



NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

November/December 2024

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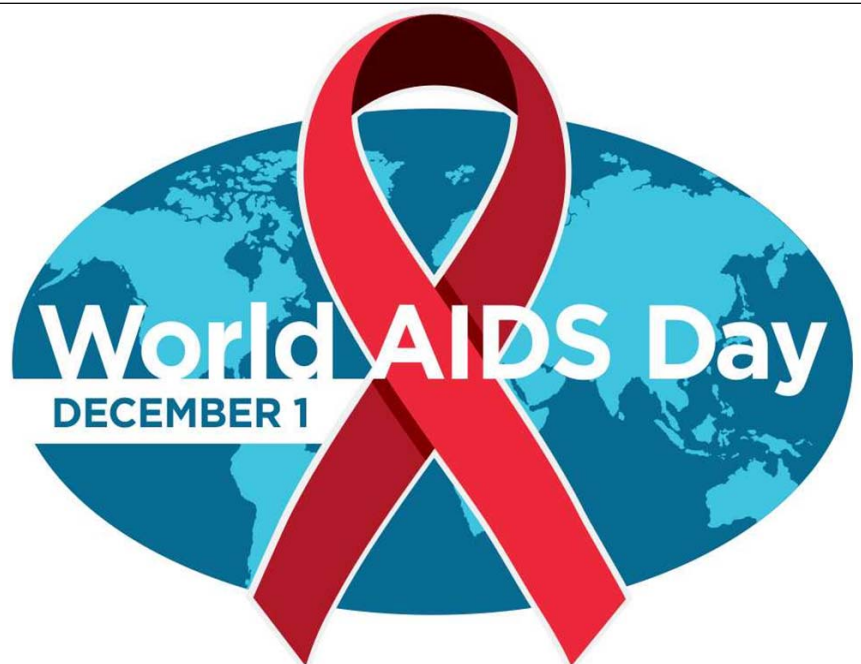
**Nottinghamshire's
RAINBOW HERITAGE**

TWO IMPORTANT DATES

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

November 20th marks the annual transgender day of remembrance when people remember those lost to violence.

The Trans Lives Matter website currently lists 321 trans people who have met violent ends during the last twelve months. The details are shocking. Too many politicians are still scapegoating and demonising trans people to distract attention away from their own failings.



December 1st is world AIDS day and is held in respect to the many people affected by AIDS. It likewise centres around issues encompassing HIV and (AIDS) awareness. The day is also an opportunity to support people living with HIV and educate about what it's like to live with HIV in today's world.

COMING UP NOVEMBER ONWARDS



LOL-GBTQ+ at The Lord Roberts Nottingham Comedy Festival 2024

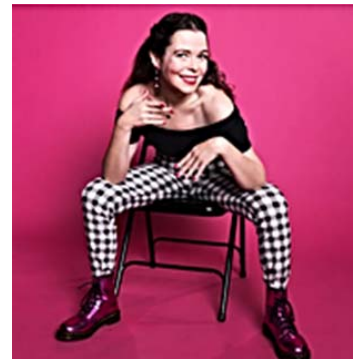
Programmed by Dan Webber, LOL-GBTQ++ returns to The Lord Roberts as part of Nottingham Comedy Festival between 1st and 10th November, championing local, regional and national LGBTQ+ comedy talent.

For the full line-up and to book visit Nottingham Comedy Festival website.

www.nottinghamcomedyfestival.co.uk

Juliette Burton **Going Rogue** Saturday November 2nd. 7.30pm

Geek is the new sexy. As a young nerd Juliette loved to dress up. She also loved Rogue from the X-Men - funny, dark past, great costume. Skip ahead to the 2020s and Juliette is 'award-winning comedian and mental health activist Juliette Burton' masked in glitter, costumed in sequins. But no armour can prepare you for life's challenges. Juliette lost her power. Then she played dress up once more. Join her on a journey from cosplay to confidence, navigating by nerding out. We might just liberate more than sexuality. Dressing up can reveal what is hidden. Where does your power lie?



Juliette Burton **Hopepunk** Saturday November 2nd. 9 pm

In a world that seems negative, hope can be a rebellion. But is the punk-rocking power of positivity passé? Or is despair a luxury we can't afford? Award-winning comedian and activist Juliette Burton finds the funny both in the darkness of desolation and being blinded by the light. Where does hope end and naivety begin? In 2024, what can resolute optimism do for us now?

Edinburgh Fringe sell-out shows (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2023).

Benthic Zone's **Nightmare! Nightmare! Kill! Kill!**

Tuesday November 5th

Nottingham's wizard queen BENTHIC ZONE, as well as her special guests, invite you to NIGHTMARE! NIGHTMARE! KILL! KILL!, a wild drag variety show that merges performance, viewing party and game show.

8pm (2 hours)



Nottingham Queer Arts Collective **Cabaret Fundraiser**

Wednesday November 6th 7.30pm

Nottingham Queer Arts Collective's mission is to bring together LGBTQIA+ artists of all disciplines from in and around Nottingham to appreciate, liberate, and support our community and art. Join us for an evening of comedy, cabaret and variety, raising money to support ongoing Nottingham Queer Arts Collective activity. Pay What You Feel, all welcome.



BiProv **It's not just a phase**

Wednesday November 6th 9pm

Welcome to Bi-Prov, a powerhouse of veteran midlands improvisers, none of whom can sit on a chair properly. Connected by their Bisexuality, this group of performers will create a fully improvised show because they couldn't make up their mind on a script. Expect brilliant characters, belly laughs and rich emotions from this returning performance.

Liv Presents The Prohibition Roast

Thursday November 7th 8pm

Local drag superstar and queen in residence Liv, presents a night of live singing, lip-syncing and comedy that will get at least one of us cancelled - as some of Nottingham's finest drag artists step up to the podium and roast the living sh*t out of one another... Our roasters are ...

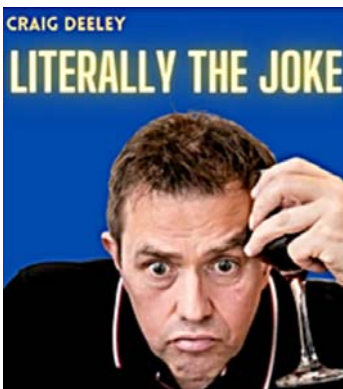
Marilyn Sane

Nana Arthole

Wayne

Bella Bestia

and your hostess, LIV - the hairiest woman in showbusiness, co-creator of the Nottingham Drag Pageant



Craig Deeley - literally the joke

Friday November 8th 7.30pm

A mix of stand-up and PowerPoint presentation, "Literally The Joke" showcases the reactions of strangers from the internet when a comedian tries out new gags online. The show takes a trip through the diverse and unexpected range of responses that Craig receives, from those who explain the jokes back to him, to those who don't realise they are jokes, to the downright weird.

Expect one-liners, self-deprecation, and a bit of camp thrown in for good measure.

Cerys Bradley **Queer tales for Autistic folk**

Saturday November 9th 7.30pm

From the minds of Cerys Bradley (Actually Autistic Excellence Award 2022, as seen on Comedy Central) and Joz Norris (Comedian's Choice Award Winner, as heard on BBC Radio 4) comes a brand-new, still in development, technically not written yet, interactive choose-your-own storytelling comedy show. Come and explore our world inspired by autistic and queer (and Welsh) myths and legends and tell us what happens next.



Sian Davies Band of Gold

Saturday November 9th 9pm

A brand new show from award-winning, working-class queer comedian Sian Davies. As seen on Comedy Central Live, ITVX and NextUp. Nominated for NextUp Biggest Prize in Comedy at Edinburgh Fringe 2023. Winner of Edinburgh Comedy Awards Panel Prize 2022 for Best in Class. Winner of Best Debut Show Leicester Comedy Festival 2020. Funny Women Stage Award 2019 runner up. Winner of Hilarity Bites Best New Act 2018. And she doesn't regret a thing. Or does she?



WORDS WE LIVE BY



Words We Live By: A Guide to LGBTQ+ Language
This is a free to visit installation at the National Justice Museum running until November 15th.

It features a glossary produced by members of LGBTQ+ youth groups in England through a project at the University of Nottingham. The guide explains the language used by many young LGBTQ+ people to describe their lives and their identities.

THAT MEMOIR: PART TWO



Simon Smalley's first book "That Boy of Yours Wants Looking At" was about love, loss, adversity, and acceptance. At its core was a child with a wild imagination and a desire for glamour trying to survive being gay and disabled on a Nottingham council estate in the sixties and seventies.

The book has had numerous complimentary reviews on Amazon and also from people such as Tom Robinson and Sue Pollard.

The second, much awaited book, "Throwing putty at the Queen" will shortly be published.

BEER GARDEN UPGRADE

Craig at the **Lord Roberts** says

"So I recently signed for another five years tenancy at the pub and even though the improvements I made to the garden were much better than before, I decided that you lovely lot deserved an even better outdoor area. Not only that but we are getting newly refurbished toilets plus a few other bits and pieces around the pub that need sorting.

Here's a little idea of what the garden will look like, with more covered area, more seating and more up to date heating to keep you nice and warm during Winter.



The garden will unfortunately be closed from Monday 4th November and re-open on 22nd November, with the pub itself only closed from Monday 11th until Friday 15th November so works can be carried out inside. "





Music icons **Boy George** and **Culture Club** are coming to Nottingham Arena, celebrating their first two monumental albums, 'Kissing to Be Clever' and 'Colour by Numbers' Culminating at London's The O2, the prolific band will perform these landmark albums in their entirety.

Fans can expect to hear all the classic hits, including "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me and "Karma Chameleon," as well as their current releases. On this brand-new tour Boy George and Culture Club will be joined by very special guests synth-pop legends Tony Hadley and Heaven 17.

December 10th at Motorpoint Arena



Creating space for the LGBTQIA+ community, Niche Artefact presents

The "OCCULT ODYSSEY".

