



# The Lavender Letter

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For Lesbians and Homosexual Men.

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## DRUGS DANGER

says Chemist

Sussex police have this week refused to deny allegations that they are using poppers as an excuse to harass gays in Brighton.

Lavender Letter asked the press office at the County police headquarters three questions — and none of them were answered directly.

● Could they confirm that around 40 people had been arrested in Brighton for possession of "poppers" — butyl nitrite?

● That many are claiming compensation for wrongful arrest?

● And, that harassment of the users, predominantly homosexuals, will not continue?

Inspector Michael Harris, press officer for Sussex Police would only say: "It is not an offence to sell it and it doesn't contravene any law."

"Nor," he added, "can the police comment on the effect of the drug."

### ARRESTS

Lavender Letter understands that the latest arrest happened about a fortnight ago — although it has been said that a memo has been circulated to police officers reminding them that commercially available poppers are butyl nitrite — and that unlike its more powerful openly available predecessor as a common stimulant, amyl nitrite — it is not a serious drug.

In many cases bottles of poppers, both commonly available brand products have been confiscated for analysis, but in the end

the police have not pressed charges, although those arrested have been released on bail conditions. But, according to one man who spoke to Lavender Letter, when he called the police to discover the analysis results, he was told that they were not available. That was in the Spring. He has heard nothing since.

In another case, Lavender Letter was told, a man was handcuffed and taken away in a police car after police had discovered that he was carrying a bottle of poppers.

"Why do the police do this when they know that poppers aren't illegal?" the Letter was asked.

### FEARS

And, fears have been growing among the town's gay community as a result. Word has reached Lavender Letter that there has even been pressure on the management of Bolts to discourage the use of poppers at their regular Sunday night discos at Sherry's in West Street.

Poppers are indeed used there quite openly — and there is often a strong police presence outside, especially at closing time.

Poppers are currently at the centre of a campaign by the Pharmaceutical Society to be put on to the Government's dangerous and restricted drugs list. But, research is currently carried out in order to ascertain whether any health risk can actually be proved.

Earlier this year, poppers received national press attention regarding possible threats to health — but that storm quickly died.

However in the last week, there has been a call from the head of the school of pharmacy at Brighton Polytechnic, Dr Malcolm Parker, for poppers to be banned.

Dr Parker says that poppers can cause liver damage as they metabolise after being inhaled.

But, the man in charge of Brighton's drug squad, Detective Inspector Geoff Westwood, told the press: "There is nothing we can do about it. It is not an offence to sell it as it does not contravene any laws."

"But," he adds, "I would certainly not say it was harmless."

Commercial varieties of poppers are readily available and indeed readily advertised in gay publications.

Even the "little brown bottles" sold on the "grey" market in some places and more openly at some of London's gay shops is perfectly legal. One of the men arrested in Brighton recently was carrying one of these bottles.

But, it is important to realise that poppers do have a relatively short life. This can be extended by keeping them in a fridge or freezer — but in most cases they produce a more powerful effect if they have warmed a little before use.

### IMPORTERS

Rush, one of the two major importers of butyl-nitrite from the United States, have recently issued an appeal for buyers to watch out for outdated packs being distributed in this country.

They say that obsolete stock has found its way into the UK along with

bottle of fake Rush. They warn people that recognised dealers have Rush, and other posters on display.

And, in the last two days, a local research chemist in East Sussex has said that using poppers is playing with fire.

### DANGER

He claims that butyl-nitrite is a powerful stimulant that can produce convulsions and stoppage of the heart.

"There are no real differences between the chemical properties of amyl-nitrite and butyl-nitrite," he said. "It's just a difference of structure."

Mr. Gregory Butcher, of Rush Distribution (UK), said his brand of poppers, containing Isobutyl-Nitrite and other ingredients, had been passed as completely safe after extensive tests in the USA.

Reports from America show there is no record of injury or death from the product, but, he said, he could not guarantee the effect of other, similar-looking popper brand names currently on the market in Britain.

Still, the threat of police harassment hangs over predominantly gay users of poppers — a harassment that is completely unjustified until, and if, poppers, or at least butyl-nitrite, is added to the dangerous drugs list.

● In coming weeks, the Lavender Letter will be producing a major feature on poppers, their history, use, safety record and controversy. Watch this space!

## Resounding Silence from Lesbians

Lesbians should be more aggressive and faster off the mark when it comes to promoting their cause, their activities and their organisations. That's our view at Lavender Letter after a mailshot to over 400 gay groups clubs and other organisations

throughout London and the South East failed to solicit a single reply from a women's group. Overall the response has been great — but it's a pity that it has been all male when Lavender Letter has been established especially to cater for women too.

It's easy to see now why other gay publications seem to be so biased towards the male — but, women must be as effective and quick if they want a paper that reports their views too. It's a case of you helping us, helping you...



## Friend is foe

Homosexuality in Britain should be curbed. So says a top lawyer who has made much of his reputation for his role in cases involving gays.

Sir David Napley, who worked on both the Thorpe case and more recently with the Queen's former bodyguard Commander Michael Trestail, made his comments while promoting his newly published autobiography.

Sir David denied that because he worked with gays that he was too.

"I'm not. In fact, I would like to curb homosexuality," he said.

"From a social point of view it is a bad thing. The fact that we have allowed our society to be as permissive as it is can only undermine its integrity at the end of the day."

"But I have enormous individual sympathy for men who happen to have been born with too many female hormones. I see it almost as an illness," he is quoted as saying.

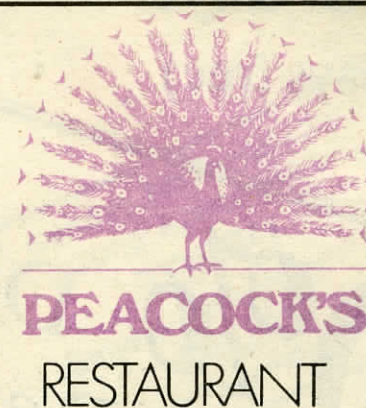
Sir David Napley isn't only known for his involvement with gay lawsuits. He is the man who defended the man who tried to kidnap Princess Anne.

He also was involved when John Lennon got into trouble with "indecent" drawings. And, he held an official investigation into events surrounding the death of South African Steve Biko.

Sir David is not a barrister or QC like John Mortimer's famous television here, Rumpole. He is a solicitor — but he gets most recognition for his work where he can stand up and plead for his clients — in committal proceedings at Magistrates' Courts.

"If you've got a good formula, why change it?" he says.

Often regarded as a champion of gay liberality, Sir David Napley's recent comments could in the end, be words that he perhaps one day will wish he hadn't said. Especially when dealing with gay clients.



