



NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

July/August 2024

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25 YEARS OF NOTTINGHAM PRIDE

HOCKLEY



The first Nottingham Pride was a small scale event called Pink Lace and took place on Broad Street in Hockley in 1997.

THE CASTLE



Pink Lace continued on a much larger scale in 1998 and 1999 when it moved to the grounds of Nottingham Castle.

Sedate residents of the Park created a fuss about noise from Pride and a new set of organisers moved Pride to the Embankment in 2000. "Bent by the Trent" was the headline in QB. Crowds were diluted by having the event spread over two days and it was not a success.

EMBANKMENT



The Pink Lace team hoped to reform in 2001, but the prospect of two competing Prides caused (to lift a phrase from atomic physics) mutual annihilation. So no Pride in 2001 or in 2002 - and that explains why it's 25 years of Nottingham Pride, even though it started 27 years ago.

ARBORETUM



Having failed in their attempt to set up a "Gay Centre", the Outhouse Project made a very positive move in reviving Pride in 2003 at the Arboretum, a happy venue which was used for several years until health and safety issues demanded a bigger base.

FOREST REC



In 2010 the bigger base was the Forest Recreation Ground and it remained the base for another two years. After a single year returning to the Arboretum in 2013, Pride came full circle and found its home in Hockley where it ended up after a parade/march through the City Centre.

COMING UP IN JULY/AUGUST



Notts Pride takes place on Saturday July 27th.

To support the high number of attendees in recent years, with last year's event alone welcoming over 10,000 attendees, this year's Pride event will include a brand-new march route. The start will be in the usual place gathering from 10am by Marks and Spencer, setting off at 11am and ending in the popular and vibrant Sneinton Market .

"It feels particularly poignant that Sneinton will be the location for the end of the march, considering the negativity that surrounded the area almost 40 years ago, a sentiment which sadly still parallels much of the negativity you still see today for the LGBTQ+ community across social media." Details of this are shown on the right.

The festivities are set to span the whole Sneinton market area, with the iconic Pride stage also set to be located in Sneinton Square, and many stallholders expected to make the avenues their home for the day.

The area of Hockley, known as the original home of Nottingham's official Pride celebrations, will also be coming alive on the day with a colourful street party.

2024's sponsors and supporters so far include Sladen Estates, MPG, E.ON, Boots, East Midlands Airport, Rolls Royce and Cartwright Communications.

Potential stall holders can book a stall on the Pride website at <https://nottspride.co.uk>

For the full details of the march route, the stage acts and the family area go to the website.

In 1986 Radford baths and then the Victoria Leisure Centre were used by a group of gay men for swimming sessions. Newspapers across the UK reported local reactions which centred on AIDS hysteria and on the totally unfounded "risks" to other users.



Here are some of the newspaper reports.

- Pool attendants at the Victoria Leisure centre are boycotting the City Council's controversial gay swimming sessions.
- AIDS is spreading through homosexual groups like wildfire, yet no-one has the courage to denounce homosexuality for what it really is. Namely, moral degradation of the most wicked and corrupt kind, punishable by AIDS.
- Gay swim row schools quit. Nottingham schools have dropped children's swimming lessons at the Victoria leisure centre because of gay sessions there.
- For too long we've been pushed around by a vocal minority who have convinced large numbers of opinion makers that homosexual behaviour is quite natural. It's about time this notion took a long overdue high dive. (The Daily Mail)



In the face of aggressive marginalisation, LGBTQ+ people in Nottingham fought for themselves and stood shoulder to shoulder with others. In doing so, they created their own narratives and built their own support networks.

The documents and artefacts produced in these struggles continue to be an inspiration. They show how people organised themselves and created their own defiant media and spaces.

Born of resistance, it is all the more striking that these items are such vivid and positive depictions of culture, life and love, of a community that not only survived, but thrived.

Once again supported by **Peoples' Histreh** and very kindly hosted by **Broadway Cinema**, the Sparrows' Nest is excited to share items from their rich collections of donated LGBTQ+ materials, complemented by pictures by **local photo journalist Alan Lodge**.

The exhibition anticipates the future launch of the first volume of **CJ DeBarra's** major new work on local LGBTQ+ history *Queer Nottingham: 1960-1990*, published by **Five Leaves**, based on years of extensive research and over a hundred oral history interviews.

Opening Times for the free exhibition

Thursday July 25th 7-9pm Join us for our opening event **in the Broadway Gallery** (enter through Broadway's main entrance or via Heathcote Street).

We are much looking forward to **David Edgley** opening the exhibition with one of his excellent talks: "Some milestones along a bumpy Nottingham LGBTQ+ road". David has been part of local LGBTQ+ struggles for decades and continues to be involved with some of Nottingham's independent LGBTQ+ publications.

