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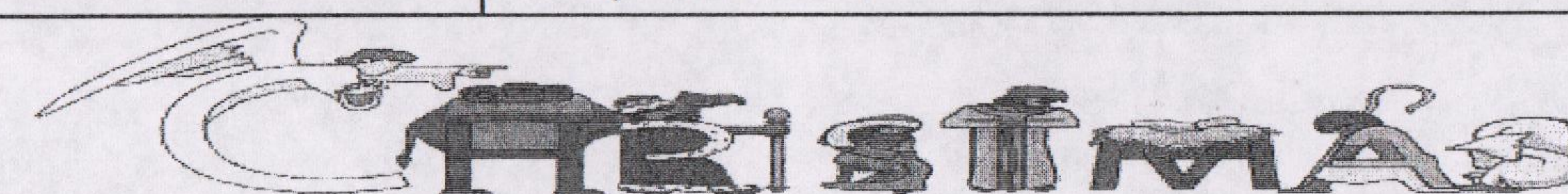


# LOOKOUT

**Dec 2010 Jan Feb 2011**

Compliments of the season to one and all

**Issue 57**



## DaleDiva - Album released 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

You might have noticed the girls singing live on **BBC1 last Friday** performing for 'Children in Need' at East Midlands Airport. The album they recorded in October is now available from iTunes as a digital download and will soon be available to download from Amazon and HMV online stores.

Fans can also reserve a hard-copy CD which should also be available soon through the DaleDiva website and Facebook pages very soon – just waiting for confirmation on the details.

The album, called DaleDiva, features 10 tracks:

- Single Ladies
- Natural Woman
- Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves
- Ain't Nobody
- Sweet Dreams
- Love The One You're With
- Sing
- Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
- Let The River Run
- Merry Christmas Everyone



It is anticipated that the festive last song will also be released as a Christmas single next month.



Meanwhile, they're performing in a charity theatre show in Croydon in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care which also features Wayne Sleep, Alvin Stardust, Faith Brown, June Brown (Dot Cotton in EastEnders), Patti Boulaye and lots of others.



If you missed the live programmes there's a Don't Stop Believing website where you'll still find the bits from Grand Final plus video clips of DaleDiva, dontstopbelieving.five.tv and, of course, there's stuff on youtube too.

If you're wondering what all the excitement is about it's because two of the singers are members of one of 'our' walking groups.

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## WOMEN'S REGULAR EVENTS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

