

NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

November/December 2026

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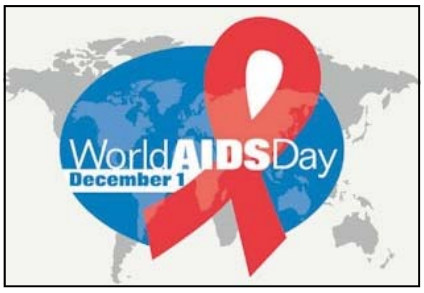
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Nottinghamshire's
RAINBOW HERITAGE

TWO IMPORTANT DATES



December 1st is World AIDS day and is held in respect to the many people affected by AIDS. It likewise centres around issues encompassing HIV and (AIDS) awareness.

The day is also an opportunity to support people living with HIV and educate about what it's like to live with HIV in today's world.



November 20th marks the annual transgender day of remembrance when people remember those lost to violence. Trans Murder Monitoring 2025 reveals a dangerous shift: a growing number of victims are trans movement leaders and activists. Key findings for 2025:

281 reported murders worldwide, 90% of victims were trans women or transfeminine people

LOL-GBTQ+ RETURNS

For its fourth year, LOL-gbtq+ returns to Nottingham Comedy Festival for a series of events celebrating Nottingham's thriving LGBTQIA+ Drag, comedy and variety scene set across the backdrop of the newly established Rainbow Quarter.

In addition to a weekend takeover of shows at The Lord Roberts, featuring Angela Bra, Nana Arthole, Juliette Burton, Chloe Reynolds and the annual fundraiser for Nottingham Queer Arts Collective and The Spencer Trust, for the first time an LGBTQIA+ 'Spotlight' event will be held at Saltbox, showcasing six up-and-coming LGBTQIA+ comedians from Nottingham and the surrounding area, made possible through Arts Council England.

When asked about the events, promotor Dan Webber said *"it's always fantastic to be a part of Nottingham Comedy Festival and it's been my privilege to have programming LGBTQIA+ activity for the last four years, not only showcasing the best queer comedy talent from across the country, but supporting the next generation of LGBTQIA+ talent in the city and providing a safe and welcoming space for the community, Nottingham Comedy Festival is turning 18 this year and the acts you'll see at the showcases this year may well be the next festival headliners".*

The LGBTQIA+ Spotlight Showcase takes place on 1st November at Saltbox and the LOL-gbtq+ at The Lord Roberts takeover weekend takes place from 6th to 7th November.

COMING UP NOV/DEC



Spotlight Showcase: LGBTQIA+

We are proud to present eight incredible LGBTQIA+ comedians in what is sure to be an amazing night.

When: Sun Nov 1st, 2:30pm
Tickets: £12
Where: Saltbox, Bolero Sq NG1 1LY

Juliette Burton: Villain Era



As the sunsets, a new antihero awakens. Calling all big-hearted heroes!
Award-winning comedian Juliette Burton is summoning YOU. Join the dark side in a comedy quest for grown-up geeks and justice-hungry joy seekers ready to battle the REAL dragons: inequality and bad sex lives.

When: Fri Nov 6th, 7:30pm **Tickets:** £10

LOL-GBTQ+ at The Lord Roberts

LOL-GBTQ+ at The Lord Roberts presents our annual cabaret and comedy event, featuring some of Nottingham's funniest and most fabulous performers!
Raising money for The Spencer Trust & The Nottingham Queer Arts Collective.

When: Fri Nov 6th, 9pm **Tickets:** PWYW

Angela Bra: Secret Diary of a Bingo Call Girl 2



The queen of ball based bedlam returns to Nottingham with a brand new show packed with original songs and stories from the front line of the party bingo circuit, wrapped up in her very own "Great British Bingo" & topical stage games.

When: Sat Nov 7th, 6pm **Tickets:** £7

Chloe Reynolds: Dissonance (WIP)



Come see multi-award winning & most importantly humble Chloe Reynolds, as she lets you in her world, very unlikely to be directly relatable but weirdly you'll see yourself in her even when she visits a trans sauna or digging through a bin at Charnock Richards Northbound Services.

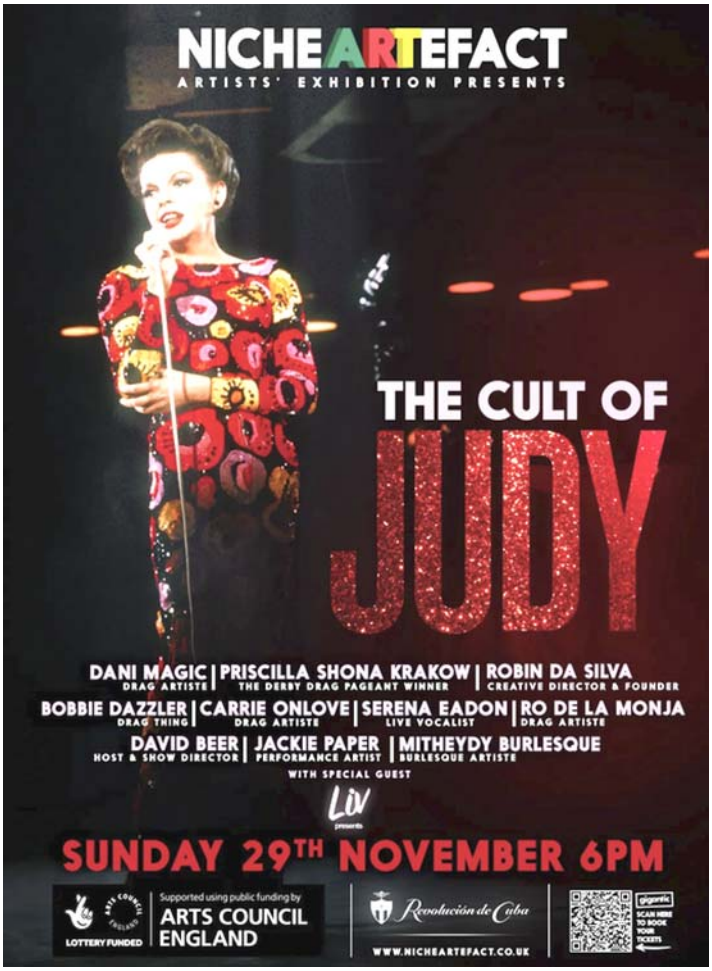
When: Sat Nov 7th, 7:30pm **Tickets:** £8

Nana Arthole: The Ballad of Northern Nan



A visionary songwriter and overlooked tip top starlet - finished her shift at the working men's club late one night in the 90s, only to step outside and find the windows of her Nissan Micra smashed in and the CD holder containing all of her demo recordings gone!

When: Sat Nov 7th, 9pm **Tickets:** £8



Taking place at Revolution de Cuba, Nottingham, on **Sunday 29 November 2026 at 6:00 PM**, this unique art event and full live variety stage show will combine visual art, drag, cabaret, live vocals, and performance art into an immersive, one-of-a-kind evening.



Join Drag Race Superstar and Celebrity Masterchef Champion, **Ginger Johnson**, on a surprisingly psychedelic adventure into the outer reaches of her tiny little mind. The nation's silliest sausage is back on the road with a brand new show that promises to be outrageous, untamed and completely off the reins!

Nottingham Playhouse November 21st

NOTTINGHAM LEATHER SOCIAL



The new Nottingham Leather social will be launched on December 5th. Here's what to expect:

Every social will be 5:30pm till 9:30pm on the first Saturday of every month at Fisher Gate Point.

