

## 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

Tel 0115 911 0545 for details or e-mail: [chris@outhouse.org.uk](mailto:chris@outhouse.org.uk)

### Women's Drug Service

Free and confidential service for women who use, have used or are at risk of using drugs. Tel: 01623 785 444

Hockley, Nottingham every Friday 6pm-8pm. A space to meet other lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

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

### Notts LGBT Community Voice (formerly the LGB Forum)

All LGBT people welcome.

**Outburst!** is a group for lesbian, gay and bisexual young people up to 21. Meet at the Health Shop,

## NON-BIRTH MOTHERS

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



You and your partner may have entered into the parenting arena together or you may have joined the throng of gay parents quite by accident!

Whatever way you have become a non-birth mother, would you like to meet up with other women to share stories, laughter and even a few childrearing tips over a drink or two? If so, please get

in touch. Email: [lizi.thomas@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:lizi.thomas@ukonline.co.uk)

Phone: 07780 725637



## Women's Welcome Centre

welcoming women from around the world

You might be, or know of, a refugee or asylum seeker who would like someone to talk to or share your experience. You can meet other women and have lunch together or share your skills. You can get advice on a variety of issues.

Open every Friday 10am - 3 pm St Peter's Church, entrance from St Peter's Gate, St Peter's Square, Nottingham NG1 2NW. For more details contact Bilfer Ecin 0115 941 8552

LGB Youth Groups in North Notts

Workshop: 01909 479191 or [info@centreplace.org.uk](mailto:info@centreplace.org.uk) or [www.centreplace.org.uk](http://www.centreplace.org.uk)

Ashfield: Phone/txt 07990 585647/2 or 01623 727476

Mansfield: 01623 652031 or [northnottsoutreachproject@hotmail.com](mailto:northnottsoutreachproject@hotmail.com)

Newark: 01636 701526 or [matt@uniquecoffeebar.com](mailto:matt@uniquecoffeebar.com)

## Co-parenting

Are you involved in a relationship with a partner who has children? Is this brilliant, difficult, both or something else? Fancy talking with others in the same situation? If so there's a new group being contemplated. If you would be interested then contact: 'I'm Free' by calling 0115 911 0545 or [imfree\\_editor@hotmail.com](mailto:imfree_editor@hotmail.com)

## Love counts more than gender

3 useful web sites / email lists

Uncharted Worlds bi-educational page

<http://www.uncharted-worlds.org/bi/>

East Midlands Bi Network

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/embr/>

Nottingham Bi-Women's Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nbwg/>

# LOOKOUT!

Sept, Oct, Nov 2004

Issue 32

## Editorial

We've been asked to try another appeal for our readers to give serious consideration to taking Lookout in future by email. The benefits of this should be obvious: it cuts back dramatically on paper & printing, envelopes & postage not to mention money, which of course we only generate from the limited amount of advertising in the magazine. An additional benefit is that we could distribute shorter in-between issues with details of events which crop up after the deadline eg The Lesbian & Gay Film Festival On Tour, which has just finished at the Broadway cinema. Obviously, not everyone has access to email, or they use a work address and would prefer not to receive such mail, so for

these reasons it is not our intention to finish the postal version completely. However, if you are willing to consider an emailed version will you please contact [Lookoutmag@hotmail.com](mailto:Lookoutmag@hotmail.com) stating your interest and giving us the email address it's OK to use plus your land address so we can tie it in to the mailing database.

As ever, if you know about something that might interest others or would like to make suggestions for regular features please let us know by contacting the email address or by post

C/o The Women's centre  
30 Chaucer Street  
Nottingham

## WANTED

Nottingham area. 30 year old WLTW persons of any age with GSOH, good listening ear and friendly disposition for 121 chats on a regular basis! Good telephone manner essential.

