secure a lease on a suitable venue in the city area, and to set up a viable café space for Nottingham's LGBT people to meet together informally over coffee, to make new friends and where there is a sense of belonging to a community.

We have separate funds for this purpose (kindly provided by Boots Charitable Trust) and plan to advertise this (part-time, fixed term) post over the next couple of months. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please ring the office for more information, 0115 911 0545.

In any case we would like your views, support and interest. The next update will be at the AGM in September. The Out House Project is changing and moving forward. The more people get involved the more the LGBT community will benefit. The Out House's next move is your move!

## Foster Carers Wanted

Are you a foster carer or adopter or have you ever approached an agency to find out about fostering or adoption?

If so, we would like to hear about your experiences - both positive and negative, to provide case study material for a new book being prepared by BAAF (British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering) on recruiting, assessing and supporting lesbian and gay carers, to be published in the autumn. The case studies will be anonymous and used as learning points to highlight both good and bad practice.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences contact the Out House on 0115 911 0545 for further information.

## Out House Your Move!

We have funds with which to do something useful and positive. We want to represent the diversity of our community. We want to make a difference to the quality of life for LGBT people in Nottingham. We need new approaches and fresh thinking. We need more members to serve on the Management Committee. If you are interested in being part of the next move then it's your move! Ring the office on 0115 911 0545 for more information and a chat.

## Wanted: Amateur Sleuths!

For a Night of Thrills and Mystery in Nottingham

The Theatre Royal Classic Thriller Season runs from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

4 Classic Thrillers will be playing over the course of the season, they are 'The Ghost Train', 'Deadly Nightcap', 'Dracula', and 'Strangers On A Train'.

'Encounters' Restaurant on Mansfield Road are running a series of Murder Mystery evenings in conjunction with the season, (which sound like **bloody** good fun to me). 'Encounters' is a beautiful, French style restaurant with lovely food.

Briefly, the deal is that for £29.95 per person on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> August or 4<sup>th</sup> September, you get:

A ticket to the Saturday matinee performance at the Theatre Royal.

A 3-course dinner at 'Encounters' afterwards (which at 'Encounters' is more food than you can shake a dagger at!).

Whilst suffering from death by overfeeding, you participate in a Murder Mystery (props and roles provided), with prizes and certificates for successful sleuths.

The Murder Mysteries take place at tables of 6 or 8 people but don't worry you will be allocated to a table if you are an individual, couple, or smaller group.

It sounds like a fun night out, and a great way to meet new people.

For further details, or to make a booking, call 'Encounters' on 0115 947 6841 - tell them you heard about it here.

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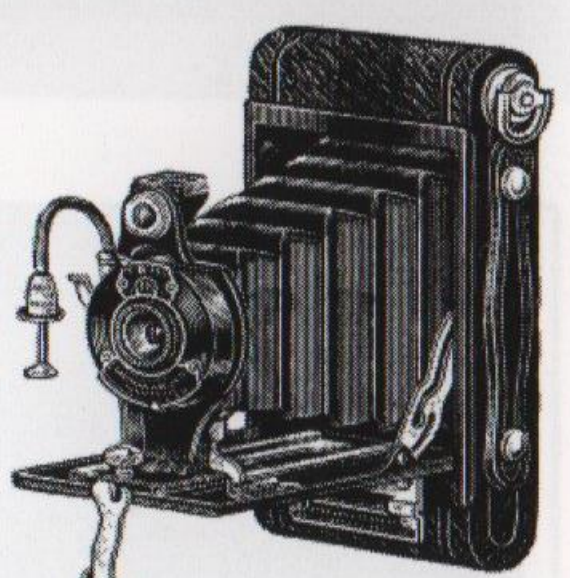
**The Out House project is urgently looking for a new Treasurer due to the retirement of our last (much appreciated) Treasurer.**

Would **YOU** be willing to offer your services?

If so, please contact the Out House office via phone on **0115 911 0545** or email: [info@outhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@outhouse.org.uk)

## Camera Found

Camera found at Nottingham Pride. If you lost a camera at Pride we may have it at the Out House office.

