



# NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

September/October 2024

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If you have any information or ideas you would like to see in the Review, just e-mail the details to

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Rainbow Heritage**  
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The deadline for the next edition will be  
October 24th



**Nottinghamshire's  
RAINBOW HERITAGE**

## LOOKING BACK AT NOTTS PRIDE



Thousands of people on the march. Nottingham Front Runners at the front. Fabulous costumes. No rain. A much larger stage in Sneinton Square. Involvement from a huge number of groups and organisations.

Delivering an event of this scale is a mammoth task and the Pride Committee deserves congratulation. More photos on the inside pages.





# COMING UP SEPT. ONWARDS

## NADIA AT SILVER PRIDE



**Silver Pride** is the group for gay/bi men who are 55 or over.. The group organises a variety of activities alternating a generally indoor event at the Health Shop on Broad Street on the first Friday of the month with a walk on the 3rd Friday.

On Friday October 4th **Nadia Whittome**, MP for Nottingham East, has agreed to meet the group and talk about issues of mutual concern. Nadia was presented with the “Unsung Hero of the Year Award” at the DIVA Awards 2023 and a further award at the Rainbow Heritage Celebration and Awards evening in February this year.

## BIANCA DEL RIO - DEAD INSIDE



**Dead Inside** follows the success of Bianca’s two most recent comedy tours, making history as the first drag queen to headline Wembley Arena and Carnegie Hall, selling out at both.

Expect politics, pop culture, political correctness, current events, cancel culture, and everyday life through the eyes of someone who’s “dead inside,” finding humour in everything.

Fans can expect their favourite self-proclaimed “clown in a gown” to return to the stage with the same lightning-fast wit and razor-sharp tongue they’ve grown to love.

Bianca is a pro at entertaining the masses, and audiences can look forward to an abundance of interaction between the comedic icon and her crowd. After all, when the “Joan Rivers of the Drag World” has a microphone in her hands, no one is safe.

Sept. 19th 7.30 Royal Concert Hall



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## DATES FOR 2024

**29th SEPTEMBER**  
**27TH OCTOBER**  
**26TH NOVEMBER**

More info:

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Sunday Sept 22nd 7.30pm at the Curve, 60 Rutland St, Leicester LE1 1SB

**Graham Norton**, the nation's favourite talk show host and author, is taking to the road with a brand-new tour this autumn to celebrate the publication of his latest book, *Frankie*.

Join Graham as he discusses the new book, shares hilarious tales from his star-studded sofa, and answers your questions live.



The Ladyboys of Bangkok: Where London's West End meets Hollywood and Broadway every night of the week. This is the greatest and most fabulous evening of entertainment, a true celebration of 25 years. This big anniversary show has a glamorous cast of 16 in a fun-filled and outrageously funny new production.

Oct 1st 7.30 Mansfield Palace Theatre

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



**Gay Up Duck** is a Nottingham based collective hosting vibrant events for the LGBTQ+ community. See what they are planning on their Facebook page at

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

**LGBT+ EVENSONG AT ST. PETER'S**

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

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

3pm Sunday October 13th



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



## SILVER SAPPHICS



Silver Sapphics is a new social group for lesbians over 55 who want to meet socially and make connections. Next meeting will be 26th of Sept. 7pm at the Lord Roberts. Come along and make new friends. Any enquiries contact Jane at [jw8418549@gmail.com](mailto:jw8418549@gmail.com)

## 16TH NOTTM COMEDY FESTIVAL



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

LOL-GBTQ++ returns to The Lord Roberts as part of Nottingham Comedy Festival between 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, championing local, regional and national LGBTQ+ comedy talent.

Programmed by Dan Webber, this year's line-up includes:

- a double bill by Juliette Burton
- new work by Craig Deeley, Cerys Bradley and Sian Davies
- drag performances by Nottingham's own Benthic Zone and Liv
- the return of Bi-prov Improv troupe
- and a fundraising variety night for The Nottingham Queer Arts Collective.

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

[www.nottinghamcomedyfestival.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamcomedyfestival.co.uk)



### QUEER BOOK CLUB NOTTINGHAM

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. Dates and venues vary. For updates, follow in Instagram at [@queerbookclubnotts](https://www.instagram.com/queerbookclubnotts)

## WOMEN'S MIDWEEK BOOK GROUP

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

2nd Oct - Death and The Penguin by Andrev Kurkov

6th Nov - Brotherless Night by VV Ganeshanathan

18th Dec - Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

29th Jan - The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry

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

## HUNT THAT MUSHROOM

Lucy Buckle, the Nottingham Forager and organiser of the annual "Queer history walk", is arranging two "pay as you feel" walks. These are open to all, but all Lucy's events are LGBTQ+ friendly. They are both at Bulwell Hall Park and involve mushroom hunting.

There is no need to book, just turn up.