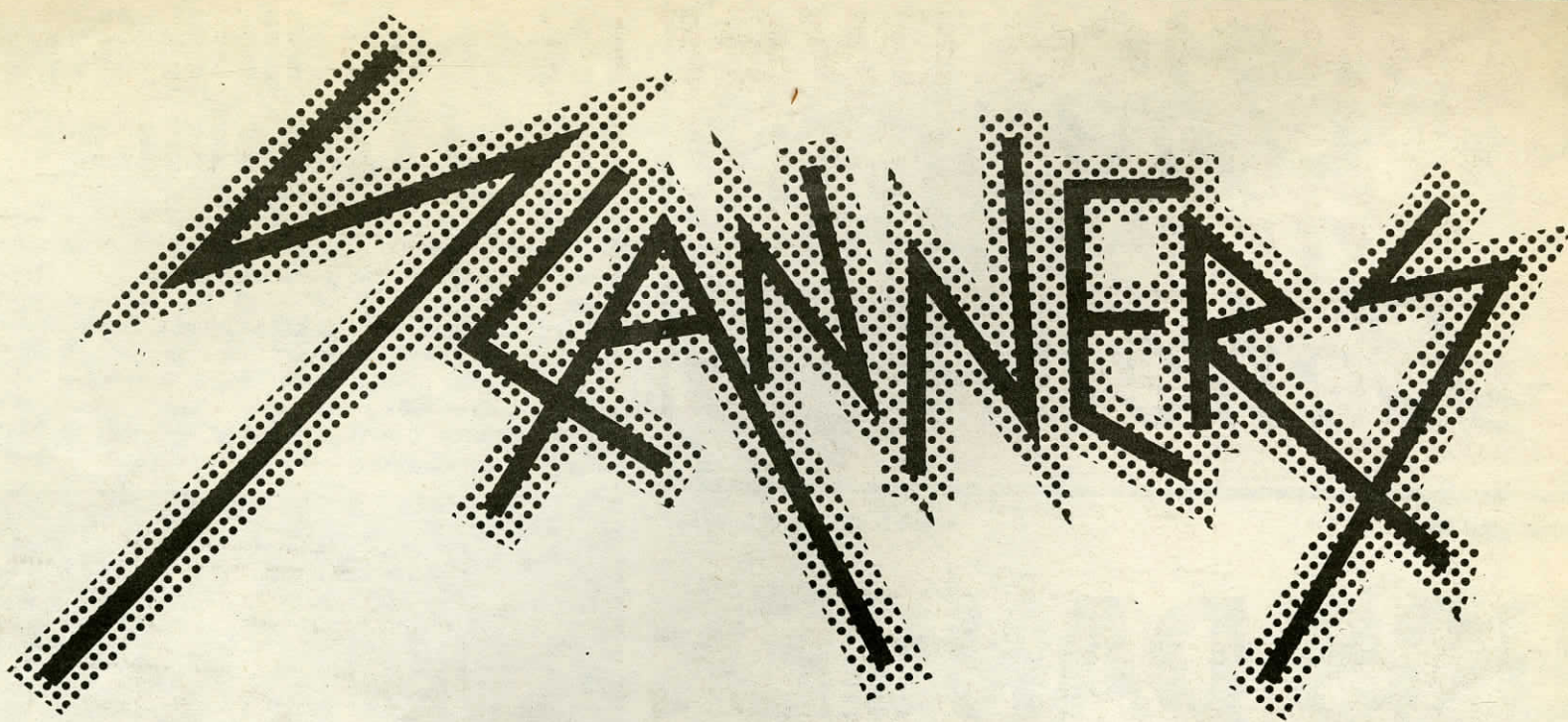
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## MISSING MINORITY

One minority seemed to be missing this week Lavender Letter explains:

While Channel 4 doesn't yet have any programmes of immediate relevance to gays, there are a number of new programmes which should have good ratings from gay viewers.

For all the super-slim clones, "The Body Show" (Thursdays 5.30pm) will be a must. The first offering showed ways of keeping trim and hunky without too much effort — and that can't be bad news for those whose regular workouts take place on the dance floors of Heaven, Bolts, Benjy's et al.

### Compassion

"Coping" (Mondays 6.30pm) is the sort of show that could take gays seriously — and be of interest to many too. As even the butchiest gay tends to have a good deal more compassion (whether it has come out or not) than a straight counterpart, this programme about how people cope with crises in life should get a good response.

"Twenty Twenty Vision" (made entirely by women) could be the one Channel Four programme to appeal to the more politically

minded lesbians. The show is a weekly current affairs programme — and no doubt will have its eyes firmly on the female and feminist attitudes to today's events.

And, with ITN's new format "Channel 4 News" giving a more serious and indeed longer time to more in-depth reports and concise explanations of current attitudes then more of the gay news that reaches the page of the Guardian might find its way on to the television screen.

### Sexuality

And, something else to look forward to — Channel 4 haven't said when yet — is a series of programmes about attitudes to sexuality. The producer of "The Body Show", Veronyka Bodnarec is developing the series at the moment — but the people who "order" Channel 4 programmes, in this case the commissioning editor for documentary series and education Carol Haslam — and she has still to give the go-ahead for production to start.

Anyway, Lavender Letter will be scouring the television schedules to try and bring you advance warnings of any programmes that are likely to interest anyone who's gay or lesbian.

## Mountain of goodies in Brighton

Predominantly but not exclusively for gay men — that's just one of the aims of Barry Coleman, proprietor of the new "sportswear" shop called Kaesan in Brighton's Kensington Arcade.

The Arcade is almost hidden along the town's Kensington Garden precinct — and Kaesan is at the end of the arcade on the left.

Barry stocks all those "goodies" that normally have to be bought on a trip to London or by time-consuming mail order.

They include shorts, tee-shirts, pouches, jocks, jogging suits, some leather, and the Great Lakes range of "liquid aromas" — items that come from places like the Sports Locker, the Zipper Store and Clone Zone.

"I'll only stock Great Lakes because they're vacuum sealed and better produced than some on the market," Barry says.

"I intend to stock knitwear and shorts too," he adds, "but they'll be coming in during the next couple of weeks."

There's already a good selection of TNT's gorgeous range of greetings cards and Barry's hoping to bring in posters and badges too.

Leather will be features — but Barry feels he can't stock anything "too heavy" — his words — but he's hoping to develop business with local suppliers to make items to order and keep prices as low as possible to his customers.

"There'll also be discounts available to

people with club membership cards — like Bolts, Manhattans and The Adelaide," he quickly points out, "as well as places further afield."

Barry will be in the shop a lot himself: "I want people to be able to buy in relaxed and friendly surroundings without feeling embarrassed," he says.

"And, if there's anything special that isn't in stock I should be able to get it within a few days — but I should be over that stage in a few weeks!"

Barry himself is in his mid-twenties and single.

When he left school, he immediately got a job as a keyboard player with bands on cruise ships before moving on to do session work in London.

Then, just into his twenties, he landed a job touring with a "Mersey Sound" show that included P.J. Proby, Wayne Fontana, The Fourmost, The Searchers and Gerry Marsden — he of "Pacemakers" fame.

Gerry and Barry reformed the Pacemakers for a while — touring successfully the pubs, clubs and cabaret circuit.

In time, Barry formed another group — the "Lee Grant Explosion" ...

During a stormy couple of years, they managed to win a heat of television's "New Faces" talent show, record two unsuccessful records, and get banned from the Northern Club because of the destructiveness of their literally explosive cabaret act!

Like many people in show business, Barry felt he's got

in a rut: "I decided to escape," he says, "and I went off to earn an 'honest living'."

Since then, he's managed a music shop and a department store near his home in the East Midlands. But, he says, "I prefer being my own boss and not answering to other people".

Now, in a complete change, he has come to Brighton. He's known the area for some time and has already spent several months in the town this year sorting out the new business.

Problems with the lease meant that the opening date had to be delayed — but even so the customers were starting to stream into the Arcade.

"Kaesan means 'mountain' in Chinese," he explains, "so I decided to bring the mountain of gear to the Mohammeds of gay Brighton."

With Christmas all too close, Kaesan is going to be a useful place to find cards and presents for boyfriends and lovers.

For shorts, swimwear ("We've some very unusual designs" says Barry), jocks, sportswear, cire tee-shirts, disco suits, "overalls", construction hats, jogging shirts, and some leather wear, Kaesan will appeal to everyone from the campest queen, through the macho clone to the butchiest leatherman.

Kaesan is open from 10am until 5.30 pm Monday to Saturday. "It'll certainly be 10am on Mondays," Barry jokes, "after a good night at Bolts!"

### STOP PRESS

Since our feature about Kaesan was originally prepared, we're happy to report that Barry has already sold out of tracksuits — to women, although he's got more coming in all the time. And, he's come to local press attention in the continuing and continual poppers controversy. Still, he's not worried. He's even stocking "Rush" now!

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## GAY WATCH

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We at Lavender Letter will be reviewing the press every so often — and we'd like to be able to include items from the local papers, evenings and weeklies, free or paid for, in our comments.

So, if there's

something in your local paper that you think we'd like to see, then cut it out and send it to us. And, we'll see if we can't find a little prizette for the best every month or so...

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## Prior for Home Office

Tory Northern Ireland secretary Jim Prior could in the last fortnight have made a move that will win him gay support for a move to the Home Office.

In the face of mighty opposition, especially from the moralist politicians of the province, he virtually steamrollered legislation making homosexuality as legal there as it is in the rest of the UK (except the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

The proposed change was pushed through the Commons on a Monday, through the Lords on the Tuesday and was law by the end of the week.

And, while the original legislation passed for England and Wales 15 years ago saw MPs free to vote as they felt, party whips were imposed for the Ulster move.

It now looks, experts say, that the subject of gay rights in the province could be the one major bone of contention which brings together all the parties taking part in the assembly.

The change comes after a ruling from the human rights court in Strasbourg and despite a Paisley-ite campaign to "save Ulster from Sodomy."

It's perhaps a little unlikely, but Jim Prior's handling of the new law through the Westminster process could mean calls from Britain's gays for Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher to move him to the Home Office where incumbent Willie Whitelaw has already said no to further liberalisation of gay laws.