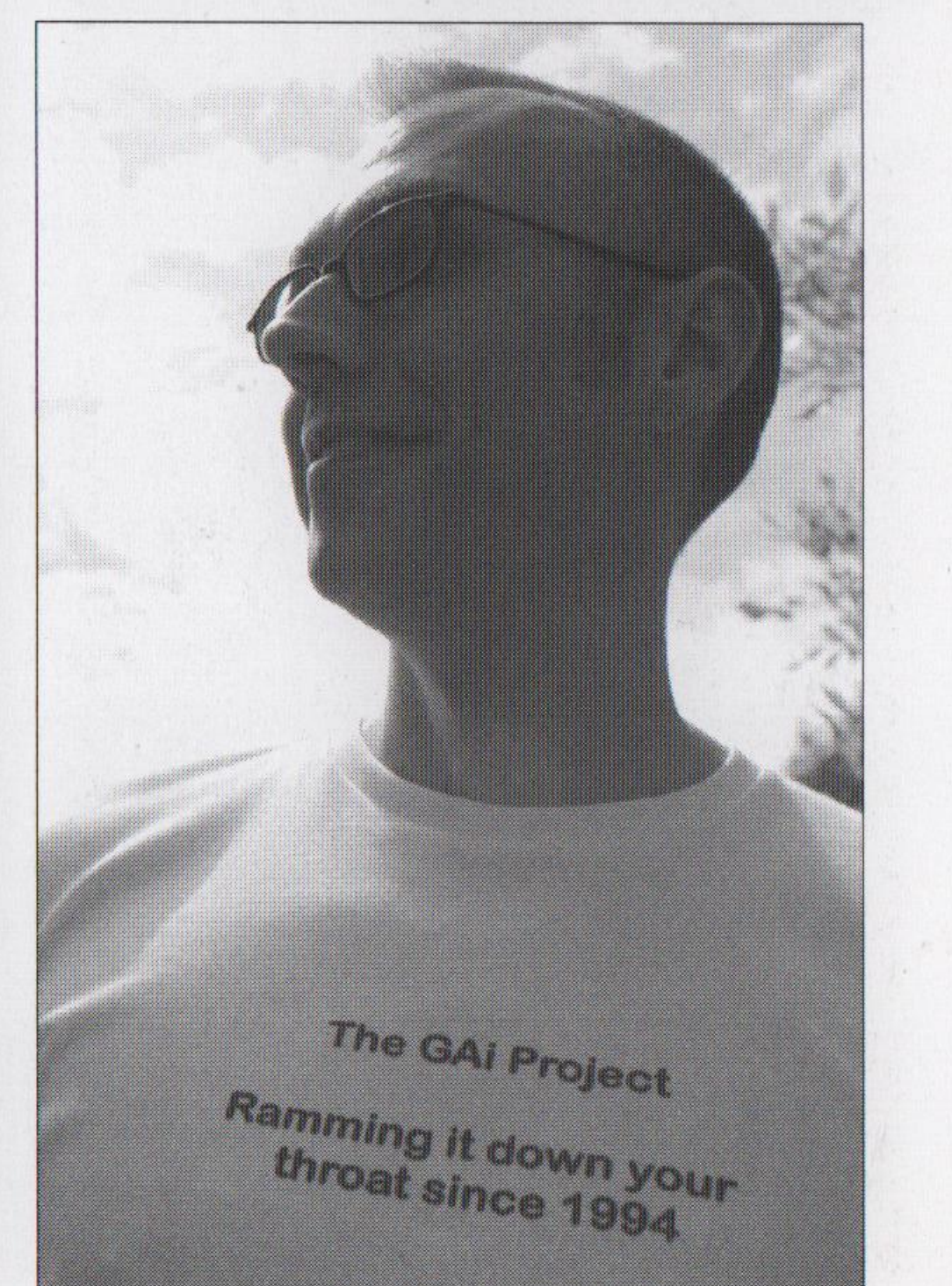
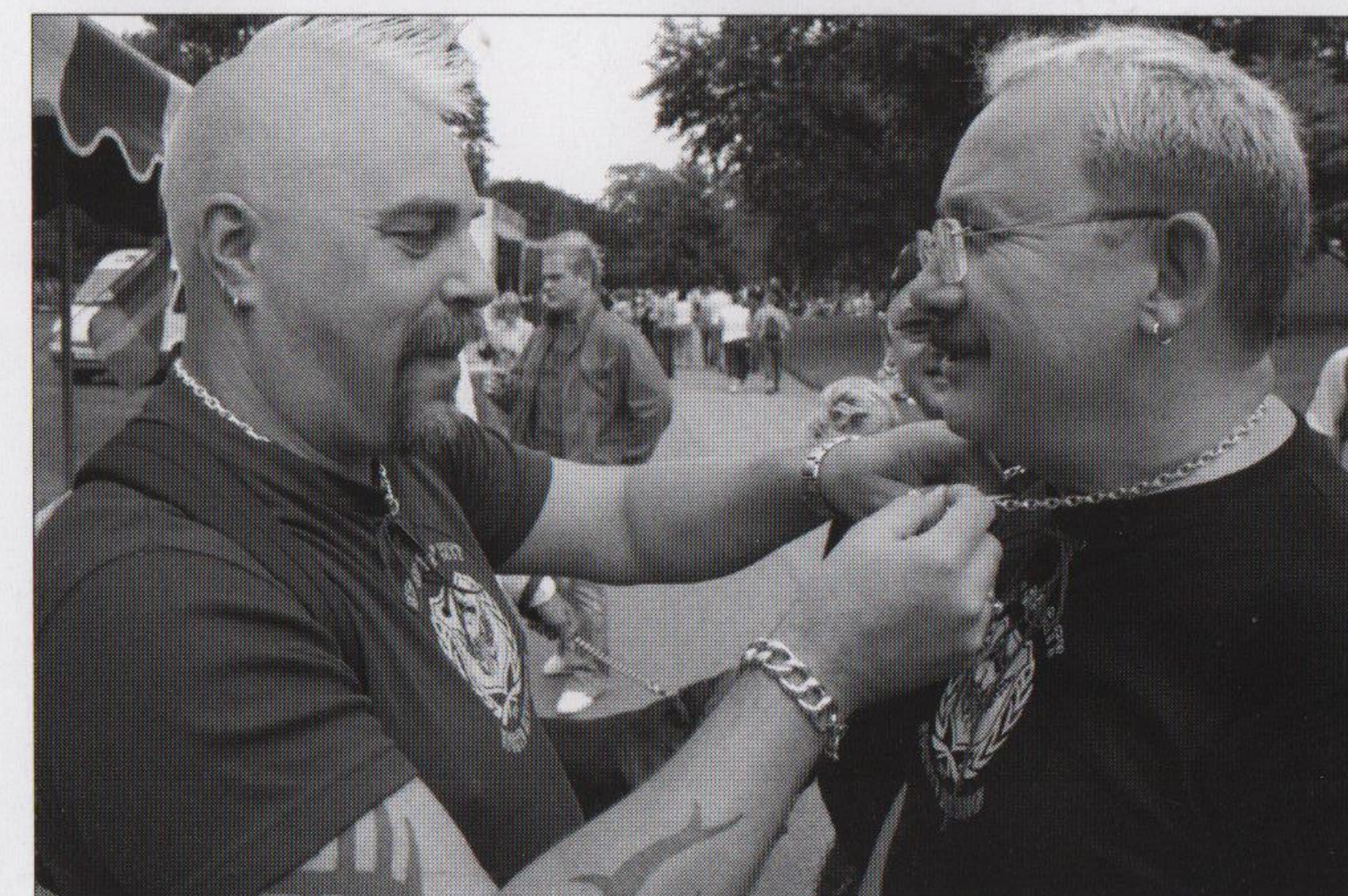
