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August 24th



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NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

NOTTS PRIDE 2025



The Pride march starts at 12pm on Lister Gate near M&S

AND MORE

MANSFIELD

WORKSOP

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LOUGHBOROUGH

COMING UP JULY/AUGUST



SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2025
SNEINTON MARKET | 1:00-6:00PM

MAINSTAGE HEADLINERS

RILEASA

GIRLBAND!

**Jason
Kwan**

ROB. GREEN

Tom Aspaul

So I Think

WITH YOUR MAINSTAGE HOSTS

Marilyn Sane

Liv

WANA BATHOLE

MORE ARTISTS TO BE ANNOUNCED...

GLADRAGS

THE OFFICIAL  AFTERPARTY!

SAT 26 JULY
8.30PM - 2.30AM

SALTBOX
BOLERO SQ, NG1



PERFORMANCES FROM: FREIDA SLAVES | BABY LAME
FATT BUTCHER | BLU ROMANTIC | PORK ELIZABETH PIE
NANA ARTHOLE | MARILYN SANE | LIV | TOK DABARD

DANCERS: MAX MORNINGSTAR | TOBIAS ENVY | CHIMELLE | SHAN | CHANTASEA | ARTY BABY

DANCEFLOOR BY: DJ BOZ | BABY TAP | DJ LUXXXURY

POP, ELECTRO, LGBTQ ANTHEMS, ALTERNATIVE & MORE!



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PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION



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HURTSFALL



BABY TAP



**TWO THOUSAND
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DJ SETS FROM DJ BOZ, LUXXXURY & BABY TAP

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INDIE | ROCK + MUCH MORE!**

FREE ENTRY ALL DAY

12 - 6PM

SAT 26 JULY

**ROUGH
TRADE**



PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE





DirtyFilthySexy ALL DAY Pride takeover of The Angel Microbrewery (7 Stoney St, Nottingham NG1 1LG) on 26th July 2025.

Celebrating Notts Pride & Dirty-FilthySexy's 17th Birthday with Live Music and a Queer Makers Market during the daytime

(Entry is completely FREE!) and an alternative Afterparty in the evening.

Daytime - DIRTYFILTHYSEXY Presents: Queer Makers Market 2

We're taking over upstairs at The Angel Microbrewery during our all-day event, bringing together an eclectic mix of queer artists, makers, and small businesses.

Looking for statement jewellery, quirky art prints, badges, patches, or a one-of-a-kind live portrait? We've got you. Feeling bold? Dive into our selection of fetish wear, adult toys, and oddities—there's a little something for every shade of queer curiosity.

Please be aware the market is only accessible via a set of stairs. Should you wish to attend and want some support to enter, let one of the team know, and we will do our best to help!

Evening - DIRTYFILTHYSEXY NOTTS PRIDE AFTERPARTY :

Get ready to ignite your queer spirit at our annual afterparty takeover at The Angel Microbrewery and The Chapel for Notts Pride 2025!

Tickets are ON SALE NOW for our drag show and afterparty, at just £10 + fees.

Go to <https://www.outsavvy.com> and search for the Notts Pride After Party





BiCon is an annual highlight of the bisexual calendar. This year it's in Nottingham. Friday to Sunday, July 25th-27th. BiCon 2025 will be at

Nottingham Girls' High School,
Arboretum Street, Nottingham NG1 4JB

They are using the Sixth Form Centre throughout and The Space / the Squire Performance Centre on the Friday and Sunday. Booking and more info at <https://2025.bicon.org.uk>

In celebration of Pride month, we at the **Pitcher and Piano** are hosting a fundraiser on Thursday 10th July for the Notts LGBT+ Network.

Join us from 7pm-10pm for live entertainment from some of Nottingham's queer talent. You can also enter our raffle to be in with a chance to win some incredible prizes donated by local businesses.

This event is free to attend, but we are selling 'Fizz & Funds' tickets to help contribute to the fundraising efforts - more details, search Notts LGBT+ Network Fundraiser on Eventbrite.





OPEN TABLE
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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**

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**Dates for
2025
JULY
27th**

More info:
[stjohnscarrington.org.uk/
opentablenottingham](http://stjohnscarrington.org.uk/opentablenottingham)
Facebook:
[opentablenottingham](https://www.facebook.com/opentablenottingham)



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the 2025 LGBTPU Powerlifting Championships on Saturday, July 19th, and Sunday, July 20th 2025.

The venue is at the Mansfield "Old Tyme Strength" Gym, (Unit 1E, Victoria St, Mansfield NG18 5RR) led and in association with Chris Gray and his team.

Details at <https://lgbtpowerlifting.com/>



Families are welcomed to explore the Fab-LAB-ulous world of science as part of Notts Pride 2025! Join us for hands on interactive activities and a Fab-Lab-ulous science show from award-winning science communicator and asexual activist Sarah Cosgriff.

Free pride themed science activities will be running from 12.30-4pm and a 30-minute show will be taking place at 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm, ideally suited for ages 8-13.

Drop in to take part at Green's Windmill or register for your free ticket using the QR code.



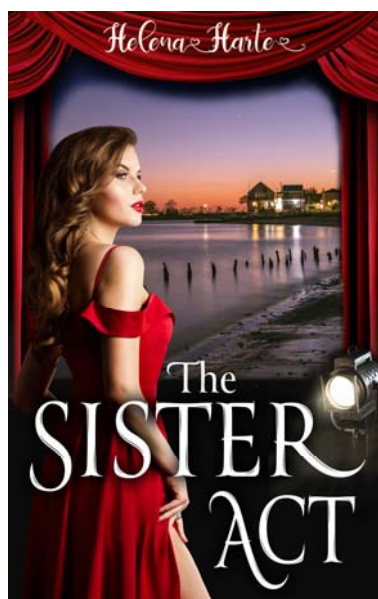
Our fundraising activities for Notts Pride and Tiger continue with our Tiger Does Drag Night! Thanks to Alea Casinos for hosting this amazing event featuring the fabulous Queens of Nottingham.