The first hour is 'quiet hour', where music is low, lights are up, and no alcohol is served at the cafe bar.

From 5:30 to 6pm is 'newbies welcome' for anyone nervous, new, coming alone, etc. Come along and make yourself know to volunteers who can show you round, introduce you to other newbies, and answer questions. If you're confident, been to lots of similar events, etc then please try to arrive a little bit after 5:30 to leave that space for those who need it.

From 6 till 7pm will be a guest panel discussion on leather culture, community, and history. This is in the workshop room, which is slightly separate so if you prefer to just socialise there is still space for you.

After that it's a normal social, the music will go up slightly and everyone can relax, mingle, sit for a bootblack, etc.

At 8pm we will draw the raffle with some wonderful prizes. Everyone attending the social gets one free raffle ticket but you can always buy more to up your chances and support us.

The event ends at 9:30pm. Fisher Gate Point's cafe bar is open to members of the public from 10 till midnight so if you want to tone down the leather and stick around, feel free!



OPEN TABLE

Come as you are

NOTTINGHAM

An affirming worship community for LGBTQIA+ people and those who love them

Meeting the **last Sunday** of every month from **5-7pm** with a **bring-and-share meal**

St. John's Carrington, Mansfield Road, NG5 2DP

Dates for 2026

NOV 29th
DEC 27th

More info:
stjohnscarrington.org.uk/opentablenottingham
Facebook:
opentablenottingham

EVENTS FROM SOFT LAUNCH SOCIAL



Go to the Linktree page to sign up

https://linktr.ee/softlaunchsocialuk

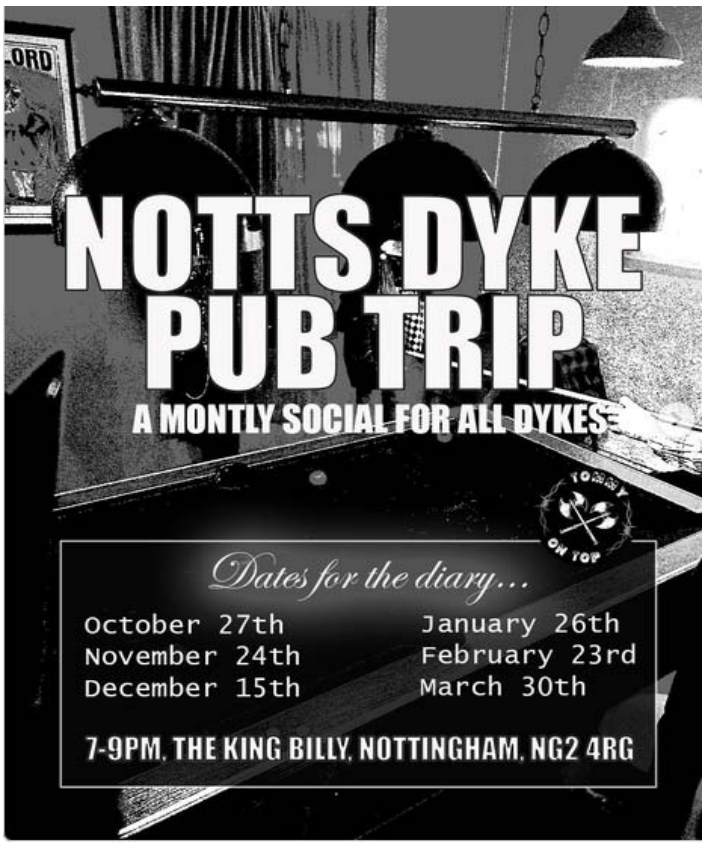


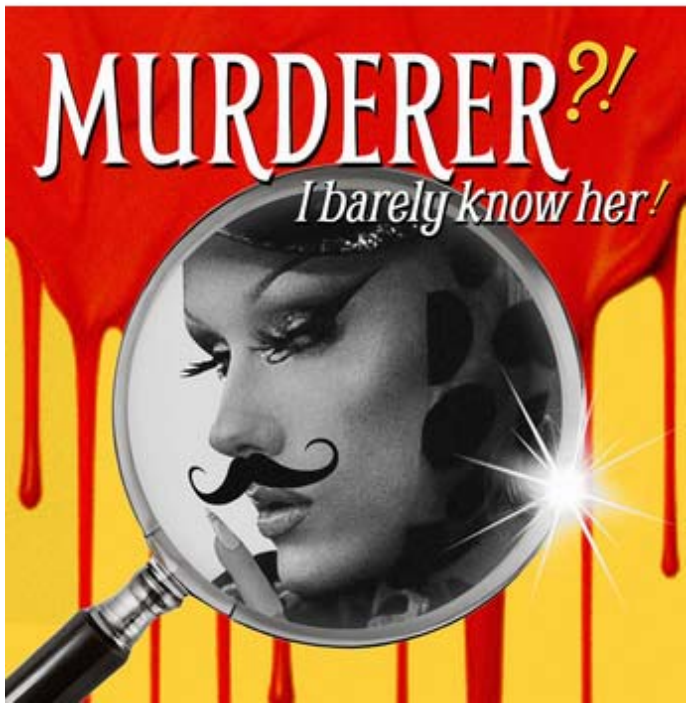
Astitva (meaning existence) is a powerful and evocative dance production, offering a rare and moving portrayal of British-Indian gay men.

This ground-breaking work explores the complex realities of balancing tradition, culture, and identity. The evening brings queer South Asian stories to the forefront, inviting audiences to connect, reflect, and celebrate the beauty of being human.

By blending Kathak and contemporary dance, the company creates dynamic, relevant work that explores intercultural narratives and celebrates the richness and intricacy of intersectional identities.

Tues Nov. 17th 7.30pm Lakeside Arts





From the Queens that brought you '**The Wizard of Nottz**' comes a *Dragatha Christie Murder Mystery*… **MURDERER?! I Barely Know Her!** On a dark and stormy night in a mansion on a hill, a wealthy heiress suddenly *DEATH DROPS* during her party - throwing her fabulous array of party guests into suspicion!

It's up to The Detective to investigate our guests and get to the *BOTTOM* of this mystery, before the killer can strike again…

Inspired by *Clue*, *Knives Out* and *The Mousetrap*, join the usual suspects for a night of side-splitting comedy, scripted stage chaos and dazzling live performances - with a **WHODUNNIT** mystery that you will keep you guessing right 'til the very end!

