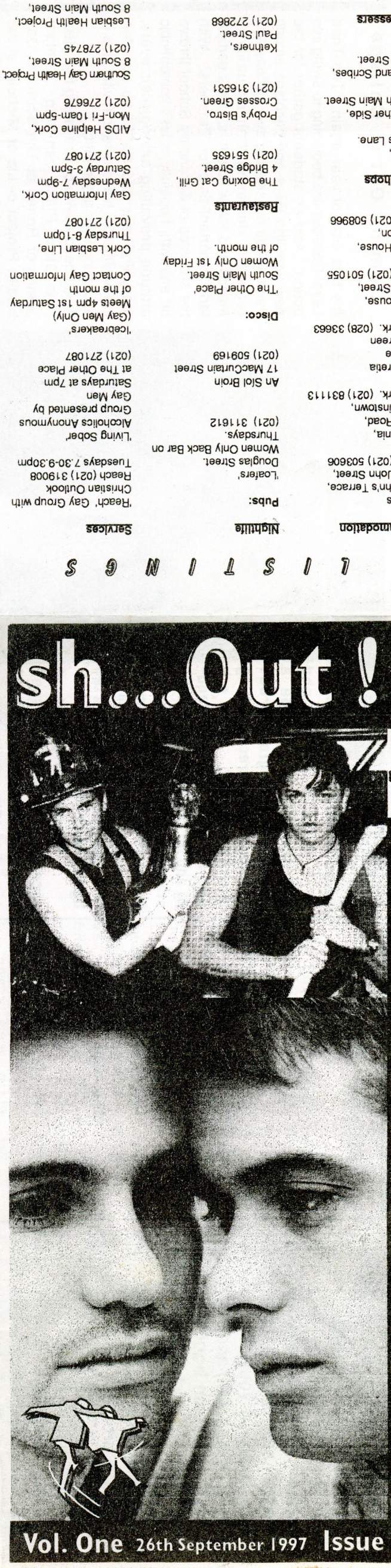
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Calling All Cork Lesbians OPEN MEETING

DATE: 15/10/97

VENUE:

The Other Place

LEA

is organising nationwide development work.
Do we want a voice in the development of a National Network?

Join us for
DISCUSSION, TEA, COFFEE & CAKES

For further details contact
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Jen - 316821
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Editorial

Issue Thirteen

Unlucky for some maybe, but not us - we're going to get more up-to-date computers, we have been told.

Thirteen is apparently the start of a new circle, a new beginning, for example after the twelfth month a new year, after the twelfth star sign a new astrological year, after the twelfth bottle of beer a new crate!

Joking apart we really have made considerable progress with sh..OUT!! We hope you will agree. If you think it's lacking in editorial content, then why don't you send us an article, story, news event, review or whatever!

Make a new start !!

Paul.

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Anyone mentioned in the Newsletter is not to be assumed to be gay.
We welcome submissions but do not guarantee to include or return them.
Copy deadline is Tuesday 17.00 for the following Friday's edition.
Anonymity will be respected, provided a contact number is supplied to us.
We reserve the right to edit such material.

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Paul Street.

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Hairdressers

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Bridge Street.

The Other Side,
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Collins,
Carey's Lane.

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Kinlay House,
Shandon,
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Nightlife

Pubs:

'Loafers'
Douglas Street.
Women Only Back Bar on
Thursdays.
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An Siol Broin
17 MacCurtain Street
(021) 509169

Disco:

'Icebreakers'
(Gay Men Only)
Meets 4pm 1st Saturday
of the month
Contact Gay Information
(021) 966844

Services

'Reach' Gay Group with
Christian Outlook
Reach (021) 319008
Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm

'Living Sober'
Alcoholics Anonymous
Group presented by
Gay Men
Saturdays at 7pm
at The Other Place
(021) 271087

Married Gay Men
Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday 3-5pm
(021) 271087

STD Clinic,
Victoria Hospital.
Appointments Only:
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(021) 966844

Keltners,
Paul Street.
(021) 272868

Proby's Bistro,
Crosses Green.
(021) 316531

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The Boxing Cat Grill,
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(021) 551635

Cork Lesbian Line,
Thursday 8-10pm
(021) 271087

Gay Information Cork,
Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday 3-5pm
(021) 271087

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Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
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Cork AIDS Alliance/Caride
16 Peter Street.
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Café Paradiso,
Lancaster Quay.
(021) 277939