This is a ticket only event, so no "pay on the door". Tickets from Eventbrite - search for "Tiger does Drag". July 12th 7pm



August 4th-9th at the Royal Concert Hall

NEW RELEASES FROM GLOBAL WORDSMITHS <https://globalwords.co.uk>



The Sister Act by Helena Harte (out June 1st)

She's faking it for one sister... but will she end up falling for the other? Leoni York takes on roles, not risks.

When she's hired to be the perfect butch girlfriend for a wealthy socialite's family trip, she expects a paycheck, not complications. But then she meets Aspen.

Aspen Hartwell is used to control - until Leo walks in and upends everything. She's never been drawn to a woman like her, and she definitely shouldn't be drawn to her sister's girlfriend.

But the more she resists, the harder it gets. And when secrets start unraveling, Aspen and Leoni will have to decide—protect their carefully built lives or risk it all for something that feels dangerously like love.



Racing Hearts by Sydney Lear (out May 1st)

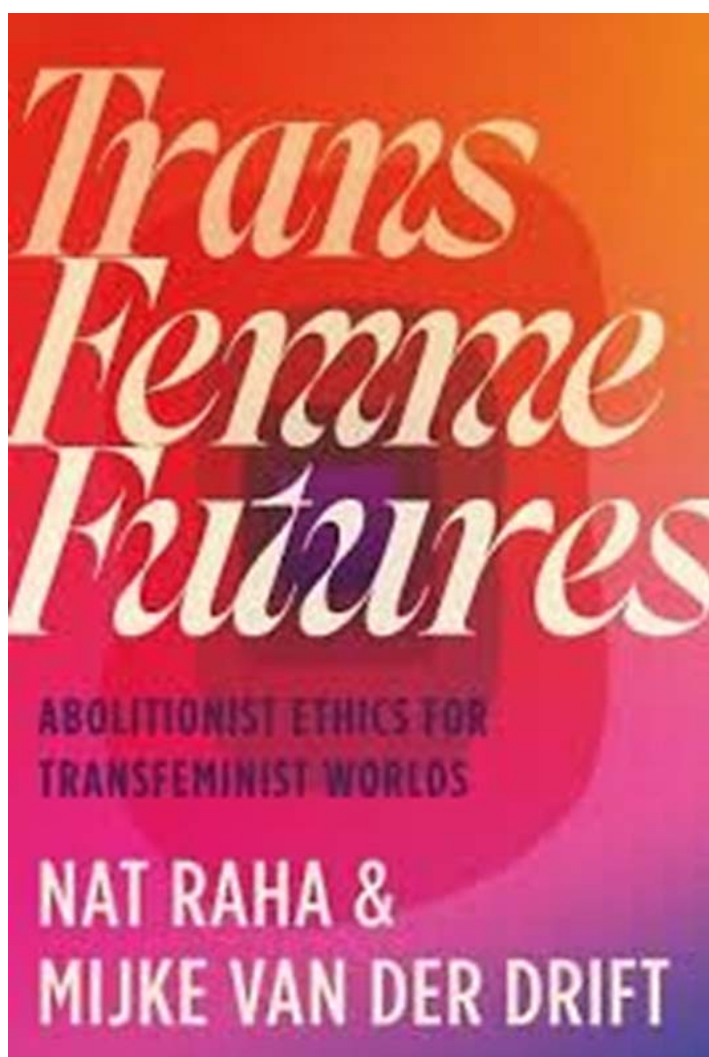
Jordan Marsh seems to have it all: fame, success as a race car driver, and women vying for her attention. But beneath the glamour is a loneliness she can't shake, a secret ache she's learned to ignore, until a chance encounter throws her carefully crafted life into chaos.

Quincy Fitzgerald has spent years building walls around her heart, determined to stay in control after a devastating heartbreak. But when the promotion she's been counting on falls through, her steady life crumbles. The last thing she needs is a high-profile romance that could shatter her fragile sense of order.

When Jordan and Quincy meet, their connection is undeniable. But Jordan's celebrity world threatens to pull Quincy into the shadows, a place she refuses to go. Will they fight for a love that could change everything, or walk away before they crash and burn?



AT FIVE LEAVES BOOKSHOP



Trans Femme Futures envisions the future through everyday actions that revolutionise our lives. Nat Raha and Mijke van der Drift discuss struggles around trans healthcare, the need for collectives over institutions, the importance of mutual care, and transfeminism as abolition.

The authors show how social change can be achieved through transformative practices that allow queer life to thrive in a time of climate, health, political and economic crises.

This event is presented in collaboration with Radar. It connects to Nat Raha's ongoing project Liberation Laboratory, a commission by Radar, the contemporary art programme of LU Arts at Loughborough University.

For this event, Nat and Mijke will present ideas from the book, followed by an audience Q&A.

Thursday, 17th July, 2025 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Five Leaves Bookshop, 14a Long Row, Nottingham, NG12DH

Free, but book online at
<https://fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk>



PRIDE IN FOOTBALL

5 A SIDE LGBTQIA+ FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

 Thursday 24th July 2025

 6pm to 8:30pm

 Forest Sports Zone

Please note this event is 18+
Any further information please email
sophie.swanwick@nottinghamshirefa.com

Hard copy's available
Help completing sign up form
Scan the QR code to sign up.
You can sign up as an individual or as a team.