- Saturday September 21st 12pm
- Saturday October 5th 12pm

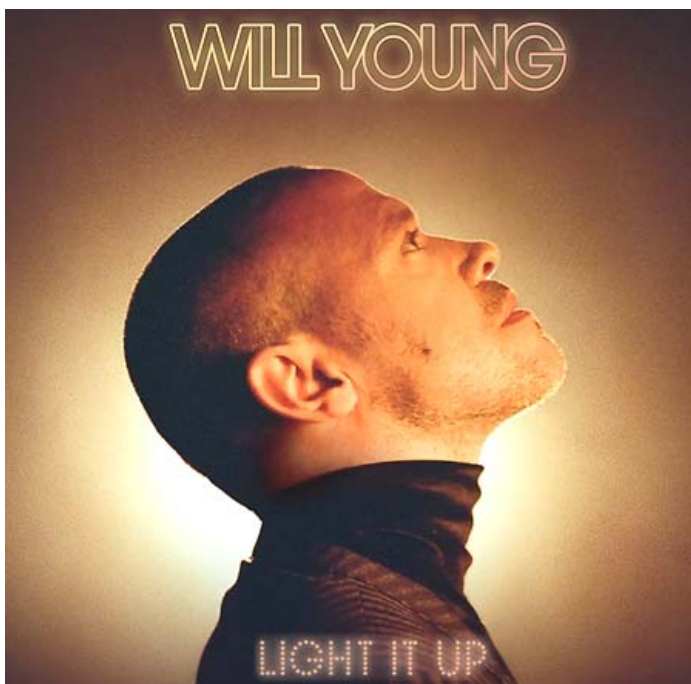
## NETHERFIELD PRIDE



We're back, back, back again! Netherfield Pride will be returning this year for it's THIRD event on Saturday 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024! 10am-4pm

Join us outside the Co-op on Victoria Road for another fantastic year of celebration with stalls, food, music, performance, and so much more!

## WILL YOUNG AT THE Y



To celebrate the new album, Will is embarking on his most intimate tour yet – taking shape as an up close and personal evening of acoustic performances, stories and conversation. Sept. 15th

The Y theatre, 7 East St. Leicester LE1 6EY

## FREE YOGA SESSIONS



The Spencer Trust is organising some free LGBTQ+ yoga sessions. We don't have the precise dates/times at the moment, so keep an eye on their Facebook page for details.

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

## CONNECT CAFÉ CLOSES

We are sorry to hear that the Connect Café in Netherfield has closed due to structural issues which rendered the building unsafe.

The monthly LGBT+ social will now continue at the LOCO Centre, which is just a little way down the road. See below.

SAFRONIA EVENTS

# Netherfield LGBTQ+ Social

1st Sunday each month  
1-4pm

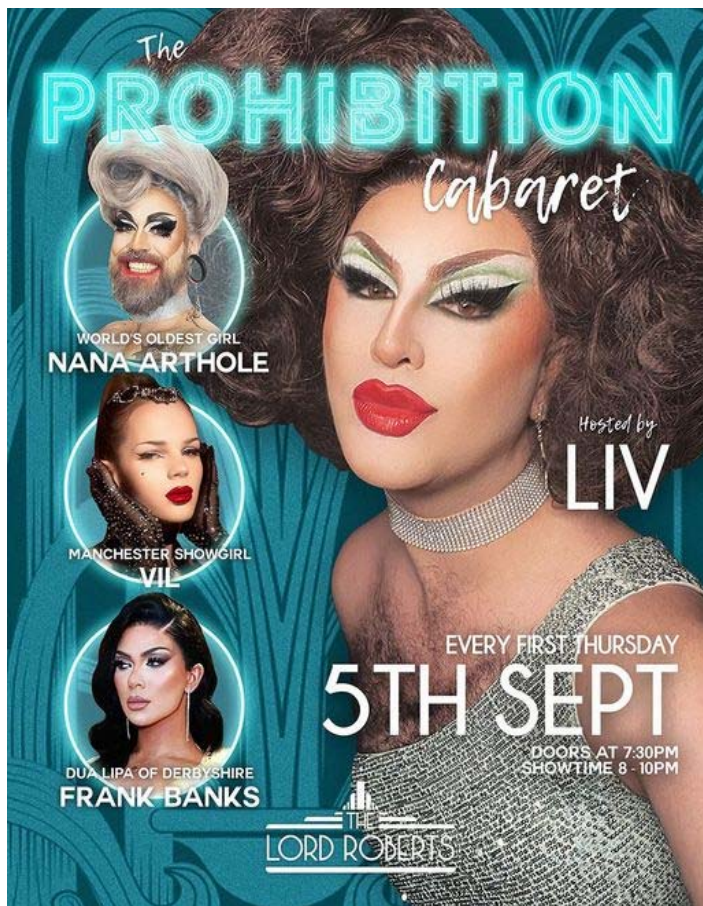
At the LOCO centre  
2a Forester St, Netherfield, Nottingham  
NG4 2NJ (behind St. George's)

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

An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows four diverse people sitting around a table, engaged in conversation. One person is holding a guitar.



## TWO NEW REGULAR EVENTS



## READING PROUD 3



The half day showcase of LGBT+ writers, **Reading Proud**, returns for its third year. This half day event includes talks from poets, children's writers, historians and more!

**Sacha Coward (he/him)** Sacha is passionate about queer history, mythology, folklore and storytelling in all their forms. 'Queer As Folklore' is his first book.

**Troy Jenkinson (he/him)** is a former headteacher. His first children's book was a response to bullies to give a voice to children with same-sex parents.

**Lalah-Simone Springer (she/they)** Lalah's debut poetry collection, *An Aviary of Common Birds* was published by Broken Sleep Books in August 2023.

**Olivia Douglass (they/them)** is a British-Nigerian writer, poet and artist. They are the winner of The Guardian and 4th Estate 4th Write Prize 2022 with their short story 'Ink'.

**Musih Tedji Xaviere (she/her)** is a Cameroonian fiction writer based in the UK. Her debut novel, *These Letters End in Tears*, won the 2021 Pontas and JJ Bola Emerging Writers Prize.