Diving deep into the theme of Occult and the supernatural. Located at Revolution de Cuba, Alexandra House 26-28 Market St Nottingham NG1 6HW 01158 715735. This unique glamorous event with a full stage show will begin at 7PM. Friday November 15th

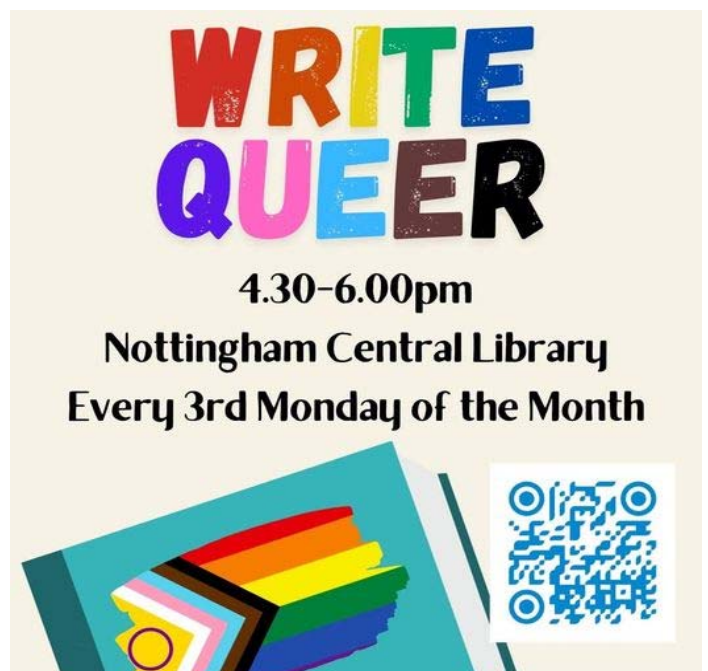
To book, go to <https://www.gigantic.com> and search for Niche Artefact



A shimmering spin-off of the iconic Queer Prom, this dazzling night will be a celebration of queer joy, fierce looks, and unforgettable memories. Dance under twinkling lights and vibe to the beats of an incredible DJ!

Buffet & Dance - £15 7pm-1am

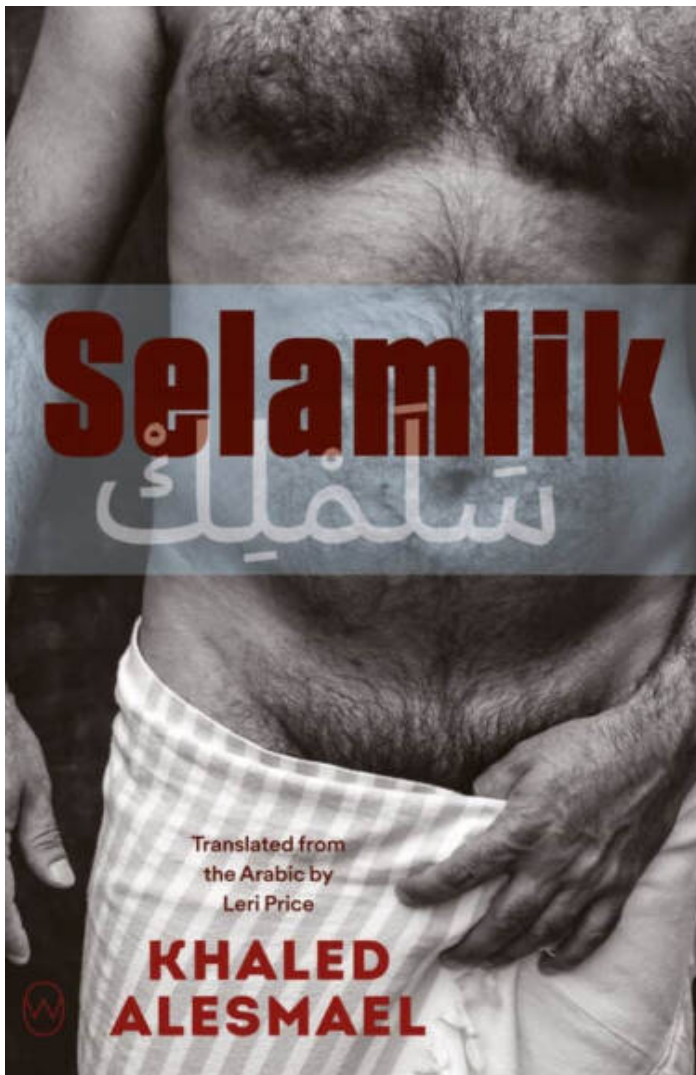
Details from <https://www.instagram.com>



Join us at Nottingham Central Library for an session of creativity and community at **Write Queer Nottingham!** Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, this event is the perfect place to work on your stories, poems, scripts or thoughts in a supportive and inclusive environment.

The sessions will be led by Richard, a friendly and experienced queer writer, who will give you a variety of prompts and exercises to take your writing further. You only need a pen and paper (the jazzier the better!)

AT FIVE LEAVES BOOKSHOP



An emotional and unflinching story about Arab masculinity and homoeroticism

Following a sold out a launch event at Gay's the Word, we're excited to host Khaled Alesmael for an evening discussing his new book 'Selamlık'. Khaled will be in conversation with Diego García Rodríguez. Nov. 14th 7-8.30pm At Five Leaves Bookshop

Book on <https://fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/>

LGBT+ EVENSONG AT ST. PETER'S

An afternoon of readings and hymns to welcome and celebrate the LGBT+ community in Nottingham.

St Peter's Church,
St Peter's Square,
Nottingham, NG1 2NW

3pm Sunday December 8th



St Peter's church is part of the "inclusive" church, a movement which believes that there should be no differentiation within the Church on the basis of sex, race, age, disability, sexual orientation etc



The NGQ Collective pubs are testing the water to see whether a Winter Pride is both welcome and feasible. We will let you know if anything materialises.



LGBT Parents is a group for those in the Midlands who would like to meet and socialise with other gay/lesbian parents and families for friendship and support. They organise monthly events such as those shown below.

Saturday November 23rd, 10:45 AM
Indoor Soft Play - Cafe and Wander through Peak Village Shops

Saturday December 14th, 11:40 AM
Santa Cruise Canal Boat Ride

To get involved, go to their website at

<https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Parents-Midlands/>

If you are involved in starting a new group, or if your current group is changing how it operates, please let us know.

e-mail nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk



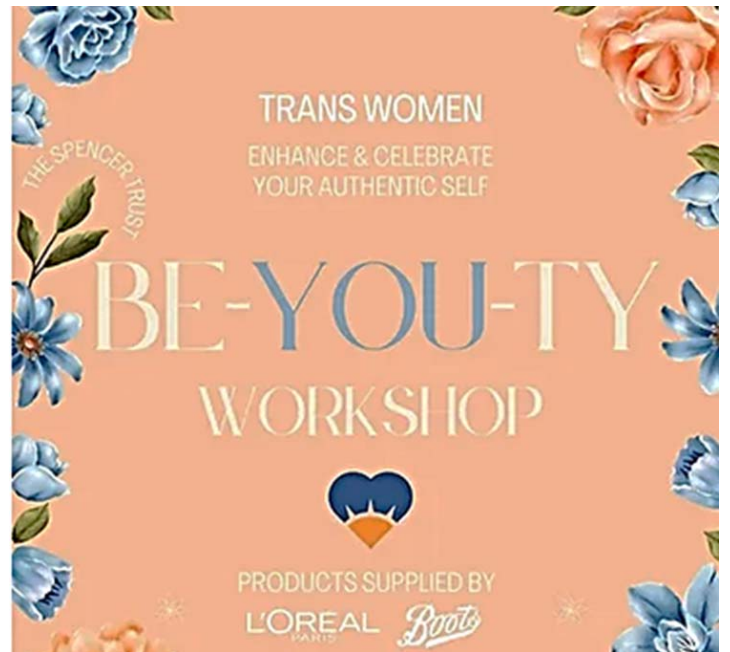
THE LORD ROBERTS

QUIZ NIGHT & STICKY 13'S

EVERY WEDNESDAY
WITH YOUR FABULOUS HOST WARREN

KICKS OFF WITH STICKY 13'S AT 8PM
GREAT CASH PRIZES TO BE WON
6 MAX PER TEAM.
WINNING QUIZ TEAM TAKES ALL.
TABLE BOOKED HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

ONLY £1.00 ENTRY PER PERSON



TRANS WOMEN
ENHANCE & CELEBRATE
YOUR AUTHENTIC SELF

THE SPENCER TRUST

BE-YOU-TY WORKSHOP

PRODUCTS SUPPLIED BY
L'OREAL PARIS Boots

Trans beYOUty Workshops

The Spencer Trust is supporting these workshops which are run at a top Nottingham beauty salon, which is closed to the public during these events.

They provide tips and tricks to enhance your Be-YOU-tiful, authentic self run by talented stylists, makeup artists/hairdressers, nail technicians and an aesthetician, using high-quality products provided by Boots and L'Oréal.

For more information email

liam@thespencertrust.co.uk




OPEN TABLE
Come as you are

NOTTINGHAM

An affirming worship community for LGBTQIA+ people and those who love them

Meeting the **last Sunday** of every month from **5-7pm** with a **bring-and-share meal**

St. John's Carrington, Mansfield Road, NG5 2DP

**LAST DATE
FOR 2024**

26TH NOVEMBER

More info:
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Facebook:
[opentablenottingham](https://www.facebook.com/opentablenottingham)

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL LIBRARY READING SOCIAL: LITERARY PRIDE

LGBTQ+ READING GROUP

Last Saturday of every month

2pm to 3pm
Meeting Room 2

July Theme: a fiction or non-fiction book you feel represents your community



WOMEN'S MIDWEEK BOOK GROUP

The **Women's Midweek Book Group** has set out its books for the next few months.

