

Out and About continued



WOMEN ONLY CEILIDH

HALLOWEEN (SAMHAIN) CEILIDH

at the YMCA Ground Floor,
Shakespeare Street, Nottingham

Saturday November 1st 2003

8.00pm to 10.30pm
Dancing to the fantastic

'Bakewell Tarts'

all welcome - Pumpkins, Broomsticks
and pointy hats optional.

Entry £5 on the door
(includes free raffle)

Please bring own refreshments

NOTTINGHAM PRIDE *The Aboretum*

For fun & frolics – stalls, competitions,
entertainment, tea & cakes.
Saturday August 30th

THE NEW FORESTERS PUB

Back of Victoria Centre, off
Glasshouse Street, Nottingham.

Tel 0115 958 0432 Debbie

Law (Landlady) Gay friendly pub, also
available for hire for Birthdays,
Weddings, Blessings etc.

THE FORRESTERS INN

Huntingdon Street, Nottingham.

Tel 0115 941 9679

Gay friendly pub.

BIVEG Vegetarian café/bar. Non-
smoking. The Poultry Arcade, Nottingham.
Mobile vegetarian catering. Tel:
079779988801/2/3. www.biveg.co.uk

LEZZIE LOVE BALL

Saturday 30th August

8.30pm – 2am

Nottingham's first women's Pride Ball
is taking place at the
**Comfort Hotel, George Street,
Hockley, Nottingham.**

The line up is

The Full Muffy – girls revealing all
The Funkinsteins – top funky band
from Bristol

Aneesa – jazz singer from London
Rachel Harris – local singer, strong
and soulful

DJ Sophie – funky and danceable mix

There will be a raffle on the night,
prizes include Libertas book vouchers
and a year's subscription to Diva.
There will also be spot prizes on the
night for the naughtiest of dares and
games. There is a free vegetarian
buffet and 2 happy half hours on beer
and wine.

Tickets are £15/£12 concessions
available from the Nottingham
Playhouse Box Office on 0115
9419419

ETERNITY

(WOMEN ONLY DISCO)

AT ROTUNDA

STANDARD HILL, NOTTINGHAM

Approx 9pm til midnight

Forthcoming dates will be the last Saturday
of the month Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29 and,
following Nottingham Pride, on Aug 30th

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phone 0115 847 1544*

LOOKOUT!

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Welcome to the autumn edition. Apologies
this time for any glitches in the layout or
any old items left in from previous issues –
Sarah decided to leave us so this issue
has had to be hastily cobbled together.
Thanks for all the hard work over the last
couple of years, Sarah. We also forgot to
thank Maggie for all she did in organising
the Women's Café at The Real Art Café.

If you would like to publicise an event,
submit an article, advertise a group or
organisation, place an ad in the Lookout
for Love column or suggest items you
would like to see included, please send by
email to: lookoutmag@hotmail.com
or by post to:-

Lookout
c/o The Women's Centre,
30 Chaucer Street,
Nottingham,
NG1 5LP

If you would be interested in receiving an
e-mailed copy of Lookout or a short
monthly update, please send us your
email address.

PLEASE support the new venue for the
'Women's Café' - numbers had dwindled
towards the end of the run at the Real Art
Cafe, so let's make sure the re-launch is a
big success. If we can't keep numbers up
it'll have to go! George's Wine Bar has a
great atmosphere - The venue has been
used by the SWIFT Dining Group and the
Pride Committee so we hope we've found
a good home.

The Lesbian Quiz Nights will POSSIBLY
take place here. A Tuesday night in
October is being planned but no firm date
as yet. Keep an eye out for flyers in the
usual venues or keep posted by email :
lookoutmag@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S CAFE NIGHT



AT GEORGE'S WINE BAR

Broad St, Hockley, Nottingham
Chill-out on hot summer evenings.

Good food - Good music

Every second Tuesday of the month
7pm til 10.30pm.

Future dates: 9th September 2003, then
14th October, 11th November

The long running 'Women's Cafe' which
has been held at the Real Art Cafe for a
number of years, has now moved to a new
venue.

From September we will be using
GEORGE'S WINE BAR, Broad Street,
Hockley - opposite the Broadway Cinema.
It will continue to run on the second
Tuesday of every month from 7pm to
10.30pm. Georgina, our host, will provide
hot and cold food and non-alcoholic
and alcoholic drinks. It's a reasonably
accessible ground floor venue, with
comfortable seats, lots of pink shoes and
cherubs.

For those who haven't been before it's a
Women only, easy-going, quietish
night, a chance to catch up with friends
and make new ones. Don't be afraid
to come by yourself, just introduce yourself
at the bar and we'll adopt you.