Still, gays should be thankful for small mercies. And Jim Prior should get support for his move in a place where it's socially acceptable to kill another man in cold blood then to fuck him.

## New home

Wealden Warriors, one of the Brighton area's two leather clubs, is looking for a new meeting place.

The group, which has a membership list of about 50, used to meet regularly in a pub in Hove — but a change of landlord has meant that recently meetings have been in members' homes.

The club is looking for a private bar between Portslade and Brighton which they can use once or twice a month as their base.

Anyone who can help should ring Brighton 605960 between 7.30 and 8.30pm and ask for Graham.

## SHORTS

Portsmouth's commercial radio station Victory are currently preparing a feature programme on gay newspapers.

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Lavender Letter spokeswoman Sue Parker was featured on Radio Brighton's "Coastwise" early morning news magazine programme on Wednesday this week, talking about the launch of the new paper.

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**Roaming clone**  
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This year's hype for squeezing size 18 women into clothes designed for the eights to 12s, has also included a feature for men called "the Prairie Look".  
With their heavy checked and gingham shirts, wide belts, short hair and stretch denim jeans, it looks as if the "roaming cline" has won straight fashion approval several years after gays took the lead!

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I chose the former. The leek and potato soup starter was reminiscent of old-style country kitchens — delicious. My companion, who opted for the A La Carte, started with mussels in garlic butter served with warm rolls; her verdict: Fair.

My choice of lemon-fish pie was a good one — it

was fresh and tasty, but very filling. My companion's choice of spinach-wrapped fish in a light pastry case was, for her, a little too filling. Both dishes were served with a selection of fresh vegetables — a

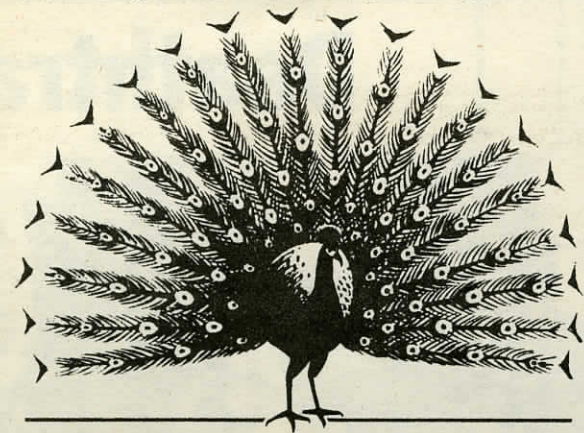
accommodate! Full marks, certainly for the veggies. After this, we decided, albeit reluctantly, not to tackle the desserts. On offer was fresh fruit sorbet, butterscotch pancakes, meringues stuffed with

also entitled to a half carafe of the house wine — I sampled some and it was very reasonable.

Our meal ended with a pot of coffee and an excellent brandy. It must be said that as neither of us eats meat, it would be difficult to comment on the rest of the menu. Suffice it to say that veal with fresh cream and tarragon, rack of lamb with green pepper sauce and duckling with black cherry sauce, should give you some idea of the imaginative surprises in store for Peacock's visitors.

The menu is changed every five or six weeks. Sarah does most of the preparation herself, although Mark cooks a bit too, assisted by Mabel (who says he likes to keep the floor clean!) in the kitchen, while Peter supervises 'up front'. All in all, a very pleasant evening can be spent in a cosy, intimate, but not claustrophobic atmosphere.

Peacock's is open Monday-Saturday 7-11pm, but Sarah and Peter will happily arrange private lunch parties.



## PEACOCK'S

superb purée of parsnip, swede and turnip, fresh cabbage cooked al dente and a melange of petit-pois and sautéed onion. Sautéed potatoes were offered and declined — our stomachs could not

chestnut purée and rum-soaked raisins. You could also choose cheese, celery and a glass of port. Our choice of Pouilly Fuisse as an accompaniment to the meal was a good one. With my pre-fixee menu I was

## Chief Retires

Sussex police chief George Terry is to retire next Spring.

The Chief Constable has control of a county that is reckoned to include the UK's second largest concentration of gay men

and lesbians — in Brighton.

He came to prominence again recently for his anti-gay views when he said that he would not accept any gay police officers working for him.

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# Letters to the Editor

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Thanks for your information about the Lavender Letter. We do not do much advertising but will keep in mind the existence of your paper.

Just one quibble about your advertising literature. It is the straight press who characterise us as well off mainly middle class types. For a long time the lesbian and gay community has been trying to counter that image by reminding people that we are a cross section of the whole population — for the most part, therefore, not earning "salaries" as you put it, unemployed and low earning women workers.

In other words trying to get away from being typecast by the visible few. I think it is a little unfortunate that you perpetuate the myth — even though it may be good for business.

Nevertheless, good luck with the Lavender Letter!

Bob Marshall  
Gays and Housing Group  
London NW1

Bob — thanks for your comments and good wishes on the launch of Lavender Letter.

To take up your point, yes we'd love gays and lesbians of every creed, class,

colour, et al, to pick up the paper and read it.

But, the people who pay for the paper, the advertisers, want their message to get through to those gays and lesbians that do have some spending power.

Indeed, two men sharing a house, mortgage and earning two salaries or running a business together can be far better off than many married straight couples.

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How's your hormone balance? And, do you think Jim Prior should become home secretary? Do you think women should be more prepared to get and do something to help themselves?

All these questions have been posed in one way or another in this, the first edition of Lavender Letter — and we'd love to know your answers.

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## Rural Community

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A new "league of countrymen" called Rural Solidarity now has over 100 members scattered throughout the shires who are intent on ending the isolation of gay "Yokels".

Based in Dorset, the league was formed in

1980. It now boasts a male penpal scheme, entirely box-numbered, with a typed list of fifty descriptions. Also available is rural postal counselling for men.

The main problem at present is getting enough men together for social events like darts, skittles or market-town pub nights. More members and associate members are

needed to allow the Hon. Sec. to devolve counselling to willing blokes. Current subscription is £5 a year and the longterm aim is the creation of seven gay villages throughout the country.

Lonely hayseeds should contact: Douglas Forward, PO Box 78, "Ferndown", Wimborne, Dorset, BH22 8NN.

## Deathtrap



"A Toast to Success" — Veteran Playwright Sidney Bruhl (Michael Caine) and his young aggressive protégé Clifford Anderson (Christopher Reeve), toasting to long life of collaboration — or will it be a short story? A scene from Ira Levin's "Deathtrap", distributed by Columbia-Emi-Warner Film Distributors

A nice bit of bare-chested hunk never did anyone any harm — (sorry, ladies) especially when it's a superhero Christopher Reeve.

And, when chunky, hunky Mr Reeve gives slightly older but still chunky, hunky Michael Caine a kiss, well, something, dears, really does seem to have reached the cinema screen.

It's easy enough to be archly camp about the film version of Ira Levin's comedy thriller "Deathtrap", still running in cinemas around London and still to reach some places further out, but a gay relationship is for once treated seriously within the comedy of the story.

Okay, there are some lovely one-liners, reminding one of the "Very flat, Norfolk" crispness, and the performances of the leading characters are tight, believable and all-too-convincing. Saying anything about the storyline will easily provide

too much (and anything with this film is too much!) indication of any one of the unsuspecting twists that the plot takes.

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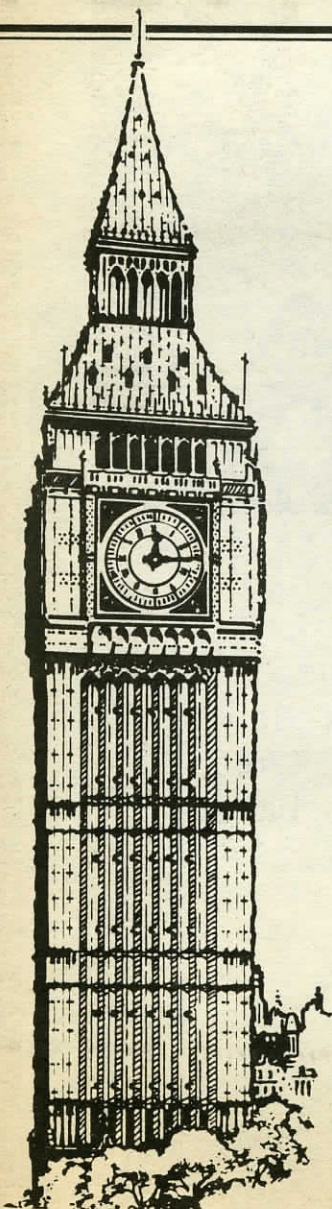


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Hi V.  
I'm 27 years old, male and seem to be going from one relationship to another. I sacrifice everything, give up my home, job, friends etc. to be with my boyfriend and yet after a couple of months I am promiscuous. Can you help?  
Stephen.

