



September/October
2026

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The deadline for the
next edition will be
October 24th



**Nottinghamshire's
RAINBOW HERITAGE**

NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

DO WE STILL NEED PRIDE?

Currently there are so many reasons why we need to continue both protesting for our community and also being visible in celebrating on its behalf.

Those in the Reform/Restore movement see us as one of the minorities they can use to blame for the UK's problems as a distraction from their billionaire backers' agendas.

American evangelical so-called Christians have deep pockets and are funding anti LGBTQ+ groups in the this country.

The EHRC has thrown a spanner into the works with regard to trans issues.

In the 1960s and beyond gay men were often automatically labelled as paedophiles. This trope is now revived on GB News.

For some people, we remain targets for violence. The recent attack in Berlin continues a long line of such assaults.

But consider this - in the 1970s Nottingham Gay Switchboard took phone calls from gay men and lesbians who said they had never met anyone like them. What a difference today for a young person who can view thousands of people like them at Notts Pride.



COMING UP SEPT/OCT



Winner of Best New Musical **Grindr: The Opera!** puts the most notorious gay hook-up app into the exaggerated world of opera. With musical styles ranging from baroque to contemporary pop, Grindr: The Opera! is a daring, humorous look at the changing landscape of gay relationships, and the greatest catalyst for the shift: Grindr.

We meet GRINDR, a mythical siren from remote antiquity who has been awoken from its millennial slumber by technology. Its power, which is derived from human lust, is exhibited as it manipulates its gay devotees in a soaring soprano.

Nottingham Arts Theatre Sept.10-12th 7.30pm
enjoy **£5 off all tickets with code PRIDE26 at checkout** when booking
(not valid on existing bookings).



The sequins are sharper, the vocals are higher, and the competition is fierce! From the creators of the smash-hit shows 'Drag Me to the Disco' and 'The Show With Balls!'

Nottingham Playhouse Oct 15th 7.30pm



I Was A Teenage Bisexual

by Polis Loizou

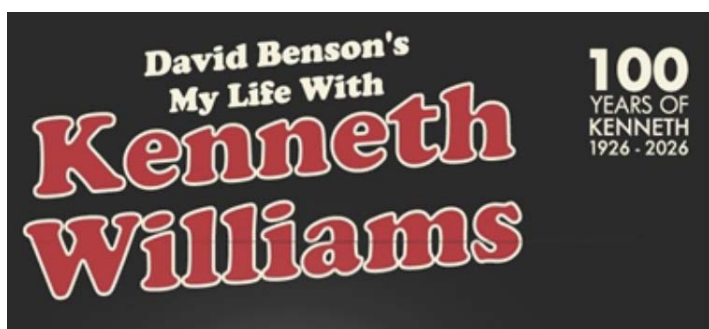
Sat 24 Oct

He's beginning to feel a little bi-furious. Vintage horror B-movie meets '90s teen flick in this one-of-a-kind show by award-winning* theatre-maker *Polis Loizou, exploring life as a bisexual man... with all the horrors that involves.

Junior just wants to be an ordinary guy. But it feels like everyone knows he isn't. Bullies pick him apart at school, while his dad wants him to be more masc. Aside from his body-image issues, he also wrestles with dreams and desires he can't tell anyone about — he can barely admit them to himself.

Just when he thinks things couldn't get worse for him, bodies start turning up in his small town, and suspicion falls on folkloric beings. Beings who sound uncannily similar to him...

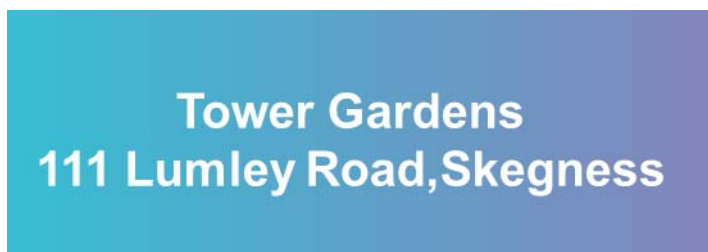
At Nottingham Playhouse 24th October 8pm



in celebration of Kenneth Williams' 100th Birthday, David Benson revisits his now legendary portrait of the much-missed Carry On star in this new version of the show, exploring the astonishing connection that intertwined his life with that of Williams when Benson was still a schoolboy.