July 26th, 29th, 30th, 31st Midday to 5pm

Pride weekend July 27th/28th Midday to 7pm

August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Midday to 5pm

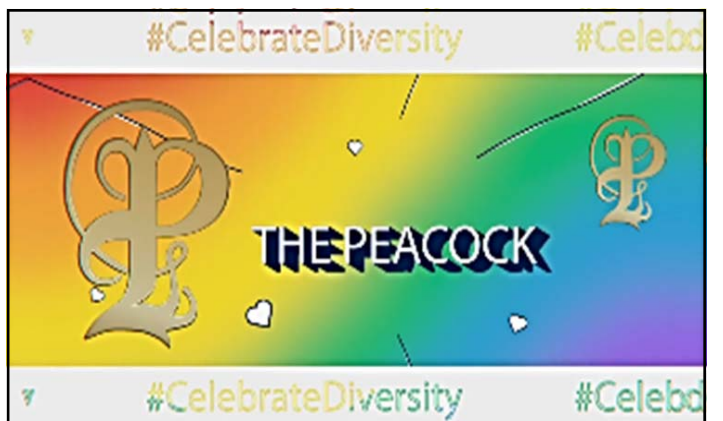
Sunday August 4th 2pm Free guided history walk **'Agitating the Lawless Rabble'** around the City Centre, exploring the role of independent radical publications in local struggles. Starts at the Left Lion, ends at the back of Broadway Cinema. Duration c1 hour, route wheelchair accessible. No fee, no need to book, just turn up!

THE NEW GAY QUARTER



NGQ is a collection of venues in our local area offering a safe space for the whole LGBT+ community. We'll be working and communicating with each other to provide a safe area for you to be you!

Not sure who you are? Come down and meet the friendly staff and customers who won't judge, but will help you be whoever you want to be! They will be launching this concept over Pride weekend, July 26th to 28th.





NICHE ARTEFACT is a community of Local Artists of every shape and form that come together to celebrate and unveil the unique creations from the Nottingham Community.

"BIRTH OF PRIDE" will be their sixth Art Showcase and the first to collaborate with Nottingham City Council Central Library.

This unique and glamorous event will begin with a red carpet entrance with prosecco reception on arrival.

You will be able to mingle with all the live performers and local artists that will be revealing one of a kind, never before seen pieces of artwork as we pull back the red crushed velvet on the "BIRTH OF PRIDE" Artists Exhibition kick starting Nottingham's Pride Season.

HEADLINERS

- Aerialist & vocalist Milady Burlesque
- Death Drop Drag Queen Priscilla Shona Krakow
- Performance artist Ro de la Monja
- Live vocalist Serena Eadon
- Red Carpet DJ hosting DJ Rolfey

Unveiling art and auctions from local artists

7:00 PM FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2024

Nottingham Central Library, 1 Carrington St., Nottingham NG1 7FH.

Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from www.gigantic.com just search for "Niche Artefact"



Groovebox Festival 2024. It is important to point out that this event takes place on the day of Nottinghamshire Pride but is an independent organisation separate from Notts Pride.

MY SON'S A QUEER



Written and performed by Rob Madge and directed by Luke Sheppard, the award-winning MY SON'S A QUEER is back for 2024.

MY SON'S A QUEER, (But what can you do?) celebrates the joy and chaos of raising a queer child and is testament to the power of unconditional familial love.

When Rob was 12, they attempted to stage a full-blown Disney parade in their house for their Grandma. As Rob donned a wig and played Mary Poppins, Ariel, Mickey Mouse and Belle, their Dad doubled as Stage Manager, Sound Technician and Goofy.

Originating at the Turbine Theatre in 2021, it had a sold-out season at the Edinburgh Festival in 2022, followed by a national tour and two West End runs. At the Curve, Leicester July 8th-10th

GAYS IN THE GARDEN



A friendly gardening and foraging session for the LGBTQ+ community.

28th July and 25th August and tickets (free) will be available via Eventbrite or by emailing thenottinghamforager@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

The July session will be our "Pride Recovery" session. Gentle gardening, snacks and space to chill and relax (and recover!)

August session will be our usual combo of gardening, crafting and foraging activities suitable for all.

At any of these sessions people are welcome to just come and chill out, bring a book or their own crafting stuff too. The sessions are free to attend but we encourage small donations if possible to help keep us running.

GLADRAGS

PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION

CHEAP DIRTY HORSE



GENDER ENVY

PERFORMANCES FROM
RESIDENT QUEENS



LIVE MUSIC

UNIFIED ROOTS



BABY TAP



LOST CHILD

MARILYN SANE
& NANA ARTHOLE

SPEECHES FROM YOUR COMMUNITY:

NADIA WHITTOME MP | LGBT+ NETWORK | NOTTS PASTEL PROJECT

DJ SETS FROM DJ BOZ, LUXXXURY & BABY TAP

LGBTQ+ ANTHEMS | POP | ELECTRO | ALTERNATIVE | HOUSE
INDIE | ROCK + MUCH MORE!

FREE ENTRY ALL DAY

11AM - 7PM

ROUGH
TRADE



GLADRAGS

NOTTS PRIDE AFTERPARTY

PERFORMERS | DANCERS | DJs



NANA ARTHOLE | MARILYN SANE | LYDIA L'SCABIES | CHIYO | JADA LOVE | TAYLOR TRASH
MARGO MARSHALL | LOLA | LUKE SLYKA | LIV | DRAVEN | MAX THE TRIBRID | ADRIANNA



DANCEFLOOR BY DJ BOZ | BABY TAP | LUXXXURY | COOKI SHAKES | POP, ELECTRO, LGBTQ ANTHEMS, ALTERNATIVE & MORE!

SATURDAY 27TH JULY | 8:30PM - 2:30AM



VIA DICE | GLADRAGSNOTTSS (FB/IG)

SALTBOX, BOLERO SQUARE, NG1





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

DATES FOR 2024

28 JULY
SUMMER BREAK - AUGUST
29 SEPTEMBER
27 OCTOBER
24 NOVEMBER

More info:

[stjohnscarrington.org.uk/
opentablenottingham](http://stjohnscarrington.org.uk/opentablenottingham)

Facebook:

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

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 August 11th



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

LBT WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Unity Fest

by ROADTRIPPERS EVENTS

Uniting women who like women

12th - 15th July 2024 | Newark Showground, Nottinghamshire

Roadtrippers Events created **Unity Fest** to bring a unique and different annual weekend festival for lesbian, bi, and transgender women. The festival is now in its 4th year and offers a wide variety of entertainment, live music acts, exciting activities, and fun workshops plus lots more!

