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## 'A Matter Of Consequence'

A lot depends on your sense of values.

If you travel to work each day by British Rail, then it's fairly important for you to read about the frequent TUC decisions which stop the trains.

Or if you like a lot of butter on your toast at breakfast, there's every chance you spent a little time reading up on that EEC decision not to raise the price of butter.

Then again, you might have found it hard to see your way around the headlines for any other news when Sunderland beat Leeds in the FA Cup Final a couple of weeks ago. But then, everybody's interested in football.

But it seems the whole question of balance got screwed when Doctor Coggan leapt into the headlines for his gentle statements about homosexuality in the church. Instead of burying the story back on the crossword pages, where perhaps by sheer news value it belonged, the good old nationals decided to shove it up into the front page area. And instead of leaving it to the church reporters, it was given over to the hardened newsmen.

Suddenly, homosexuality was given a new importance. It's accepted, said the papers, so let's give it a good run.

'But don't give an inch . . . they're still queers.'

Be it fair to say we are not surprised at the way the papers treated Doctor Coggan's story. It's a natural. It had everything which made a good story. A priest who told about gay priests. Almost as good as a sex-starved nun on a wild night with a football team.

Nobody really minds a lot of publicity about gayness. From our point of view, it's a new little battle for equality and understanding won.

But the way Doctor Coggan was taken, twisted, distorted, and almost judged by the papers was a little too hard to take. Somewhere in those thousands of words about the 'Gay Clergy pinpointed' priest were several close cases for malicious libel.

Another interesting point was the absence of effort to track down a gay priest to confirm the stories. Dozens of priests put down Dr Coggan's claims as hot wind, and in some cases, churches wouldn't believe it.

Another fine case of Holy garbage. Could it be, perhaps, that in that 20,000-odd family of clergy, there are no homosexuals? If that's the case, where are they all? If we are to conservatively believe the estimates which so far have rung true, there must be at least 1,000 gays.

But then, the Church is never wrong. Either that, or it's easier to hide it behind those robes.

## On The Wave Of Breakthrough

PERHAPS you wondered what you were buying this week when Gay News came to you complete with a Sports Illustrated cover. It was the best that we could do to beat Sports Illustrated at their own game.

It was our simplest attempt yet at getting Gay News into the hands of your favourite straight mate, and at the same time, spurn the entire sporting world's anti-gay attitude.

When Tim Brand-Cromby came into Gay News to tell us of his bold plan, we didn't give him a lot of attention. Which is why we didn't tell you about Tim in our last issue.

But a lot of what Tim had in mind made a lot of sense. Simply, to declare to the world his gayness, and to USE it to help him compete in one of the world's greatest sports events.

Naturally, it could backfire, and all that effort might be wasted. But we have the vague idea it won't collapse into a heap of ideas that went wrong. To the best of our knowledge — our files don't go back too far — nobody has ever shouted their gayness so loudly in England, and thrown their career open to public crucifixion into the bargain.

We would naturally like to think that Tim Brand-Cromby stands a good chance to win a world title, and if that happened, we'd like to say we told you first.

But more important, we'd like to be able to tell you that Tim won . . . and that nobody cared about his gayness. Perhaps it just might happen.

# Your Letters

Please note that any letters received by us at Gay News are liable to be published unless you state otherwise.

## Discrimination Contrary to Spirit of Jesus

Methodist Church  
Kingsway Hall London WC2B 6TA  
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Dear Sir,

I am prompted after reading two letters which have appeared in Gay News recently to say as clearly and categorically as I can that sincere worshippers are welcome in churches irrespective of their sexual orientation. It is a central doctrine of genuine Christianity that the Love of God, the Grace of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Church are offered to everybody, and any cleric who fails to make such an offer and invitation is guilty of a discrimination which is directly contrary to the spirit of Jesus.

Donald Soper,  
(The Rev The Lord Soper MA PhD,  
Superintendent Minister  
West London Mission)

## Compassion — Polite Hostility

Bournemouth  
Hampshire

Dear Gay News,

I thought I was getting bored with the subject of homosexuality. I thought that this in turn was a symptom of acceptance of my own homosexuality — the ability to be bored with myself and not repulsed. Repulsion, I fear however, comes in all shapes and sizes, a notable variation of which is apathy.

The polite art of self deception, recently exhibited to virtuous standards by the Revd. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of York on Radio 4's "it's Your Line", has attacked my apathy.

He replies to a (Gay?) listeners question:

"Yes, there are homosexual clergy and many of them fight terribly hard the temptation to become practising homosexuals."

In continuing, he does not accept the bi-sexual nature of adolescence, but believes that to deprive the adolescent of his/her natural heterosexuality by conditioning them to homosexual practices is a vile and perverted act. Instead, the Christian attitude must condition them to heterosexuality, the true sexuality, the only sexuality for true people.

I therefore am not a true person, but the Revd. Donald Coggan will look upon me with compassion, in true Christian practice.

May I, through Gay News, inform the Revd. Donald Coggan that I really do not require his compassion, rather he requires mine. His attitude to divorce as the culmination of heterosexual conditioning when homosexual preference ultimately emerges, would make interesting listening. Though doubtless my apathy would be attacked again.

Brothers and Sisters all is not well. Hostility is giving way to compassion, which is polite hostility without the physical smack. I refuse it. The existence of Gay News refuses it. Love refuses it. (If only these 'love merchants' could see beyond an authorised version).

We seek the truth by attempting to be true to ourselves. We do not require an alibi for we are present at the scene of ourselves . . . I am apathetic no longer.

Roger Giles

## I Welcome Gays

Unitarian Meeting House,  
High Street, Newport,  
Isle of Wight.

Dear Gay News,

As a minister of religion I have read with great interest the letter from Dudley and Jo McVay-Abbott on the subject of worship and church membership.

Everyone has the right to worship freely and openly and any minister who knows his profession will extend a sincere welcome to all, regardless of such differences as gay and straight.

I cannot speak for the attitude of other congregations, but as far as my own is concerned, I can safely say that gay visitors will receive the same warm welcome that is accorded to straight visitors.

There is obviously a very real need for the Fellowship in Christ the Liberator, but Dudley's argument is also valid, namely that gay Christians should become active members of their local churches.

Rev Derek Stirman

## The Unforgivable Sin?

Cheshire

Dear Gay News,

I'm putting pen to paper and am trying to expiate and seek forgiveness, if it is possible, for flaws and sins I have discovered in the Winter of my discontent, to be guilty of. This has been brought home to me, forcibly, by reading your adverts and also by letters to your delightful paper. I am guilty of the unforgivable sin of being fifty, it is, apparently heinous to expect sex or affection over thirty-five. What does one do? Expire quietly in some corner? This, despite the fact that the world's great masterpieces, well, some of them, having been written of the love of an older man for a young woman, and vice-versa. As in the Colette novel, now much in vogue, of the love of a well-rounded woman of the world for a much younger man, and the richness of her experience bestowed upon him.

There is not this hard definition in the 'het' world re age.

French literature abounds in it, not for nothing do they have a great reputation for love.

Dare I mention Verlaine and Rimbaud? — this of course was fact, not fiction. As the late Sophie Tucker said, "Observe a connoisseur, doesn't gulp his brandy, savours it, rolls it round his tongue, tastes good". Life can begin at 40.

I am also guilty of the following — "No camps", "No Effeminate required". It's a wonder they don't add, "No Homo's" required, if they are so normal, why bother? How do they contact each other in the ordinary way, use mental-telepathy? If two butch blokes meet, how does one know about the other?

Tell me what I must do to overcome these grave defects, I have had them now for over thirty years. I also dye my hair!

Tom

ED: Right on Tom. Many of us would do well to examine and re-think our attitudes towards age-ism.

## Insulting Drag

London S.W.7

Dear Gay News,

I was delighted to read your almost unstinted praise for CHE's first major conference, but I must disagree, as far as the social on Saturday evening was concerned.

Yes — it was a very good disco, but the evening was punctuated by drag acts of a kind which must have been extremely insulting to the women present, as well as perpetuating the myth that being homosexual has something to do with men dressing up as women.

Owing to technical problems, the show put on by the CHE's own revue group was inaudible, but even if we could have heard them, I doubt whether their rather 'in' humour in the intimate cabaret style was really right for the crowd of 500 or 600 northern 'gays-in-the-street'. Tickets to the party had been sold for weeks in pubs and clubs, and for many of those present, it could well have been their first contact with either CHE or GLF.

For next year, let's please try to devise a show suitable for a large crowd of 'non-organisation' gays which, if possible, get some of our message across, but at least doesn't perpetuate the old caricatures.

Peter Norman

## GLF and CHE Differences

London WC1

Dear Gay News,

May I say I thought Tim Skinner's article on Joan Baez was one of the best features on a personality I have read in a long time.

Having read your coverage on the Morecambe conference with interest, I wonder if, in a future issue, you could really explain the different views of CHE and Gay Lib. I realise they are mainly political, but although I have asked different people, no-one seems able to give me a really clear picture. Perhaps one of your reporters could get two of their people and report on what is said.

Thank you for an enjoyable and in the main sensible paper. I shall be spending the summer in and around Cornwall. Will it still be possible to buy your paper I wonder. (ED: Please telephone our distribution manager).

Good luck to the paper, and to everyone: have a free and happy summer.

Tony Harris

ED: We will take up Tony's suggestion and will endeavour to bring together a few members of CHE and GLF to talk over their differences. A report of their discussion will appear in GN shortly.

## New Society For Transvestites

Dear Gay News,

Although the transvestite is by no means necessarily gay, cross-dressing and homosexuality have much in common. Both conditions still suffer from social prejudice and misunderstanding. The man who cross-dresses, with the exception of some drag stage performers, does not do so from conscious choice. Yet, all too often, the transvestite who searches for human contact is driven by social attitudes to the furtive fringes of society, to clandestine meetings, and to dubious haunts. There is little skilled help available, and most transvestites would be unwilling even to raise the question with their GPs.

I suggest, therefore, founding a society for transvestites, both male and female, and see no point in trying to distinguish between different 'types'. Meetings will be held in pleasant and reputable surroundings, and an important aim of the society will be to establish an efficient system of advice and help. Despite the initial difficulties, I believe that the possibility of getting responsible articles into the press must be carefully examined.

I shall welcome comments, ideas and suggestions from any quarter, and help with setting up the society. Anyone who wishes to contact me can phone 061-427 2913 or write to me at Rosemount, 43 Station Road, Marple, Cheshire. For a start, I shall be concentrating largely on the Manchester area.

Tony Wade

ED: To the best of our knowledge, the only established organisation for transvestites and transsexuals in existence at present is the Beaumont Society, which is based in London. They can be contacted by writing to: The Beaumont Society, BM/Box 3084, London WC1.

## Thanks to the Ads

Italy

Dear Gay News Collective,

I see that in your issue no 19 in the 'Here We Are Again' spot there is a paragraph about your excellent contact ads. Well thanks to them I am having a great holiday skiing in Italy. Thought you would like to know that if they've worked for me/us, how many more people are they benefitting. Right on we say.

Mike and Steve

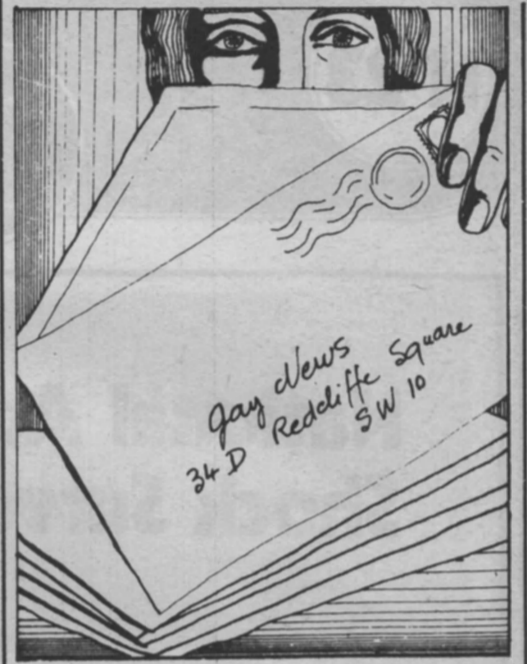


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## Equality Not Segregation

Edgware  
Middlesex

Dear Gay News,

I have just read the letter from Daphne complaining that your paper is "filthy and vulgar" and of no interest to gay women.

Well, I thoroughly disagree, as I find GN an amusing, refreshing, intelligent and honest paper. I am a regular reader and I don't want a 'womens' page'. If women are to be equal, they shouldn't need special pages.

If Daphne finds Gay News so shocking, she can always stick to Sappho and Arena 3.

As for me, here is one gay sister who prefers your paper. Long may you continue.

Barbara

## Clubs Didn't Care

London NW10

Dear Gay News,

I wish to register a complaint about those clubs in London which closed their doors on Easter Friday. I towed around for some hours in search of entertainment and discovered that the only club that kept its doors open was the Cabal. At least the management of that club showed some good sense and courtesy.

As for the others — if they can't be bothered opening for their people, they should be boycotted. Next time, if they intend closing, they should publish it in GN and save people unnecessary journeys.

Provincial clubs excel in facilities — London clubs could take a tip from them.

Brian Cook

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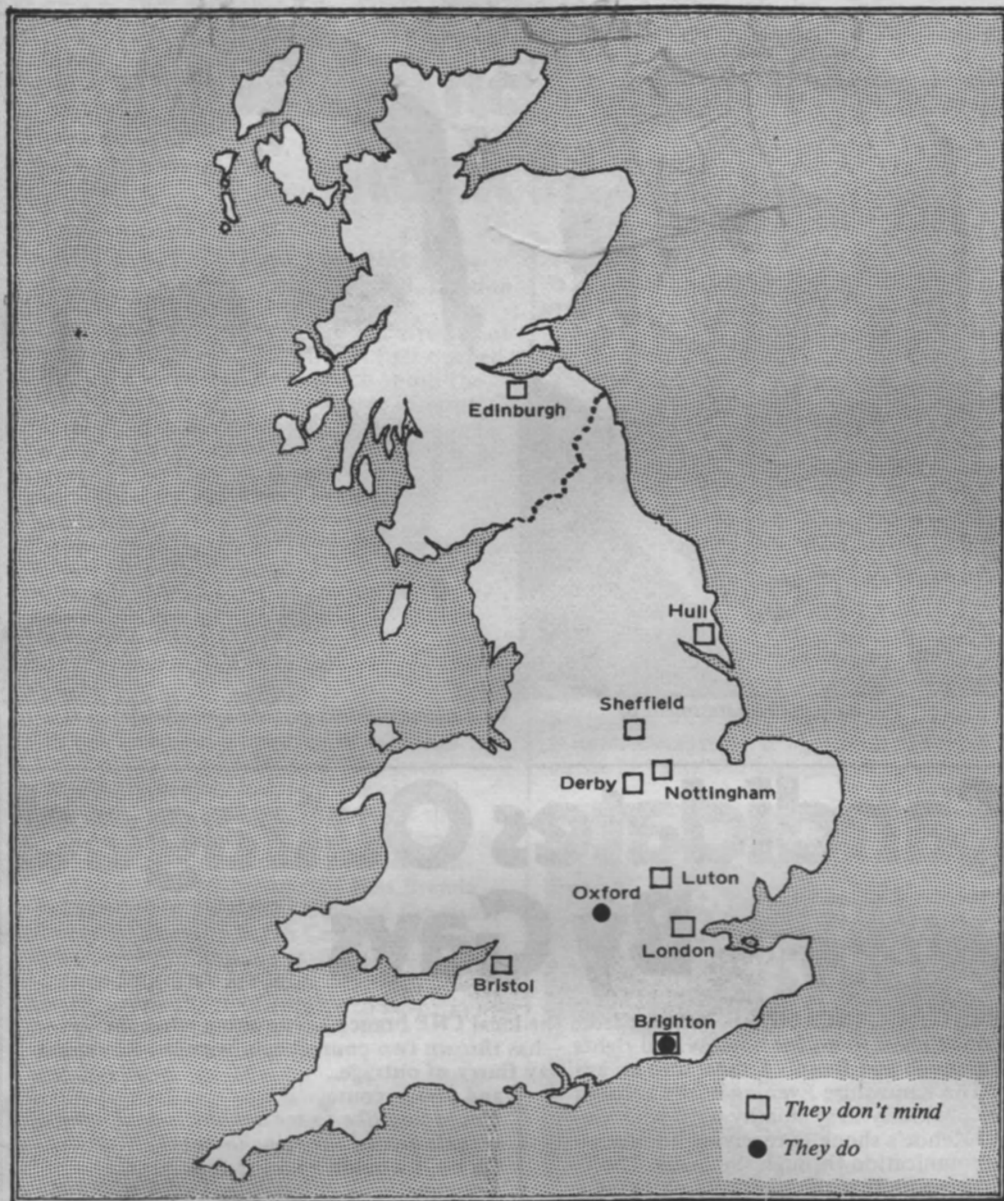
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# A Roof Over Gay Heads Almost Everywhere

**ED:** This is the first of a series of investigations into alleged discrimination against gay people seeking accommodation. In the future we will report on problems encountered in fields of home ownership, finance for home and property, and adoption. For this survey, Gay News wishes to thank the countless agencies without whose help this report would not have been possible.

**IT SEEMS** the cry about mass discrimination against homosexuals by accommodation agencies is completely unfounded.

In a somewhat startling national survey conducted by Gay News throughout Britain over the past fortnight, accommodation agencies have come out almost unanimously in favour of gays. Many agencies made it clear that they preferred them as clients, and that to the best of their knowledge, landlords liked them as tenants.

The survey was sparked off when Gay News received several sporadic complaints from readers claiming to have been refused any co-operation from a handful of agencies around London after identifying themselves as gay.

One letter said that the agency said they would have to rethink the question of letting an until-then agreed to flat on the grounds that the landlord held his reputation at stake if he allowed homosexual tenants.

The case was indeed isolated. In the main, agencies around Greater London expressed little or no concern that their clients were or were not gay. In the supposed trendy areas like Earls Court, Kensington and Hampstead, the result was largely predictable. Agencies were well aware of the big gay community, and instead of tolerating them as clients and tenants, they often encouraged their landlords to seek them out. Almost overwhelmingly, the agencies who expressed no anti-feelings towards gay people said that the evidence in their favour was their habitual house-pride, cleanliness, reliability with rents, and consideration to other tenants.

In outer London areas, the survey found some embarrassment when agencies were asked their reaction to homosexual clients, but again, there was little animosity expressed.

Agencies in the industrial areas were, in the main, cautious about admitting dealings with crowds of gays, but they too said there was little to say against them, and generally, they were ideal tenants.

The survey found surprisingly affable reaction from a supposed stronghold of Victorian attitudes, Scotland. Agencies

contacted there said they enjoyed dealing with gays and they stated the grounds of reliability and cleanliness.

## It's The Landlords

However, in all cases, the agencies said that they did not hold the ultimate power in accommodation. This, they pointed out, was held by the property owners.

The survey contacted what it believed to be a fair cross-section of landlords, and here the picture changed slightly.

Of 33 landlords in 18 principal areas of the UK, only three were totally opposed to homosexual tenants. One said that all 'queers should be shot anyway', another said that the only suitable accommodation was in hospital, and a very irate lady in what appears to be a slightly gay area of London threatened to call the police if we 'mentioned that word.'

Several landlords preferred not to have gays as tenants but they gave in slightly and said that if they 'behaved and paid their rent', they might be alright.

The rest were generally happy to have them.

The survey was carried out in London's West End, Paddington, Kensington, Earls Court, Chiswick, Hampstead, Acton, Ealing, Putney, Brixton, The City, Upminster, Golders Green, Maida Vale, Richmond, Wimbledon, Northwood and Finchley.