Featuring a cast of Nottingham Drag Superstars…

Friday/Saturday Nov. 27th/28th
Nottingham Arts Theatre

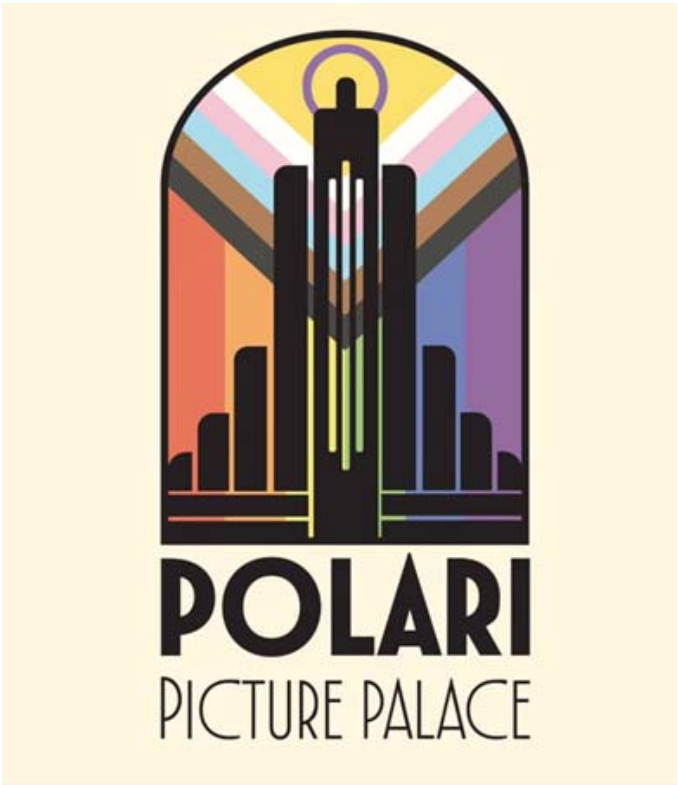
NEW GROUP LAUNCHED

Gay Birders' Club
Enabling contact between LGBT birders worldwide

A club to bring LGBT birdwatchers of all levels together in the East Midlands

For more information, contact derek.kilgariff@gmail.com





Welcome to Polari Picture Palace

We are a community cinema based in Nottingham and dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive space for queer people to connect and enjoy films of all kinds. Our first screening will be coming this winter.

For more info go to Polaripicturepalace on Instagram

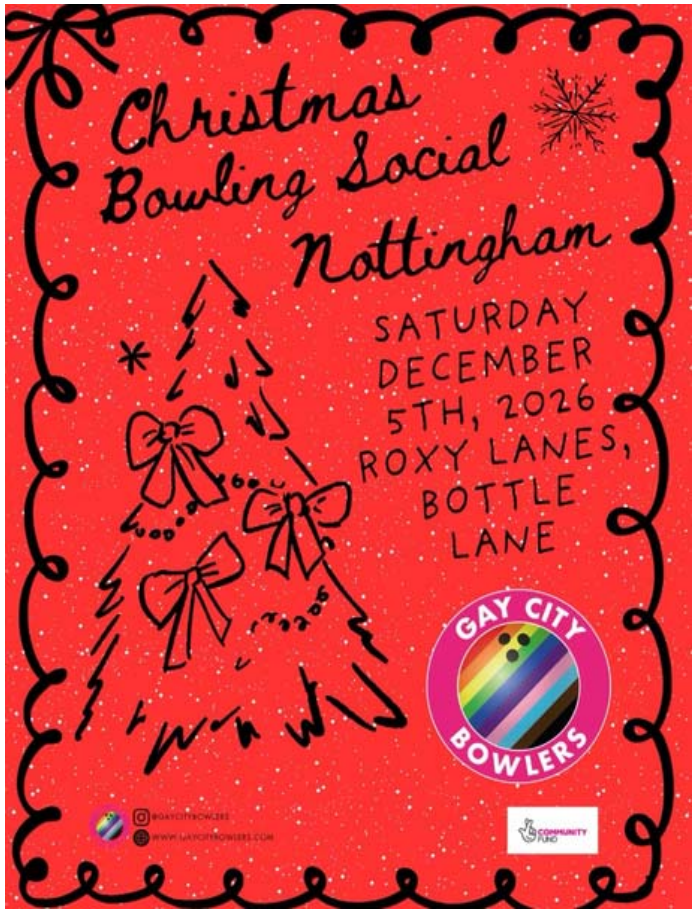


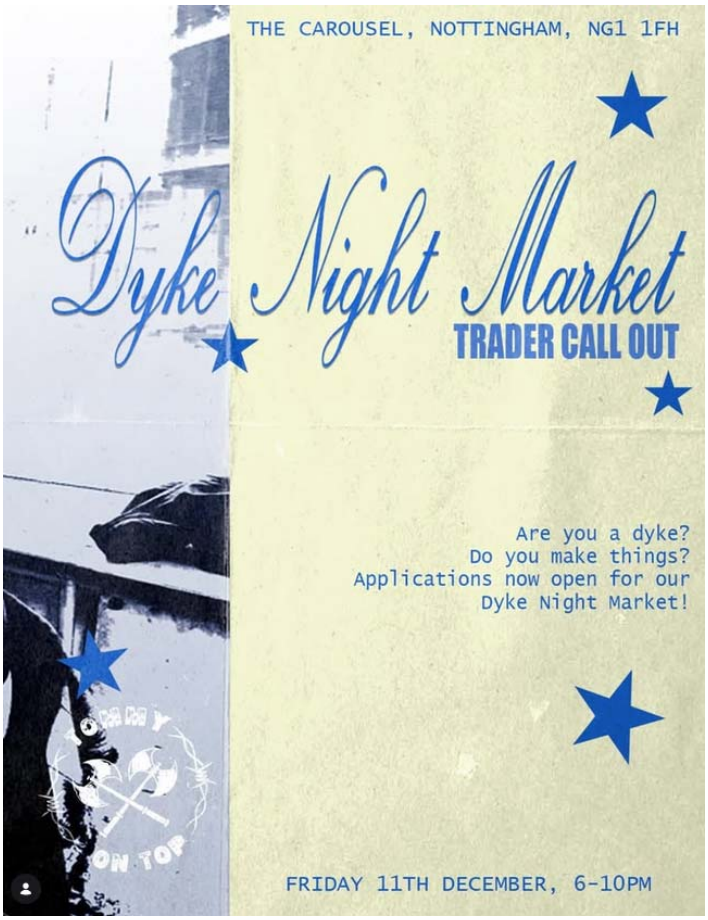
Wednesday 25th November 7pm till 9pm

Running Queer events with Queerish

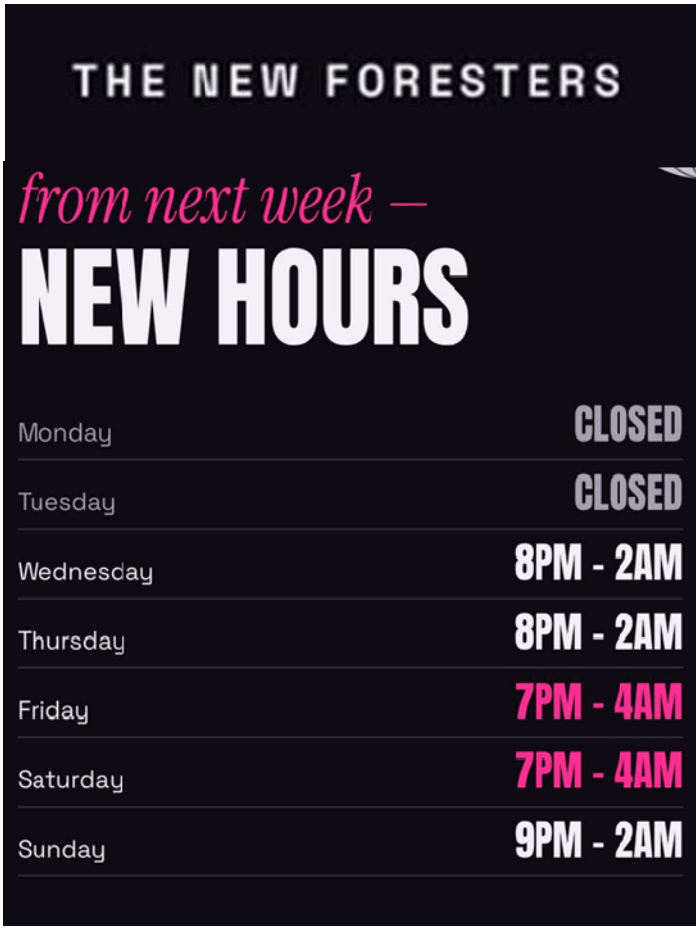
This month we welcome Lewis Wheatley from Queerish to discuss running Queer events in Nottingham. Queerish is a Notts based event company putting on an array of community events. From club nights, to ballrooms, to proms. They really do it all for the queers.