We aim to create the dynamics of a large scale festival feeling without losing the sentiment of intimacy and inclusion.

Our festival director has many years experience organising events and working festivals, with solos, couples, and groups. Along with her 'Dream Team' crew, she will endeavour to do her very best to make everyone feel very welcome and to help everyone feel a big part of the Unity Fest Family.

So whether you're a shy single, an extrovert solo, or a couple, we want to welcome you with open arms and aim to make you feel at home from the moment you arrive. Book at

<https://event.bookitbee.com/45306/unity-fest-2024>

Please note Unity Fest is a 18+ only festival.

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



SPEED SOCIALS



This event is all about meeting new people in the LGBTQ+ community in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, and it's not just for those looking for love. Think of it as a fun, fast-paced way to connect with like-minded individuals.

6pm. 1st Monday of the month
.Wagamama, The Cornerhouse,
Burton St, Nottingham NG1 4DB.

NEW BOOK GROUP



A new queer book group is starting. We'll be selecting a book to read every month, focusing on LGBTQ+ stories and authors, and meeting up to discuss.

The location will be at the Blend Coffee shop, Unit 30, Avenue C, Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1 1DW on a Sunday at 2pm.

The first dates are July 14th and August 18th. For updates, follow in Instagram at @queerbookclubnotts

LGBTQIA+ SHORT FILMS



There is an LGBTQIA+ session on Saturday July 27th, starting with a coffee morning 9.15-10.15am in the Theatre's Groucho bar, followed by the showing of seven short films - 10.15 to 11.45am. They include:

- Making Up. Set within the 1980s drag scene in East End London
- Sweet Forty. The journey of a 39 year old closeted gay woman on the lead up to her 40th birthday
- Where are the gay superheroes? After saving the world (again) two closeted superheroes meet to discuss their relationship
- Pillow chocolate. For trans man Jamie, a one-night stand is more than just sex, it's a question of self worth.

Book at www.mansfieldtownfilmfestival.com/

SILVER SAPPHICS



Silver Sapphics is a new social group for lesbians over 55 who want to meet socially and make connections.

The first meeting will be on Thursday the 18th of July 2024 at 7pm meeting at the Lord Roberts pub, on Broad Street, Nottingham. Next meetings will be 1st Aug, 29th of August and 26th of Sept . Come along and make new friends. Any enquiries contact Jane at

jw8418549@gmail.com

LOOKING BACK

WE'RE OFF TO THE PALACE



Earlier this year Notts LGBT+ Network was awarded the Kings' Award for Voluntary Service - the equivalent of an MBE.

The award, in tangible form, consists of a certificate and a glass crystal and they were presented to the Network in February.

Awardees are then invited to send two volunteers to a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Here are the two volunteers - Richard Almond and Charlie Miller (dressed to the nines squared) - arriving at St. Pancras station on May 21st optimistically without an umbrella.

There were curtsies, there were bows, there were assorted royals, there was quite a lot of rain.

Oh! The hats! Oh! The cucumber sandwiches! Oh! The corgis! Definitely a day to remember.



LOCAL BISHOP BANS PRIDE MONTH

The celebration of "Pride month" was banned in every Catholic school in the Diocese of Nottingham under new guidance issued with a foreword by Bishop Patrick McKinney of Nottingham. (See below)



Teachers were advised not to celebrate homosexuality in June, the month in which the Church traditionally honours the Sacred Heart of Jesus, because "we cannot celebrate lifestyles which are incompatible with Church teaching".

"In summary, it is not appropriate for our schools to celebrate Pride because we cannot endorse the entire agenda," says a new 40-page document called *Precious in My Sight*.

The Bishop says "It is my hope that this document will better support those engaged in this important pastoral task and that students will learn that they are deeply loved by the Lord."

The Diocese of Nottingham covers almost all of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire as well as Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

A demonstration against the Bishop's ruling was organised by the National Education Union and took place outside of the Nottingham Catholic Diocese offices on Castle Boulevard.