Out of the Greater London area, agents and landlords were contacted in Brighton, Swindon, Luton, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, York, Leeds, Edinburgh, Bristol, Sheffield, and Oxford. Nobody was answering the Isle of Man's telephone.

Space does not permit us to publish the entire list of agencies and their reaction, so instead, we have selected a cross section of both agencies and landlords' reactions.

## London:

**CENTRAL FLATS:** "We have had some in here, but we don't treat them any differently. To us they're just the same as anybody else. I don't see why we should be bothered asking either. We don't prefer them or dislike them. We look on them as tenants, that's all."

**FLATMATES UNLIMITED:** Joan McDonald in the letting department was extremely friendly. "It makes no difference to us, but you'll understand when we say we have to speak to the landlord first. They're usually a bit guarded about it, but I'm sure we do all we can to help gay people, really the same

way we try to help anyone. See, to us gay people are clients. Sometimes if landlords are a bit hesitant, they might have to wait a bit longer, but yes, of course we'd help them."

**FLAT FORUM:** "No, it doesn't make any difference. It doesn't matter what you are. We don't discriminate against colour, religion or anything like that, so why should we discriminate against gay people. We'll try to help anyone."

**REGENT ACCOMMODATION:** Manager Mr J R Fraser said "Of course we don't discriminate at all. The landlords are the only people who might. Some landlords like to get people like themselves. A Catholic landlord might like Catholic tenants. The same goes for race sometimes, and the same might go for gay landlords. There are some around. But as for our stand with homosexual people, it's pretty clear cut. They're reliable, and usually far tidier than girls. Take that how you like. Generally they are very houseproud and for us, very good tenants. I'd really prefer everyone to be as good as them as tenants. I'd like to have them as tenants and this is a straight agency. We'd be mad to discriminate."



**BROWNS ACCOMMODATION:** "Landlords seem to like them. They're tidy and generally really good people. Yes, we do all we can to help them."

**MARKHAM ACCOMMODATION:** The agency had little time for the survey, dismissing it as a waste of time, but very curtly, said "We treat people like you like we'd treat anybody." and hung up.

**CHURCH BOTHERS:** "I'm sorry, but I can't help you," said the very red-faced-sounding lady. "You'll have to come in and see the manager about that. We don't do that sort of thing." The survey put it another way. It asked: "Well, put it another way, if I came in and asked you for a flat, and then told you that I was homosexual, what would you say?" To which Ms Redface replied: "I'm afraid I couldn't handle it."

**AROUND TOWN FLATS:** "I think you have two people to think about. The landlord and us, or the agency. Landlords don't usually mind having gay tenants, and I've never really heard any complaints about them. As for us, we don't mind at all. They are very good as clients, and I can't remember anybody ever really telling us they were homosexual."



**ALLEN'S ACCOMMODATION:** An extremely helpful Ms Cunningham, the proprietor, has a positive approach. "First, we're an agency, and as an agency we must operate to help the landlord and the client, and in most cases, landlords are happy to have them. But we must sometimes tell the landlord what's what, and we are always in his hands. But nine out of ten couldn't care.

I think you'll find that gay people look after the flats better and landlords know it. To be honest, we would recommend them, but we will not think of any sort of discrimination. If the Queen walked in and wanted a flat, we would treat her like any other client."

**PETER PAN AGENCY:** A very different tactic. A member of Gay News staff currently looking for a flat rang as a legitimate flat seeker.

**GN:** "... but I must tell you I am homosexual and so is my flatmate."

**Peter Pan Lady:** "Oh, that's different. I'll have to call you back. Before I do, are you quiet?"

**GN:** "Very quiet."

**Lady Pan:** "And what about your friend... is he... well, does he like... er... does he dress up and do things like that?"

**GN:** "Yes, he does like to dress up a bit sometimes. Do you mind?"

**Panda:** "Well, could you tell your friend it might be a good idea not to wear his dress up things to the interview with the landlord, and you would do it all inside the house, wouldn't you?"



**LONDON ACCOMMODATION BUREAU:** The giants of the flat business in Greater London had a positive, almost prepared answer for the survey: "Our reaction to gay people is completely favourable. They're clean, they look after the flats better than girls, they're good with the rent, they're good clients. We like them."

**GORDON AND COMPANY:** The company's owner, Mr D. Aitken had one of the tidiest reactions of the survey: "In some cases, you'll still find the old fashioned Victorian outlook where landlords just don't understand homosexuals, but these days, you'll find a more enlightened attitude to it, and most landlords simply have no objection at all. It's not like the old days when homosexuals had a lot of stick applied to them from all corners of society. I think people simply understand them more, and they have accepted the fact that as tenants, they are usually fastidious. Some landlords ask for them. But I don't think it matters at all, which is more important I think. I've been in this business for 24 years, and I've never yet had anyone come in and preface their application for a flat with a statement



that they are homosexual. No, they are generally very good people as tenants, but please don't send a great crowd around at the moment, because we can't find enough flats for everyone."

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### Out Of London

**BRISTOL:** Lalonde Brothers — "Why should it matter if they're gay? As long as it doesn't annoy the other tenants or the landlord, they will be given all the help they need to get a flat."

**BRIGHTON:** Southern Accommodation — "I've got no time for such silly talk. I'm afraid I can't help you. Goodbye."

**HULL:** Hull Accommodation — "We just haven't encountered anyone who has said that they are homosexual, but it doesn't bother us at all. If we think that people obviously are, we try to be extra helpful. They are always more considerate tenants than other people."

**SHEFFIELD:** Annike Accommodation — "I don't think they would come in and tell us they were gay, so we might never know, and that wouldn't matter anyway. But if someone did tell us, we'd treat them like any other person looking for a flat. It's sick to segregate anybody because they might be gay. We like to think we treat everybody the same. They are clients and they are people, and that's why we try to help."

**LUTON:** Delta Accommodation — "We're not in flats any more, but when we were, we met a few gay people and we treated them like gay people, which was ordinary. It just didn't matter to us, because we certainly don't discriminate."

**DERBY:** Derby Accommodation — "It wouldn't make any difference at all to us. As long as clients are good tenants and do the things they are supposed to do as tenants, then we're happy."

**EDINBURGH:** Mackay's Accommodation — Manageress Carol Bennett expressed a highly enlightened outlook: "There is no reason why we should have any feelings against gay people. Landlords are the people who really dictate the terms, but they look on them quite happily, and we all know what good tenants they are. I hope you're not going to send a whole crowd of gay people around to us because we are a bit short of flats and they would have to wait like everyone else."

**BRIGHTON:** Alpha Accommodation — "No, we wouldn't dream of discriminating. They're more than welcome here. They make the best tenants, they're cleaner, they're always very houseproud and generally they pay their rent on time. I'd rather have a queer tenant than a normal one."

**NOTTINGHAM:** Abacus — "You'll have to contact the manager. I can't help you." And the lady didn't. We rang the manager. The lady answered again, claiming to be the owner. "I don't know that you are a genuine person. You will have to come and discuss it with us."

**GN:** "I don't really want a discussion. I just wanted to know if it made any difference being a homosexual. I assume it doesn't." Telephone: "We are not here to judge people. Come in and see us."

**OXFORD:** Letting Centre — "We've never come across a homosexual and we probably never will. There aren't many in Oxford anyway. I wouldn't know what to say. I couldn't help them. There's no use sending them to us."

### And The Landlords . . .

Landlords were harder to find, even more difficult to get a comment from. However, some had very specific points of view.

Mr L Crane of Chiswick High Road owns four blocks of flats, and he claims to have encountered many gays over many years. "I love having them. When they come in they clean the place up like it was new, and when they go they leave it like that. They always pay their rent. They have their parties sometimes but they never upset anyone. I can't get enough of them."

Ms Susan Solomon, who owns a property in Golders Green had other ideas: "If you

came to me and lived in one of my flats and I found you were one, you could not stay because my other tenants are quiet ladies. If you mentioned that word to me I would call the police."

A double sided comment came from Peter Huntington of Newport Court, Leicester Square, who spoke as both an accommodation agent and a landlord. "With so-called 'fair rents' and with a great shortage of rented accommodation, landlords like to see half a dozen or more people then choose the one who seems to be the most acceptable. I can't see any practical solution to this sort of discrimination except possibly a sexual discrimination act of Parliament, but I doubt whether this would be of value to gays unless they were prepared to take legal proceedings in court against the landlord who discriminated against them. I must say that I am often in the position to ask landlords whether they will take gays as tenants, and they often as not, do not mind, and often welcome them. The solution might be for gay landlords to stand up and say they will take gay tenants."

Another hostile reaction came from a man in Swindon, who advertised in a country newspaper, but refused to give his name. He said: "I wouldn't have you. Queers should all be shot anyway."

Mr David Strom of Lymington Road, West Hampstead owns two houses, both housing tenants. He said: "I'll make no secret about it. I have one tenant in mind, it might be in one of my houses but I won't say, but I hope he and his friend never leave. I wish they were all like him. I had two girls last year who were lesbians, and they made the house look really beautiful. I'm not one, mind you, but I understand them and I'd like more."

Douglas McRae who owns his own properties and a small agency near Newcastle was also in favour of gays: "They seem to stay longer than the others," he said. "You can ask any of them to see their flats and they'll nearly always be tidy."

But in hot opposition was nother middle-aged lady in Ealing, Ms Hamilton, the owner of a big house currently being renovated. "Not here. They won't be welcome if I find out they're like that. It's not fair on the other tenants especially if they've got small children. You know what they're like. I think you'd be better off getting them somewhere to stay in a hospital. Some of them deserve to be in hospital."

### What It All Means . . .

Simple. There's no need to panic and run for alternative accommodation. If anything the flat-finding business in and around London just doesn't have the anti-gay drama attached to it that we first believed it did.

Some agencies and some landlords are very emphatic about their aversion to gayness, but the survey found that it's easy to detect, and that happily, a more sympathetic agency is never far away.

The survey was not intended as a geographical guide to the right places to go for the right accommodation, but it does very clearly point out that being gay is no handicap . . . that the very essential world of accommodation finders is perhaps a very enlightened one.

Report compiled by Tim Skinner, with the invaluable help of Mike Nightingale.

*One important point remains. There has been a report of anti-gay discrimination by an accommodation agency in London. When confronted with the issue the agency gave in and carried out its job as an agency. Gay News is anxious to hear of any discriminatory moves by agencies or landlords. We will treat all reports as confidential, and unless otherwise requested, we will withhold names from publication.*

## Spartan Closes, Vortex Opens

**LONDON:** This Monday, May 14, the Spartan Club will cease to exist after a run of seventeen years as a gay men's club.

From that date it will be known as the Vortex. Spartan managers Edgar Gray and Jeffrey Bland, who have run the club for ten years, explain that the new management "would rather not be mentioned." The venue, in Tachbrook Street, Victoria, will now aim at a mixed crowd of gay men and women, they explained.

GN asked why the Spartan had been almost exclusively male in the past. "Personally I just don't feel that gay men and women — meaning lesbians specifically — mix well", explained Jeffrey. "Of course we do have women in, usually personal friends, but we wouldn't encourage a general mixing."

Why?  
"Well I have no personal objections to it. I'm all for mixing it up, but such a lot of members do object."

Older members?

"Yes, I think the new type of gay people being bred really don't care."

Jeffrey and Edgar are looking forward to a break following their marathon run at the Spartan. "But we'd like it known that we'll soon be back on the scene running something different."

They explained that the aim of the Vortex will be to mix gay men and gay women. Good news indeed, because in a gay scene as sadly fragmented as London's, the widest and perhaps most damaging gap is between gay men and gay women.

Gateways, the city's most frequented women's club, is closed to men except for Sunday afternoons, and even then few brave it. Flip the coin and you have the mainly male-oriented gay clubs where many gay women find the atmosphere uncomfortable.

ED: In a forthcoming issue, GN will take an extensive look at just why this situation exists and, hopefully, what can be done to change it.



Mr Kehoe: "I support police harassment of homosexuals".

Mr Ainscough thinks gays should stay in their closets.

## Candidates Outraged By Gays

**PRESTON, LANCASHIRE:** A letter from the local CHE branch — enquiring what the council plans to do for homosexual rights — has thrown two council campaigners, Raymond Ainscough and Dennis Kehoe, into an anti-gay flurry of outrage.

The Lancashire Evening Post's account was obviously in sympathy with Ainscough and Kehoe's shock at receiving homosexual communication through the mails. The paper wrote that the two candidates believe this circular letter, attempting to gain support for a "gospel of perversion", carries the threat that they will lose one in fifteen votes of the electorate, if rejected.

The outraged candidates replied to CHE that they would "prefer never to win an election rather than court votes from an organisation such as yours." Prophetic words, perhaps, as they both lost.

### 'Support Harassment'

Kehoe and Ainscough stated that they were looking into the legalities of receiving such literature, and intended approaching their MP. The CHE questionnaires were sent to all parties in Preston. Ainscough and Kehoe, two former councillors and Conservatives hoping for reinstatement had the following nifty quote blown up by the Lancashire Evening Post: "I will support any effort to remove homosexuals from all levels of the education system. Furthermore, I will support any harassment police feel is necessary."

Kehoe, in an attempt to be reasonable, wrote Preston CHE chairman W Hunter: "I have decided I am prepared to help any of your members seek medical aid and would approve financial support for research into your abnormality."

"I will also support any person or organisation which tries to make you realise that you are abnormal and that tries to make you exercise some measure of self-control."

Kehoe was particularly outraged at a CHE request that their viewpoint be put before sixth-form high school students.

### 'Gospel of Perversion'

He said he would do anything within his power to "prevent your spreading your gospel of perversion throughout the schools."

GN contacted Mr Ainscough in Lancashire. The would-be councillor must have assumed Gay News was some form of happy broadsheet, as he spoke in tones of friendly, casual bigotry.

GN: How did Mr Kehoe and yourself place in the elections?

Ainscough: Well, we're fighting for a seat. But did you win?

Well, we didn't stand a chance really. Labour got in with a 4000 majority.

Have you approached your MP over the legalities of receiving the CHE material?

Yes, we did, but we've not had a reply. Well, Mr Kehoe had a reply, but I couldn't say what was in the letter.

Why?

I did see the letter but for the moment I just can't remember the contents.

Mr Kehoe supports police harassment of homosexuals. Do you?

Not really on this one. Anything they do in private, leave 'em do it I say. It's when they come out in public wanting to give talks to the 6th form, lecherin' and that kind of thing, that's when I object.

Would you advocate any mention at all of homosexuality in school sex education?

No. It's absolutely forbidden from my point of view. I don't want it broadcasted in any way. I have a teenage boy of 15 and they know more about these things than we do. The way I look at it, you talk about anything

and you encourage it.

Would you like to see acknowledged homosexuals denied the right to vote?

Oh no, I wouldn't take it that far, no.

Are your views concomitant with Mr Kehoe's?

Well, Mr Kehoe's views may be a bit stronger than mine. No, no perhaps you could say they're just the same.

Do you feel there are any homosexuals living in Preston?

I think there must be. We've had letters, unsigned like, quite a few saying we should understand them more and that sort of thing, but it doesn't wash with me. Once they start asking for help . . . this I won't do. The more people can do to stop encouraging them out into the open the better.

Have you ever met a homosexual yourself?

Well, I've been through the forces, but I couldn't say I actually met one that I knew was one, no.

Will you be running for election again?

Yes, we'll be standing for district elections in June.

Shortly afterwards, GN rang off. As for the Ainscough-Kehoe June campaign plans, we would love to see them retire before then. Mind you, we don't care what they do in private, as long as they don't come out in the open with it.

Stephen MacLean

## Sense And Shock In Gay Studies

**BRISTOL:** Inquiries and studies of gays by straight organisations are usually to be held suspect. The Unitarian and Free Christian Churches have announced a proposed report which they appear to have approached on a very constructive level — to educate themselves on what homosexuality realistically involves.

Says the Rev Ms Pat Richardson, who is a driving force behind the new study: "There have been centuries of homosexual oppression. On the face of it, you would think life would be easier for them in 1973. But it is still not that easy."

"The Unitarian reaction to homosexuals, both male and female, is based on ignorance. It is time we educated ourselves on the problems faced by homosexuals today. Our faith is based on freedom and tolerance. I am trying to live up to my faith."

Science, however, seems to be lagging somewhat. From the USA comes the news that some Mississippi doctors have uncovered what they feel will be a marvellous aid to transsexuals and others. It's the old shock treatment tactic.

After continually passing an electric current through a 17 year old gay boy for 17 months, he found himself a girlfriend and can no longer stand nude male photographs. Hopefully, the biggest shock of all will occur to the doctors when and if they get around to seeing 'Clockwork Orange'.

# Watergaiety... Bursting Into The Headlines

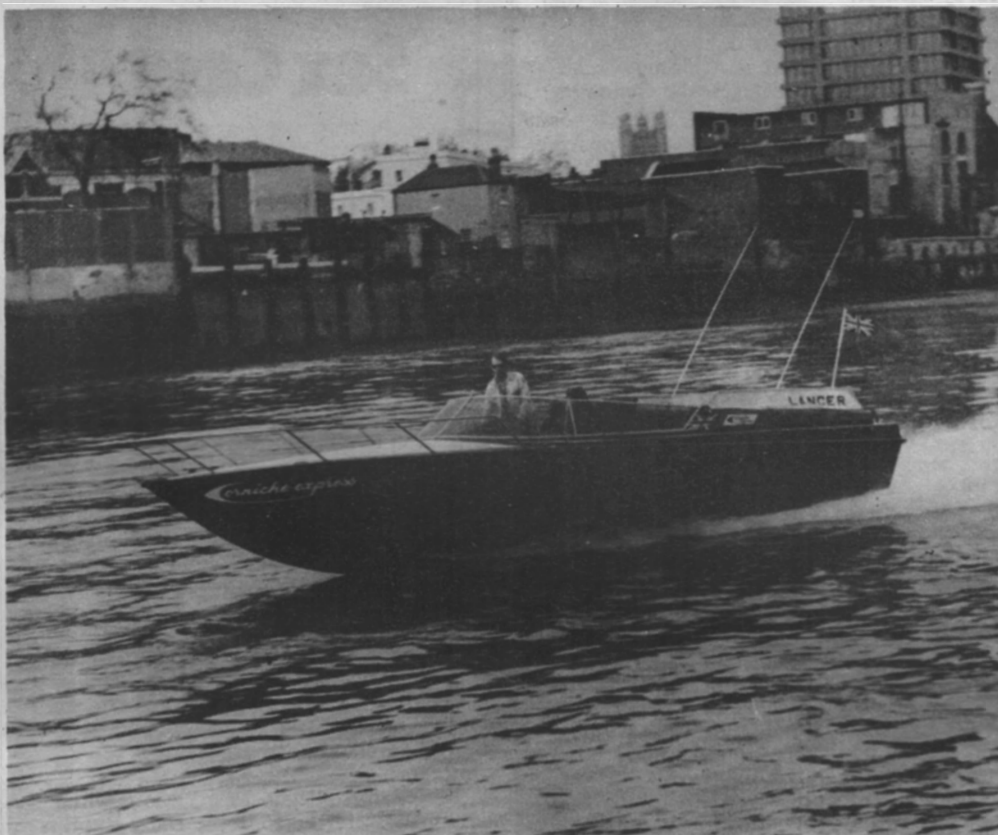
A young London gay this week began one of the world's bravest single-handed attempts to shatter anti-homosexual discrimination.

He's 22-year-old Tim Brand-Cromby, a director of a performance racing company, Domino Incorporated, and a highly credited powerboat driver.

