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Sir,

Since having my first baby I have been constantly surprised how women seem to go into voluntary exile in the home once they leave their outside work.

Before moving to the district recently we lived in the suburb of Wolverhampton, and it took me two years to find a kindred spirit who was willing to do exchange baby minding during the day.

Indeed most couples rarely left their homes for a night out together, even with the offers of baby-sitting. Now I have to start all over again, and here the women seem if anything even more reluctant to prize themselves away from the children for a few hours.

Perhaps housebound wives with liberal interests and desire to remain individuals could form a national register, so that whenever one moves one can contact like-minded friends? There must be many women like myself whose husband's work necessitates moving house every few years. Or perhaps someone has a better suggestion?

Yours

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