6th Nov - Brotherless Night by VV Ganeshanathan

18th Dec - Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

29th Jan - The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry

They meet at the VAT and Fiddle 12 Queensbridge Rd, Nottingham NG2 1NB. See the Listings section for fuller details.



A new queer book group has started. We'll be selecting a book to read every month, focusing on LGBTQ+ stories and authors, and meeting up to discuss. Dates and venues vary. For updates, follow in Instagram at @queerbookclubnotts

ONLINE MEETUPS

QUEERDOS

FOR QUEER, DISABLED AND NEURODIVERGENT FOLK

ONLINE MONTHLY MEET UPS

EVERY FIRST WED OF THE MONTH

Mind Out Theatre hosts an online monthly Meet Up for Queer, Disabled and Neurodivergent folks. An informal online space, facilitated by Evie Osbon (they/them). One hour session on the first Wednesday of every month (7-8pm).

So have a check in, play games, explore your creativity, and chat. Email Evie at mindouttheatre@gmail.com with Subject Line: QUEERDOS for the meeting link

GRAYSON PERRY : MAN HOURS



The printed image as a vehicle for social commentary and satire has a long history that dates to William Hogarth in the 18th century and beyond. Grayson Perry's work sits in that tradition.

He is a witty chronicler of contemporary life with all its follies, excesses, and delusions, but his wry observations are tempered by humour and compassion.

Perry plunders the visual culture of the past to explore a psychological map of the present day. The prints in this exhibition span twenty years of the artist's work in the medium.

Until Sunday January 5th at the Djanogly Gallery Lakeside Arts. 12-4pm

SILVER SAPPHICS



Silver Sapphics is a new social group for lesbians over 55 who want to meet socially and make connections. They meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Lord Roberts at 7pm.

Come along and make new friends. Any enquiries contact Jane at

jw8418549@gmail.com

OPEN MIC NIGHT

QUEER OPEN MIC COMEDY

FEATURING:
CHARLOTTE CROPPER
AJ ROHAN

Tuesday 5th November
Test out new material or try it out for the first time

Barley Twist - Nottingham - NG1 7FE

At Barley Twist 91 Carrington St., Nottingham NG1 7FE 7.30pm November 5th.

Join us and celebrate queer comedy with an array of new and current comedics in an open and friendly environment.

AT THE NEW FORESTERS

NOW OPEN FROM 5PM

GET STICKY
with **Ashley Thursdays**
STICKY 13s
& MUSIC QUIZ from 8pm

NEW FORESTERS
NG1 3LX, BEHIND THE VICTORIA CENTRE

DUMBGENZ AND DRAG QUEENZ



Following a disastrous pub crawl, 40-something BFF's Annie Sup and Angela Bra fall through a lipsync-hole into a parallel dimension of musical comedy tucked full of swords and sassery. Presented by Queerishnotts.

Sunday November. 10th 8pm at the Barley Twist, 91 Carrington St., Nottingham NG1 7FE



LOOKING BACK

RECENT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE SPENCER TRUST



THE SPENCER TRUST

DOROTHY'S FRIENDS
LGBTQ+ DANCE COLLECTIVE

CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP

SUN SEPT 22nd
4pm-6pm

EVERY BODY and ALL LEVELS welcome

Explore contemporary dance in a safe and welcoming space.
You don't need to be a pro dancer to be one of Dorothy's Friends!

@Revolución de Cuba
26-28 Market St, Nottingham NG1 6HW

FREE EVENT!

The **Spencer Trust** exists to support the varying needs of the LGBTQ+ community in the East Midlands. Here are four of the events recently organised by them.

Keep an eye on their Facebook page for details of future events if these appeal to you.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSpencerTrust/>



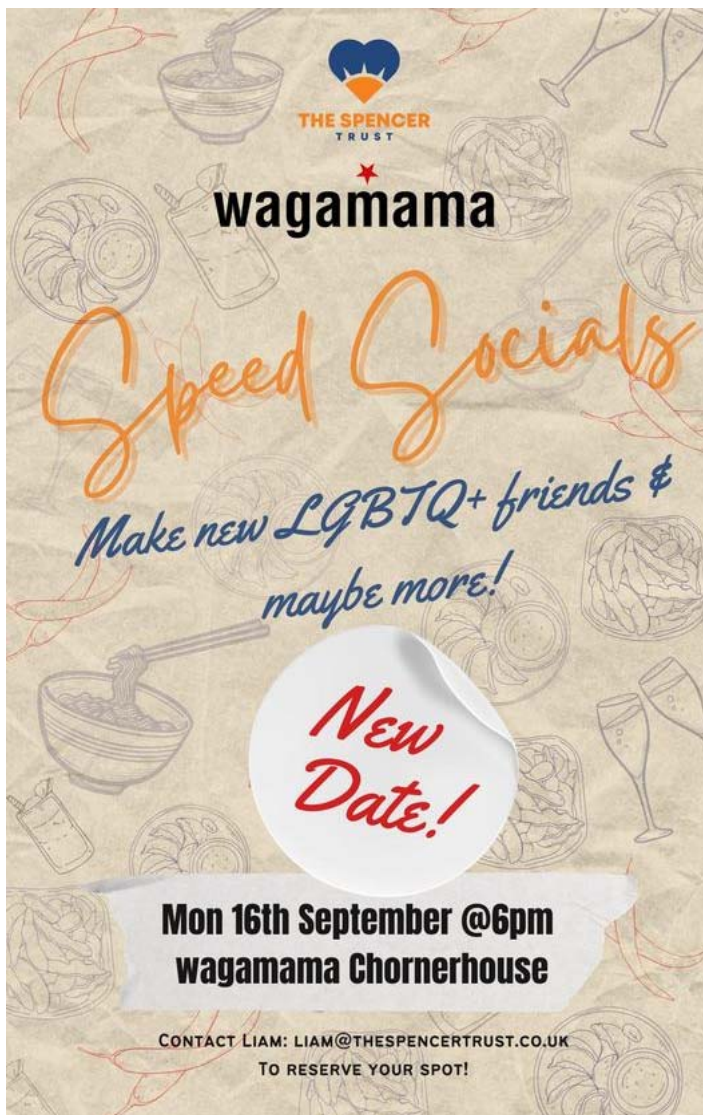
THE SPENCER TRUST

New Date!

Let's Go Hiking!

Sun 15th September
Birchover, Druids Caves and Stanton Moor

Meet @ 9.45a.m. - The Gooseberry Bush -
Wetherspoons Nottingham
Depart @ 10.30 a.m.



THE SPENCER TRUST

wagamama

Speed Socials

Make new LGBTQ+ friends & maybe more!

New Date!

Mon 16th September @6pm
wagamama Chornerhouse

CONTACT LIAM: LIAM@THESPENCERTRUST.CO.UK
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



LGBTQ+

YOGA

Free yoga class, followed by complimentary healthy drink

Sunday 15th September
11.30 am

@ Revolución de Cuba Nottingham

THE SPENCER TRUST

Revolución de Cuba

NETHERFIELD PRIDE 2024



The third Netherfield Pride took place on Saturday September 14th on the paved area of Chandos Street. The 10am-4pm event was followed by an after party.. Small scale, but well organised and great fun. Those getting there by bus could use NCT's Pride bus which was put on the 44 route.

The usual stalls were complemented by a sequence of performers, some musical, some comedy, some both. This year's chosen charity was Mermaids. After a week of very changeable weather, the sun was well-behaved and shone on Netherfield.



OCTOBER WAS BLACK HISTORY MONTH - INCLUDING BLACK LGBT PEOPLE



COLIN JACKSON
ATHLETE



MARSHA P. JOHNSON
TRANS ACTIVIST



RUPAUL
DRAG ARTISTE



JACKIE KAYE
POET



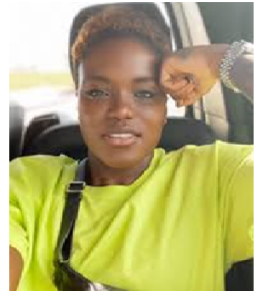
BAYARD RUSTIN
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST



JUSTIN FASHANU
FOOTBALLER



BILLIE HOLIDAY
SINGER



NICOLA ADAMS
BOXER



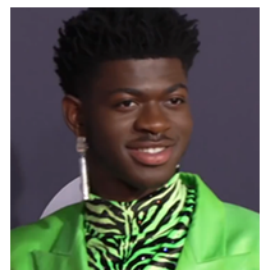
STEPHEN K AMOS
COMEDIAN



ALICE WALKER
WRITER



JOAN ARMATRADING
SINGER



LIL NAS X
SINGER



CYRIL NRI
ACTOR



FRANK OCEAN
SINGER/SONGWRITER



MINROF FREGNORE
MODEL



DAME KELLY HOLMES
ATHLETE

THE NEW FOURTH TRAFALGAR SQUARE PLINTH



Teresa Margolles, from Mexico, is former forensic pathologist who often makes art using the physical traces of the deceased, especially victims of murder. Her sculpture for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square takes its form from a gruesome Aztec masterpiece, a 15th-century tower of skulls known as the Huey Tzompantli that was excavated in Mexico City.

Margolles finds in that eerie Mesoamerican monument the inspiration for her memorial to her friend Karla, a transgender woman who was murdered in Juárez in 2015. It is also a memorial to all transgender victims of violence: 726 people from trans and non-binary communities in Britain and Mexico offered their faces to be cast in this modern-day tzompantli.

Ed Willcox, one of the participants in Margolles's artwork, poses below by the fourth plinth.