Yes, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Lesbian & Gay Switchboard is 30 this year and is looking for new volunteers for the next training session beginning in the autumn - we especially welcome women and people from ethnic minorities. Our office has wheelchair access. For more details, please contact us by phone 0115 934 8485 or 01623 621515 7 - 10pm Mon - Fri or write to NLGS, 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3FB or email [nottingham@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:nottingham@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk)

## let's talk about it

Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum launched its information leaflet on violence in same sex relationships at Pride this year. We are enclosing a copy of the leaflet - keep hold of it. As many as a quarter of our community have had an abusive relationship so you never know when the information may come in useful for you a friend or family member!

We are still waiting for the launch of the national LGBT help line - more information as it becomes available.

Chrys, who looked after advertising in Lookout, is returning to Australia soon so we wish her bon voyage. This job has been taken over by Louise so to her a big welcome. If you would like to discuss rates please contact Lookout via the email address.

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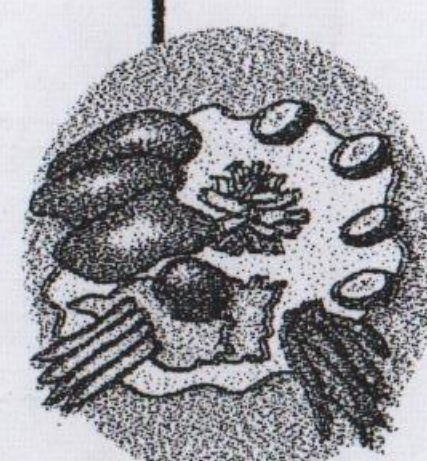
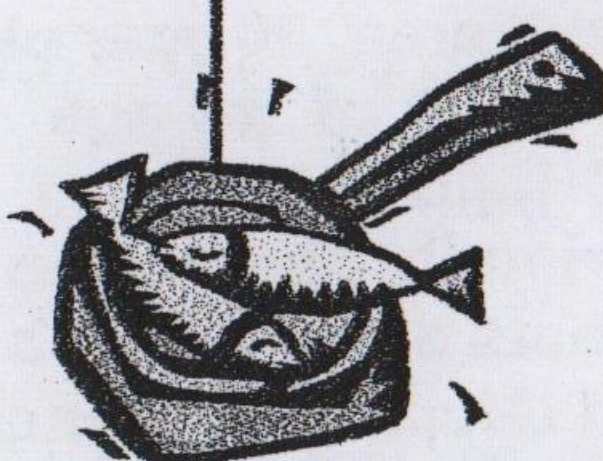


**WOMEN'S SPECIAL EVENTS****International Food Day****At**

**NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTRE**  
**October 9, 11am-3pm**

**Come and taste the Difference**

**30 Chaucer Street Nottingham NG1 5LP**  
**Telephone 0115 941 1475**

**WOMEN'S REGULAR EVENTS**

**Women's Café**  
**At George's Wine Bar**



Want a relaxing evening out - why not try Nottingham's Women's Café.  
 We take over the bar on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm to 10pm

At George's Wine Bar

Broad Street

Nottingham

(opposite the Broadway cinema)