GEORGE'S WINE BAR is open for food
and drinks Wednesday to Saturday
evenings. Tel 0115 948 4045

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DIRECTORY OF UK WOMEN'S CENTRES

Ashfield Women's Centre
Address: Kirkby Folly School, Diamond Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 7LG.
Telephone Number (01623) 473010

Derby Women's Centre
Address: 4 Leopold Street, Derby, DE1 2HE
Telephone Number (01332) 341633

Nottingham Women's Centre
Address: 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham NG1 5LP
Telephone Number (0115) 941 1475

Ollerton & Broughton Women's Centre
Address: Stepnall Heights, Broughton, Nottinghamshire, NG22 9HL
Telephone Number: (01623) 836106

Help

Nottingham Rape Crisis Centre

If you have been sexually assaulted and need help, information, or someone to talk to phone 0115 941 0440.
Confidential, free and independent.
Run by women for women.

Notts LGBT Community Voice (formerly the LGB Forum)

All LGBT people welcome. Tel: 0115 911 0545 for details
Or email: chris@outhouse.org.uk

Women's Drug Service

Free and confidential service for women who use, have used or are at risk of using drugs.
Tel: 01623 785444

Outburst! is a group for lesbian, gay and bisexual young people up to 21.
Meet at the Health Shop, Hockley, Nottingham. Every Friday 6pm-8pm. A space to meet other young lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

FLAME (Lesbians with ME support group)
Social & support group for lesbians with ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meets monthly.
For more details contact Morag on 0115 916 2672 or email morag_@ntlworld.com

Training Courses

Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, is holding an Enrolment and Guidance Day on the 11th September from 10am – 2pm. Many of the courses are free and generally run during the day. In addition to computing there are courses for arts, crafts & jewellery, basic English, Assertiveness, Business Start-UP, Counselling, First Aid, Personal safety, yoga and much more. Contact for details:
Tel 0115 947 5212 or 9240041 and www.nottinghamwomenscentre.co.uk.
ted@nottinghamwomenscentre.co.uk
tedproject@tiscali.co.uk
In addition to courses they also offer free careers advice and guidance and business start up advice.

LEARNING WORKS for WOMEN

0115 9150115

Free Courses, Free Childcare and Free Travel

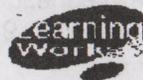
Gardening & Conservation,
Painting & Decorating
Teacher Training,
IT – basics to multi-media,
Business & Administration, Women into Management,
Counselling Skills, Childcare - and much more.....

ALL CLASSES ARE SMALL AND FRIENDLY WITH ONE TO ONE SUPPORT

For Women, aged 16-59 years, who are Unemployed/unwaged and live in the Nottingham City Area

For More Information or to visit us Call 0115 9150115

Learning Works, 1 Cairn Street, Nottingham. NG1 3NN



SPORT

Badminton Thursdays at 9pm, Saturdays at 9am. Generally at Victoria Leisure Centre, nr Sneinton Market, bottom of Hockley. Any level of skill welcome. Contact Rachel on 0115 982 6952 or lookoutmag@hotmail.com.

Volleyball Fridays at 8pm at Portland Leisure Centre, Muskham St, The Meadows. Any level of skill welcome. Contact mobile number 07971 177576 or email: restless_al23@yahoo.com

WALKING

NOTTINGHAM HIKING DYKES

Walking group for female born lesbians only.

Website:

www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com

17th August – Joining the Sheffield group in Millers Dale, 7 miles. Meet in the car park GR139733. 10.30am. Monks Dale, Wormhill, Wye Dale, Chee Dale. Rachael 0114 266 9981

21st September – meet at Bradgate Park, Newtown Linford, for a figure of eight walk! Off to Groby Pool and return to Bradgate (4 miles) and then an optional further 4 miles through the park. Parking in Bradgate park is expensive - £3 or £4 so sharing cars and cost would be ideal. 10.30am. GR 523097. Mog on 01509 557846

19th October – Meet on the village green opposite the Bulls Head in Monyash. (GR 150665) 10.30am. 8 miles around Lathkilldale. Sue 01509 621610.

Sheffield Hiking Dykes

No up to date information submitted
Contact Louise 0114 2671706 or Deena 0114 268 6409 for details or visit www.hikingdykes.co.uk

Too much stuff?
Would like more space?
or just can't bear to sort things.....

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Groups

Women Are Gorgeous

Meet new friends or extend your social life, whether you are new to Nottingham or just coming out WAG is a friendly social group for lesbians.

Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8pm at

The Women's Centre Lesbian Space, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham. (Please note that the Lesbian Space is situated on the second floor and there is no lift. The Women's Centre is a non-smoking building).

Contact the Lesbian Line on 0115 941 0652 for more information.



NON-BIRTH MOTHERS

Are you a non-birth parent who would like to meet other women in the same rather unique position?

Would you like to share stories, laughter and even a few tears over a drink or two? If so, please get in touch at lizi.thomas@ukonline.co.uk or phone 07780 725637.

Look forward to hearing from you!