For more details and to book a space at our sessions at Nottingham Playhouse, search “Nottingham Queer Arts Collective”





We are SO excited to bring this intimate night market to Nottingham this December! 12 spots up for grabs, cosy vibes and delicious drinks provided by the team over at the Carousel. We want to platform and celebrate all lesbian creatives. Whatever you make, we wanna see it.





Queerupduck is thrilled to present the exhibition 'A place to be' at @theprideshopuk, which can be seen from today for the rest of the year.

We spent 3 weeks working with LGBTQ+ young people from @base51_outburst programme to create the artworks that speak about what it means to be LGBTQ+ in Nottingham today as a young person.

There's some incredible talent in the group and their observations about what a regular LGBTQ+ group means to them really stood out. It's a place for "friendship... acceptance... a safe space to be me", and ultimately A place to be.

We couldn't have done this without the support of @thespencertrust and @tnlcommunityfund.

The workshops were facilitated by @soulsunart who was also instrumental to our previous exhibitions in the first festival.





We all deserve to feel safe and live without fear on our way home from a night out, catching the bus after dinner at a friends, going home from work late or on a late night run for headspace. This is what we're demanding this year.

There is no universal experience in womanhood. We acknowledge that trans women and gender nonconforming people can and do experience misogyny - they are welcome and embraced at our march.



We're back with our spooky session. Please fill out the form in the Queerbookclub Instagram page so we can work out how many people will be attending. Because of the room size, spaces are limited and so we operate on a first-come-first-served basis. Can't wait to see what spooky books everyone has read!



Transphoria will be off for the following dates

27th October, 1st December, 15th December, 29th December

We'll be on for the Tuesday dates in-between and will return in the New Year on January 5th 2027.



Join us from the comfort of your home for a session of creativity and community at Write Queer Online! Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, this event is the perfect place to work on your stories, poems, scripts or thoughts in a supportive and inclusive environment.

The sessions will be led by Richard, a friendly and experienced queer writer, who will give you a variety of prompts and exercises to take your writing further. You will need access to an internet device capable of accessing Google Meet with functioning webcam and microphone.

Every 4th Monday 6-7.30pm

Search Write queer online at eventbrite

Join us in November at

TRANS SPACE NOTTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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SUNDAY WEEKLY 12PM-2PM - GYM GROUP

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7PM - BOOK CLUB

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 1PM-3PM- MANSFIELD SUPPORT

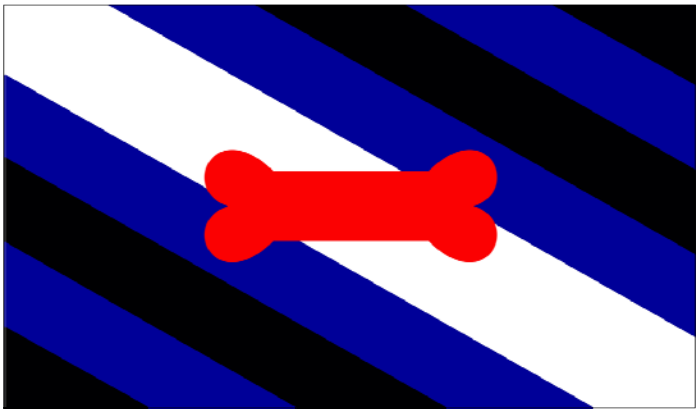
2ND TUES OF THE MONTH ORGANISERS MEET (WORKING GROUP)FROM 7PM

2ND WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH 7-9PM - ONLINE SUPPORT

2ND THURS + EVERY THURS AFTER THAT- RUNNING CLUB FROM 5:30/6PM

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 7-9PM - CITY SUPPORT

LOCATIONS ARE SHARED IN MEMBER ONLY SPACES, TO BECOME A MEMBER JOIN OUR FACEBOOK OR WHATSAPP COMMUNITY.



PUP.LGBT / Klub K9 aims to provide a fun and safe space for everyone within the pet play community. We provide an area to be your best pet self with games, raffles, music and much more.

We have meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month (12-5pm) at the New Foresters. For more details contact us at https://pup.lgbt/



Soft Launch Social is a chilled and inclusive speed friending event designed to help adults aged 21–35 meet new people in a way that feels welcoming, low pressure and, most importantly, fun!

Bustler Market, Sat. 21st November, 2-4pm

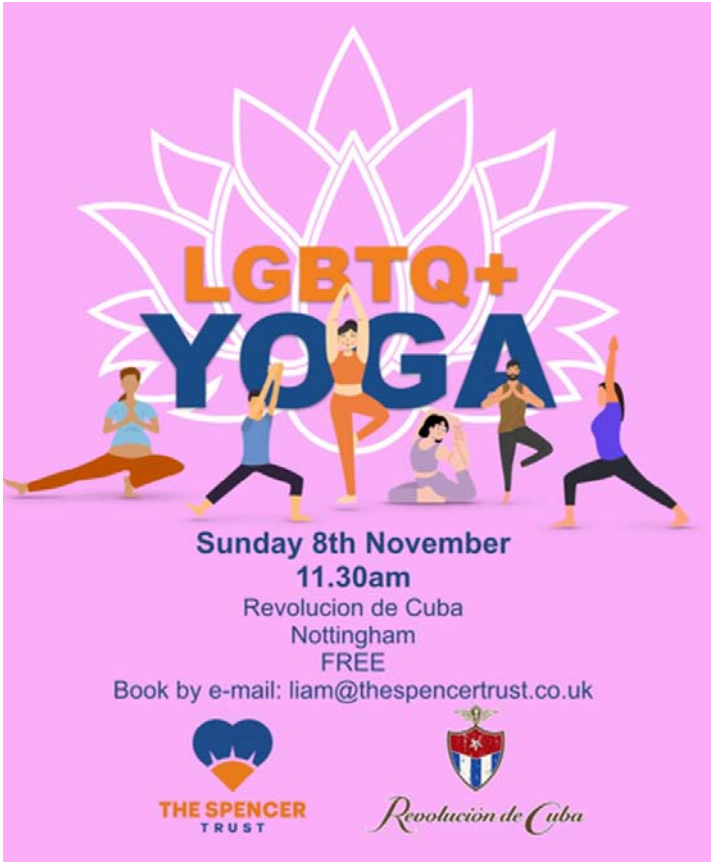
Tickets on Eventbrite - search Soft Launch Social



The night where LGBTQIA+ folks read REAL teenage diaries: Expect angsty poetry, thirsty fanfic, old tumblr posts, and a throwback playlist!

The night where queers share our teenage angst (and joy, dreams, follies, and fabulousness). We can't promise to reunite you with your first crush, but we do aim to reignite that rush of adrenaline you got when they first noticed you.