Yes! Buy a lorry.

★★★

Dear Vera,

I am twenty seven and have been with but not living with, my lover for about six months. We have tremendous arguments for ages because I can not seem to give him as much time and attention as he obviously wants. I should say that I work for myself and live 'over the shop' which means clients calling me at all hours and having to go to them occasionally in the evenings. I can not seem to make him understand or at least accept that to make a young business succeed I have to devote more time than most people to my work. I should say that he works in a very much nine til five job.

Recently he asked me to live with him but I feel very reluctant as I fear these outbursts of resentment will only get worse. What can I do when I know that I love him so much and he feels the same.

Move in but take your minder with you.

Michael

Vera

Dear Vera,

I am very happy with my lover. We have a beautiful home, a loving relationship, enjoy the same things but recently I have noticed that she speaks of me in a scathing way to others. It hurts and I wonder if she still loves me. What do you think?  
Joan

Shave your legs and get a wig!

Dear Vera,

I have been seeing a married man now for eighteen months. He still lives with his wife who knows that he's gay. I'm not sure what his attitude to her is as he refuses to talk about their situation. I did not have any aims in regard to our friendship until we had a huge argument recently and he said that perhaps it would be better not to see each other for a while (for ever?). I was desolate and realised that instead of the casual friendship I had thought it was, I realised how deep my feelings went. It is a few months since we saw each other as he has not been in town on business for a while now but I think about him so often.

I really don't know what to do. I am reluctant to call him at home in case his wife answers and so all I seem to do is sit around waiting for the phone to ring. How can I explain to him that I need him and yet don't want to threaten his relationship with his wife?

Joseph

Vera

Send him a leather pouch dear, and a bottle of scent.

Dear Vera,

I'm Jewish, black, gay and enjoy wearing womans clothes. Have I got any problems?

John.

No! You're not a vegetarian are you?

Dear Vera,

Ou est-que mon amour, joi cherche, moi j'ni trouve pas, ecue moi, mantant, Je sais, jeune, beauet, tres. joh, joi 28 donne moi. ton numero de telephone et. adresse, Carrean. Pierre.

Que?!!

Editors Note:

Seriously though folks, if you have a problem but don't know who to get in touch with ring us or write and we can give you details of who to contact in confidence of course.

## Halloween at Bolts

Touch can be all important at Bolts in Brighton on a Sunday evening — but this last Sunday it was so important that you couldn't get in without it!

Smoke machines and strobe lighting filled the disco's small entrance foyer and the South Coast's best-costumed Sunday-nighters were left little option but to literally feel their way up the stairs through a mass of dead leaves under foot.

With blood-curdling screams (he really should learn to take it like a man!) and all the welcoming party in horrendous garb (Who said raising the Zandra Rhodes?), it was bound to be a good night.

Bolts impresario Nicky Price had arranged a bar extension till 12.30. Norman Scott had enough records to last till One. Cash prizes were going to the best fancy dress. Yes, it just had to be a great night out.

It was too. Screaming queens took on a whole new meaning. Major facial and in some cases complete body engineering had been undertaken to enter the fancy dress competition.

There was the moustachioed wonder (occasionally seen around Chichester) in fishnet rights, a brunette wig and little else displaying a highly revealed derriere to an applauding audience.

There was the Ballet Egyptienne. Cleopatra even had her slave (no, not a leather one, dear) on a



lead.

But, pride of place went to the Phantom of the Opera — tall, distinguished, with a high collar that flashed with pretty lights a face that was so well constructed that even as he was going through the door on his way in, heads were being turned in admiration.

With star judges and Nicky Price comparing the

parade himself, even one entrance in a coffin couldn't upstage the deserving winner. He came away with £30 and a super bottle of Bolts Best Brighton Bubbly!

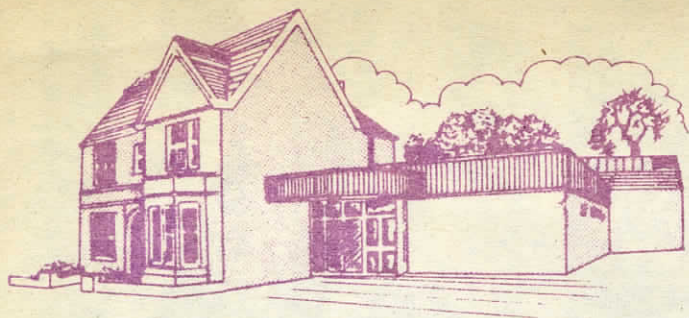
Skeletons abounded. Faces painted white did too. Familiar farms looked different in their hideous make-up. If that's possible.

Bedecked with all sorts of interesting and suitable

wall hangings, Bolts venue itself well lived up to the Halloween festivities.

There didn't seem to be too many ghosts and ghoulies about — but if chaps and a jockstrap are anything to go by, then there were some other things on offer...

Yes, Halloween on a Sunday saw Brighton Bolts at its brazen best... you can't beat it...



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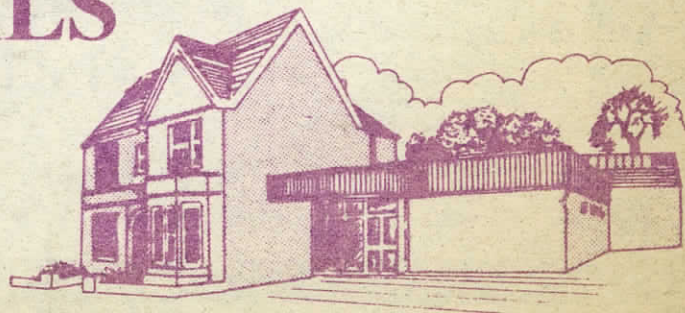
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# High Camp fun angers Moralists

Some people, it seems, will use any excuse to jump on the band wagon and hit out at gays.

Self-styled standards watchdogs body, the Portsmouth Association for Community Standards, complained to their local press and the IBA about one of the first comedy shows to be screened on Channel 4.

The "moral majority-ists" took unbrage at a send up of Enid Blyton's Famous Five books in a half hour film called "Five go Mad in Dorset".

The short film featured Crossroads star Ronald Allen (who plays David Hunter) as "an outrageous homosexual" and the Five's Aunt Fanny was played as, to quote The News in Portsmouth, "an alcoholic nymphomaniac".

With tomboy George being told that she's a lesbian and straightlaced Dick "becoming" (The News, again) a homosexual, the Community Standards

Association said the programme was "sick".

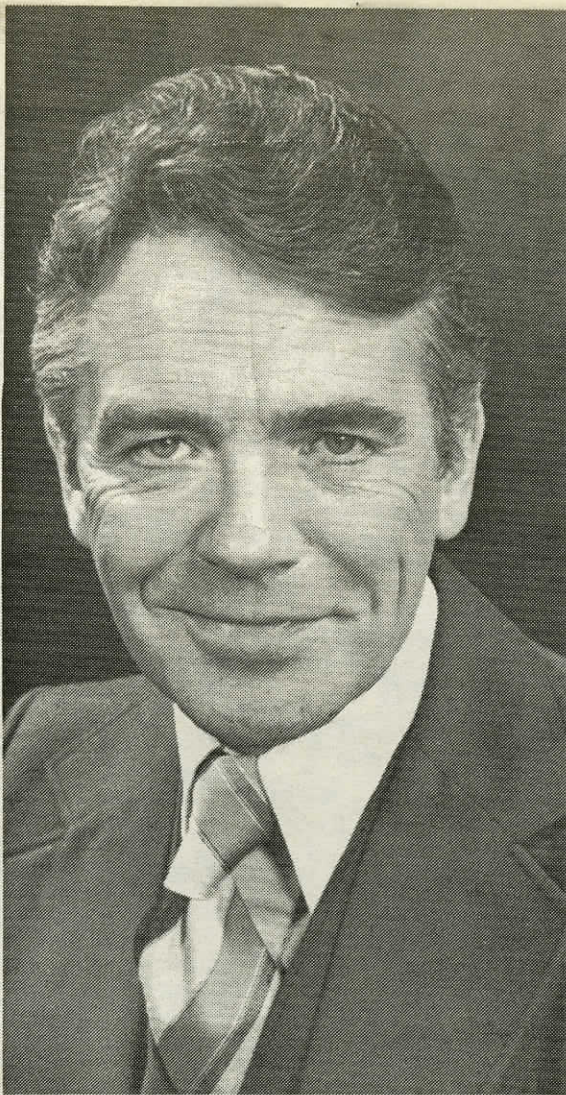
Made by an independent company called The Comic Strip as one of six contributions to the new tv channel, "Five go Mad" was defended by its producer Peter Richardson.