Tim told Gay News this week that he was laying the foundations to compete in the 1973 World Powerboat Championships, but he wanted to do it under a banner declaring his gayness to the world.

If Tim gets the hefty sponsorship he needs to compete in the world-wide series, he says he wants to re-name his boat CHE-DOMINO. Not because he supports the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, but because, as he explained, CHE explained very clearly and quickly the purpose of his involvement in international sport.

He said that wherever he raced, he would make it clear that he was homosexual, and that in the non-denominational field of



competitor's motor, or to give him a part of his own boat to get them mobile.

In 1971, Tim's involvement with water sport came to an abrupt end. He broke his neck. Midway through a race, his motor faltered and stalled. When it fired, the tremendous whiplash splintered part of his spine, shattering the wrought-iron frame of his racing seat. His co-driver was also injured.

For a month, Tim was unable to move, but despite warnings, he went back to high powered boats and raced for five months in plaster from his waist to his neck.

Tim said that ever since he was involved with water sport, he has made no secret about his gayness. He said that in nearly all cases he was readily accepted and seldom put down. But he has been told by several colleagues that he will probably meet with stiff opposition if he tries to enter the sport internationally.

"They're only saying that because they think nobody will listen to someone who's gay," said Tim.

"Look, I love speed and I love boats, and I happen to be gay as well. Does that really matter. I hope I can get into the world series so I can talk about being gay to the press. Until now, nobody's cared. If I'm doing well, or even if I just get into the race, I know they'll talk to me.

"They've already got their headlines. Imagine the fun they'll have with their stories when they start wondering what a boatful of gays is up to in the Bahamas. So bloody what.

"Let them think what they like. What matters is that I get that sponsor so I can get the right boat. Then they can write what they like. I don't care who calls me a queer, as long as they say I can drive a boat bloody well too.

"I suppose it's going to worry a few people at first. Some people who didn't really know will get screwed up when they find out, and if they stop being interested in

me as a sportsman, they know where they can go.

"I've told my parents what I'm doing and they're terrific about it. They know me and they know a lot of my gay friends, so they're prepared for what might happen.

"For a while though, I suppose they might be a bit embarrassed. They will even be embarrassed when they see everything you do in Gay News, but they'll get over it. They know that what matters is me getting a boat and racing."

Tim Brand-Cromby is the sort of gay who gets a lift out of telling people about it. Until now, he hasn't told a newspaper.

"You can lose a lot of friends, but you usually gain a lot more. I want to be able to walk down any road in London with a friend, arm in arm. And if I feel like kissing him, I'll do it. But I still want to race boats and be able to do it.

"I've lost quite a few jobs because I've told them I'm gay. I had a tremendous job with the African Holiday Club in Oxford Street, but I made a point of telling them, and they made a point of telling me that I didn't have the job any more. I also lost two sales rep jobs because I told them I was gay. I think it's better if they're told instead of them finding out.

"At the moment I'm working in an Inde Coop house. It's not a gay pub, but they know I am, and nobody cares. I think they like the idea anyway."

If Tim Brand-Cromby gets his wish and finds a sponsor to back his efforts to enter world water racing competition, he will naturally have to go into the racing profession full time.

He wants to race in the Bahamas 500 in June, the Yugoslavia Offshore on June 24, the Trophy Napole in Naples on July 8, the Via Reggio in Italy on July 22, the Monaco Grand Prix on July 29, the Swedish Tournament on August 12, the Southern Speed Trophy at Portsmouth on August 18, and

the Daily Express Cowes-Torquay-Cowes world classic on August 25 and 26.

In September he hopes to push his world series points score higher in the Royal Yacht Club's offshore powerboat race. On October 7, he has his sights set on the Sydney to Newcastle BP classic in Eastern Australia and on November 10, Tim wants to wave the Gay banner at the greatest powerboat race of them all, the Hennessey Key West Ocean Classic in the US.

Optimistic? Tim Brand-Cromby says he is, but he says that a non-gay with an appropriate boat and a will to go would only need to fight race competition. Tim says he feels confident enough about his competitors, but he still has a great fight to convince would-be sponsors that being gay didn't mean a damn.

When he gets his boat — and he wants to buy one called "White Label" currently zapping around the Bahamas, he says he will raise all hell to get a celebrity to launch it.

"Naturally I'd like somebody like David Cassidy, but then, wouldn't everybody?"

We understand the question of David



Cassidy making a whistle-stop trip to England to launch a powerboat prefixed with the title CHE is highly unlikely. Mainly, the Cassidy head office told Gay News, because he's on tour.

But be it enough to say that at this stage that some of Britain's top pop names have been approached, and the idea doesn't alarm them, and in one case, a nationally known rock idol is keen on joining Tim in a race.

Tim's claims about knowing some of the top echelon of the recording business also rings true.

Which, in a way, left Gay News open-mouthed.

For the technical, blonde, vibrant, Tim Brand-Cromby, who bears no resemblance to whatever you'd expect a powerboat freak to look like, plans winning the world championships in a 44' boat and hopefully he'll have it powered by two 8-litre engines, giving a frightening output of 1,800 horsepower. He won't hint at its potential top speed, but Tim thinks it's more than possible that he does well in any race in any conditions.

And to give Gay News a hint of what he means, he took us, with Pascal, our photographer, for an ear-pinning blat up the Thames in the Lancer Marine-built "Corniche Express". Quite a ride that was.

Perhaps by now, this ever-so-slightly determined speed-powered gay Tim Brand-Cromby has won the vital sponsor. If he hasn't, there's still time. If he has, then look out world. It's one of the most important victories we've yet heard of in the ever-widening ripples of gay equality.

Tim Skinner



sport, sexual orientation didn't matter either.

He has already approached some of Britain's largest companies to put his case for sponsorship, and at the time of going to press, most of the people he'd contacted were 'chewing it over.'

Tim said that his decision to throw his gayness totally open was because he found it impossible to lead a hidden double life. He said there was no reason why a self-proclaimed gay could not compete and hopefully win the coveted world trophy.

The world title in water sport what the World Sports Car Championship is to motor racing. Millions of pounds are spent on it every week. It has one of the biggest followings of any international sport. Its patrons include some of the world's most powerful businessmen, and some of the world's hardest working sportsmen.

Tim's involvement in professional powerboat racing is based on years of amateur competition, and a burning desire to win.

He began racing in 1968 — when he was 17 — around the Isle of Wight in a Class Three boat. It ended dismally when Tim's boat sank. "But we were lying second before we went down," he said.

Since then, he has driven and co-driven in scores of circuit races — some inland, and he helped drive the 1970 World Champion in Europe and the United States, Black Tornado.

Tim's determination in water sport has won him many friends. He often flunked victory because he stopped to repair a





What especially prompted me to write was your article 'Breakthrough in Eire'. This I found intriguing, especially your description of the Legion of Mary as a possibly co-operative contact, an 'existing sympathetic homophile group' (!!!) with whom CHE's Alan Crossley had been in touch.

You mention this society's principal aim, "the sanctifying of its member's souls. What obviously was not disclosed to Alan is this group, whose membership is confined to Roman Catholics whose near-worship of the "Blessed Virgin" (yes, she is still so-called) is among the many mediaeval groups contributing to the continuing suppression of gays in Ireland.

Among the weekly "tasks" undertaken is the "conversion" of gays - from what and to what one wonders. To this end they frequently position themselves in groups (are we so dangerous, or do they fear the destruction of the moral fibre of the snatch squads?). They position near Dublins handful of gay cottages and directly confront those who remain inside for a few minutes when these people emerge.

Unless one is quite thick skinned and distinctly ignores them, the legionnaires adopt a quite aggressive spiritual salesman line, and do not stop short of throwing away comments on the "Awful torments in the next life awaiting those who ignore the virtue of holy purity and indulge in unnatural acts" etc. So much for the "Legio Mariae." Just thought I'd put you in the picture.

In common with a number of Irish gays, I have been surprised at the scarcity of articles on the gay scene in Ireland. Surprised, because there is quite an advanced and organised gay scene here - even if it is still ostensibly an underground one.

This mainly centres around a few gay bars in Ireland - Bartley Dunne's (32 Lower Stephen Street) and the downstairs lounge of Robert Rice's (St Stephens Green).

Cottaging in Dublin is mainly confined to older men and casuals from outside the town who don't know where the gay folk come together. Also of course, the Secret Queens which a society such as ours produces in such numbers. However, a word of warning: cottaging, especially late at night, has become quite dangerous in Dublin and more than a few gays have been mugged in recent months.

CORK too has a surprisingly large number of gays who come together nightly and are constantly gaining new recruits.

The focal point here is the Persian Bar of the Imperial Hotel, Pembroke Street, even more so since the famous cottage at Emmet

Place was torn down WITHOUT WARNING just before Christmas. Here in Galway we have all been surprised to find the gay scene moving into the open so quickly, though there's still a long way to go. There are a number of gay students at the University and at least two gay teachers, although it still lacks overall co-ordination. Regulars often prefer to use the cottage and promenade in nearby Salthill.

Elsewhere it's difficult to say whether or not gay people are aware of each others' existence. An exception is Athlone which has two worthwhile cottages, the Genoa Bar also being worth a try.

Generally, things in Ireland are improving, and gays are benefitting from a general relaxation in oppressive attitudes. The situation however, remains far from ideal, as the scene depends on being unobtrusive rather than being accepted. Still, we're moving in the right direction.

Paddy, Galway

## Hour Of Terror

LONDON: During the early hours of Tuesday May 8, Eric Whitley (28 year old co-director of the Masquerade Club) and his flatmate Louise (ever-bubbling hostess of Louise's, the gay Soho discotheque) were robbed by a gang of thieves who burst into their Paddington flat when Eric answered the door. The Masquerade, in Earl's Court, is one of London's most popular and professionally-operated clubs.

It is reported Louise was less bubbly than usual when the robbers tied her to a bed with electric cable wire. Eric and the two other flatmates were bound to other pieces of furniture.

The thieves are believed to be in their early 20's (lawfully "over 21"). After threatening the occupants with a car-starting lever and a somewhat lethal sharpened screwdriver, the gang spent an hour stripping the flat of jewellery, two stereos, cash and other goodies, bringing the total value of their haul to around £2000.



Eric Whitley, looking well in spite of everything.

## The Doctor Fraser Sex Case

NEW YORK: Child psychologist and author Dr Morris Fraser - one of seven men charged on 19 counts of sodomy, 7 of sexual abuse, and one of conspiracy - has found himself in a highly precarious situation.

Dr Fraser, who has been suspended from his position with the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, has declared his innocence. His book 'Children of Violence' was published two days after the charges became headline news; segments have already been printed in two consecutive issues of The Sunday Times.

'Children of Violence' is a study of the effect Belfast violence has had on its child inhabitants since 1969, when the bloodshed and tension erupted again. Sunday Times book reviewer Anthony Storr described Fraser as a skilful writer who avoids use of psychiatric jargon, commenting that "Dr Fraser's book is a notable contribution to the eventual re-establishment of peace."

Dr Fraser, 37, made a brief appearance on trial in New York and was expected to return to Ireland until proceedings recommence.

The charges alleged 19 occasions when a "club" - referred to in the Daily Express as a "boys for sale ring" - met at the home of 50 year old George Brehm to indulge in "acts of abuse with young children". Brehm was jailed last year in connection with other activities. The "club" is even said to have circulated a newsletter.

Another of the charged men is 48 year old Hal Oelke, formerly employed by Big Brothers of New York, an organisation providing voluntary companions for boys without fathers.

The boys said to be involved are aged between 10 and 14. The assistant DA of Long Island Rackets Investigations claims that the boys were "paid" only with sweets and pens, and said that there were no attempts to restrain them from returning home. It is also alleged that one 10 year old boy was flown in from Puerto Rico to Long Island and later returned home.

Last year Dr Fraser was heavily featured in a US TV documentary, 'Suffer Little Children', analysing effects of violence on Ulster youngsters.

After the charges were laid, Dr Fraser told press members: "I have never taken part in any improper acts. My innocence is beyond question. I want to assure parents of children I have treated about that."

Tom Rosenthal, managing director of Fraser's publisher, Secker & Warburg, said: "We intend to stand by Dr Fraser, who is an outstanding child psychiatrist and an author with a brilliant future. We are also arranging for Dr Fraser to have sound legal representation."

Dr Fraser's Belfast hospital has expressed little faith in him; his publishers have. The more serious dailies have given balanced accounts of the case, whilst the gutter press have sensationalised in the expected manner.

Whatever the facts and outcome of the case, it is unfortunate that publicity so far may promote further bland association between homosexuality and pederasty in the minds of certain sections of the straight public.

## Telling Parents You're Gay

LONDON: "Telling one's parents" is perhaps the most complex problem gays must face. This subject of gays in relation to society norms was discussed quite intelligently in the Parents and Children feature of the Observer Review, May 8.

Journalist Susan Pinkus interviewed the mother of a 17-year-old boy who had recently stepped from the family closet (admirable in one so young). More interestingly, she also spoke to Ms Rose Robertson, who has set up a counselling service to aid parents freaked out by the knowledge that their son or daughter is gay.

Ms Robertson's empathy with this problem came about when she had a gay boy living in her home. Gradually he was accepted as one of the family, and she now devotes all her free time to encouraging parents to understand homosexuality in a realistic manner.

"I used to get asked how many injections it would take: how much it would cost to change him or her." Things have changed somewhat for the better, says Ms Robertson. "The feeling of shock is still there but instead of hysterical rejection, there is a definite desire to help and understand."

Other minorities, whether they be blacks, or Jews or whatever, have their families to relate their difficulties to. This very important, need is the one most denied to gay people in their formative years. GN is pleased to discover that Ms Robertson is taking measures to persuade local authorities that a service such as hers should be considered as part of social services. Just think of all the freaked-out, misinformed parents it would aid...

"I remember one very unsympathetic father who came in desperation," Ms Robertson related. "I told him: suppose your son was heterosexual and laying every girl in your road, you'd probably feel an inverted sort of pride. Isn't it hypocritical to abandon your son simply because he relates to someone of his own sex? I must have got through, because in spite of what I said, his father came back for further advice."

She continues: "In my opinion, the only way to promote an understanding of homosexuality is to start with the family. You have to get through to the extended family - brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles - and show them the only difference between this individual and themselves is the sex he or she happens to relate to emotionally, and that he or she is still the same dear person they loved, not a travesty of a man or a woman."

The very idea of a council convincing straights that gays are "normal" too, may have repugnant connotations to many (normal is such an ugly word) but the sensitive work of Ms Robertson is to be admired.

The irony of the Observer article, however, was the headline: "If Your Child Is Queer". Obviously Ms Robertson's intelligent remarks merely scraped the surface of journalist Pinkus, or perhaps the editor who may or may not have chosen such a headline.

It was probably yet another reminder to Ms Robertson that she has a big job ahead. GN sends its fondest encouragement.

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# A Banquet For The British Press Carved Coggan

Many C of E clergymen are homosexual: Archbishop Churchmen clash on homosexual claim  
Homosexuals 'not trained as priests'  
Church split by 'gay' speech

By Daily Mail Reporter

Priesthood ban on homosexuals

'Guilty secret' among priests

Clergy in uproar over Dr Coggan sex talk

WHAT A BALL the national press has had. Out of their style books came every way they knew how to denounce homosexuality. From their inner sanctums came a barrage of similar attacks — all with slightly the same result — to make things rough for a man who had something to say.

A man called Doctor Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of York.

Hopefully, there's little left to say now. Little, at least in the way of barbed criticism for Doctor Coggan, who supposedly 'shocked' the nation when he went on television and said that many clergymen in the Church of England were homosexual.

The mild statement — the sort that Gay News itself might make with about as much impact on the national press as a head-on collision between a sponge and an armful of fairy-floss — won for Doctor Coggan daily feet of space in the non-gay columns of the mighty Fleet Street word machines like The Sun, The Mirror, The Times, The Observer, and a dozen more.

The out-of-town press dined out on it for weeks too.

Doctor Coggan, a kindly soul, and definitely not a sensation-making man, made his reveal-all during a well-conducted edition of the BBC radio show 'It's Your Line'.

He didn't say a lot about it. The Archbishop said that it was no secret that there were many gays in the church — and many of them were ordained priests, but that they fought a tremendous battle against being practising gays.

He went on to say that some did eventually give in to the temptation, and that was the time to treat them with a great deal of sympathy and understanding, remembering that they had a position of great responsibility, having under their care a lot of youngsters.

Dr Coggan said that the church should change its general attitude towards homosexuality. He figures that rather than ostracise them, the church should accept them. He also seems to think it would be a good idea if the church adopted a sort of watchdog approach to keep an eye on the sexual tendencies of children. Where those sexual leanings weren't formed, he thinks the church should guide them towards what he says is a healthy heterosexuality.

Said the Archbishop: "I think that many young men are both homosexual and heterosexual, and our role is not to tempt them with a route to homosexuality."

Doctor Coggan said little more than that, and the national stir was on. The first to react, naturally enough, was the Church of England, who made an attempt to excuse what Dr Coggan said, and at the same time, making it clear that what the good Archbishop said was done with much compassion.

Making things easier on the public, the Church went on to explain that "We think the Archbishop means that there were some clergymen who were homosexuals, but he certainly did not suggest in any way that they were practising homosexuals."

The Church Information Office took a lot more weight off the already drooping shoulders of the morale-battered public



when it stated quite definitely that a man who was a practising homosexual would not be accepted for training, or, if the facts became known at a later stage, for ordination.

Most of the newspaper reports carried a little editorial opinion, most of it putting down gayness, and certainly giving Doctor Coggan a slight taste of a smacked bottom for his naughty statement.

The letters to various editors came thick and fast, and other church offices were asked to state their case.

Perhaps the most heartwarming for some people came from the Rt Rev Leslie Brown, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury in Suffolk. He stated categorically that even if what Dr Coggan said about homosexual priests was true, then there were none in Suffolk. Period.

He said that he was sure that there was no problem of homosexuality amongst the clergy in Suffolk, basically because he had never met a case. Which for Rev Brown was obviously ample evidence.

"There is an occasional case once in a blue moon," he said, "but I have not met one in seven years in Suffolk." Perhaps Suffolk will suddenly become crowded with people escaping the hidden terrors of the gayness in York.

The intra-clergy feelings about Dr Coggan's stunner started to run high a week after the newspapers had started to use their adjectives all over again. One such critic was the Reverend David McPherson of Hull, who bought a lot of publicity — and perhaps a glass of Holy Water — when he said that Dr Coggan's claims were a 'load of cobbles'.

But, as he pointed out, his claims were based on a straight family life. Mr Hull got his ordination badge eight months ago, and he's married with three daughters. Said he:

"All the people I met while I was in training were perfectly healthy young men." London's Sun called that one a 'scathing broadside' aimed at Doctor Coggan's claims.

From Sheffield, more reaction came from the well respected Rev Donald Sparkes, the Vicar of Christ Church. "I don't know where the Archbishop got his evidence from. The majority of clergymen are happily married."

The Right Reverend Stewart Yarworth Blanch, Lord Bishop of Liverpool seems to agree. He put it this way: "I don't think it constitutes a problem. It only becomes a problem if it emerges into action. Short of having everyone psychologically analysed, I don't know what we could even do about it."

From Dr Edward Henderson, who's the Bishop of Bath and Wells came a nail biter: "I would refuse to ordain a man if I knew he was a practising homosexual, because I don't believe there should be sexual relations between men."

Birmingham's Bishop Laurence Brown kept the topic running hot when he was asked to say his piece about it all. He declined to go into details, but he pacified the congregations when he assured the newspapers that "I have encountered few sexually perverted clergymen in the ministry over the years."