Saturday, 5th October, 2024  
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm Nottingham Central Library  
1 Carrington Street, Nottingham, NG1 7FH

Book on the Five Leaves website  
<https://fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk>





**FREE EVENT**  
**7 SEP**

**EAST COAST**

**PRIDE 2024**

**PRIDE STREET PE25**  
**MAIN STAGE**

**FAMILY & WELLBEING ZONE**  
**BLUE LIGHT ZONE**  
**REFLECTOR ZONE**  
**HILDREDS ZONE**

**HILDREDS**  
**love every drop anglia water**

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**DERBY PRIDE 2024**

**SEPTEMBER 14TH**

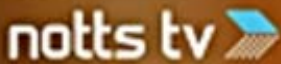
[WWW.DERBYPRIDE.CO.UK](http://WWW.DERBYPRIDE.CO.UK)



# NICHE ARTEFACT

ARTISTS EXHIBITION

AS FEATURED ON



THE SPENCER  
TRUST

WHAT'S ON  
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# DYSTOPIA

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

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DEATH DROP DRAG QUEEN

**SERENA EADON** | **DANI MAGIC**  
VOCALIST | DRAG ARTIST

**DJ WILSON SHAW**  
HOST

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1 CARRINGTON STREET, NG1 7FH



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**BACK BACK BACK AGAIN!**

# **STILL** *Nana* **KNOWS BEST!**

**SEPT 24TH**

**7.30 - 10PM**

**DOORS: 7PM**

**LORD ROBERTS  
BROAD STREET, NG1**

As seen at

**NOTTINGHAM**  
Comedy Festival

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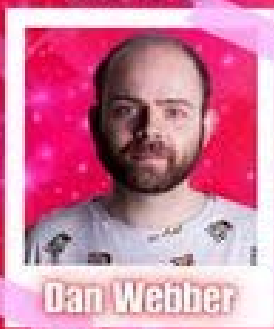
**'Filthy, hilarious & helpful(?)  
it's not to be missed!'**



**'Jokes and comedy so  
infectious I had to go to  
the clinic for a checkup'**

**'Your new favourite  
Dragonny Aunt!'**

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**Dan Webber**

**with Nana Arthole**

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KING CRIMSON  
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MISTY FYE

NANA ARTHOLE  
MARILYN SANE  
BELLA BESTIA  
ANIMOSITY

HELLRAISING  
SOUNDTRACK  
DJ BOZ  
DJ LUXXXURY  
BABY TAP

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DRAG SHOWS  
+ CLUB NIGHT

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NG1



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*presents*



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GAYEST  
OF ALL**

**BALL**

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*starring*



**DANI  
MAGIC**



**RO DE LA  
MONJA**



**CARRIE  
ON LOVE**



**ARALIA  
BLACKTHORN**



**IRIS  
PRISM**

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NG1 4EZ. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: @PSHDNAKRAKOW

**Eventbrite**

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# LOOKING BACK

## 60 YEARS OF THE NOTTINGHAM "SCENE"



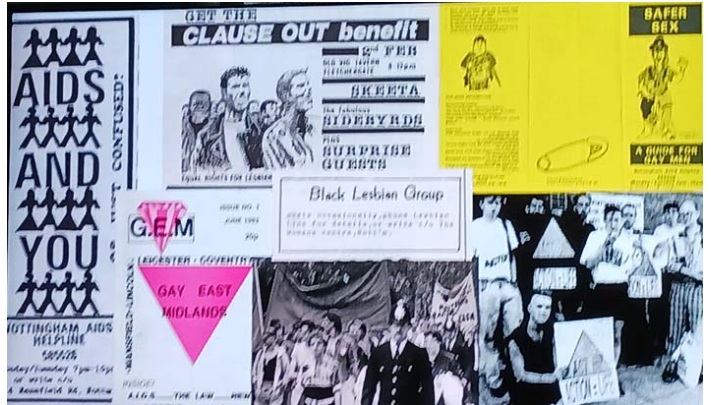
Local newsletters and magazines (Gay Nottingham, Metrogay, Outright - all produced by Richard McCance - GEM, Chimaera and QB) often helped to illuminate what was going on at a particular time and also what hit the headlines in the national press.



CJ DeBarra's forthcoming two volumes on the Nottingham LGBT+ venues from the 1960s onwards will appear in February 2025. The books have been assembled using interviews with about 150 people.

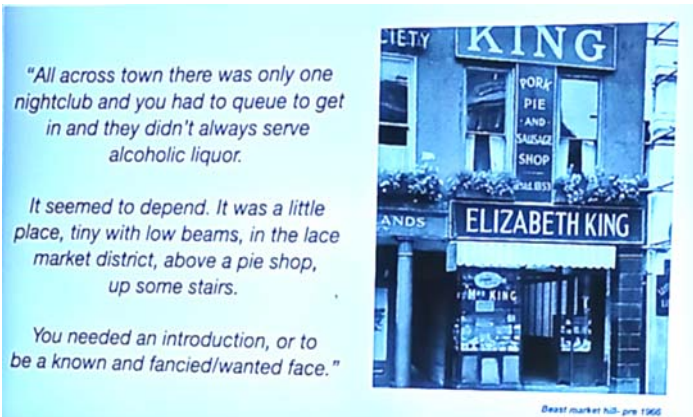
We were reminded about those national issues which had repercussions locally - in particular AIDS and Section 28.

CJ gave a whistlestop tour of some of the highlights at Nottingham Central Library on August 1st. There were the venues which many of the audience remembered - fondly or otherwise - such as Part Two, Infinity and Gatsbys, but also those which exist in name only (like the Napier) as no visual records remain.



There was speculation about the location of the earliest club supposedly above a pie shop in the Lace Market. Was this the place?

For Nottingham it may be that the era of the big club has passed, but there is some compensation in the increasing number of "pop ups".



