



NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

January/February 2025

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February 24th



**Nottinghamshire's
RAINBOW HERITAGE**

FEB. IS LGBT HISTORY MONTH



Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage
and Notts Pride present

The 17th Celebration & Awards Evening
at Nottingham Council House

7.00pm-9.00pm Wednesday February 26th 2025
A date for your diaries

In-person event with refreshments and food.
Participation is free - no need to book.

Awards will be presented to people, organisations and services
which have benefitted the local LGBT+ community

The event will also showcase the work of
local groups and organisations.

COMING UP JANUARY/FEBRUARY

LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION AND AWARDS EVENING

Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage will present three awards this year. They will go to:

The Spencer Trust. The Trust has provided grants to several local LGBT+ groups and has organised a range of community activities such as yoga, speed socials, hiking and contemporary dance. They are now facilitating an HIV support group.



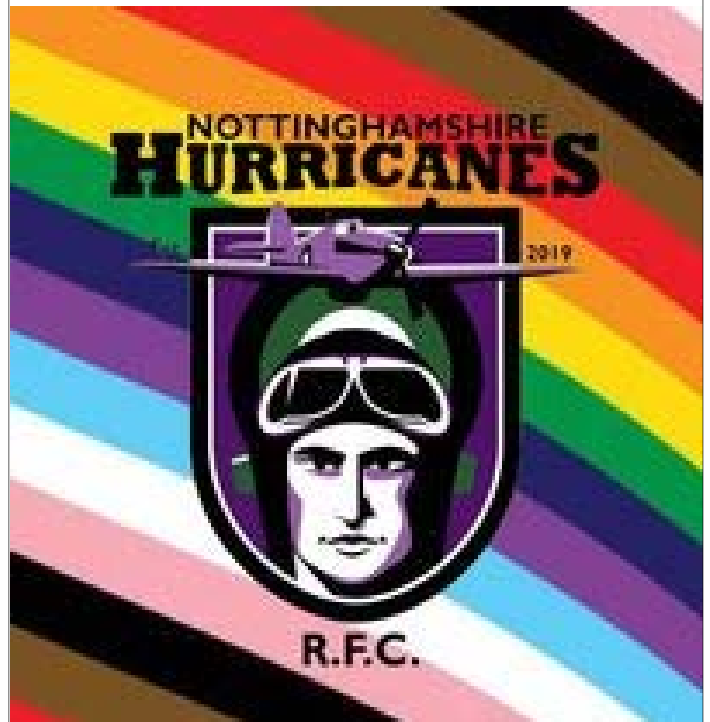
Secondly, the organisers of **Netherfield Pride**. 2024 was Netherfield Pride's third year. The Pride is small scale, though it still needs a lot of hard work to carry it off - it's also great fun.

They have also established some further community activities, such as a monthly social. They have demonstrated that there is life for our community beyond the city centre.



The third award will go to **Nottinghamshire Hurricanes** Rugby Football Club. Rugby used to have a reputation of being a misogynistic and homophobic sport.

Having been set up in 2019, theirs is an inclusive rugby club where everyone is welcome, regardless of ability or experience. They provide a safe space for all genders and sexualities.



Further awards will be presented by Notts Pride - details to be announced.

From 7pm to 8pm those attending will be able to talk to representatives of various groups and organisations at their tables. These include:

The Health Shop, Notts Front Runners, Five Leaves Bookshop, Singing Proud, the Spencer Trust, Nottinghamshire Hurricanes, Nottingham Lions FC, Notts LGBT+ Network, NASUWT, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Notts Police Outnetwork and Base 51.

During this period there will also be some food and drink available.

The formal part of the evening will begin at about 8pm with a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Notts LGBT+ Network followed by the awards and we hope to close with a performance from Singing Proud..

You are cordially invited...

CATEGORY IS
**BIG
GAY
DISCO**

WITH
**DRAG
GOGO'S
DANCING**

**NOTTS
PRIDE**

*Winter
Ball*
at *The Palais*

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

Fundraising for Notts Pride 2025 and Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

Tickets are

£10.00 General Admission £25.00 General Admission + Spirit of Pride donation
and available here: <https://www.skiddle.com/.../Notts-Pride-WINTER.../40371096/>

NEW YEAR DRAGS ON



Grab your tickets for Snow White ... and the Seven Drag Queens. Amelia Cavagan plays Snow White, with Danny Emmerson-Ducasse as the dashing Prince Albert and expect laughs aplenty from Corey Clarke as Muddles the very naughty Jester.

Join Goggle box favourite and Queen of the Jungle, Scarlett Moffatt who headlines the cast alongside Ru Paul's Drag Race icons, Michael Marouli and Tomara Thomas.

Monday January 6th 8pm at Motorpoint Arena.



Queenz are back with a brand news show! Join the gals for an electrifying, live vocal, drag-stravaganza, where Dancing Queenz and Disco Dreams collide for the party of a lifetime.

Featuring more sequins and surprises than ever before, the gals are ready to drag you to the dancefloor and serve up the ultimate celebration of powerhouse popstars and dazzling disco divas.

Thurs. Feb. 20th 7.30 at Mansfield Palace Theatre.

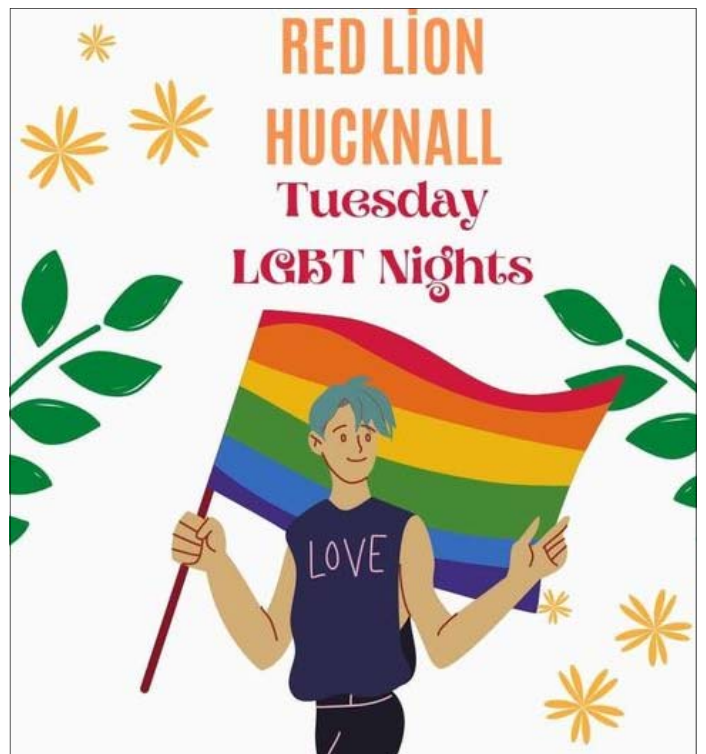
SWANNING AROUND



Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake returns for its 30th anniversary. This audacious reinvention of Tchaikovsky's masterpiece caused a sensation when it premiered almost 30 years ago and has since become the most successful dance theatre production of all time.

This genre-defining event with homoerotic overtones is still best known for replacing the female corps-de-ballet with a menacing male ensemble, which shattered convention, turning tradition on its head. 18th-22nd February at the Theatre Royal.

NEW PUB NIGHT IN HUCKNALL



68 High St, Hucknall, Nottingham NG15 7AX
6pm onwards



NO IFS, SOME BUTTS



These unusual craft sessions at Revolucion de Cuba are organised from time to time by **Spill The Paint**. Come along destress, make queer & ally friends.” Keep an eye on their Instagram page for dates

<https://www.instagram.com/spillthepaintlgbt/>

STUDIO 54



Diving deep into the theme of the legendary New York club STUDIO 54, the show includes drag artists - including drag aerialist, vocalists, a DJ and art from local artists. To book, go to <https://www.gigantic.com/> and search for Niche Artefact.