NOTTINGHAM'S FIRST TRANS PRIDE: JUNE 15TH 2024



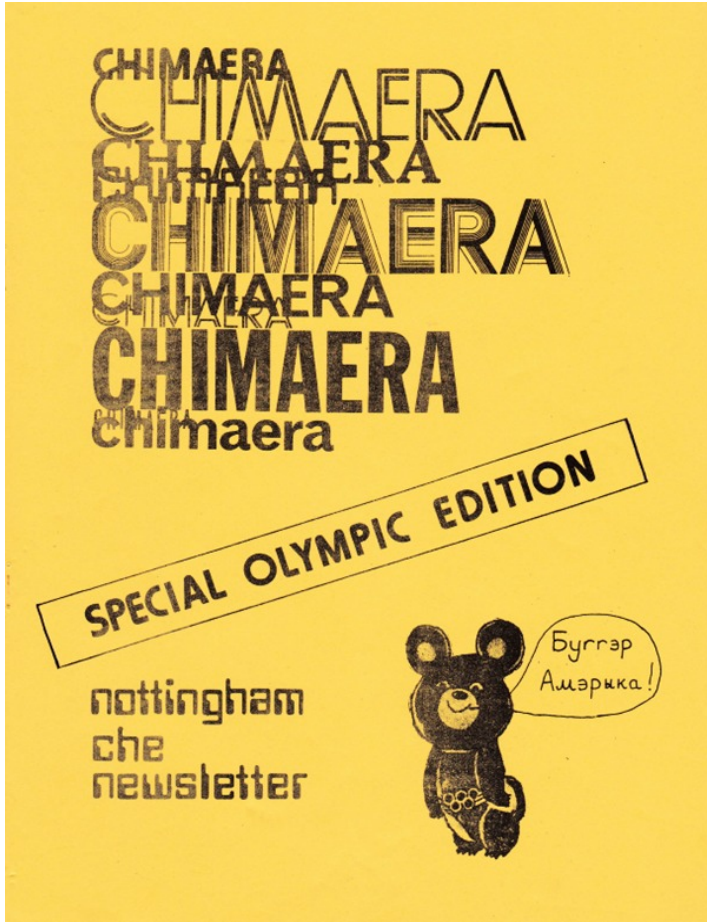
The huge trans flag was unfurled on Broad Street as hundreds of people made their way undeterred by the rain through Nottingham to the Brian Clough statue.

Speakers at the statue included Nadia Whittome MP and representatives of Notts Trans Hub, the Pastel Project and Nottingham against Transphobia.

The day continued with social events at Mooch Bar, the Dice Cup and - later - the Gladrags after party at Rough Trade. Thanks go to all involved in organising the event.



LOOKING FURTHER BACK



Chimaera was the newsletter produced by the Nottingham CHE group. CHE was the Campaign for Homosexual Equality and in the 1970s and early 1980s it had many local groups across the country.

The events leading up to the establishment of CHE and its early days can be read in the book "Amiable Warriors" by Peter Scott-Presland.

The Nottingham CHE group ran from late 1971 to 1982 and was involved in numerous activities: meeting MPs, councillors, Police... writing letters to newspapers taking part in radio programmes and "gay street theatre" going to demonstrations and marches.

CHE's most lasting memorial was the establishment in 1975 of Nottingham Gay Switchboard which is now Notts LGBT+ Network. The newsletter was produced across the whole life span of the group. Typically about 150 copies were printed on a cast off school duplicator. Now all 44 editions have been digitised for Sparrows Nest and Nottingham Queer History Archive and can be accessed through the following link.

<https://tinyurl.com/2faexhvh>

JULY 4TH 1977



Mrs Mary Whitehouse, anti-porn campaigner and Dame Edna Everage lookalike, revived the crime of Blasphemous Libel (last used in the 1920s) to prosecute Gay News over a poem which they had published. The trial took place at the Old Bailey in 1977.



Editor Denis Lemon was given a nine-month suspended jail sentence and fined £500. Gay News was fined £1,000. The paper reckoned that the trial brought it publicity worth millions and introduced the paper to many who had never previously seen it.

In 1977 Nottingham's La Chic club held a benefit to support Gay News' expenses relating to the Mary Whitehouse court case. The

following day La Chic closed, Gay News never received the benefit money.

AUTUMN 1991



In the Autumn of 1991 a lesbian couple were expelled from the ASDA store in Hyson Green after they kissed each other. As a response, Nottingham Outrage organised a Kiss-in in November 1991. The picture shows one of several couples kissing by the ASDA checkouts and other people holding banners.

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THEY ARE ALL THE SAME!

That statement is frequently heard when the local pub bore is expatiating about politics. Is it true? With an election imminent we need to be clear.

Here's a run down of the major LGBT legal landmarks since the 1950s

The government sets up a committee overseen by Sir John Wolfenden to look at the possibility of decriminalising male homosexuality.

Section 32 of the Sexual Offences Act (1956) : "It is an offence for a man persistently to solicit or importune in a public place for immoral purposes." The law was used after 1967 to prosecute gay men who were "chatting each other up".

1954

1956

The Sexual Offences Act: 1967.

This decriminalised sex between men as long as they were consenting adults in private, where "adult" meant 21. The definition of privacy was not straightforward.

Section 28 of the Local Government Act makes it illegal for a local authority a) intentionally to promote homosexuality b) to promote the teaching in schools of the acceptability of homosexuality as a "pretended family relationship"

The age of consent for gay men is lowered to 18 from 21

1967

1988

1994

The ban on gays in the armed forces was lifted

The age of consent for gay men reduced to sixteen

Section 28 of the Local Government Act repealed

Discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation for employment was made illegal.

The Gender Recognition Act was introduced

The offence of gross indecency was removed from the statute books

2000

2001

2003

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2004

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Civil partnerships were introduced giving same sex relationships legal status

Amendment to the Goods and Services act prevents discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation

The Equality Act was introduced. It brought in 9 protected characteristics. It replaced previous antidiscrimination laws with a single act.

Equal Marriage began. Same sex couples could officially be "married".

2005

2007

2010

2010

2014

 = Conservative

 = Labour

 = Conservative/Lib-Dem coalition

GROUP OF THE DAY



Gay Outdoor Club

The **Gay Outdoor Club** is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024.

The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities. GOC is a members club and a charity – no one is paid for their role in it, and no-one makes a profit from it. Every member is encouraged to play a part in running the club, perhaps by organising an event, by helping to run a group or by serving on the committee.

To many of our members, GOC is more than just a walking group – they have found enduring friendships and the opportunity to get out and do events that they otherwise wouldn't have had the chance to.

