

## The Diary Page

December			January			February		
Sun	1	MCC	Tues	1		Fri	1	Outburst!
Mon	2		Wed	2	LGB Forum	Sat	2	BAD
Tues	3	Women's Café Quiz	Thurs	3	BAD	Sun	3	MCC
Wed	4		Fri	4	Outburst!			
Thurs	5	BAD	Sat	5	BAD	Mon	4	
		Heart & Art	Sun	6	MCC	Tues	5	
Fri	6	Outburst!/ Horton	Mon	7		Wed	6	
		Music Weekend	Tues	8	Women's Café	Thurs	7	BAD
Sat	7	BAD. Horton Benefit	Wed	9		Fri	8	Outburst!
		Disco	Thurs	10	BAD / WAG games	Sat	9	BAD
Sun	8	Digging Dykes			nite/ Horton Writing Weekend	Sun	10	MCC
		MCC	Fri	11	Outburst!			
Mon	9		Sat	12	BAD	Mon	11	
Tues	10	Women's Café	Sun	13	MCC	Tues	12	Women's Café
Wed	11					Wed	13	
Thurs	12	BAD / Digging Dykes	Mon	14		Thurs	14	BAD/ WAG/ Horton
Fri	13	WAG- Christmas Party	Tues	15				Writing Weekend
		Outburst!	Wed	16		Fri	15	Outburst!
Sat	14	BAD	Thurs	17	BAD	Sat	16	BAD/ Hyking Dykes
Sun	15	MCC	Fri	18	Outburst!	Sun	17	MCC
		Hyking Dykes	Sat	19	BAD/ Hyking Dykes			
Mon	16		Sun	20	MCC	Mon	18	
Tues	17		Mon	21	Women's Café-Games	Tues	19	
Wed	18				Night	Wed	20	
Thurs	19	BAD	Tues	22	Hidden Talents	Thurs	21	BAD
Fri	20		Wed	23		Fri	22	Outburst!
			Thurs	24	BAD	Sat	23	BAD/ Digging
Sat	21	BAD/ Eternity: Free	Fri	25	Outburst			Dykes Social
		Entry	Sat	26	BAD/ Eternity/Digging	Sun	24	MCC
Sun	22	MCC			Dykes	Mon	25	
Mon	23		Sun	27	MCC	Tues	26	
Tues	24	Women's Café	Mon	28		Wed	27	
		Quiz	Tues	29		Thurs	28	BAD
Wed	25		Wed	30		Fri	29	Outburst!
Thurs	26	BAD	Thurs	31	BAD	Sat	30	BAD/Eternity
Fri	27	Outburst!						
Sat	28	BAD						
Sun	29	MCC						
Mon	30							

**NU Lesbian and Gay Line**  
(Term Time) 8-10pm  
0115 951 4999

**KEY**  
BAD- Badminton  
WAG- Women are Gorgeous  
MCC- Metropolitan  
Community Church

**NB. Unless specified as lesbian only, these groups, services and events may apply to all women or to lesbian, gays and bisexuals.**

**Police Homophobic Crime**  
Help line 0800 0858522  
**Lesbian Line 0115 9410652**  
**Gay Switchboard 0115 934 8485**

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**You can contact the Lesbian Centre at:** Nottingham Lesbian Community Centre, The Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer St, Nottingham NG1 5LP.

**Email us at:** [nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com](mailto:nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com)  
If you would like to be kept up to date with events, information, job advertisements etc between issues you can send us your email address and we will send you updates.

# LOOKOUT!

## Out and About



### The Women's Cafe

Every second Tuesday of the month 7pm onwards at the Real Art Cafe, Heathcoat Street, Hockley. Good food and drink, good company, good conversation.

### Real Art Café Quiz Night

Fun quiz and prizes.  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm onwards, quiz starts at 8pm.  
50p entry.  
The Real Art Café, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

### Real Art Café Women's Games Night

Bring your own games or use the ones there. All women welcome.  
21<sup>st</sup> January 8pm.  
50p entry.  
The Real Art Café, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

### Hidden Talents Women's Cabaret Night

22<sup>nd</sup> January 8.30pm onwards  
Downstairs at the Old Vic, Fletcher Gate  
Have you always longed to perform but never had the nerve? Music, dance, poetry, comedy, or anything else we might enjoy watching. If you are interested, ring Sophie on 0115 970 6655 to discuss performing.