NOTTINGHAM FRONT RUNNERS AT THE ROBIN HOOD MARATHON



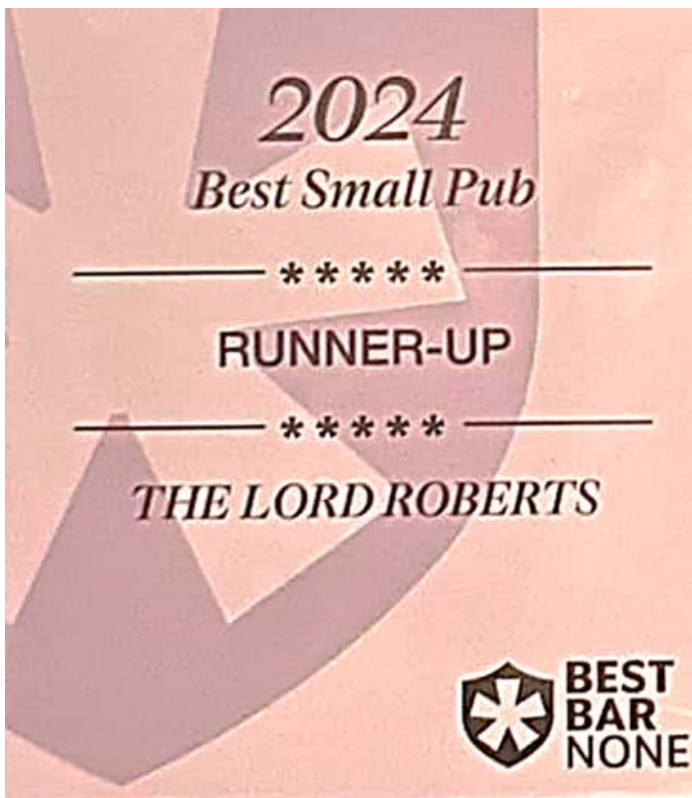
NADIA VISITS SILVER PRIDE



A record turn out at Silver Pride welcomed Nottingham MP **Nadia Whittome**. In a wide ranging afternoon of questions and answers some of the topics which were touch upon included:

Banning conversion therapy; the worrying rise of the far right in Europe; anti-trans propaganda; looking back to Section 28; the “right to buy” for council houses; her experiences as an “out” MP and Keir Starmer’s new glasses.

YET ANOTHER AWARD



The **Best Bar None** awards celebrate and recognise the city’s best pubs, bars, clubs, restaurants, and entertainment venues. This year they were awarded on September 3rd at the Pitcher and Piano and, for the second year running, the Lord Roberts was runner up.

READING PROUD



Five Leaves Bookshop organised its 3rd “Reading Proud” session at Central Library on October 5th.

The event started with **Gareth Peter** and **Troy Jenkinson** (see below) talking about their picture books for children. Both mentioned their experiences of the effect of Section 28 on LGBT+ schoolchildren and how the lack of relevant LGBT+ themed literature for young people spurred their writing.



One’s appreciation of Dolly Parton was again reinforced by hearing that she has sent 7000 copies of Gareth’s book to UK schoolchildren.



Sacha Coward’s book “Queer as Folklore” sets out centuries of storytelling which make it clear that the Pride displays of fairy wings, unicorns, mermaids tails and tridents are queer symbols with historic roots.

Musih Tedji Xaviere (These letters end in tears) and **Iqbal Hussain** (Northern Boy) described coming of age fiction from the perspective of a black woman and a Muslim man.

LP Mills and **Ellie Sharpe** explored sci-fi/speculative fiction and the afternoon ended with a session on the poetry of **Lalah-Simone Springer** and **Olivia Douglas**.

FAREWELL TO DREW & AARON



They say “It’s been a decision we’ve been trying to avoid, but for our mental health, sanity & future, me and Aaron have decided to leave the pub trade and move onto pastures new. It has been the most rewarding, challenging, exciting, tiring, emotional rollercoaster we’ve ever been on and we have loved every bit of it. Now we just want our own home, a 9-5 job and to spend time with each other.”

THAI-ING THE KNOT



In June Thailand’s senate passed the final reading of a historic marriage equality bill, paving the way for the country to become the first in south-east Asia to recognise same-sex marriage.

The bill had to wait for the Royal assent before coming into law and on Sept. 25th that assent was given. “Congratulations to everyone’s love,” says prime minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra.

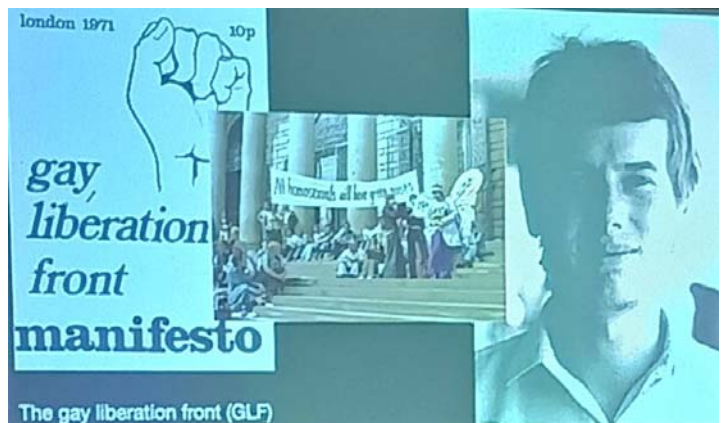
“Today we are not only getting to write our names in marriage certificates but we are also writing a page in history,” says Ann Chumaporn, co-founder of the Bangkok Pride “That tells us that love never sets a condition of who we were born to be.”

THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL



CJ DeBarra (see above) continue their research into Nottingham’s LGBT+ history with this talk on queer activism. From The Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) and the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) in the 1960s to AIDS activism of the 1980s to gay marriage protests in the 2010s, Nottingham’s activists have often been at the forefront of change .

GLF was launched in the UK by Rob Mellors (below right) who was himself from Nottingham. One of Nottingham GLF’s most notable successes were the performances of “Gay Street Theatre” which they put on in cooperation with the Nottingham CHE group.



The talk included mention of the formation in 1975 of Nottingham Gay Switchboard. This was a product of the CHE group which found that many of those who contacted it had “problems” ... problems at work, problems at home, problems with feeling isolated.

The helpline that CHE set up in 1975 was one of the earliest in the UK (Edinburgh and London were first). Many of those 1970s helplines have since closed. Nottingham Gay Switchboard is now Notts LGBT+ Network and is still going after 49 years.

The 1980s saw the devastation wrought by AIDS and how local men and (particularly) women provided information and support. That decade also brought Thatcher’s Section 28.

QUEER UP DUCK'S NOTTINGHAM HEROES

The **Queer up duck** festival asked people to nominate their local LGBTQ+ heroes. Here are some of them