The barrage of bitterness was continued when the ladies had their say nationally through the mass press. Ms Lois Simpson, who's the wife of the vicar of Woodhouse in Leeds, said it was shocking. "This is the first time I have heard a suggestion like this," she said. Ms Judith Luxmore, the wife of the vicar of Headingley, Leeds had her dollar's-worth when she gave off a very

Homosexual clergymen need sympathy—Coggan

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Homosexual  
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deep "I know that many of the wives are upset and shocked."

While all this was happening, Doctor Coggan remained undaunted and unrepentant. He blazed on. He addressed about 2,000 people at Hull a week after he made his big statement. The occasion was a religious campaign called 'The Call to the North'.

He referred to the reaction he's had, and he did it all again, telling the big crowd that he'd received many bundles of letters since he made the statement. "The subject of the radio interview kept returning again and again to suffering," he said, "The people who have written to me all have the answers off pat, but I have no easy answer to suffering."

On the other side of the issue, there was a small but strong support voice for Dr Coggan. One was the Rev Norman Hood, the Vicar of Surrey.

He said: "Of course there are homosexuals in the ministry. The Archbishop has merely brought out into the open something which most clergies would prefer to keep hidden under the carpet."

The Rev Ralph Rogerson of St Andrew's Methodist Church in Manchester felt more kindly towards it all too. "Homosexuals are not necessarily barred from the ministry of this church," he said. "I know one pansy type who won a great success in one of the roughest areas of London."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Ramsay, was asked for a comment about the Coggan chorus, but there was no reaction from the highest quarter.

Perhaps the most violent of all the reaction has come, however, from the national and provincial press — almost totally opposed to homosexuality, and still treating it as a national plague.

The Sun's Victor Chapple said that "The Church of England was rocked." Other Sun reporters let it go by saying that a lot of clergymen were simply "hot under the collar." They managed to get one retired canon to say "It's a load of tripe."

Ketley's Shropshire Star called it a 'Guilty Secret'. The Scottish edition of the Daily Mail had us reading how 'Vicars and their wives greeted the statement with disbelief' and The Daily Telegraph dismissed it as a mild "case for concern among the clergy."

The little Kent Messenger let it go with a liberated headline called simply "Gay Clergy", and lost the story between two advertisements for a secondhand Volkswagen and 50p tea-towels.

Through it all, there's been a silence from the top echelon of the Church of England, and little from the Roman Catholic Church. But what seems to have been overlooked is any real checking to find out whether there are homosexual members of the priesthood. There are. About as many as there are teachers, or entertainers, or newspapermen.

Or perhaps, the same ratio of homosexual clergymen as there are homosexuals in a congregation.

But that's different. That's not the sort of stuff that makes good headlines.



Photograph: Randy Wicker, The Advocates

Gay Cop Jerry Hoppe.

## Gay Policemen Protect New York

**NEW YORK:** Two Brooklyn Heights gay men have been serving as auxiliary policemen since January, patrolling their neighbourhood and functioning as normal policemen but for the fact that they do not carry pistols.

The men are volunteers under an American scheme whereby citizens participate in protecting their own against the booming crime rate.

One gay cop, 30-year-old Jerry Hope, has had shocked reaction from gay friends who have run into him uniformed and patrolling. "One told me we so wrecked his mind that he couldn't think for two days. Another person we ran into on the Promenade literally could not believe us. Fifteen minutes later, walking back, the only thing he could say was 'Oh, my God, I don't believe you.'"

It's quite believable that Jerry's friends were as shocked as he suggests. Certain sections of the gay community regard policemen as enemies because of continuing cases of harassment.

The volunteers for police duty, gay or otherwise, often encounter resentment from full-time policemen. In the past it has reached the point where regular policemen have harassed them, and arrests of volunteers have even occurred, according to the Wall Street Journal.

However on February 22 a meeting took place between police officials and two New York gay groups, with the resultant pledge that:

"No discrimination would be made against a known gay applicant for the fulltime policeforce providing he passed the physical. Service on the volunteer squad can often be a prelude to joining the regular force, so the acceptance of the two gay volunteers is not without significance.

The first gay to join the auxiliary was "Dr Jarman", a six-foot 180 pound 31-year-old who did not want his full name connected to any publicity. Jarman became involved when some straights began harassing dances held by the Daughters of Bilitis, the gay women's movement centred in Greenwich Village.

## Star Trek

Stargazers will be relieved to learn that Monsieur Pierre's astrological predictions haven't been eclipsed. In the future 'Star Trek' will materialise in the issue of the paper published nearest to the beginning of each new zodiacal cycle. Gemini's please note, the next forecast is scheduled for GN 24.



## Gay Murder?

**THE BODY OF** Wolfgang von Jurgen, a loyal friend of Gay News, was found on the Thames foreshore at Rotherhithe on Wednesday 9th May.

Known to his many friends as Wolf, he was a television extra and appeared in series such as "Softly, Softly", "Colditz" and "Dr Who". He also had parts in many commercials, his most recent and memorable being in an advertisement for 'Tuff' boots. In addition, Wolf was a photographic model and was one half of the drag act The Virgin Sisters.

Wolfgang, who was also known as Michael St John, lived in a basement flat in Leyton High Road, London. He was in his mid-twenties.

The discovery of his body made the headlines of London's Evening News, when they splashed the lurid front leader 'Handcuffed Hell's Angel Found In River'.

Wolf often wore leather gear but this was by no means the rule. He paid a lot of attention to the way he dressed and was always extremely smart no matter what he wore.

Mr Bill Ellice, who runs a hardware shop near to where Wolf lived, said: "Everyone round here knew Wolf. He was a gentle, colourful, likeable character. He was always jovial and cheeky."

He added: "He was most definitely not a Hell's Angel. He just dressed like one because he liked the clothes. He was very fashion conscious."

Mary Gass, landlady of the pub The King Harold, where Wolf often performed his drag act, said: "He was very, very good. He used to come into the pub about once a month. He was very nice and no trouble at all."

Peter Fallan, an 18-year-old driver who worked opposite Wolf's flat, said: "I often went to see his drag acts. It was the best of its kind I've ever seen."

Wolf's sad and untimely death has shocked the members of the GN editorial collective. He helped the paper and its staff on a number of occasions and always encouraged and shared a joke with our street-sellers.

Wolfgang von Jurgen will be remembered as a good friend by all of us.

## Newssettes

### ■ Magic Bus

**DENVER:** A former New York policeman has been driving around from city to city in a personal crusade to help local police arrest homosexuals. The driver would ask likely prospects on board, suggest sex, then drive to some quiet spot where plain clothes police would make their appearance from the rear of the bus. Arrests in Denver hit the 100 mark before the local Chief ordered his vice squad men to stop using the bus.

### ■ Pianist Plays For Gays

**CROYDON:** On Saturday May 6, respected concert pianist Peter Katin gave a special recital to raise funds for local CHE funds. The Croydon CHE group was formed two years ago and now has 75 members.

### ■ First Gay Seder

**LONDON:** Jewish history was made on the second day of the Jewish festival of Passover when what is believed to be the first 'Gay Seder' was held at the Willesden home of David Luytens, nephew of the composer Elizabeth Luytens, and on his maternal side a nephew of Chaim Weitzman, founder of modern Zionism.

Over twenty people were present, all members of the newly formed Jewish Homophile Liaison Group, based in London. The traditional meal was prepared by women members of the group, and all present joined in reciting the Haggadah, which was narrated by an Israeli visitor and guest of the group for this occasion. Particular reference

was made in the various readings to commemorate Jewish victims of persecution.

Other recent activities of the group have included several speaking engagements to Jewish youth groups. These have all been a great success, and have resulted in all the groups visited having record attendances. This has been for many people the first time they have met gays who openly admit their sexuality, and has resulted in a useful dialogue between younger Jews and, in all cases, eased many of the irrational fears of homosexuality held by non-gays.

Further information about the Jewish Homophile Liaison Group can be obtained by writing to: Timothy Goldard, BM-JHG, London WC1 6XX.

### ■ Dean Boosts 'Sympathy'

**HILLINGDON:** Rural Dean Rev Dennis Connor has voiced agreement with Archbishop Coggan's sympathetic remarks concerning gay C of E clergymen.

Comforted by the opinion that many of these men are probably not practising homosexuals, Rev Connor said: "I agree with the Archbishop that we must show as much compassion as we can towards these people." GN hopes that gay clergymen are equally charitable towards their straight counterparts.

### ■ Gay Housing Association

**LONDON:** The first general meeting of the Gay Lodge Housing Association will take place at 7.30pm on Sunday 20 May at the Euston Tavern, 73 Euston Road, (opposite St Pancras Station), London NW1.

The purpose of this meeting will be to explain the aims and objects of the Association. Everyone interested in this new venture is welcome to attend.

The Gay Lodge Housing Association has been set up to provide housing and other associated amenities for single men and women of all ages. The Association is a member of the National Federation of Housing Societies.

Further information can be obtained from their registered office. Write to them at 37 Loveridge Road, London NW6 2DU. Telephone: 01-624 0359

### ■ Gay Radio

**LOS ANGELES:** Beginning May 15, the local Gay Community Services Centre will broadcast 'Gay At Heart', a monthly one-hour radio show produced for and by gays.

Anyone feel that England is ready for gay pirate radio? Or barnstorming the BBC?

### ■ Italian Poll Causes Worry

**MILAN:** Girls at the all-female St Catherines School have faced a few facts that have horrified their elders. An underground magazine conducted a poll answered by 118 girls: 46 favoured abortion, 54 were for masturbation, 20 condoned homosexuality and 8 admitted to being attracted to other girls.

### ■ Germany Legalises Male Prostitution

**BONN:** The West German Parliament has approved a proposed law which will legalise male prostitution and also lower the age of consent to 18.

The previous age of consent for gays was 21. However, the new law also increases the penalty for sexual acts with a person under 18 to five years if the accused is over 21. The penalty was previously one year imprisonment.

The subject of pimping was dealt with by a new law which no longer makes it illegal to "live off the immoral earnings" of another person.

The proposed new laws are expected to be put into action this summer.

## Herts Winner

We are pleased to announce that Mr A C Miller of Ware, Hertfordshire, is the winner of GN's first competition 'of the Month', which appeared in issue no 21. Mr Miller, a regular reader, wins a lifelong subscription to Gay News. His letter, correctly answering all three questions connected with our mystery photograph, was the first to be drawn out of an over-flowing plastic sack on Monday 7th May.

Below we reprint the questions with the appropriate answers:-

1. Who is the person in the photograph?  
Answer: Charlie Chaplin.
2. From where does the photograph come?  
Answer: The film "A Woman".
3. What year was the photograph taken?  
Answer: 1915.

Many thanks to all the people who entered this competition. We know that quite a few of you gave the correct answers, but there can only be one winner. Well done Mr Miller.

The second GN competition, devised by our film critic, David Seligman, appears in this issue.

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Saying 'I do', Harry and Bob with Rev Alberts in the middle. The couple are flanked by Rev Dennis Hart and his wife Charlotte, with whom they live.

**Historic Wedding: Minister Marries Gays**

**BOSTON:** A church controversy blew up when the Rev Dr William A Alberts married two gays despite the outrage of his regional Methodist Bishop.

The couple, Robert Jones and Harry Freeman, first met back in 1968 as students at the Boston University School of Theology. Their decision to wed results from their Christian beliefs and church activities.

GN sends hearty congratulations. The real act of courage however, was the Rev Albert's decision to marry the couple in church despite attempts by his bishop to halt the ceremony.

The bishop, in a letter to Rev Alberts, agreed to a ceremony whereby Bob and Harry could pledge fidelity as friends, but not as husband and wife.

Rev Alberts replied to the bishop thus:

Dear Eddie,

Your letter of March 27 has nothing to do with Jesus Christ's gospel of love and liberation. The marriage of Bob Jones and Harry Freeman does.

Love, Bill.

The wedding took place amidst much joy. Rev Alberts, whose church has in the past provided space for the black community and prison reform efforts, may be re-assigned to another area because of the marriage.



Photograph: David W Dahlquist, The Advocate

Joe Acanfora (left) with his sister Leonora and parents outside the court. Psychologists found his gayness to be good - officials are in a dither.

**Gay Teacher Fights Sacking**

**BALTIMORE:** Psychologists have gone into the witness box to testify that sacked science teacher Joe Acanfora's presence in class as an acknowledged gay would be beneficial to his students.

Acanfora was removed from his Washington area classroom when he published several articles mentioning his homosexuality. He is currently in court fighting this action.

School officials felt that a publicly acknowledged homosexual might sway impressionable students towards his lifestyle, even if he did not actually molest them.

Psychologists took the stand for Acanfora to state that a publicly avowed male gay teacher would help break down distorted images heterosexual students may have of gays, as well as assisting the "self image" of those who leaned towards gayness.

The case continues.

**Newssettes**

**Gay Girls Tie The Knot**

**PERTH, W AUSTRALIA:** The new trend of gay marriages took yet another upswing when the Rev Mario Schoenmaker, a Congressional minister, conducted a marriage ceremony for two gay girls. The marriage, believed to be the first of its kind in Australia, took place in the West Perth club-rooms of CAMP (Campaign Against Moral Persecution).

Said the kindly minister: "If two people love each other, regardless of their sex" etc. Nice to hear.

A similar marriage between gay girls (reported GN 18), both US Army Corps

members, was received with official hostility because of an Army regulation demanding that all homosexuals be discharged as "undesirable".

An historic US wedding between male gays is reported elsewhere in this issue.

The church has long professed eagerness to adopt progressive attitudes: gay marriages could well serve as a breakthrough for their battle against declining interest in organised religion.

**Jewish Gay Oppression**

**SAN FRANCISCO:** A gay group calling themselves the "Faggots International movement" have staged a demonstration here in front of the Israeli Consulate in protest against what they described as "Anti-semitic oppression of homosexuals by the State of Israel."

**'Ruby' Award for Divine Bette**

**NEW YORK CITY:** The amazing songstress Bette Midler, also known as The Divine Miss M, is the 1973 recipient of the After Dark 'Ruby' Award for Performer of the Year. The award is named after the first recipient, Ms Ruby Keeler.

As frequent travellers across the Atlantic will know, After Dark is an enormously popular, highly sophisticated and 'discreetly' gay magazine, based in New York City.

**When Will CHE Get Their Club?**

**LONDON:** An all-London meeting for members of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality has been arranged for Friday 1 June. It will be held at the Holborn Assembly Hall. The main topic for discussion seems to be the proposed and much anticipated CHE club and the progress of plans and the problems involved in this venture. The meeting will commence at 8.00pm and coffee will be served for half-an-hour prior to the beginning of the evening's discussion.

**Three Arrests, But Cops Told Not To Talk Dirty**

**WASHINGTON:** A sit-in protest by members of the Gay Activists Alliance has resulted in three arrests. The group gathered outside police chief Jerry Wilson's office to express anger at several instances of police harassment. The three arrested GAA members go to trial May 28.

The GAA have gained no promise of a meeting with police officials and plan to continue their campaign. It is said, though, that a member of GAA has been shown a police order issued to patrolmen telling them not to use terms such as "queer", "faggot", "Lezzy" and "dyke" whilst carrying out their activities.

**Short End of the Stick**

**BUENOS AIRES:** A new anti-gay slant has been swung into action here by the "Front for the Liberation of Impatient Virgins".

"It is unfair," states their manifesto, "that a half a million men should be allowed to indulge in their unproductive practices." At this stage it is unclear whether or not the movement is militant enough to resort to means such as attempted rape.

**History Honours Gay Man**

**SAN FRANCISCO:** History was created when Gay Lib organiser (unnamed in our news dispatch) was presented with a city Certificate of Merit by State Senator Milton Marks.

**Another Crackdown**

**YORKSHIRE:** Police activity has increased in Scarborough. GN has been told that cottage patrols have become more frequent and the licensing authorities have revoked the licence of the local gay club. In that case, which lasted for nearly two hours, the prosecution stated that "men at the club danced with other men, and women sat on each other's knees." The court was also told that the women also wore trousers.

Which was quite a stunning piece of evidence.

Apparently the club was a fine meeting place for gays and non-gays, and as we had it, it was becoming a 'really together' place.

Back to the closets for a while, Scarboroughans.

**It's Cheaper at Piccadilly . . .**

**BOURNEMOUTH:** 44 year old Arthur Workman has been fined £25 with £7.90 costs for touching a boy on the thigh.

The boy, un-named, charged that Workman invited him to his house to listen to records and look at some photographic equipment. He arrived, the court was told, to find the house empty with the curtains drawn.

The boy said he had suspicions and pretended to be sick. Workman, who had now removed his sweater, the court was told, offered to make the boy comfortable and was alleged to have then touched his thigh.

The boy then told Workman he was 'bent' sprang up and left the house.

GN says: We've heard of types who kiss and tell, but really!

**Feminist or Rapist**

**CALIFORNIA:** A Berkeley woman attending a 1200-strong West Coast Lesbian Conference brought about a hot debate when it was announced that a pre-operative transsexual folk singer, Beth Elliott would appear.

"Elliott," she charged, "is still a man who tried to rape me four years ago and should not be allowed to perform." A vote was taken; the results were in Elliott's favour and several songs of sisterhood were performed. The convention is now considering transsexualism as a feminist issue.

**Pennies From Heaven**

**MINNEAPOLIS:** The United Methodist Voluntary Services has given almost £800 towards running the Gay Community Services of Minneapolis.

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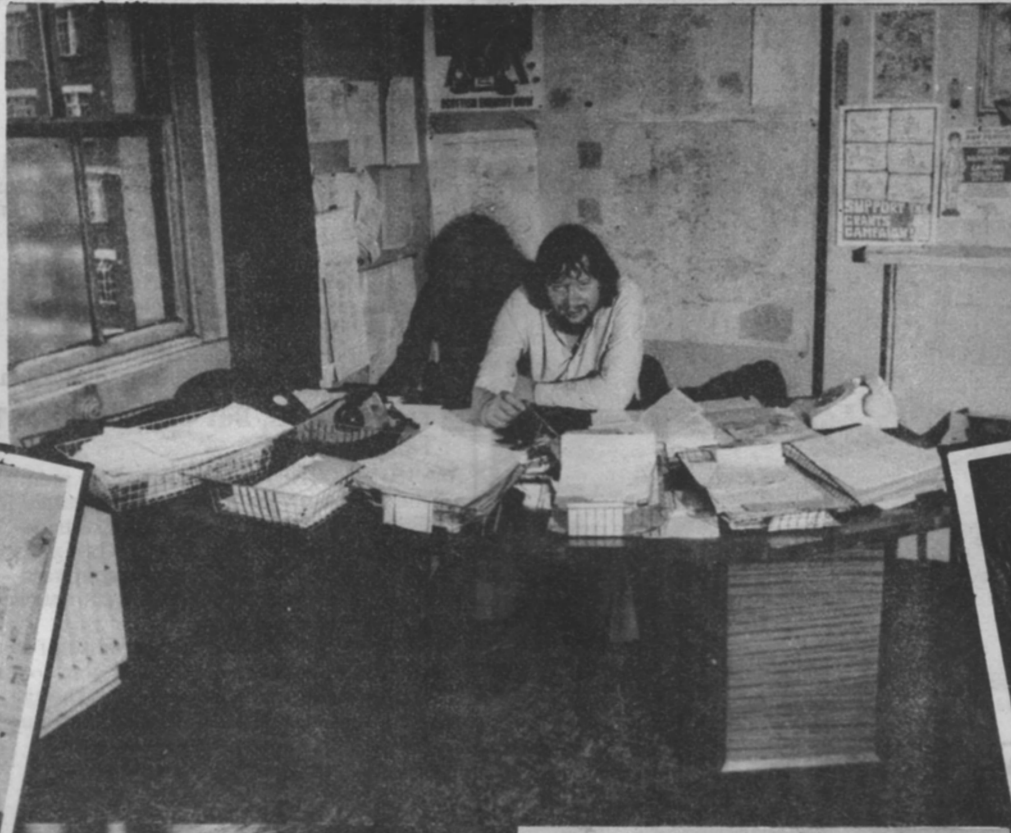
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# "Bisexuality Is A Natural State"

## NUS Gay Rights—Its Implications And Commitments



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John Randall was probably campaigning for something back in his prep school days. He even decided where Gay News should take him out to lunch.