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

### The Witches by Roald Dahl

The glorious fantasy.  
22<sup>nd</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Leicester Haymarket Theatre  
Tel: 0116 253 9797 for details  
Or visit:  
[www.leicesterhaymarkettheatre.org](http://www.leicesterhaymarkettheatre.org)

### Art Sparks

A festival for people under 25 and interested in art, film, photography, dance, drama, music, Djing or lifestyle. To get involved ring 0115 915 3555  
Email:  
[events.marketing@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:events.marketing@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)  
Or visit: [www.artsparks.info](http://www.artsparks.info)

A Classical Association Lecture –  
*Romancing the Stone: the Story of Hadrian and Antinous*  
Roman emperor Hadrian's relationship with a Greek boy, Antinous.  
6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm.  
Everyone welcome, free admission, booking not required.  
University of Nottingham Adult Education Centre, 14 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham.  
Tel: 0115 951 6516.

### West Side Story

The legendary musical.  
20<sup>th</sup> December – 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Leicester Haymarket Theatre  
Tel: 0116 253 9797 for details  
Or visit:  
[www.leicesterhaymarkettheatre.org](http://www.leicesterhaymarkettheatre.org)

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## Groups

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

**Women's Badminton** club on Thursdays and Saturdays. Victoria Leisure Centre. Ring Nottingham Lesbian Line for details 0115 9410652.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 8pm.  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas party.  
**10<sup>th</sup> January** Games night.  
**14<sup>th</sup> February** Bring your own nibbles. 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.

### Notts LGBT Community Voice

(formerly the LGB Forum)

All LGBT people welcome.

5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm.

The Green Room, downstairs at the Lord Roberts, Broad Street, Hockley.

Tel: 0115 911 0545 for details

Or email: [chris@outhouse.org.uk](mailto:chris@outhouse.org.uk)

### Sheffield hyking dykes

Contact Deena on 0114 2686409 or Pauline on 01623 550209 or Louise on 0114 2671706 or  
<http://www.hikingdykes.co.uk>

**Yoga at the Women's Centre**  
 Every Tuesday 1.30 – 2.45pm.  
 50p donation.  
 Contact the TED Project for further information

### Digging dykes

Social group for lesbians interested in gardening. All welcome.

**12<sup>th</sup> December** Belinda Jones and Sarah Wright, two young female folk stars, Carlton folk club 8.30pm.

**26<sup>th</sup> January** Lesbian video evening, 7pm.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** TBA.



For more information ring Jane on 01636 525 198.

**Gay Connection – Support for Our Parents and Friends** A new group has been launched in North Notts for the parents and friends of gay people. Its called Gay Connection and further details can be found at [www.gayconnection.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.gayconnection.fsnet.co.uk)

**Ripe** Older women's group (40+). Meet at Lord Roberts pub, Broad Street. Ring Lesbian Line for more details. 0115 9410652.

### Out and About Ctd

#### East Lincolnshire Arts present:

*Fly the Heart - Café style*

**Saturday 16th November - 7.30 pm**

at the Imperial Ballroom, Grosvenor House Hotel, North Parade,

Skegness PE25 2TE (opposite the Pier).

Tickets from the Target, 4 Skegness Station Approach PE 25 3QN or ring 01754 76 56 45 for postal booking £6 and £5 concessions. Accompanied children £1 each.

(ELA members get £1 off ring 01754 76 72 61 or 01754 76 56 45)

**Lookout!** is available on Tape, phone 0115 847 544



## Announcements

Horton Women's Holiday Centre

### Benefit Disco

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

At the Cricket Club

Todmorden

From 8-12

Entry: Sliding Scale

Nottingham Women's

Centre Workshops

Free card-making, brooch making and astrology workshops. There will be free drinks and snacks and a creche for children aged 2-5 (please ring to book a place for your children).

11th December

Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham.

Tel: 0115 941 1475 for more information or to book a place in the creche.