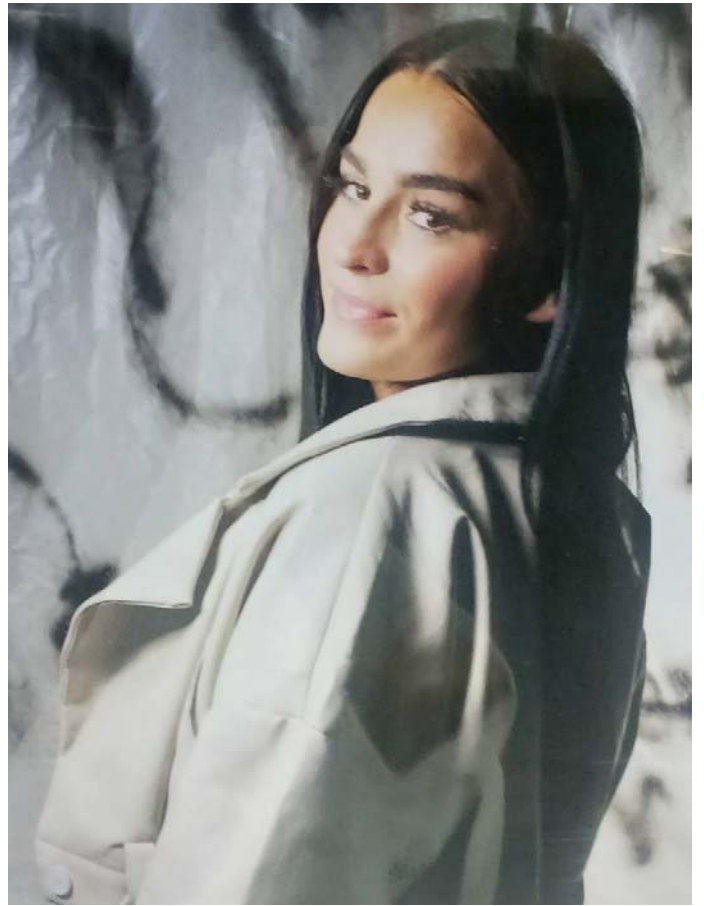
Liv, drag artist



Sam Harvey, director of Nottingham Pastel Project

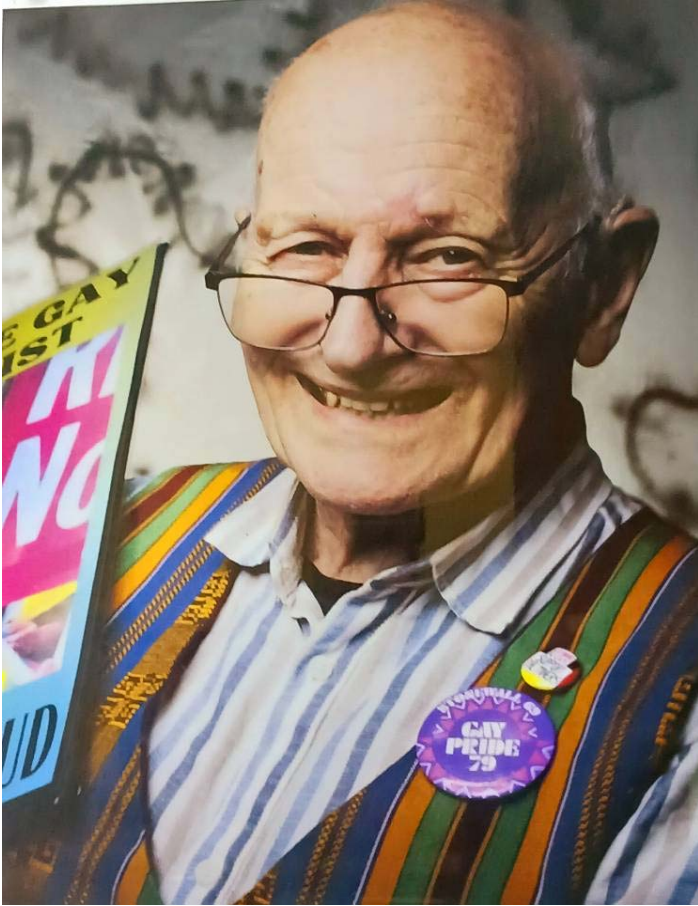


Ro De La Monja, creative producer & performer



Connie-Mae, pub supervisor

QUEER UP DUCK'S NOTTINGHAM HEROES



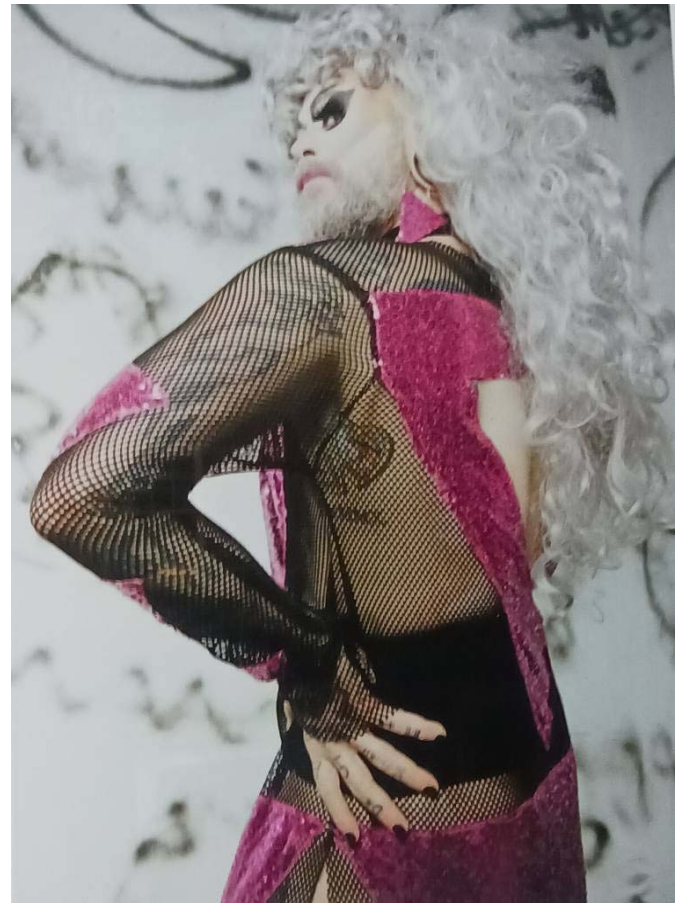
Richard McCance, "vintage gay activist"



Marilyn Sane, drag icon, model, singer



Lucy Buckle, the Nottingham Forager



Nana Arthole, "local drag legend/world's oldest girl"

LOOKING FURTHER BACK

LESBIANS EXIST!

The 1885 Gross Indecency law only applied to men - possibly thanks to Queen Victoria. In 1921 MP **Fredrick Macquisten** argued that lesbian acts should be criminalized. He said:

"These moral weaknesses date back to the very origin of history, and when they grow and become prevalent in any nation or in any country, it is the beginning of the nation's downfall. The falling away of feminine morality was to a large extent the cause of the destruction of the early Grecian civilisation".

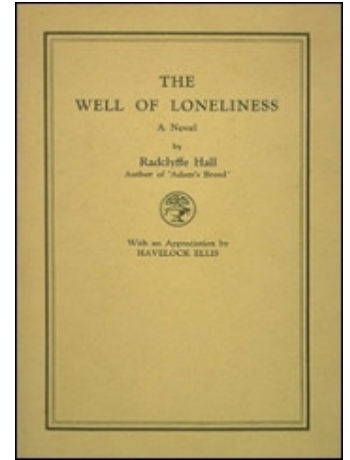


This proposal failed and **Lord Birkenhead** (pictured above) the then Lord Chancellor argued that 999 women out of a thousand had "never even heard a whisper of these practices". The gist of his argument being "don't give women ideas".

Marguerite Radclyffe-Hall was an English poet and author of eight novels, including the lesbian classic **The Well of Loneliness**.

The Well of Loneliness became the target of a campaign by the editor of the Sunday Express newspaper, who wrote "I would rather give a healthy boy or a healthy girl a phial of prussic acid than this novel." He said this is "A Book That Must Be Suppressed."

It was banned in 1928, when a British court judged it obscene because it defended "unnatural practices between women", but publicity over The Well of Loneliness's legal battles increased the visibility of lesbians, though its role in promoting images of lesbians as "mannish" or cross-dressed women has also been controversial.



The publisher **Jonathan Cape** announced that he had stopped publication, but he secretly leased the rights to Pegasus Press, a publisher in France. Pegasus Press started shipping its edition to London. Sales were brisk, but the reappearance of *The Well* on bookshop shelves soon came to the attention of the Home Office. On Oct. 3rd 1928 a warrant was issued for the book to be seized

The fact that lesbians and lesbian sex weren't recognised by the law could be advantageous as well as marginalising. Some women took advantage of the law's neglect and published **Arena Three**, the first British lesbian magazine. This first appeared in 1963, before the change in the law.



GROUP OF THE DAY

SILVER PRIDE

The old song says “Nobody loves a fairy when they’re forty”. Who loves gay/bi men when they are 55 or older?

The “gay scene” has always been youth orientated and older men may feel out of place there. The health (and sometimes financial) issues which come with getting older impact on socialising and circles of friends made when younger shrink or sometimes disappear altogether.

Silver Pride was set up in 2016 in collaboration with Age UK to provide a regular social outlet for gay/bi men who are 55 or older.



At first, the monthly meetings were held at the Age UK premises on Shakespeare Street with a charge of just £1/person as a contribution to tea/coffee etc.

In 2020 Covid caused a halt in the meetings. When people felt comfortable with restarting, the group learned that Age UK had closed its premises. Though Age UK still publicises the group, Silver Pride is now essentially independent.

A search for a new base led first to a comfortable room in Cobden Place and when this became unavailable the group moved to the International Community Centre.

Both of these venues naturally charged for use of their rooms, so it was greatly appreciated when the Health Shop offered a room for free.

What does Silver Pride do?

The meetings at the Health Shop on the first Friday of the month (2-4pm) include things like talks/discussions either from guest speakers or based on the interests of the group’s members as well as quizzes, short films and general conversations.

After the meetings some people will take the short walk to the Lord Roberts.

The fact that the group fits a specific demographic has occasionally been useful. A PhD student from Trent University who is researching provisions for LGBT+ people in care homes has discussed the concerns members might have over requiring “care”. A legal expert has dealt with issues such as wills and enduring power of attorney. CJ Debarra has spent a session with the group gathering reminiscences about Nottingham’s “gay scene” for their forthcoming books.

Meetings outside the Health Shop have involved barbecues, picnics, bowling, theatre visits, a trip to Green’s Windmill and more.

This year a second regular strand has developed. On the third Friday of the month there is now a short walk starting at the Health Shop. On one occasion this was converted into a cycle ride.

There are also opportunities for “extras” which may involve a few of the group organising additional activities. Examples of this include when six or seven members got together to go on a trip to Sitges and when a group of members who would otherwise spend Christmas alone came together for a Christmas party.

In 2020, Silver Pride was one of the recipients of an award at the annual Nottinghamshire’s Rainbow Heritage Celebration and Awards evening - see below.



MISCELLANY



LGBT HERO is the national health and wellbeing charity for LGBTQ+ people supporting over 100,000 people a month.

Their website provides masses of information on a range of topics such as: health issues; hate crime; domestic abuse; relationships; your legal rights; gender identity as well as signposting to numerous support services They are, however, based in London, but one set of useful services is not geographically focused. These are the "Online Hangouts" for people aged over 50.

50+ HangOuts is a twice monthly friendly and welcoming online Zoom social and support group for older LGBTQ+ people, who want to connect with each other and discuss topics and take part in creative workshops, with an aim to reduce isolation (including social, cultural physical and geographical).

You can book a place on a Hangout from their website <https://www.lgbthero.org.uk/>



There is ample research showing that LGBT+ people underuse many NHS services. Experiences of homophobia and transphobia, whether actual or anticipated, can create barriers.

Nottinghamshire ICB (Integrated Care Board) is looking for people to join its Citizens' Panel. The Panel is aimed at engaging members of the public in the future of local health and care services, and is an important opportunity for you to have your say on a wide range of health and care topics.

The Panel will primarily be online, and will consist of a number of surveys, polls and questionnaires throughout the year.

If you live in Nottingham City, Mansfield, Ashfield or Newark and Sherwood and are aged 16 and over you can join the panel at

<https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/get-involved/citizens-panel>

NEW SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

From October 1st people living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire will now be able to benefit from a one-stop-shop sexual health service.

The new service will ensure everyone has access to the same level of service, regardless of where they live. Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) will deliver the service in partnership with Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust (SFHT), and supported by a health provider, Preventx.

There will be a single brand, a new website, online testing and clinic-based services, with health promotion and outreach across the city and county, which will make accessing care easier.

A single, dedicated website will enable people to access services more easily -- including GPs, pharmacies, and other relevant services - and they will be able to choose face-to-face appointments, walk-ins, or online consultations.

As Sexual Health Services operate under self-referral, residents are asked to access the service by:

- Telephone 0300 131 7010
- Website <https://sexualhealthnn.co.uk/>
- Or walking in at any of the clinics

The service will operate 6 days per week with extended opening times across the 3 hub sites.

