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2025

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**Nottinghamshire's
RAINBOW HERITAGE**

NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

**CELEBRATING
THE NETWORK'S 50 YEARS**



Welcome back to Queerish's Winter Ball!

This year we have teamed up with the incredible Notts LGBT+ Network charity to end their 50th anniversary with a celebration like no other. 7.30pm-1.am Tickets from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/queerish>

COMING UP NOV/DEC

WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE

A service of remembrance
for those who are affected
or who have died from
HIV/AIDS

ST PETER'S CHURCH (NEXT TO M&S)

Sunday November 30th

3.00PM All welcome

For other parish services over the Christmas season visit
nottinghamchurches.org / 0115 9483658



FROM THE SPENCER TRUST

THE SPENCER TRUST
A MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE WORKSHOP

CRAFT, SNIP, AND SLAY

19TH NOVEMBER 2025
(WEDNESDAY)

THE PRIDE SHOP
NOTTINGHAM NG1 6AJ

BEGINS AT 6.00P.M.

INCLUDES A FREE DRINK

LOL+GBTQ+ AT THE LORD ROBERTS



Nottingham Queer Arts Collective's mission is to bring together LGBTQIA+ artists of all disciplines from in and around Nottingham to appreciate, liberate, and support our community and art.

Last year's event raised over £150, and this year we are back at LOL-gbtq+ at The Lord Roberts with an evening of comedy, cabaret and variety, raising vital funds for Nottingham Queer Arts Collective and The Spencer Trust. Pay What You Feel, all welcome.

November 9th 6pm (doors open 5.40)

Tuesday 4th November
 Doors: 7:30pm
 Show: 8:00pm - 9:00pm

THE LORD ROBERTS

Queen of the North-West Party Bingo Scene,
 Angela Bra invites you to an absolutely fabulous
 musical comedy of parodies, pop and puns!

Best Cabaret Show
 Morecambe Fringe 2025

Joke of the Fest
 Lancaster Festival 2025

Best Comedy Show
 The Bay Fringe 2024

Award Nominated
 Buxton Fringe 2024 & 2023

Get your dabbers ready
 for playful parodies,
 polished puns and
 surreal stories from the
 front line of the party
 bingo circuit. With on-
 screen sing-along
 karaoke lyrics,
 audience participation
 and an actual game of
 bingo it's unlike any
 other show you'll see!

SECRET DIARY
of a bingo call girl

Critics Choice Award Winner at the
 2024 Bay Fringe.
 Buxton Fringe Best Comedy Show
 Nominee 2024 and 2023

18+

Tickets
 £5

NANA'S NOT LEARNT HER LINES!

HER NEW COMEDY SPECIAL!
 UNSCRIPTED & IMPROVISED!
 SHE PROMISED THIS
 WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN
 ...SHE LIED

A NIGHT OF COMEDY,
 IMPROV, MUSIC,
 SPOKEN WORD &
 WHATEVER ELSE SHE
 CAN THINK OF TO FILL
 THE SHOW!

LAST MINUTE PANIC HAS NEVER LOOKED SO GLAMOROUS

SAT 8TH NOV **DOORS: 8.45**
SHOW: 9.00

THE LORD ROBERTS, BROAD STREET, NG1



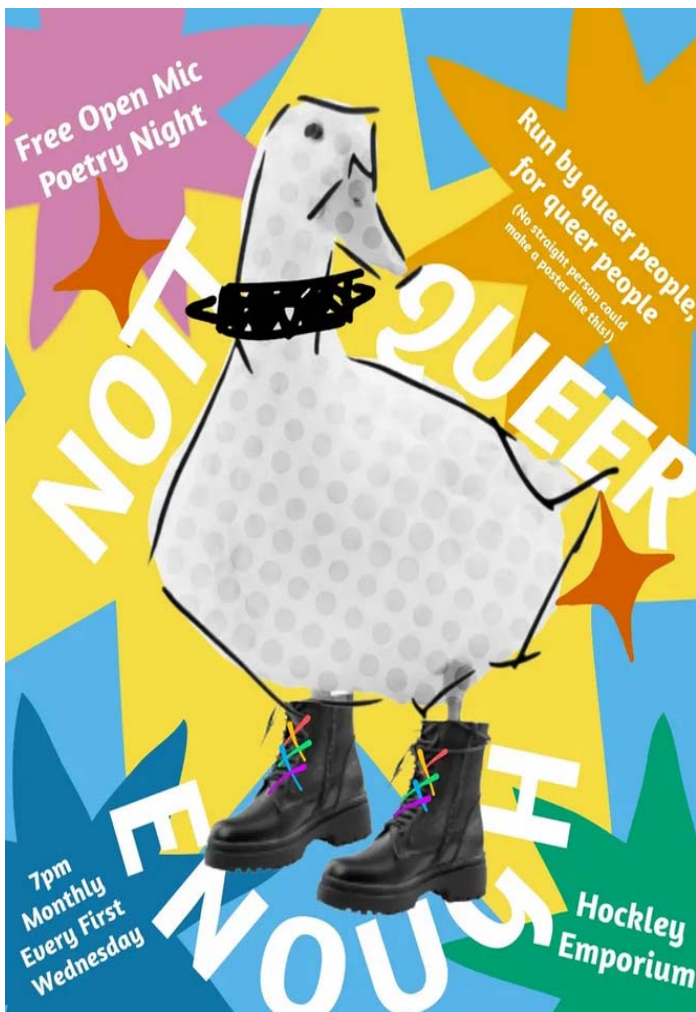
Cerys Bradley has hyperfixated on road signs. If you like road signs, follow the directions below for a silly and short history of road sign design as well as some heartfelt musings on the monotony of everyday life and the joys of autistic obsessions.

November 7th 7.30pm (doors open 7.10pm) £5



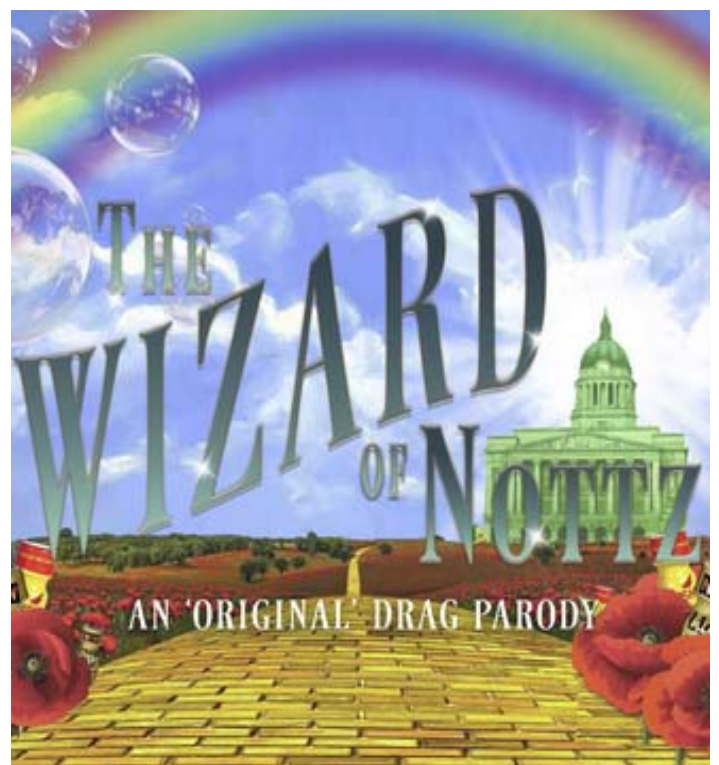
Join AFAB Drag Queen Boo in her crafty box! We'll laugh, we'll dance, we'll drink and spill the tea whilst we make sweet sweet crafts together. So grab a glass and enjoy as Boo fills you with shocking stories, instant inspiration and the burning desire to make things sticky. See you there, boo. Love, Boo!