Live and Let Live Group
Ring Gay/Lesbian Line:
(021) 271087

Quay Co-Op,
24 Sullivan's Quay.
(021) 317026

Television Highlights

Saturday 27th RTE 1 9.55am
I'll see you in my dreams

RTE 2 23.55pm
Band of Gold

UTV 5.45pm
Spice Up Your Life

UTV 9.00pm
An Audience with Elton John

C4 12.10am
Grapston Villas

Sunday 28th RTE 1 3.05pm
I Love Melvin

BBC 1 9.55pm
French & Saunders

C4 10.00pm
The Adventures of Priscilla,
Queen of the Desert

RTE 2 11.00pm
Three Colours: Blue

Monday 29th RTE 1 8.40pm
Friends

BBC 2 9.00pm
Absolutely Fabulous

C4 10.55pm
Seven Sins

Wednesday 1st RTE 2 10.35pm
Absolutely Fabulous

Thursday 2nd RTE 1 11.05pm
Cagney & Lacey Film

Friday 3rd RTE 1 11.45pm
The Dresser

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ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS
PLEASE CONTACT The Other Place

When you gave up using drugs & alcohol did you think you'd never laugh again?
Think again -
The Women's Alcohol & Drug Recovery Group
(currently looking for a new and snappier name)
is an active recovery group for Lesbian/Bi/Straight women to work together on our recovery.
ALL emotions are here, including the silliest!
New season, new members -

Starting Soon
For more information on how to become a part of the best night out in town,
contact: **Liz** at
The Lesbian Health Project
in **The Other Place**
or ring 278470

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT
THE OTHER PLACE
CAFÉ and BOOKSHOP
ARE NOW CLOSED ON MONDAYS

These boots were made for walking.

Autumn is upon us once again. It's time to take out those sturdy walking boots (if you ever put them away to start with) and get involved with the **lesbian boot walk** taking place on 12th October. The walk is starting from Inchidoney Beach. Some women may want to go but have a problem with transport. There is a solution - turn up to 'Tribes' Tuckey Street for 12.00pm on the same day and there will be about three places left in a car going out there. Get your body out of bed, your boots on, and enjoy the walk.

Legal Matters

Currently in the U.K., lawyers are examining ways to exploit a legal loophole which may give lesbian and gay partners the exact same rights as heterosexuals. Last year saw a change in the laws surrounding inheritance, and now lawyers are searching for a test case to try out the new legislation.

HELP NEEDED !!

The Gay Switchboard provides information and support for gay men and women and is often the first point of contact for many people. The line operates from 7-9pm on Wednesdays and 3-5pm on Saturdays. The line depends on volunteers who have some time to spare and who would like to give something back to the community.

Volunteers are required to work one / two shifts a month. Full training will be given.

For more information, please ask for James or Ronan on 278470 or 278745, or ask for us in ***The Other Place*** Café.

You can contact us at G.I.C., 8 South Main Street, Cork.

Soapy Susie

Yet again, I bring you an up to date on the soapy goings on. The new Channel 5 have a soap entitled '***Family Affairs***' which shows at 6.30pm weekdays with the omnibus edition Sunday at 3.15pm.

Just around now you should see the arrival of bisexual character Susie Ross (not to be confused with Pippa Ross - '***Home and Away***' - as if!). Characters Susie and Holly begin an affair after their holiday in Nepal together.

Yet again more woman to woman snogs on T.V. Actress Tina Landini who plays Susie is a stunning looking woman.

As for acting skills, I can't comment. I'm afraid I'm still in the 1970's with my black and white T.V. with only RTÉ 1 & 2. I know, how sad! All donations greatly received.

Robin Gorna and Twins

Robin Gorna, bisexual health promotion chief at the Terence Higgins Trust and author of '**Vamps, Virgins and Victims**' (a book on women and HIV) has given birth to twins. The babies were born last month and named Arun and Jovin. She'll return to her work in March '98. Congratulations, Robin.

Gay Tongue - Twister

Wong's long dong,
long gone,
was the wrong long dong
all along
if the dong
you longed for
was longer
than Wong's !

* E M M Y E L L E N *

Ellen De Generes and Girlfriend Anne Heche made a tremendously glamourous entrance at the recent Emmy Award Ceremony. Ellen won the best comedy category and picked up a wee golden statuette. Needless to say, in the moment of excitement and achievement, she shed a few tears, but was comforted by her lover Anne.

During her speech of acceptance, she addressed lesbian and gay teenagers by saying, "There's nothing wrong with you. Don't ever let anybody make you feel ashamed of who you are".