### Walking

#### Hyking Dykes

Hyking dykes meet every month, usually the third Sunday. This is a walking group for female born lesbians only. We walk 6 to 8 miles often in Derbyshire, but also Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. Bring a packed lunch. We try and finish at a tea shop!

We are happy to arrange transport from Nottingham but this must be arranged in advance with the contact. A contribution towards fuel/running costs is usual. An update of information is available from Lesbian Line on 0115 9410652 (Monday & Wednesdays 7-9pm). Our website address is [www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com](http://www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com) where you have the opportunity to join our email list.

Next walk dates are: **15th December 2002, 19th Jan, 16th Feb, 16th March 2003**



### Accommodation

#### Dragonfly Community Living Project

Are you interested in joining a group who are setting up a low impact, family centred, vegetarian, co-operative based community in the Nottinghamshire area? For more information ring 0115 846 5346 Or email: [dragonfly\\_notts@hotmail.com](mailto:dragonfly_notts@hotmail.com)

#### Morrigan Housing Co-op

Provides safe secure housing for lesbians and lesbians with children. Currently has three vacancies in a house share in Forest Fields and two 2-bedroom houses in Hyson Green. To apply 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

#### Horton Women's Holiday Centre, Yorkshire

##### Activity Weekends

6-9 December Music Weekend  
 10-12 January Writing Weekend  
 14-16 February Writing Weekend  
 14-16 March Drumming Weekend

Sliding Scale £7-20.00 Per night  
 Phone for details on 01729 860207



## For Sale

### Beko fridge with freezer compartment

A Grade Energy efficiency, only seven years old, perfect condition

**£40 or nearest offer**  
**Brand new King size orthopaedic mattress**

Very good quality, firm support. Was £200 new, **£100 or nearest offer.**

### Aco drain channels

(slotted top) Brand new unused.

Nine x one metre at **£5 each.**

### Terracotta slip covers

Three seater sofa size and armchair size.

**£30.**

### Computer anti-glare, anti-static screen filter

Up to 17 inch monitor size.

**£20.**

If you are interested in any of the above phone 0115 847 1544.

## MORE TRAINING

### IT courses at the Women's Centre

Starting in 2003; IT for beginners; CLAIT; Web Page Design; Internet and Email For details ring 0115 947 5212 or 0115 924 0041

Or email:

[ted@nottinghamwomenscentre.co.uk](mailto:ted@nottinghamwomenscentre.co.uk) or

[tedproject@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tedproject@tiscali.co.uk)

Seminars; Practical Computer; and English, Maths and IT. All these courses are free.

### Free computer training for volunteers

NCVS Volnet BytesContact Dave Thomas, Volnet Bytes Co-ordinator on 0115 934 8412 email: [davet@nottinghamcvcs.co.uk](mailto:davet@nottinghamcvcs.co.uk)



## National News

### Victory over Adoption and Children Bill

The House of Lords has voted to pass the Adoption and Children Bill, which will allow same-sex and unmarried heterosexual couples to adopt jointly. People will also be able to adopt a partner's child that was conceived by donor insemination, for example. To convey your appreciation of the efforts of the British Agency for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) on this issue, contact Felicity Collier at BAAF on [mail@baaf.org.uk](mailto:mail@baaf.org.uk)

### Landmark case sets new level for same-sex tenancy rights

The Court of Appeal ruled that Mr. Juan Mendoza, a gay man whose partner of 30 years recently died, would have the same rights to take over his partner's tenancy as a spouse or cohabitee of the opposite sex. This historic judgement for lesbian and gay rights is the first major same-sex case heard under the two-year-old Human Rights Act.



### Share your Books

Visit [www.bookcrossing.com](http://www.bookcrossing.com) where you can register a book you own and like. The site gives you an id number for the book, which you can download and print on a label to stick inside the book. The next step is to leave the book somewhere public and place a review of the book on the website also stating where you left the book. Hopefully the book is found and read by the new owner, who sees the label on the inside that explains about the site and what to do. The new owner can visit the website, leave

their review of the book and then 'set the book free', starting the cycle again. A large number of lesbian and gay interest books are registered and there is a section where you can 'hunt' for books 'set free' in your area.