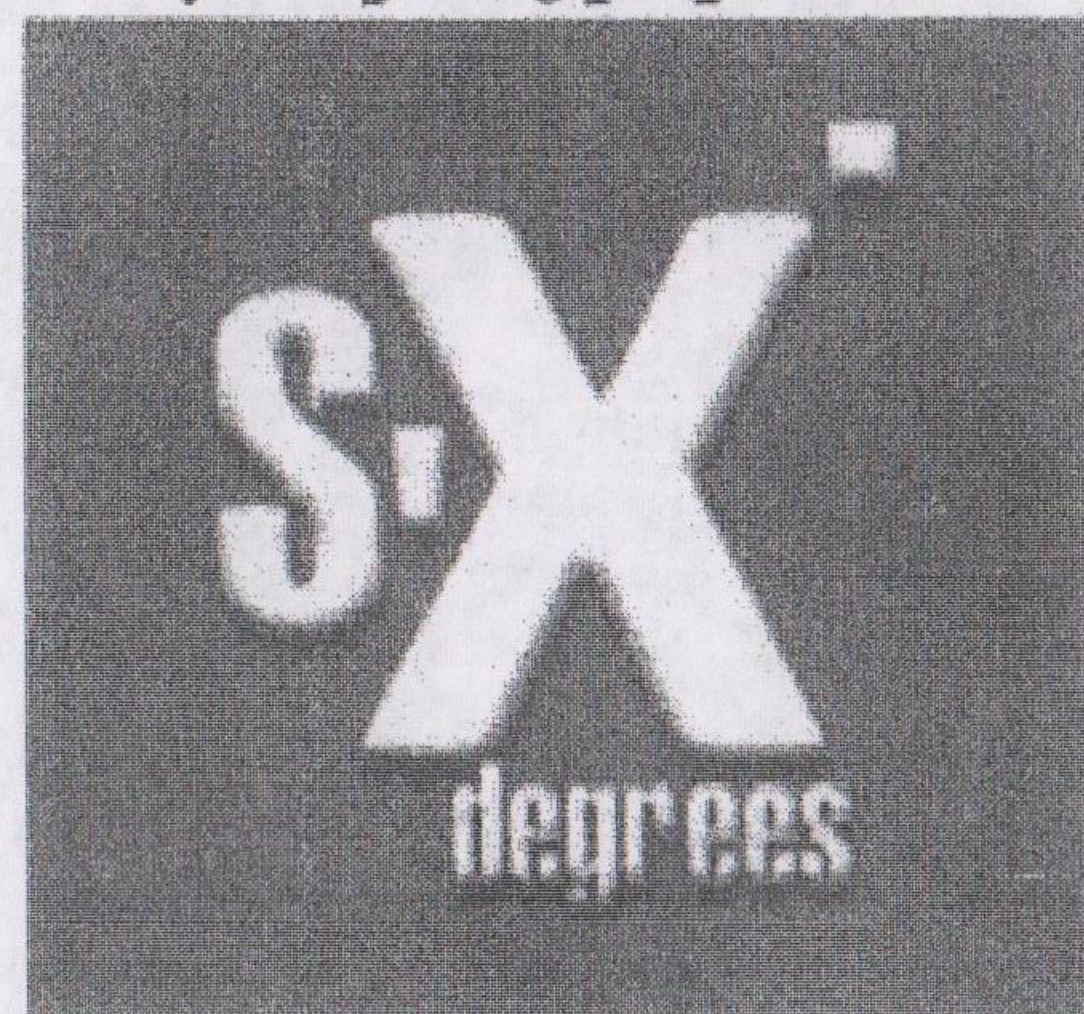
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the county & surrounding areas
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- \* And it's totally free to join!

How do we all meet up?

- \* Regular get2gethers each month
- \* Adhoc get2gethers...pubs, walks, meals,  
movies etc
- \* Members can add get2gethers

Come and join in...meet more people and have fun  
To join Dyke Out Lincs (DO Lincs) -

<http://dykeoutlincs.ning.com>

## Fanny's!

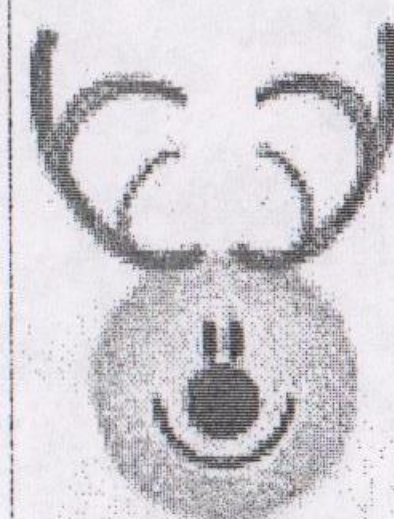
Women Only Night

Upstairs @ The Canalhouse Bar,  
Canal Street,  
Nottingham NG1 7EH  
(Next to Via Fossa)