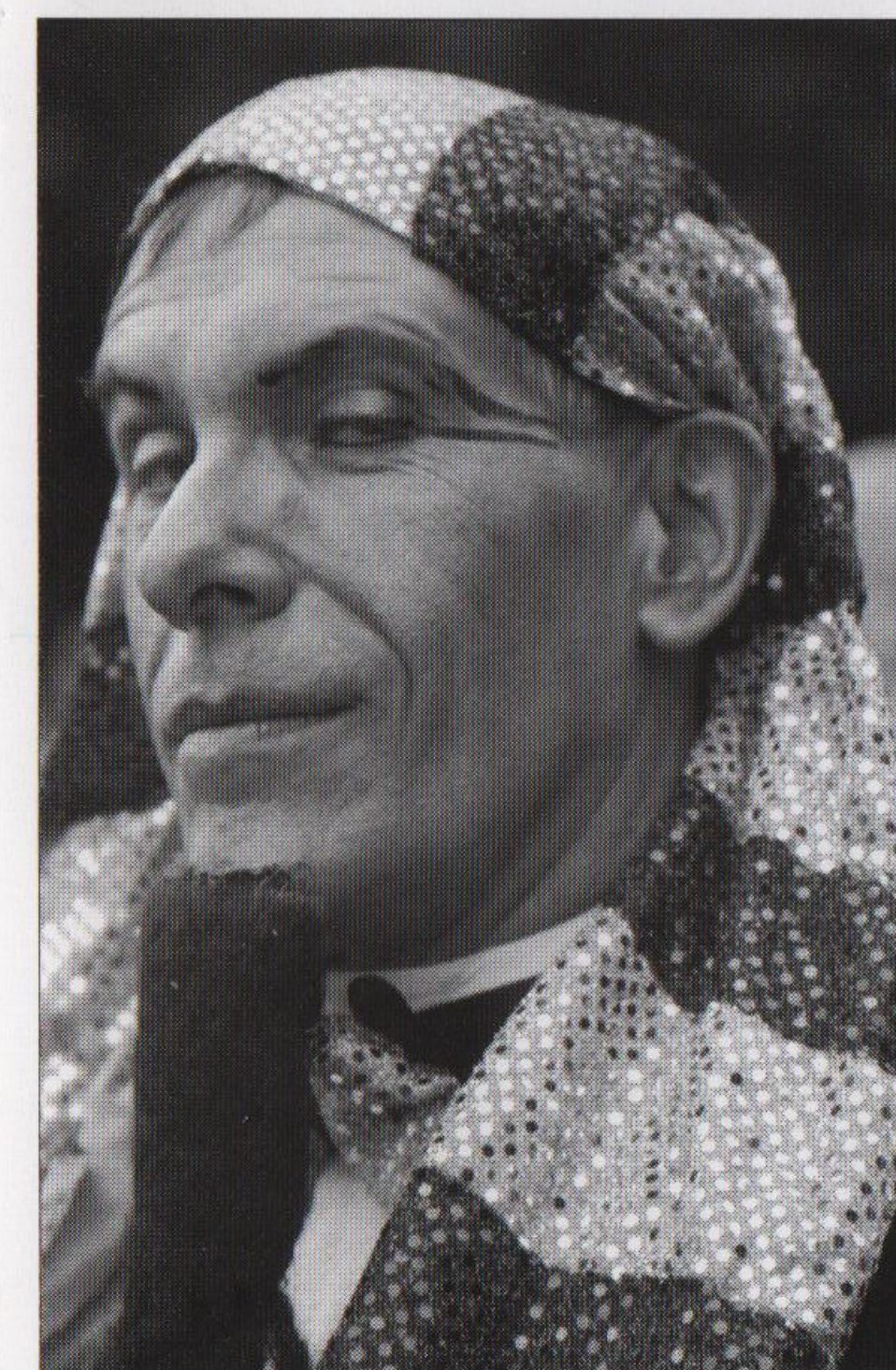