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UK PRIDE DATES

Bridlington	July 5th
Cleveland	July 6th
Barnsley	July 12th
Northampton	July 12th
Southend	July 12th
Tamworth	July 12th
Eastbourne	July 19th
Flint	July 19th
Glasgow	July 19th
Leeds	July 20th
Folkstone	July 26th
Hebden Bridge	July 26th
Hull	July 26th
Morecambe	July 26th
Norwich	July 26th
Oldham	July 26th
Truro	July 26th
Wrexham	July 26th
Liverpool	July 27th
Kidderminster	Aug 2nd
Skipton	Aug 3rd
Wakefield	Aug 3rd
Doncaster	Aug 9th
Ely	Aug 9th
Margate	Aug 9th
Stafford	Aug 9th
Chester	Aug 16th
Colchester	Aug 16th
Lincoln	Aug 16th
Merthyr	Aug 16th
Wigan	Aug 16th
Dover	Aug 23rd
Scunthorpe	Aug 23rd
Walsall	Aug 23rd
Hastings	Aug 24th



THE FABULOUS

ABBA EVER AFTER

At the New Foresters Saturday August 23rd 9pm

The first event of our **NEW Lesbian Wednesdays...**

Fairy Themed Tea Party

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includes a bountiful platter of tea party delicacies



2nd July 6-9
Crocus Cafe NG7 2ES

For Tickets, search Fairy Tea Party on WeGotTickets

SOBER PRIDE PARTY

25 JULY > 4 - 10pm

📍 Café Sobar

Music and acts to be announced.

SAVE THE DATE

@cafe_sobar

CAFE Sobar

We're inviting everyone in the LGBTQIA+ family to join us for a Pride celebration with a difference. July 25th, from 4–10pm at Café Sobar, we'll be hosting an alcohol-free party filled with music, connection, and community.

Expect a full evening of fabulous entertainment from drag and cabaret icon Nana Arthole, who'll be hosting the event and keeping the party going all night long. There'll also be live music from Franx, bringing queer joy and soulful vibes to the stage.

If you can, please share with your networks or tag us at @cafe_sobar — we'd love to see you there.



NOTTS QUEER CALENDAR

THE WEEKLY MEETUP GUIDE

The information on Notts Rainbow Rview is often constrained by its bimonthly deadlines. If you want something that gives an update on what is happening week by week, go to the weekly meetup guide on Notts Queer Calendar - search for Notts Queer Calendar on Instagram.

DINING DOLLS COOP

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7pm-9pm at the sumac centre

245 gladstone street, new basford, ng7 6hx

FREE DINNER FOR TRANSFEMS!

Second and fourth Mondays

all transfeminine people welcome-
questioning, non-binary or
otherwise :)

LOOKING BACK

MAY 17TH - LOCAL GROUPS CELEBRATED IDAHOBIT DAY

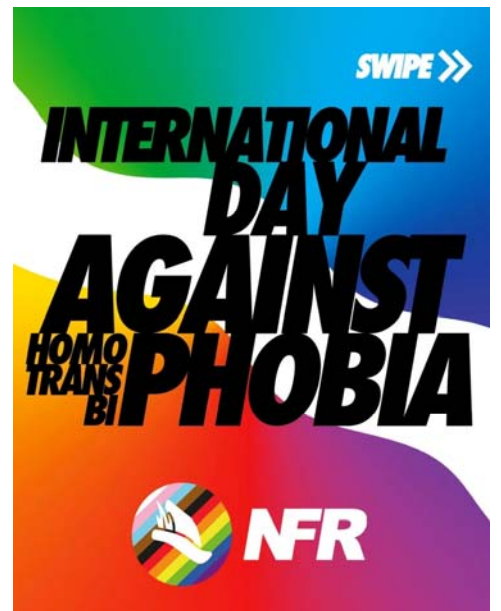
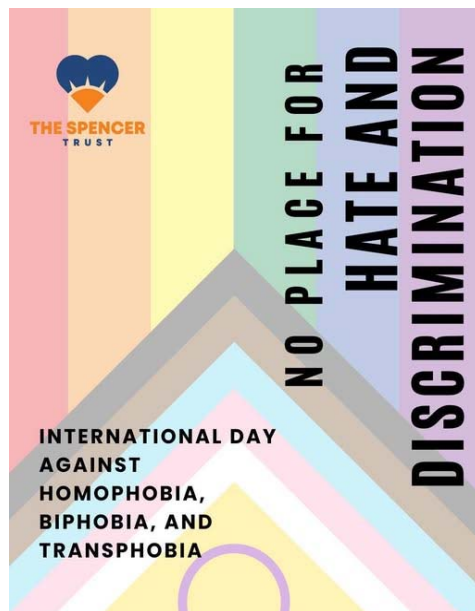


May 17th 1990 was the date on which the World Health Organisation said that I was not mad. In other words, that homosexuality was not a mental illness.

That is why May 17th is designated IDAHOBIT day, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

Locally Notts Pride celebrated the event at BEAR, Hockley - see photos on the left. Other groups like Notts LGBT+ Network, the Spencer Trust and Notts Front Runners also acknowledged the importance of this date.

At County Hall they flew a rainbow flag. I'm sure it had the full approval of REFORM.



IDAHOBIT DAY IN PARIS



There are a few memorials across the world for the LGBT+ people murdered in the Holocaust. There are three in Germany, one in Amsterdam, one in Alaska, one in Australia and one in Nottinghamshire at the Laxton Holocaust Museum.

We can now add one in Paris. It was unveiled on May 17th and is by the French artist Jean-Luc Verna. Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo said: "Historical recognition means saying 'this happened' and 'we don't want it to happen again'."

PROGRESS IN POLAND



Poland Officially Ends 'LGBT-Free Zones'

Poland has officially dismantled all so-called "LGBT-free zones", discriminatory declarations that once covered nearly a third of the country.

Following widespread criticism, EU funding threats, and fierce local resistance, the final declaration was repealed in May 2025.

BELFAST'S PRIDE WINDOW



Belfast City Hall's new LGBTQ+ stained-glass window was unveiled on May 22nd by Belfast's Lord Mayor Mickie Murray.