GOC consists of about 40 groups, which are either geographically based or specialise in a type of activity (e.g. climbing), and all events are organised through one of those groups. GOC groups are run by one or more coordinators who schedule their events, are available to answer questions about their group and welcome new people.

The East Midlands Group East organises a wide range of outdoor activities especially walks of about five to ten miles usually held on the third weekend of the month. Activities take place in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire, and sometimes beyond.

East Midlands also offers camping weekends, and hostelling weekends including one at Christmas: all with walks which are publicised separately. Any GOC member is very welcome to join in these events, or just come on the walks if you don't want to stay for a whole weekend away. For example, this year we have camping and hostelling weekends organised in Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, and the Peak District, all with walks attached.

We are well known for our annual open-air theatre visit to Toletorpe Theatre near Stamford, which includes a 'Bring Your Own' picnic. If you like the idea of a trip on a Narrow Boat, we also set sail on a Springtime voyage every year on the Ashby Canal near Hinckley. This is famous for the quality of navigation and the shared refreshments on board!

East Midlands coordinator is Paul and also point of contact, Zoe who are really happy to answer any questions you may have about walking or coming to other events. If you are thinking about joining GOC please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us.



We can be contacted through

www.goc.org.uk/groups/east-midlands/

You may be interested to hear that GOC, like Notts LGBT+ Network, sprang out of CHE, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality. GOC was originally advertised as a CHE Special Interest Group and used the CHE address as its postal contact.

MISCELLANY

CONTENT CAFE

Content Café is a social event, open to the whole LGBTQ+ community. People can drop in anytime between 10:30 am and 12pm on Saturday at Café Zest, on the second floor in House of Fraser, in Nottingham's Victoria Centre. They serve a range of refreshments. If you don't know anyone, head for the table with a golden pineapple on it. It's easy to spot.

The organisers say “Nottingham is one of England's 11 core cities, along with the likes of Leeds and Manchester, but what struck us was why we didn't have a centrally located, safe café space for the whole local LGBTQ+ community, as in some other cities. We wanted to see whether we could sustain a weekly event here.



“The regular time would make it easy to remember, and the drop-in format would enable people to form their own level of connection with it.”

“Why ‘Content Café’? It's simple really – first we hope people will leave contented! Then there's a cheeky element too – the content of people's experiences and views is what makes the morning fly by. It's in light-hearted but pointed contrast to an endless swiping from one photo to the next on a screen, or the kind of sweeping judgments made about LGBTQ+ people by some institutions in our society.”

So far, up to 11 people come along each week. There's plenty of room for more. It's good that nearly everyone is coming back. We've met people from very varied backgrounds. Maybe unsurprisingly for a Saturday morning, the age range has been from the 30s upwards. The time and effort people are putting in to come, from as far afield as Ashbourne, Worksop and Leicester, is humbling.”

“We look forward to welcoming you at the next event.”

NEW LGBT+ SPORTS SUPPORTERS

The OUTlaws



The Outlaws is a new group which 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 at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/557658973013935>

Find us on twitter too! @OUTlawsNCCC



Nottingham Forest 's previous LGBTQ+ supporters' group was LGBT Trickies. **Proud Forest** is the new LGBTQ+ Forest supporters group which has filled the gap left by the closure of LGBT Trickies.

Founder Martin Hyland says “I am proud to be part of the Forest family that is welcoming, diverse and, in the main part, inclusive.”

“ Seeing our club actively take part in the Rainbow Laces campaign, makes us feel that the club has got our back as LGBTQ+ fans and wants us to be part of this amazing journey.”

Our social media handles are :

@Proud_Forest – for X, Instagram and Threads.

SUBWAY FOR STONEWALL

A New York City subway station will be renamed to commemorate the Stonewall riots that galvanized the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, under legislation approved by state lawmakers.



The legislature directed the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to change the name of the Christopher Street-Sheridan Square subway station in Greenwich Village to the Christopher Street-Stonewall National Monument station.



Today, Stonewall Inn is a national historic landmark, with patrons flocking to the site each June, when New York holds LGBTQ+ pride celebrations.

“This change will memorialize the history of the modern LGBTQ civil rights movement and inspire NY to demand justice and equality for all.”

In June 2022, the National Park Service (NPS) announced its intention to establish the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Centre nearby. It will be the first LGBTQ+ visitor centre within the National Park Systems’ network of parks and monuments. The centre will provide an “immersive experience” by hosting tours, exhibits, and lectures on LGBTQ+ culture and history.

RAINBOW MIGRATION

Rainbow Migration is an organisation set up to support LGBTQI+ people through the asylum and immigration system. They provide:

- Practical and emotional support for LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum to help improve their confidence and self-esteem and reduce isolation.
- Specialist legal information and advice, and campaign to improve the treatment of people seeking asylum.
- Emotional support to those who are going through the asylum process and help them with accessing housing and health services.
- Training for lawyers, judges, charities and others on a wide range of areas from best practice in handling LGBTQI+ asylum claims to providing support for LGBTQI+ people.
- Legal advice and information to LGBTQI+ people who want to live in the UK with their partners.



They also conduct research and publish reports and resources to ensure LGBTQI+ people are treated fairly and with dignity in the asylum and immigration system.

Their website includes a comprehensive list of other useful organisations which deal with:

- Asylum support and general information
- Information with regard to detention
- Housing support
- Mental Health
- Destitution support
- Domestic violence and sexual violence
- Hate crime
- Physical health and disability
- LGBTQI+ friendly faith-based organisations
- Trans specific support
- Women specific support.