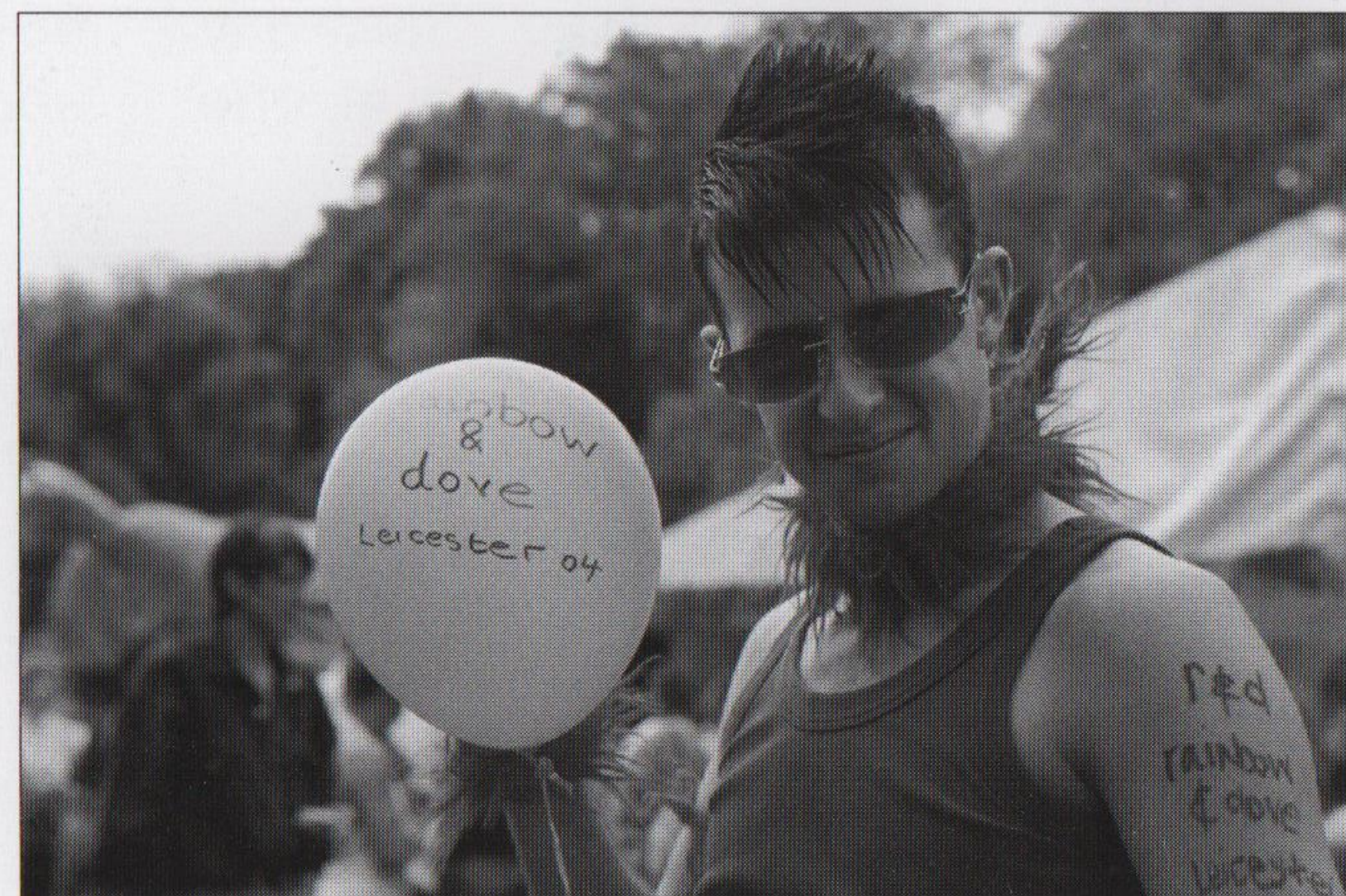
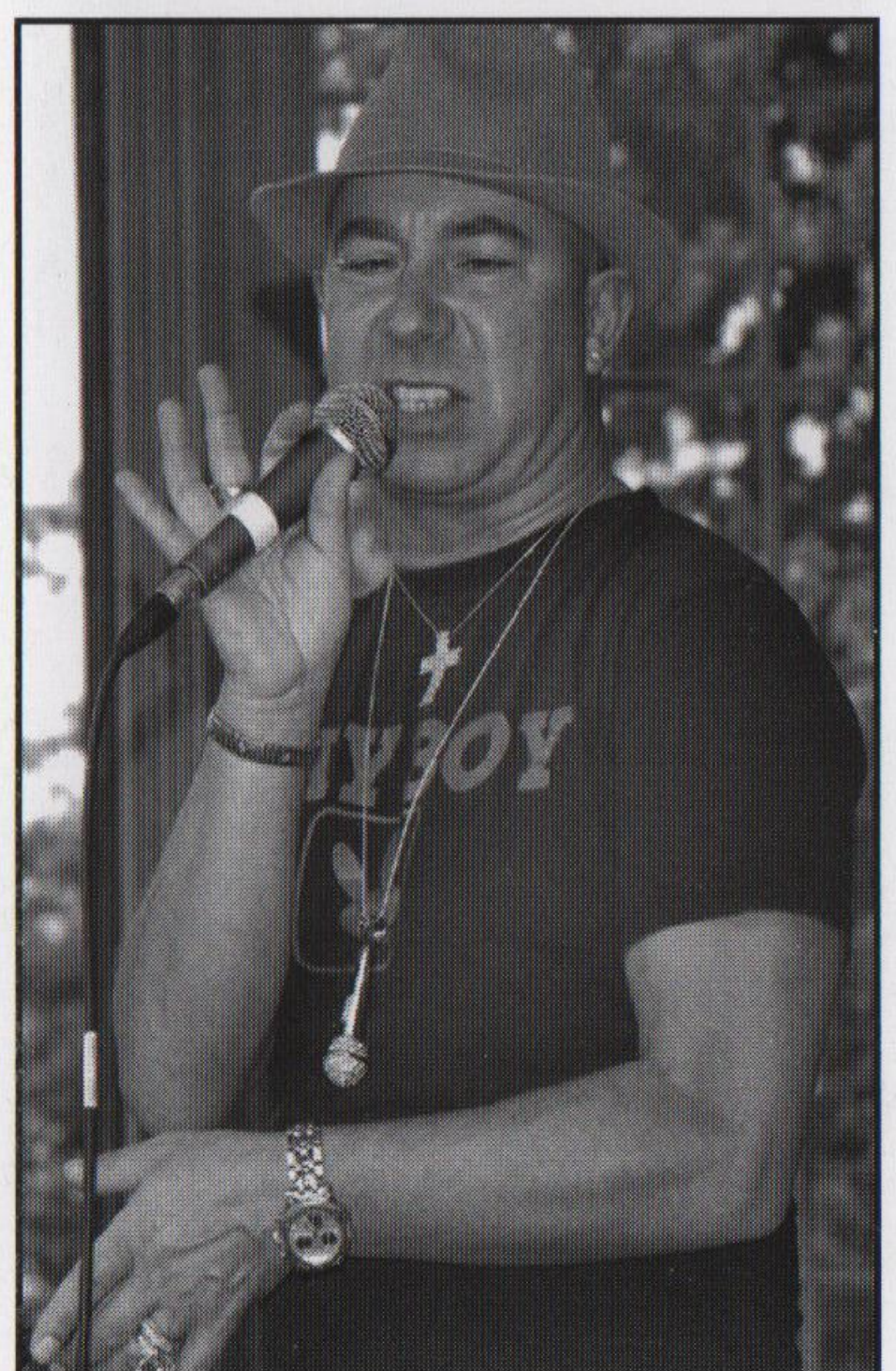