November 7th 9pm (doors open at 8.40) £7



A dedicatedly free monthly queer poetry event for anyone who has ever been made to feel Nott Queer Enough.

First Wednesday of the month 7-10pm
At the Hockley Emporium



Close your eyes and say, 'there's no place like ho-mo...' Join us for the dazzling debut of the **Nottingham Drag Panto: The Wizard of Nottz!** Written, directed and starring some of our finest local drag talents in an even gay-er retelling of The Wizard of Oz.

Let this full production whisk you away to a world of technicolour, bursting with laugh-out-loud comedy, spectacular costumes and incredible live performances! Don't forget your ruby slippers, we'll see you in Nottz!

7.30pm November 27th. Nottingham Arts Theatre
12 George St, Nottingham



Join us at St. John's Church Carrington as we share in familiar carols, readings authored by our LGBTQIA+ community and partake in food and a warm drink. A simple Moravian-inspired Lovefeast will be served, with cakes and sweet rolls, along with tea and coffee. December 14th. Starts at 6pm.

Nov. 12th/Oct.10th 5-7pm

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Peer support group

Nottinghamshire
Sexual Health Services

If you would like to come along to this HIV support group, please contact your Consultant at Nottingham City Hospital or alternatively email liam@thespencertrust.co.uk



NICHEARTIFACT
ARTISTS' EXHIBITION PRESENTS

DIGITAL REALMS

LIVE STAGE SHOW + ART EXHIBITION

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 7PM

DANI MAGIC | **PRISCILLA SHONA KRAKOW** | **ROBIN DA SILVA**
DRAG ARTISTE AKA 'THE PSY' DRAG QUEEN DIRECTOR & FOUNDER

BOBBIE DAZZLER | **CARRIE ONLOVE** | **SERENA EADON** | **RO DE LA MONJA**
DRAG THING DRAG ARTISTE LIVE VOCALIST DRAG MONARCH

DAVID BEER | **JACKIE PAPER** | **MILADY BURLESQUE**
STAGE CO-HOST PERFORMANCE ARTIST BURLESQUE & AERIAL ARTISTE

Revolucion de Cuba

*VENUE ADDRESS: REVOLUCION DE CUBA, ALEXANDRA HOUSE 24-28 MARKET ST NOTTINGHAM NG1 4HN PHONE NUMBER 01158 713735 - TICKET COST £13.75. THE ONLY TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE FROM GIGANTIC OR ON THE DOOR. ONLY CASH PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR OUR NON PROFIT ORGANISATION PLEASE CONTACT US ON OUR OFFICIAL WEBSITE AT WWW.NICHEARTIFACT.CO.UK