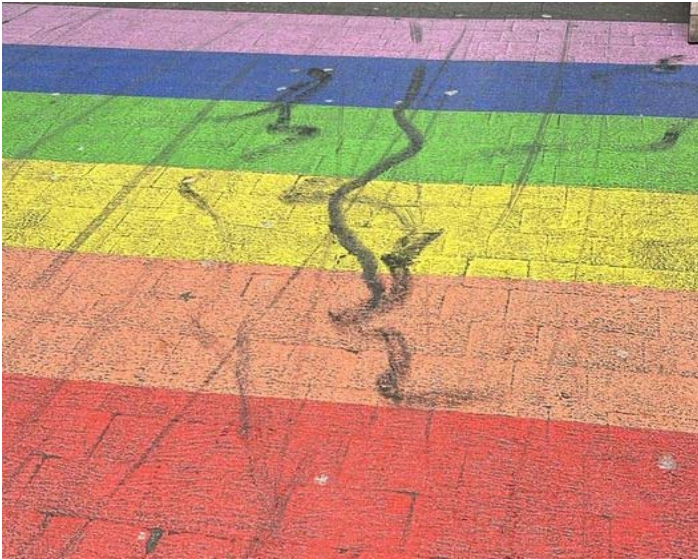
Attendees were also able to view one of the memorial AIDS quilts which was loaned from London.

Many of the people responsible for setting up these venues are no longer with us - people like Frank Turner and Jimmy Hetherington - but fortunately CJ was able to speak to others: Ross Smith of Part Two, Debbie Law of the New Foresters and Ken Metcalf of Shades.





## RAINBOW ROAD REPAINT



The 2019 rainbow crossings in Hockley had started to look a bit worn, but they were revived in time for Pride and with the addition of some colours from the progressive rainbow flag.



Should we be surprised that some black tyre marks appeared soon after the renovation? Another reason why Pride is still relevant and necessary.



## TRAMBOW

Trambow is the nickname for the Nottingham Tram company's newly painted rainbow tram, which was unveiled by Alstom on July 8th.



Various Alstom vehicles carry a 'trainbow', including EMR's Class 158 Express Sprinter 158773, Avanti West Coast's Class 390 Pendolino 390119 and West Midlands Railway's Class 730 Aventura 730018 – named 'Hurst Street' in honour of Birmingham's Gay Village. Several of the 147 Alstom-built trams for Manchester Metrolink also carry a 'trambow'.

## ANOTHER AWARD FOR CRAIG



The Lord Roberts is a Punch Pub and each year they give awards to their most successful pubs. After coming top in the Nottingham Evening Post's Nottingham pub survey, the Lord Roberts and its manager Craig Pennington-Hayes have been awarded the Area Winner..



They say "This is a significant achievement which recognises your outstanding performance and the fantastic work you do in running an inspirational pub business.



# MORE PHOTOS FROM NOTTS PRIDE 2024





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## UNDER THE RAINBOW EXHIBITION



The main elements of the exhibition were focused around Nottingham's LGBTQ+ newsletters and magazines from the 1970s onwards as well as photographs from Nottingham Pride taken by local photographer Alan Lodge. (See bottom of page)

Many of the extracts were from newsletters produced in the 1980s and 1990s by Richard McCance. These were Gay Nottingham, Metrogay and Outright. Richard (in the yellow tabard) was present at the opening of the exhibition.

The **Under the Rainbow** exhibition took place late July/early August at Broadway Cinema. It was organised by the Sparrow's Nest library and archive with help from the People's Histreh radical history group.

The Sparrow's Nest looks after tens of thousands of books, journals, pamphlets, zines, leaflets, posters and other items which includes local radical and LGBTQ+ history. You can download their archive from <https://www.thesparrowsnest.org.uk/>

Videos produced by Richard and his husband, the late Chris Richardson, were played. One video related to the notorious trial of John Clarkson - sent to prison at the age of 19 because he was gay. John later became chairperson of what is now Notts LGBTQ+ Network. Reading some of the display reminded us that Richard was Nottingham's first "out" councillor - and, we believe, only the second "out" councillor in the whole of the UK.

On show was the terrifying papier mache head of Margaret Thatcher produced and regularly worn by Chris Richardson.





**UNDER THE RAINBOW EXHIBITION**



**EAST MIDLANDS METRO GAY THE FREE ONE**

**THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW?**

**Nottingham Playhouse**  
BOX OFFICE 443418

**THE NORMAL HEART**  
BY LARRY KRAMER

1<sup>st</sup> OCT TO 24<sup>th</sup> OCT  
PREMIERES MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCT  
EVENINGS 7.30 p.m.  
MATINEES 2.30 p.m. SATURDAYS 11<sup>th</sup> OCT  
LATE NIGHTS THURSDAYS 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> OCT AT 8.30 p.m.

**Leicester out in strength**

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**SMALL ADS**

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*"Oh, you're a quick flash now!"*

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**MSF MEMBERS!**

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**G.E.M.**

ISSUE NO. 1  
JUNE 1983  
20p

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**A.I.D.S.....THE LAW.....NEWS... ..REVIEWS.....and more!**



# LOOKING FURTHER BACK

## THE BUGGERY LAW

In 1533 **Henry VIII** introduced the **Buggery Law**.

Offenders being hereof convicted by verdict confession or outlawry shall suffer such pains of death *and losses and penalties of their good chattels debts lands tenements and hereditaments*.

The section in italics is what really interested Henry. He used the law aggressively in order to accumulate the land, the buildings and the money.



In 1806 there were more executions for sodomy than for murder.

In 1836 the last British execution for sodomy took place - though the law was not changed until 1861.

## GROSS INDECENCY

1885 The offence of "Gross indecency between males" was introduced to cover all gay sex other than anal intercourse. Lesbians were not included.

"Any male person who, in public or private, commits, or is a party to the commission of, or procures, or attempts to procure the commission by any male person of, any act of gross indecency shall be guilty of misdemeanour, and being convicted shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour."

