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THE ARBORETUM

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Editor

Hi here we are again with the 5th edition of "I'm Free".

Should you want anything in the Pride edition, out in July, the copy date is 5th July 2004.

I'm Free, c/o The Outhouse Project, Suite A, 40 George Street, Nottingham, NG1 3BG or e-mail: imfree_editor@hotmail.com

Women's Café

The new Women's Café is still going strong. It's at George's Wine Bar, Broad Street, Hockley (opposite Broadway cinema) open 7 – 10pm, second Tuesday of the month.

Future dates are:
11th May 2004
6th June 2004
13th June 2004

For more information Tel Switchboard on 0115 934 8485

Folk Dancing in the Pink

The folk dancing at the Meadows on 11th January 2004 was a great success with over 20 people attending.

It was a mixed event and the organiser, Mo, said that she hopes to organise another one in the summer to coincide with the Pride season. Details will be published in Look out and I'm Free.

COVER IMAGE:
HANNAH STEWART
[often seen at poptastic]

WAG Women Are Gorgeous

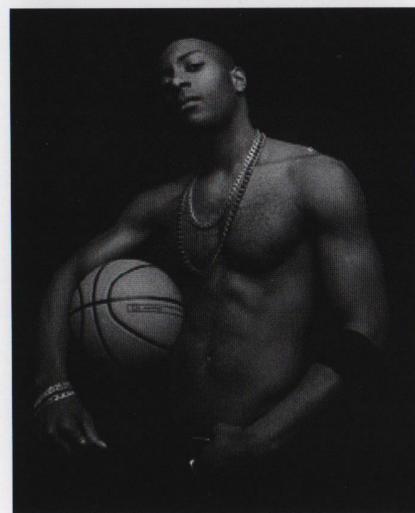
Do you want to meet new friends or extend your social life? Are you new to Nottingham or just coming out?

WAG is a friendly social group for lesbians which meets on the second Friday of each month at the Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham

Future dates are:
14th May 2004

For more information Tel Switchboard on 0115 934 8485

SLAMDUNK @ Nottingham Playhouse



Tuesday 25 - Saturday 29 May

A Hip-Hop Musical, Basketball, Beats and Brotherhood Basketball is one of the most popular games on the planet. Streetball is its rougher, tougher, younger brother. You've got to be strong, you've got to be fast... above all you've got to have style. Cory is the best Streetball player on the estate. He wants to leave his team, the Zeros, and go legit with the A-list. But when burning ambition takes over and he turns his back on his friends and family his dream threatens to destroy him.

Blending fast-paced action, stunning basketball moves, rap and street dance, Slam Dunk is the most dazzling, highly charged musical you'll see this year.

Original music composed by Soweto Kinch, who won a MOBO award in 2003 and was nominated for the 2003 Mercury Music prize.

If you would like two tickets to see "Slam Dunk" on Friday 28th May then please send your name and contact number to "I'm Free" by Friday 21st May 2004 and we'll draw the winner out of a hat.

Book Sale

Tuesday 11th May 2004

For all you literary dykes the outhouse will be holding another 2nd hand book sale at the Women's Café on 11th May.

Our last book sale on 13th April raised a whopping £53 for Nottingham Pride 2004. So thanks to everyone at the Women's Café and those of you who purchased books for your support. A special thanks to the gorgeous George for her handy sales tips.

All profits will go directly to Nottingham Pride 2004 so pass the word!

POLICE SEEK INFORMATION

Notts. Police are asking for help from the gay community with their investigation into a sexual assault.

A man left NG1 in the early hours of Saturday 27th March and got into a car waiting outside the club, assuming it was a taxi. He was driven to an unknown location and subjected to a serious sexual assault.

The offender is described as an Asian male aged between 25 and 30, heavy build with dark hair. If you can assist in any way with the Police enquiry into this crime, please contact Central CID on 0115 948 2999, ext 5236.

And we hardly need to say this, but...if you're leaving a bar or club at night and need to get a taxi, make sure it actually is a taxi.

Most people who pose as taxi drivers just want to rip you off, but clearly some are more dangerous than that.

Male rape and sexual assault are taboo subjects that many of us find difficult to discuss. Men are brought up to see themselves as strong and able to look after themselves; rape can leave them feeling guilty and ashamed, and stop them from seeking help. In the eyes of the law the rape of a man is a crime equivalent to the rape of a woman.

Reporting to the police can open up sources of support for the survivor and help to prevent these crimes happening to others – reporting can be done direct or via a third party such as the Gai Project or Lesbian and Gay Switchboard.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

In the last issue (no. 4) of "I'm Free", I wrote to say that The Outhouse Project was doing a membership update.

Over 200 letters were sent out to the address list that is held by the organisation; the upsetting news is that only 60 returned their forms.