"It's very close to Enid Blyton's book," he said. "If they read the books they'll find the kids are quite awful about what they have to say about the world."

Answering the criticism that youngsters watching the programme would rob them of their childhood innocence, he added: "The children should be in bed — but, if they see it, they wouldn't be worried at all."

Director Bob Spiers also said: "I don't think there's anything offensive about it. They'll probably like it."

A Channel 4 spokesman told the press that there weren't any copyright problems and that all the programme's publicity had indicated that it was a comedy for adults.



Crossroads star Ronald Allen

The News ends its report: "Channel 4 has already received complaints about a peak-hour play in which a mental defective is sexually assaulted by a paraplegic dwarf."

And, after all that fuss the programme WAS harmless enough. There was one accusation of George being a "dyke" —

and that wasn't even noticed by the viewer! And, when Ronald (David Hunter) Allen admitted that he was "homosexual", the "five" gave exactly the bigotted reaction that the moralists would so much have wanted. Peter and Bob — more please... send them up still more!

## Going Dutch

Amsterdam is THE place to go this Christmas — that's the verdict of from gay holiday specialists Travel Young general manager Paul Conway.

And, it's not just because his company are running Christmas packages to the City either.

Paul has himself experienced the fun and genuineness of an Amsterdam Christmas — and recommends it to anyone in the least unhappy about the festive season in the UK.

Amsterdammers get the prezzie-giving out of the way on St Nicholas' day early in the month and then look forward to the more concrete celebration of the New Year — with fireworks et al.

But, for those who can't go complete without the annual fix of traditional Christmas-feast Turkey and filling pud, all Travel Young Xmas exiles can get a special Christmas and New Year drinks and dinner party ticket when they book.

Call Paul or his staff on (01) 630 5855 for more details — and keep an eye on Lavender Letter each fortnight for regular holiday news. Paul has put us on to some good ideas and stories which we'll be following up in future issues.

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## PRESS WATCH

Reactions towards gays in the press in this country are, it seems, changing for the better.

Many Fleet Street organs are criticised for being too conservative and reactionary. And, for much of the last 15 years, since homosexuality between two consenting adult males in private in 1967, the press's attitude has been behind the attitude of the law.

But, that does seem to be changing;

Over the last two weeks, that staunch campaigner for Tory morality, the Daily Mail has managed to run a story about tennis star Martina Navratilova and adviser Renee Ruchards without mentioning either lesbian or trans-sexuals.

And, the Mail's gossip column, among Fleet Street's bitchiest only managed to sow two small

seeds of innuendo in a story about Falklands filmmakers Cindy Buxton and her "Friend" (our italics) Annie Price.

But, the past fortnight has seen remarkable quiet on the Fleet Street gay scene.

Even the major legal triumph (although perhaps too little, too late) of making homosexuality legal in Northern Ireland (subject to the usual UK conditions) failed to get a mention in many of the papers.

But, with the Beatles and the Animals back in the pop music charts 20 years on, perhaps we're getting near the time for a revival of Wolfenden...

And, if there's anything about gays in any of your local papers, do please cut them out and send them to us. That's Presswatch, Lavender Letter, PO Box 203, Brighton. BN1 5QB.

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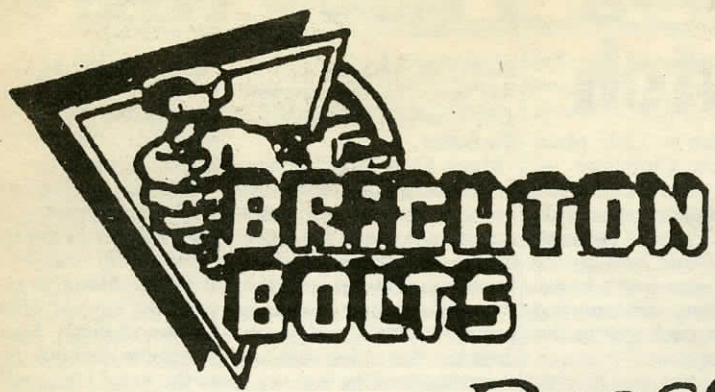
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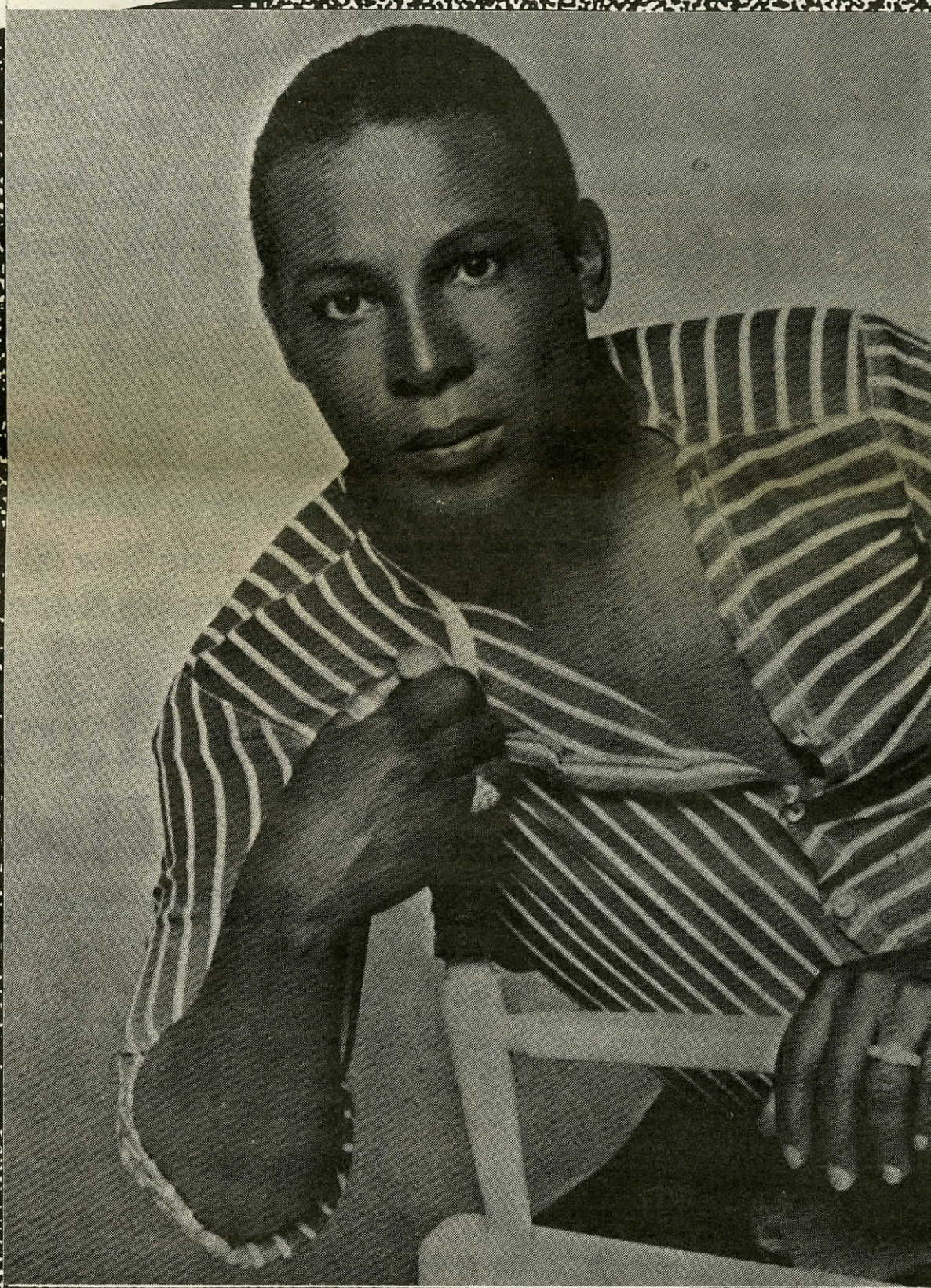


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That's when the words of the old song "No-one loves a fairy when she's forty" start to ring true, and too many older gays can feel excluded and unwanted.