There's something very definite and very precise about the whole attitude of John, who's the new president-elect of the National Union of Students, which now has a membership of close on 400,000.

He's been in the chair now for just over a month, and he's come face to face with one of the most important gay issues ever raised in Britain — the Gay Rights proposals which won the massive support of 360,000 students at the Exeter conference in April.

That very proposal is probably somewhere in John Randall's office right now, but he has no plans to leave it collecting dust.

"It's already getting attention," explained John, "and it's going to become a very important document."

"One of the things that will ensure that it'll be acted on is the very strong lobby. The gay students who got the proposals onto the order paper in the first place weren't just doing their 'big thing' getting a motion passed. The NUS is only as strong as its members make it, and there's only so much we can do from an office in London, but in this case, the whole nation has backed the motion and now it's a case of implementing it, and that will be done."

"I wasn't surprised the bill got such acceptance. It was one of the best drafted motions the conference has had for some time. It was carefully, clearly and sensibly presented."

"There's a general sympathy for Gay Rights in the student organisations. Probably because students are a bit more liberal and understanding in their attitudes. The vote was genuinely overwhelming."

"It came as a sort of natural development after a similar motion on Women's Rights. A lot of students felt it was another area of sexual inequality which we hadn't got a policy on, and we simply needed it."

"There's been only a small piece of feeling against the bill, but there's really been no protest. Someone from a school wrote to us and said that it was bad and that God wouldn't like it, and there's been a wave of unfortunate jokes about it all. You know, students going around and saying things like 'well, we're all queers now'."

John Randall could have been — perhaps five years ago — virtually asking for a public

hanging by stating his views so clearly — particularly in the until-now fairly taboo territory of homosexual open-mindedness.

"All the prejudices about homosexuality that's lasted for so long just can't be sustained logically. I may be completely wrong, but from where I see it, I'd say that the normal progression outside the state of advanced man was bisexuality."

"But people would probably be horrified if you told them that."

Another important job facing John is intervention in the alleged discrimination against teachers accused of being gay.

"I think the first thing to do in these cases is a consultation with other teacher unions, but there's no clear cut plan of attack. We don't like it, and we'd naturally use whatever power we could to sort it out."

One sad point here, is that from the very experience of Gay News at meetings involving gay organisations, many of their members are teachers . . . people able to help because of their academic qualifications, but more often than not, it's these teachers who prefer to assume anonymity.

### A Personal View

Gay Rights, naturally, is only one of the many issues confronting John Randall in his new job, and their importance to the NUS is shared with other top-level issues like student accommodation, employment, housing and finance.

But on homosexuality, John expresses a desire to simply get things in their proper perspective.

"I tend to share the view that bisexuality is a natural state. Obviously, heterosexual relationships are essential for the propagation of the species and from the biological point of view. There are plenty of other expressions of sex, from the point of view of using one's body for pleasurable purposes.

I suspect that there are a lot of heterosexuals who don't get real sexual satisfaction from the way they choose to express their sexual desires.

"I went through what you could call an adolescent homosexual stage, and I knew a lot of young men at the time who were totally gay and proud of it. In a way, I suppose I'd like to be an ally of gay students, not because of their gayness, but because I do understand it, and I understand the special sort of problems they have. That's why I feel so strongly about pushing this motion to get homosexuality generally accepted as a non-stigma. I think the vote that accepted the motion was very typical of this very enlightened generation."

John reads his newspapers and he knows who's making news. His appointment to the NUS chair came at a time when Doctor Coggan was getting national eyebrow raising ceremonies in his honour after his stunner that there was a certain amount of homosexuality in the church.

Said John Randall: "I find it very easy to believe that people who are gay would choose a profession like teaching or the church. It offers something that's almost a family substitute. It does have something about it that feels identifiable with a family, and society says it's essential to assume a family image to get along, and a school or a church would fulfil that role for people who couldn't see themselves involved with a formalised family structure."

"I would hope that a Gay Rights bill would give the right people the right sort of emotional attachments and security if they don't want to get it from this 'formalised family' structure or an institutionalised family setup."

"Some people don't like the idea of the 'wife and house and 2.7 kids' picture. Some people think it's terrifying, so I suppose

that's where some people take refuge. The Church has got a nice 'parenty' thing about it, and even though sexuality might never come into it, people could well get their emotional kicks just out of feeling responsible to the people who want to feel close to them. It goes for the teaching profession even more, I'm sure."

But gayness and its associated problems and moves to ease them must take their place in John Randall's file of things to do. He's become heavily involved with student housing problems, and to that end, he's waging a kind of personal war on some accommodation agencies, right at a time when Gay News itself has discovered a virtual blanket seal of approval from the same agencies.

It seems that students, on the whole, get a raw deal from many agencies. John thinks it's a leftover stigma about students being 'dangerous'. He also plans pushing moves to fight the 'illegal charges' imposed on students, and other flat hunters. These charges are levelled at most people looking for accommodation. Quite apart from key money, they are usually paid to the agency in the form of one week's rent. Clearly defined by law, the charges are in no way payable, and in fact, are a totally illegal imposition by the agency. John feels that students, already hard-pressed for finance, are some of the worst-hit people, and he plans doing all he can to clear it up.

The job of presiding over the NUS is growing in importance. With a membership nearing 400,000 and a full-time staff of about 50 in the London office, John Randall has little time for his private affairs.

The job crams his diary with time consumers ranging from meetings with Government departments (who now see eye to eye with the NUS) on matters of housing, Government grants and petitions, through to the operation of the London administration and also spending a lot of time addressing meetings all around the nation.

He travels about 1,000 miles every week. John Randall has no plans to take NUS by the tail and reshape it . . . but he says he will try to make it more important. And maybe it might be a good idea not to ring him just yet. He's got a very important motion all about Gay Rights on his desk. Let him get on with it.

Interviewers: Tim Skinner and Denis Lemon

# Trolling in Amsterdam

Amsterdam has become the most liberated city in Europe, more so than its rivals Copenhagen and Hamburg. Homosexual tourist parties from many countries arrive there by chartered plane-loads. It is also the favourite gay resort for travelling Americans — in fact for the whole Western world.

The two Dutch homophile organisations COC and DOK (Corresponding to GLF and CHE in this country) have large club premises in the City Centre with bars, dancing, TV lounge, etc.

In the same district are some 30 gay bars for males, a few for women. They have drinking, some have dancing and some a show; one has drag performances. They vary from chic to very camp. There are also two areas in other parts of central Amsterdam for male prostitutes. At one, along a canal, there may be a dozen or more teenagers on a single block.

Then there are the sauna establishments, the best known catering for dual or mass fraternisation according to one's taste. In Holland twenty-one is the legal age of consent for gays. There is usually no problem if two sex partners are under the age, but if one is well below and the other considerably more, there can be dangers. The police don't go looking for trouble however, as they do in this country — in fact foreigners who are seen 'cottageing' too obviously are politely advised to visit a sauna or one of the other gay resorts in town.

The Dutch are a tolerant people, they do not encourage homosexuality but they accept it to a greater degree than other nations. In the same way they allow open prostitution and Amsterdam's red light district is one of the last in Europe.

Holland fought the Spanish for 80 years for her independence, she took in Spanish Jews, French Huguenots and Pilgrim Dissenters, all who had to fight for their freedom.

She does not persecute gays, she accepts them.

In the easy-going atmosphere of the City Centre, gay couples going around arm in arm do not attract attention and the feeling in COC and DOK clubs is far more relaxed than

it would be in England. There is little tension, no games and jockeying, no cold-shouldering as in other countries. One can make social contacts in a more normal way than the erotic one of bars, where a contact implies a proposition.

Most educated Dutchmen speak fluent English and consider us as their best friends and nearest relatives in Europe.

Foreign visitors of course feel less fear and pressure than those who must live and work in the city. This is where the national myth of tolerance ends, although it is easier in Holland for gay people to live openly with self-respect. Social pressures in certain circles and professions are the same as in other western societies.

The Dutch regard homosexuals as they do the religious and political groups they have no use for: they are as tolerant as they can manage to be, but there is still a long way to go in the future for many of this minority.

Holland is half Roman Catholic, half Dutch Reform (one of the most bigoted hell-fire Protestant denominations). Dutch sexual values are not different from those in the rest of northern Europe and North America.

It is a country of many splinter faiths, splinter political parties and regional differences.

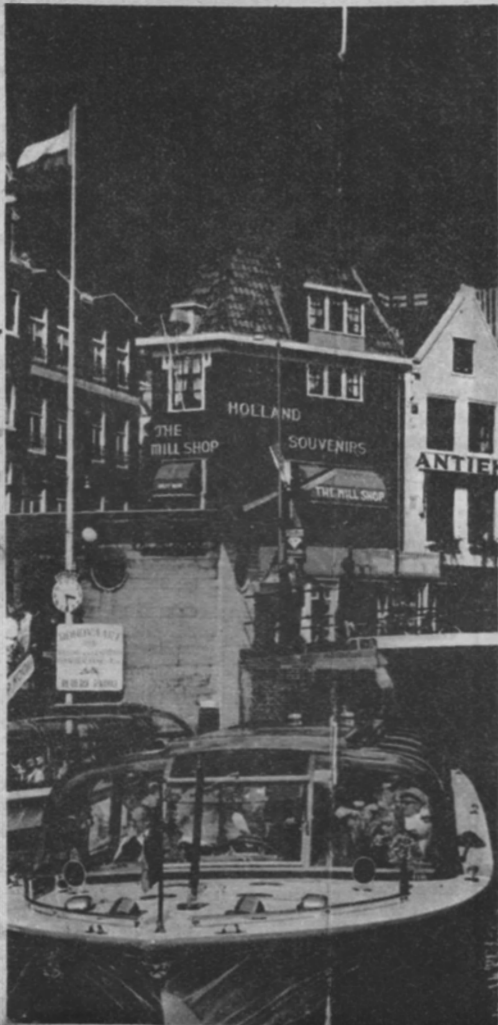
The national ethic is somewhat like that of the animal world where population is over-crowded. Each respects and accepts its neighbour's territorial boundaries.

COC and DOK do not like the Mecca image. They want other countries to become like Holland, where ghetto walls are crumbling.

COC began in 1946 as an underground organisation with members using fake or first names only. Now it has five and a half thousand members and is much more open. About 20% are women, a much higher proportion than our homophile organisations. There are COC clubs in eight major regions. Apart from their bars and dancing they have drama, music and bridge societies etc. COC has set up an information Advisory and Counselling service called the DIALOGUE FOUNDATION. About one third of the

Board of Directors are heterosexual.

It gathers information (press cuttings, scientific papers and books on homosexuality) It puts out a publication to inform gays and to educate hets. Its therapy work is orga-



nised on the lines of CHE's "Friend" set-up with specialist backing.

A Dialog study has shown that people with a negative attitude who won't accept their gayness do not live normal contented lives. Dialog psychiatrists say that one should get homosexuality out in the open and into action. It is better than trying to convert or change clients.

Dialog also says that it isn't right to push a person in either a hetero or homo direction. At sixteen a boy or a girl has to have a chance to experiment, to experience sex, to find out what a gay life means. For example, the secretary of COC at the age of twelve saw naked boys in changing rooms and found them exciting. Then at sixteen and seventeen he kissed and dated girls but at nineteen he kissed a boy, had an erection and found out that he was gay.

He experimented and found out.

The Dialog foundation tries to reach priests, doctors and police to educate them on the subject. They lobby for lectures to police, servicemen and schools where little is taught about sex and nothing at all about homosexuality.

Public attitudes in the Netherlands are more advanced than elsewhere. The Minister for Social Affairs recently said in Parliament that discrimination of homosexual men and women in industry must be condemned.

The Church is changing, some even do simple ceremonies to bless unions. The gay life isn't quite as separate and secret as before. People are more informed and gays run into less trouble. It is the frightened ones who suffer most. Dialog tries to convince them not to be ashamed.

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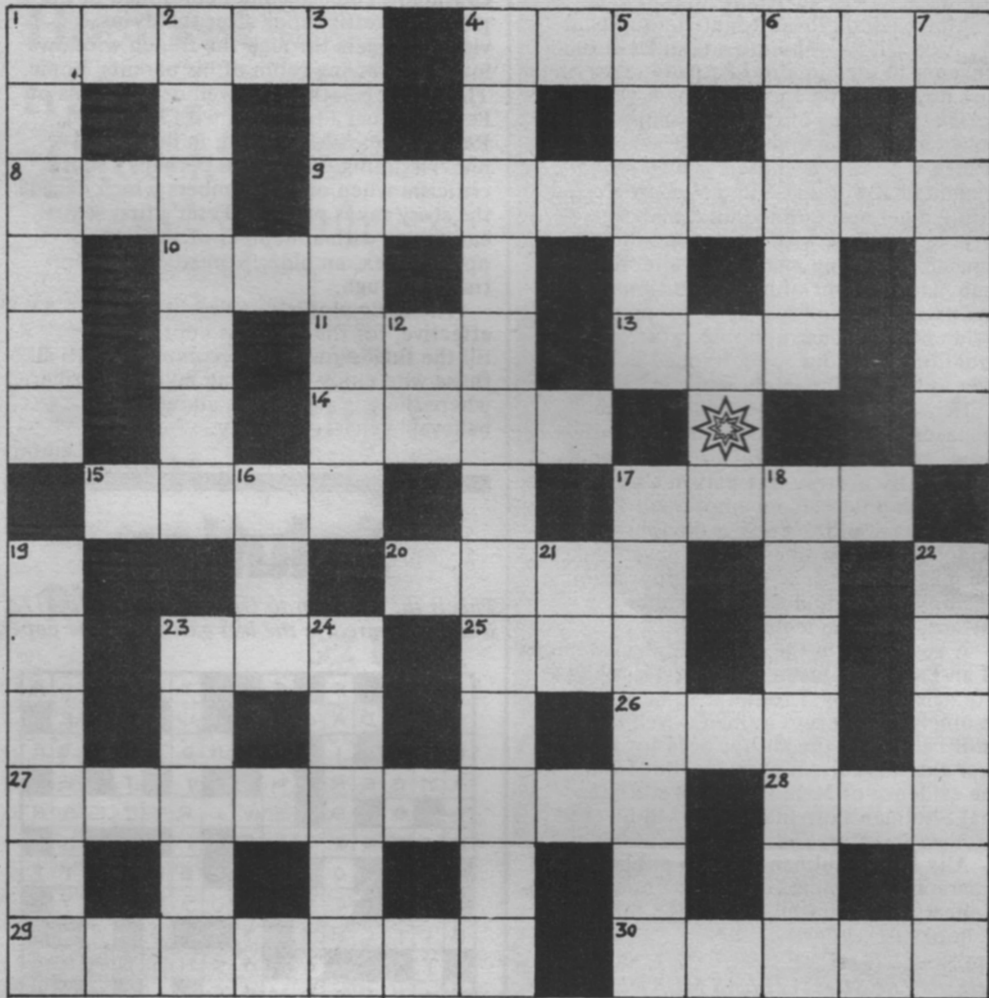
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# GN Crossword No 6/73

by Ken



**Clues – Across**

1. Camp boy? (5)
4. Hop along to see the Bottom of the Pops? (7)
8. So Melanie's love burned itself out? (3)
9. Hephaestion's great friend. (9)
10. Listens to corn. (3)
11. Promiscuous in a boat, we hear, putting it in! (3)
13. Time for outside erotica . . . (3)
14. Having completed burning his boats, he gets rid of them wildly. (3)
15. Lucy's new film injury, we hear (4)
17. Give thanks, gay sisters, he had Spare Ribs on the menu. (4)
20. Position himself for climax of the second feature (4)
23. Scandinavian discovers masturbation in his sleep perchance? Aye there (3)
25. Ends up in an unchanged position (3)
26. Sounds like a month gone West at the Porchester Hall! (3)
27. Noted camp comedian's television relationship with Classic general! (2, 7)
28. Gave his tool, to make a whole hole! (3)
29. Be surrounded by two nice boys – it's for the birds! (7)
30. Or something heavy on a motor bike. (Patron saint of gay humour?) (5).

**Clues – Down**

1. Sounds like they've come on board (6)
2. No-one touches her up we hear. So much for Danish love-play! (7)
3. Genteel American trade? (3,4)
4. Honour the monarch, or flag the fag. It amounts to the same thing (5,3,5)
5. Come back, come back Alan Ladd, we like the new club! (5)
6. Sister of 8 Across, a Bombay duck? (5)
7. Keeps everything together at entrance to baths! (1,5)
12. Drinking incognito in car company (1,1)
16. Initially avoiding payment. (1,1,1)
17. Play around with a black piece with acne (1,6)
18. Keeping up with the Amazon situation (7)
19. Kiss me Hardy; come up as often as you can (6)
21. Naked, male and French (2)
22. Was Irving on location with Cabaret? (6)
23. Results of playing hard to get? (5)
24. Emasculated little dear? (5)

The solution to the above crossword will appear in Gay News No. 24.  
The solution to GN Crossword No. 5/73 is on Page 14.



## GN Competition No 2

1. Can you name the dilly old actress who brought a sparkle of eccentricity to an early 1960's BBC TV comedy show? She wouldn't cross the road in 'Carry on Constable' . . . . .

2. The blonde young man buying a newspaper in the photograph is a rising young star who appeared in an underrated British film last year, from which this still was taken. Can you name him and the film? . . . . .

3. Can you give the precise location of the newsagents shop in the picture? . . . . .

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## Best - Sellers

**MEMOIRS OF AN EX-PROM QUEEN** by Alix Kate Shulman. Published by Hart-Davis, MacGibbon, £2.50.

Described by a reviewer in London's Evening Standard as: "Not being the reminiscences of an ageing homosexual looking back on Prom Night conquests at the Albert Hall", *Memoirs of an Ex-Prom Queen* is in fact an almost totally satisfying first novel by Alix Kate Shulman.

The story tells of the 'fictionalised' growing up of an American girl, who, whilst at high-school, was chosen as queen of a students ball (prom). The novel progresses through her adolescence, first marriage, divorce and ends with her second, but this time child-bearing marriage to the 'right' man. The account of her institutionalised and disastrous first marriage is remarkably vivid and the claustrophobic nature of the situation she seems to be trapped in comes over as being completely realistic.

Her sexual adventures, whether as a teenager, wife, mistress, divorcee or wife again, are never sensationalised but sympathetically portray one person's response to love, both physical and emotional. The major theme of the book is obviously the exploitation of women, but it never makes the mistake of just screaming 'oppression'. The oppression is always just under the surface, as it is in reality.

A best-seller in the United States, *Memoirs of an Ex-Prom Queen* has been described as a female Portnoy. I found it to be a refreshingly sincere and human novel, the only fault being that the author occasionally over-extends certain passages. But from the evidence of *Memoirs*, I feel confident that Shulman's original talent will be even stronger in future fiction works.