THE ANIMATOR

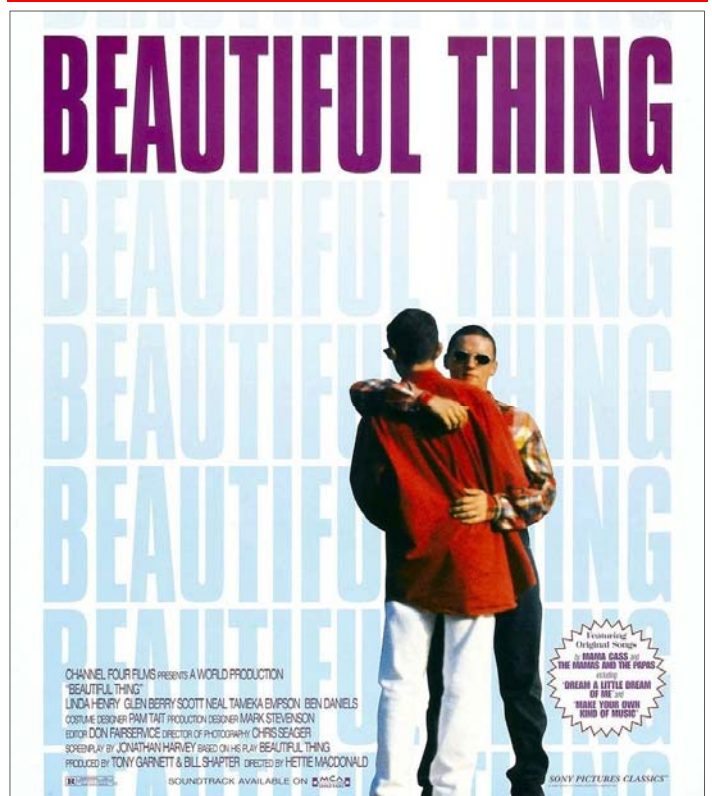


The show is about the animation artist Lotte Reiniger who made the first feature length animation ten years before Walt Disney. This was 1920s Berlin - a rare period of freedom for the LGBTQIA+ community. Lotte tried to feature a kiss between two men, but was blocked by the emerging censorship board - who included members of the Nazi Party.

The play features important queer history elements and questions the way modern media was controlled, particularly the absence of LGBTQIA+ representation in children's work.

Lakeside Arts Thurs. Feb 27th 7.30pm

BEAUTIFUL THING AT BROADWAY



For LGBT+ History Month, Broadway will be showing the 1996 film “Beautiful Thing” on February 8th.

Queer Nottinghamshire 1960-1990



CJ DeBarra has been working on two books about LGBT+ venues in Nottingham for a couple of years. They will both be published simultaneously, probably in February,



They cover two thirty-ish year periods and include all the well known bars and clubs (some shown on the right) as well as lesser known venues, venues which were essentially "hidden" and venues which had fairly short lives.



The details which fill the books were gathered through their own research and through interviews with over 150 people. The interviews included both the habitués and also the managers.



Working on all this information has prompted CJ to set off in other directions:



Firstly, to establish a Nottingham Queer History Archive. There is a request in the Miscellany section for donations for the archive.

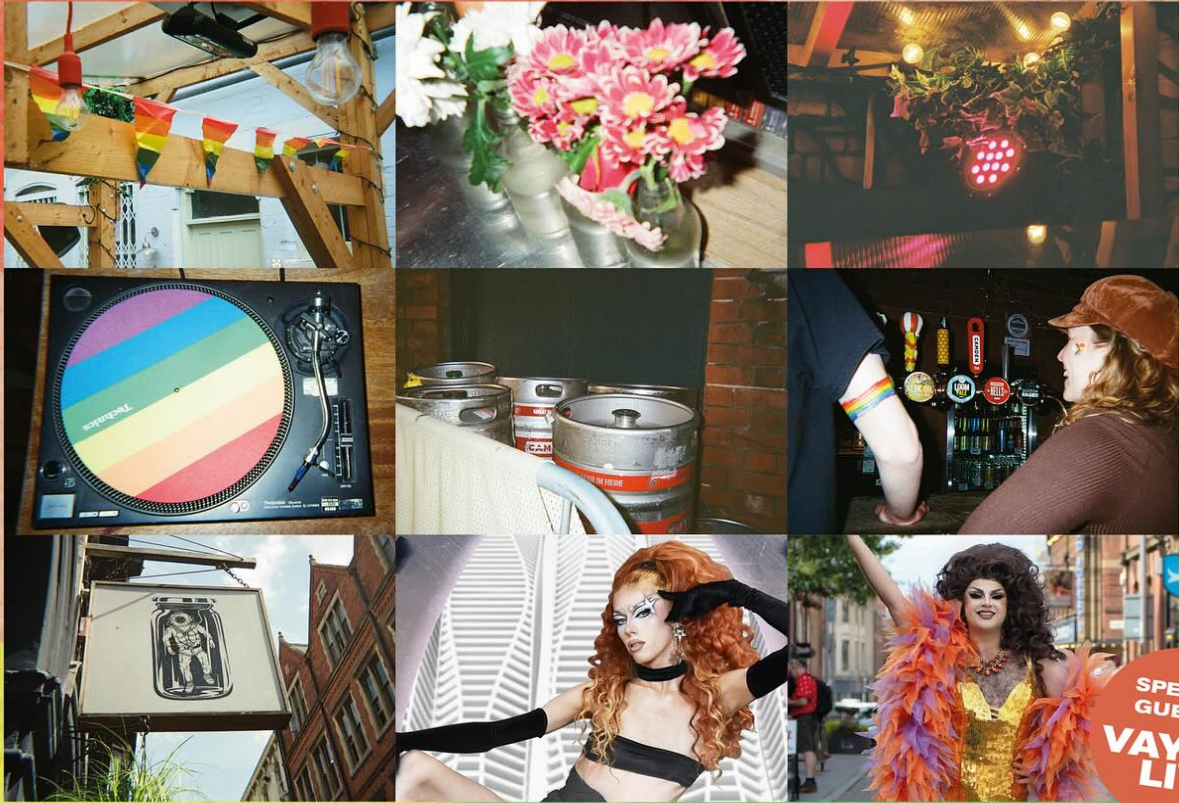
Secondly, to attempt to take the research further back in time - perhaps as far back as the 19th century.



Queer Nottinghamshire 1991-2020



SHAMELESS



SPECIAL GUESTS
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NGQ LAUNCH SPECIAL