Now a group of mature gays have started up their own organisation for the middle-aged and older. The idea originated in Holland where the group is known as De Roze Rimpel (The Pink Wrinkle). Based in Amsterdam, they hold the regular dances, often with an all Lesbian band. The British connection, which has decided to keep the Dutch name, holds an open meeting on the first Saturday of each month in the Unitarian Library in



Palace Gardens Terrace, Notting Hill Gate, from 7.30-9.30pm, also discussion meetings and pub gatherings.

Of interest to Sussex gays will be two church services this month. Dudley Cave, an openly gay lay preacher, will lead a worship service at the Unitarian Free Church, High St., Billingshurst, at 11am on Sunday November 28 at the Unitarian Church, South Terrace, Hastings.

Older people wishing to know more about the Pink Wrinkle should ring Zara on 01-789-9134 or Leslie on 01-272-1927.

## BOOKSHOP CLOSES

London's unique gay bookshop, the Adelaide in Cecil Court near Charing Cross, is closing in December after over 20 years in business.

Despite rumours that it comes after a series of recent police raids, the closure is the result of the surrender of the lease without proprietor John Lynch being consulted.

Now, John and his assistant Doug are looking for other premises — hopefully in the West End or Covent Garden and near the tube.

"If anyone can help, we'd love to hear from them,"

Doug told Lavender Letter.

The shop is having a major sale in December before closing — to clear the shop before any move.

John has also asked GLC leader Ken Liningstone, a well-known supporter of gay rights, for help — and there have been a couple of offers since.

Doug said that the Adelaide was the only shop of its kind in the UK — specialising as it does in gay novels and literature without any particular politics and without being a sex shop.

"Closure," he said, "will mean the end of an era."

## Cover Versions

Cover Versions met one of quietest Sunday evening of the year when they appeared at Bolts in Brighton on October 24.

Even with a certain audacity towards the audience, they did not get as warm a response as many from the regular crowd of Brighton Sunday-nighters.

A bad night weatherwise clearly didn't bring the best response for an act that was well conceived and nicely put together.

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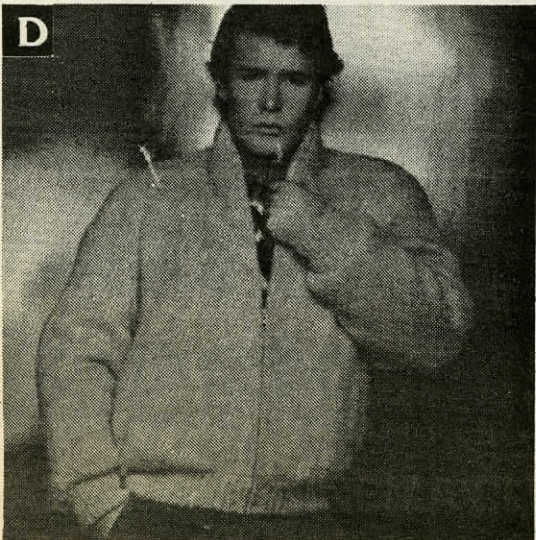
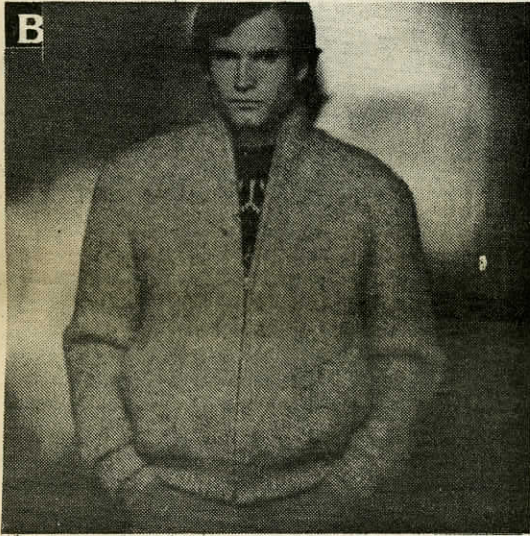
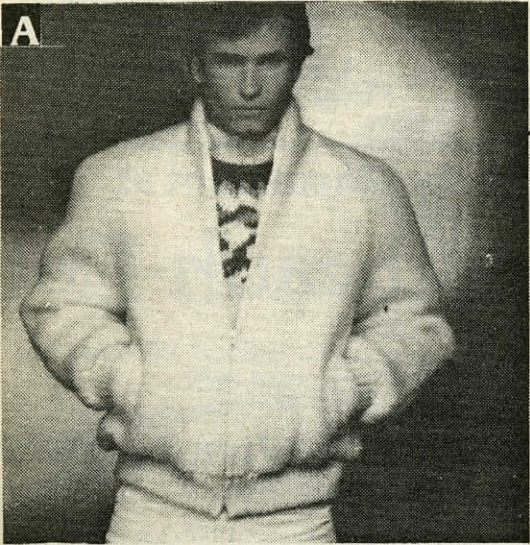
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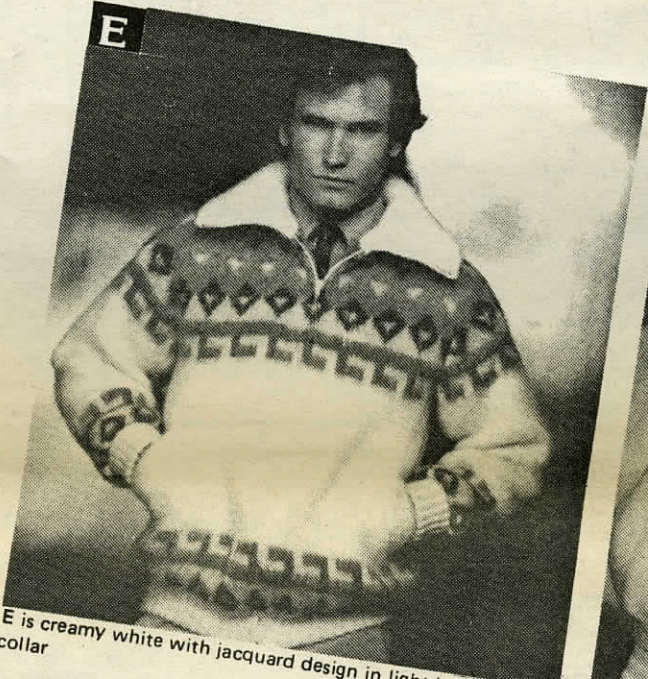
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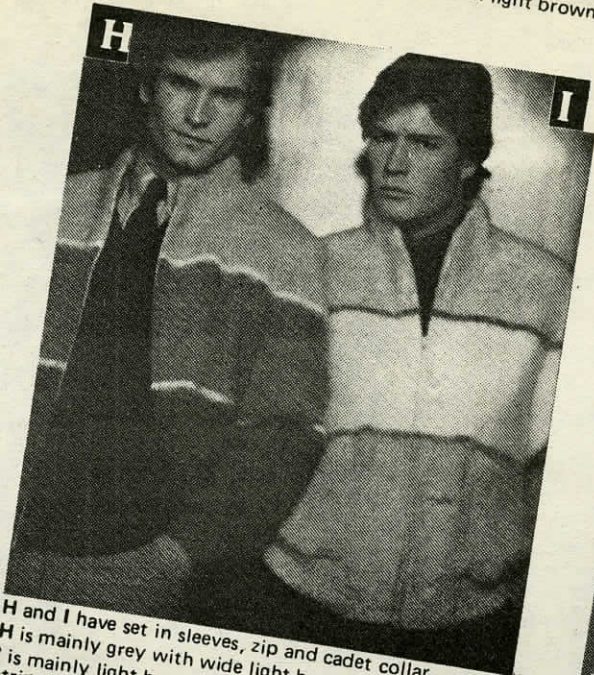
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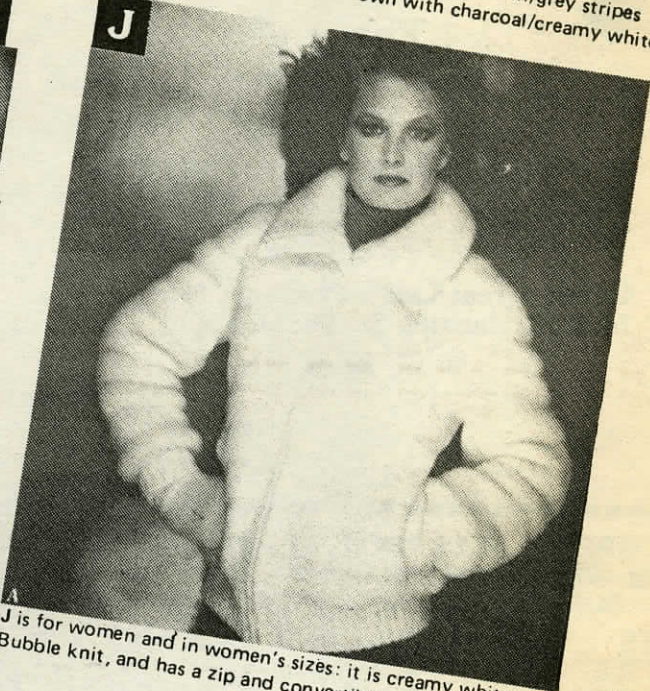
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## Murder