Future dates

14th September, 12th October, 9th November 2004

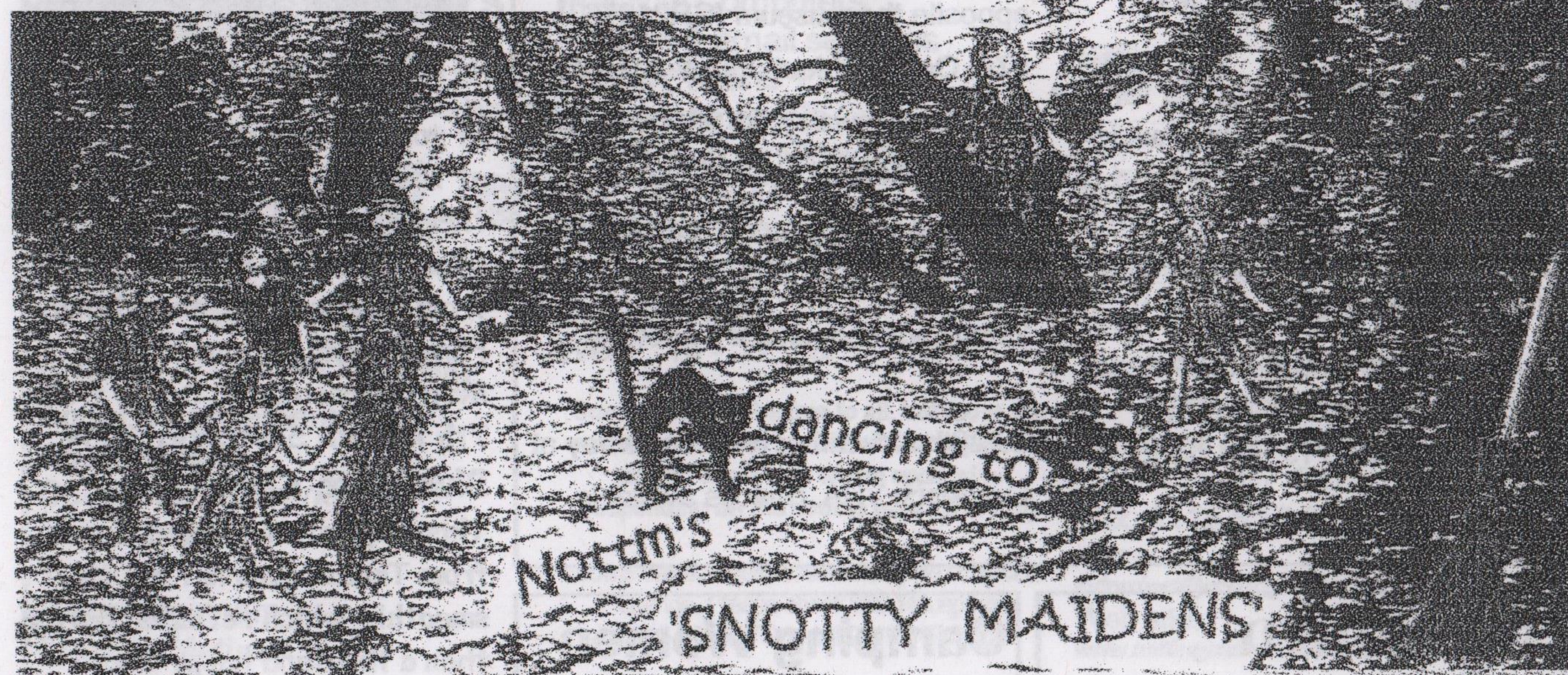
**Eternity**

**Last Saturday of every month**

Contrary to popular myth fuelled by inaccurate rumour, we did not witness the last event in July. The full time manager is leaving but this is not going to herald the end of Eternity at

**The Rotunda Café Bar Standard Hill Nottingham**

So keep supporting this event and enjoy an entertaining evening with your friends.

**Out & About****AUTUMN WOMEN'S CEILIDH**

From 7:30 to 10:30 @ the Y.M.C.A. Shakespeare Street Nottingham  
**Saturday 23rd October 2004**      **£5 - £8 sliding scale**  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS**

**HIDDEN TALENTS**

**Thursday 2nd September 2004**

**At**

**The Maze** (entrance via The Forest Tavern on Mansfield Road)

Usually kicks-off at about 8:30 and kicks-out at about midnight

Tariff: £5 (waged, inherited wealth etc) / £3 concessions (lo-waged, students, JSA etc)

Another Hidden Talents is booked for 4th November 2004

**Also at**

**The Maze** on Saturday 20th November

**The Very Good Rock n Roll Band**



## Walking Groups & other events

### NOTTINGHAM HIKING DYKES

This is a walking group for female born lesbians only. They walk every month, usually the third Sunday, over 6 to 8 miles every 3rd Sunday of the month starting 10:30. Update on