ARKLOW MAY LOSE CROSSING



Arklow, in County Wicklow, has Ireland's first permanent Pride crossing. It is now in danger of being erased due to the council failing to provide money for maintenance.

CURTIS CHIN AT WATERSTONES



As part of a 12 event book tour, Curtis Chin came to Waterstones on May 23rd to talk about his memoir “Everything I learned, I learned in Chinese restaurant”.

The Chinese restaurant belonged to his family and was in Detroit at a time of tremendous tension and upheaval. The book gives a crash course in American history, the rise of the AIDS epidemic and the experiences of a Chinese American family.

Owing to the proliferation of crack cocaine, violence, and murder in his Chinatown community, and well aware of the risks of his sexuality, Curtis was convinced that he would be dead by the age of 30.

Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant is beautifully crafted around the structure of a Chinese restaurant meal. It begins with “The Tea” and ends with “The Fortune Cookie”, covering lots of sensory experiences that immerse you in his family’s restaurant.

It feels different to other memoirs that compile a person’s whole life; instead the end of the book is just the beginning. Curtis is about to embark on his new life in New York, pursuing his dreams of being a writer.

THE PRIDE SHOP ROCKS



Thursdays from 4-6pm at the Pride Shop is now set aside for Rock Painting Social. Enjoy an afternoon of painting, chatting and making new friends in a safe, welcoming space.

The Pride Shop will provide the rocks, the paints and all the supplies. No experience needed. Take your painted rock home or add it to the community art display. Free to attend.

The Pride Shop, 65 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham.

PRIDE MONTH AT SAINSBURYS?



Sainsbury’s Smart Shop devices went all rainbowish on June 1st.

UK AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT AT TATE MODERN

The UK Aids Memorial Quilt is part of the world's largest community art project. It was founded by American human rights activist Cleve Jones in 1985, in grief and rage at the lives being lost to Aids.

It is made up of commemorative panels that measure 6ft by 3ft, the size of an average grave plot. This is intentional: at the time, many of those dying of Aids-related causes were denied a proper funeral, either because families had refused to acknowledge them, or funeral homes would not take in their bodies.

In June more than 20,000 people visited Tate Modern's Turbine Hall to see the quilt. Many of those visitors have wept openly in its presence, spending hours in the space. The atmosphere has been hushed, reverential. It is unfinished, still being made. Until this display, the work had never been shown in its entirety in an art institution.



You can see all the quilts and read more about their history at <https://www.aidsquiltuk.org/>

EQUATION'S LIFELINE FOR LGBTQ+ SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

In a powerful show of solidarity and progress during Pride Month, Nottingham-based charity Equation officially launched its dedicated LGBTQ+ Domestic Abuse Service at Broadway Cinema on June 19th. The event brought together professionals, survivors, community advocates and partners from across the region, marking a vital step forward in ensuring that domestic abuse support is accessible, inclusive, and affirming for all.



The launch took place in the heart of Nottingham's creative quarter, but its impact reached far wider. Attendees described the event as more than a launch—it was, as one guest put it, “a moment of recognition—for our experiences, our stories, and our need to be seen and supported.” Many said it felt like the community had truly been brought together, in a space that felt safe and empowering.

Opening the event, Equation's Domestic Abuse Services Manager Liam Fosten and Head of Survivor Services Rachel Daley spoke passionately about why this new provision matters. Both highlighted that, too often, LGBTQ+ survivors are overlooked in mainstream services. From fear of being outed, to past experiences of discrimination, the barriers can be significant—and sometimes life-threatening.

Commissioner Jane Lewis offered a wider perspective on the importance of embedding inclusion at every level. She emphasised that collaboration is key. Organisations working in collaboration such as Juno, Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services, she said, have been—and will continue to be—central to building safer, more inclusive services across the county.

Central to the event were the voices of those working directly with LGBTQ+ survivors. Andrew and Kizzi, from Equation's LGBTQ+ team, spoke about the vital need for specialist support and the barriers LGBTQ+ survivors often face when accessing help. Andrew shared anonymised case studies to ensure survivor voices were centred in the conversation.

They highlighted how fear of discrimination or being misunderstood can stop people from seeking support, and how this service offers safety, trust, and affirmation from professionals who truly understand LGBTQ+ experiences.

What also stood out was Equation's commitment to a full 360° holistic approach to domestic abuse. This isn't just about supporting survivors—it's also about challenging harmful behaviours at the source. Callum Buntrock, Head of Perpetrator Services, spoke about the charity's Your Choice Project, a behaviour change programme that works with individuals who use harm in their relationships, including within LGBTQ+ communities.

The programme creates a space for people to reflect on their actions and develop safer, healthier ways of relating, whilst still being held accountable. It's a vital part of Equation's vision to address domestic abuse from every angle—supporting survivors, engaging professionals, and disrupting cycles of harm.

Equation CEO Anthea Tainton spoke of the charity's long-term vision to build equity into everything it does. That vision, she said, must be more than words—it must be embedded in frontline services and shaped by the people it's designed to support. After the main event, attendees gathered upstairs in Broadway's mezzanine bar for refreshments and informal networking. Laughter, connection and determination filled the space. For many, it was the first time they had seen their community and their safety prioritised so publicly.

Equation's LGBTQ+ Domestic Abuse Service is now live and accepting referrals. It offers support to people aged 16+ in Nottingham City and 18+ in Nottinghamshire.

Survivors and professionals alike can find help through Equation's website, by phone, or email. This Pride Month, Equation has done more than show up—it has created a space, a service, and a message that resonates: there is no pride without safety, and no equality without support. This service is here. It's queer. And it's life-changing. With this launch, Equation continues to build on its mission: equal relationships, free from abuse—for everyone.