Sat 27th Nov 2010  
8pm - 1am

Disco starts at 9pm

£5 Entry



DISCO

Friday 17th Dec

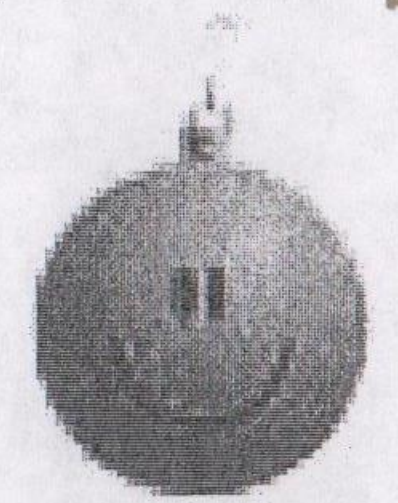
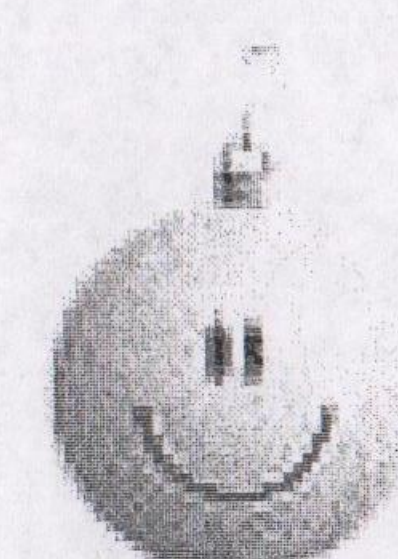
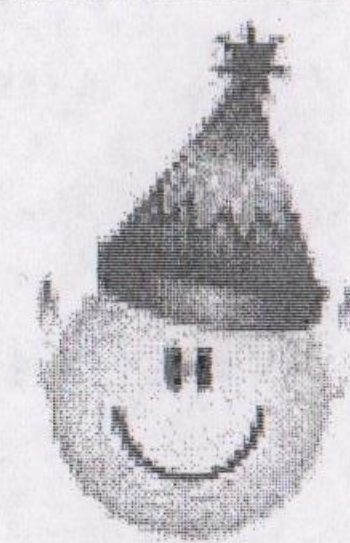
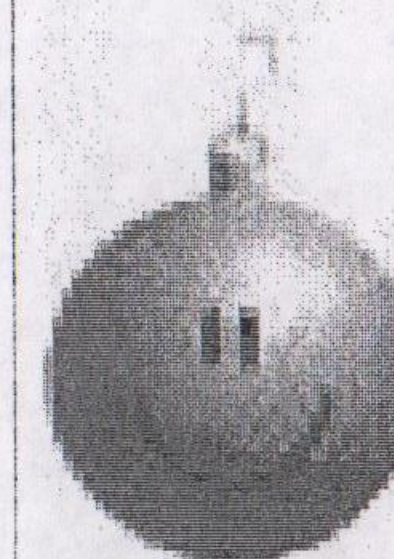
Xmas party

8pm—midnight  
(bar til 11)

Dancing to  
DJ Cath

British Legion  
Hall

Derby Road



Women only

## Sports & Socialising

### LESBIAN, BI & TRANS WOMEN @ TENNYSON

Women @ Tennyson is a free monthly social  
group for lesbian, bisexual and trans women.

The group runs the first Wednesday of the  
month at 1 Tennyson Avenue, Chesterfield from  
7pm to 9pm.

Please call Sarah or Michaela on 01246 559431  
or email [sarah.thomasin@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.thomasin@nhs.net) for more info

#### Upcoming Events

Wed 1st December:

HIV Awareness and Remembrance

Wed 5th January:

"New Year - New You!"

Wed 2nd February: LGBT History Month —



support, advice, friendship and fun!

### Lezzie Family Group

Group meets first Saturday of the month at  
Stonebridge City Farm, St Ann's, Nottingham  
middayish. We are a small group with mainly  
young kids 0-8 but happy to welcome older kids  
and mums/grans/aunties of all sorts. The kids  
are black, white, boys, girls, fostered, adopted,  
with donor's help or home made. The farm is  
free, has a few animals, a small play area, café  
and gardens. We sometimes arrange to meet at  
other places too.

Next meeting December 4th.

Ring to check us out first if you like

Judi 07888657916

### LAF'S SUPPORT GROUP

Would you like to meet other women who are lesbian,  
bisexual, transgender who identify as lesbian, or  
uncertain of their sexuality - age 16 plus?