For details go to www.rainbowmigration.org.uk

AN LGBT+ PRESENCE AT EURO 2024



A host nation for a major men's football tournament that doesn't have anti-gay laws? Welcome to Germany for the UEFA European Championship!

For LGBTQ+ fans and allies, this tournament is a major change compared to the last two World Cups in Russia and Qatar. It will also feel different from the pan-continental staging of the previous Euros, held while the pandemic was ongoing.

The co-founders of England's official fans group for LGBTQ+ people and allies Joe White and Di Cunningham say they will be "as visible as possible" at Euro 2024 in Germany.

They say "it is hugely refreshing to have a tournament in Germany, which was recently rated among Europe's top 10 queer-friendly nations"

You can hear them talking about this on a Football v Homophobia podcast at <https://tinyurl.com/yurcssz8>



Pride House Berlin promises to be an essential destination for LGBTQ fans at these Euros.

The venue at the Poststadion – just a 15-minute walk north of the central train station – will screen all 51 games live and host talks and activities in an inclusive space.



PRIDE HOUSE BERLIN 2024

14.06. - 14.07.

They say

"Workshops, readings, performances, exhibitions and hands-on activities will create a colourful supporting programme.

The safe space for queer football fans is open to all people who identify with the values of queer people and are committed to respectful coexistence and diversity."



It's set to be the most inclusive and sustainable Euros ever, with gender-neutral bathrooms in every stadium and the choice of a 'friendlier' ticket lane for those who find standard security body checks uncomfortable.

Elsewhere, the Munich stadium was lit up in rainbow colours on June 22nd and 23rd.



The Queerstory Files



Tony Scupham-Bilton writes "I have a dilemma. Do I go to Nottinghamshire Pride this year or sit at home in front of the television all weekend? It may not be a dilemma to most of you, but this year Pride coincides with the Paris Olympics and I'm an Olympic historian.

I'm also a member of the International Society of Olympic Historians, the only organisation sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee. My specialist area is LGBT+ participation. Through my research I compiled files on 731 LGBT+ Olympians prior to Paris 2024".

You can read more about Tony's research on the Queerstory Files at <http://queerstoryfiles.blogspot.com/>. Some examples are given below.

The first LGBT+ participation was in a non-sport capacity at the very first modern Olympics in Athens in 1896. Prince George of Greece (1869-1957) was a member of the organising committee. Although married with children, historians believe he was actually gay. His wife even consulted Sigmund Freud about it.

One interesting story about Prince George concerns the weightlifting contest. The official report of the games says, "A servant was ordered to remove the weights, which seemed a difficult task for him: the popular Prince came to his assistance, picked up the heaviest weight, and threw it with the greatest ease to a considerable distance." Incidentally, Prince George was an uncle of the late Prince Philip and a godparent to King Charles.



Nottinghamshire has had a very respectable LGBT+ presence at the Olympics. Perhaps the most high profile presence has been hockey player Helen Richardson-Walsh MBE who was raised in West Bridgford. She won bronze in 2012 and gold in 2016.

Helen and her wife Kate made headlines in Rio 2016 as the Olympic's first same-sex married couple to compete

Rowing and football provide the majority of Nottinghamshire Olympians from our community. The rowers all trained at Holme Pierrepont and include Nottingham-born Kyra Edwards (see right), and Ireland's Geroid Towey.

The footballers played for either of the city's women's teams. They include Katy Duncan, Rachel Daly, and Lucy Staniforth. In total, there have been 11 LGBT+ Olympians with Nottinghamshire connections. It is a shame that none of them has yet been recognised by the local community.



In 1976 the whole of the UK was hooked on the Winter Olympics because the legendary British figure skater John Curry was aiming for gold. There used to be a statue of Curry at Nottingham's ice stadium (until the city council sold it to Sheffield) where he won his first major title. The nation rejoiced when Curry became the Olympic champion.

What most people forget is the furore created by the West German press who outed Curry as gay the following morning. Curry skated in the Olympic Skating Gala later that day as the first openly LGBT+ Olympic champion.

IT'S LGBT+ OLYMPIC TRIVIA TIME



The first on-screen Olympics same-sex kiss broadcast on television was between Dutch dressage riders Edward Gal and his partner Hans Peter Minderhoud on 1 August 2012.

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The swimming trunks worn by gay diver Greg Louganis when he won his first medal in Montreal 1976 sold at auction in 2023 for \$6,604.



Over 50 drag queens took part in the closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympics in a segment celebrating "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert".

The Tokyo 2020/21 Olympics had the most openly LGBT+ athletes – one hundred and ninety four and a further thirty eight have come out afterwards.