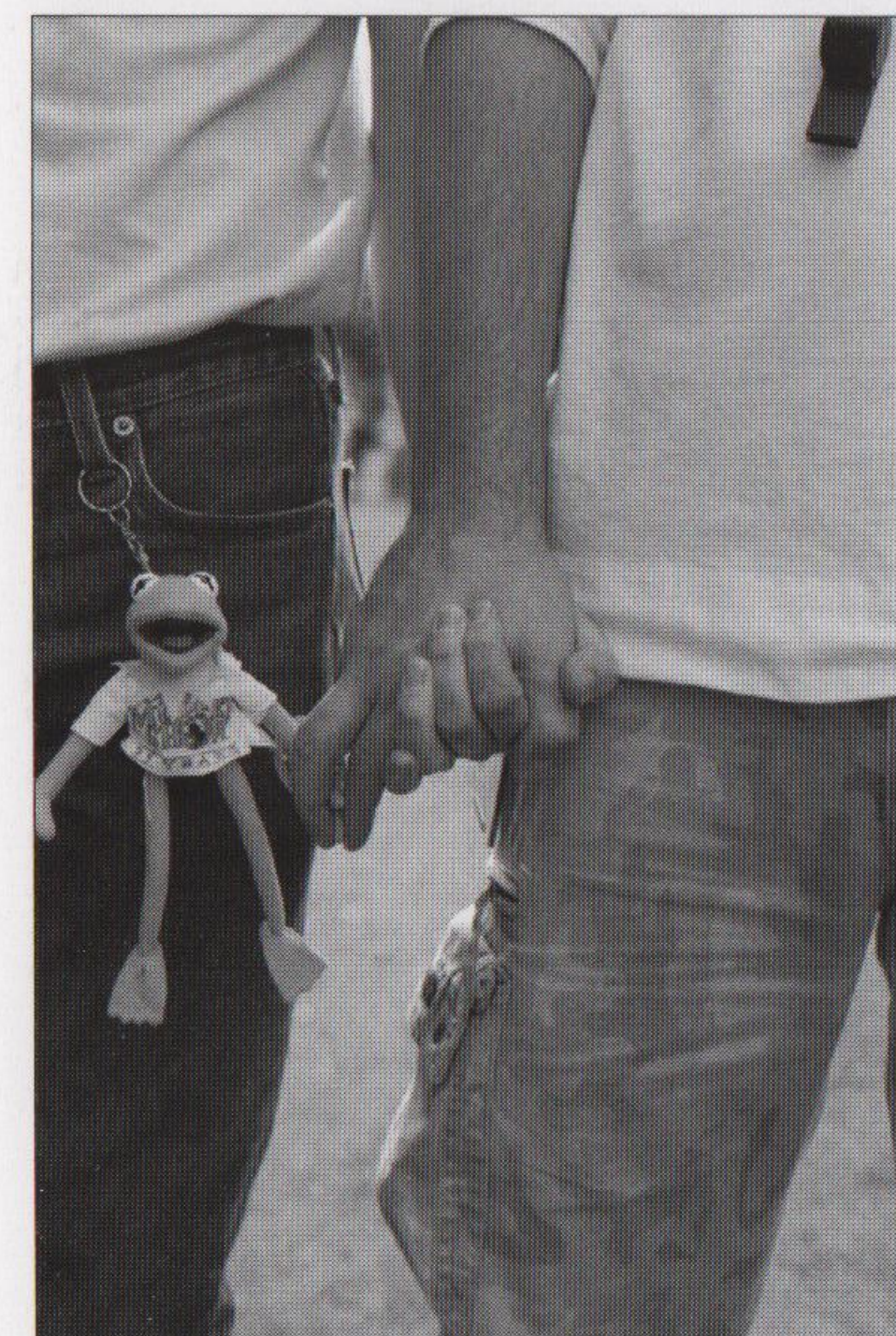