Alix Kate Shulman has also published a biography of Emma Goldman — one of the pioneers of feminism, as well as a number of books for children.

**THE RIVERSIDE VILLAS MURDER** by Kingsley Amis. Published by Cape. £1.95.

Kingsley Amis's latest novel, *The Riverside Villas Murder* has become an instant success, currently being amongst the top five best sellers. Although no great literary masterpiece, it does deserve its popularity

for being an exciting and immensely readable thriller.

The main factor that distinguishes his work from other murder mysteries is that the story is set in the 1930's. Amis succeeds admirably in re-creating the atmosphere of that period, which he wittily and accurately evokes throughout.

The hero of the tale is Peter Furneaux, a 14-year-old school boy. Aware but not over-confident, Peter becomes embroiled in the murder investigations after the dying victim staggers through the french windows into the drawing room of his parents' home. The author's rather reserved descriptions of Peter's sexual adventures with his friend Reg are somewhat lacking in depth and understanding, but that is perhaps a harsh criticism when one remembers which decade the story takes place in. Peter's first sexual encounter with a member of the opposite sex, an older woman, is well portrayed though.

The basic plot is simple but highly effective, for the reader is kept guessing till the final sequence. Recommended to all those who enjoy a gripping mystery thriller, where there is a generous amount of believable character study.

Denis Lemon

## Solution

This is the solution to GN Crossword No 5/73, which appeared in the last edition of the paper.



## Pastel Account Of A Vivid Woman

**COLETTE — THE DIFFICULTY OF LOVING** by Margaret Crosland. Published by Peter Owen, £3.25.

"Loving and writing were the two most difficult things for her (Colette), for she found as many problems in her emotional involvement with her parents, husbands or lovers as she found in covering sheets of paper with words in an order which satisfied her. Immense energy and skill allowed Colette to carry out the process of subduing actual events, people and words; after long and almost invisible aggression she achieved in the end a smoothly-running life and a literary style of apparent ease." In characteristic low-key style, Margaret Crosland describes a triumphant talent for living and literature in her biography of Colette.

Her clinical analysis of Colette's temperament and writing seemed to me a bad marriage of biographer and subject, the result of which is a still-born book — a pastel account of a vivid woman.

Crosland explains her involvement: "When I first wrote about Colette in 1953 I had the rare pleasure of meeting her in the famous Palais Royal apartment. We talked, or rather she talked, not of books but of cooking, knitting, embroidery. Since that time I have read and re-read her books, discussed them and tried to separate both in her life and her writings fact from fiction... I have tried to show how Colette's character and life gave her writing its particular slant and flavour..."

That Margaret Crosland wants to delineate the ingredients, which go to the flavour of Claudine, Cheri, Gigi et al, is her right. Maybe it is necessary for her to know that fact from fiction person. But, like anyone who dissects a butterfly's wings to discover the colour structure, not only finds an enigma of dust, but has destroyed the intense pleasure of the active iridescence experienced in the presence of the butterfly. Surely loving and writing are the two most difficult things for ANYBODY to do? It takes a great gift to do either successfully. Genius to do both.

Crosland records that Colette spoke not of books but mundane things at their meeting. What more natural from someone of 83 who had written fifty or so books, countless journalistic articles, read widely and hated writing. Colette was born of provincial bourgeois parents in Burgundy. In her country upbringing these pursuits were daily discussions and brought the 'country I have abandoned' closer. That Crosland found it necessary to mention such a straight forward incident and invest it with importance is her weakness as a biographer. She appears to have embedded preconceptions which influence her approach and deflect her discourse and intrude irrelevancies.

Apart from this the book gives glimpses of Colette the child, music hall artiste, wife,

lesbian, news reporter, mother and beautician. There are generous extracts from her writing and letters. A remarkable contribution, which had me riveted is Crosland's piercing together of Colette's mother Sidonie. The idolised 'Sido' is brought into unflattering focus on several occasions.

"Sido's domination of the family was the most dangerous of all because it was insidious not authoritarian. No wonder the children found other people difficult to deal with as they grew up; no wonder Captain Colette (father) withdrew into his fantasy world of (writing) non-existent books... She organised other people's emotions rather as she drew shopping lists..."

The emotional vampire mother is all too familiar to gays: "She was jealous of her daughter's affection for Madame Saint-Alban, a neighbour in whom the young Colette appreciated everything that was different from Sido. She put an end to the father-and-daughter electioneering expeditions when she discovered the child had joined in the wine drinking with local councils."

For all Colette's nonconformity the Establishment embraced her uncompromising self. She was the first woman to receive the Legion of Honour, the first woman member and president of the Academie Goncourt. The first woman to have a state funeral. She is buried in the cemetery of Père Lachaise in Paris. A tombstone made of black and pink granite from Puisaye, her birthplace, bears no cross. The Catholic Church refused her rites because she was twice divorced and didn't receive the last sacraments. I doubt this cardinal error would affect her paradise, for she had already lost it when she left for marriage and Paris from Burgundy at the age of twenty. She lamented it the rest of her life. "I belong to a country I have abandoned."

Crosland remarks 'Unconsciously, perhaps, she knew that paradise and solitude were strangely, sadly, inexplicably identical.'

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Costello: "A minute! This car won't go an hour."

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## Valentino Renaissance

**BLOOD AND SAND** at the Odeon, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. Stars - Rudolph Valentino, Lila Lee, Nita Naldi. Director - Fred Niblo. Distributor - Greenwell Promotions.

**RUDOLPH VALENTINO** - the name conjures up romantic memories of yesteryears, when women all over the world flocked in their thousands to his films... Long before talkies came into being, this poor immigrant from Italy rose to fame at the age of 26 in 'The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse'. He had already appeared in 16 films, playing bits and small roles, having drifted into films after being an exhibition dancer for several years. In all he starred in 12 films before his untimely death in 1926 at the age of 31. His funeral set a precedent in the film industry, for the number of mourners paying their respects in New York, before his body was moved to Hollywood for final burial.

The film **BLOOD AND SAND**, currently in London, was made in 1922, and proved to be one of his most successful films. The plot tells of a Spanish peasant Juan (Valentino) who becomes a famous matador. He reaches the summit of his profession, after marrying a childhood sweetheart (Virtue personified by Lila Lee). His transition from apparent poverty to riches is neatly done, both in his attitudes and style of dress. When he meets a rich socialite (Sin personified by Nita Naldi), he falls under her spell and is torn between the two loves. In the end, after being spurned by his mistress, he is fatally gored in the bullring, and dies peacefully with his ever faithful wife by his bedside.

When first reading of the re-issue of this film, I wondered if today's audience would be interested in seeing a film without dialogue, and more especially, one made so many years ago - taking into consideration how much styles have changed in film making over the decades. But I feel sure that a great many of the 'lost audiences' will be lured back to see their old favourite, and that a whole new generation will also be interested enough to see for themselves what the legend was all about.

Neither parties will be disappointed. Valentino's sensual good looks, smouldering eyes, and boyish smile are proof enough for me that in those days the stars had faces to remember. Most of all it is his approach to the two women in the love scenes that lingers longest in one's memory.



The immortal look of Valentino is alive and well.

Watch him after the wedding guests have departed, as he gently embraces his young bride, before leading her to their off-screen bedroom. Later, when enamoured of the vamp, he succumbs to her advances. Unlike today's more forthright screen heroes, Valentino's subtle approach combines that rare mixture of tenderness and virility.

Barry Conley

## Over The Rainbow?

**LOST HORIZON** (Columbia, dist Columbia-Warner) A film for the American silent majority they tell us, the brain child, after Frank Capra, of Ross Hunter - it could be Nixon's double. Baited unmercilessly, victim of a critics witch hunt, and the Royal film performance, it had a

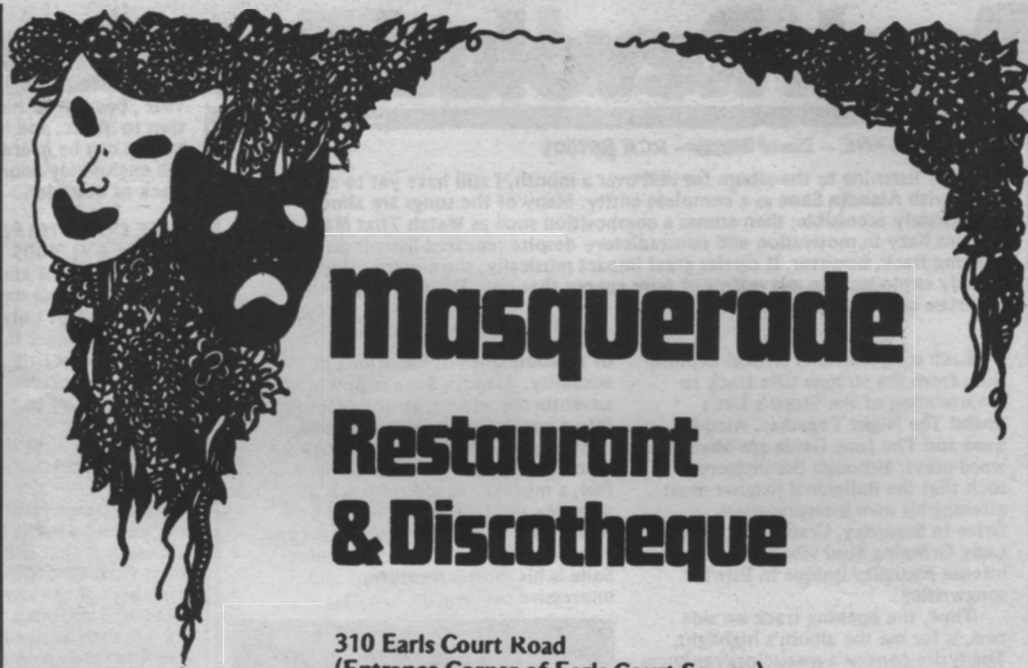
lot going against it, as far as I was concerned.

Directed by Charles Jarrot, with a fashionable capable cast - Peter Finch, Liv Ullman, Michael York, Sally Kellerman, John Gielgud, Charles Boyer, etc, with music and lyrics by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. It is suggested that somewhere amidst the frozen wastes beyond the end of the world, vis a vis present day civilisation, there exists a Shangri-la where it's always warm, where gold dust flows in the streams, where there is no illness, war, fatigue or old age. And why not.

It's visually exotic, exciting, funny, sentimental, and exudes a couple of hours of euphoric contentment. Ross Hunter seems to have a marvellous knack in his films of mirroring the mood and fears of the times. Airport appeared at the height of the hi-jacking boom, Lost Horizon has come at a time when we seem to be collectively burying our heads in the sand whether we're

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# Fresh Revolutions

## ALADDIN SANE — David Bowie — RCA 1001

After listening to the album for just over a month, I still have yet to come to terms with Aladdin Sane as a complete entity. Many of the songs are almost immediately accessible; then comes a composition such as Watch That Man, which remains hazy in motivation and contradictory despite repeated listenings. As an opening track, however, it carries great impact musically; the electric, jagged rock melody explodes into the realms of pure energy that only Bowie's magic and expertise can create.

Each song warrants critical exploration, from the strange title track to the updating of the Stone's Let's Spend The Night Together. Aladdin Sane and The Jean Genie are obvious word-plays, although the imagery is such that the individual listener must attempt his own interpretation. Drive-In Saturday, Cracked Actor and Lady Grinning Soul vibrate with the intense sexuality unique in Bowie's songwriting.

Time, the opening track on side two, is for me the album's highlight. The lyrics convey a menacing frankness building to a remarkable crescendo of shattered emotions. Once again, only Bowie could exemplify the urgency and anxiety of Time, baring his psyche to a point where the listener cannot remain unaffected.

However, I still do not relate to all of Aladdin Sane. It's not a 'concept' album, but a vague linkup is there, most probably because most of the songs were written during his recent tour of the States. The complexities of my own impressions and reactions to Aladdin Sane bring me to respect a project that could be rejected if given only a few hearings. Uncharted areas of human sexual response are explored in the album; there is a joyous acceptance

of an abundance of variations in sexuality. Aladdin Sane is Bowie's most adventurous and constructive journey into a concept of universal bisexuality.

To approach the album as being a commercially easy experience is, I feel, a mistake. Aladdin Sane is as complex as The Man Who Sold The World. But that was three albums ago, and Bowie has progressed. Aladdin Sane is his most adventurous and impressive performance to date.



## DYNAMIC SOUNDS OF JAMAICA (Vol 1) — Various Artists — Dragon Help 9

One of the better reggae compilation albums to be released recently is Dynamic Sounds Of Jamaica (Vol 1). Previously issued as singles, most of the material has been successful in Jamaica and the black communities in this country. It is reasonably priced at under two pounds and the recording quality is of a high standard throughout.

The Maytals, Derrick Morgan, Byron Lee, The Clarendonians, Hopeton Lewis and Ken Parker are amongst the many established Jamaican artists offering ethnic reggae numbers such as Deadly Sting, Sit Right Down, Screwface Underground, Black Beauty, Poconous and Black Girl. In all, fourteen tracks that are irresistibly danceable.

## RAVI SHANKAR & ALI AKBAR KHAN IN CONCERT 1972 — Apple SAPDO 1002

Ravi Shankar and Ali Akbar Khan's In Concert 1972 is a somewhat difficult 2-record set to review, as I must confess I know very little about traditional Indian music. The album is a recording of a live concert and is dedicated to 'Baba' Ustad Allaudin Khan, who died in a small Indian village in September 1972. Thought to be well over a hundred years old at the time of his death, Ustad Allaudin Khan was musical 'guru' to Shankar and Akbar Khan. His influence on these two musicians' careers has been of prime importance to their development and their acceptance by audiences all over the world.

Devotees of this musical genre will of course be attracted to this double album, but apart from them, I can't see it having much commercial potential. In Concert 1972 is a good means by which to expand the range of an individual's record collection, for it serves well as being a satisfactory

example of Indian music. I know I will get the most enjoyment from my copy when I play it on long, hot summer evenings.

## BITTER SWEET — The Main Ingredient — RCA SR 8339

The Main Ingredient are a new three man black vocal group who have notched up two sizeable hits in the States with You've Got To Take It and Everybody Plays The Fool, both of which are included on their first album Bitter Sweet. In Britain, although having acquired a substantial following, they have yet to capture the attention of a large audience.

Musically they are into soft soul sounds, but their approach is more aggressive than say the excessive sweetness of The Stylistics or the recent relaxed recordings of the Detroit Emeralds.

The success of Bitter Sweet is due to various factors: sympathetic horn and rhythm section arrangements; an abundance of soaring and sweeping strings; balanced production and lastly, a good choice of contrasting material. The Main Ingredients' inventive treatment of the standard Who Can I Turn To is particularly memorable, whilst the opening track, Travelling, seems an obvious choice as their next single, in my opinion being a much stronger number than their two previous chart entries.

## SOUNDER — Taj Mahal — CBS 70123

The critics' reactions to the film Sounder have been mixed. For instance, our own David Seligman described it as "a masterpiece of detail and authenticity", whilst others found that Sounder gave a distorted picture of black culture in rural Louisiana during the early 1930's.

The music and songs heard on the recently released 'original soundtrack' were all composed and performed by Taj Mahal, except for one number which was written and sung by Lightnin'

Hopkins. In the Christmas edition of GN I chose Taj as 'blues artist of the year', because of his unique contribution to music, and his considerable talents can be heard to good effect on the exclusively country blues soundtrack of Sounder.

## BITE DOWN HARD — Jo Jo Gunne — Asylum SYL 9005

Jo Jo Gunne emerged last year as one of the finest exponents of heavy/hard rock. Not only were they lyrically stronger than most of their American and British contemporaries, they also displayed a seldom heard professionalism in the way they approached the dynamics of their music. Their first album remains one of the outstanding rock recordings of 1972.

Bite Down Hard is their second release and what is immediately apparent is that it is even better than their first. Co-ordination between the members of the group has been tightened up, but at the same time they have greatly expanded the range and depth of their sound. Jay Ferguson and Matthew Andes, the founder members of Jo Jo Gunne, were previously an integral part of Spirit, who remain one of the most under-rated West Coast groups. Apart from the beautifully fluid guitar work of Randy California, Spirit were distinguished for the emphasis they placed on inventive lyrics and uniquely original arrangements. And as Jay Ferguson writes the majority of the material Jo Jo Gunne play, it is not surprising to hear many liberal reflections of his past work with Spirit. Full use of recording studio facilities is another feature of Bite Down Hard, but that is not entirely unexpected when one sees that Bill Szymczyk is the producer. You may remember that Szymczyk talents were responsible for the excellence of the early James Gang records.



Jo Jo Gunne, within the confines of the genre they are working in, have produced an almost faultless album. Experience has taught them that flashy presentation and high volume are no substitutes for well constructed material, highly polished techniques and first class musicianship.

## JIM BAILEY — United Artists UAG: 29470

You may not have heard of Jim Bailey yet, but if this album is anything to go by, you soon will. Acclaimed and recognised as a major new talent throughout the United States, Jim Bailey's fame is due to the 'impressions' he performs. Perhaps a better way of putting it would be by saying instead of pretending to be someone, he actually becomes them. Jim, in his stage act and on this album, becomes for a while, Peggy Lee, Barbra Streisand, and the late Judy Garland, both visually and vocally. The similarities are quite uncanny, for he duplicates precisely the mannerisms of the stars he is 'impersonating' and his voice manages



to reproduce almost exactly the vocal styles of these three very different artists.

Side one of the album is taken up with his 'impersonations'. First there is Jim Bailey as Peggy Lee, singing Is That All There Is and a medley that includes Manana and Fever. Next comes Barbra Streisand, contributing two songs one can only associate with her, Happy Days Are Here Again and from 'Funny Girl', Don't Rain On My Parade. Lastly, the immortal Judy Garland makes an appearance singing a medley of three of her all time favourites, You Made Me Love You, For Me and My Girl and The Trolley Song. Side one ends with the song that will always belong to Judy Garland, Over The Rainbow.

The second side of the album is Jim Bailey being himself. His expressive theatrical voice works through five big production ballads, including Jim Webb's One Lady.

Jim Bailey will be appearing at the London Palladium at the end of May. I'm told that his 'impressions' are even more staggering when one sees him give a live performance. Obviously, this album will not appeal to everyone, but for those who are fans of the artists Jim 'becomes', it will be a fascinating experience. Jim Bailey is much more than just another drag act.

## ERIC CLAPTON AT HIS BEST — Polydor 2659025

## HEAVY CREAM — Cream — Polydor 2659022

Eric Clapton is, without a doubt, one of the greatest rock guitarists ever. His blues based style has resulted in some of the best moments in contemporary music and these two double albums capture some of his finest performances.

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There are a total of twenty two cuts on Heavy Cream, presenting four sides of Cream's outstanding studio recordings. This must be the definitive Cream double album, for amongst the material included is Strange Brew, White Room, Badge, Feel Free, Cat's Squirrel, I'm So Glad and Sunshine of Your Love.

## ORIGINAL NEW YORK ROCK & ROLL (Vol 1) — Various Artists — SSS 6467026

This album contains almost identical tracks to the recently released Leaders Of The Pack collection on Buddah Records (reviewed GN18). But it does include the original versions

of the Shangri-La's Remember (Walking In The Sand) and Leader Of The Pack. The material is culled from the now defunct Red Bird and Blue Cat labels. Other tracks of note are Chapel Of Love and People Say by the Dixie Cups, I Can't Let Go, by Evie Sands (written by Chip Taylor whose superb solo album was reviewed in GN22), New York is a Lonely Town by Trade Winds and the Ad Lib's The Boy From New York City. Particularly good are Alvin Robinson's Let The Good Times Roll and Down Home Girl, the latter being effectively covered by The Rolling Stones on their second album.