At the Crafty Teller, Sherwood, 7-10pm November 4th. Search “Queer diary Nottingham” to get the Eventbrite tickets.





Written for LGBTQ+ people in midlife and beyond, the book addresses the lasting impact of growing up through stigma, silence, the AIDS crisis and Section 28. Still Here! Still Queer! Now What? asks what becomes possible when a generation that learned how to survive begins to focus on flourishing.

Paul Taylor-Pitt launches his book at the Pride Shop 25th November 7-9pm. Tickets are free Search “Still here” on https://www.outsavvy.com/





LOOKING BACK

Chick-fil-A has received planning approval for its first Nottingham restaurant located at the former Footasylum unit on 25-29 Clumber Street.

The company has received ongoing criticism over its chief exec's historical opposition to same-sex marriage and past donations to charities considered to hold anti-LGBTQ+ views. In 2017, Chick-fil-A's charitable arm donated millions of dollars to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Paul Anderson Youth Home and the US Salvation Army - three organisations campaigners claim hold anti-LGBTQ+ views or policies.

Sam Harvey, of the Pastel Project said "Just weeks ago, we welcomed a new Rainbow Quarter into Hockley and celebrated Notts Pride, so to see a company associated with anti-LGBTQ+ sentiment open in Nottingham is concerning."

SPENCER TRUST COMMENDED



The Spencer Trust had a very special evening at the BBC Make A Difference Awards on September 11th. They say "We are so proud to announce we walked away with a Highly Commended trophy for the Community category. "

TURKEY TARGETS LGBT+ ACTIVISTS



Turkish police have arrested dozens of people as part of the government's recent crackdown on LGBTQ+ activists and venues.

Rights groups have described a widening campaign against the LGBTQ+ community. The authorities raided association offices, blocked websites and made arrests across multiple provinces. The government has also blocked or restricted access to the social media accounts and websites of dozens of LGBT, media and rights organisations

The Turkish government has detained members of the LGBTQ+ community and activists as part of a campaign dubbed "My Family is Safe", which the government says has been designed to protect family values.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has described LGBTQ people as "perverts" responsible for the falling birth rate.

QUEER ARTS COLLECTIVE IS FIVE



On Wednesday 30th September, Nottingham's Queer Arts Collective celebrated its 5th birthday. If you are aged 18+, have an interest in the arts/an artform and identify as LGBTQIA+ join them at Nottingham Playhouse. Monthly meetings, on last Wednesday of every month 7pm – 9pm

RAINBOW CASTLE



On Saturday September 26th Totnes Castle was covered by a 150m rainbow flag as part of the four-day Totnes Pride festival.

HALF MARATHON DAY



Many of Nottingham Front Runners took part in the Robin Hood Half and Mini Marathon on Sunday September 26th.

SILVER SALSA



At their October meeting, some of those attending Silver Pride had a go at Salsa under the expert guidance of Jose.

RAINBOW LACES DAY 2026



Stonewall dedicated October 8th as Rainbow Laces day for 2026. Recent research confirms the need for such initiatives.

New data shows LGBTQ+ people are still hiding who they are to take part in sport.

One in nine LGBTQ+ people in the UK (11%) avoid the gym, exercise classes or sports groups for fear of discrimination. Among trans+ people, the figure rises to almost three in ten (29%).

This new data shows that sport remains one of the public spaces where LGBTQ+ people are most likely to face discrimination. It reveals that 15% of LGBTQ+ people who had been to a live sporting event, or watched sport in a bar, in the last year had experienced anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination there. Education settings had the same rate. Only faith services and places of worship were higher (19%).

Survey participants named women's football, parkrun and LGBTQ+ grassroots clubs as places that get inclusion right. Top-flight men's football was the place they felt had furthest to go.

They valued Rainbow Laces as a visible sign that LGBTQ+ people are welcome in sport. They also want clubs, governing bodies and brands to back that sign with action all year round.

Wearing the iconic Rainbow Laces is the simplest way to show your support – they're a visible signal that LGBTQ+ people belong in sport and exercise.

OCTOBER WAS BLACK HISTORY MONTH - INCLUDING BLACK LGBT+ PEOPLE



COLIN JACKSON
ATHLETE



LINDA BELLOS
POLITICIAN



RUPAUL
DRAG ARTISTE



JACKIE KAYE
POET



SIR ISAAC JULIEN
ARTIST



JUSTIN FASHANU
FOOTBALLER



SHARON D CLARKE
ACTOR



NICOLA ADAMS
BOXER



STEPHEN K AMOS
COMEDIAN



SKIN
SINGER



JOAN ARMATRADING
SINGER



LIL NAS X
SINGER



JOHANNES RADEBE
DANCER



NCUTI GATWA
ACTOR



MUNROE BERGDORF
MODEL



DAME KELLY HOLMES
ATHLETE

LOOKING FURTHER BACK

THE LORD MONTAGU TRIAL

In the early 1950a political atmosphere in Britain was virulently anti-homosexual. The then Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, had promised "a new drive against male vice" that would "rid England of this plague."

As many as 1,000 men were locked up in Britain's prisons every year amid a widespread police clamp-down on homosexual offences. Undercover officers acting as "agents provocateurs" would pose as gay men soliciting in public places. The prevailing mood was one of barely concealed paranoia

In the summer of 1952, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu had offered Wildeblood the use of a beach hut near his country estate. Wildeblood brought with him two young RAF servicemen: his lover Edward McNally, and John Reynolds. The foursome were joined by Montagu's cousin Michael Pitt-Rivers.


Daily Mirror

THE MONTAGU CASE

GUILTY

MONTAGU—12 MONTHS'

Pitt-Rivers and Wildeblood each get 18 months'

MURDER GUNMAN

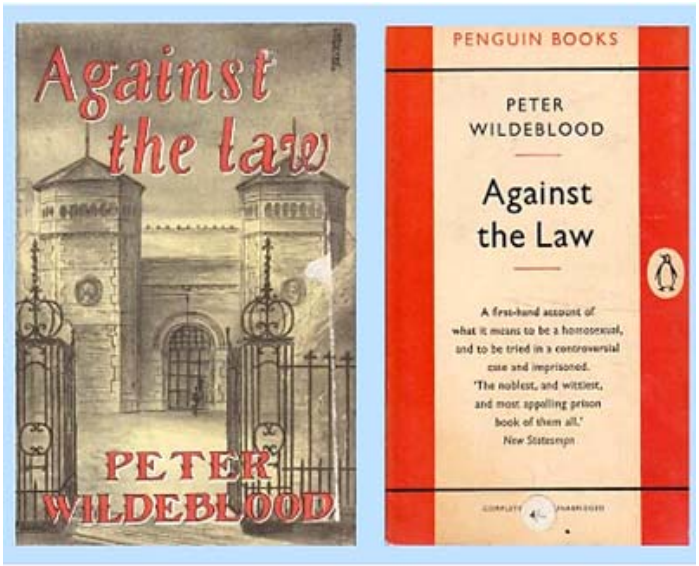
Montagu was arrested and charged with performing "gross offences" with an RAF serviceman. He was imprisoned for twelve months for "consensual homosexual offences" along with Pitt-Rivers and Wildeblood .Photographs of Wildeblood appeared in the press at the time The photograph in the Daily Mirror was doctored with red paint to give the impression that he wore red lipstick.