It is felt that many members have not seen the return slip on the update letter, or appreciated the significance of omitting to return the form!

For those members reading this, and this item acts as a memory jogger, then please contact us if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please remember to provide your membership number and your email address.

The Outhouse Project
Suite A, 40 George Street,
Nottingham, NG1 3BG
Tel: 0115 911 0545
E-mail: info@outhouse.co.uk

Thanks

Ted Marshall
Outhouse Chair

Breakout Pride Auction

Breakout will be holding another Auction to raise money for this year's Nottingham Pride. If you would like to donate any goods please contact:

0115 947 6868
www.breakoutnottm.org.uk

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans issues

Recognising Diversity in Employment and Service Delivery

- ✓ Tackling homophobia at work
- ✓ Next of Kin issues
- ✓ Improving services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender service users and carers
- ✓ Race, culture and sexuality

Thursday 1st July 2004 9.30-4pm

Training and Learning Centre, Nottingham

Partnership Workshop focused on LGBT issues open to all staff, service users and carers as well as members of community groups. To book a place at this event contact Beverley Stroud 0115 9691300 (ext 30204) or email beverley.stroud@nhs.net

Closing date is the 17th May 2004

Committed to Equality?

Nottingham has the seventh largest gay population in England and Wales – so concludes Dr Darren Smith of the University of Sussex after analysing the 2001 census. It is therefore not surprising that Nottingham City Council is following in the footsteps of Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, the City of London, Richmond, Sutton and Swansea in introducing Partnership ceremonies for lesbians and gay men who want to publicly declare their commitment to each other – this is a lovely move by the council and one that shouldn't be disregarded – it means that Nottingham City Council recognises us and our relationships as valuable constituents of the social and economic machinery that makes Nottingham function so well. We have been proud of Nottingham for years – it's great that the City Council is now visibly proud of us.

However let's not get too excited because it really doesn't mean any more than that. It's not that I'm whinging or being a party pooper – but don't let it lull you into a false sense of security. Partnership ceremonies are not the same as the Civil Partnership Bill that is going through Parliament at the moment and is expected to meet huge opposition in the Lords. The Civil Partnership Bill is a bill with a full set of well maintained teeth.

It will mean that we will be recognised as next of kin, won't have to pay inheritance tax, will receive pension rights – in fact all the benefits our married friends enjoy. As well as rights it will also confer the responsibilities of marriage on to us as well.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media about all the rights gay people will receive if

the Civil Partnership Bill gets passed – but surprisingly little (even in the gay media) about the responsibilities that will also be placed on us. No more will we decide what our level of moral obligation to our ex-partner is when things go pear shaped, we will be legally accountable where disagreement exists – a question of putting your money where your mouth is. I believe this is the only reasonable way forward. If we really want our relationships to be valued and recognised by society, our families and the state it's time to ditch the toy town ceremonies and do it prop-

Gay Research first for the East Midlands

A major study into gay attendance and participation in the arts has just been commissioned by Arts Council England.

The research, thought to be the first of its kind, will focus on the East Midlands initially, and establish what artistic and cultural activities gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual people attend and participate in. The study will also seek out perceptions of what the gay community think of the current arts provision in the region, along with how much of their hard-earned cash is spent on artistic and cultural pursuits.

As part of the research, the consultants appointed, Kevan Jackson and Richard Hadley, will be talking to the region's key artistic decision makers and providers to understand how the gay community currently informs programming, and how, in the light of this new research, such consultation might be strengthened, and by what means – a focus group, for example.

— ROYAL — CONCERT HALL DANIEL BEDINGFIELD 8 MARCH 2005

TICKETS ON SALE 9AM
MONDAY 26 APRIL 2004
Box Office 0115 989 5555
or book online at:
www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk

Daniel Bedingfield has announced a UK tour for 2005 with a date at the Royal Concert Hall Nottingham on Tuesday 8 March 2005, tickets for which go on sale this coming Monday 26th April priced £21.50.

For further information please see
www.danielbedingfield.com

Therefore, the kind of feedback the consultants need includes:

- What artistic and cultural activities do you attend in the region?
- What artistic and cultural needs do you have, which currently are unfulfilled?
- What do you think of the current arts provision in the East Midlands?
- What triggers your motivation for participation in the arts?
- How much money do you spend each year on attending artistic and cultural events?

If you would like to add your views to this study, a questionnaire is available from: Kevan Jackson
E-Mail: info@jacksonconsultancy.co.uk

For further information please contact:
Kevan Jackson, Tel: 07949 615059 or
Richard Hadley, Tel: 07973 401860



SPARTA F.C. NEEDS YOU!!!

This well established, long running women's football team is looking for new players.

Any level of ability welcome.

For more information contact Sarah on 0781 790 4861.

MUSICALS QUIZ

Yet again here's your chance to win spectacular prizes, musicals are the name of the game this time, good luck!