Original New York Rock & Roll's main attribute is the oodles of nostalgia and kitschiness it conjures up for listeners. Another favourable point about this compilation are the excellent sleeve notes, which provide interesting and factual information about both the artists and the record labels. In conclusion, this record is guaranteed to amaze or horrify friends, relatives and parrots.

## SUN ROCKABILLYS/PUT YOUR CAT CLOTHES ON — Various Artists — Sun 6467025

Perhaps the best way of introducing this album is by saying it's an important 'missing link' in the history of rock & roll. As such it is a must for avid collectors and connoisseurs. The music heard is known as Rockabilly, which, if analysed, is a combination of Hillbilly and Country and Western influences, which have been given a rock & roll beat. It stands alongside the post-war R & B styles of New Orleans, Chicago and New York as part of the basic foundation of rock music.

The sixteen songs included were recorded in Memphis, Tennessee, between 1951 and 1958, at the legendary Sun studios, where Elvis Presley made his first recordings.

Previously the only examples of Rockabilly available have been by the most well-known exponents of this music, such as Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison. But this album allows one to hear forgotten (or never released) classics by Warren Smith, Gene Simmons, Billy Lee Riley, Malcolm Yelvington and many others. The masters of this style also contribute first rate material, Carl Perkins' Put Your Cat Clothes On being the most memorable. Praise too must be given to the comprehensive and exhaustive sleeve notes, which tell you all you could wish to know about the artists and the music.

## THE BEATLES / 1962-1966 — Apple PCSP 717

## THE BEATLES / 1967-1970 — Apple PCSP 718

The Beatles 1962-1966 and 1967-1970 between them present a potted history and an interesting means by which to study the group's progress from Love Me Do days, up until their final demise. Although not everybody's personal favourites can all be included, the two double albums manage to portray many of the group's finest achievements. 1962-1966 contains twenty-six tracks, featuring such classics as Please Please Me, Can't Buy Me Love, Yesterday, Day Tripper, Michelle, Eleanor Rigby and Yellow Submarine. On 1967-1970 there are twenty-eight songs, with numbers like Penny Lane, All You Need Is Love, Hey Jude, Ob-La Di, Ob-La-Da, Something and Let It Be still sounding as exciting as ever.

When I first heard that these musical 'biographies' were being released, I wondered about their commercial potential. 'Surely everyone who admired the Beatles must possess these tracks already,' I thought, but apparently not. Both sets are highly placed in both the American and UK charts. I only wish that John, Paul, George and Ringo would get back together again. Denis Lemon

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# The Black And White Minstrel Rock Show

**TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA** at the Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, London WC1.

Having enjoyed the music and vivacity of Galt McDermott's *Hair* when it first opened here, and after reading so much about the success in New York of his latest offering, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, I went along to the later show with all the excitement of a small child attending a party. By the proceedings on stage, I began to feel that the production was actually being played for a children's party. I can appreciate that broad playing is often employed in Shakespearean comedy, but there are limits in all things. In defence of the artists, I must say that what they lacked in subtlety, they did their best to rectify by their obvious enthusiasm.

No songs were listed on the programme, though there was a mention of 40 songs somewhere, which may well have been correct. So heavily loaded is the musical content that one soon loses track of the plot. I did, however, manage to understand that during the proceedings, no less than four men were enamoured of Miss Brenda Arnau. Having previously enjoyed the visual charms of the lady in *Oh Calcutta!* it came as a surprise to find her this time fully clothed. But with her lithe, beautiful body, she again has the opportunity to perform one or two sensual dance routines. Her singing voice is adequate but unexciting, the comparisons made elsewhere to other coloured artists is somewhat absurd. She is her own person, an amiable and attractive performer, but hardly the sensation some critics would have us believe.

Samuel E Wright as her most ardent suitor, is perhaps the only real artist worthy of note. Whether dancing, singing or performing his comedy lines with zest, he is at all times a master of his craft. The casting of white and black performers in leading roles is no particular problem, but the use of such diversified accents in supporting roles is an obvious attempt to gain laughter from their ethnic dialects. Wright, who is a negro, has here an elderly white Italian father, who is prone to singing 'O Sole Mio' at odd moments. Ray C Davis, who is energetic but

too unsubtle for my tastes, has a valet with a broad Jewish accent, and his vis-a-vis has a maid servant who speaks with a thick Scottish brogue. Derek Griffiths as another suitor, perhaps comes nearest in capturing the right mixture of farce and comedy needed. Miss Arnau's fourth admirer is played by Mino Golvola who provided the one true musical moment in his singing of a love song. Mention must be given to a dog called Muldoon, playing the character of Crab; he behaved beautifully throughout the noisy proceedings, sitting perfectly still until his exit cue.

The finale consists of the cast waving streamers, blowing bubbles, conjuring balls, acrobatics — you name it, somebody's doing it on stage. The set comprises various levels of dull scaffolding. The music is noisy and beaty, but with only one or two exceptions is unmemorable, so if I may borrow an old cliché "I came out whistling the scaffolding".  
**Barry Conley**



Photograph: Laurie Asprey

# Not So Much A Play, More A Kind Of Protest

**SAVAGES** at the Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1.

It was inevitable that with the publicity surrounding Jane Fonda's protest regarding the plight of the American Indians, that someone would come along and write a play on the subject. This one deals with the down-trodden Brazilian Indians, and will have to do until such time as another author tries his hand. I'm as much concerned as the next man about the unfair treatment of any one race of people, but I've never considered the theatre as the place to air one's political views. Christopher Hampton's play *THE PHILANTHROPIST* was a unique experience. All the sadder to find his talents so politically involved in this play.

For light relief we are offered the sight and sound of a group of peasant Indians standing around a church organ, singing out of key. That old standby Bognor Regis is mentioned. (Somehow the name of this resort always gets a few laughs from someone in the audience.) Consider the comic quality in the remark of an elderly general when asked the name of his Indian houseboy — "I can't pronounce his name . . . too long winded . . . we call him Bert, after my late brother". The small titter in the audience betrayed their lack of interest.

I noticed a number of long periods whilst sitting in darkness, awaiting the next scene change. One would expect this in a big production, but when the lights returned, the sets were sparse and I wondered why it took so long to set up a backdrop curtain.

I kept expecting Miss Vanessa Redgrave to make a sudden appearance on behalf of this cause, and 'do her thing'. That superb actor Paul Scofield, faced with such dull material, puts his very heart and soul into his reading, but alas, this was another case of the player being better than his material.

**Barry Conley**

# Singing 'Typist'

ON May 3rd at her Albert Hall concert, Nana Mouskouri walked onstage looking like a singing typist, dressed in a frumpish orange and green polka-dotted hostess frock, and those glasses which are presumably welded to the back of her ears (her lack of theatricality is such that they are not even removed from album covers).

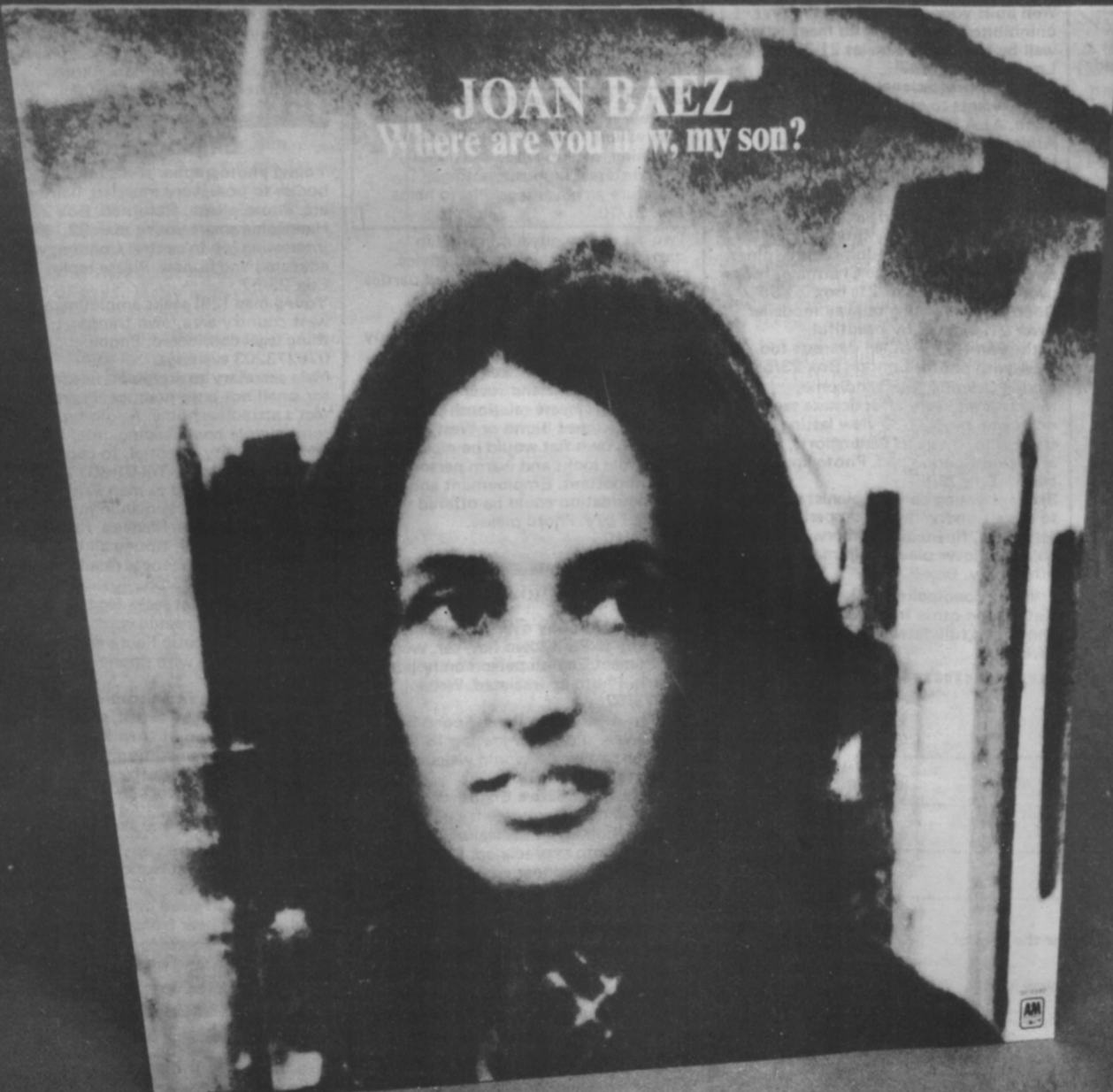
What special power enables her to sell out the Albert Hall? Um, well there's warmth, simplicity, that sweet, pure voice and more importantly, Greece. Just as Pina Biondi was France, on a lesser scale, Nana's presence evokes heady visions of sun-drenched Greece.

The heavily Greek audience responded with a warmth that belied her casual approach. After her 90 minute concert (which featured a lyrically void 'Let It Be', a 'Never On Sunday' sung in Greek and a mouthful called 'Joys Of A Lifetime Last A Moment, Sorrows A Lifetime') the crowd accorded her some applause that would've thrown a Liza Minelli into orgasms of bow-taking.

Nana Mouskouri was content to say "You do not know how happy you make me",



then ambled off carrying her cellophanned floral tribute. The performance was predictably joyful; her persona may not be electric, but her powers of communication are. Fans, by the way, might like to pick up on her newly released album 'Presenting Nana Mouskouri: Songs From Her TV Series' (Fontana 6312036).  
**Stephen MacLean**



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 Slim (23) professional guy living on Jersey wants to make genuine friends there. ALA Box 23/48.  
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 Young Oriental guy, handsome, muscular and very affectionate seeks non-camp guys 21-30 view lasting friendship. Interests watersports, the arts, own London pad. Photo appreciated. Box 23/55  
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Slim lonely gay (21) interested in arts, seeks friend (21) in London. Photo please. Box 23/67  
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 Aries North west London (25) seeks similar over 21. Cinema, classical music, railways, non-camp, but nice. Box 23/72  
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 Sincere young man seeks active partner 22-28 for permanent friendship. Preferably East London area. All genuine letters with photo will be answered (photo returned). Box 23/75  
 Discreet male (24) seeks sincere and genuine male over 21 for lasting friendship. Southport, Chester, Liverpool areas. ALA with photo. Box 23/76  
 Lancashire guy (35) own pad seeks active and well built masculine friends who like cinema, travel and denim. ALA Box 23/77  
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## Information

This corner is really a long list - of places, people you might like to know about or one day need. We can, of course, only publish the information that is sent in to us.

**Homosexual Counselling.** If you have a medical, psychological, legal, Spiritual or just a general problem contact CENTRE, Broadley Terrace, Marylebone, NW1, for an appointment or telephone 01-262 9595 (Office hours 7.30 - 9.30pm.)

The first general meeting of the **Gay Lodge Housing Association** will take place at 7.30pm on Sunday 20 May, at the Euston Tavern, 73 Euston Road (opposite St Pancras Station), London NW1. The purpose of this meeting will be to explain the aims and objects of the Association. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

**The Beaumont Society** is an organisation for transvestites and transsexuals. For information of meetings etc., write to: The Beaumont Society, BM/Box 3084, London WC1.

**REACH** - a nationwide homophile group of members of Christian churches primarily concerned with campaigning within the churches and helping isolated homosexual Christians. Reach, 25 Blackfriars Road, Manchester.

**Mental patients and ex-patients:** Mental Patients Union meets weekly Wed evenings 7pm. 97 Prince of Wales Road, NW5. 01-267 2770

**ROOTS: Edinburgh's Alternative** magazine. 6p monthly from 6 Lonsdale Terr Edinburgh 3, also INDEX, Edinburgh's radical directory. Over 250 organisations listed, many with descriptive paragraphs - your guide to the alternatives in Edinburgh (and the rest of Britain). Out May 21. 20p (+3p postage) from Roots.

**Edinburgh University Gay Group.** Contact Rod Hall, 18 Guthrie Street, Edinburgh.

**Mental Patients Union** research group needs written evidence on the effects of electro-convulsive therapy, brain surgery and psychiatric drugs. All information will be treated confidentially. Details to MPY, 97 Prince of Wales Road, NW5.

**Bath Gay Awareness Group** meets Thursdays 8pm. Info from John - Bath 20105 or Hugh - Bath 4738. **Sheffield Gaysoc** embraces CHE, GLF - and those who don't go in for organisations too - for discussions, campaigns and exciting social activities. Not just for the university, but for all gay, bi and sympathetic women and men at educational institutions in the area. Write to us via Societies Pigeonholes, Students Union, The University, Western Bank, Sheffield 10.

**READING GAY ALLIANCE** regular disco and social counselling, quiet meetings, public meetings and action. Town and University. SAE for News-sheet. Room 7, 30 London Road, READING.

**Alternative Free Library** needs donations of radical/liberated Gay Papers and Magazines, ESPECIALLY back issues. Please write Geoffrey Leigh, 30 Woodside, Wimbledon, London SW19 7AW.

**Harrow Gay Unity.** For details phone Janie at 863 1184 or Alex at 864 2291. Meets on Mondays.

**Southampton Area:** Gay men and women welcome to new group. Details from Ken, Romsey 512959

**Bristol Gay Students Society** - for all young people, male and female. Regular meetings, social events, guest speakers, theatre visits, awareness groups. Write to Trevor Locke, Gay Students Soc, University of Bristol Union, Queens Road, Bristol BS8 1LN for a programme of events. Tel: Bristol 35035.

**Social group** for homosexual men and women meeting in London - weekends in East End, mid-week in various small groups. Come and make new friends in congenial surroundings. Write for details to SK group, c/o Albany Trust, 32 Shaftesbury Ave, W1.

**CHALLENGE** is a social group for gay women and men over 21. We have weekly meetings at 3 London branches and would be delighted if you would join us for a drink and a chat. Please telephone any evening between 7 and 11. Dial 567 5085 and the operator will give you the number of the member of the evening. Do call us.

**Fellowship in Christ the Liberator,** Communion service 8pm, Sundays, West Kensington. Details: FCL c/o 61 Earls Court Square, London SW5.

**Help/Information/coffee** at Bethnal Rouge, a bookshop run by a collective of gay people, 248 Bethnal Green Road, London E2. Tube: Bethnal Green. Bus: 8.

**GAY MARXIST GROUP** now forming. Politically committed homosexuals of both sexes welcome. Details: 01-794 3368.

**SAPPHO** meets every first Monday in the month at Euston Tavern, corner Judd Street/Euston Rd, London NW1, 7.30 pm upstairs room. All women welcome. SAPPHO, 30p inc post for single copies from BCM/PETREL, LONDON WC1V 6XX.

**Survey** of the social position and attitudes of homosexuals to provide a factual basis for gay activism. Anyone interested particularly sociology students/lecturers contact Peter Tatchell, 29 Sinclair Gardens, London W14. Telephone 01-603 7158.

**Jewish Homophile Group** welcomes new members of either sex. For further information please write to Timothy Goldard, BM-JHG, WC1 6XX.

**Manchester Gay Women** meet on alternative Mondays. Details: Liz Stanley, 061-881 3683.

**GAYSOC:** for homosexual men and women in any school or college of London University - undergraduate, postgraduate or staff. Social, political and campaigning activities aimed at creating better conditions for gays within the university - then the world! Write (enclosing SAE please): GAYSOC, ULU, Malet Street, WC1.

**Abortion, contraception, entertainment, transport, legal advice, jobs, alternative? Work, food, hitch-hiking, cheap furnishing, communications, shelter, late night services, accommodation, free services, ad infinitum...**

Contact: Nutshell Information Service, Phone: Brimingham 772 2483; 24 hours every day. (Ask for Nutshell as we share a line with St Basil's Centre.)

**Leicester Gay Awareness Group,** ring Leicester 738832, ask for Clive or John. **Warwick Gay Soc** has started. Meets every Tuesday 6pm in the Coffee Bar at the University. Contact Irwin Timms, 60 Russell Terrace, Leamington Spa, or Jill Brown, H44, Rootes Hall.

**Manchester University Homophile Society** - social events, campaigning - open to all - meets Thursdays. 8pm, meeting room 4, University Union, Oxford Road.

**Women's Liberation Workshop,** 3 Shavers Place, London W1. Tel: 01-839 3918.

"**Gay Cambridge**", a joint CHE/GLF group covering both the town and the university. Meets every fortnight, weekly in university term. Contact Bernard Greaves, 29 John Street, Cambridge. Phone Cambridge 52661. **Oxford Gay Action Group** meets every Sunday at 8pm in the Marlborough, St Thomas Street. Fortnightly discos at the Cape of Good Hope, The Plain, Oxford. Further info - Oxford 45301 between 7pm and 8pm.

Gay girls meet on alternate Fridays 7-10.30pm, Blue Anchor Hotel, St Mary's Street, Cardiff, upstairs room.

**Gayprints** - Faggots and the Revolution etc. has now moved to 66 Woodland Rise, Muswell Hill, London N10.

## CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY

There are over 70 local groups. For details and membership information, contact their offices at:- 28 Kennedy Street, Manchester M2 4BG. Telephone 061-228 1985. Or 22 Great Windmill Street, London W1. Telephone 01-437 7363. (London Information Centre, open Mondays to Fridays noon to 10pm, Saturdays noon to 6pm, Closed Sundays.)