### Foreign travel - your experiences

Stonewall is working with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) on the continued development of its advice for gay and lesbian travellers. If you have experienced difficulties in any countries on account of your sexuality send details to Chris Kimber, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London SW1. The FCO's current advice can be seen at [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

### Lesbian's experiences of 'home', housing and homelessness

Dani Boucher is researching these issues and wants to hear your experiences, positive or negative, of housing difficulties.

If you think you can help ring 029 2087 5170 (daytime) or 029 2065 7865 (evening) Or email: [daniboucher@hotmail.com](mailto:daniboucher@hotmail.com)

### The Lesbian Geography of Nottingham

Nancy Wainscoat is investigating social networks in Nottingham, the differences in public and private attitudes of lesbians, and lesbian couples' division of labour. She is interested in ideas of lesbian identity, lesbian friendship circles, localised communities in the city, lesbian support organisations,

lesbian influences, lesbian spaces, and prejudice. If you think you can help ring 0115 845 3077 or 0778 683 3317 Or email: [nancywainscoat@hotmail.com](mailto:nancywainscoat@hotmail.com)

### Teenage sexual health presentations

Presentations and discussion to improve local services to young people, for paid or voluntary workers in touch with young people.

**12<sup>th</sup> December** Sure Start Plus, 12.30 - 1.30pm.

**16<sup>th</sup> January** Sexual Health Outreach, 12.30 - 1.30pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> February** POW!, 12.30 - 1.30pm.

The Birkin Patch Improvement Association, The T.A.R.D.I.S., 65-67 Radford Road Contact Beryl: 0115 978 8553 [beryl@ndcnottingham.org.uk](mailto:beryl@ndcnottingham.org.uk)

### 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.

#### Women's Drug Service

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

Tel: 01623 785 444



### LOOKOUT

**Personal ads** - we carry up to 10 personal ads. We haven't got up to 10 yet, but, when we do the oldest ones will be dropped eg box numbers two to 11, 3-12 etc.

## COURSES

at the WOMENS CENTRE

Courses starting in the new year include; Assertiveness; British Sign Language Stage One; Business Start Up; Chinese Art; Counselling; South Asian Women's Lives; Women Into Management; Personal Safety; and more.

Most of these courses are free.

For details ring Pauline or Sue on 0115 924 0041

Or email: [tedproject@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tedproject@tiscali.co.uk)



## LEARNING WORKS FOR WOMEN

Offer - Free Courses, Free Childcare and Travel

Places now available on the following Gardening & Conservation: Multimedia Applications, Powerpoint: Painting & Decorating: Counselling skills 1 & 2: Vision - Administration Skills: Teacher Training.

**Coming soon, reserve your place now:**

Start Your Own Business, NEBS ILM Introduction to Management and Nail Art/Technician

**Recruitment:** We urgently need a Qualified tutor to deliver Painting & Decorating NVQ1.

For more information about all our courses or to book a place call 0115 9150115 or visit us at Victoria Workshop, 1 Caim Street, Nottingham. You must be: Female, Unemployed, Aged 16-59 and live in Nottingham City Area to access our courses.

### Volunteers needed

Nottingham Lesbian Line is recruiting now for new volunteers.

You can help by answering calls, fundraising, office administration and representing the Lesbian Line at meetings with other agencies.

We recognise that our volunteers have different strengths and our volunteers are welcome to participate in any way they feel would benefit the Line.

For an information pack please ring 0115 941 0652

[nottingham.lesbianline@whsmithnet.co.uk](mailto:nottingham.lesbianline@whsmithnet.co.uk)



## Lookout for Love

**New to Notts** - mid-30's smoker would like to meet friends of any age for social company, conversation and a good laugh too. I am into the outdoors, walking, gardening, travel, cinema, theatre, nights out and women's issues. **Box 6**

30's, creative, passionate, intelligent. Laughs at own jokes. Wants friends to see during day (baby in tow) or have fun in the evenings. Likes reading, Broadway films, good conversation/food, dancing... Also a bit demanding, know my moody side and can catastrophise for England! **Box 7.**

Please make a donation to help with printing costs, cheques made payable to the NLC Centre. Happy hunting for Ms Right! ♥

**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.