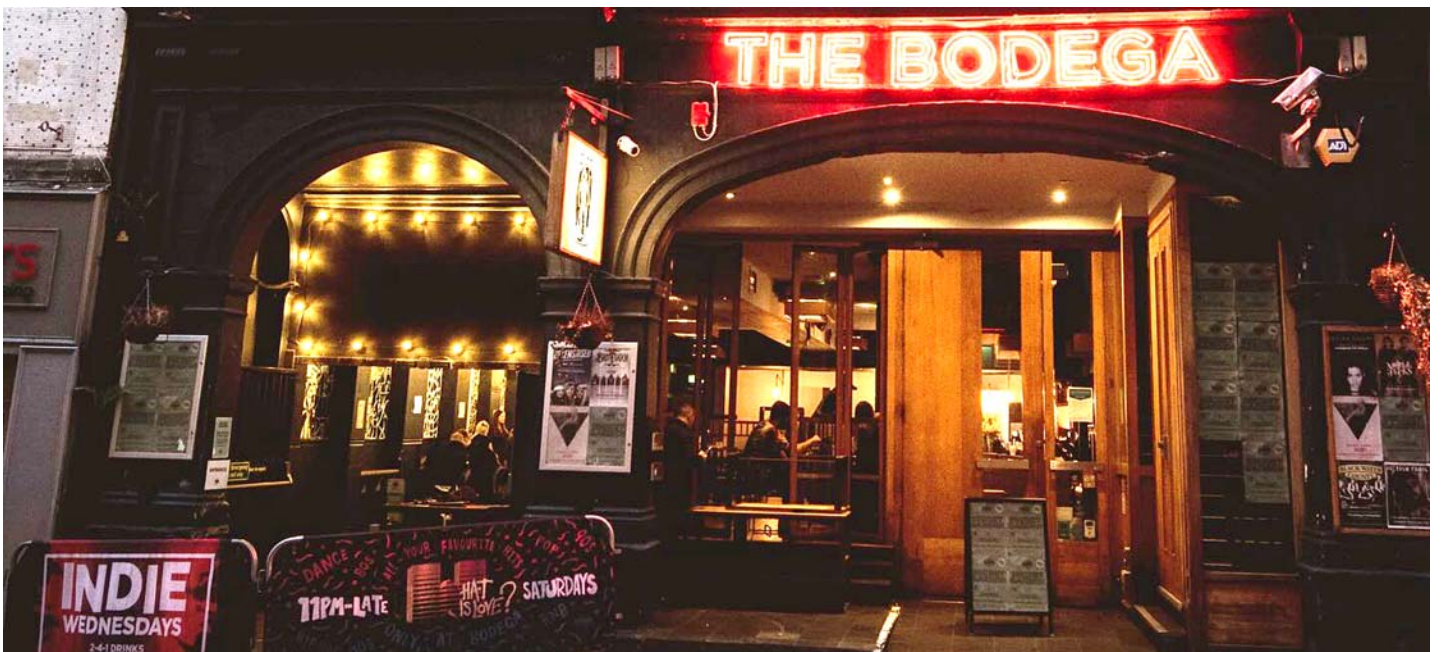
£1 FROM EVERY ADVANCE TICKET GOES TO NOTTS PRIDE.

We don't believe in guilty pleasures.
We believe in 00s music.

Saturday 1st February at The Bodega.
11pm - 3am / 00s tunes only.



The Bodega on Pelham Street is now part of the NGQ Collective



BYRON'S FINAL JOURNEY



Nottingham Central :Library announces

From Greece to Hucknall. Join us for a captivating exhibition that delves into the life and legacy of Lord George Gordon Byron, one of history's most intriguing figures. Explore his time in Greece, the circumstances surrounding his death in 1824, and the journey that brought him back to England, culminating in his burial at St Mary's Church in Hucknall."

Featuring rare images and materials from the Nottingham Local Studies collection, this exhibition invites you to uncover the multifaceted life of Byron – the poet, freedom fighter, and cultural omnisexual icon.

Until May 2025 Floor 1, Exhibition Space,
Nottingham Central Library
Free, no booking required

Don't miss this chance to immerse yourself in the story of a charismatic character whose influence continues to resonate today. We look forward to welcoming you!



THE '90S SCENE CAPTURED



'Linden' was the roving reporter for *APN* and the *Gay Times* during the early to mid 1990s, his columns for those magazines were entitled: Out & About with Linden.

These formed the basis of the book "Out and about with Linden: a queer archive of the North" which is available as a paperback.



Stuart Linden Rhodes was also a lecturer at a local further education college, the pseudonym 'Linden' adopted due to concerns generated by draconian Clause 28 legislation sanctioned by Tory governments of the era.

At home in North Yorkshire during the Covid lockdowns of 2020-21, Stuart established the Linden Archives online as a way to preserve his work and look back fondly on the brash, thriving gay scene of the 1990s.

Stuart will introduce the Linden Archives at Nottingham Central Library on February 6th 6.30-9pm. The Linden Archives are also available as a limited edition book which captures the 1990s LGBTQ+ club, pub and Pride scene across the UK, from Brighton to Newcastle, with excursions to Berlin and Gran Canaria. Book at <https://tinyurl.com/3atkbz7d>

LGBT PARENTS



LGBT Parents is a group for those in the Midlands who would like to meet and socialise with other gay/lesbian parents and families for friendship and support. They organise monthly events such as those shown below.

Sat, Jan 18th, 2025, 11:00am Bowling followed by Cafe Mid Day. To get involved, go to their website at <https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Parents-Midlands/>

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 February 9th



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

MANSFIELD'S YOUNG CREATIVES



Are you a young queer person in Mansfield with a passion for creativity? UK New Artists, Creative Citizens and Mansfield Museum are teaming up to launch an exciting new collective, and they say "we want YOU to be a part of it!"

They are looking for 14 to 19 year olds to help shape and deliver a series of events and exhibitions for Mansfield's LGBTQ+ community.

From now until June 2025, you'll meet monthly with artists Tom Stockley and Cat Anderson (pictured) to dive into LGBTQ+ stories, explore new ideas, and create something amazing for a brand-new exhibition at the museum.

Meet-ups will take place both in person at Mansfield Museum and online. There will also be a full-day field trip to Manchester Art Gallery. Plus, you'll get to help throw an event to celebrate at the end of the programme!

Find out more, sign up and get involved:

<https://ow.ly/e9wL50TRsa1>



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 2025

26TH JANUARY

23RD FEBRUARY

More info:

stjohnscarrington.org.uk/
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LOOKING BACK

AH YES! I REMEMBER IT WELL



Hyperthymesia is an ability that allows people to remember nearly every event of their life with great precision. Simon Smalley is blessed (?) with this condition.

On October 28th Simon discussed his new book, the second of his memoirs, at Five Leaves Bookshop.

As with the first volume, the book reveals a school-boy whose disability and flamboyance (capas, home-made wigs, women's shoes ...) made him a target for bullies. The bullying often took a violent turn. The death of his mother left him traumatised. Throughout the book one is made aware of the amazing support he received from his father.

The first volume ended when Simon was about to take his first steps into the "gay scene" of the early 1980s. This book picks up that story as he encounters both helpful friends and vicious queens, the revelation of Part Two club and, yes, after some Mr Right-Nows came a genuine Mr Right.

DARK NIGHTS BRIGHTENED

The LGBT+ calendar can often seem dull during the Autumn, but this year a sequence of two festivals helped to enliven things. First was **Queer Up Duck!**

This was Nottingham's first LGBTQ+ Arts Festival produced by JOP Arts to celebrate and champion the LGBTQ+ artists, community and audiences in the city. The first year was a resounding success and demonstrated the real need for a festival that brings together the LGBTQ+ community. From art exhibitions, to poetry, to film and comedy, across 13 venues over 1200 audiences attended.

Jake Orr (below left) who devised and organised it, deserves the credit.



The highlight of the festival came in the stories from the communities that came together. From hearing a trans boy talk about his experience of discovering his identity and how his family are on that journey with him, to the queer elders discussing their journeys of liberation and protest.

Queer Up Duck! was designed to bring people together, and if 1200 of us can come together in the autumn for a LGBTQ+ arts festival, well, it only feels right to do it again. Watch out for the full festival in 2026 and some smaller events to keep us going in

The second component was the Nottingham Comedy Festival. This is the festival's 16th year and thanks must go to Dan Webber for organising the LGBTQ+ component **LOL-GBTQ+**, which took place mainly at the Lord Roberts.



Performers included a double bill by Juliette Burton (BBC1, ITV), new work from Craig Deeley (Channel 4), Cerys Bradley (BBC Radio 4) & Sian Davis (Comedy Central Live, ITVX), Drag performances & improv nights.

THE GLADRAGS "SLAY" HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA



Who was more scary, the performers (above) or the audience (below)?