This was known as the Labouchere Amendment after the MP **Henry Du Pré Labouchère** (see below) who introduced it.



in 1895 **Oscar Wilde** became the most prominent victim of Labouchère's amendment. Wilde spent two years in prison at hard labour.

The law was often described as "the blackmailer's charter". Many other gay men shared Wilde's fate, while countless thousands silently suffered extortion and the mental torture brought by fear of exposure. Many chose suicide over arrest and exposure.

The Labouchère amendment became a device for perpetrating fear and hatred of male homosexuality for more than 80 years. It was removed from the statute books in 2004, but still left thousands of gay men with criminal records for something which was no longer an offence.



# GROUP OF THE DAY



**Nottingham Hyking Dykes** is a friendly group of lesbians who meet every month, usually every third Sunday. They normally walk - come rain or shine - 6-8 miles in the Peak District, Leicestershire or Nottinghamshire, and always end with a tea shop or pub!



The group has been active for over 33 years and all the walks are led by volunteers. During the early Covid period they ingeniously followed the rules by walking in socially distanced groups of 6.

For those who have transport problems in getting to the starting point of the walk, transport from a convenient location can be arranged by contacting the organisers in advance.

Below, you can see some of the group getting an award (from the Sheriff of Nottingham) in 2010 at the Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage Celebration and Awards evening.



Well behaved dogs (and their owners) are welcome but dogs must be kept on a lead where necessary.

If you want to bring children then check the nature of the walk with the leader and you must accept responsibility if they can't keep up the pace.

It was impossible to resist dredging up this photo from when some of the group stayed at Clun Youth Hostel in 2005.



To find details of the walks, how to get involved with the group along with useful suggestions about appropriate clothing, suitable footwear and what else to bring e.g. water, sunscreen and a packed lunch

Go to the group's website at

[www.nottinghamhd.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamhd.org.uk)



# MISCELLANY

## NEW GOVERNMENT, NEW POLICIES?

The MPs. Labour's 46 out LGBTQ+ MPs represent by far the largest party cohort of any parliament, anywhere in the world. They constitute 11.2 per cent of the governing party. All 23 incumbent Labour MPs were re-elected alongside 23 new LGBTQ+ Labour MPs.

The Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer (Bristol Central) - see right - is the first out LGBTQ+ Green MP and first out party leader in the House of Commons.



What about the policies?

**Conversion therapy.** Six years ago the Tories said they would ban conversion therapy. They didn't. Banning it is a Labour policy and would seem to be an "easy win."

**The aggravating factor.** Hate crimes based on race or religion are automatically escalated to an aggravated offence. This means that the judge can impose a heavier sentence. At the moment, LGBT+ based hate crimes can be considered an "aggravated offence" but it is not automatic. Labour has said that all forms of hate crime will be aggravated offences.

**The Gender Recognition Act.** In the party's election manifesto, Labour promised to "modernise, simplify and reform the intrusive and outdated gender-recognition law to a new process". For this, we need action and we need to see the small print.

Other issues.

**Trans guidance for schools.** A consultation document was issued in December 2023. Many legal experts, including the Department for Education's own lawyers, believe that the guidance set out in the document may be illegal. The new government needs to provide firm clarification for teachers who otherwise will be treading a minefield.

**Reducing trans waiting lists.** Waiting times for first appointments at gender identity clinics are huge – in some areas more than five years long – and the government should act rapidly to bring these down.

In the last years of the Conservative government several MPs weaponised trans issues and used them as political footballs following what might be called the "Daily Mail agenda". Suella Braverman's idea that gender neutral toilets should be banned in new government buildings was one of several such notions. We hope to see the end to this anti-trans grandstanding.



Recently the **Nottingham Refugee Forum** has substantially developed its support services for LGBTQ+ people. It can now:

- Signpost to LGBTQ+ services in Nottingham
- Signpost to sexual health services
- Provide referrals to LGBTQ+ safe housing
- Provide referrals for LGBTQ+ specialist legal support
- Support reporting hate crime, bullying and harassment
- Provide general advocacy for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers and refugees
- Provide LGBTQ+ community group meetings once every month
- Provide wellbeing checks.

These services can be accessed in three ways:

1. Call the Helpline 0115 9601230 the phone line is open Monday to Thursday 10am-3pm
2. Come to our general advice drop in sessions. We are open for drop-in advice Monday to Thursday from 9am. However, we have a limited amount of face to face appointments available per day, so arrive early or you may be directed to our phone line or asked to return on another day
3. E-mail us. Our e-mail address is [info@nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk](mailto:info@nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk)



Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum, The Sycamore Centre, 33a Hungerhill Rd, Nottingham NG3 4NB

[www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk](http://www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk)



## BLOOD STOCKS CRITICALLY LOW

“Blood stocks are critically low” says the NHS blood donation website. “We need your help now more than ever to keep providing lifesaving blood to the NHS. Please book an appointment.”

The health service issued an appeal for people with O-type blood to come forward, however some gay and bisexual men are still unsure about the rules about blood donation in the UK. Google searches for “can gay people donate blood UK” spiked after the announcement. Here are the latest rules.



Now, any men who have sex with men and are in monogamous long-term relationships, or have been with their sexual partner for more than three months, can donate blood.