Our Ellen hasn't done so bad now has she?!



HANDY HINTS FOR HOMEY HOMOS



Generally speaking my glamourous and talented readership, Sandra would be adding a delightful piece for your general perusal, apart from the fact that my darling pal is suffering desperately from a terrible bout of 'Delhi Belly'.

Sandra, a world wide socialite, was requested to attend the funeral of Mother Teresa.

What an angel our Sandra is, she dropped everything and off she went, having no time to plan her outfits or indeed choose from her vast hat collection. She, in the end, opted for a plain black linen dress, black Philip Tracy hat, and black Coco Chanel mules.

A tremendous example of style, grace and mourning. Anyway, I'm sure you all join me in my kindest regards and get well wishes to our heroine, Sandra.

Due to Sandra being unwell, it illustrates to me how important it is for us all to stay fit and happy, and of course for our surroundings to be clean, comfortable and beautiful,

1. As we all know, we strive to look our best when attending the monthly women's disco. The best way possible to look young and fresh is to get stacks of beauty sleep. Well what if the ticking of the clock keeps you awake, well how about putting your favourite glass pudding bowl over it. You'll still be able to see the clock and hear the alarm, but the bowl eliminates that irritating noise. See, an easy way to look as fresh as a dew laiden daisy.

2. Having a problem with space in your bijoux bathroom? Well, how about using last year's wine rack! Paint it up to co-ordinate with the already sumpteous decor, then roll up your hand towels and store them in the appropriate spaces. Simply perfect!

3. Sandra and I recently had a problem with over-crowding in our top-of-the-range freezer. We always like to be prepared for impromptu gatherings, so have it stuffed to the brim with tasty nibbles. Laurént, our darling friend, well she's a restaurateur and she suggested we remove the food from its original packing and pop it into freezer bags. Then cut off and include the name of the dish and cooking instructions. Suddenly we had much more room for our Marks & Sparks delicious delicacies.

Sandra has just rung her bell, so I must gather up my lamp and move Florence - like to her bedside.

With Love & Plenty of Liquids,

Lovely Lorraine

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Coming Out at College

It's that time of year again. The Third Level Colleges are beginning to swing into action. And as students gather for the new year the Gays and Lesbians among them will be considering their options with regard to declaring their sexuality to friends and fellow students. It's a particularly important time for 'Freshers'. With the shackles of Secondary School thrown off and with, hopefully, a less homophobic attitude prevailing among their peers, many first year students will be considering whether or not to take that vital step in accepting their gay identity.

If you need advice before taking that step, 'The Other Place' can help. Contact James or Ronan at The Southern Gay Health Project or Liz or Michelle at the Lesbian Health Project.

Both are located at 'The Other Place',
8 South Main Street.
Phone 021- 278470
The advice is free and confidential.

"Shopping and F***ing"

Don't miss this extraordinary play which opens at the Andrews Lane Theatre, Dublin for a two week run from September 22nd. The play has already attracted rave reviews in London and Edinburgh.

Written by Mark Ravenhill, it is the story of three unemployed, dysfunctional young flatmates who get caught up in a seedy world of drugs, crime and masochistic gay sex.

"It's essentially about a group of people in their twenties and their attempts to get by in a world which has very little sense of morality or community", explains the author. Its title, he says, sums up the world of the characters. "It captures the tone of the play; its aggressive but quite funny and cheeky as well"

It's shocking as well, of course, as the graphic sex scenes have caused members of the audience to walk out in both London and Edinburgh.

Expect a negative reaction too from some of the gay establishment who will probably get into a twist about the play's less than flattering portrayal of gay characters.

Go and see and make up your own mind!

SOUTHERN GAY HEALTH PROJECT

There are two vacancies in the Project for the coming year. Applicants must be eligible for the Community Employment Scheme.

Job Description: to work for the Project in conjunction with the Students' Unions in the local colleges. This involves meeting representatives of the students' unions and working on information packs. Having an active input into union policy, such as the distribution of condoms, etc.

The second vacancy involves outreach work. Working in the club with an information stall with free condoms and leaflets on safer-sex guidelines, etc. This also includes the day-to-day running of the Project, liaising with other agencies and working among the local gay community.

Full training will be given. For more information contact the Southern Gay Health Project on 021 - 278745

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Keep your eyes
wide open
before getting
into a relationship.
- Afterwards
half shut."
Abe Lincoln