Any gays who were drinking at London's Queen's Head pub in Tryon Street, off the King's Road at lunchtime on Sunday October 20 are being asked to call Detective Chief Inspector Mike O'Leary at Fulham murder squad on (01) 741 6212.

The appeal follows the murder later that day of Harry Williams (63), a retired schoolteacher, at his flat in Bagleys Lane, Fulham.

Harry was the third gay man to be murdered during the last two years in similar gruesome circumstances — the previous killings were in October 1980 and February 1981. Both are thought to have been committed by a rentboy.

Former friends of Harry's in the South this week told Lavender Letter that before they moved two years ago, Harry was far from well-off having retired early after illness.

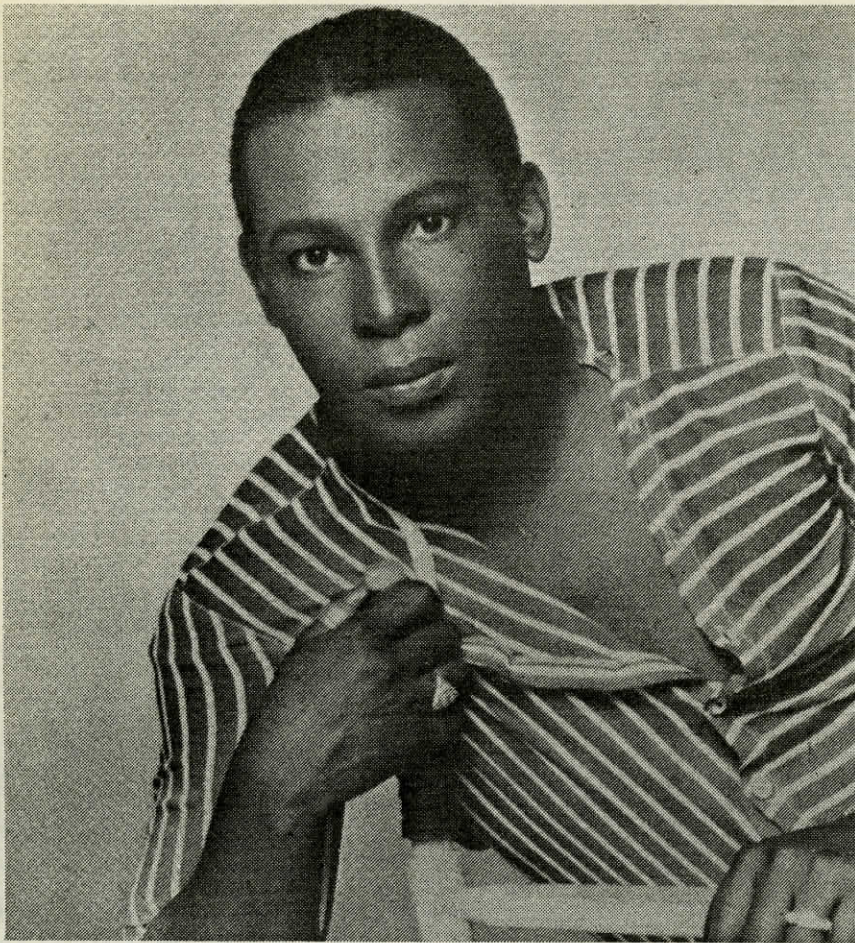
Harry, known to his friends as "Harry the Hair" as he wore a toupee, was seen talking to a young man and leaving the Queen's Head with him the lunchtime before his mutilated body was discovered.

Police say that the man was around 25 years old, about 5 foot 10 inches tall, described as lanky with a pale complexion. His hair was dark to black, greased and combed straight back over the ears and about collar length.

The man was dressed in a blue short denim jacket and cream or yellow tight fitting but flared trousers.

The police want to interview this man — and they are also interested in talking to anyone who may have seen Harry Williams at any time after 2.15 pm and 3.40am when his body was found.

## Line up at Bolts



The South Coast's premier gay disco, the Sunday bop-fest Bolts in Brighton is all set for an exciting November.

This Sunday (November 7), they're providing the venue for a personal appearance by Torso and Gail Greer promoting their new single — "In Heat".

There must be some significance in a title like that — but whatever that is, they're making the trip to Brighton after a show at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Bolts' highlight of the year (if not the month) is the only South Coast gig by the person that they describe as the "Queen of Disco" — Sylvester!

With the great gay disco

chart success in "Do you wanna Funk?" made with Patrick Cowley and even named as the gay number one on Radio two, there's no doubt that Sunday November 14 is going to be one of Bolts' busiest throughout their 1982 Sunday sessions at Sherry's in West Street!

And, look out for the report in the next Lavender Letter of this great show — there's one LL reporter

who's going to be there enjoying every minute! Chris Mitchell.

## Flat

I wanna flat . . . That's the cry this week from one of Lavender Letter's journalists, Chris Mitchell.

Chris is looking for a room or a flat that he can use as a base for three or four days a week — between Thursdays and Monday mornings.

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If you "fall into one of those categories", or have experience of family or friends in those circumstances then contact us, please. We'll keep any confidence that's needed....

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## Bodybuilding

Television viewers in the TVS regions of the South and South East will have an eye full of muscular male and female bodies next Monday evening, when the tv station shows a film about body builders in its series "This Sporting Summer". (TVS 10.30pm).

Men's bodybuilding has been popular since the days when Charles Atlas brought it into vogue with his "I was a nine stone weakling" adverts.

But now many women who would once have been pleased to remain a nine-stone weakling are flooding into the gyms to join the glistening ranks of oiled bodies beautiful.

"This Sporting Summer" this week looks at the burgeoning world of body building as it follows two contestants from the region as they prepare themselves for competitions.

Neither Tyrone Wildman, from Hastings, nor Wendy Smith, from Bournemouth, fit into the "all brawn, no brains" image that many body builders have had in the past.

Tyrone is a talented illustrator and works in printing. Wendy is a window dresser for a Bournemouth store, and treats body building almost as a part-time job.

"I work three nights a week at the gym — four nights a week in the

months leading up to a big competition."

For Wendy, as with other women body builders, the decision has had to be made on how far to go. In the United States, judges now look for the same sort of muscle build up in women as in men, but in Britain, contest winners are not necessarily the most muscular.

"It is difficult to know exactly what the judges want, although the trend is to go for more muscle, as in America," said Wendy.

But Wendy has made her decision not to join the most muscular set. Not because of any fears of losing her femininity, but because of the amount of extra time it would take.

But it would be difficult to continue her full time job if she were to spend as much time in the gym as it would need to take body building all the way.

And she has found plenty of success at the level she has chosen.

Why does she do it? "I'm very fond of sport — I used to swim a lot — and it's a very good way of keeping fit and healthy."

"But it's vanity as well. I suppose, wanting to keep my body looking good."

She's 28, and in a conventional beauty contest that would be over the hill. But as a body-builder, Wendy knows that she can carry on looking good and pleasing the judges until well into her thirties.