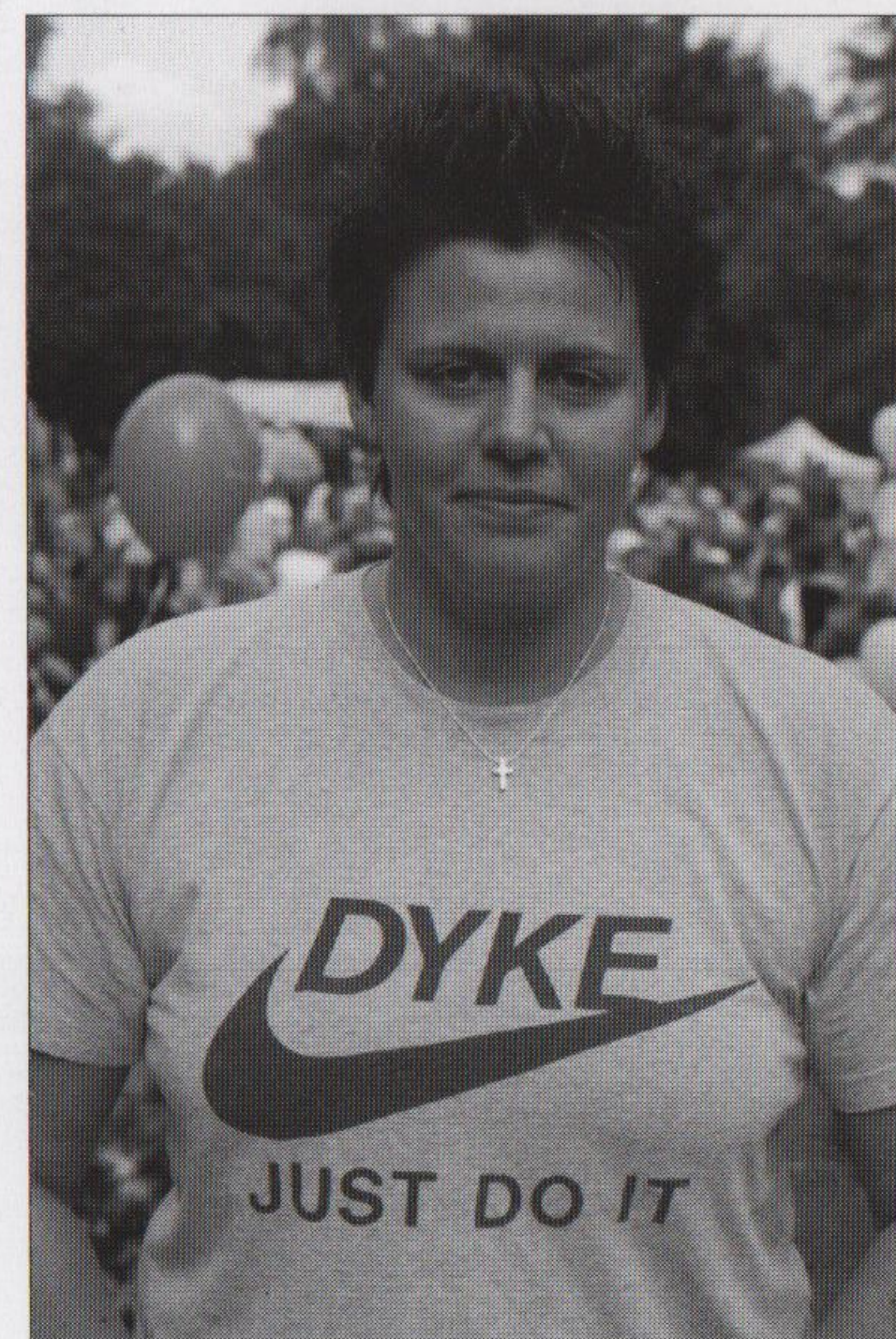
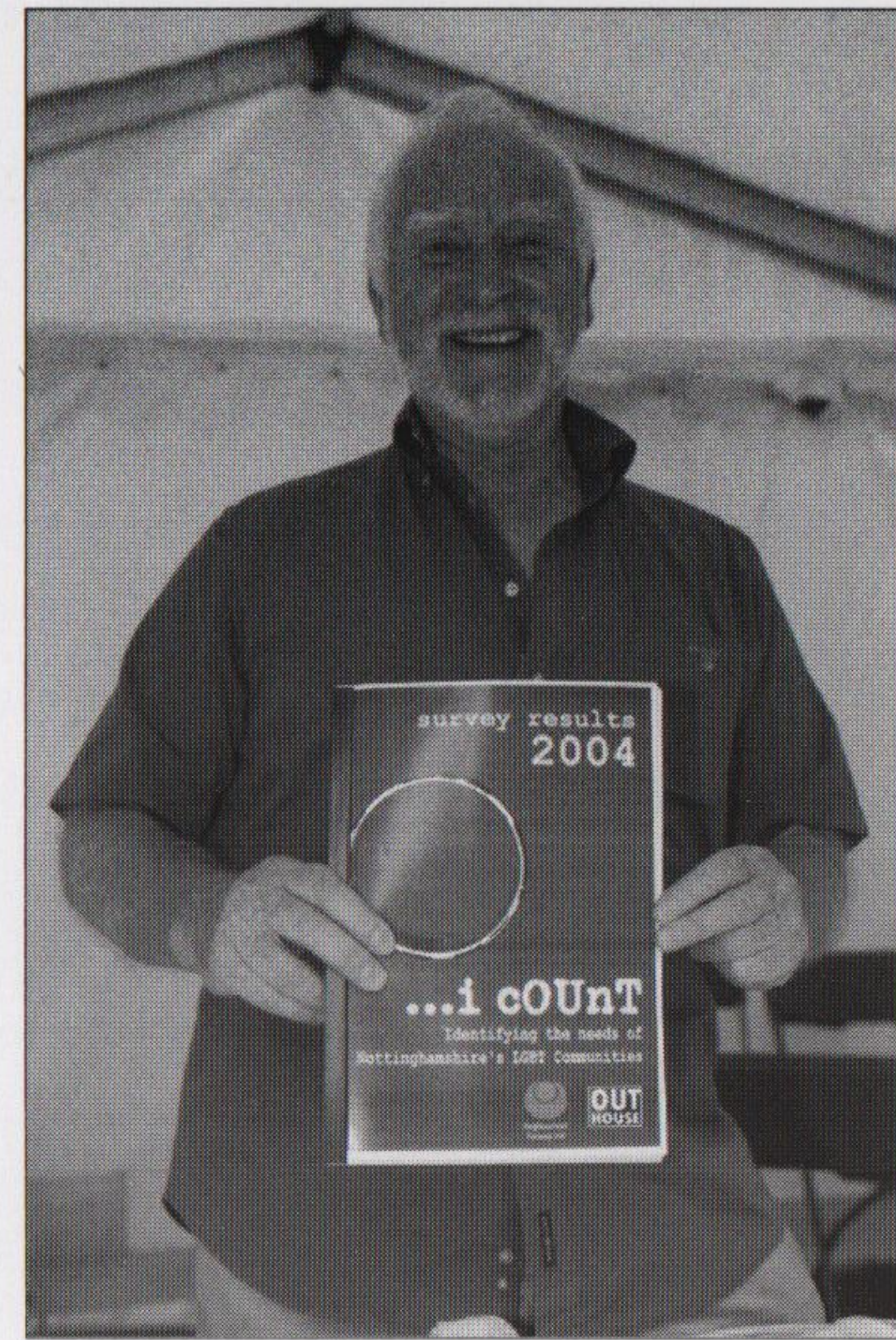