If you or someone you know needs help and are LGBTQ+, get in touch:

Helpline: 0330 088 0787

Email: lgbtq@equation.org.uk

Website: equation.org.uk/help-for-lgbtq

Professional Queries: 0115 960 5666


equal relationships free from abuse

PHOTOS FROM NOTTINGHAM TRANS PRIDE JUNE 21ST 2025



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AT CITY ARTS



Building an LGBTQIA+ friendly Nottingham is a project which explores how LGBTQIA+ people experience life in Nottingham.

On June 17th City Arts hosted an evening where people could view the results of three workshops which included producing poems exploring queer-ness in Nottingham and drawing “memory maps” of Nottingham.

The project has produced a zine incorporating some of the maps and poems and also hopes to set up an online debate about the issues which have come to the fore.

TRUMPERY



Above is a photo of USNS Harvey Milk. Trump’s US defence secretary, Pete Hegseth, has ordered the United States navy to strip the name of Harvey Milk – the prominent murdered gay rights activist and navy veteran – from a ship, in the middle of Pride month.

The Trump administration has also said that Pride Month is now Title IX month.

PRIDE MONTH AT CROOKED HOUSE

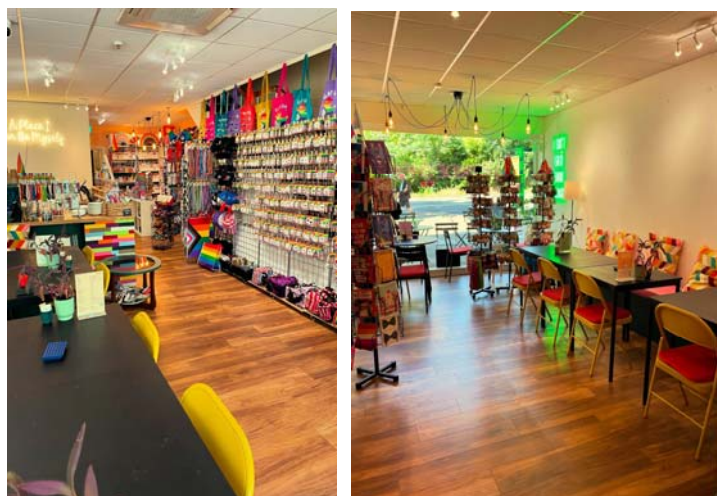


The 600 year old Crooked House is in Lavenham, Suffolk and since 2021 it has been owned by husbands Alex and Oli.

This year the front has been repainted for Pride Month - though to be honest, they have done this in a computer generated form.



THE PRIDE SHOP SHUFFLE



If you go down to the Pride Shop today, you’re sure of a big surprise! The café elements of the shop have been moved to nearer the front and the merchandise sections have been relocated to the back.

LOOKING FURTHER BACK

NOTTINGHAM'S EARLY PRIDE FESTIVALS 1997-2000

The first three festivals were actually called "Pink Lace" - Nottingham used to be known as a lace-making town.. The very first festival was a small-scale event held in **1997** on Broad Street, which was closed for traffic.

Stalls from various groups and organisations lined one side of the street and several bands gave performances on the steps of Broadway Cinema.

The fears that the event might be a focus for trouble-makers proved groundless ... and that has continued to be the case at all subsequent events.



The second festival in **1998**, was more ambitious and took place in the grounds of Nottingham Castle.

"More" was the key word. There was more of everything: more stalls, more music, more people

The third festival in **1999**, again used the grounds of Nottingham Castle and continued to build on previous years.

The music was on bigger scale (and volume) than previously ... some of the sedate residents of The Park, adjacent to the Castle, complained about the noise.



The third Pink Lace exhausted the organising committee, which decided to leave the following year's event to others. The name change to "Nottingham Pride" came in **2000** along with a new organising committee.

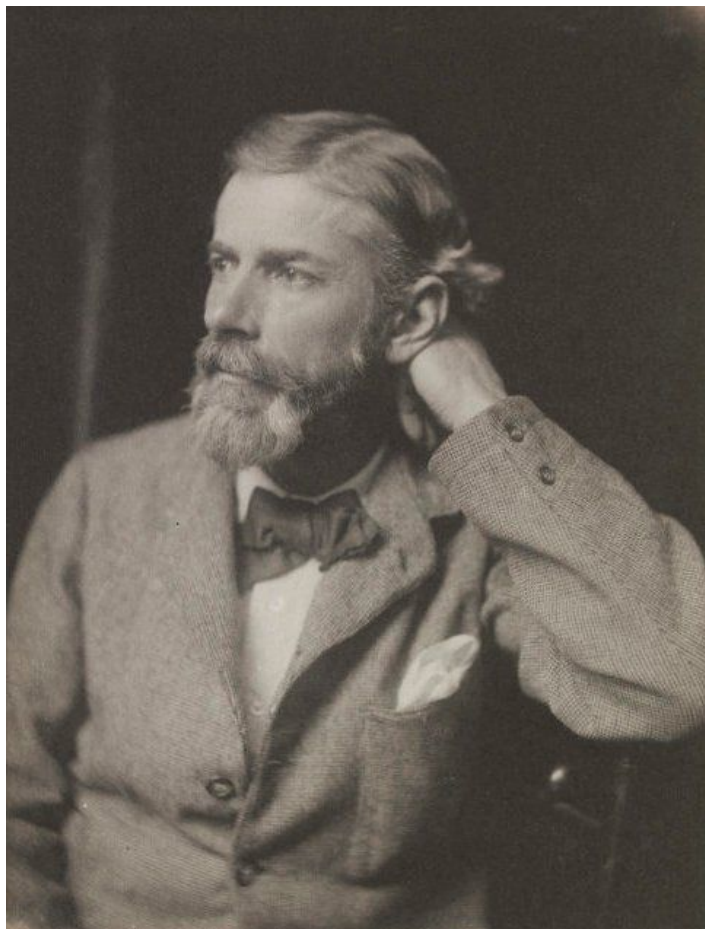
The venue also changed from the Castle to the Embankment ("Bent by the Trent", was the headline in the local QB newsletter). Though well-organised, the event was not wholly successful. Moving out of the city centre and splitting the event across two days led to a decrease in the numbers attending.