THE FUTURE'S ORANGE



For those old enough to remember, the “Trump will fix it” motif has unfortunate echoes of Jimmy Savile. There is much speculation about Trump’s possible actions against LGBTQ+ people. They include:

- LGBTQ+ people might no longer be guaranteed to be free of discrimination across several government programmes, such as Social Security, Medicare, housing and employment.
- The first Trump administration reversed policies allowing trans people to serve in the military, and it is not difficult to foresee the president doing so again.
- Trump has said he would act to stop any school district introducing or maintaining trans-inclusive policies and practices. This would include withholding federal funding that allow trans students to use toilets and changing rooms that align with their gender identity, or even acknowledging that they are trans, as well as arguing that trans-inclusive policies violate the rights of cisgender pupils.
- During a recent campaign rally, Trump said he was not going to “let” trans women compete in sporting events at all.
- Gender-affirming medical care is likely to be non-existent in a second Trump term. He has already pledged to “end left-wing gender insanity” and would outlaw federal funding for reassignment surgeries.
- Trump could bring in provisions to allow employers to discriminate against LGBTQ+ members of staff based on the boss’ stated religious beliefs, a reversal of existing non-discrimination laws. This would not require congress or bipartisan support, and could be pushed through using an executive order from the president.
- After crucial abortion legislation *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the Supreme Court, many people said that next, they would be coming for Windsor and Obergefell and Lawrence – three rulings that unlocked a national right to same-sex marriage.

FOREST IS PROUD



Nottingham Forest’s men’s team is surprising many by its current success rate. The women’s team is surpassing that by securing the top spot in the Northern Premier League after their 4:0 win against Stoke at the City Ground on November 17th.

The match was made yet more memorable as this was a Rainbow Laces event and the Proud Forest logo was emblazoned on the big screen.

O! GAY YOGA!

A promotional poster for "LGBTQ+ YOGA". The background is green with a pattern of white yoga poses. The text "LGBTQ+" is in white, and "YOGA" is in large white letters. Below the text, a group of diverse people are shown in various yoga poses. A white box contains the text "Free yoga class, followed by complimentary healthy drink". Below that, the date and time "Sunday 24th November 11.30 am" are listed, along with the location "@ Revolucion de Cuba Nottingham". Logos for "THE SPENCER TRUST" and "Revolucion de Cuba" are also present.

Well, LGBTQ+ Yoga, to be precise. The session on 24th of November was one in a series of sessions organised by the Spencer Trust.

They all take place on Sundays at Revolucion de Cuba and to find out about future sessions, simply go to the Spencer Trust Facebook page at

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

THE PRIDE SHOP COMES TO NOTTINGHAM



Graham and Jake opened the Pride Shop at the end of November. Previously they have been operating via internet sales.

Opening times (at the moment) are 10am-7pm Mondays to Saturdays. These times will probably be adjusted according what best suits community usage. As well as LGBT+ related items, there are also cakes and drinks.

The café area seats about 20 people and there is also the prospect of opening up a room upstairs which could be used for events and for meetings of local LGBT+ groups.

You can contact them and see more at

The Pride Shop (65 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6AJ)

0115 8918456 www.theprideshop.co.uk



PROUD FOREST CELEBRATES



On November 30th Proud Forest, the LGBTQ+ Forest supporters group, celebrated its first anniversary. It now has over 110 members.

POLAND PROPOSES NEW LAWS



Poland looks like it's set to ban anti-LGBTQ+ hate speech in new regulations in the country. The Polish government has approved a plan to include sexual orientation, gender, age and disability in the country's hate crime laws.

Laws in the country already make "public insult based on national, ethnic, racial or religious affiliation" illegal, and carry a jail term up to three years. However, the justice ministry said that "these provisions do not provide sufficient protection for all minority groups who are particularly vulnerable to discrimination, prejudice and violence".

The Justice ministry is now set to update the regulations to also explicitly punish discrimination based on disability, age, sex/gender, or sexual orientation.

FINE WORDS?



On November 20th in an infringement hearing against Hungary at the Court of Justice of the European Union at the European Commission argued that the Hungarian state had seriously and blatantly violated EU law by passing its 2021 Propaganda Act, a law that stigmatises the LGBTI community under the guise of "child protection". 16 member states agreed.

Several member states in attendance noted the law runs counter to the European Court of Human Rights' judgement condemning the 2013 Russian anti-LGBT law, which said: "by adopting such laws, the authorities promote stigmatisation and prejudice and encourage homophobia, which is incompatible with the concepts of equality, pluralism and tolerance in democratic societies."

The questions of what the other member states think and will any action be taken remain to be answered.

AT THE LORD ROBERTS



The refurbished beer garden opened.

LOOKING FURTHER BACK

IT WAS ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

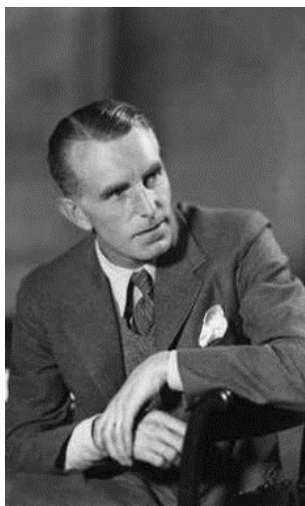
Blues singer Ma Rainey (below right) is arrested in her house in Harlem for having a lesbian party. Her protégé, Bessie Smith (below left), bails her out of jail the following morning. Rainey and Smith were part of an extensive circle of lesbian and bisexual African-American women in Harlem.



In 1925 in Berlin there were around 80 venues for gays and lesbians in Berlin: beer-soaked dives and distilleries, bourgeois restaurants, wine bars and clubhouses, dance halls and dance palaces, ballrooms and cosmopolitan night-time bars.



From 1925 on, large-scale events are held in the ballrooms in Alte Jacobstrasse and Kommandantenstrasse, or in the Nationalhof in Bülowstrasse.



Joseph Ackerley was profoundly affected by his First World War service and his experience in POW camps inspired his play *Prisoners of War* (1925). The play reflected his homosexuality as did his other books and poems.

He received an appreciative letter from E.M. Forster about his long poem 'Ghosts', which led to an enduring friendship between the two men.



In 1925, Henry Gerber, a German-born post-office worker living in Chicago, heard a pounding at his door. Several uniformed police officers shoved their way inside, confiscated his diaries and personal files, and arrested him. At the police station, when Gerber saw two of his gay friends sitting for mugshots, did he realize that he was being persecuted for launching America's first gay-rights organization. After police discovered the existence of his group (The Society for Human Rights) Gerber spent five days in jail before being released on bail. Although he was never charged, he was fired from his job.



Virginia Woolf (above, left) first met Vita Sackville-West (above, right) in 1922, when she described her in her diary as a 'florid, moustached, parakeet coloured' aristocrat. But by 1925 their correspondence had developed into a love affair which lasted until the 1930s.

One of the most prominent Black queer writers of the Harlem Renaissance, Countee Cullen's 1925 poetry collection *Color* helped to establish his reputation as a leading Black poet of the new generation.



And finally

In 1925 same-sex marriage becomes banned in Thailand. In 2024, the ban was reversed,.

GROUP OF THE DAY

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HURRICANES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



Who are we? We are Nottinghamshire Hurricanes, originally formed in 2019 and the county and indeed the region's first and only inclusive rugby team. We are proud of our diversity, offering a respectful, safe space for LGBTQ+ people aged 18+ to be more active, play rugby, make friends and feel part of a community which extends far beyond just our team, but across the UK and the world. There is no upper age limit, in fact our current oldest player is in his late 60s!

If you're worried about showing yourself up, please don't be, we don't judge! We welcome new members who have never picked up a rugby ball, have not played rugby since school or have many years experience of playing rugby. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you are cisgender, trans, non-binary, neurodivergent, lesbian, gay, bisexual, pan-sexual, Ace, Aro or straight. However you identify, come and join us!