You can ring some groups direct at the numbers below:

Bath: Bath 4738 (Hugh)  
Birmingham: 021-706 9818 (Douglas)  
Bradford: Shipley 51742  
Brighton: Brighton 778025 (Malcolm)  
Bristol: Bristol 35035 (Trevor)  
Cambridge: Cambridge 52661 (Bernard)  
Chilterns: High Wycombe 39321 (Haydn)  
Herts. Sth: Hatfield 69172 (John)  
Kent, East: Thanet 42059 (Roger)  
Kent, Nth: Folkestone 54698 (Brian)  
Lancaster: Lancaster 2750  
Leeds: Morley 7686 (David)  
Leicester: Leicester 738832 (Clive)  
London (all groups): 01-437 7363 (Information Centre)  
London, East: 01-500 6032 (Tony)  
London, Monday Gp: 01-589 6438 (John)

London, Stepney: 01-476 7980 (Mike)  
London, Youth: 01-567 5590 (John)  
Manchester: 061-224 3394 Ext 15 (Gordon)

Northants/Beds: Northampton 22861 (Alan)

Portsmouth: Horndean 2855

Preston: Preston 59908

Shropshire: Cressage 231 (George)

Southampton: Romsey 512959 (Ken)

Tunbridge Wells: Tunbridge Wells 33175 (Ross)

Tyneside: North Shields 76454 (David)

Wirral: 051-327 5178 (Jack)

**Homosexual women:** Find out more about CHE groups from a woman.

Every Tues 6pm to 10pm at 22 Great Windmill Street, W1. Tel 01-437 7363.

**Wandsworth/Richmond CHE** group for men AND women. Incorporating Fulham/Wimbledon and fringe areas.

We meet twice a month. Write to Charlie Micklewright, 46b Chartfield Ave, SW15

**Carlisle, Cumberland, the Lakes,** Will anybody interested in joining a new group in this area please get in touch with Richard Webster, c/o Tyneside CHE, 17 Oxford Terrace, Gateshead, NE8 1RQ.

**CHE Cardiff** now meets at Chapter Arts Centre, Market Street, Canton, Cardiff every other Monday (Nov 20 etc). Gay News will be on sale.

**Streatham area,** newly formed CHE group meets regularly. Details: Ian Clayton, 56 Hillbrook Road, SW7.

**Young Gays** meet regularly in London. The CHE Youth Group meets fortnightly around central London.

Details from Mike or Jim at 01-385 7246.

**Newport CHE** meets alternate Wednesdays. Contact Chris Newport at 0633-65101.

**New CHE groups** have been formed in Lancaster and Preston. For details phone Lancaster 2750 and Preston 59908

**Sound-Off!** An all-London meeting for CHE members will be held in the Holborn Assembly Hall on Friday 1st June. Progress, problems and plans will be aired (when do we get our club? etc). Coffee available from 7.30pm, meeting starts at 8.00pm. Admission 20p.

## SCOTTISH MINORITIES GROUP

Postal enquiries: SMG, 214 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JZ.

For meetings in ABERDEEN and GLASGOW ring John Breslin (041-771 7600)

**SMG Edinburgh (Women's Branch)** meets alternate Mondays 8pm in a hotel in central Edinburgh. Contact Convenor, SMG Edinburgh (Women's Branch), c/o V.O.C., 11 Colme St, Edinburgh EH3 6AG.

For meetings in EDINBURGH ring Mike Coulson (031-225 4395) between 1pm and 10pm any day.

For meetings in DUNDEE ring Len McIntosh (0382-452433)

## GAY LIBERATION FRONT

London Gay Liberation Front is divided into local groups and there are over 40 provincial groups. Full information from the London GLF office, at 5 Caledonian Road, N1. Telephone 01-8377174.

**GLF General London** meeting from May 29 at 19.30 on Tuesdays at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1. Gay Womens Lib (North London) meet at the Crown and Woolpack, 397 St Johns Street, EC1 (Angel Tube) 8pm on Mondays.

West London GLF meets in the Committee Room of Fulham's Town Hall, Fulham Broadway on Thursdays at 8pm

East London GLF meets Thursdays at 103 Market Street, East Ham E6 at 8pm

South London GLF meets Wednesdays at Oval House from May 16.

TV and TS group meets Tuesdays at All Saints Church Vestry, Clydesdale Road W11 at 20.00. **Newcastle GLF** meets Wed 8pm at 258 Westgate Road, Newcastle 4. Legal advice available.

**Birmingham GLF.** 021-643 0996.

Peace Centre, 18 Moor Street, Queensway. Weekly free discos every Wednesday at The Old Crown, Digbeth.

**York GLF now forming.** Details from Bob Olorenshaw, A 113 Derwent College, University of York, Heslington, York.

**Bristol Gay Awareness Group,** c/o Tony, 20D, West Mall, Clifton, Bristol. Tel: 0272 32669.

**Essex GLF University.** Contact Brian Roberts, c/o Student Pigeon Holes, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester.

**Leeds GLF Liberation Office,** 153 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2. Tel: 0532-39071 ex 57. Meetings every Friday at 7.30pm.

**Religious Gay Lib Group** meets on Sundays. Details: 01-278 1701.

**Sussex GLF** meets Tuesdays 8.15 pm upstairs back bar Stanford Arms, Preston Circus, Brighton. Official contact is Doug Coupe, 40 Ashford Road, Brighton, or phone Dave, Graham or Chris at Brighton 688301 or call in on us any time at 24 Gladstone Place.

**Sussex University Gay Soc** meets from time to time. Contact through Students Union, University of Sussex, Falmer, Nr. Brighton.

**Manchester GLF.** Details from John or Steve, 17 Claremont Grove, Didsbury, Manchester 20.

## Discos

**DISCO** First Sat of each month at the Odd Spot Coffee House & Grill, Sir Simon's Arcade (behind T.S.B.), Lancaster. Tel: 2750, 11pm to 4 am. Bring a bottle. Gay News will be on sale.

**West London GLF** present discos at Fulham Town Hall, Harwood Rd, Fulham Broadway at 8pm on May 22nd, May 29th.

**Nightingale Club,** 50 Camp Hill, Birmingham disco with Mike St John every Tuesday 10.30 to 2am.

**South London GLF Disco** every Monday except first Monday of the month. At The Crypt, St Matthews Church (opposite Town Hall, Brixton) BR/Tube. Buses 35, 37, 109, 59, 2, 3. Admission 15p. Beer and sandwich bar. Love, Kisses, South London GLF.

**Reading Gay Alliance weekly social** Wednesday, disco Saturday. Admission to each 20p (10p students). Both at The Railway Tavern, Stanshawe Road, Reading. No membership.

**Sussex GLF.** Disco every Friday 8-11 pm at Stanford Arms, Preston Circus, Brighton. Only 20p.

**Oxford Gay Action Group:** Weekly Discos 8pm on Fridays at The Cape of Good Hope, The Plain, Oxford.

**Leeds GLF Discos** every fortnight. Contact their office for location.

**FATHER RED CAP** 319 Camberwell Road, SE5 (Camberwell Green).

**Tricky Dicky Boys** only Disco on Thursdays and Sundays. Also mixed disco on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Girls only disco on Fridays.

**DRAG MOBILE DISCOTHEQUE** Tuesday nights - ROYAL OAK, 62 Glenthorne Road, London W6.

**KINGS ARMS** Liverpool Street, (corner of Pindar Street). Tube/B.R. Liverpool Street. Buses 8, 8a, 22, 6, 47, 87. Dicks Inn every Monday 8-11pm Licensed. Tricky Dicky show on Sat urday nights 8.30-11pm. Admission free, saloon bar disco, impersonations, gay atmosphere. Gay News is on sale at all Tricky Dicky discos.

**ARABIAN** public house, 234 Cambridge Heath Road, E2. Nearest tube Bethnal Green. 5 mins walk. Every Wednesday Dicks Inn 8.30-11pm. Tricky Dicky Disco.

**Newcastle GLF** disco, June 9, Sallyport Tower, Newcastle.

**S London GLF** disco. 8pm every Saturday at The Hanover Arms. Tube Oval

## Drag & Cabaret

This is a list of some of the pubs in London that regularly have Drag Acts. Information of out of London pubs featuring drag will be added to this list as we receive it. So if your local has something good happening at it, let us know: and that goes for you landlords as well.

**THE ROYAL VAUXHALL TAVERN** "the London Palladium of Drag", 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall X, SE11. Drag 7 nights a week and Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon Lunchtimes, featuring Lee Paris, Bow, Rae-Chell, Lola, Derek Rees and others. All lunchtime parties catered for. Tel: 735-1919.

**ROYAL OAK,** 62 Glenthorne Road, W6 (Hammersmith). Drag every night. Regular artistes including Mr Jean Fredericks.

**ELEPHANT & CASTLE,** South Lambeth Place, SW8 (Vauxhall). Drag every night except Tuesdays. Regular compere Jackie.

**THE NEW BLACK CAP,** 171 Camden High Street, NW1 (Camden Town tube) Drag every night with Tony Page.

Mon, Thurs, Sat with Marc Fleming. Tues with Sandy Graham. Wed with New Dumbelles.

Fri with Nicky Young. Sunday (lunch) with Marc Fleming and Mrs Shufflewick.

Sunday (evening) with Perri St Clare or Sandy Graham.

Alan McGorin is Gay News's super salesman at The Black Cap. Be nice to him, he works very hard.

**Father Red Cap,** 319 Camberwell Road, SE5 (Camberwell Green)

**PALACE OF DRAG** - Drag every night.

The following artistes are proud to announce they are appearing at the Father Red Cap: Lee Paris, Tammy, Colin Cordell, Alvis & Odell, Lee Tracy and Len Morton.

**THE CRICKETERS,** Battersea Park Road, SW11. (BR Battersea Park) Sun-Wed-Fri-Artistes include Trollettes, Honey, Lee Stevens, Derek Rees, Perry St Claire.

Mon-Drags disco, dancing. Tues-Jazz Band. Thurs-Talent Night. Sat-Sing-along, dancing.

**WINDSOR CASTLE,** 309 Harrow Rd, (Westbourne Park) Drag on Wednesday and Sunday (lunch and eve).

## PROVINCIAL DRAG AND CABARET

**PAN CLUB,** 52-54 Bute St, Luton. May 4th: The vocal gymnastics of Doreen Bartlet and Adrian Wells.

May 11th: Billy Carrol.

May 28th (Spring Bank Holiday Monday): Jean Fredericks.

## Gay Pubs

**THE QUEENS HEAD,** Tryon Street (off Kings Road, London SW3).

**WILLIAM IV,** Heath Street, Hampstead NW3, Hampstead tube.

**THE SALISBURY,** St Martins Lane. Near to Trafalgar Square and Leicester Square tubes.

**THE CHAMPION,** Bayswater Road. Nearest tube is Notting Hill Gate.

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**THE BOLTONS** and **THE COLEHERNE** are opposite each other at the junction of Earls Court Road and Old Brompton Earls Court tube.

**THE SHIP AND WHALE 2** Gulliver Street. SE16.

**THE GREEN ROOM.** The Wheatsheaf Goldhawk Road. Shepherds Bush.

## Provincial Info

**IPSWICH:** The Sea Horse Inn. (Young crowd, occasional drag)

**SOUTHPORT:** Queens, Promenade, ballroom bar. Gays welcomed by 'Louise'. The 'Baron's Bar' of the 'Scarbrick', Lord Street.

**STRATFORD ON AVON:** The Queens Head. Elv Street.

**NEWPORT (MON):** The Kings Head Hotel (Lounge Bar), High Street, opp station.

Pub: The Waterloo, Commercial St. (by the dock gates)

**ST ALBANS:** Pub: The Boot.

**BURNLEY:** Pub: The Cross Keys.

**LANCASTER:** Pub: Farmers Arms, King Street, "Landlord pro gay".

**SCARBOROUGH:** Pub: The Cliff Inn Huntriss Row. Hotel: The Granby, 1 Queen Street, reasonably priced private gay hotel

**BATH:** Pub: The Regency (opposite Theatre Royal). Club: Georges Club.

**CHELtenham:** New Twenty Club, 20 High Street, Telephone 25821.

**PLYMOUTH:** Pubs: The Lockyer, Derry's Clock, Lockyer Street (Oak Lounge - Back Bar). The Phoenix, off Union Street. The Valletto

**SUNDERLAND:** Club: Ro-Ko-Ko, The Promenade, Roker, Sunderland.

**CHESTER:** The bar of the Blossom Hotel.

**WINDSOR:** Pubs: The Ship and the Three Tuns, both near the Guildhall

**MORECOMBE:** Mason's Arms. Queen Street, Thursday through Sunday.

**PRESTON:** Pubs: Grove Hotel, Fylde Road. Bull and Royal Cockpit Bar. Men only.

**BLACKBURN:** Pub: Merchant's Hotel, Darwin Street, by GPO. Drag shows. Partly gay club: Top Hat Club.

**NORWICH:** Pub: Studio Four, Anglia Studios.

**BOURNEMOUTH:** Bar: The Norfolk Hotel

**BRISTOL:** Pub: The Ship (by Colston Hall)

**STOKE ON TRENT:** Club: "One for One" 141 Marsh Street North, Hanley

**WORCESTER:** Club: "Silver Web", Whitmore Street.

**CLEETHORPES:** Birds Nest Cafe, Boating Lake, Saturday only.

**GRAVESEND:** Pub: The Kent, High Street.

**LEICESTER:** Pub: Dover Castle, Dover Street.

**CANTERBURY:** Pub: The Queens Head, Watling Street.

**NEWCASTLE:** Pubs: Royal Court Grill, Bigg Market (recommended); Eldon Grill (Variety Bar) opp Grey's Monument; Royal Turk's Head (Red Rover Bar) Grey Street; Grapes Vaults, Grey Street; Chancellors Head, Bigg Market; County Hotel (Nancy's Bar) foot of Westgate Road.

**BEDFORD:** Pub: The Barley Mow, Bromham Road.

**MANCHESTER:** Pub: Union Hotel, Princess Street, women, men and drag.

Rembrandt, Sackville Street, Trafford. Back bar and mostly men. Cavalcade, junction Wilmslow Road and Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, Sunday lunch time. New York, Richmond Street, behind Union Hotel. Women and men.

Mechanics, Sackville Street. Clubs: Samanthas, back Piccadilly (off Newton Street). Ban on women and admittance restricted to members and guests only. Picador, Bradshaw Street, Shude Hill. Rockingham, Queen Street.

**LUTON:** Club: Pan Club, Bute Street

Open every night with late extension and disco. GN on sale, cabaret at weekends, and competitions.

**AYLESBURY:** Pub: The Britannia.

**DUNSMORE (NEAR WENDOVER, BUCKS):** Pub: The Fox.

**CHATHAM:** Pub: The Ship.

**CARDIFF:** Pubs: Royal Hotel (Roberts Bar), St Mary Street. Royal Oak, St Mary St (Best after 9pm.)

Club: Showbiz Club, Hope Street. (Mixed).

**WARRINGTON:** Pub: The Higher Seven Stars, Bridge Street.

**NOTTINGHAM:** Pub: Roebuck, Mansfield Road. "Members only" Bar on the left - tell them you're gay - the landlady is too.

Pub: Dog and Partridge, Parliament Street, New Victoria Development.

Club: Mario's Restaurant, Stenford Street, off Castlegate.

**EDINBURGH:** Pub: The Kenilworth, Rose Street. Scottish Victoriana.

The Abercromby Hotel (downstairs Bar) Abercromby Place. Very new, very gay, with coal fires and Georgian furnishings.

**GLASGOW:** Pubs: Studio One, Byres Road (top of). Mixed pleasant crowd, artists, students.

The Duke of Wellington, Argyle Street. Large and busy.

Club: The Close Theatre Club, Gorbals Street. Join at door or a member will sign you in. Restaurant. Good plays. Very popular.

*In SCOTLAND all pubs close at 10pm and are closed all day Sunday. Hotels have 7-day licences.*

**BIRMINGHAM:** Pubs: Crown, Station St. Trocadero: Temple Street.

Victoria: by Alexandra Theatre (the most popular).

Pub: The Victoria, John Bright Street.

Clubs: Grosvenor House, 326 Hagley Road, Birmingham 17. (Tel. 021-429 4678) Smart; bars, lounge, discotheque, hotel accommodation, etc.

Nightingale: 50 Camp Hill, Birmingham 12. (Tel: 021-772 2665). Less formal; bar, dancing, discotheques every Tuesday. (Moving later this year).

Baths: 385 Sauna, High Street, West Bromwich.

**LEEDS:** Pubs: Great Northern and Hope and Anchor.

Club: Charley's Briggate. Members and guests. Free in the week, pricey at weekends. Mostly men.

**LIVERPOOL:** Pub: The Lisbon, Victoria Street, Liverpool 2.

Private Lounge: The Bonaparte, Temple Lane, Liverpool 2 (entrance "C", Temple Buildings). "Strictly gays only"

Opens 9pm, bar from 10.30 when doors close. Closed Mondays.

Clubs: The New Bear's Paw, Dorrans Lane (off Lord Street) Liverpool 1.

Open 10.30pm to 1am. Also open for lunch; closed Mondays. The Archway, Höckenhall Alley (off Dale Street) L.2.

10pm to 2am. Closed Wednesdays. Men and women. John's Gay Bar

Royal (next to 'Ascot'), Wood Street (off Hanover Street) Liverpool 1.

Closed Tuesdays. Men and women.

**BLACKPOOL:** Lucy's Bar, Talbot Square.

Club: Pepe's Club, Talbot Road.

*We shall be listing provincial pubs and clubs more regularly in future, and would be grateful if all readers could send us information.*

**Friendly Outlets**

*Gay News thanks the following clubs, pubs and bookshops who regularly have Gay News on Sale. This is just a small selection of our outlets who make a special effort in displaying and selling Gay News.*

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**259 CLUB**, 259 Old Brompton Road, Earls Court, London SW5.

**Birmingham Peace Centre**, 18 Moor Street, Birmingham, B4.

**THE ROBERT BURNS**, 9 South Front, Southampton.

**THE PUBLIC HOUSE, BOOKSHOP**, 21 Little Preston Street, Brighton.

**THE GIGOLO**, Kings Road, London SW3.

**THE PINK ELEPHANT CLUB**, 8 Newport Place, London WC2.

**THE MASQUERADE CLUB**, 310 Earls Court Road, London SW5.

**THE DOK CLUB**, 2a Lowndes Court, London W1 (off Carnaby Street).

**THE COLEHERNE** and **BOLTONS** PUBS in Earls Court and the **CHAMPION** notting Hill Gate. **THE QUEENS HEAD**, Tryon Street (off Kings Road), London SW3.

**THE FATHER RED CAP** (upstairs bar) Camberwell Green, London SE5.

**THE GREEN ROOM** of the **WHEAT-SHEAF**, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, London.

**THE PAVILION CLUB**, 123 Shardlow Road, (A6) Shardlow, Derbys.

**THE GREEN MAN**, The Place, Winchester, Hants.

**ROKOKO CLUB**, Roker, Sunderland.

**PRINCESS ROYAL**, 172 Wellingborough Road, Northampton.

**THE NIGHTINGALE CLUB**, 50 Camp Hill, Birmingham 12.

**MOULIN ROUGE**, 72 Worrall Road, Clifton, Bristol

**VALENTINES - GEORGES CLUB** (off Gay Street) Bath.

**THE REGENCY**, opposite Theatre Royal, Bath.

**DON JOHN'S CLUB**, Silver Street, Doncaster.

**THE UNICORN BOOKSHOP**, 50 Gloucester Road, Brighton.

**BRISTOWS PAPERBACKS**, 4 Bride-well Alley, Norwich.

**BETHNAL ROUGE BOOKSHOP**, 248 Bethnal Green Road, London E2.

**LE FAUNE RESTAURANT**, 23 Praed Street, London W2.

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