For tickets, search Revolucion de Cuba at www.gigantic.com

QUEER OPEN MIC NIGHT

Nov.13th/Dec.11th

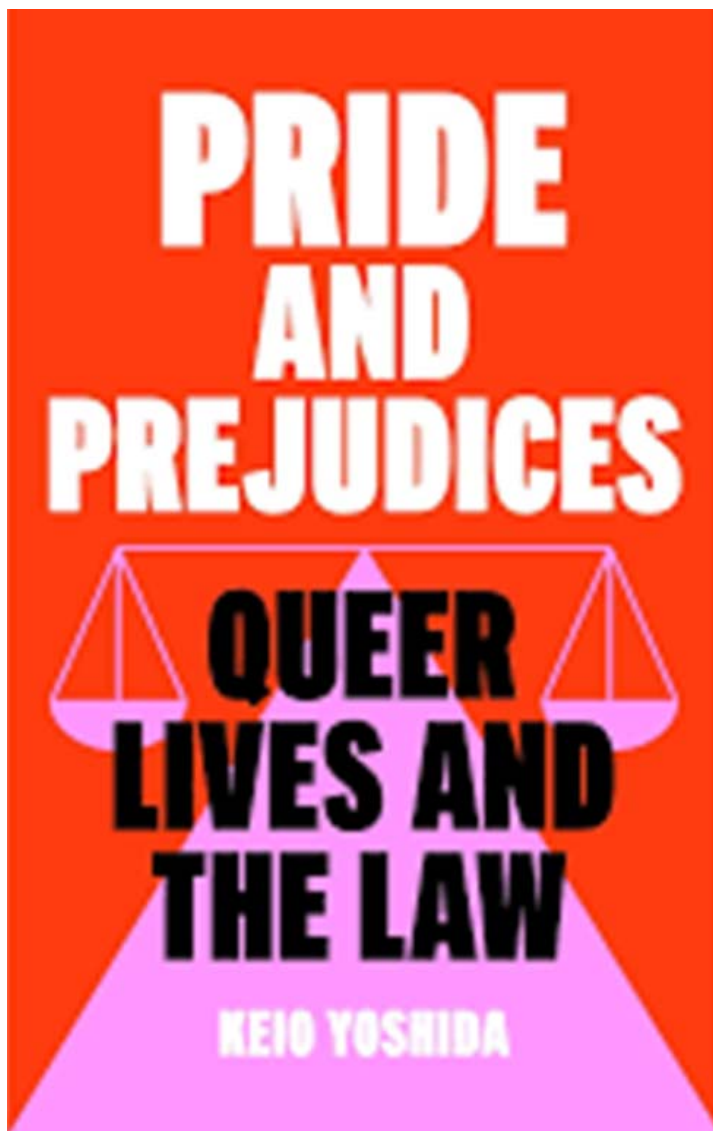
START: 19:30

COME CELEBRATE OUR FIRST BIRTHDAY & QUEER TALENT

MUSIC, COMEDY, DRAG & OTHER ART FORMS WELCOME

FREE ENTRY

THE HOCKLEY EMPORIUM



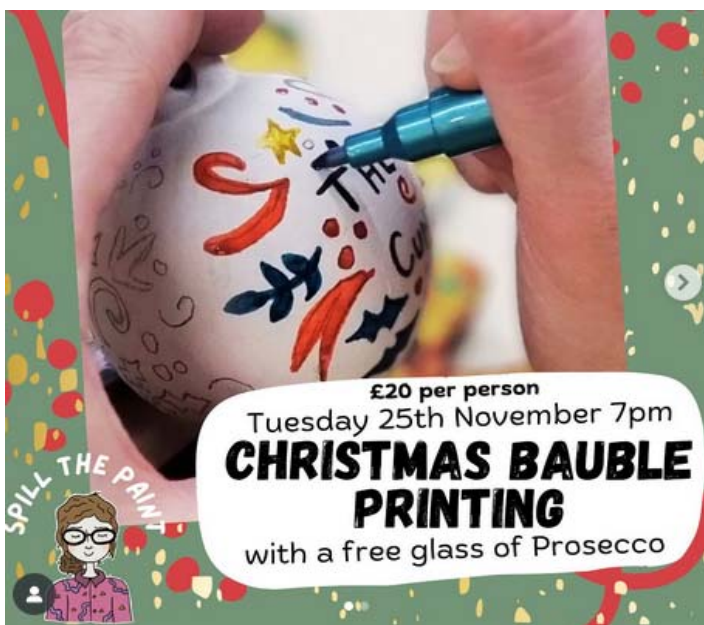
Internationally acclaimed human rights lawyer Keio Yoshida uncovers the ongoing battle for LGBTQ+ rights, how far we've come, and how much further we have to go.

In *Pride and Prejudices*, Yoshida analyses case law from around the world, including *Rosanna Flamer Caldera v Sri Lanka*, the first global precedent to call for the decriminalisation of same-sex intimacy between women, in which Yoshida acted as counsel, as well as other timely cases such as the bitter debate over self-ID for trans people in the UK and Florida's recent 'Don't Say Gay' bill.

Join us for an evening discussion with author of *Pride and Prejudices: Queer Lives and the Law*, Dr Keio Yoshida, where we will address the legal problems that still persist for the LGBTQ+ population and also discuss what more needs to be done to protect LGBTQ+ communities.

£4-50 book on website

Wednesday, 5th November, 2025
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Five Leaves Bookshop
14a Long Row, Nottingham



Join Spill The Paint for a cosy evening of Christmas bauble painting on Tuesday 25 November, 7–9pm at the Pitcher and Piano. Bring your creativity (or just your festive spirit) and let's get painty, sip fizz, and create some cheerful decorations together! The quirkier and more unique your bauble, the better the memories!

You'll have the chance to paint two ceramic baubles. A flat star and a classic round bauble, ready to shine on your tree or be the perfect handmade gift. To book your spot, just send Spill The Paint a message on Instagram, and I'll share a payment link once your booking is confirmed.

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



Mind Out Theatre hosts an online monthly Meet Up for Queer, Disabled and Neurodivergent folks. An informal online space, facilitated by Evie Osbon (they/them). One hour session on the first Wednesday of every month (7-8pm).

QUEERDOS brings our community together in an online space - group feedback has shown us the necessity for an online space to increase safety, accessibility and alleviate cost. So have a check in, play games, explore your creativity, and chat.

Email Evie at mindouttheatre@gmail.com with Subject Line: QUEERDOS for the meeting link



Join us for a hot drink before we head out for some Autumn fun by the lake. Let us know if you can make it

https://www.instagram.com/notts_lgbtq_families/



Because **YOUR** story matters

If you're trans, gender-diverse, and aged 18+, we'd love to hear your story.

Fifth Word and Nottinghamshire Archives are gathering oral histories from trans and gender-diverse people living in Nottinghamshire, to preserve this rich history and make it visible in the archives.

Our Story is a refusal to be silent, to be defined by anyone other than ourselves.

It's an invitation to share your experiences, as we capture the everyday and the extraordinary – moments of transjoy, trans resistance, and everything in between.

You get to choose how much you want to share – we can keep your stories anonymous if you would prefer.

We'll be recording interviews from January 2026 so if you are interested in taking part or would like to know more, get in touch!

Our Story is made possible with the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

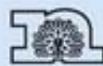


Scan the QR code to learn more or email info@fifthword.co.uk

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ROCK PAINTING: EVERY THURSDAY AT THE PRIDE SHOP



PINK NOISE

A CLUB NIGHT CELEBRATING
QUEER SOUNDS,
ARTISTS AND PEOPLE

SAT 22ND NOV

THE MODEL



NEW TRANS YOUTH GROUP

Transphoria

Supporting trans and gender diverse young people in Nottingham City

We are a social group for young people aged 13-17 who are trans and/or gender diverse. We will meet weekly to provide a safe and inclusive space to access social support and community.

**Every Tuesday
5:00-6:30pm
at Cafe Sobar**

22 Friar Lane, Nottingham NG1 6DQ

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Transphoria

QUEER Doodle Club

**Free art project social
for the LGBTQ+
Community**

**Last Thursday of every month
@ The Pride Shop
4.00PM - 5.45PM**

BEARLY NOTTS

**Saturday 29th November
9-Late @ The Hockley Emporium**



November 29th. 9pm-2am at the Hockley Emporium
39 Pelham Street Nottingham NG1 2EA £6-£7-50
Nottingham Bear Nights for all of bear kind.

For tickets, search "Bearly Notts" on
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

LGBTQ+



Free yoga class, followed by complimentary
healthy drink



**Sunday Nov. 16th
11.30 am at
Revolucion de Cuba**



LOOKING BACK

OCTOBER WAS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, INCLUDING BLACK LGBT+ PEOPLE



Audre Lorde a self-described "Black, lesbian, feminist, mother, poet, warrior," made lasting contributions in the fields of feminist theory, critical race studies and queer theory through her pedagogy and writing.



Cecil Belfield Clarke was an exceptional academic. After traveling to the UK in 1914, Clarke opened a medical practice which he ran for nearly 50 years after completing his training at University College Hospital in London.



Skin was the first Black artist to headline the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury. The rock icon, who found success in the '90s as the lead vocalist of British rock band Skunk Anansie, is a passionate LGBTQ+ advocate



A Turner prize-nominated artist, Isaac Julien is best known for his multi-screen art installations and distinguished films. Born in London, he graduated from Saint Martin's School of Art in 1985. Julien is now a professor of the arts at UC Santa Cruz.



Valerie Mason-John became an LGBTQ+ icon. She contributed, as co-author and editor, to the first books that documented African and Asian Lesbians in Britain.



Alvin Ailey was an American dancer, director, choreographer, and activist who founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater as a haven for nurturing Black artists and expressing the universality of the African-American experience through dance.



Jide Salami, whose drag name is Son of A TuTu, is a veteran drag performer well-known for wearing traditional Nigerian wear. The self-described "African drag queen extraordinaire" uses the drag platform to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ rights in Nigeria



Ted Brown is a British activist and member of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF). In July 1972 he made history with a mass kiss-in in Trafalgar Square in which more than 2,000 people participated.



Phyll Opoku-Gyimah aka Lady Phyll is a co-founder of UK Black Pride, a political activist, and executive director of the LGBTQ+ Kaleidoscope Trust.