Most people know what contact rugby is, either from personal experience or seeing it on the TV. We play Union rugby, which is slightly different to League rugby. We have just started running Union training and this is headed up by our amazing Union Coach. We also play touch rugby. We were actually a touch team before we developed the Union (contact) training and we are established within the International Gay Rugby (IGR) Northern Touch League.

Touch rugby has much less physical contact with other players and has no scrums, heavy tackles or rucks that are characteristic of a contact rugby match. The tackle is initiated by a one or two handed touch to the person running with the ball and that is it. Touch rugby is physically demanding, but in a different way, requiring a level of cardiovascular fitness to be able to move quickly backwards and forwards in a line, up and down the pitch, with the forward player in possession of the ball running towards the opposing team to drive the ball forward towards the try line. We have a fantastic Touch Rugby Coach who loves seeing current and new players develop.

The Hurricanes Touch Rugby team has taken part in a number of IGR Northern Touch League tournament days which have seen us travelling to places such as Preston, Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle and Coventry to play against other teams competing in the League. We are aiming to do the same with our Union team once we are more established.



We run regular Give It A Go days where people can come along to a session and get a taste of rugby with no pressure whatsoever. We also host development days where we invite other regional teams to join us, train together and play a friendly game of rugby at the end. We have great links with the Transmanian Devils, a national Trans rugby team and we have a joint training day coming up in January which we are really excited about.

We have an awesome Social Officer who has arranged some brilliant social events, so it's not all about the rugby pitch. We aim to have the occasional sober socials too, because not everyone in the Hurricanes drinks and we strive to be inclusive in our socials as much as in our rugby.

Touch training is on Tuesday evenings and union training is on Saturday mornings. We train at Nottingham Casuals Rugby Football Club, Canalside, Beeston Rylands, NG9 1NG.

Follow us on Facebook @nottinghamshirehurricanes or on Instagram @nottshurricanes to get the latest updates and to see what we get up to!

MISCELLANY

The Queerstory Files

Tony Scupham-Bilton produces the fascinating Queerstory Files. He says “LGBT history for everyone. No academic gobbledegook. No deep analysis. Just queer facts.” To read more about the Queerstory Files, go to

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

Here are some examples.

Ukrainian LGBT+ soldiers have taken to wearing a unicorn badge on their uniform in defiance of Russia’s homophobic laws. Russia has claimed that lgbt+ soldiers don’t exist in their own army, so the Ukrainian soldiers adopted a non-existence animal to represent themselves.

Scientific studies have shown that there is a higher percentage of left-handed people in the lgbt+ community than in the non-LGBT+ community.

The clownfish can change gender as it grows older. All clownfish are born male, and some change gender when there is a shortage or absence of female clownfish. It makes you see the Disney film “Finding Nemo” in a new light!

Nicholas Cherrywood (b.1996) of Dallas, USA, a gay model and make-up artist, holds the current Guinness World Record for owning the biggest collection of Care Bears memorabilia and items. He has collected 1,234 items with an estimated value of £120,000 (\$152,379). Incidentally, Nicholas Cherrywood is also the name of one the villains in the Care Bears franchise

In 2019, Otis Francis-Smith became the first baby to be carried by both female parents. Lance-Corporal Donna Francis-Smith is the biological mother whose egg was fertilised and then implanted into her partner Jasmine Francis-Smith, who gave birth to Otis. The procedure has successfully been carried out only once more since then.

The urban rainbow-painted road crossings that are popular in some cities around the world are thought to have originated in Taiwan in June 2008. The first was part of a gender equality campaign created by Prof. Jerry H. Hsia and the Graduate School of Fine Arts.

New Zealand was the first country to legally recognise gender-diverse identities in 2015. Technically, the law includes anyone who identifies as a straight drag performer.

Von Steuben Day is celebrated in mid-September every year in several cities across the USA, primarily in New York City and Philadelphia. It commemorates Baron Friedrich von Steuben (1730-1794), a Prussian officer regarded as the Father of the American Revolutionary Army. He fled from Europe to escape accusations of homosexuality.

Deborah Sampson (1760-1827), who served in the American Revolution dressed as a man, is the only historical LGBT+ female to feature on a flag. She appears on the town flag of Plympton, Massachusetts, USA, where she was born.

Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria, built by the gay King Ludwig II (1845-1886), became familiar to millions of children after 1968 when it featured prominently in the film “Chitty Chitty, Bang Bang” as the castle of Baron Bomburst.

The first AIDS awareness ribbon was created by Barnaby Miln (b.1947), an openly gay member of the General Synod of the Church of England, who distributed small pieces of rainbow ribbon in 1986 through his charity Christian Action on AIDS. Miln also came up with the idea of World AIDS Day.

Following the accession of King Charles III, Ellen Lascelles (b.1984) became 74th in line of succession to the UK throne (merely a hypothetical list beyond the first 3 or 4). Ellen is currently (Feb 2024) 76th, and the highest placed member of the lgbt+ community on the list.

The oldest known LGBT+ couple to get married did so on 6th September 2014. Vivien Bazack (1923-2016) and Verona “Nonie” Dubes (1924-2022) married in the First Christian Church, Davenport, Iowa, USA. Vivien was 91, Nonie was 90.

The door of Freddie Mercury’s garden lodge was sold at auction in 2023 for £400,000 (\$508,160). It was covered in hand-written tributes and messages left by fans following his death in 1991.

LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH QUIZ MATCH THE EVENT TO THE DATE



First London Pride takes place



Gay male age of consent lowered to 18



MP Chris Smith comes out



First Nottingham Pride-type event

THE DATES

1836

1928

1934

1948

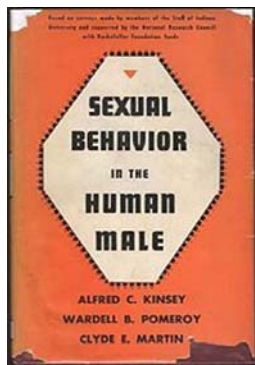
1954

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1975



Last man hanged for buggery



The Kinsey Report is published

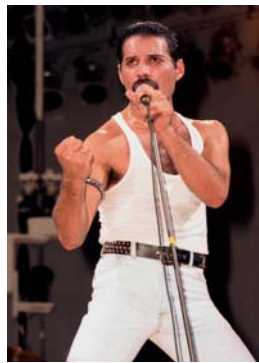


The Wolfenden Committee is set up



Lesbians storm BBC News in Section 28 protest

1983



Freddie Mercury dies



The Equality Act becomes law



The Well of Loneliness by Radclyffe Hall is banned



Peter Tatchell stands as MP for Bermondsey

1984

1988

1989

1991



Gay Nazi Ernst Röhm is murdered on the "Night of the long knives"



The Naked Civil Servant (about Quentin Crisp) is shown on TV



Uganda's President Museveni makes gay sex a capital offence



The UK Stonewall organisation is founded

1994

1997

2010

2023

WE NEED YOUR ITEMS!

Notts Queer History Archive is looking for items to add to its archive in Nottingham & London

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Badges, flyers, newsletters, pins, t-shirts, photographs, tickets, letters, mementoes, art, posters....

literally anything!

Get in touch:

nottsqueerhistoryarchive@gmail.com



NHS
Sexual Health Services
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



0300 131 7010
www.sexualhealthnn.co.uk



Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri
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Online STI Testing
VISIT SH:UK



NOTTINGHAM PASTEL PROJECT



Share your experience of adult gender clinics

NHS England has asked Dr David Levy to independently lead a review of the NHS adult Gender Dysphoria Clinics to determine whether they meet their delivery and operation meets the requirements set out in the non-surgical service specification.

The review team would like to understand the views and experiences of patients who have attended NHS adult gender clinics in the past 5 years.