The Sunday Pictorial most famously published its series 'Evil Men': 'Most people know there are such things – 'pansies' – mincing, effeminate, young men who call themselves queers… but simple decent folk regard them as freaks and rarities'

Wildeblood had been spat at by a stranger a few days before in an echo of Wilde's ordeal on the platform of Clapham Junction railway station, but on the day of sentencing the current of public feeling ran the other way. It was McNally and Reynolds who were jeered and barracked, by a crowd of perhaps two hundred, as they left the court.

Wildeblood published a book on the case, *Against the Law*, in 1955, an account which detailed his experiences at the hands of the law and the British establishment, brought to light the appalling conditions in HM Prison Wormwood Scrubs, and encouraged campaigns for prison reform and for reform of law regarding homosexuality.



The obvious point is that toffs were targeted for prosecution, Lord Montagu above all, in a way that was hardly disguised. It was all very selective: the two young airmen, Edward McNally and John Reynolds, received immunity in return for their incriminating testimony and named more than 20 other sexual partners, against whom no action was taken

There was some evidence to suggest that the public were upset at the way that the Montagu trial had treated the three men and the trial caused a backlash of opinion among some politicians and church leaders that led to the setting up of the Wolfenden Committee, which in its 1957 report recommended the decriminalisation of homosexual activity in private between two adults.

GROUP OF THE DAY

QUEERDOS

Queerdos was started in August 2024 by Evie Osbon, the Artistic Director of Mind Out Theatre CIC.

Why was it started:

During a previous project, we ran some creative workshops in Bulwell for queer, neurodivergent, and disabled adults. As that project was coming to an end, participants highlighted a lack of spaces and opportunities that fit their needs.

This led to the realisation that there is need for an online group to reduce barriers, allowing queer, neurodivergent, and disabled people to socialise, from the comfort of their own home. The terms of engagement for QUEERDOs were created by members of the group, and we continue to welcome feedback from new members as we go.

What does it do now:

We meet monthly on the first Wednesday of every month (7pm, online) to get to know each other through conversation prompts, using both spoken and Zoom chat function. We talk and reflect on some of our shared experiences; the joys and challenges.

We share our creative projects, hobbies and passions with each other, and sometimes do activities that relate to them. Sessions are lightly planned, but activities are adapted. Evie and Octavia are experienced facilitators who use co-creation to adapt the sessions based on who shows up.

Are there any hopes for the future:

To keep being a safe, welcoming space for queer, neurodivergent and disabled people. We will continue to evolve based on the needs and interests of our members.

To reach out to us you can email mindouttheatre@gmail.com, or visit our website: https://www.mindouttheatre.com/queerdos





QINFINITE

Queer the Shelves to Launch All-Queer Reading Platform Paying Authors 80% of Platform Income

Queer the Shelves Infinite (QTSI), a subscription app carrying only LGBTQ+ titles, will direct 65% of company profits to causes chosen by readers.

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Amazon has had the market cornered for books for some time now. But the political situation in America and elsewhere has meant that LGBTQ+ authors reporting that they're being shadow-banned, disappearing from search options, and LGBTQ+ authors have told QTSI they've seen sales fall by a third or more.

In addition, the onslaught of AI books is devastating the livelihood of many authors and creatives. These are scary developments along with the book bans seen happening everywhere

LGBTQ+ stories are fundamental to the community. Continued representation is utterly necessary, and not in the sensationalistic way that some authors/ creators who are not of the community portray queer folks. LGBTQ people have the right to tell their own stories in their own way, and for them to be accessible to the people who want them. When the people with the money take away access to the stories of a marginalized community, oppression follows in its wake.

It is time to do something about it. **Queer the Shelves Infinite** is a community interest company developing a subscription service similar to Kindle Unlimited (and with eBook sales) but *solely* for human-authored LGBTQ+ books, and a number of financial backers have already committed to helping the project get started. Reader subscription pricing will be £9 per month in the UK (pricing adjusted to currency globally).

"I've spent years watching queer authors pour their hearts and souls into books that disappear in platforms built for someone else's audience. I've met hundreds of people who told me they didn't know queer fiction existed until they found our book stall at a Pride festival. That gap, between the stories being written and the readers who desperately need them, is why we're building Queer the Shelves Infinite.

It's not a business opportunity to us; it's an infrastructure problem that LGBTQ+ readers deserve to have solved, and with the help of our community, we're going to do it." Nicci Robinson, co-founder and director of Global Wordsmiths and Queer the Shelves.

The company is set up so that 65% of the profits will go back into the LGBTQ+ community, to organisations and groups worldwide who need financial assistance. Plus, authors will get a better percentage of sales than Amazon offers, and there won't be an exclusivity contract, allowing them more control and freedom.

"We want to be the change we need to see in the world. And that means depending on our community to stand with us to make something spectacular. Our stories matter and together we will make it so others don't have the power to silence them." Victoria Villaseñor, co-founder and director of Global Wordsmiths and Queer the Shelves.

Details:

- Every title on the platform will be LGBTQ+ content and no AI content will be accepted.
- Authors receive 80% of the platform income minus third parties fees.
- 65% of company profits distributed to causes voted on by subscribers.
- No exclusivity clause.
- Registered as a community interest company and asset-locked.
- Price: £9 monthly
- Platforms: app & website.

Nicci Robinson and Victoria Villaseñor have been editors for nearly two decades. They've run a Nottinghamshire social enterprise providing editorial services, writing workshops, and community writing projects for marginalised groups since 2012. They're also authors with nearly forty titles published traditionally and independently.

Queer the Shelves CIC is a community interest company building Queer the Shelves Infinite. Founded in 2026 and based in Nottinghamshire, the company pays authors 80% of platform income and distributes 65% of profits to causes chosen by its readers. Company number 17219414. Find out more at www.queertheshelves.com.





Stonewall is a Research Supporter of The Missing Picture, a joint research programme by Older Queer Voices and LGBT Great exploring the experiences of LGBTQ+ people as we age.

The Missing Picture want to hear from people in their 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond. Younger LGBTQ+ people are also invited to take part, to help create a picture of what has changed across generations. If you are LGBTQ+ and aged 18+, complete the survey at

https://bit.ly/3UwRfTf

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

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

info@singingproudnottingham.org.uk



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

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. Open Wednesday to Saturday 10am-7pm and Sunday 11am-5pm, but these may change so check first. More info at

0115 8918456 www.theprideshop.co.uk



Whether you consider yourself to have no artistic talent, are a budding artist or just dabble in crafts every so often, you are very welcome to join. We will be creating on our own and with each other in a calm atmosphere. You are welcome to come for as little or as long as you like. Book at

Queer-Crafts.Eventbrite.com



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

notts_lgbtq_families on Instagram



We are set up with the aim of giving trans people spaces to do things together, enjoy community, and introduce people to new friends, both in Notts and surrounding areas!