Informal group in  
Mansfield/North Notts areas  
Come Along For A Chat  
Make New Friends And Have Fun!

Now Meeting  
on the last Thursday  
of each month  
From Thursday  
27th January 2011  
7pm - 9pm

So Come And Join Us!

Call 0784 979 8802 (before 9pm)  
Or email: [lafs1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lafs1@hotmail.co.uk)  
for details and venue

Tuesday February 15th 2011 from 7:15pm  
Advance notice of Nottingham's Rainbow  
Heritage celebration evening to be held in  
the Ballroom at Nottingham Council House.  
Peter Tatchell will be making a speech and  
presenting the awards to organisations,  
venues & people who have made important  
contributions to the local LGBT community



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For details of  
THURSDAY EVENING  
Contact

Cate on 07796 581651

For details of  
SATURDAY MORNING  
Contact

Ruth or Rachel on  
0115 982 6952





## LOCAL LIVE GIGS

the guitar bar

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

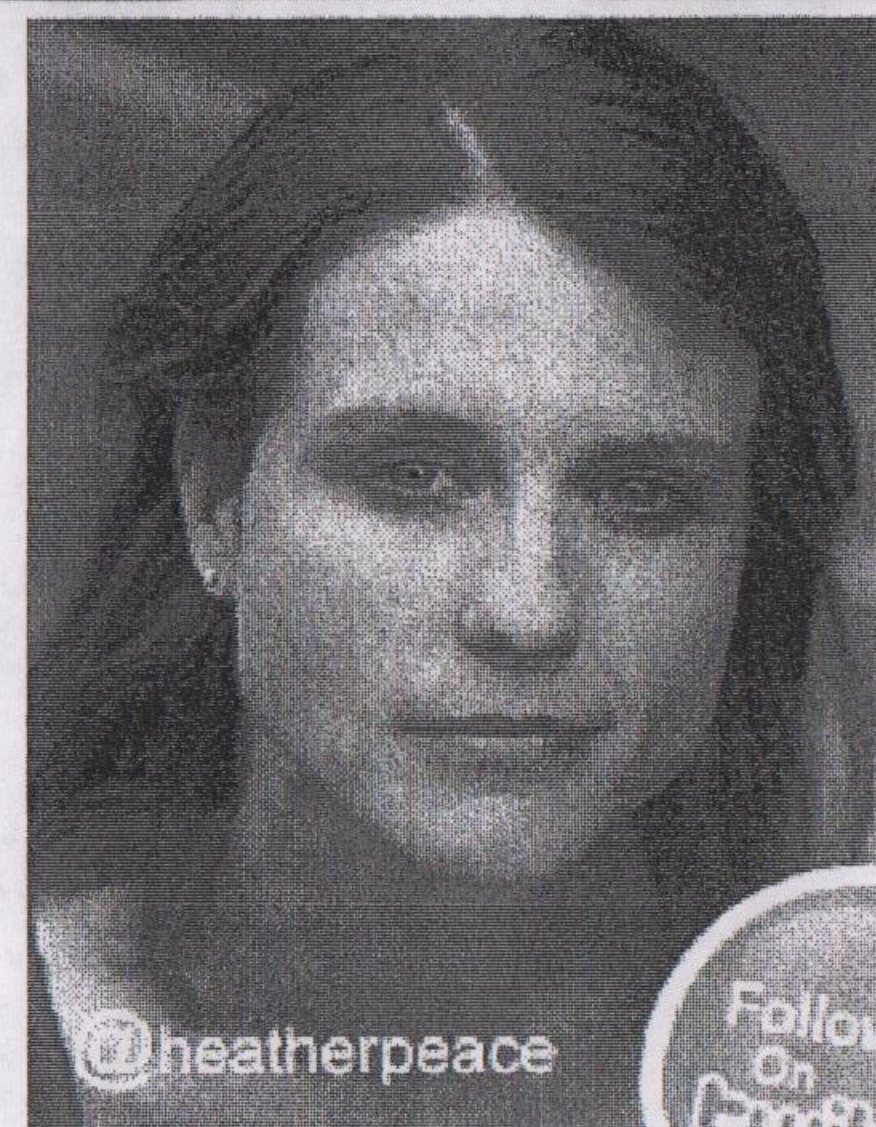
Heather will be performing her acoustic chill out sessions with Q&A from the audience ( Small 60 seater venue so book early ). For tickets please email the venue with your details stating how many tickets you require.