This feedback will help identify areas for improving service quality and good practice.

Respond to the Gender Clinic NHS consultation via the Pastel Project's Linktree

<https://linktr.ee/notts.pastelproject>



Helping you move forward after domestic abuse

Domestic abuse can leave survivors feeling confused, disempowered, and alone. At Equation, we're here to support you on your journey to safety and recovery.

The Gateway Programme is a free, eight-week support group for men and LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic abuse.

- Connect with others who understand your experiences
- Learn more about why and how abuse happens in relationships, identify control tactics, and explore its impact on parenting and children
- Discover support resources, safety strategies, and plan your next steps forward.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



LGBT+ AWARENESS TRAINING

Do you belong to an organisation, a company, a group that would benefit from LGBT+ awareness training or would like to have a presentation on aspects of LGBT+ history?

When Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage was set up in 2008 with a grant from the Heritage Lottery, part of its remit was to provide regular training. In the last sixteen years training and presentations have been provided for over one hundred organisations and groups. They include:

- 6 hospitals
- 8 health-related organisations
- 5 care homes
- 5 housing organisations
- 10 schools/colleges
- 3 universities
- Notts Sexual Violence Service
- Notts Police and both local councils

Between 2014 and 2020, the former Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping supported numerous training sessions which included a focus on hate crime against LGBT+ people.

The main elements of the training are:

- Getting the terminology right - what the "words" mean .. and which words not to use
- Homophobia, biphobia, transphobia: what they are. their frequency, their causes and the effects they have
- Homophobia, biphobia & transphobia in a wider context of general prejudice against minorities
- Myths and stereotypes
- Negative laws and the more recent positive changes in the law.
- "Coming out": what it means; what it's like to be "stuck in the closet" and what happens when you come out

There can be an additional focus on issues such as

- Health issues and LGBT+ people's interaction with health care providers
- Supporting victims of LGBT+ hate crimes; why these crimes are under-reported and how reporting can be encouraged
- Same sex domestic abuse/Male rape
- The special concerns of young LGBT+ people and also of older LGBT+ people, particularly those in residential care
- Local resources and support systems

For further information e-mail

nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk

NO HOLIDAY FOR LONELINESS

Christmas and the New Year can be a lonely time for many LGBT+ people and more so if you are elderly.

Reengage provides **rainbow call companions**: a free telephone befriending service for LGBT+ people who are lonely, isolated or in need of companionship and feel they would benefit from a friendly phone call every week or two. This is a service specifically for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender plus (LGBT+) people aged 75+ who would like to speak to someone who's also LGBT+.



Calls last for half an hour or so and you can chat about anything that interests you. What's great is that the same volunteer phones you every time, so you can get to know each other and share stories and laughter – for as long as you both want.

To join, go to

<https://www.reengage.org.uk/>
and then to "join a group".

LIFE BEYOND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



Derbyshire LGBT+ has produced a 40 minute video on Derby's LGBT+ community and it is now viewable on Youtube at <https://tinyurl.com/ye2ub22y>

NEW SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

Since October 1st people living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are now be able to benefit from a one-stop-shop sexual health service.

The new service will ensure everyone has access to the same level of service, regardless of where they live. Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) will deliver the service in partnership with Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust (SFHT), and supported by a health provider, Preventx.

There is now a single brand, a new website, online testing and clinic-based services, with health promotion and outreach across the city and county, which will make accessing care easier.

The single, dedicated website will enable people to access services more easily -- including GPs, pharmacies, and other relevant services - and they will be able to choose face-to-face appointments, walk-ins, or online consultations.

As Sexual Health Services operate under self-referral, residents are asked to access the service by:

- Telephone 0300 131 7010
- Website <https://sexualhealthnn.co.uk/>
- Or walking in at any of the clinics

The service will operate 6 days per week with extended opening times across the 3 hub sites.

The service will operate from hubs at following sites:

- Nottingham City Hospital
- King's Mill Hospital
- Retford Hospital

There will also be community clinics in many of the existing locations in community health centres, or collocating with GP practices.

These include:

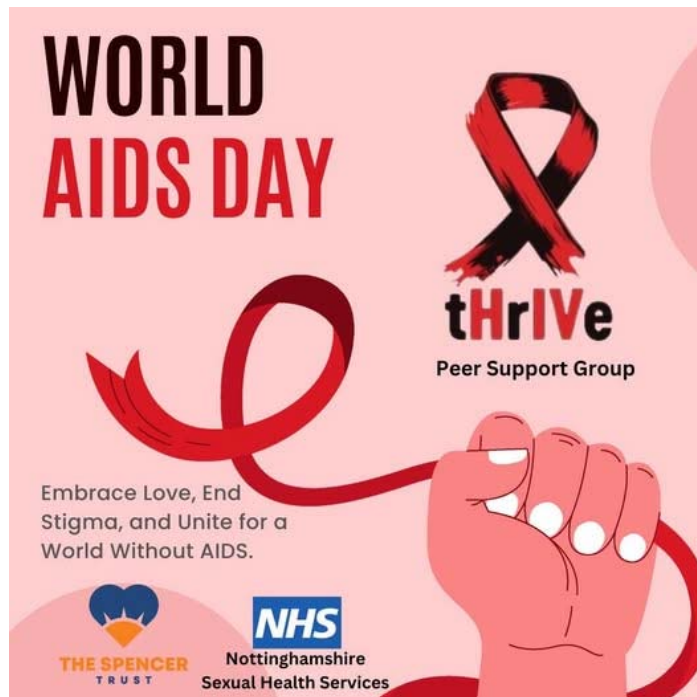
- Victoria Health Centre
- The Mary Potter Centre
- Clifton Cornerstone
- Bulwell Health Centre
- Aspley Medical Centre

and 12 others across the County.

It will also continue the strong existing work in the health promotion and outreach sphere. We would welcome ideas from system partners regarding how best the new service can interact with other services across the system to reach and improve the sexual health inequalities in target high risk groups:

This will not affect the services already provided by the Health Shop.

HIV PEER SUPPORT



On World AIDS Day The Spencer Trust announced that with the support of Nottinghamshire Sexual Health Services they are so proud to help facilitate **thrive**, a local peer support group for people living with HIV in Nottinghamshire, currently offering group meetings, social activities and one to one peer mentoring.

The meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month 5-7pm. Refreshments/snacks are included and we can reimburse parking or bus fare for anyone wishing to attend who requires this.

The group will shortly have its own website, but in the meantime anyone interested can find out more by e-mailing liam@thespencertrust.co.uk

A poster with a background of vertical stripes in light blue, pink, and light blue. The word 'DIYing' is written in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below it, the text reads: 'Are you DIYing hormones for gender-affirming care?' and 'Have you checked that your injecting techniques are safe with a professional?'. Further down, it says: 'You can access The Health Shop for FREE needle exchange equipment, alongside safer injecting advice.' At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Get in touch with Jess 07977184851 (text, Whatsapp or call)'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'THE HEALTH SHOP DRUGS & SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC'. A small disclaimer at the bottom reads: '*We are not able to give any guidance on the medication itself (sourcing, dosage etc), only on safer injecting'.

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



The Pride Shop
65 Maid Marian Way

The shop is packed with every sort of Pride merchandise, but it also offers a safe and welcoming space for LGBT+ people who would like an alternative to the bars.

There are hot and cold drinks and an array of cakes. Opening times are Monday to Saturday 10am-7pm and Sunday 11am-5pm, but these may change so check first. More info at

0115 8918456 www.theprideshop.co.uk

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.