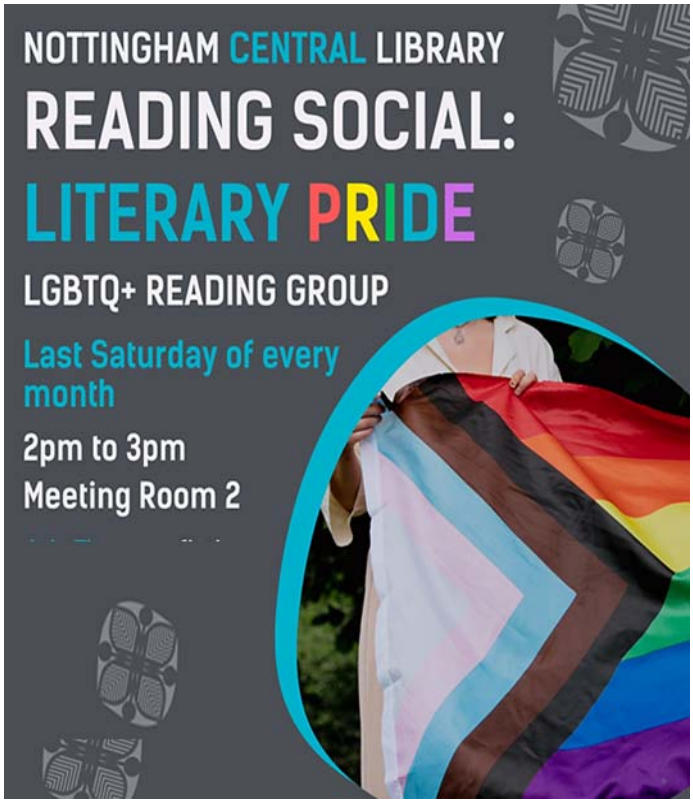
You can join via our Facebook page.



Proud Forest is the new LGBTQ+ Forest supporters group. You can contact them at

proud_forest@outlook.com

and www.proudforest.co.uk





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

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

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

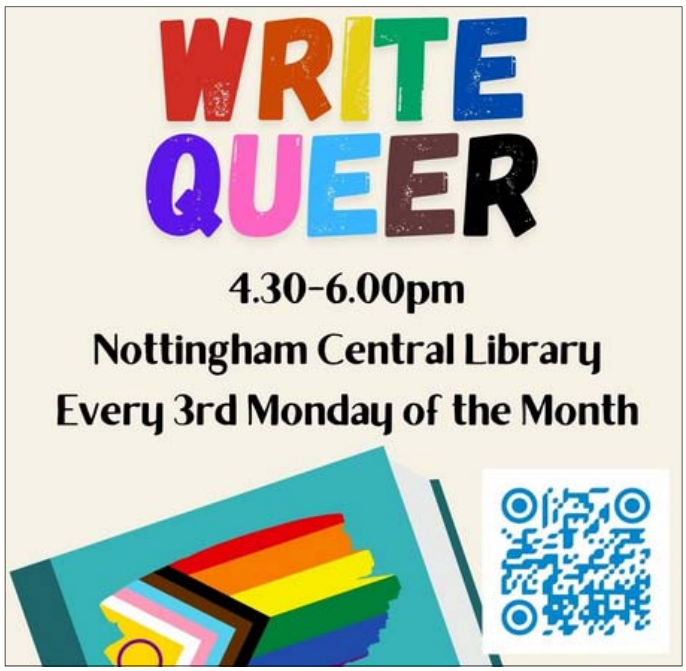
If you are involved in starting a new group, or if your current group is changing how it operates, please let us know.

e-mail nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk



A new queer book group has started. We'll be selecting a book to read every month, focusing on LBGTQ+ stories and authors, and meeting up to discuss. Dates and venues vary.

For updates, follow in Instagram at @queerbookclubnotts



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

CONTENT CAFE



A welcoming LGBTQ+ social event - refreshments and chat every Saturday 10.30 to 12pm at Bear, 36a Carlton Street, Hockley. Just look for the table with the golden pineapple on it. **NB.** ***From Nov.21st to December 19th we will meet at the Pride Shop on Maid Marian Way.***

Gay Birders' Club

Enabling contact between LGBT birders worldwide

A club to bring LGBT birdwatchers of all levels together in the East Midlands

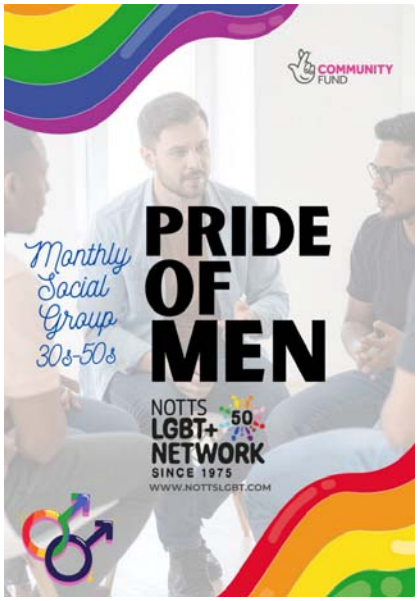
For more information, contact derek.kilgariff@gmail.com



We're a social & 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. Go to www.nottinghamchameleons.co.uk



Pride of Men is a welcoming and inclusive social group for gay men aged 30s to 50s, created to foster friendship, connection, and community in a relaxed environment. We meet monthly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Saturdays at a variety of LGBTQ+ friendly venues across Nottingham.

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



LGBT+ SERVICE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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 runs from 4-7pm on Wednesdays, open to 11-21 year olds. Just show up! Check base51_outburst on instagram for updates on locations! Nervous? Email us beforehand and we can meet you first and show you around! Here to be your safe space.

Details from www.base51.org/outburst



Gay Outdoor Club

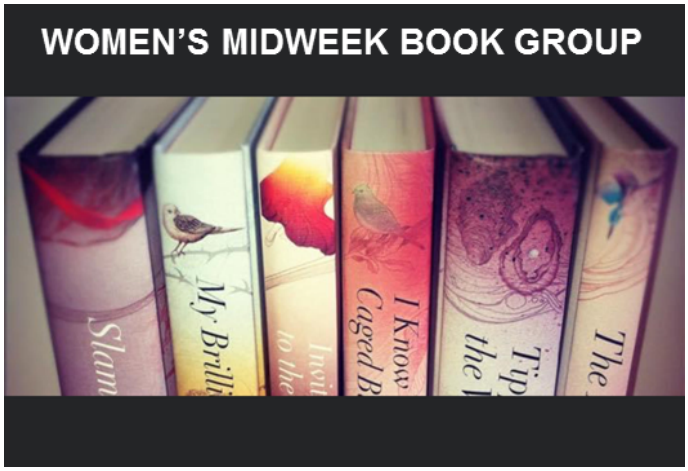
The Gay Outdoor Club is for everyone in the LGBTQI+ community who wants to enjoy outdoor activities