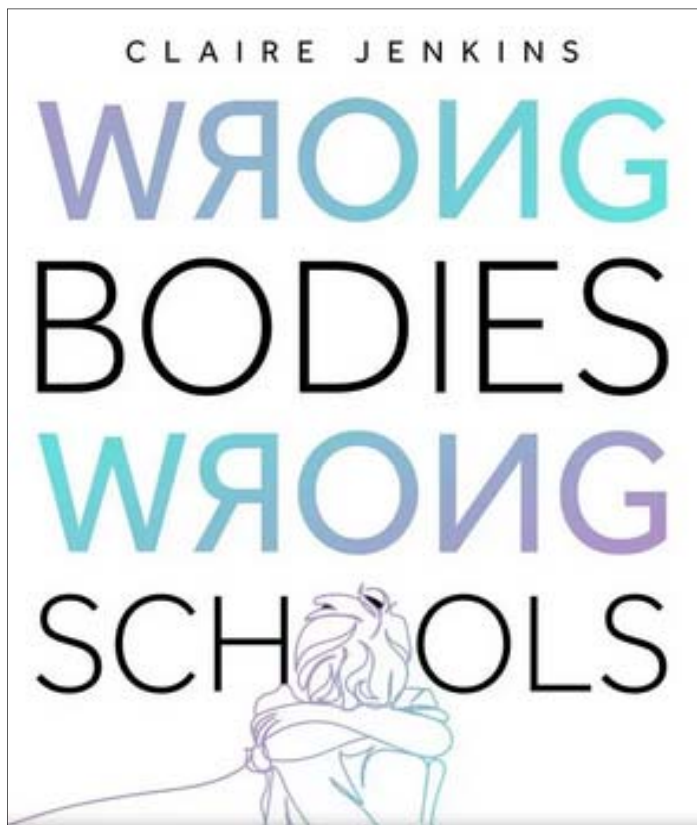
THE OUTBURST COLOUR RUN 2025



The Outburst Colour Run is an annual charity fun run which this year took place at Nottingham Girls' High School on Sept.21st. This family-friendly event involves running or walking a 1k route and getting covered in non-toxic paint powder at various stations. It's a non-competitive event designed to raise money for Base 51 which hosts and supports the Outburst LGBT+ youth group.

This year the sun was shining, the vibes were great and there was a LOT of colour! It's a highlight on Base 51's event calendar and they can't wait for next year already. Base 51 sends special thank you to Rollo Academy Of Performing Arts for the warm up, Silverfox PA Hire for the music, Co-op for sponsoring,





Local author and academic Claire Jenkins has just published her new book.

Inspired by Claire Jenkins' own experiences as a trans woman and working with young trans people, this book is a much needed and vital resource for policy makers, educators, school leaders and the families of TGNB young people in today's UK schools.

Claire provides a comprehensive exploration of how societal, educational, and legislative frameworks affect the lives of trans youth, and advocates for an inclusive and supportive approach.

TOUGH TIMES IN TURKEY



A draft bill proposed by the government in Turkey would significantly extend existing restrictions on the freedoms of the LGBTQ+ community.

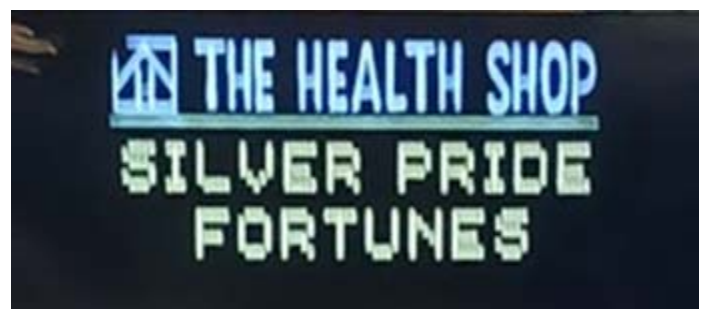
The proposed legislation would amend Article 225 of the Turkish Penal Code, entitled 'Immodest Acts', and sets out that anyone who behaves "contrary to the biological sex assigned at birth and general morality" faces a prison sentence of one to three years.

THE HEALTH SHOP AT SILVER PRIDE



Silver Pride is the social group for gay/bi men over 55. At their October meeting they had a visit from Lou and Jess from the Health Shop.

Much of the session was taken up with an entertaining quiz on sexual health set in the format of Family Fortunes. Many of the group were surprised by the gaps in their knowledge. The questions expanded to involve gay venues of yesteryear and cruising grounds.



Everyone also learned a great deal about the variety of support offered by the Health Shop. That includes their range of testing for STIs. It was made clear that tests carried out by the Health Shop do not go on your NHS record and those who are perhaps ultra concerned over their privacy can give a false name!

The group heard about the outreach work carried out by the health shop. This not only reaches gay venues (such as the Lord Roberts) and LGBT+ groups such as Nottingham Front Runners, but also excursions to cruising grounds where they install "bird boxes". These are attached to trees and contain condoms, lube and information. On rare occasions they have actually been used by birds.

ROBIN HOOD HALF MARATHON



About 60 members of Nottingham Front Runners took part in this year's Robin Hood Half Marathon on September 28th.

This year saw NFR join the official Robin Hood Marathon Events volunteer team so NFR proudly made Castle Boulevard their own, ensuring every single one of the 14,000 runners got a much needed boost in the final 5km of the race. On top of that, Front Runners took part in other events in London and Loch Ness.



QUEER ARCHIVES COLLECTION



Here are just a few of the things which were donated to the Notts Queer History Archives at the donation sessions at Central Library. There will be further opportunities to donate, so if you have any memorabilia - posters, leaflets, badges, photos etc, send details via <https://www.instagram.com/nottsqueerhistoryarchive/>

TRUMPERY



A rainbow crosswalk honouring the victims of the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting in Florida, Orlando, has been painted over by the state's department of transportation.

The crosswalk was part of a larger memorial to the 49 people who were killed after a gunman opened fire at the gay nightclub in June 2016, in what was then the largest mass shooting in US history.



After Gov. Greg Abbott threatened to withhold funding from cities and counties with rainbow crosswalks, one Texas church has responded by painting its steps with colourful rainbow hues.

QUEER NOTTINGHAM BOOK LAUNCH



CJ DeBarra's (pictured above) book on Queer Nottingham 1960-1990 was given a grand launch to an audience of about 150 people at Central Library on September 18th.

After interviewing over 170 people while developing what was originally thought to be a single book, it soon became apparent that there was the need for a second volume. The book covering 1991-2020 will appear in February 2026.

That will not be the end. CJ has now been delving into local queer history before 1960 and hopes to produce a further book taking things back to the 18th century.



One source of information for the books has been the sequence of local newsletters and magazines that have been produced here since the 1970s.

Those who live in Nottingham might assume that such publications are replicated in cities of a similar size. Not so. In fact, there are few other cities which can compare. We have the following:

Chimaera (1970s-1980s); NOGSOG News (1980s); Gay East Midlands (1980s); Diversion (1980s); Gay Nottingham (1980s); Metrogay (1980s); Outright (1980s-1990s); Outhouse newsletter (1990s-2000s); QB (1990s-2020s); I'm Free (2000s); Notts Rainbow Review (2020s).