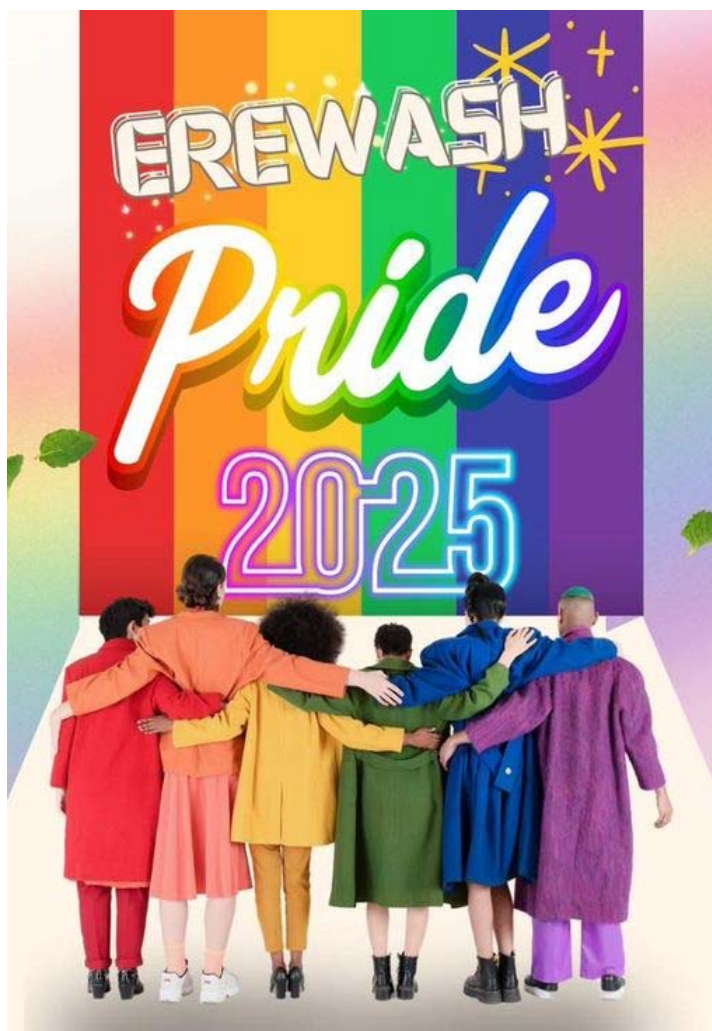
The NHS rules state: “Men who have sex with men and who have had the same partner for 3 months or more and meet our other eligibility criteria are able to give blood.

“Anyone who has had anal sex with a new partner or multiple partners in the last three months, regardless of their gender or their partner’s gender, must wait 3 months before donating.”

The NHS say that the 3-month wait is to “reduce the risk of any very recently acquired infections not being detected on screening and further tests. This applies to all donors whose partners may be at a higher risk of blood-borne infections.”

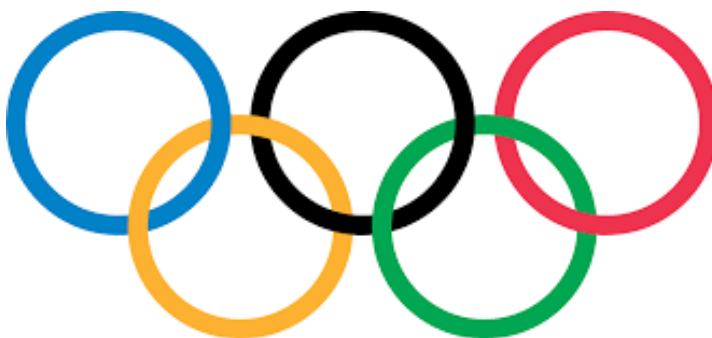
Donors are also asked questions about past sexually transmitted infections and any drug use during sex.

“If you are taking pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) you will be unable to give blood. If you stop taking PrEP or PEP, you will need to wait 3 months before you can give blood.”



It’s early days, but if you would like to help get Erewhash Pride off the ground, go to their Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyv4cb6>

## TEAM LGBTQ+



Team LGBTQ+ (i.e. all of the publicly out lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer Olympic athletes) was positioned at 7th place in the medal count, with an impressive 43 medals, consisting of 16 gold medals, 13 silver medals and 14 bronze medals



# 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](mailto: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](http://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

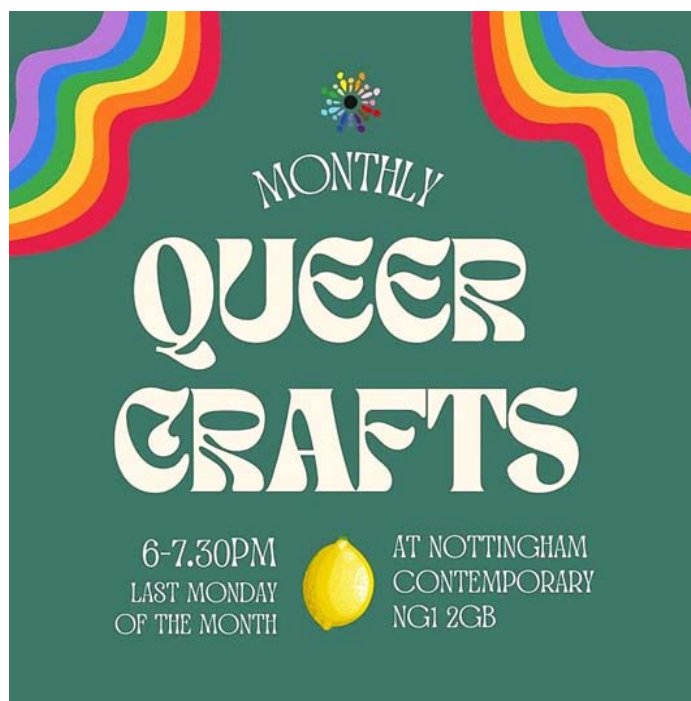
<https://www.transunite.co.uk/>



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](mailto: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](mailto:proud_forest@outlook.com)  
and [www.proudforest.co.uk](http://www.proudforest.co.uk)