SWIFT HITS THE SPOT



The idea of combining a love of cooking (and eating!), and an interest in meeting new people, especially if they are single, seemed like a good idea. And indeed the idea, in the form of SWIFT (Single Women Into Food and Talk), appears to be a good combination for other people too! Linda and I started this singles dinner party project in March and it has grown from strength to strength.

The first three evenings were in my house, but as numbers grew and regulars started returning to meet new people and build friendships with the women they had met, it was clear that we were outgrowing this venue! So in June we went to a restaurant in town, which was the first of what we have decided will be a regular occurrence. In July someone who came along on the first evening hosted us, in a beautiful cottage in South Derbyshire. There were 18 of us, and my love of cooking was tested to the limits!

Whether we are in my home, someone else's home or in a restaurant we have a three-course meal. There is always an option for each of the courses, one of them being vegetarian. If we eat at someone's home, diners bring their drink but tea and coffee are also provided. The comments that have followed the evening seem to show how people feel about it:

'Just a note to thank you for a fantastic evening'

'Many thanks for your hard work and hospitality - the meal was delicious and the evening an excellent idea. I look forward to seeing you again.'

As a consequence of the popularity we have slightly amended the programme up until Christmas to try and cover all tastes, by having some evenings in people's homes that can accommodate larger numbers so that people who have been before can come again, and first timers can be assured of meeting lots of new women.

I will also be hosting some meals in my house so that women who want to start by meeting a small number can do so. But we'll also be going to a couple of restaurants in town, including a Christmas extravaganza at the beginning of December. The costs vary according to the venue but range between approximately £15-£20. So if you are single and wanting to meet new single women give me a ring or send me an e-mail and I'll send you more information:

Tel: 07789720251 or
Pam_belper@hotmail.com

SWIFT Autumn Calendar

Saturday 27th September – Hosted by a previous diner in Nottingham

Friday 10th October – Vegetarian Restaurant in Nottingham

Saturday 25th October – First time Swifters at my house

Saturday 15th November – Hosted by a previous diner outside of Nottingham

Friday 5th December – Christmas dinner in a restaurant in Nottingham

Saturday 13th December – First time Swifters at my house

Book Early to avoid disappointment!



Lookout for Love

We find it hard to believe, but it would appear from this empty column that out of all of you women, girls, ladies, females of all persuasions on the mailing list – there are none of you who would like to meet that special like-minded significant other to share fun and frolics with.

Come on – where's your sense of adventure?

It'll only take a few of you to get this ball rolling again for the New Year edition. All you have to do is send in your witty ad to the email address:-

lookoutmag@hotmail.com

Or by post to "Lookout" at The Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham NG1 5LP

To reply to an advert...

Write your letter and place it in a stamped addressed envelope with the box number written on the front. Place this in another stamped envelope and post to: Lookout! Personals replies, Nottingham Lesbian Community Centre, Nottingham NG1 5LP. Nobody will read your reply and it will be forwarded directly to the advertiser.

Don't forget to enclose your reply address!

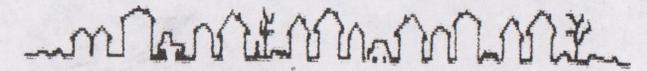
SAFETY FIRST

Meeting new friends requires caution. Please make sure that you have taken precautions to ensure your safety at all times.

Try to arrange meetings in public places, not your own home. It is often best to meet in a crowded place, e.g. a restaurant or a pub.

Don't give your address until you are absolutely sure that you want to continue the relationship.

Trust your instincts and don't meet again if you have any doubts. On your first meeting, it is best to make your own way to and from the venue. It is best not to accept an offer of transport. These points may seem over-cautious, but we believe you should be safe, rather than sorry. If the person you are meeting is genuine, they will understand.



Accommodation

Morriqan Housing Co-op

Provides safe secure housing for lesbians and lesbians with children.

For details of current vacancies or to go on the waiting list please ring:
0115 942 2229

The Imaani Project

Quick access accommodation for homeless women of African Caribbean, Asian or mixed parentage between the ages of 16 and 25.
Tel: 0115 847 0335

Banna Housing Cooperative

Banna offers safe, affordable housing for lesbians in Nottingham. Although their properties are currently occupied they do have a waiting list. In addition they are also seeking Housing Co-op Members. For further information call 0775 4520157.

HOUSE SHARE - mature age lesbian looking to share rented house with one other woman. If you are working and looking for, or can offer, shared accom. please contact me on 07717223063

Metropolitan Community Church

Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church of Nottingham, part of a Christian Denomination with special outreach for anyone who feels excluded by established religious groups, especially members of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. Sunday Service with Holy Communion is now held at 5.30pm at The Congregational Church Centre, 4 Castlegate, Nottingham. For more details contact Des Nee on 0115 8772732 or Margaret Gregory on 01332 872143. All calls treated in confidence.