The service will operate from hubs at following sites:

- Nottingham City Hospital
- King's Mill Hospital
- Retford Hospital

There will also be community clinics in many of the existing locations in community health centres, or collocating with GP practices. These include:

- Victoria Health Centre
- The Mary Potter Centre
- Clifton Cornerstone
- Bulwell Health Centre
- Aspley Medical Centre

and 12 others across the County.

It will also continue the strong existing work in the health promotion and outreach sphere. We would welcome ideas from system partners regarding how best the new service can interact with other services across the system to reach and improve the sexual health inequalities in target high risk groups:

This will not affect the services already provided by the Health Shop.

THE WAIT IS OVER!

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THE NGQ COLLECTIVE EXPANDS

NGQ stands for Nottingham Gay Quarter and the NGQ Collective is a collection of safe space bars. They say "Our aim is to create a safe space area rather than just individual venues, We aim to do this through working in collaboration with each other."

Currently they consist of :

- The New Foresters
- Six Barrel Victoria
- The Peacock
- The Golden Fleece

We can now add three more.

The Playwright MOJO
38 Shakespeare Street 10 Thurland Street

And also The Lord Roberts

Please note that as managers Drew and Aaron are leaving the Hole in the Wall, that pub will no longer be part of NGQ for the time being.



SMALL GRANTS FOR LGBT GROUPS



Grants are available for groups who aren't already funded to specifically benefit the LGBT+ community. Your project or activity should benefit a minimum of 70% LGBT+ people.

Grants of up to £400 will usually be allocated, with an additional discretionary £200 available. The board meets bi-monthly to review applications. For full details go to

<https://www.thespencertrust.co.uk>

LGBT+ AWARENESS TRAINING

Do you belong to an organisation, a company, a group that would benefit from LGBT+ awareness training or would like to have a presentation on aspects of LGBT+ history?

When Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage was set up in 2008 with a grant from the Heritage Lottery, part of its remit was to provide regular training. In the last sixteen years training and presentations have been provided for over one hundred organisations and groups. They include:

- 6 hospitals
- 8 health-related organisations
- 5 care homes
- 5 housing organisations
- 10 schools/colleges
- 3 universities
- Notts Sexual Violence Service
- Notts Police and both local councils

Between 2014 and 2020, the former Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping supported numerous training sessions which included a focus on hate crime against LGBT+ people.

The main elements of the training are:

- Getting the terminology right - what the "words" mean .. and which words not to use
- Homophobia, biphobia, transphobia: what they are. their frequency, their causes and the effects they have
- Homophobia, biphobia & transphobia in a wider context of general prejudice against minorities
- Myths and stereotypes
- Negative laws and the more recent positive changes in the law.
- "Coming out": what it means; what it's like to be "stuck in the closet" and what happens when you come out

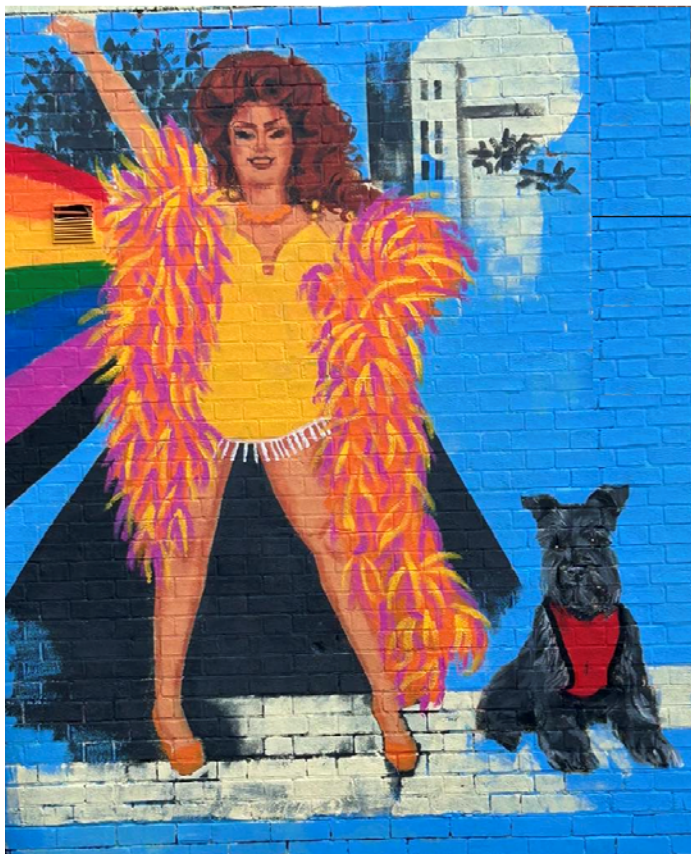
There can be an additional focus on issues such as

- Health issues and LGBT+ people's interaction with health care providers
- Supporting victims of LGBT+ hate crimes; why these crimes are under-reported and how reporting can be encouraged
- Same sex domestic abuse/Male rape
- The special concerns of young LGBT+ people and also of older LGBT+ people, particularly those in residential care
- Local resources and support systems

For further information e-mail

nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk

LIV & ROBERT GO UP THE WALL



If you wander around the back of the Lord Roberts on to Western Street, you will see the colourful new piece of wall art featuring Liv and Robert.

CAN YOU HELP WITH A SURVEY?

Dissertation Survey: "Small-town sexualities and culture wars: Mansfield"

This research aims to establish how LGBTQIA+ people feel within Mansfield. This is in terms of their perceived sense of safety (or lack thereof) in Mansfield as a whole, equally how they feel regarding the increase in support for the anti-LGBTQIA+ movement within the political sphere.

Secondly, to examine communities and spaces where LGBTQIA+ people connect in Mansfield. Thus, identifying whether these are primarily public spaces or if online locations are superiorly supportive.

Thirdly, to explore what the term 'woke' means to LGBTQIA+ people in Mansfield.

To take the survey, go to

<https://tinyurl.com/3sc2rwf7>

SMOGGIE QUEENS



Smoggie Queens is a BBC3 comedy centred around a gang of friends who are fiercely proud of their North Eastern town of Middlesbrough and their small pocket of the LGBTQ+ community.

Smoggie Queens tells the story of volatile Dickie along with drag queen Mam, self-styled hun Lucinda, awkward Sal and newcomer Stewart as they navigate love, life and their pride for a town that feels neglected in its own little corner of the UK. It's an underdog story on two fronts, so expect a few passionate scraps that may send your wig flying!

TRANS SUICIDE RATES RISE IN USA



In 2023 alone, an estimated 508 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced in 49 states in the USA, with gender-affirming care, access to toilets, participation in sports, and changing gender markers on official documents all on the line for trans people.

States in the USA that passed anti-trans laws aimed at young people have had a "very sharp" rise in suicide attempts by transgender and gender-non-conforming youngsters.

THE LOCAL LISTINGS



Singing Proud Nottingham is Nottingham's only LGBTQ+ choir. We are a bunch of people with varied musical experience and talent. No auditions are necessary and some people have a better singing ability than others....but we enjoy singing together, learning and developing

We meet term times on Thursday Nights at 7.15pm to 9.15pm at a venue in Carrington. We charge a fee of £20 a month (or £10 a month for low/no waged).

Contact us at 07448 464938 or e-mail

singingproudnottm@gmail.com

PRIDE OF MEN GROUP



The social group for gay men aged 30s to 50s now usually meets once a month.

If this is something which interests you, contact Notts LGBTQ+ Network for more information.

You can sign up using the mailing list on the website www.nottslgbt.com



TransUnite is a website which helps you find a trans group near you. At the moment you can access over 100 verified UK Trans support groups and locate one close to you.

Detailed profiles offer specific information on the scope of support provided, meeting schedules and contact information. Go to

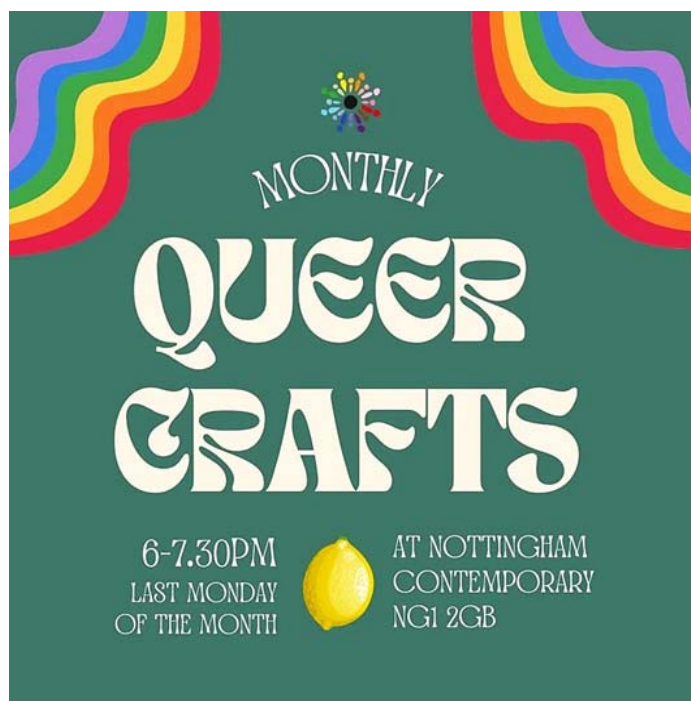
<https://www.transunite.co.uk/>



Notts Trans Hub, the trans information and support service, and Trans Space Notts, the trans social and support group are both under the name of Notts Trans Hub - with a new logo and charitable status.

They are now registered charity number 1199241. They can still be contacted through

nottstranshub@yahoo.co.uk



Whether you consider yourself to have no artistic talent, are a budding artist or just dabble in crafts every so often, you are very welcome to join. We will be creating on our own and with each other in a calm atmosphere. You are welcome to come for as little or as long as you like. Book at

[Queer-Crafts.Eventbrite.com](https://www.Eventbrite.com)



A space for LGBTQ+ parents and guardians to ask questions, share experiences/knowledge, and plan meet ups for our little ones to get together and normalise LGBTQ+ families... our wonderful allies most welcome too! You can find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1141143773051692>

CONTENT CAFE



A welcoming LGBTQ+ social event - refreshments and chat every Saturday 10.30 to 12pm at the Zest Café in the House of Fraser department store. Just look for the table with the golden pineapple on it.