2001 theoretically was the year of the 2 Prides. The Pride Committee and the Pink Lace committee both planned events, which resulted (to use a term borrowed from atomic physics) in "mutual annihilation", though the Pink Lace committee claimed that they cancelled because of Foot and Mouth disease.

GROUP OF THE DAY

THE EDWARD CARPENTER COMMUNITY — FOR MEN WHO LOVE MEN



Edward Carpenter was a hugely influential socialist, critic, writer, poet, thinker, vegetarian, and mystic. He was a pioneering supporter of many progressive causes we now take for granted, including women's rights and sexual reform.

His radically different lifestyle became a symbol of liberation from the oppressive middle class values of late Victorian England and his writings were an important contribution to the development of the English socialist movement and much later, to the gay liberation movement. He lived at Millthorpe, near Sheffield, with his lover, George Merrill (who inspired E M Forster to write his novel *'Maurice'*).

Our community chose to honour Carpenter by adopting his name in recognition of the strong resonance between his lifestyle and the shared values of the men who came together in the 1980s.

The Edward Carpenter Community functions mainly by organising events. These may be week-long retreats, weekends, facilitated workshops or free-format where members bring their own energy. We don't have any base but we gather at a variety of venues in the United Kingdom.

We organise regular monthly ECC Social gatherings for men in the East Midlands which are held at 1.30pm on the first Saturday of the month at The Pride Shop, 65 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham.

The meet-up is for all gay, bi, trans and non-binary men who love men and who subscribe to the ethos of establishing a rural community group house which would run on the principles of how Edward Carpenter lived his life at Millthorpe, Derbyshire.

Whilst this dream/vision hasn't as yet happened the ECC network has spent almost 40 years organising Gay Men's Weeks in order to develop like minded community of men.

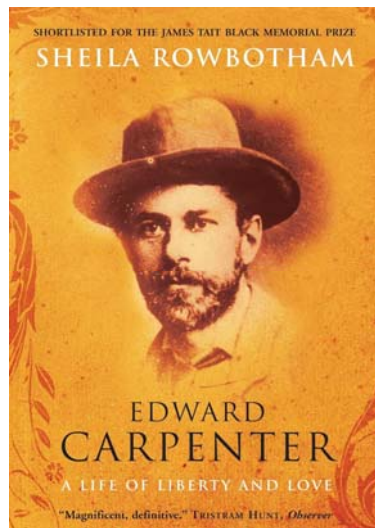
We're receiving funding assistance for the group. Refreshments will be provided and donations collected on the day to cover the cost of room hire. We're always open to ideas and contributions for future meetings.

For further information please contact **Tim Blades** on 07840 400470 mozi1972@protonmail.com

One of our members, Simon Dawson, has made a study of Carpenter's life, and his website at www.edwardcarpenter.net is a rich source of information and out-of-print writings.

The Edward Carpenter Community Trust (ECCT) is a separate organisation from the main ECC Community. It is a registered charity with aims centred on health and education for and about the LGBTQ community.

It makes several grants per year to small LGBTQ charities whose aims are aligned with the Trust. Its longer term aim is to make a substantial grant to fund the purchase of buildings or land which will be used to promote the charitable objectives of ECCT



Sheila Rowbotham's acclaimed biography *Edward Carpenter: A Life of Liberty and Love* published in 2008, is an authoritative and detailed book exploring Carpenter's life and thought in relation to the social, aesthetic and intellectual movements of his day

MISCELLANY

THAT'S THE WONDER OF YOUTUBE



If you go to the “Useful Resources” section of the Nottinghamshire’s Rainbow Heritage website, you will find a collection of 23 LGBT+ Youtube videos.

Shown here, we have the brilliant 9 minute Disney OUT cartoon; the University of Nottingham’s hockey team’s “Say no to homophobia”; Michael Sheen in the Kenneth Williams documentary “Fantabulosa”; a USA 1950s public service video “Beware the homosexual”; Tom Daley coming out; the lesbian invasion of BBC news in a Section 28 protest and a documentary on “Gays in the 1930s”.

There are also videos on Sir John Wolfenden commenting on the passing of the 1967 Sexual Offences Act, a history of Notts LGBT+ Network, Alan Horsfall on the early gay rights movement, the true story behind the Stonewall riots and several more.

It’s all at www.nottsrainbowheritage.org.uk



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

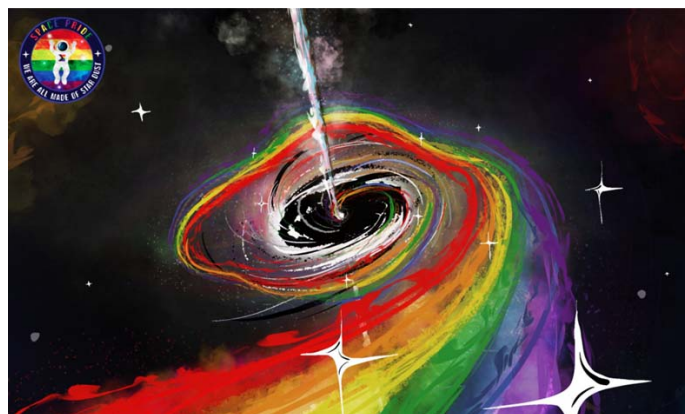
There can be an additional focus on issues such as

- 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

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MOON PRIDE



Humanity's Journey Into the Galaxy: We are All made of Stardust is a painting created by Space Pride operators Rania Djojosugito and Khushi Shah

Earlier this year two unmanned space missions to the Moon carried with them various messages, including this LGBTQ+ art piece

Very recently, however, US Aerospace agency NASA was ordered by officials to scrub LGBTQ+ and DEI content from its website, which included several resources and blogs on LGBTQ+ employees and officials.