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

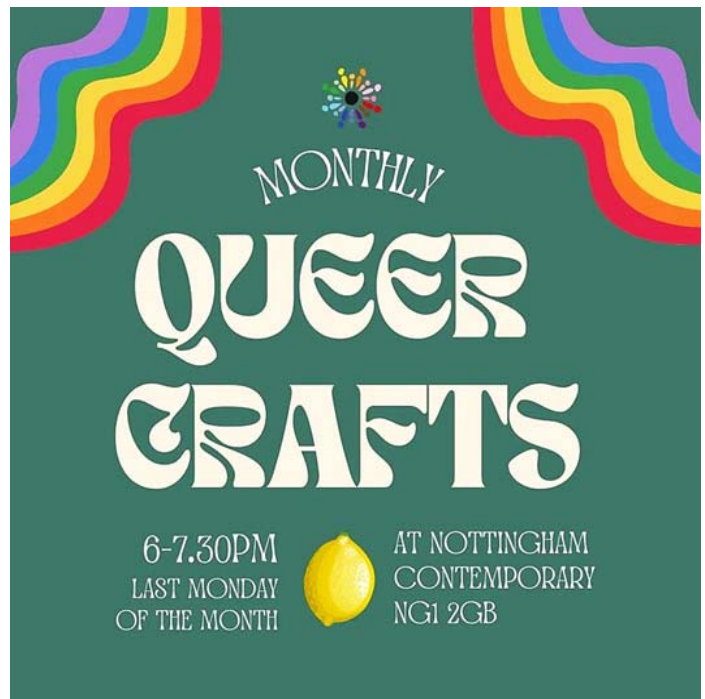
<https://www.transunite.co.uk/>



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



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



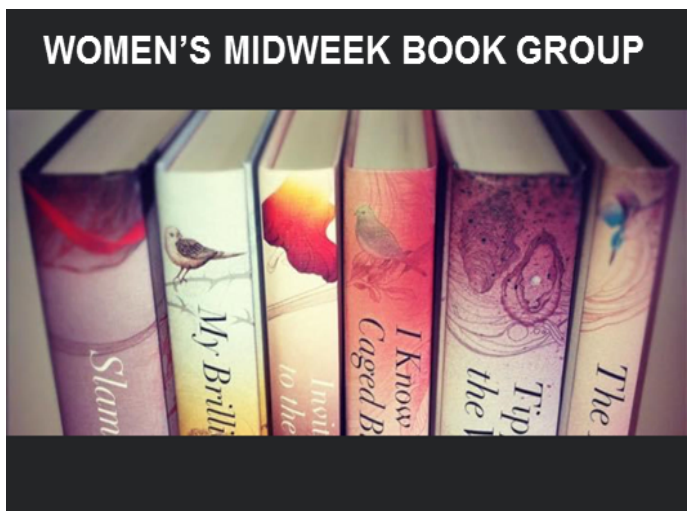
The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities

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.

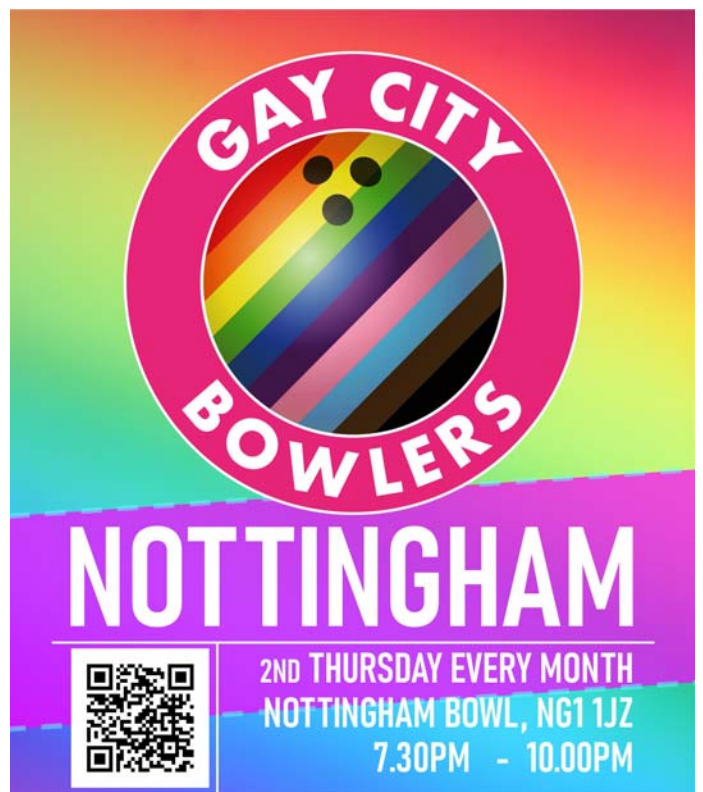


LIRAIN is a group of women that identify as Lesbians/ Bi. who get together, drink real ales and chat (or any other drink you choose)

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

jillysunchyme@googlegroups.com

13th September Fox & Grapes 7.30pm
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 GCB Instagram bio and GCB Facebook page.



Gay and inclusive Rugby Football club. We train on Tuesdays at 7:15-8:30pm 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 LGBT+ Social Group

This group is for those that are part of the LGBT+ 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

SAFRONA EVENTS

Netherfield LGBT+ Social

1st Sunday each month
1-4pm

Connect Netherfield opens its doors to offer a free space for LGBT+ community.