Their Facebook page is <https://tinyurl.com/rnbkeft9>



Proud Forest is the new LGBTQ+ Forest supporters group. You can contact them at

proud_forest@outlook.com
and www.proudforest.co.uk



Purpose: inclusive social group for all those who identify under the LGBTQ+ umbrella. Age: Over 18

Events: all members can put up events for other group members to join them. All events need to be approved by group admins to ensure they meet group rules and the focus of the group.

A valid Facebook account is required to join the group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/936928346942338/>

QUEER CRAFT CLUB

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Unit 42 & 43 Sneinton Market, Freckingham Street, which is wheelchair accessible.
£3 Donation Free Tea & Coffee 6:30-8:30 PM



The Outlaws is the LGBTQ+ and allies supporters group, for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and The Blaze.

Our website is currently a facebook group which can be found here - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/557658973013935>



All asylum seekers, refugees and immigrant women who identify as lesbian or bisexual are welcome to join! We meet monthly at: Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, NG1 5LP

For more information or directions contact us at: lisg.nottingham@gmail.com 07938 556788



We're a social and support group for anyone on the transgender spectrum, their families, and friends.

We have a safe space just outside Nottingham where you can be yourself and you – or you and your partner, parent or friend – can be sure of a warm welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8pm at the Temple Community Centre, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, Nottingham, NG16 1DP. For details, go to

www.nottinghamchameleons.co.uk



OutdoorLads is a friendly group for the gay, bi, and trans community to get together to enjoy adventures and activities.

Our events are run by volunteers all over the UK and include walking, cycling, running, hostel and camping, water sports, climbing, cultural/heritage. We also organise expeditions worldwide.

Locally Nottinghamshire is part of our Central England region.

For details go to www.outdoorlads.com



Weekly 11-16 and 16-25 LGBT+ Groups at Centre Place, Worksop. We offer confidential one-to-one and group support providing specialist services to young people on a weekly basis.

Providing a safe and non-judgmental place where children and young people can be themselves, meet new people, make new friends, take part in activities and access specialist support from trained staff.

Details from www.lgbtplusnotts.org.uk



Outburst is open to 11-21 year olds, with the groups split between Tuesday (11-15) and Wednesday (16-21) 5pm-7pm! We'll also have a counsellor available in sessions. Open to anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community, or anyone who thinks they might be. Base 51 is on Peachey St.

Details from www.base51.org/outburst



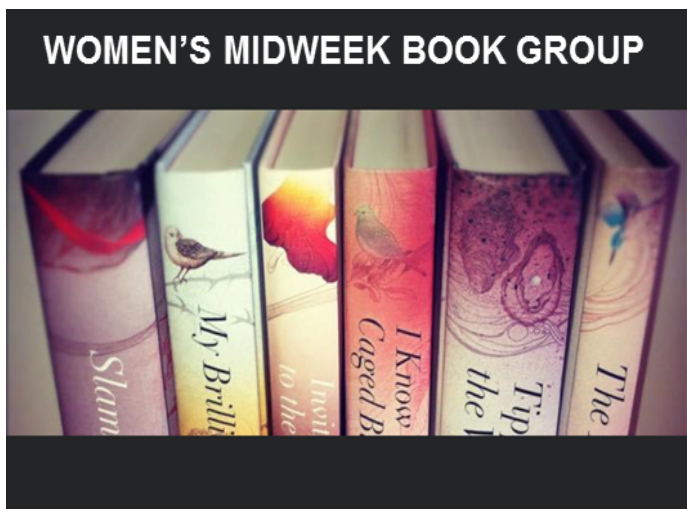
The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities

Details from www.goc.org.uk/gay-outdoor-club



The aim of Rainbow Vision is to provide a community of women where they can engage in conversation, meet new people, and share their experiences. If this sounds like something that interests, you then follow this link to the private Facebook page:

<https://tinyurl.com/5dref4tr>



The group meets in Nottingham to discuss books. Read a set book and then join in with the discussion group.

At the moment, they meet at the VAT and Fiddle 12 Queensbridge Rd, Nottingham NG2 1NB, but the venue may change. To be added to the group's e-mail list, contact info@nottslgbt.com for details.

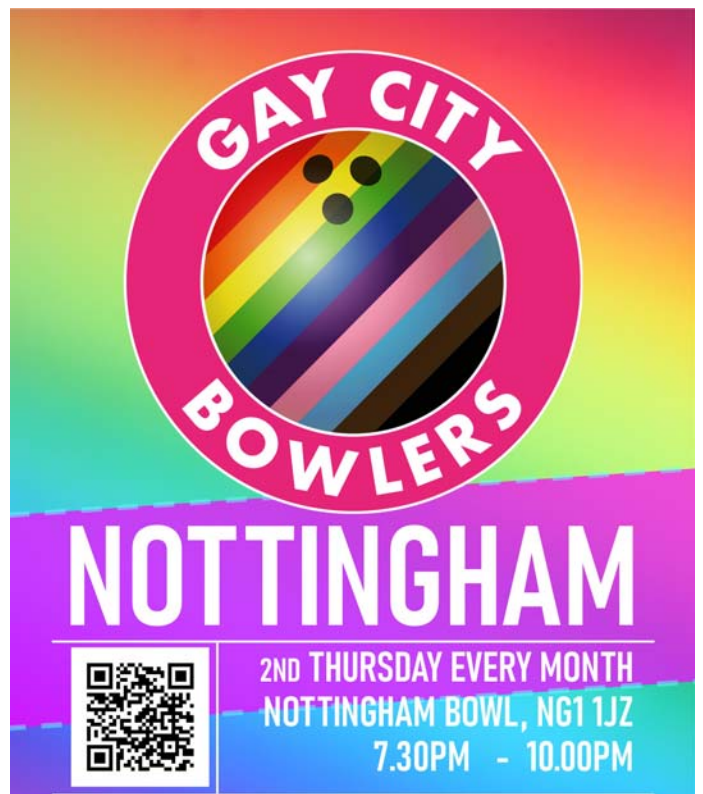


LIRAIN is a group of women that identify as Lesbians/ Bi. who get together, drink real ales and chat (or any other drink you choose)

The gatherings are informal. Join the Google group mailing list, to find out more. E-mail

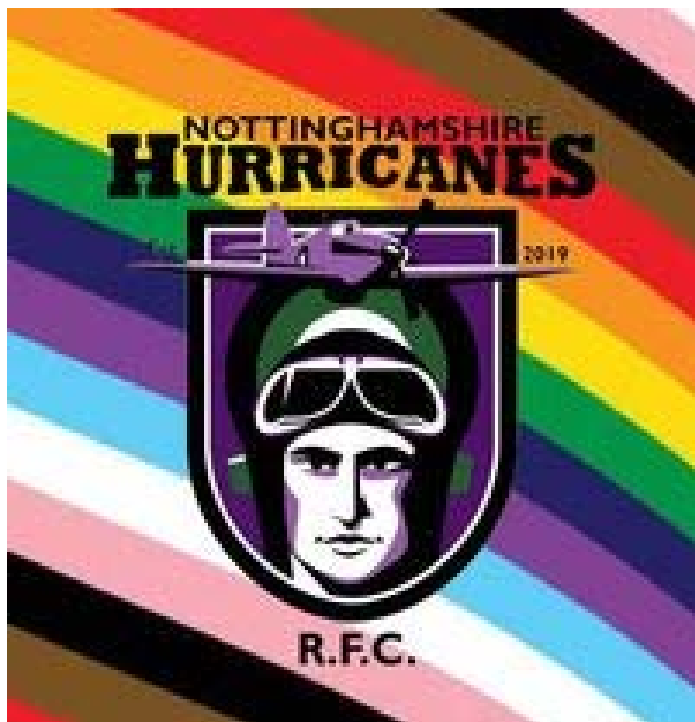
jillysunchyme@googlegroups.com

29th November King William- King Billie 7.00pm



Gay City Bowlers is an inclusive LGBTQ+ tenpin bowling group proud to be running in Nottingham. All skill levels welcome. We meet at 7pm at Nottingham Bowl, then play two games before heading to the bars for a drink and social.

Tickets can be purchased through our linktree in the Gay City Bowlers' Instagram bio and Gay City Bowlers' Facebook page.



Gay and inclusive Rugby Football club. We train on Tuesdays at 7:30-9pm at Nottingham Casuals Rugby Club, Canalside, Beeston Rylands, NG9 1NG.

Open to all, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, fitness level or ability. No special kit needed.

Contact nottshurricanes@outlook.com



Nottingham and Derby LGBTQ+ Social Group

This group is for those that are part of the LGBTQ+ Community and its allies to meet others in a safe and non judgmental environment.

<https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/LGBTSocial/>



Meet every Tuesday at 6.30 at the Robin Hood statue for a 5km run, finishing at the Lord Roberts. For more information go to Facebook

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094769503086

SAFRONIA EVENTS

Netherfield LGBT+ Social

1st Sunday each month
1-4pm

At the LOCO centre
2a Forester St, Netherfield, Nottingham
NG4 2NJ (behind St. George's)

**Come down to chat with likeminded
people in a friendly and inclusive
space.**



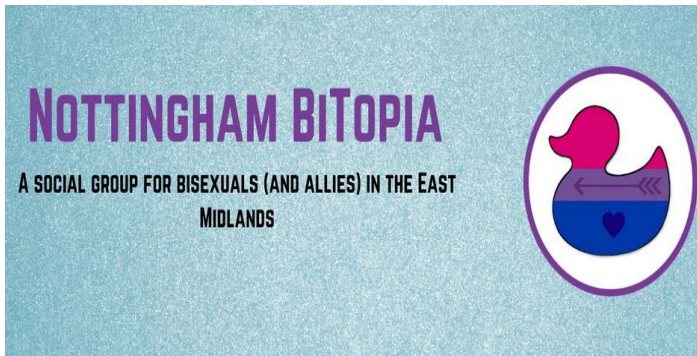
If you are aged 18 years old or over, have an interest in the arts/an artform and genuinely identify as LGBTQIA+ (or questioning), we would love you to join us at Nottingham Playhouse. We have monthly meetings, on the last Wednesday of every month 7pm – 9pm

For more details and to book a space at a session go to <https://tinyurl.com/yyncbuma>



Each week every Monday from 7.30pm we hire the sports hall at: Samworth Academy, Bramhall Road, Bilborough, Nottm NG8 4HY For more information go to

<http://www.badmintonsocial.co.uk/>



This group for bisexuals and allies meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30pm-11:00pm in the room at the right of the upstairs Mezzanine bar in Broadway, 14-18 Broad Street, Nottingham, NG1 3AL.