1. Which famous female singer appeared in the musical fantasy "Dancer in the Dark"?
2. In "Grease" what was John Travolta's character called?
3. "Evita" won an oscar for one song, which one?
4. Ewan McGregor starred in "Moulin Rouge". What was his character called?
5. Who plays the role of Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady"?
6. Which major Hollywood star played Janet in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
7. In "Calamity Jane" Doris Day plays the rider of the stage-coach from which town?
8. During the making of "The Cotton Club" it's producer Robert Evans was investigated for which crime?
9. "Can-Can" was denounced as immoral by which politician who visited the set?
10. Eminem won acclaim for his movie debut in "8 Mile". What was his character called?

Please send all answers us by 30th June 2004.



Horror-Scrapes

Runes read and furniture ruined with Miss Scratchy McScratchycat professional sooth (and mouse) slayer

Aries

Please stop banging on about the time you met the queen, nobody is interested anymore and besides we all know which queen you're on about and she doesn't appear on any stamp I've seen. Luck hangs about the street corner for money.

Gemini

Nobody understood Twin Peaks, but your peaks are both obvious. You have no need for the wonder bra, so please dispose of it before you have someone's eye out. Luck takes the puppies out for a walk.

Leo

Everything's coming up roses, but in your case they're weeds. Never mind you can't beat a good daisy because at least you can make a chain out of it, but don't try using that chain to flush the toilet. Luck gets ripped off in the pound shop.

Libra

Earth calling Libra! Reality is a fickle thing so don't take anything too seriously, just take the blue pill and follow the white rabbit. Remember Cher's can go up as well as down. Luck takes you out on the town, groovy!

Sagittarius

The rubber cat suit is not your friend but gin is and it's also cheaper than counselling, believe me. Flash backs and fancy cars are the way to go even if you can't drive. Luck meets a vegan with a leather fetish.

Aquarius

If you play that Justin Timberlake CD one more time I will personally come round and replace your muesli with my cat litter. There is no chance that you'll ever be happy so play Leonard Cohen quietly in a darkened room please. Luck is someone running away from you.

Taurus

So it's your birthday, but to be honest that's just an excuse for you to get drunk and wake up in a stranger's bed. And that's not exactly anything out of the ordinary for you. Luck can't recall anything because it got wasted on catnip.

Cancer

You're about as subtle as a clog dancing gorilla at a Darwin convention. Evolution is the name of the game so try evolving into an air stewardess and put your seat in an upright position, pilots appreciate it. Luck sees a village post office.

Virgo

My Fair Lady was a musical and doesn't apply to that girl you met at NG1. Anyone looks good in such low light and even Dr Higgins could transform her into Audrey Hepburn. Luck sees a trip to the opticians.

Scorpio

Life gave you lemons and you made lemonade, now that life's given you a big bag of shit we don't want to know what you'll do with it. Luck steals your identity and is now selling timeshares on the Costa del Sol.

Capricorn

House purchasing has always been a good way of having a good clean out. The alternative is to get Kim and Aggie in to do it all for you, after all you've always been partial to rubber gloves and scrubbers. Luck moves to Deja View.

Pisces

Too many cooks spoiled your broth, but that's no reason to have bad breath. Toothpaste comes in many forms all of which are available in the chemist, right next to those other creams you need. Luck is a fetlocked pony.

Taboo Competition

Congratulations go to Michelle Leddington, winner of our Taboo competition from our last issue. She received 2 tickets to the Boy George musical and can be quoted as saying the performance was "shit hot!!!", which we gather means she had a good time.

Q: In what year did 'Do you really want to hurt me?' reach number 1 in the UK charts?

A: 1982

Opera Quiz Winner

Congratulations to our Opera quiz (spring edition, issue 4) competition winner Liz Osmond.

Prizes shall be winging their way over to you.

For those of you struggling with the answers here they are(C) Georges Bizet

2. (B) Che gelida manina
3. (A) They're all poets
4. (A) Santuzza, but he really loved Lola
5. (B) Singer-Prima Donna
6. (A) Edgardo
7. (A) Riccardo was having an affair with his wife
8. (C) He didn't have one. The censors wouldn't let Verdi give him a name.
9. (B) Charlotte
10. (B) her ring

venue listings

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Gay bar next to NG1
Mon-Wed 1pm-Midnight, Thurs
1pm-1am
74 Lower Parliament Street,
Nottingham
Tel: 0115 950 2727

The Central

Gay bar (behind the Palais)
Open Mon - Wed 3pm - 12pm,
Thurs 12pm - 1am, Fri - Sat
12pm - 2am, Sun 12pm -
12.30am
Huntingdon Street, Nottingham
Tel: 0115 958 5883
www.central-online.co.uk