Most of these can be downloaded online from either the Sparrows Nest or Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage websites. A collection of some of these publications was on display courtesy of Sparrows Nest.



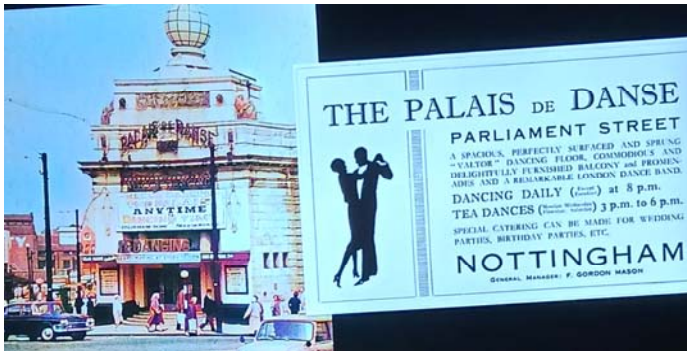
An incidental by-product of the interviews was that some people brought along mementoes and memorabilia and asked whether CJ would like to keep them.

People have donated posters, leaflets, badges, event tickets and flyers, photographs, documents and more.. This growing collection has morphed into the Notts Queer History Archive organised by CJ with help from Sparrows Nest.



QUEER NOTTINGHAM BOOK LAUNCH

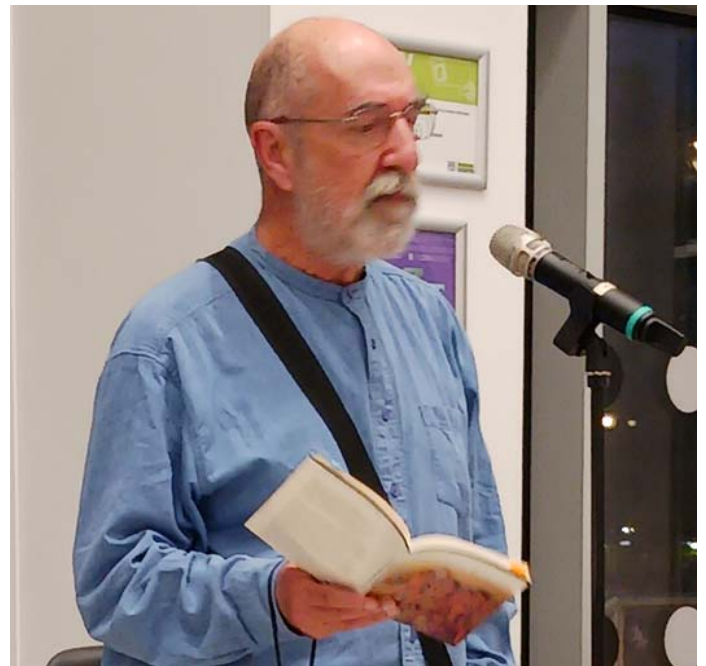
Some of the photographs were shown during the evening. They included several of gay venues of the past such as La Chic and its successor Part Two and also The Palais, which housed a number of different nights over the years.



Nottingham's first (and fairly short-lived) gay club was the Parkside club on Station Street. In its brief existence it did, however, host Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton who were in Nottingham for the premiere at the Moulin Rouge cinema of their film Doctor Faustus.



One remarkable photo captured an astonished bus passenger viewing the late Chris Richardson's terrifying mask of Margaret Thatcher.



As part of the evening, we heard Greg Woods (Emeritus Professor of Gay and Lesbian Studies at NTU - pictured above) read one of his poems and Mike Atkinson (seen below) talk about his coming out experiences in 1980s Nottingham. Mike also reignited his DJ role by providing some music.



The event provided a bonus for Notts LGBT+ Network as it formed a fundraiser celebrating their 50th anniversary.



MAKING A SCENE

An exhibition celebrating Notts'
LGBTQ+ music scene

Until Sun 19 Oct, 12-6pm in Broadway Gallery

MAKING A SCENE was a collaboration between Queer Up Duck and the Hockley Hustle 2025.

It is a series of portraits by queer Nottingham photographer Katie Bishop and captures people who have shaped Nottingham's LGBTQ+ music scene. Her work focuses on queer life with a particular emphasis on club nights and events.

Those featured in the exhibition were all nominated through a public vote.



Serena Eadon (she/they)
Singer and Headline Performer with Niche Artefact.



Fab Green (he/him)
Alt-Soul/Pop Artist



Nick Peters - DJ Boz (he/him)
Event Curator and DJ for Gladrags Clubnight



Shekayla Maragh (Riewyld) (they/them)
DJ, Creative Producer, zirozro



Cam Worne (he/him)
Co-Founder of The Grove, Producer, Musician and Sound Engineer



Autumn (she/her) and Chan Hyacinth Fagan (they/them)
TRANSEXUALS



Claire Franklin (she/her)
Music Teacher and Conductor



Baby Tap (he/him)
Music Producer, Song Writer and DJ



Cookii Shakes (she/her/they)
DJ and Events



Emily Ashberry (she/her)
Singer-Songwriter



Jon Blyth
Runs the King Billy in Sneinton



Keeks (they/them)
DJ and Promoter



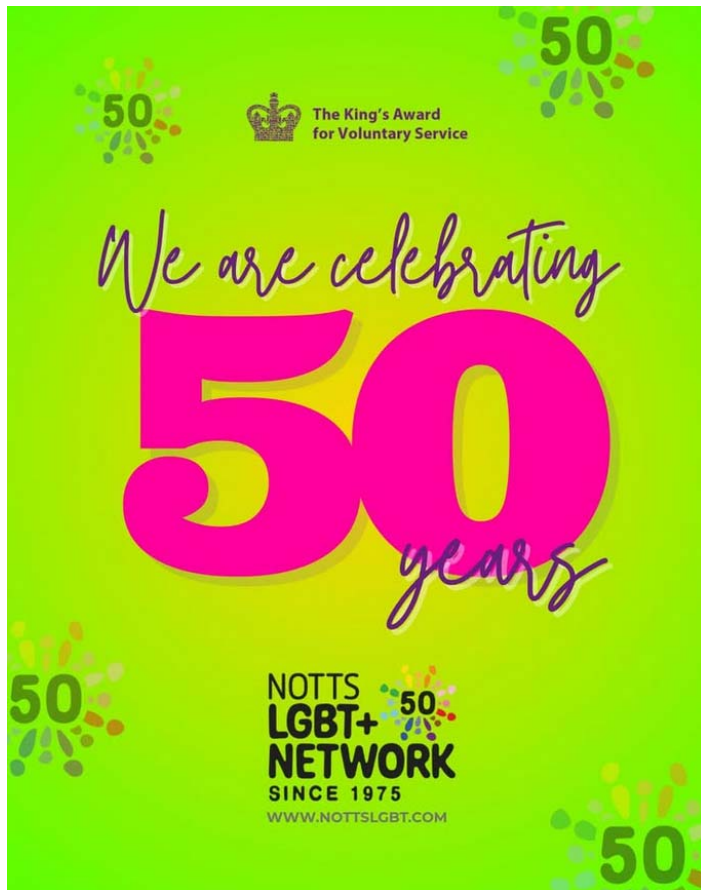
Lolly (she/her)
DJ

KING CHARLES UNVEILS LGBT+ ARMED FORCES MEMORIAL

On October 27th, King Charles III, who is head of the armed forces, unveiled a memorial to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender military personnel at his first official engagement in support of the LGBT+ community.

The memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, is named "an opened letter", is dedicated to people from the LGBT+ community now serving in the forces, as well as to mark the suffering of those who served under the ban. It resembles a crumpled piece of paper containing words from personal letters which were used as evidence to incriminate people.

1975-2025



Ending a year of celebrating 50 years of Notts LGBT+ Network.



Are you caught out by the growing number of dates on the LGBT+ Calendar? Did you miss your "Gay Uncle Day", your "International Drag Day" or your "National Coming Out Day"? In that case, just go to the Pride Shop's website where you will find details of all 43.

Search "The big LGBTQ Calendar" on Google, the URL refers to 2021, but when opened it is now 2025

1 YEAR AGO

AND NOW



It's a tough time for night-time venues and that includes LGBT+ venues. It's great to see Nottingham's Pride Shop celebrate its first anniversary, but in London, after 25 years, the G-A-Y bar in Soho has closed.



Apparently 61% of gay bars have closed in the last decade, but with regard to G-A-Y, one commentator said

"It is right to diagnose the challenges to queer spaces, and to Soho, but in this instance it seems like a convenient excuse. G-A-Y had a reputation for unfriendly bouncers, and only three years ago it received a one-star hygiene rating. Other – and older – gay venues further down the street are bustling, like Comptons and the Admiral Duncan."

He went on to say

'The innate urge of the gays to dress up, and parade up and down is always going to keep gay bars going – if they're good gay bars'.

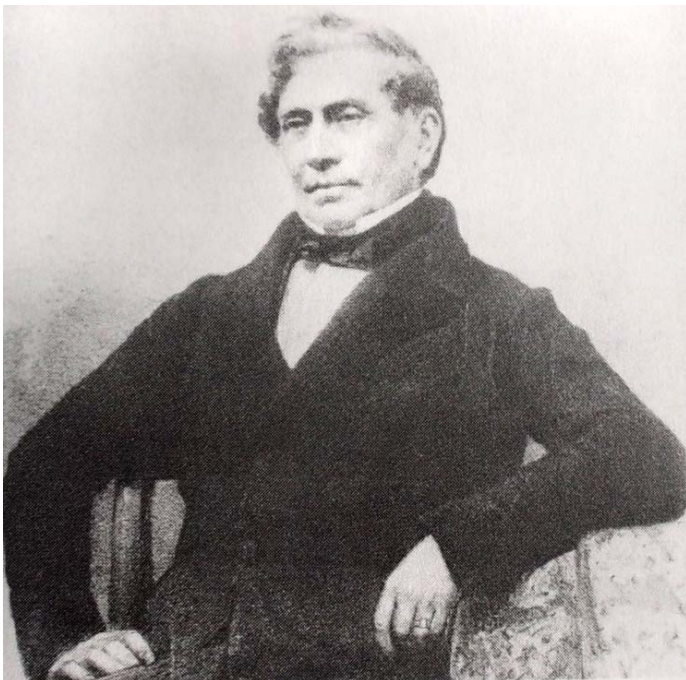
LOOKING FURTHER BACK

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/>.

After over 40 years service in the British army as a pioneering surgeon **Dr. James Barry** retired to London where he died. His body was laid out in preparation for burial by a woman called Sophia Bishop. It was she discovered that James Barry was physically female and had successfully hidden this secret from the army for decades. When Sophia was refused payment for her services she took the secret to the press.



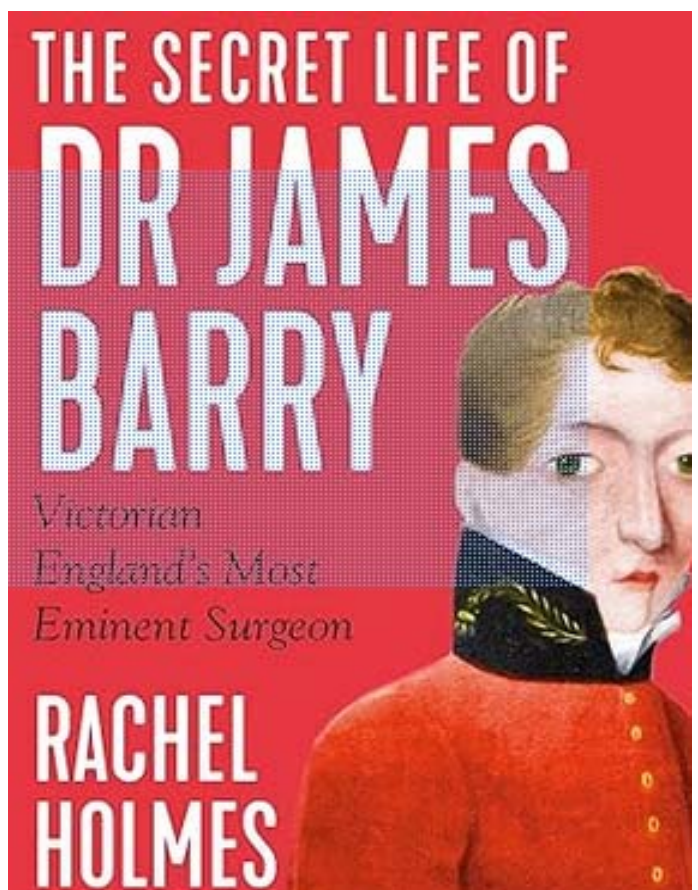
The revelation that one of the most revered army surgeons was born a woman caused quite a stir. The army were so embarrassed that they tried to suppress James Barry's military records for a hundred years. Their attempt failed and the world got to know James Barry's secret.

James Barry was baptised Margaret Ann Bulkley in Ireland. From adulthood he lived as a man. This suited James' father who managed to enrol him into Edinburgh University as a medical student in 1809. Women were not allowed to study medicine in those days.

James qualified as a doctor in 1812 and enlisted into the army a year later. He rose very quickly to become Assistant Surgeon to the Forces in 1815. This position gave James the chance to travel the world. His first posting was to Cape Province in South Africa where he became Colonial Medical Inspector. In this role he went to the leper hospital at Hermanus (the location of the present Hamilton Russell wine estate) and immediately set about improving health care and hygiene practices.

James had a reputation for voicing his opposition to many established medical practices wherever he went. He even had a big row with Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War over hygiene (she then stole his ideas and passed them off as her own).

A book, *The Secret Life of Dr James Barry: Victorian England's Most Eminent Surgeon* by Rachel Holmes is available in paperback for about £11.