For fuller details e-mail

nottinghambitopia@gmail.com



Forest Kickers and Ninja Queens women's football groups meet each week on Tuesday evenings. Details from Julie at

info@nottinghamtrainingservices.co.uk



The **Gay Classic Car Group** (GCCG) is the club for all LGBTQ+ classic car enthusiasts and their friends. We have over 1000 members in the UK and worldwide who share a common enthusiasm for classic cars of all kinds. We organise events all year round. To find out more, go to [/www.gccg.org.uk](http://www.gccg.org.uk)

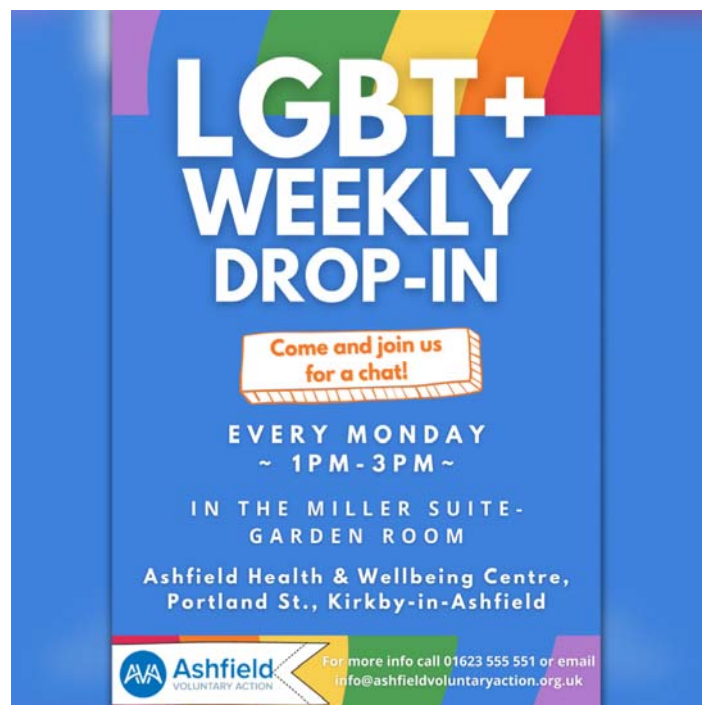
Each area organises their own events and social meetings. You will be welcome to attend a meeting as a guest if you would like to 'try before you buy'.

The East Midlands group can be contacted by eastmidlands@gccg.org.uk



Meets each week at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre. For full details contact Notts LGBT+ Network on

info@nottslgbt.com



Ashfield LGBT+ Hub has organised a regular meet up. There is a weekly LGBT+ drop-in café in the Ashfield Health & Wellbeing Centre - Meet new people, enjoy a cuppa and have a chat!



Meets once a month 2-4pm

First Friday of each month

Discussions and guest speakers

Walks, picnics, quizzes & films

In friendly, safe spaces

Email silverpride55@gmail.com



Nottingham Lions FC is a LGBT+ friendly football club - see them at

<https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamlionsfc>



Nottingham Hyking Dykes meet every month, usually the third Sunday.

This is a walking/hiking group for lesbians and women questioning their sexuality. We walk 6 to 8 miles often in Derbyshire, but also Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. Bring a packed lunch. We try and finish at a teashop! For details, go to

www.nottinghamhd.org.uk



Shell has recently set up this group for non binary people in the East Midlands. You can find more and contact them on the Facebook page

<https://tinyurl.com/7n8yff94>

SOMETHING MISSING?

SOMETHING WRONG?

SOMETHING OUT OF DATE?

E-mail nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk

AND WE WILL PUT IT RIGHT



The New Foresters

Nottingham's oldest LGBT+ bar.

20, St. Ann's Street, Nottingham, NG1 3LX

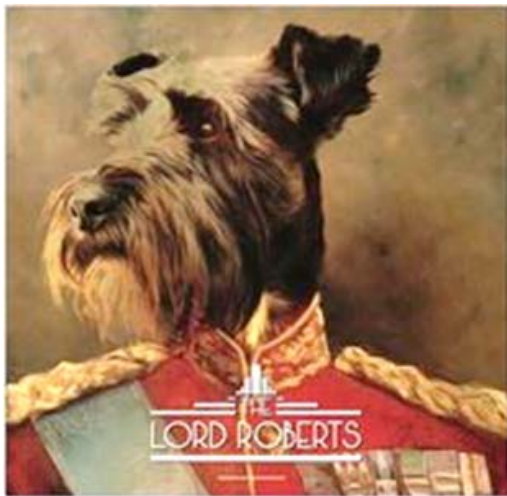
Has a beer garden./outdoor seating/sheltered smoking area

Live music, cabaret, drag, karaoke, dance space, |
late night closing

0115 646 1459

<https://thenewforesters.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNewForestersLGBT/>



The Lord Roberts

24 Broad Street ,Nottingham, NG1 3AN

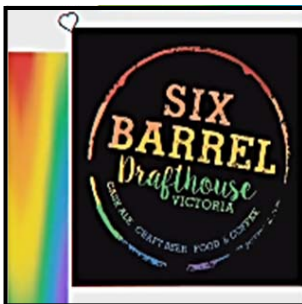
Art Deco LGBT+ pub 0115 948 1592

Quiz night every Wednesday

Has sheltered beer garden

Runs special events in basement bar
+ DJs and dance space

<https://www.facebook.com/lordrobertsnottingham/>



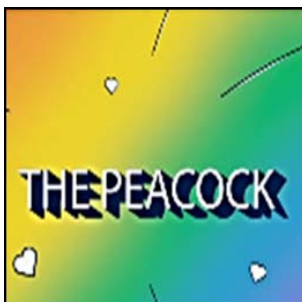
Six Barrel (Victoria)

14 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3GX 0115 924 1628

LGBT+ friendly bar Some outdoor seating/roof terrace

Occasional live entertainment

https://www.facebook.com/SixBarrelVictoria/?locale=en_GB



The Peacock

11 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3FB 0115 874 7687

LGBT+ friendly bar roof terrace

Occasional live entertainment

<https://www.facebook.com/Thepeacocknottingham/>



The Golden Fleece

105 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3FN 0115 7525128

LGBT+ friendly bar Some outdoor seating/roof terrace

Occasional live music

<https://www.facebook.com/thegoldenfleecenotts/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday Nov. 2nd	LOL-GTBQ+ Comedy Festival opens*
Sunday Nov. 3rd	Netherfield LGBT+ Social 1-4pm*
Tuesday Nov. 5th	Queer open mic night* 7.30pm at Barley Twist
Wednesday Nov. 6th	Women's midweek book Group. VAT & Fiddle
Thursday Nov. 14th	Meet the author 7pm* Five Leaves Bookshop
Friday November 15th	Transinvasion 8pm* The New Foresters
Friday November 15th	Occult Odyssey 7pm* Revolucion de Cuba
Saturday Nov. 16th	Content Café Social* 10.30-12 House of Fraser
Tuesday Nov. 26th	Open Table 5-7pm* St. John's Carrington
Thursday Nov. 28th	Silver Sapphics 7pm* At Lord Roberts
Friday November 29th	Liriain meets at 7pm* At King William pub
Sunday December 1st	Netherfield LGBT+ Social 1-4pm*
Wednesday Dec. 4th	Quiz night 8pm Lord Roberts
Friday December 6th	Silver Pride* Xmas meal Contact for details
Saturday Dec. 7th	Content Café Social* 10.30-12 House of Fraser
Sunday December 8th	LGBT+ Evensong St. Peter's 3pm*
Thursday Dec. 12th	Chameleon Group meets* 8pm Temple Community
Wednesday Dec. 18th	Women's midweek book Group. VAT & Fiddle
Friday December 20th	Transinvasion 8pm* The New Foresters

SUPPORT SERVICES



Notts LGBT+ Network provides information and support

- By phone 0115 9348485
- E-mail info@nottslgbt.com
- Website www.nottslgbt.com

THE HEALTH SHOP

12 Broad Street, Nottingham

We are a small team that specialises in harm reduction and health promotion, and we offer advice and support around substance use and sexual health. We work specifically with people who use drugs, people experiencing homelessness, people within the LGBTQ+ community and refugees and people seeking asylum.

For more information please contact 07585 991542 or email healthshop@nottshc.nhs.uk

VICTORIA HEALTH CENTRE

Glasshouse St, Nottingham, NG1 3LW

A FREE, confidential and friendly sexual health service. Phone 01159 627 627

NOTTS SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE

- Phone 0300 131 7010
- Website <https://sexualhealthnn.co.uk/>
- Walk in at clinics (see website for details)

FIVE LEAVES BOOKSHOP

14a, Long Row, Nottingham, NG1 2DH

Five Leaves Bookshop maintains a dedicated LGBT+ section. The bookshop supports and promotes LGBT+ issues and welcomes people dropping in leaflets and posters advertising LGBT events. Phone 0115 8373097

Go to <https://fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/>

* fuller details can be found in the main Review