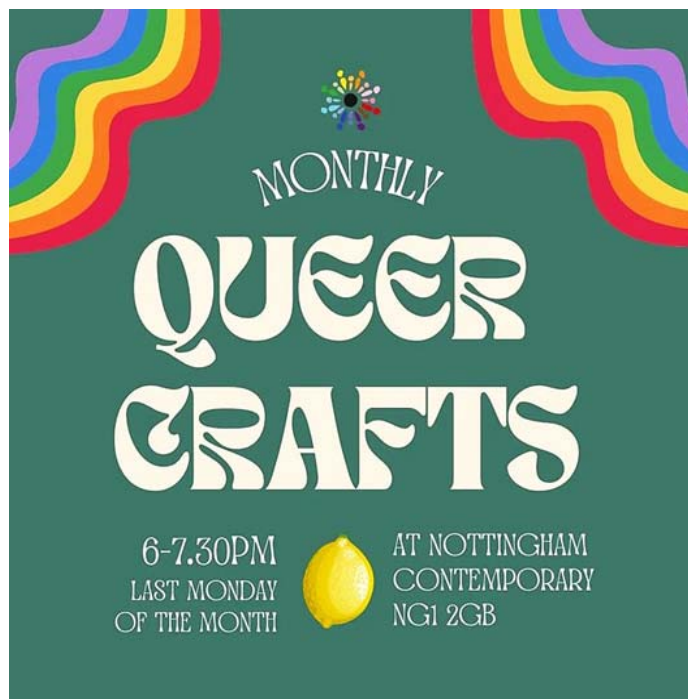
You can sign up using the mailing list on the website www.nottslgbt.com



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

trustees@nottstranshub.org



6-7.30PM
LAST MONDAY
OF THE MONTH



AT NOTTINGHAM
CONTEMPORARY
NG1 2GB

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
and 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>

READING SOCIAL

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



If you are involved in starting a new group, or if your current group is changing how it operates, please let us know.

e-mail nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk

**QUEER
BOOK CLUB
NOTTINGHAM**

A new queer book group has started. 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)

THE LORD ROBERTS
**QUIZ NIGHT
& STICKY 13'S**

EVERY WEDNESDAY
WITH YOUR FABULOUS HOST WARREN

KICKS OFF WITH STICKY 13'S AT 8PM
GREAT CASH PRIZES TO BE WON
6 MAX PER TEAM.
WINNING QUIZ TEAM TAKES ALL.
TABLE BOOKED HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



**ONLY £1.00 ENTRY
PER PERSON**

SILVER SAPPHICS



Silver Sapphics is a new social group for lesbians over 55 who want to meet socially and make connections. They meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Lord Roberts at 7pm.

Come along and make new friends. Any enquiries contact Jane at

jw8418549@gmail.com



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



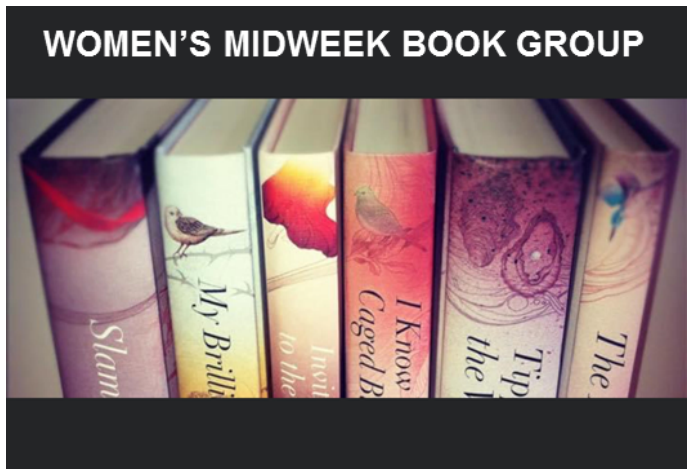
The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities

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:

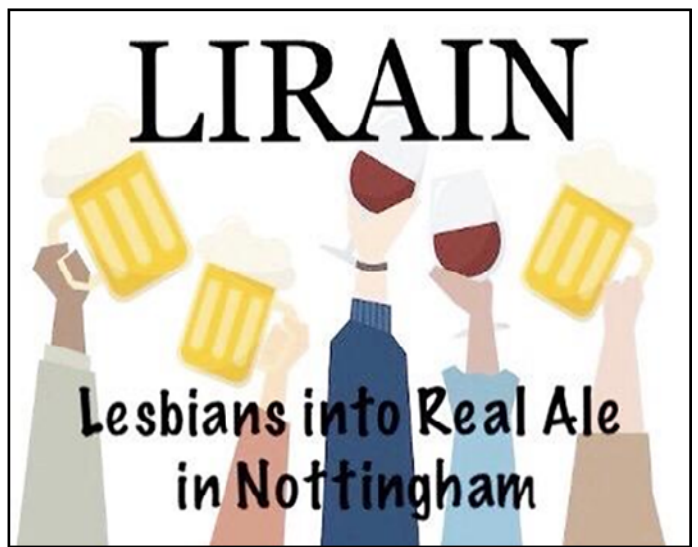
<https://tinyurl.com/5dref4tr>



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.

29th Jan - The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry

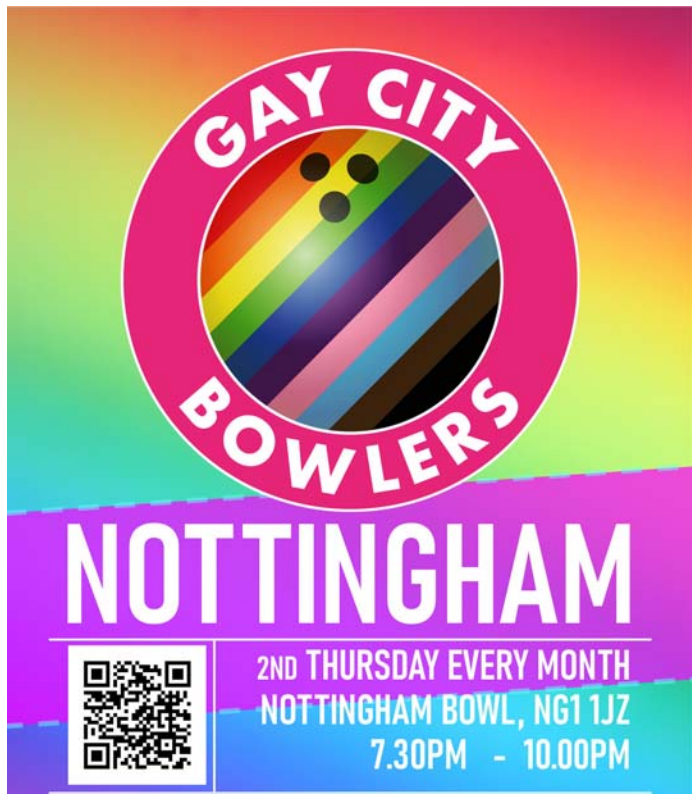


LIRAIN Is a group of women that identify as Lesbians/ Bi. who get together, drink real ales and chat (or any other drink you choose)

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

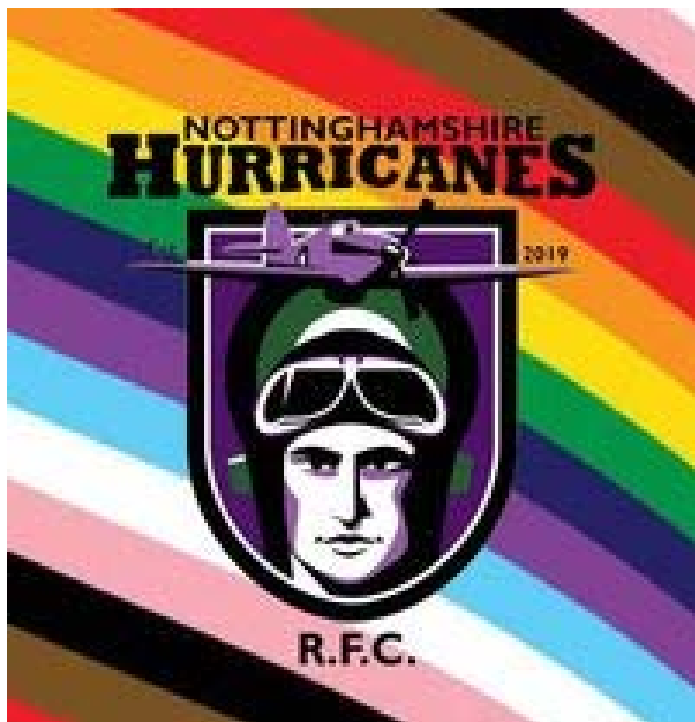
jillysunchyme@gmail.com

17th January Newhouse at 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 Gay City Bowlers' Instagram bio and Gay City Bowlers' Facebook page.