### Tickets:

Tuesday, 30th November 2010 - SOLD OUT  
For tickets on Monday, 17th January 2011.  
For tickets on Tuesday, 18th January 2011.  
eMail: [guitarbar@live.co.uk](mailto:guitarbar@live.co.uk)  
Call: 07770 226 926

### Venue:

The Guitar Bar, Hotel Deux, 2 Pelham



@heatherpeace



### Editor's note:

Heather is currently appearing in "Lip Service"

On BBC3. It would be interesting to hear what local 20somethings in Nottingham think about

Sorry Heather, I've not watched it myself so I decided to check out some reviews. More of this subject below.....

## Parallel Looniverse

The subject of reviews is pertinent just now in respect of the much anticipated film "The kids are all right". The hype had almost gone unnoticed so at first I began to question whether I'd missed the point but friends got together in little groups to see it and rather surprisingly nobody actually said it was more than OK, most disliked it & two actually walked out after 20 minutes. To say it wasn't what was expected is an understatement it would appear. One friend said to me: Age must be telling on me. When I was a baby-dyke 'fun' consisted of a couple of drinks in some hidden away club and very occasionally getting to "cop off" with someone who then became a girlfriend who lasted for a few months. As I got older two significant others had kids from previous relationships and call me old fashioned but sniffing coke at the age of 15 was NOT on the agenda. Then I had a think about my friends and wondered which of them needed to watch male porn movies as a prelude to one sided sex that left their partner looking bored & atrophied. OK, a lesbian mother having a frantic fling with her offspring's sperm donor might not be outside the far edges of a flimsy queer reality but it's never touched my parochial lifestyle. It left me wondering who the film was aimed at. Not, I suspect, lesbians but an attempt to fete the wider cinema going audience but for what purpose given that the narrative was banal and the acting lacked conviction. And what about the middle aged heterosexual couples in the audience, what did they think of it? Had any of them gone to try and get their heads around the knowledge that their daughter was living with her "special friend". They must have come away more confused than when they went in.

The reviews by the way were all good, seemingly this film is the stuff of award nominations. Taking a review at random: the Mirror (no comment) said "A film with verve, wit & charm" and went on to say it was about human frailties (point taken) & the slog of a long term relationship (o, how inspiring to those just embarking). The most surprising snippet of info for me was that the director is herself a lesbian in a long term relationship and just prior to making the film they were looking for a sperm donor. Not so much history repeating itself as preceding itself. Let's hope not.

Returning for a moment to the BBC3 programme Lip Service - I read no rave reviews at all and had to have a chuckle at this bit from the Metro: "It was trying so hard to be modern and liberated but it felt tired and lazy, from the funky flats everyone lived in to the two supposedly straight blokes who were, bizarrely, the gayest thing in it. Frankly, I've felt more of a Sapphic stirring watching Ann Widdecombe on Strictly Come Dancing."

Well, it's taught me a lesson - check out the reviews of films made for mainstream viewing on subjects LGBT before going to see them. Less likely to be disappointed that way.

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### Gay Icons Project

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Events & exhibitions

throughout Nov & Dec

Thurs 2nd December at 18:30

Decoding the First Modern Lesbians' Diaries  
Sheffield University, Firth Court, Firth Hall S10 2TN  
Tickets £4, £3, £2 inc complimentary glass of wine  
[www.gayiconsproject.co.uk](http://www.gayiconsproject.co.uk) or 0114 222 0468

Lookout has details of a survey being conducted by LINK. If you have type 2 diabetes and would be prepared to complete an on-line questionnaire please email [lookoutmag@hotmail.com](mailto:lookoutmag@hotmail.com) & the details will be forwarded to you.