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# TOP TEN DISCO BOOKS CHART

Top ten books, Compiled by:-  
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1. *Relatively Norma*, Anna Livia (Young  
womens press £2.95)
2. *The Spartan*, Don Harrison (Alyson  
Publications £3.25)
3. *Alienation*, Ian Everton (Gay men's Press  
£3.95)
4. *A woman's touch*, Cedar and Nelly (Woman  
Share Books £3.95)
5. *Nice Jewish girls*, Edited by Evelyn Porton  
Beck (Persephone Press £5.95)
6. *Spray it Loud*, Jill Posener (RKP £2.95)
7. *Gay Men Diary 1983*, Homosexual  
Posters+GMP (£3)
8. *Coming Out*, Wallace Hamilton (NAL  
£1.65)
9. *The Frog who dared to croak*, Richard  
Sennett (Faber £7.95)
10. *Spare Rib Diary 1983*, Spare Rib £2.75

This week's Gay Disco Chart, compiled  
for us by Simon Scott, of Benjy's Club,  
London, is as follows:

1. *Make my feet wanna dance*, Motion  
(Canadian 12")
2. *Der Amboss (The Anvil) Visage* (German  
promotional 12")
3. *It's raining men*, The Weather Girls (US 12")
4. *I'm not in love*, Scherrie Payne (US 12")
5. *Dirty song*, Klein and MBO (Italian 12")
6. *Mind Warp*, The Famous Patrick Cowley  
(US LP)
7. *Nipple to the bottle*, Grace Jones (UK 12"  
and LP)
8. *Thunder and lightning*, Risque (Dutch 12")
9. *Can't believe*, Nancy Martin (US 12")
10. *Do you wanna funk?* Sylvester (UK 12")

Simon's tip for the top: *Der Amboss (The Anvil)* by  
Visage.

# BEST SELLERS CLASSICAL RECORDS

Best sellers this week at Sisterwrite Bookshop,  
Camden Town, are:

1. *Relatively Norma*, Anna Livia (Only  
Women Press £2.95)
2. *Rocking the cradle* — Lesbian Mothers,  
Gillian Hanscombe and Jackie Forster.  
(Sheba £3.50)
3. *The Joy of Lesbian Sex*, Dr. Emily L. Sisley  
and Bertha Harris. (Fireside £6.80)
4. *Spare Rib Reader*, Penguin (£4.95)
5. *Girls are powerful*, Edited by Susan  
Hemmings (Sheba £3.75)
6. *All that false instruction*, Elizabeth Riley  
(Sirius £3.95)
7. *Sula*, Toni Morrison (Triad Granada £1.25)
8. *Double Yoke*, Buchi Emecheta (Ogwagwa  
Asor £3)
9. *Women, Race and Class*, Angela Davis  
(Women's Press £4.95)
10. *Spray it loud*, Jill Posener (RKP £2.95)

Classical records, compiled by Select Records,  
Duke St., Brighton.

1. *Requiem* — Faure
2. *Carmina Burana* — Karl Orff
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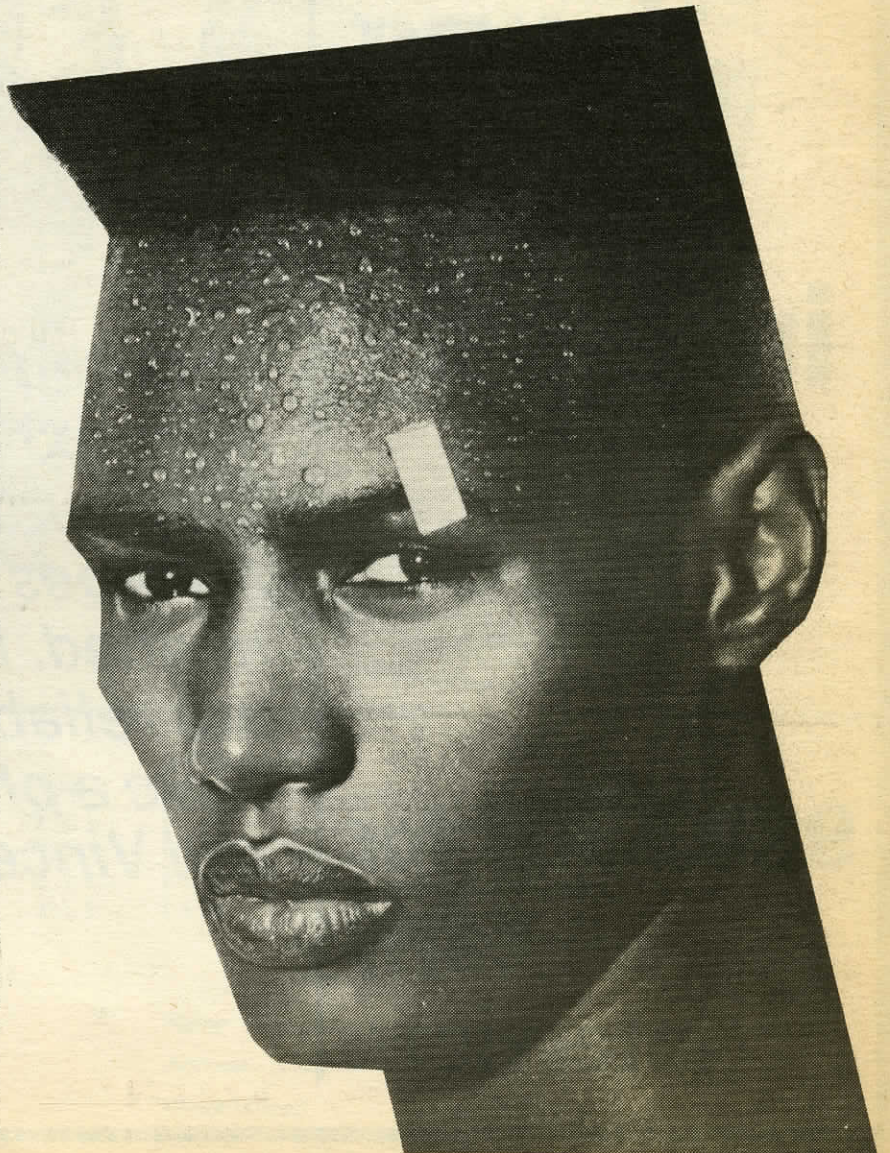
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Apple Stretching*;  
*Everybody hold still*; *Cry  
now* — *Laugh later*;  
*Inspiration*; *Unlimited  
capacity for love*)

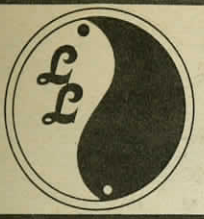
The new album from Grace  
Jones, the lady who  
brought the crew cut back  
into fashion, came out this  
week. (Nov. 1). Apart from  
*The Apple Stretching*, a  
song by Melvin Van  
Peebles, all tracks have  
been written or co-written  
by Grace herself.

The album was recorded  
in Nassau, using the  
studio's Allstars house  
band. (Sly Dunbar -  
drums; Robbie  
Shakespeare - bass; Wally  
Badarou - keyboards;  
Barry Reynolds and Mikey  
Chung - guitars; Sticky  
Thompson - percussion). It  
was produced by Chris  
Blackwell and Alex Sadkin.

A video cassette, *A One  
Man Show*, will be released  
by Island Pictures on Nov.  
15. Loosely structured  
around Grace Jones' *London*  
shows at the Drury  
Lane Theatre recently, the  
video was directed by Jean-  
Paul Goude. His book,  
*Jungle Fever* (Quartet),  
chronicling his relationship  
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**WELL** adjusted Lesbian (35) seeks others for fun and games. Brighton Box. 1/11.

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**Mature** Virgo woman into esoteric theosophy and cooking plus walks in the country, books, kids, etc., Seeks others Box 1/21

**ANTI** role playing Lesbian, vegetarian professional woman wants to meet someone for cuddles and no hassles Box 1/14

**TALL** blonde, slim Scandinavian aged 39. Well travelled & educated. A professional business woman seeks friendship with someone of equivalent English standing. Must be cultured and discreet. Box 1/16

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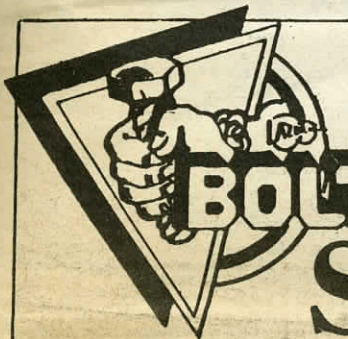
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