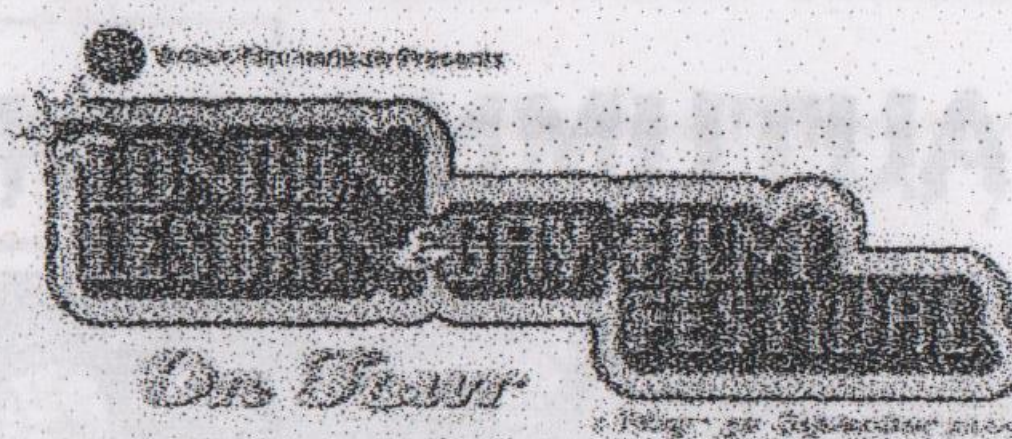
www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com or the Lesbian & Gay Switchboard 0115 934 8485

19th September - Meet at Eyam, opposite the museum (GR216767)

17th October Meet outside the Peacock Inn, Rowsley, for a 7 mile walk above Bakewell and then tea at Rowsley Mill tea room. (GR255658)

21st November check for details

26/28th November weekend away at Gradbach YHA. Spaces available.



If you missed out on the L&GFF at the Broadway in Nottingham there's still time to catch a showing of a selection of films from this year's Lesbian & Gay Film Festival on tour at the Metro, Green Lane, Derby from 7th to 30th September 2004.

#### Blue Gate Crossing

This exquisite teenage romance from Taiwan does not run smoothly, which reflects, better than a thousand happy-ever-afters, the true state of the adolescent psyche.

#### Mango Kiss

Light hearted lesbian romance. A young woman falls in love with her best friend. Top notch music, excellent acting, fine camera work as well.

#### Good Girls

5 lesbian short films. For times and dates phone the Metro 01332 340170 or check out the web site at [www.derby.ac.uk/metro-cinema](http://www.derby.ac.uk/metro-cinema)

### SHEFFIELD HIKING DYKES

Sheffield Hiking Dykes is a walking group for lesbians and women questioning their heterosexuality. More information about the group can be obtained by contacting:

Deena on 0114 268 6409 or Kate on 0114 221 8426

All walks start at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Some of the walks are rocky and rough underfoot and/or climb quite high onto exposed areas so wear suitable footwear and bring a water-proof and something warm to put on.

### Camping Women 2004

Campsites that have a minimum of running water, toilets and showers. Dogs allowed. Charges between £3 & £5 per night.

17 - 19 September 2004  
Coniston Hall Farm, Coniston Lake District (GR304959)

For further details contact Hannah 0161 248 5355  
[Hannah@hml-roberts.freemove.co.uk](mailto:Hannah@hml-roberts.freemove.co.uk)  
Christine 01246 435598  
[Christinegare@hotmail.com](mailto:Christinegare@hotmail.com)

### Janis Ian

Prolific singer/songwriter with a career spanning three decades

Thurs 30th September  
Newark Palace Theatre  
Main Box Office  
01636 655755

### Where's WAG gone?

The lesbian social group that use to meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri of the month at the women's centre appears to have folded. If any of the organisers have any more info can they let Lookout and the switchboard know.