### Million Women Rise

MWR is a coalition of individual women and reps from the Women's Voluntary and Community Sector who have come together to organise an annual national demonstration against male violence which coincides with International Women's Day in March each year. They will rise again on 5th March 2011 in central London 07727 419634 or email [info@millionwomenrise.com](mailto:info@millionwomenrise.com) more details in next issue

### Midweek Book Group

Read a set book and then join in with the discussion group  
Tues 11th Jan 7:30 Canal House bar  
One Day by David Nicholls

If you would like to join us please contact the group co-ordinator by joining the yahoo discussion group: from now on please check on the LinkNotts group email facility

## Sapphist Writers

Nottingham Based Women's Writing Network

Meets Second Monday

of Every Month, 7.15pm

For more info email

[sapphistwriters@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sapphistwriters@yahoo.co.uk)

<http://sapphistwriters.blogspot.com/>

### Lesbians in Nottingham knected:

An online community/ email group in Nottinghamshire

for lesbians to keep in touch and informed  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/linknotts>

## "History is herstory too"

### Nottingham Women's History Group

Celebrate, promote and research the contribution of women to Nottingham's history

Interested in learning more about women's history?

Why not join us at our forthcoming autumn events?

Women Diarists, guest speaker Rowena Edlin White.  
Learn about the lives of Grace Jane Dexter & Mary Ellen Shaw - 19th/20th century women's lives.

2 - 4 pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011

International Community Centre (ICC), 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1

Women & Poverty: The Poor House, The Slum & Victorian Women Philantropists

2 - 4 pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Guest speaker Katherine Onion from Southwell Workhouse

Women's History Walk: to celebrate International Women's Day

1 - 3 pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Meet at Nottingham Castle Gatehouse

(Watch out for the new web site)

### Talks and walks planned for the New Year

Hidden Herstories: a film planned to be shown in March which reveals how the achievements of Claudia Jones, Amy Ashwood Garvey, Jayaben Desai and Octavia Hill had significant international impact on the issues of race relations and social poverty. While their names are known to few, their legacies are anything but unsung

For further information and to join our mailing list contact Nottingham Women's History Group

email [nottmwomenshistory@googlemail.co.uk](mailto:nottmwomenshistory@googlemail.co.uk)

Tel Mo 07950 472022 or  
Val 0115 941 9186

You can send your own reviews, requests for further information, donations, adverts, articles and details of social events ( by 7th February please) to [lookoutmag@hotmail.com](mailto:lookoutmag@hotmail.com) or to Lookout C/o The Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham NG1 5LP.



## Walking Groups

### NOTTINGHAM HIKING DYKES walk 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30.

19th Dec meet at the Teversal Visitor Centre, Teversal, Sutton in Ashfield NG17 3HJ GR479614. Large free car park, 6 miles along good paths.

23rd Jan Woodhouse Eaves: Meet in (free) village car park LE12 8RZ GR531145. 7.5 miles paths through undulating countryside, hillside & woodland

20th Feb Whitwick: Meet at Mount St Bernards Monastery LE67 5UL GR458162 car park with honesty box, 5 miles on a geological route taking in Blackbrook reservoir in a setting of pinkish volcanic rock.



### Derby Walking Women

Walks are normally on the 1st Sunday of the month, meet at 10:45 for 11:00 start, each walk is organised by volunteer(s) and full details are given out on the walk the month before.

#### Sunday 5th December meet at The George, Alstonefield

A lovely 5 mile walk along Narrowdale down to Beresford Dale with great views over Hartington, weather permitting. Pub to follow or organic food café.

Details can also be obtained by contacting the overall co-ordinators on 07786 803455

### North Nottinghamshire Walking Group

This is a friendly group open to all Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Women living in or near North Notts.