Eternity/Infinity at the Rotunda

Women only night
Last Saturday of every month
The Rotunda, Standard Hill,
Nottingham
Details: 0115 934 8485
(Switchboard)

The Foresters Inn

Gay friendly pub
Open pub hours
Huntingdon Street, Nottingham
Tel: 0115 941 9679

Lord Roberts

Gay friendly pub
Open pub hours
Broad Street, Nottingham
Tel: 0115 941 4886
E-mail: lord_roberts24@hotmail.com

New Foresters

Pub hours, mainly women
St Anns Street (behind Victoria
Centre), Nottingham
Tel: 0115 958 0432

Revolution at the Palais

Gay club night.
First Monday of every month,
10pm - 2am
Palais night club, Lower Parlia-
ment Street, Nottingham

NG1

Large, stylish gay club
Open Wednesday - Sunday from
10pm. Closed Thursdays
Free entry through Soba before
11pm (Saturdays before 10pm)
Free entry on Sundays
76-78 Lower Parliament Street,
Nottingham, NG1 1EH
Tel: 0115 958 8440
www.ng1club.co.uk

George's

Gay friendly bar/restaurant
Open Wed - Sat evenings
Broad Street, Nottingham
Tel: 0115 948 4045

The Women's Café

Women only
Second Tuesday of every month,
7pm - 10pm
George's, Broad Street, Hockley,
Nottingham
Details: 0115 934 8485
(Switchboard)

Nottingham Playhouse Competition Winner

Congratulations go to Mr G. Robinson who won a pair of tickets to the Nottingham Playhouse production of Double Indemnity by correctly answering the following question:

Q: Name the female lead in Raymond Chandler's 1944 film adaptation of 'Double Indemnity'

A: Barbara Stanwyck

local listings

Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

0115 934 8485
Monday to Friday, 7 - 10 pm
7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB
nottingham@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk

Nottingham University Lesbian and Gayline

0115 951 4999
Monday term time only

Outburst!

Group for LGB young People up to age 21.
Meets first and third Friday of the month
The Health Shop, Broad Street
Tel: 0115 947 6868

Older Gay Group

Support and social group for men aged 50+
Third Sunday of the month, 4.00 pm
Health shop, Broad Street
Tel: John 0115 947 6868 (daytimes)

Married Men's Group

Support for men who are (or have been) married or in relationships with women and are also attracted to men.
Tel: 0115 947 6868 or 0115 934 8485

Metropolitan Community Church

Because God loves Queers too.
Sundays 11.30
Queen's Walk Community Centre, The Meadows
Tel: 01332 835 238 or 01332 872 143

The GAI Project

Gay and bisexual men's health project
The Health Shop, Broad Street,
Nottingham, NG1 3AL
Tel: 0115 947 6868
Email: gaiproject@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk

Lookout!

Quarterly what's on newsletter for lesbians in the Nottingham area. For a copy, write to:
Nottingham Lesbian Community Centre, c/o Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LP, or e-mail nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com

Flame (lesbians with M.E. Group)

Support and social group for lesbians suffering from ME/CFS.
Flame, C/O Self-Help Nottingham, Ormiston House, 32-36 Pelham Street, Nottingham, NG1 2EG
Tel: 0115 911 1662 (9am to 1pm or leave a message)
E-mail: nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com

Police Homophobic Crime Helpline

0800 085 8522

Breakout

Social group for gay and bisexual men.
Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm
Health Shop, Broad Street
Tel: 0115 947 6868
www.breakoutnottm.org.uk

WAG

Relaxed and friendly social group, open to all lesbians and women questioning their sexuality.
Details from Lesbian & Gay switchboard
Tel: 0115 934 8485.

Chameleon Group

Group for transvestites and transsexual people. Changing facilities available.
Thursdays 7.30pm - 11.00pm
Wollaton Grange Community Centre,
Treymane Road, Billborough.
Secure parking available.
Tel: 0115 928 3610

Trans-Action (UK) Nottingham Group

A support group for transgendered people of all persuasions. Friendly atmosphere in warm homely surroundings. There is a charge of £1. Meet 1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm - 11pm.
Tel: Charlotte Belle (Charlee) on 0115 958 7403
www.geocities.com/trans_actionuk/classic_tan.html
Email: NorthNottsTransAction@groups.msn.com

LGCM Nottingham Group

Support for Lesbian & Gay Christians.
Meet 3rd Friday of the month.
Tel: 0115 9827475

Out House Project

Working to open an LGB community centre.
Suite A, 40 George Street, Nottingham, NG1 3BG
Tel: 0115 9110545
www.outhouse.org.uk
Email: info@outhouse.org.uk

Nottingham Bi-Women's Group

For all women who identify as bi, who recognise attraction to more than one gender, or who are questioning their sexuality.
Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street
Nottingham, NG1 5LP
www.nottsbi.info
Email: nbwg@nottsbi.info