GROUP OF THE DAY

NOTTINGHAM LIONS FC



Nottingham Lions FC has been making a name for itself as Nottinghamshire's only LGBTQ+ football club since 2006. The club prides itself on providing an environment where players and supporters can enjoy football regardless of their sexual orientation.

The Lions (originally known as Nottingham Ball Bois) have seen many players and supporters join the club over the years and have had the privilege of gaining a number of honours, including becoming the champions of the GFSN gay national league for the 2008/9 season.

Their training sessions take place on every Sunday when they don't have any matches. These sessions run from 4pm until 6pm at Gresham Playing Fields. They say "We encourage people to join and take part no matter how much experience or knowledge you have of the sport as its never too late to learn."

They are supported by several sponsors, including the Lord Roberts, the New Foresters and the Unite East Midlands trade union. In return, they have raised money for charities such as Notts LGBT+ Network and Sands, the stillbirth & neonatal death charity. They have also helped raise awareness of issues such as prostate and testicular cancers.

In 2024 some members went to the 2024 Eurogames in Vienna.



They have twice received awards at the Rainbow Heritage LGBT History Month Celebration. Firstly in 2011 (as Nottingham Ball Bois) receiving the award from Peter Tatchell



The second award (now as Nottingham Lions) was in 2022



MISCELLANY

YOUNG BIRDS FROM STRANGE MOUNTAINS AT THE SCHWULES MUSEUM

The exhibition “Young Birds from Strange Mountains” at Berlin’s Schwules Museum, features exciting, extraordinary works by queer artists from Southeast Asia and its Diaspora, particularly those with backgrounds from Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Cambodia.

The Title “Young Birds From Strange Mountains” is borrowed from a poem by the Vietnamese gay-closeted poet Ngô Xuân Diệu (1916-1985), who was a correspondent member at Akademie der Künste during GDR times.

The curators and artists attempt to rebuild and re-investigate ancestral knowledge as well as engage with multiple archives such as directly from Schwules Museum, A Queer Museum Hanoi and Queer Indonesia Archive.



Precolonial roles of queer people as shamans are often neglected, and indigenous traditions like Ludruk in East Java are fading, while Vietnam’s Mother Goddess religion (Đạo Mẫu) remains marginalized. Queer Southeast Asian spirituality and practices are frequently overlooked or misinterpreted in Western contexts.



Many political strides have been made recently, such as the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Thailand or the founding of the world’s only Islamic boarding school for transgender persons in Indonesia. However, crucial queer histories and practices in Southeast Asia have been erased or at least rendered invisible by nationalist policies.

There is a gap of knowledge about queer people and practices in Southeast Asia and its diaspora, both in Germany as well as within the region itself. This exhibition aims to reclaim these overlooked connections and bring them to the open discussion.



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 seventeen 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

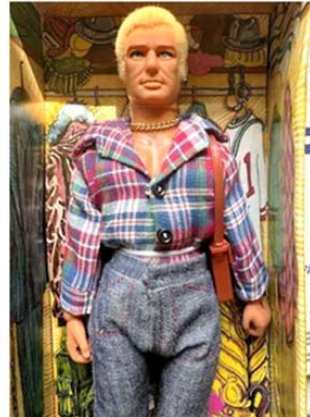
- Health issues and LGBT+ people's interaction with health care providers
- Supporting victims of LGBT+ hate crimes; why these crimes are under-reported and how reporting can be encouraged
- Same sex domestic abuse/Male rape
- The special concerns of young LGBT+ people and also of older LGBT+ people,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

For further information e-mail

nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk

NOTES AND QUEERIES

- Actor John Barrowman nearly got the role of Will in Will and Grace in 1998. But he lost the part when producers thought he was 'too straight'
- The first openly gay doll, Gay Bob, was launched in 1977. He had a pierced ear and his box was shaped like a closet.



- While the monocle might have gone out of use, it had a huge following in the 'stylish lesbian circles of the earlier 20th century'
- Jimi Hendrix pretended to be gay to get out of the army in 1962.
- In early 17th century London, there was a gay brothel on the site where Buckingham Palace is today
- The word drag is apparently an acronym, a stage direction coined by Shakespeare and his contemporaries meaning 'Dressed Resembling A Girl'.
- Until the late 1400s the word 'girl' just meant a child of either sex. If you had to differentiate between them, male children were referred to as 'knave girls' and females were 'gay girls'.
- The Royal Navy commissioned a class of fast patrol boats during the 1950s which were prefixed with the word 'gay'. Names included the Gay Bruiser and the Gay Charger
- In the early 1980s, the USA Naval Investigative Service was investigating homosexuality in Chicago. Having heard gay men refer to themselves as 'friends of Dorothy', they went on a futile search for the elusive woman clearly at the centre of a homosexual ring.
- A brief note in the New Scientist mentioned that in a US hospital, the man in charge of surgery for penile dysfunction was Steve Hardman and his colleague responsible for vasectomies was Dick Chop.
- Joyce Grenfell's biography mentions film actor Maurice Flynn, described as "every gay man's dream". While filming, he left to go to the lavatory and was only found 8 days later painted blue from head to foot and playing the ukelele.
- The first two gay Danish authors who were publicly out about their sexuality were Herman Bang and Martin Kok.

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 LGBT+ 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.queer-crafts.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>



Weekly Queer Social. Meet with fellow LGBTQ+ people at The Pride Shop at the Monday afternoon 4PM - 6PM Queer Social . 65 Maid Marian Way.



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/>



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)

WRITE QUEER

4.30-6.00pm

Nottingham Central Library
Every 3rd Monday of the Month



There is also **Write Queer Online**, search "Eventbrite Write Queer Online"



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

CONTENT CAFE



A welcoming LGBTQ+ social event - refreshments and chat every Saturday 10.30 to 12pm at the "Place to Eat" John Lewis 3rd floor.. Just look for the table with the golden pineapple on it.



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 second 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

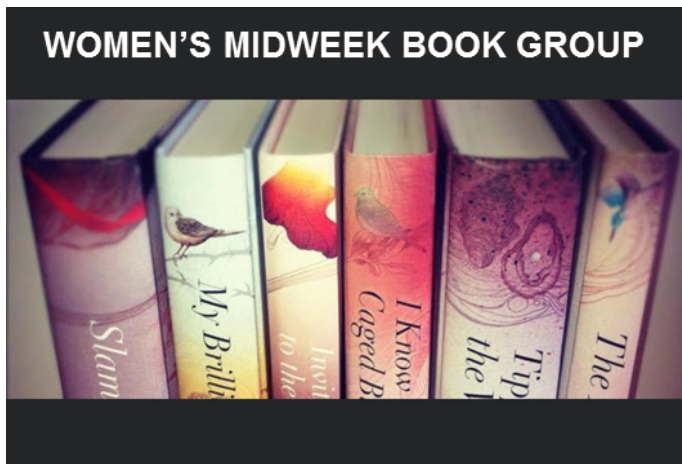


The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities

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, just search Rainbow Vision Nottingham for their Facebook page.