Walk on the second Sunday of each month and are generally 4-8 miles long. The walk organiser suggests that all participants bring appropriate clothing, waterproofs & footwear, and refreshments for each walk.

Sun 12th Dec 11.00am - Fiskerton: Meet at the picnic area/car park by the River Trent NG25 0UL

**SHEFFIELD HIKING DYKES** All Sunday walks start at 10:30 unless otherwise stated. Contact the group direct for details of locations and other walks. A full & varied programme of walks throughout the year, for further details check out their website <http://hikingdykes.webs.com/sheffield/> or phone Deena on 0114 268 6409 or Sandra on 01226 767179 or email [sheffield-hd@hotmail.com](mailto:sheffield-hd@hotmail.com)

12th December: 10.30am start - Marsh Lane, 6 or 7 miles Meet at 17 School Lane S21 5RS

For next year's programme check out the website or contact Sheffield Hiking Dykes direct



**Peak Ruffy walks:** Future Peak Ruffies walk dates: Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, December 27<sup>th</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Peak Ruffies** are for women who like walking longer and faster and over more challenging ground. Hikes are usually about 10 to 14 miles in the Peak District on the last Saturday of the month. When you join us for a walk, please ensure you have appropriate walking gear – boots, waterproofs and warm clothing – and carry sufficient food and drink for a full day in the hills.

For further information contact [emmaholland7@me.com](mailto:emmaholland7@me.com) or [kerryvincent@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:kerryvincent@ntu.ac.uk); to sign up to the Peak Ruffies yahoo group email: [peakruffies-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peakruffies-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk)

<http://peakhd.webs.com/walks.htm>

Here it is : one web site with ALL the walking group dates in calendar format



## HELP — updated from The Gay Guide

### 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

### Outburst!

Is an LGBT group for young people aged 11 to 25. Meet at Base 51 every Monday from 5:30 to 8pm.

Contact details  
07940 761160  
0115 915 2882

### Nottingham Police LGBT Consultation Group.

Meets every 3 months (usually at the Adams Building in the Lace Market). Representatives from local lesbian/bi groups are welcome. Details via Switchboard or the GAI Project.

**Broken Rainbow** Helpline 020 8539 9507 for lesbians experiencing abuse from their partner.

**FLAME** (Lesbians with ME group) Support & social group for lesbians with ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) contact Self Help Team, Ormiston House, 32-36 Pelham St. 0115 911 1661 or Morag on 0115 847 1544 or email: [morag-@ntlworld.com](mailto:morag-@ntlworld.com) or [nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com](mailto:nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com)

### Relate Nottinghamshire

The Relate counselling service is available to all adult couples experiencing problems in their central relationship, including gay and lesbian couples. Tel: 0115 950 7836.

### Nottingham LGBT Consultation Forum

(formerly Notts LGBT Community Voice)  
(and before that the LGB Forum)

meets every 3 months, and can be contacted via Switchboard (0115 934 8485),

## Tipping the Velvet

Advice for women who have sex with women. Advice & help with sexual health, drug use, domestic violence, etc. Service is free & open to women of all ages. For more info contact Donna. The Health Shop, 12 Broad Street, Hockley, Nottingham NG1 3AL or 0115 947 5414 or [healthshop@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:healthshop@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk)

## Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

Confidential info, advice & support from trained volunteers.

C/o VAC, 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3FB

0115 934 8485 or 01623 621 515 Mon - Fri 7.00 - 9:30 pm

## Domestic violence within Lesbian and Bisexual relationships

Roshni Community Outreach service for ALL women

0115 988 1414

Monday to Thursday: 9-5 pm

Friday: 9-4.30 pm

Broken Rainbow helpline

08452 60 44 60

## Lesbian Parenting Group (see also Page 3)

Singles or couples, with children looking for support, information exchange and socialising, then leave contact details with Switchboard so we can assess local interest.

Contact us by e-mailing [notts@lqswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:notts@lqswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk) or phone 0115 9348485 (Monday to Friday 7-9pm)