Gay and inclusive Rugby Football club. We train on Tuesdays at 7:30-9pm 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 LGBTQ+ Social Group

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

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.**



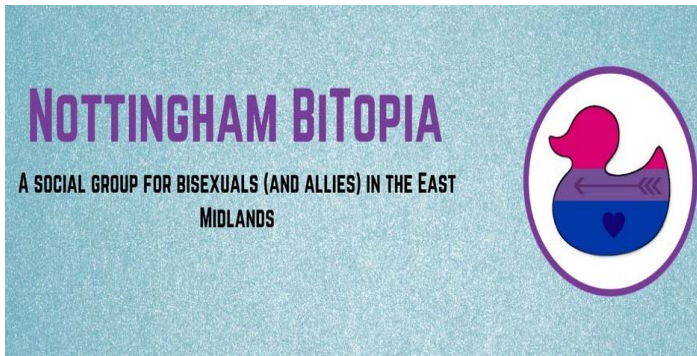
If you are aged 18 years old or over, have an interest in the arts/an artform and genuinely identify as LGBTQIA+ (or questioning), we would love you to join us at Nottingham Playhouse. We have monthly meetings, on the last Wednesday of every month 7pm – 9pm

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



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)

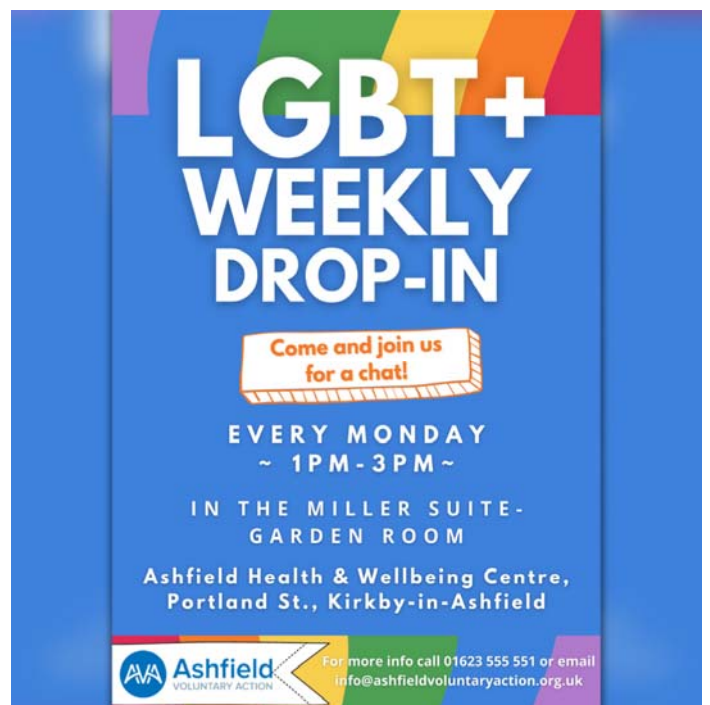
Each area organises their own events and social meetings. You will be welcome to attend a meeting as a guest if you would like to 'try before you buy'.

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

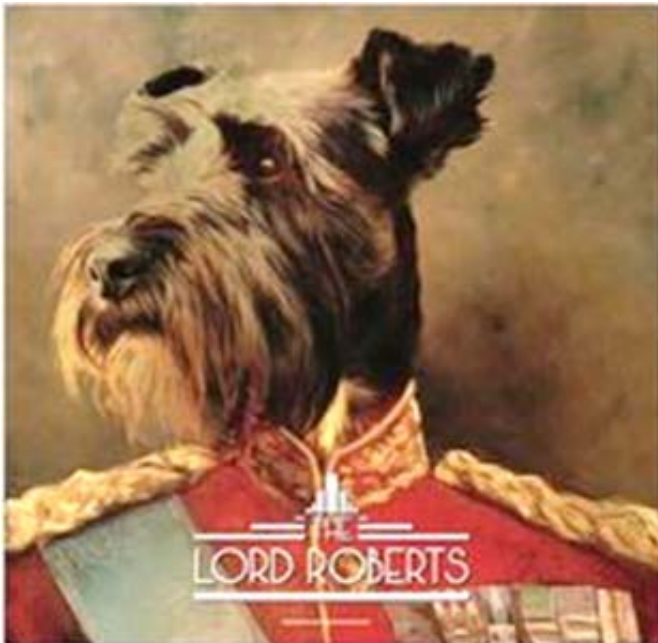
Has a beer garden./outdoor seating/sheltered smoking area

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 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/>



NGQ stands for Nottingham Gay Quarter and the NGQ Collective is a collection of safe space bars. They say "Our aim is to create a safe space area rather than just individual venues, We aim to do this through working in collaboration with each other."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>Sunday January 5th</i>	<i>Netherfield LGBT+ Social 1-4pm* at LOCO Centre</i>
<i>Monday January 6th</i>	<i>Snow White & the 7 drag * Queens Motorpoint arena</i>
<i>Wednesday Jan.. 15th</i>	<i>Quiz night 8pm* Lord Roberts</i>
<i>Friday January 17th</i>	<i>Lirain meets at 7pm* at Newhouse</i>
<i>Friday January 17th</i>	<i>Transinvasion 8pm* The New Foresters</i>
<i>Saturday Jan.. 18th</i>	<i>Content Café Social* 10.30-12 House of Fraser</i>
<i>Sunday January 26th</i>	<i>Open Table 5-7pm* St John's Carrington</i>
<i>Wednesday Jan 29th</i>	<i>Women's midweek book Group. VAT & Fiddle*</i>
<i>Saturday February 1st</i>	<i>Shameless 11pm-3am* at the Bodega</i>
<i>Sunday February 2nd</i>	<i>Netherfield LGBT+ Social 1-4pm* at LOCO Centre</i>
<i>Thursday Feb. 6th</i>	<i>Linden Archives 6.30-9pm At Central Library</i>
<i>Friday February 7th</i>	<i>Silver Pride's New Year Fuddle 2pm</i>
<i>Sunday February 9th</i>	<i>LGBT+ Evensong 3pm* At St. Peter's</i>
<i>Thursday Feb. 13th</i>	<i>Studio 54 7pm at Revolucion de Cuba*</i>
<i>Thurs. Feb. 20th 7.30</i>	<i>Queenz at Mansfield Palace Theatre*</i>
<i>Friday February 21st</i>	<i>Transinvasion 8pm* The New Foresters</i>
<i>Wednesday Feb. 26th</i>	<i>Celebration & Awards 7pm At the Council House*</i>
<i>Thursday Feb. 27th</i>	<i>The Animator 7.30pm* Lakeside Arts</i>
<i>Friday February 28th</i>	<i>Notts Pride Winter Ball* At the Palais</i>

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

NOTTS SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE

- Phone 0300 131 7010
- Website <https://sexualhealthnn.co.uk/>
- Walk in at clinics (see website for details)

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