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

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

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

## QUEER CRAFT CLUB



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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



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

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





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

For more information or directions contact us at: [lisg.nottingham@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.base51.org/outburst)



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

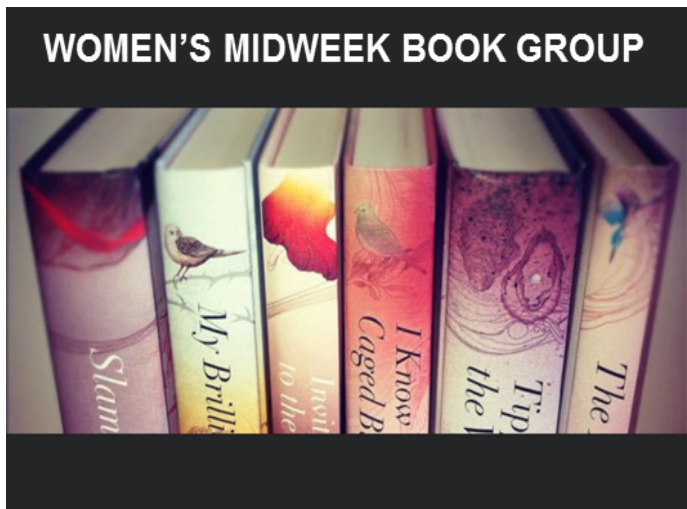
Details from [www.goc.org.uk/gay-outdoor-club](http://www.goc.org.uk/gay-outdoor-club)





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](mailto:info@nottslgbt.com) for details.

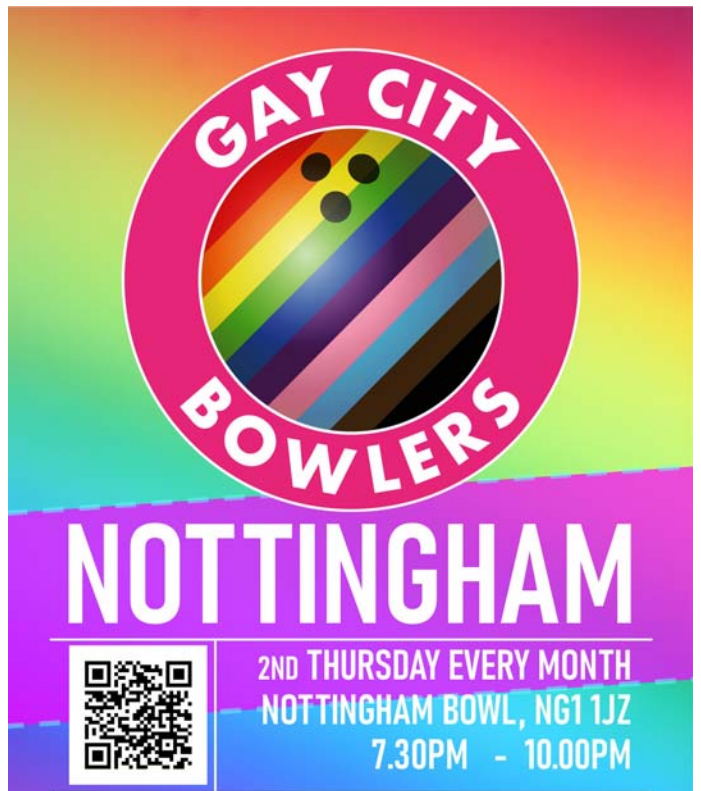


**LIRAIN** Is a group of women that identify as Lesbians/ Bi. who get together, drink real ales and chat (or any other drink you choose)

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

[jillysunchyme@googlegroups.com](mailto:jillysunchyme@googlegroups.com)

13th September VAT and Fiddle 7.00pm  
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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094769503086)

SAFRONIA EVENTS

# Netherfield LGBT+ Social

1st Sunday each month  
1-4pm

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

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



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

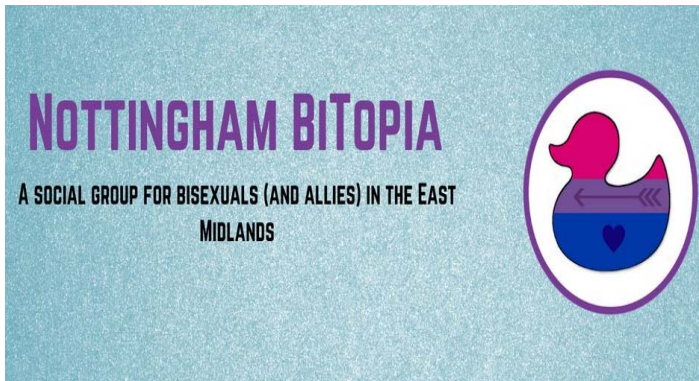
For more details and to book a space at a session go to <https://tinyurl.com/yyncbuma>





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

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



This group for bisexuals and allies meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30pm-11:00pm in the room at the right of the upstairs Mezzanine bar in Broadway, 14-18 Broad Street, Nottingham, NG1 3AL. For fuller details e-mail [nottinghambitopia@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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)