On the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the Goethe-Institute New York and the Schwules Museum Berlin conceived the exhibition *Queer as German Folk*. The exhibition is now available online at

<https://queerexhibition.org/>

LEGO GOES "PROGRESSIVE"



IT'S TOILET TIME: WHAT THE COURT MAY DEMAND

Trans men should use women's toilets. Here are some of the faces one might now encounter.



Laith Ashley



Chas Bono



Professor Stephen Whittle



Benjamin Melzer



Brian Michael Smith



Aydian Dowling



Ballan Buschbaum



Ian Harvie

NPP's 'Your Spaces Too' Campaign

In light of recent developments, we are calling on all local venues to show solidarity with the trans community by protecting our right to access spaces safely.



Many venues already have gender neutral toilets. Lots of local venues now support the Nottingham Pastel Project's campaign. Here are some:

Gladrags	New Foresters
Saltbox	Mist Rolling Inn
Lord Roberts	Notts Front Runners
The Watered Garden	Pitcher & Piano
Whole Health Sauna	Pelham Street Kitchen
Element Games	Goose Beauty
Minor Oak	Shop Zero Nottingham
The Dougie Arms	Stylish Strands
Jay Bees	Debbie Bryan Shop
The Model	Anti Barbers
Fold	Fraser Vet Physio
Toast Nottingham	1 Fisher Gate Point
Whole Health Team	Lightning Like Scissors
Allsk8n	Our Lady of Sorrows tattoo
NTU The Level	NTU Brack Bar
NTU The Point	The Barrel Drop
The Pride Shop	The Dice Cup
Malt Cross	The Health Shop
Broadway Cinema	Nottingham Arts Theatre
Rough Trade	Ms Moo Makeup
Lush	The Token House
Crocus Café	Hopkinson
The Berliner	The King Billy
The Golden Fleece	Five Leaves Bookshop
Bunkers Hill	Pit and the Pendulum
Mojo	Brewdog
Bird and Blend	Hell's Smells
Cope Jewellers	Little Brickhouse
Alcove	Six Barrels Hockley
The Grove	Neon Raptor
Beam	Games Haven
Wandering Goblin	Little Brickhouse
Lucy and Yak	Delilah Fine Foods
The Bead Shop	Blend East West
Mitzi Gaunt Hair	Circus Hub
Hack Studios	Backlit Gallery
Sumac Centre	Siren Studios
Axed Nottingham	Bliss Hairdressing
Women in Tandem	Emmy Lupin Studio
Meeples & Mulligans	Tangerine Hair Salon

Go to the Pastel Project's Linktree for a full list

LGBTQ+ CEMETARY MEMORIAL



The Historic Congressional Cemetery in Washington. HCC is one of the few cemeteries in the world with a dedicated LGBTQ+ section.

In the year ending March 2024, police in England and Wales recorded 22,839 hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation.

That's over 60 incidents every day.

Figures are 13% higher than five years ago. Campaigners warn that these numbers likely underrepresent the true scale, as many incidents go unreported due to fear or mistrust.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS

to have their say.

Help us improve support for **MALE or LGBTQ+** domestic abuse survivors

Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services want to improve support services for domestic abuse, and as part of this they are looking for male or LGBTQ+ survivors to have their say. They want to understand:

- The issues that are experienced in Nottingham
- How to change & improve services provided
- How to design new services
- How to empower and support survivors
- How to build better skills in those responding to domestic abuse.

Can you help?

If so, contact via <https://nottssvss.org.uk/>

NEWS

The Government has committed to making anti-LGBTQ+ hate crime an aggravated offence

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. Closed on Tuesdays, otherwise 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. They are now registered charity number 1199241. They can be contacted through

trustees@nottstranshub.org

For more details go to

<https://www.nottstranshub.org> and
<https://www.instagram.com/nottstranshub>



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



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

Starts in April



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)

WRITE QUEER

4.30-6.00pm

Nottingham Central Library
Every 3rd Monday of the Month



OutdoorLads

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 Notts is part of our Central England region. For details go to www.outdoorlads.com

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



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

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



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



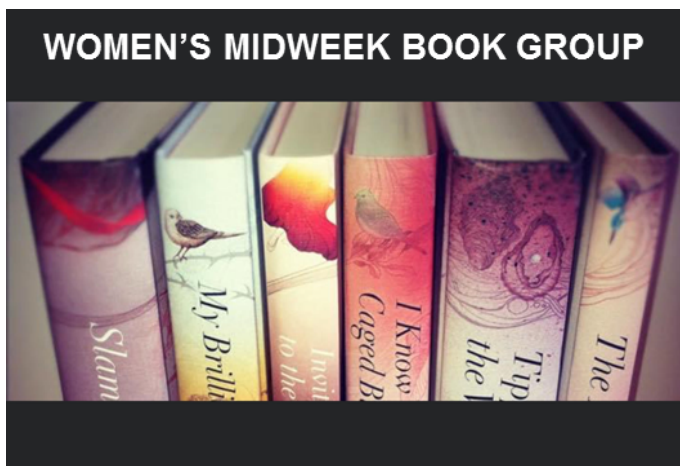
The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities

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>



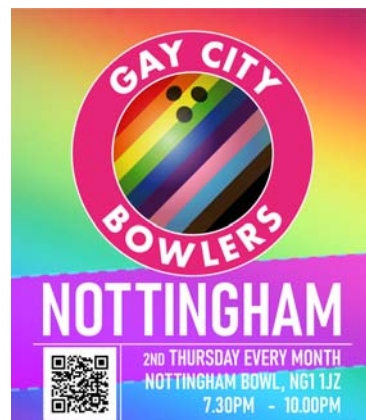
The group meets in Nottingham to discuss books. Read a set book and then join in with the discussion group.