Interesting web site  
[www.libertas.co.uk/links](http://www.libertas.co.uk/links)

### Vagina Monologues

13th - 18th  
September  
Royal Concert  
Hall  
Nottingham

## WOMEN'S CENTRE COURSES



### Nottingham Women's Centre

(Charity Registration Number 701157)

#### TED Project A variety of courses including

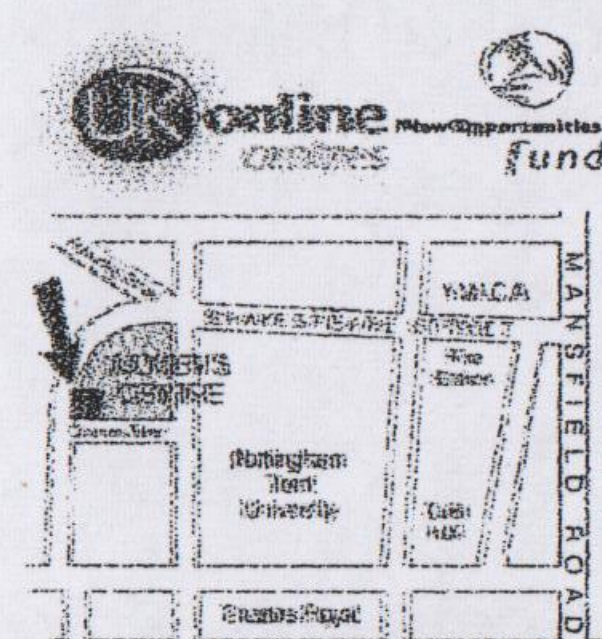
Anger Management  
Assertiveness  
Confidence Building  
Hair & Beauty  
Yoga  
IT for Beginners  
English, Maths & IT

ECDL 1 & 2  
Photoshop & Web Page Design  
Practical Computers  
Internet & email sessions  
English, Maths + IT  
To a set timetable  
Phone Sue or Nicola for details  
0115 924 0041  
Anette for IT courses  
0115 947 5212  
Drop in times :  
Wed 10 - 12 & 1 - 3:30

Course fees will be free to all, but those not on a means tested benefit will be required to pay for exam fees where applicable (depending on the course from £5 to £25)

Some dates, times, courses may be subject to change. Please check with Reception 0115 941 1475 or call 0115 947 5212

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0115 947 5212  
Fax: 0115 947 6815

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[tedproject@nottinghamwomenscentre.com](mailto:tedproject@nottinghamwomenscentre.com)  
Web site:  
[www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com](http://www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com)

## SPORT

### BADMINTON

This friendly, long running group meets twice weekly at Victoria Leisure Centre, nr Sneinton Market at the bottom of Hockley, Nottm. All skill levels are welcome and we are currently looking for new players to join us on Thursdays at 9pm and/or Saturdays at 9am. Very reasonable fee only payable on day of play. Contact Rachel on 0115 982 6952

### WORKSPACES TO RENT for women starting up their own business

Multi purpose, cheap rent, safe women only space, creche facilities, access to computers & other office resources. For more info & application Contact Sue Atkinson at the Women's Centre  
30 Chaucer Street  
Nottingham NG1 5LP  
0115 924 0041

### REACH OUT for WOMEN — want to talk to someone? Need a break?

Try this Support Group  
Every Tuesday  
10 - 12 noon  
Creche for the kids  
Travel expenses paid

For further info ring  
Pippa 0115 977 0022  
Maxine 0115 988 7276  
Mobile 07764 822201

## Review

**Still rocking...** Arnold was the surprising venue for the Guest Stars reunion tour in May. Older dykes may remember the band from the 80's. They were a unique womens jazz band that livened up many a benefit. Some original members are now performing with other groups including the Electric Landladies (of Libertas fame) and the Emma Peel Fan Club. Unfortunately publicity for the event was nonexistent so there was only a smattering of women at the Bonnington Theatres Jazz night. The Guest Stars have issued a cd of their old songs available from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and are performing at the Lincoln Jazz Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Contact detail 01522 873 894 [www.newjazz5.co.uk](http://www.newjazz5.co.uk) [www.blowthefuse.com](http://www.blowthefuse.com)