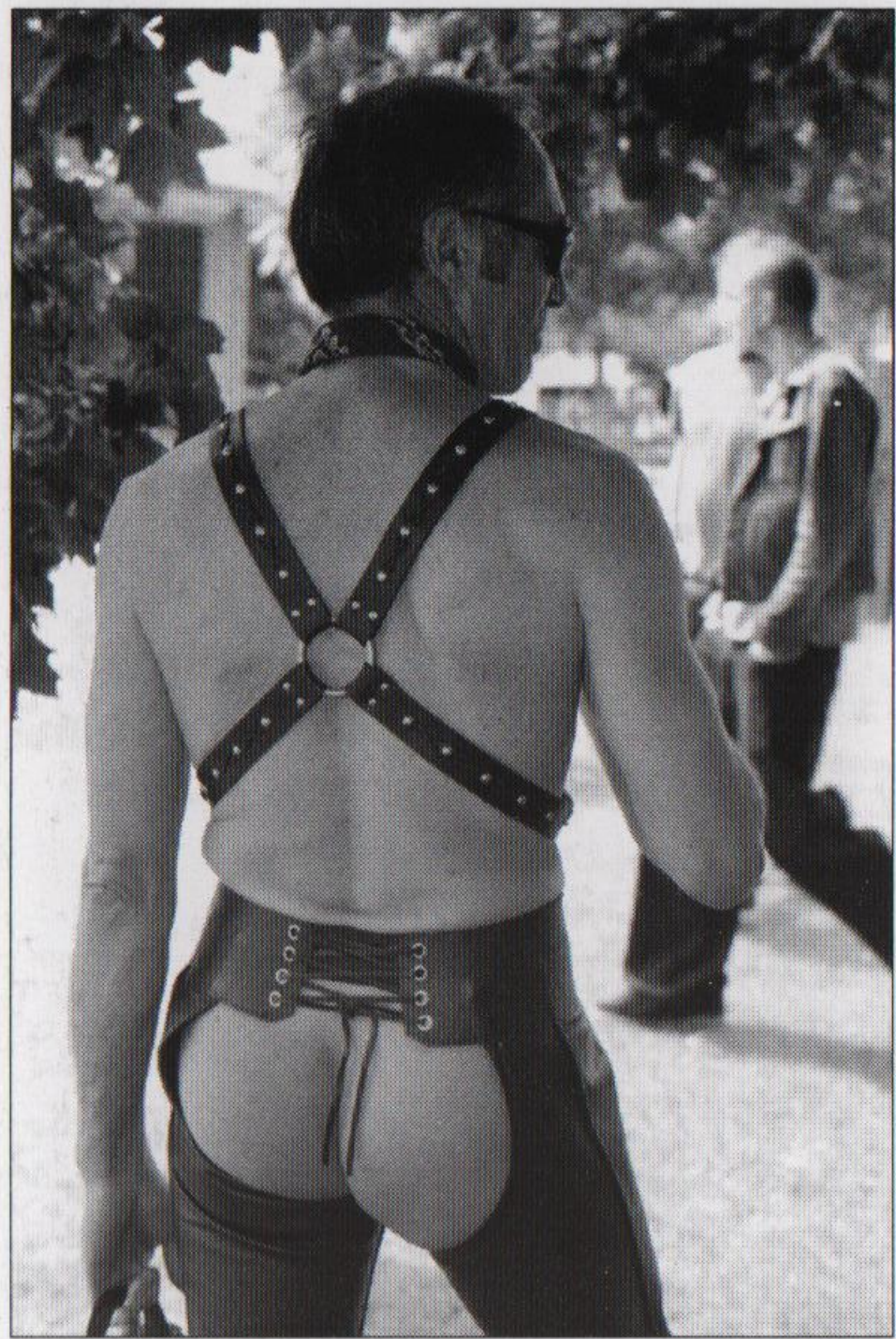