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. Future books include:

2 July - The Secret History by Donna Tart
13 August - Prophet Song by Paul Lynch



Queer Adventure Collective is an East Midlands based LGBTQ+ group, bringing people together to enjoy the outdoors. For events go to "queer.adventure.collective" on Instagram



Gay City Bowlers is an inclusive LGBTQ+ ten-pin 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.



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. Monthly meetings, on last Wednesday of every month 7pm – 9pm

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



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

SAPPHIC SUNDAY

Join us at Blend Cafe, Sneinton (Nottingham) for coffee, cake, and conversation. Look for the table with apple, all sapphics welcome. 10.30am to 12.30pm, every Sunday starting March 2, 2025



CRAFT & BOARD GAME SOCIAL



Now every Monday at the Pride Shop 4-6pm. No need to book just turn up - bring a craft project, a book or a board game of your choice, or choose from some we have in our space!

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.



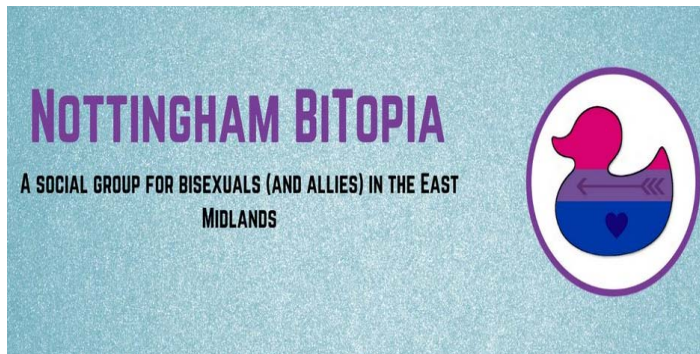
Meet every Tuesday at 6.30 at the Robin Hood statue for a 5km run, finishing at the Lord Roberts. For more information go to Facebook

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094769503086



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.badminton-social.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

Gay Grannies!



Are you over 55
Lesbian or bisexual (you don't have to be a granny)
Looking to make new friends
Feeling lonely or isolated
In or out of the closet

I'm starting a new social/support group in the Mansfield/Ashfield District 2nd Friday of the month
If interested, please e-mail Dee on:

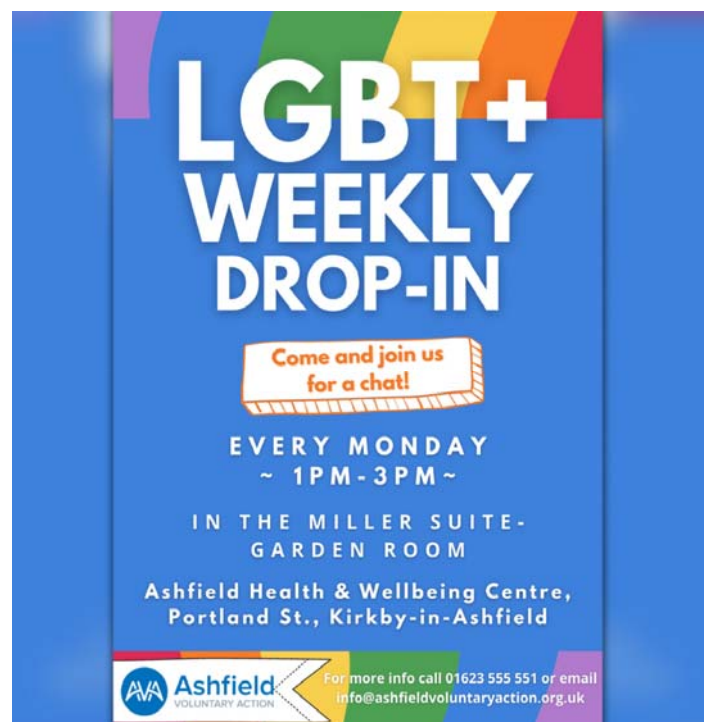
Dee1.k@icloud.com

And I'll get back to you asap
I look forward to hearing from you
Confidentially assured!

ALL-WOMEN'S BADMINTON

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

Saturday July 5th	Mansfield Pride 12pm-late Ye Old Ramme Inn*
Tuesday July 8th	Front Runners 100th run* 6.30 Robin Hood Statue
Thursday July 10th	Notts Netwprk Fundraiser* Pitcher & Piano 7-10pm
Saturday July 12th	Workshop Pride 12pm onwards
Saturday July 12th	Tiger does drag* Alea Casino 7pm
Thursday July 17th	Trans Femme Futures* 5 Leaves Bookshop 7-8.30
Thursday July 24th	Pride in Football 6-8,30pm Forest Sport Zone*
Friday July 25th to Sunday July 27th	Bicon 2025* Nottm Girls High School
Saturday July 26th	Notts Pride 11 am onward Ends Sneinton Market*
Sunday July 27th	Open Table 5-7pm* St John's Carrington
Saturday Aug. 2nd	Belper Pride starts 11am Market Place
Sunday August 3rd	Netherfield LGBT+ Social 1-4pm* at LOCO Centre
Monday August 4th	Rocky Horror Show * Royal Concert Hall
Thursday Aug. 14th	Queer Open Mic 7.30pm Hockley Emporium*
Friday Aug. 15th	Transinvasion 8pm* The New Foresters
Saturday Aug. 16th	Content Café Social* 10.30-12 House of Fraser
Saturday Aug. 16th	Loughborough Pride Queens Park 2-6pm
Wednesday Aug. 20th	Quiz night 7.30pm* Lord Roberts
Saturday Aug. 23rd	ABBA Ever After* 9pm The New Foresters

* fuller details can be found in the main Review

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/>