Details from www.goc.org.uk/gay-outdoor-club



Fortnightly 11.30 am at Revolucion de Cuba, 26-28 Market St, Nottingham

Contact www.thespencertrust.co.uk for full details



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





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



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



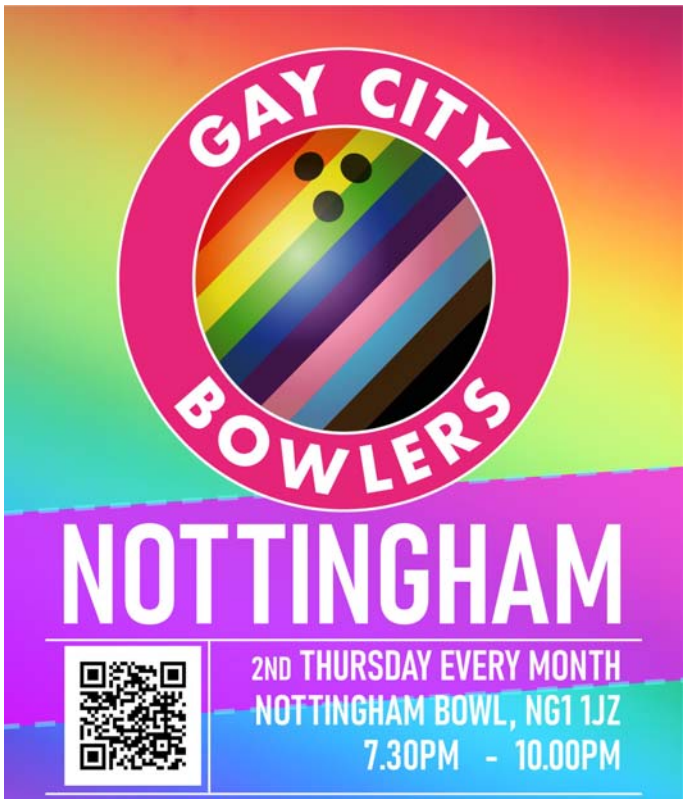
If you are aged 18 years old or over, have an interest in the arts/an artform and genuinely identify as LGBTQIA+ (or questioning), we would love you to join us at Nottingham Playhouse. Monthly meetings, on tast Wednesday of every month 7pm – 9pm

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



Gay City Bowlers is an inclusive LGBTQ+ tenpin bowling group proud to be running in Nottingham. All skill levels welcome. We meet at 7pm at Nottingham Bowl, then play two games before heading to the bars for a drink and social.

Tickets can be purchased through our linktree in the Gay City Bowlers' Instagram bio and Gay City Bowlers' Facebook page.







Gay and inclusive Rugby Football club. We train on Tuesdays at 7:30-9pm and Saturdays at 10.30am 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

Notts Trans Hub is a trans information and support service It is now registered charity number 1199241 and can be contacted through

trustees@nottstranshub.org
https://www.nottstranshub.org and

SOMETHING MISSING?
SOMETHING WRONG?
SOMETHING OUT OF DATE?
E-mail nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk
AND WE WILL PUT IT RIGHT



Shell has 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

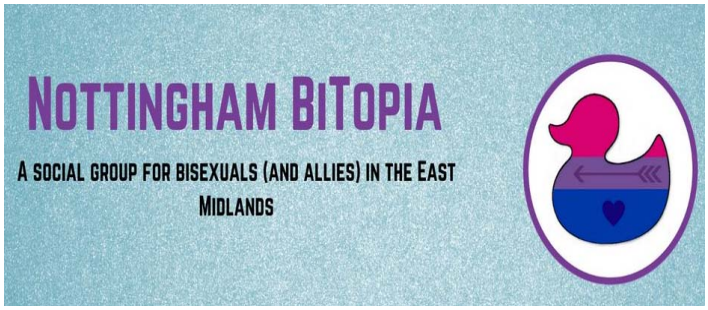
https://www.thespencertrust.co.uk/

Badminton Social is now **Nottingham Dropshots.**

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

For more information go to http://www.badmintonsocial.co.uk/





This group for bisexuals and allies meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30pm-11:00pm in the room at the right of the upstairs Mezzanine bar in Broadway, 14-18 Broad Street, Nottingham, NG1 3AL.

For fuller details e-mail

nottinghambitopia@gmail.com



Forest Kickers and Ninja Queens women's football groups meet each week on Tuesday evenings. Details from Julie at

info@nottinghamtrainingservices.co.uk



Meet every Tuesday at 6.30 at the Robin Hood statue for a 5km run, finishing at the Lord Roberts and also Women, Trans, Non-binary runs on 1st Thursdays. For more information go to Facebook

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



SILVER SAPPHICS



Silver Sapphics is a 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



Meets once a month 3-5pm

First Friday of each month

Discussions and guest speakers

Walks, picnics, quizzes & films

In friendly, safe spaces

Email silverpride55@gmail.com

NOTTINGHAM LIONS FC

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



You can sign up for Queerdos sessions

www.mindouttheatre.com/queerdos

The New Foresters

Nottingham's oldest LGBT+ bar.

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

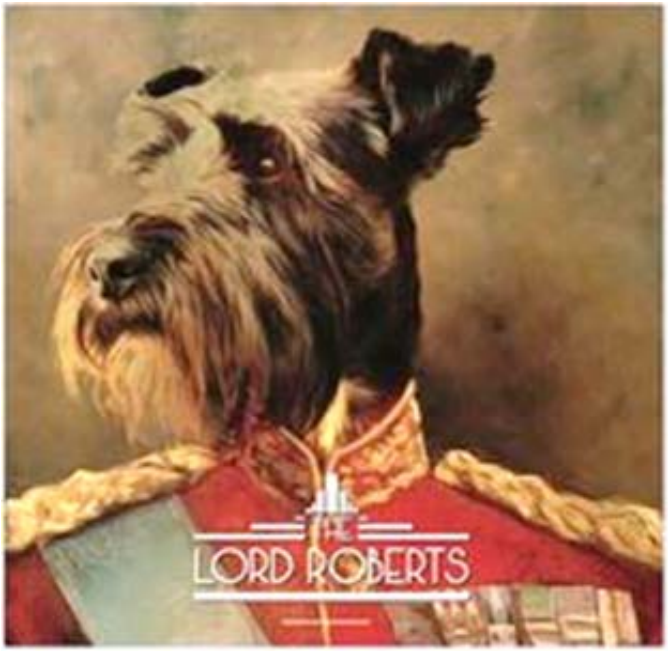
Has a beer garden./outdoor seating/sheltered smoking area

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

Friday Nov. 6th	Friday Friends* 4pm The Pride Shop
Sunday Nov. 8th	Yoga 11.30am Revolucion de Cuba
Tuesday Nov.10th	Front Runners 6,30pm* Robin Hood statue
Wednesday Nov.11th	Quiz night* 8pm The Lord Roberts
Thursday Nov 12th	Gay City Bowlers 7pm Roxy Lanes, Bottle Lane*
Sunday Nov. 15th	Hyking Dyke walk * 10.30 am Wirksworth
Tuesday Nov 17th.	Astitva 7.30pm* Lakeside Arts
Saturday Nov 21st	Ginger Johnson 7.30pm* Nottingham Playhouse
Wednesday Nov.25th	Queer Arts Collective 7pm Nottingham Playhouse*
Friday Nov 27th Saturday Nov. 28th	Murderer,I barely know her Arts Theatre 7.30pm*
Sunday Nov. 29th	The cult of Judy* Revolucion de Cuba 6pm
Friday Dec. 4th	Silver Pride 3-5pm* Sobar, Friar Lane
Saturday Dec.5th	Leather social* Fisher Gate Point 5.30pm*
Thursday Dec.121th	Chameleon Group* 8pm Temple Community Centre
Monday Dec. 15th	Write Queer 4.30pm* Central Library
Tuesday Dec. 15th	Notts Dyke Pub trip* The King Billy 7pm
Wednesday Dec. 16th	Soft Social Xmas party* Butler Food Hall 6.30pm
Friday Dec.18th	Transcendence 7pm Broadway Cinema bar
Saturday Dec.19th	Content Café 10.30am* Bear, Carlton Street
Sunday Dec 27th	Open Table 5-7pm St. John's Carrington*

* fuller details can be found in the main Review

SUPPORT SERVICES

NOTTS LGBT+ NETWORK

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/