Please give us a call on 0115 911 0545 and tell us the make and any identifying features and we will be happy to return it to you.

Pride Committee



# OUTHOUSE PRESENTS NOTTINGHAM PRIDE —THE PICTURES!





## sadly yet madly

(A musical written by Steve Wallis and Richard Smith)

Director:- Andrew J. Cameron  
Musical Director:- Josh Goodman  
Choreographer:- Becs Mayes

The story revolves around Danny and Molly, a young married couple who are going through the trials of life in the "noughties". Molly has aspirations of better things whilst Danny likes a pint with his mates. Does that sound like you?

Just to make things difficult we have "Mr. D" "or him from down below", who has a penchant for handsome young men, assisted by his assistant 'D.A.' we see a show that will have you tapping your feet and rocking in the aisles.

The show is being performed at:  
Nottingham Arts Theatre  
George Street, Nottingham.

15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> September 2004  
Tickets £7.00  
Box Office 0115 9476096

## venue listings

### @d2

Gay bar next to NG1  
Mon-Wed 1pm-Midnight, Thurs  
1pm-1am  
74 Lower Parliament Street, Nottingham  
Tel: 0115 950 2727

### The Foresters Inn

Gay friendly pub  
Open pub hours  
Huntingdon Street, Nottingham  
Tel: 0115 941 9679

### Lord Roberts

Gay friendly pub  
Open pub hours  
Broad Street, Nottingham  
Tel: 0115 941 4886  
E-mail:  
lord\_roberts24@hotmail.com

### George's

Gay friendly bar/restaurant  
Open Wed - Sat evenings  
Broad Street, Nottingham  
Tel: 0115 948 4045

### The New Foresters

Pub hours, mainly women  
St Anns Street (behind Victoria Centre), Nottingham  
Tel: 0115 958 0432

### NG1

Large, stylish gay club  
Open Wednesday - Sunday from  
10pm. Closed Thursdays  
Free entry through Soba  
before 11pm (Saturdays before  
10pm)  
Free entry on Sundays  
76-78 Lower Parliament Street,  
Nottingham, NG1 1EH  
Tel: 0115 958 8440  
www.ng1club.co.uk

### Revolution at the Palais

Gay club night.  
First Monday of every month, 10pm -  
2am  
Palais night club, Lower Parliament  
Street, Nottingham

### Women's Café

Women only  
Second Tuesday of every month,  
7pm - 10pm

### The Central

Gay bar (behind the Palais)  
Open Mon - Wed 3pm - 12pm, Thurs  
12pm - 1am, Fri - Sat 12pm - 2am,  
Sun 12pm - 12.30am  
Huntingdon Street  
Nottingham  
Tel: 0115 958 5883  
www.central-online.co.uk



**broadway**

## London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival on Tour

The 'London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival on Tour' is showing at The Broadway from August 20<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>. I

The Festival promises an eclectic mix of films and shorts. We have included a brochure of the tour and hope you get along and see some of this years offerings.

## Pride 2005

Help us organise next years Nottingham Pride. The committee usually meets fortnightly on Thursdays at the Lord Roberts at 7pm.

We desperately need new people as the current committee have been hard at it for the last two years and want to step back a bit.

You don't have to be experienced at organising events as we now have a fair bit of experience and would be happy to pass on what we know to anyone who wants to get involved. It really is great fun and very rewarding.

Give Biddy a call on 0115 911 0545 to find out how you can help.



## Horror-Scrapes

Runes read and furniture ruined with  
Miss Scratchy McScratchycat  
*professional sooth (and mouse) slayer*

### Aries

As a stress buster try dancing on a hot tin roof, but remember to wear protective boots, my paws were bandaged for months. Luck sees that dodgy curry you had at the weekend repeating on you for years.

### Gemini

All your childhood dreams may seem a million miles away, you're right, they're currently on a barge heading for a landfill site just outside Sellafield. Luck sees a rise in the infant birth rate.

### Leo

Travel is on the cards but unfortunately for you that's where it's going to stay. You loose your house, family, friends and all your worldly possessions on a poker game. Luck is now living in Barbados....thanks

### Libra

Frozen peas come in handy after an incident involving a security camera, a courgette and a toilet cubicle. Lucky you were with the judge and so got off with a caution.

### Sagittarius

Two psychics walk into a bar, they didn't see that one coming. The build up of milk bottles outside your elderly neighbours front door is a sign. Luck sees is a hamster playing a kazoo.

### Aquarius

Frankie do you remember me, because I don't remember you. But then again who would, I know wallflowers with more personality. Luck says ditch the tweed.

### Taurus

Everything is coming up roses for you at the moment. The new kitchen and bathroom are on their way and life is generally on the up. Sorry all that was just a typo. Luck sees the same old shit, just a different day.

### Cancer

Whatever happened to summer? Well it saw your ugly mug and decided not to bother. Now thanks to you, the rest of us have to suffer. Luck knows where you live and is sending the boys round.

### Virgo

The building blocks of romance are close at hand, no it's just the brick wall you ran into with your new car. Good job the insurance company didn't know you were rat arsed. Luck just dropped you in it.

### Scorpio

How many deviants does it take to change a lightbulb? Two apparently, well at least that's what you told the arresting officer. Luck opens the door to an adult book shop.

### Capricorn

Olympic gold would be in your sights if you were an athlete (or actually any good at anything). Two short planks have a better time than you. Luck sees a flood of tears.

### Pisces

Whoever said burning the candle at both ends was wrong? Mind you, in your case they weren't that far off the mark. I've seen dictatorships smaller than those bags under your eyes. Luck sleeps with the fishes.

## PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday the 29th of September 2004, a present to the gay community is about to be delivered, Snug Lounge Club located in the trendiest part of Nottingham's city centre, is launching a new promotional event entitled "MRS KENSINGTON". The event is aimed at appealing to the fashionista's of the gay community, & who feel that the current events on offer don't offer that je ne se quoi!. "MRS KENSINGTON" aims to provide an atmosphere that is Barbara Cartland soiree combined with urban cool, & the night aims to provide cigar smoke that climbs the walls and the potent smell of CHANEL.

The music style will range from the eclectic sounds of Shirley Bassey, & Blondie, contradicted with urban funk, Hip Hop, & just a hint of tasteful cheese to mainstream. During the course of the evening the seductively lit interior will provide an insight into the forth coming fashion addictions to invade our high streets, show casing collections from many boutiques within the city.

Overall the night promises the gay community a sophisticated, friendly, & intriguing experience that will make the disco Queens of Nottingham simply itch. Doors open for this event from 10pm till 3am, admission £3 NUS £4 without, with usual drinks promotions to aid the whole arousing experience.