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



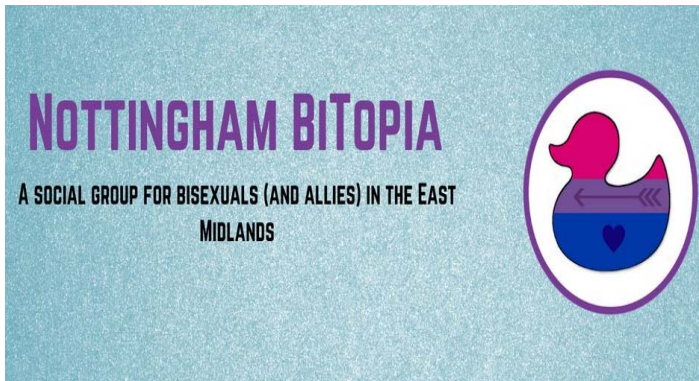
If you are aged 18 years old or over, have an interest in the arts/an artform and genuinely identify as LGBTQIA+ (or questioning), we would love you to join us at Nottingham Playhouse. We have monthly meetings, on the last Wednesday of every month 7pm – 9pm

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)

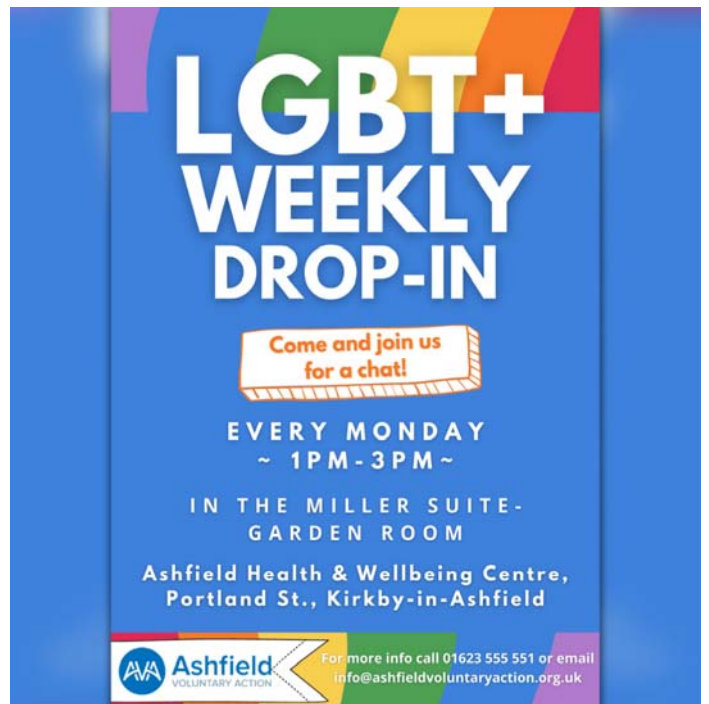
Each area organises their own events and social meetings. You will be welcome to attend a meeting as a guest if you would like to 'try before you buy'.

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

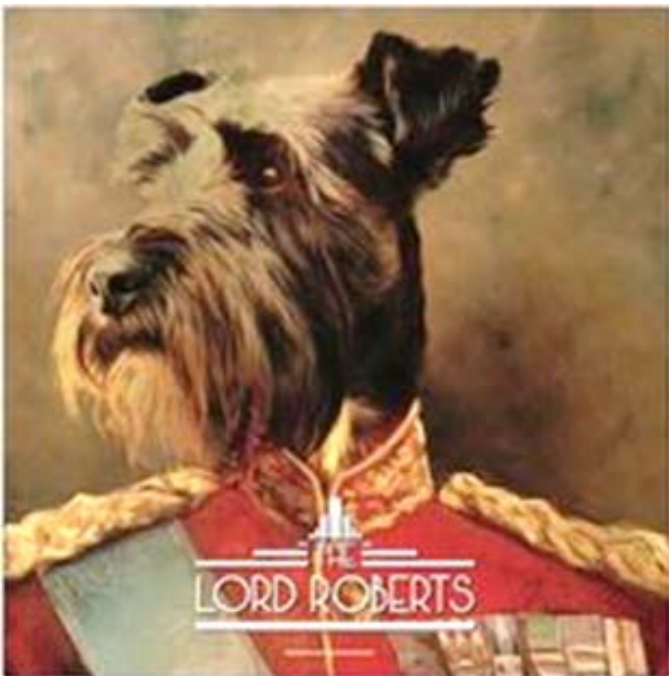
Live music, cabaret, drag, karaoke, dance space

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

Quiz night every Wednesday

Has sheltered beer garden

Runs special events in basement bar + DJs and dance space

0115 948 1592

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



The Goat

17 Broad St, Nottingham NG1 3AJ

LGBT+ bar

Some outdoor seating

Organises a variety of special events, drag, cabaret and other live entertainment

DJ nights, dance space

info@thegoatnottingham.co.uk

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday July 6th	Harworth & Bircotes Pride*
Monday July 10th to Wednesday July 10th	My son's a queer* Curve Theatre Leicester
Friday 12th to Monday 15th July	Unity Fest. LBT Women's festival*
Saturday July 13th:	Workshop Pride
Sunday July 21st	Chesterfield Pride
Thursday July 25th: To August 4th	Under The Rainbow Exhibition opens at Broadway Cinema*
Friday July 26th to Sunday July 28th	New Gay Quarter*
Saturday July 27th:	Nottingham Pride*
Saturday July 27th	Gladrags*
Saturday July 27th	Groovebox at Binks Yard*
Sunday July 28th	Gays in the Garden* Queerly Wild
Thursday August 1st	Queer History Talk Central Library 6.30pm
Saturday August 3rd	Belper Pride
Saturday August 3rd	Netherfield Pride
Sunday August 4th	LGBT+ Social 1-4pm Connect Café Netherfield*
Sunday August 4th	"Agitating the lawless rabble" Free guided history walk*
Saturday August 10th	Ashby de la Zouch Pride
Saturday August 17th	Lincoln Pride
Sunday August 25th	Gays in the Garden* Queerly Wild
Wed. August 28th	Queer Arts Collective 7-9pm at the Playhouse*
Saturday August 31st	Leicester Pride 12pm-9pm Abbey Park, Leicester

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

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