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

On 12th November - we will discuss Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes - facilitated by Irene
17th December - The Proof of My Innocence by Jonathan Coe



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 search "Nottingham Queer Arts Collective"



LGBTQ+ Magpies is the group for LGBT supporters of Notts County football team. Go to their Facebook page at

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



The **Gay Classic Car Group** 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.

Info about the East Midlands region can be obtained from

eastmidlands@gccg.org.uk



Rock Painting Social. Come as you are and enjoy an afternoon of painting, chatting, and making new friends in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space. We'll provide the rocks, paints, and all supplies — just bring your creativity and an open heart.

Thursdays 4-6pm at the Pride Shop.

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 :)

Transphoria

Supporting trans and gender diverse young people in Nottingham City

We are a social group for young people aged 13-17 who are trans and/or gender diverse. We will meet weekly to provide a safe and inclusive space to access social support and community.

Every Tuesday 5:00-6:30pm at Cafe Sobar
22 Friar Lane, Nottingham NG1 6DQ

[transphorianotts](#)
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transphorianotts@hotmail.com

Transphoria





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.



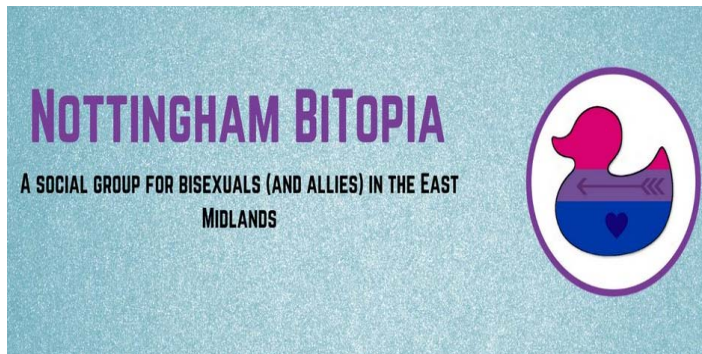
Meet every Tuesday at 6.30 at the Robin Hood statue for a 5km run, finishing at the Lord Roberts. For more information go to Facebook

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

55+ Women's Group

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

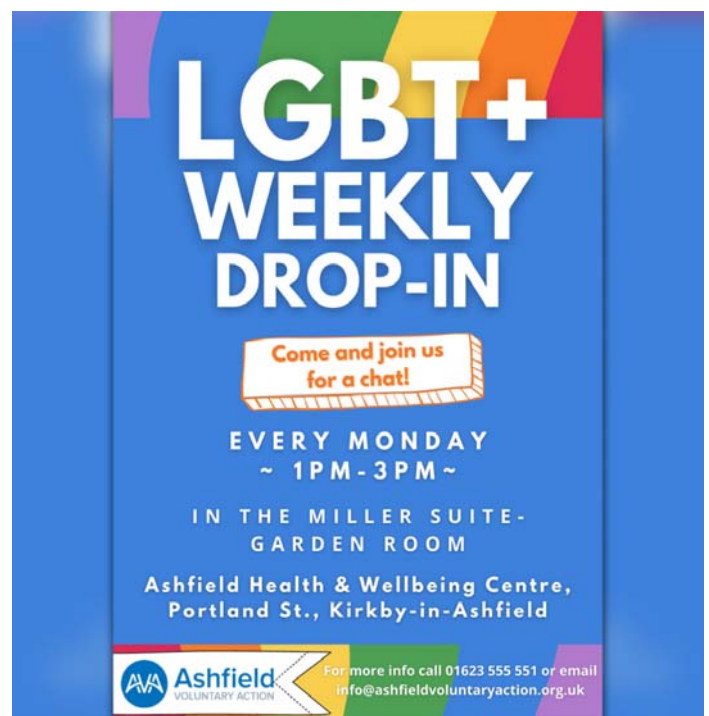
I look forward to hearing from you

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, which is on the Home page of the Spencer Trust website

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

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

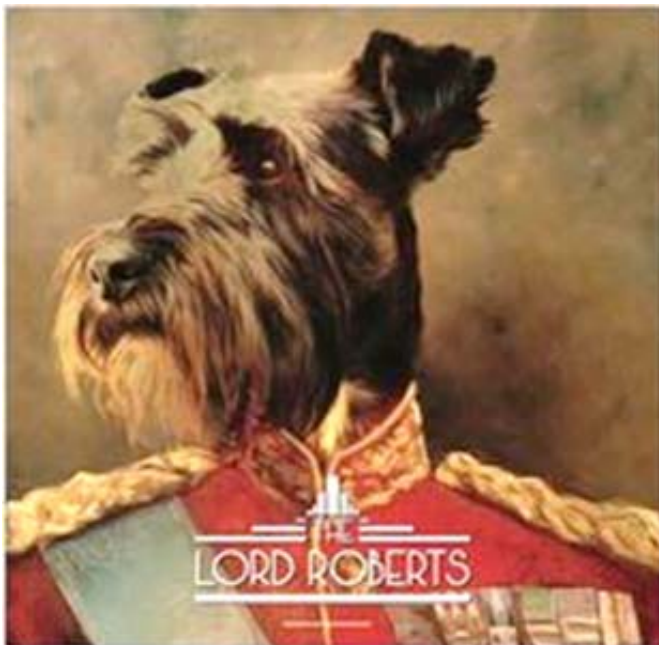
Has a beer garden./outdoor seating/sheltered smoking area

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

Wed November 5th	Pride & Prejudices 7pm* Five Leaves Bookshop
Friday November 7th	Silver Pride 2-4pm* Sobar - Friar Lane
Saturday Nov. 8th	Content Café 10.30am* Place to Eat (John Lewis)
Sunday Nov. 9th	Sapphic Sunday * 10.30-12.30 Blend Café
Thursday Nov.13th	Chameleon Group 8-11pm Temple Centre, Nuthall*
Tuesday Nov.18th	Front Runners 5Km* 6.30 Robin Hood Statue
Friday November 21st	Transinvasion 8pm* The New Foresters
Tuesday Nov.25th	Christmas bauble painting Pitcher & Piano 7pm*
Thursday Nov. 27th	The Wizard of Nottz* Nottm Arts Theatre 7.30
Friday November 28th	LGBT+ Winter Ball Saltbox 7.30pm*
Saturday Nov.29th	Bearly Notts 9pm* Hockley Emporium
Sunday Nov. 30th	World AIDS Day Service St Peters Church 3pm*
Sunday December 7th	Queeratives writing club 2pm The Pride Shop*
Monday Dec. 8th	Badminton Social 7.30pm Samworth Academy*
Wed. December 10th	Quiz night 7.30pm* Lord Roberts
Thursday Dec.11th	Queer Open Mic night* Hockley Emporium 7.30
Sunday Dec. 14th	Rainbow Carols 6pm* St Johns Carrington
Tuesday Dec, 16th	Trans Meetup 8pm* The New Foresters
Wed. December 17th	Quiz night 7.30pm* Lord Roberts
Wednesday Dec. 31st	The Roaring 20s 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/>