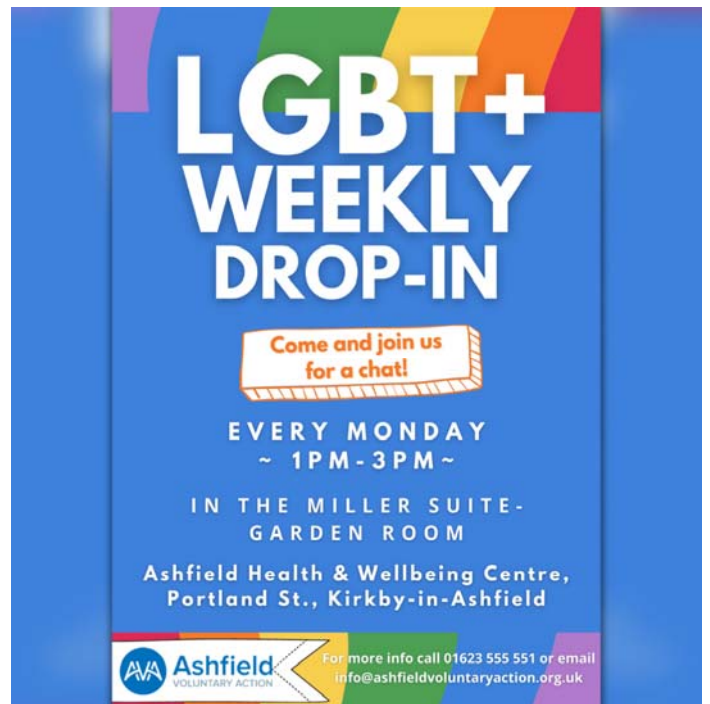
Each area organises their own events and social meetings. You will be welcome to attend a meeting as a guest if you would like to 'try before you buy'.

The East Midlands group can be contacted by [eastmidlands@gccg.org.uk](mailto:eastmidlands@gccg.org.uk)



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

[info@nottslgbt.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk)

AND WE WILL PUT IT RIGHT





### **The New Foresters**

Nottingham's oldest LGBT+ bar.

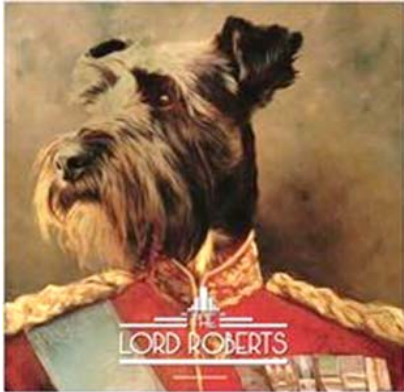
20, St. Ann's Street, Nottingham, NG1 3LX

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

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

0115 646 1459 <https://thenewforesters.co.uk/>

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



### **The Lord Roberts**

24 Broad Street ,Nottingham, NG1 3AN

Art Deco LGBT+ pub 0115 948 1592

Quiz night every Wednesday Has sheltered beer garden

Runs special events in basement bar  
+ DJs and dance space

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



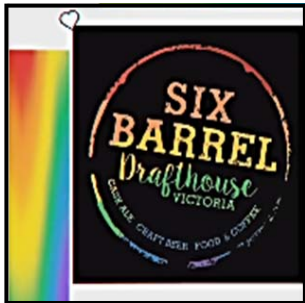
### **The Hole in the Wall**

63 N. Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ

Gay run, LGBT+ friendly bar Some outdoor seating

Occasional live entertainment, drag acts DJ nights, karaoke

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



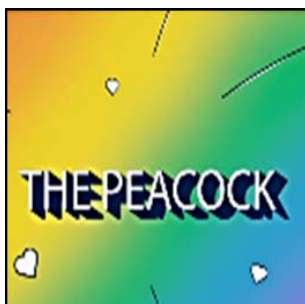
### **Six Barrel (Victoria)**

14 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3GX 0115 924 1628

LGBT+ friendly bar Some outdoor seating/roof terrace

Occasional live entertainment

[https://www.facebook.com/SixBarrelVictoria/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/SixBarrelVictoria/?locale=en_GB)



### **The Peacock**

11 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3FB 0115 874 7687

LGBT+ friendly bar roof terrace

Occasional live entertainment

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



### **The Golden Fleece**

105 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3FN 0115 7525128

LGBT+ friendly bar Some outdoor seating/roof terrace

Occasional live music

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday Sept. 6th	Gayest of all ball 8pm Hole in the Wall*
Saturday Sept. 7th	Skegness Pride*
Friday Sept. 13th	Lirain meets at the VAT and Fiddle*
Saturday Sept. 14th	Derby Pride*
Saturday Sept. 14th	Netherfield Pride*
Sunday Sept. 15th	Will Young at the Y*
Thursday Sept. 19th	Bianca del Rio Royal Concert Hall*
Friday Sept. 20th	Dystopia/Niche Artefact* 7pm Nottingham Library
Sunday Sept. 22nd	An evening with Graham Norton at The Curve*
Tuesday Sep. 24th	Nana Knows Best * 7.30pm at Lord Roberts
Thursday Sept. 26th	Silver Sapphics for Lesbians 55+ 7pm at the Lord Roberts
Sunday Sept. 29th	Open Table meeting*
Monday Sept 30th	Queer Crafts Club 6pm Nottingham Contemporary
Tuesday October 1st	Ladyboys of Bangkok* Mansfield Palace Theatre
Friday October 4th	Silver Pride meets Nadia Whittome*
Sunday October 6th	Reading Proud 3 12.30pm Nottm. Central Library*
Sunday October 13th	LGBT+ Evensong at St. Peter's Church*
Friday October 18th	Transinvasion 9pm*
Saturday October 26th	Gladrags present Slay 8pm-2am at the Saltbox*
Sunday October 27th	Open Table meeting*
Friday November 1st	LOL-GBTQ+ Comedy Festival opens*

## SUPPORT SERVICES



Notts LGBT+ Network  
provides information and support

- By phone 0115 9348485
- E-mail [info@nottslgbt.com](mailto:info@nottslgbt.com)
- Website [www.nottslgbt.com](http://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](mailto: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