In a dazzling display of impeccably honed stage craft, David Benson brings Kenneth Williams roaring back to life

October 2nd 7,30 Mansfield Palace Theatre






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

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SEPT 27th
OCT 25th

More info:

stjohnscarrington.org.uk/opentablenottingham

Facebook:
[opentablenottingham](https://www.facebook.com/opentablenottingham)



ROUGH TRADE

SAT 19 SEPT
8PM - 1AM

GLADRAGS

LIP SYNC VOL 3 SMACKDOWN

8 CONTESTANTS

1 WINNER

HOSTED BY MARILYN SANE & NANA ARTHOLE
WITH GUEST JUDGE LIV

TICKETS



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COMPETITION & CLUBNIGHT
DANCEFLOOR: DJ BOZ & BABY TAP



Sinners returns on Saturday 5th September for another night of Dark Synth music featuring Goth, Darkwave, Witch House and more. Brought to you By the DirtyFilthySexy Collective featuring creator Greyskull with guest DJs from across the country For tickets, search Sinners on

<https://www.outsavvy.com/>



For the first time since 2019, LGBTQ+ supporter groups from around the country will come together under one stadium, supported by The FSA's recently formed LGBTQ+ Hub and Pride in Football.

Hear from award winning consultant and facilitator Liz Mary Ward as she leads a discussion around the 'State of Play' for LGBTQ+ supporter experiences across the UK & beyond.

Take part in a series of workshops & presentations ranging from Kick it Out to group identity to developing your groups. Meet the team from The Football Supporters' Association to see how you can get involved with the vital wider work they do across football, beyond the LGBTQ+ Hub.

There will be a BIG flag display for all to get involved in, in the stands of Nottingham Forest. Plus, the best opportunity of networking for groups in 7 years!

Search The Forum on <https://www.eventbrite.com>



OUT & OK

Out & OK are monthly,
friendly social groups run
by NottsLGBT+ Network in

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NEWARK**

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LGBT+ **50**
NETWORK
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OUT & OK

It's a monthly space for LGBTQ+ people to
meet others, share experiences, and feel
part of a welcoming community. No
pressure. No expectations. Just somewhere
you can be yourself. Some people come to
make new friends. Some come for support.
Some just fancy a coffee and a game of
Connect 4. Whatever brings you along –
you're welcome!

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**Newark Library
7pm to 9pm**

**Mansfield Central Library
12pm to 2pm**

SEPT 26TH

SEPT 10TH

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A DRAG CABARET CELEBRATING BLACK QUEER PERFORMERS

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26TH SEPT

Doors
7:30pm

Tickets:
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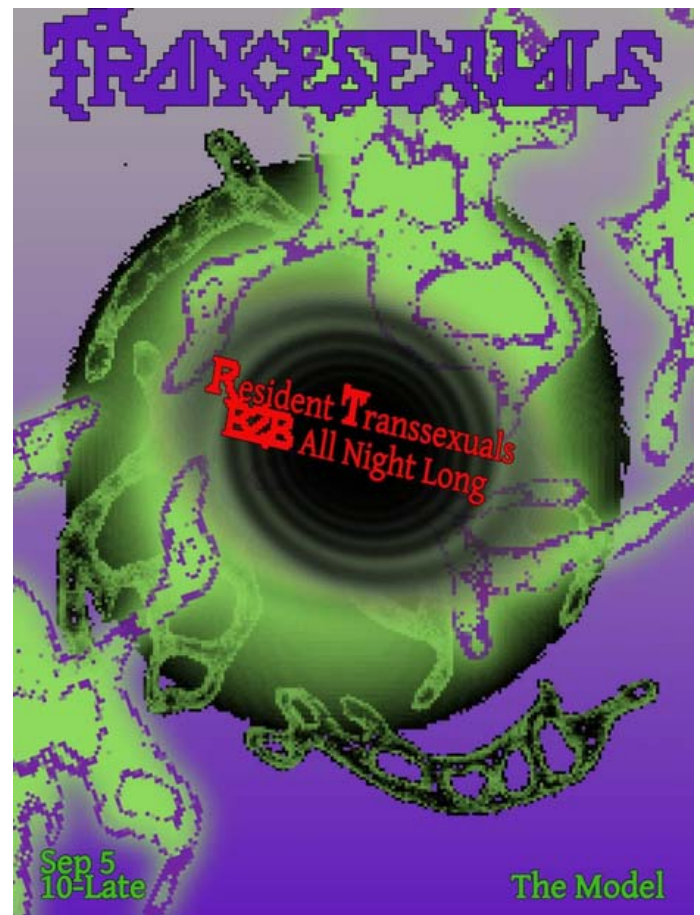


BAGZ TO RICHES

Join the international drag superstar and *RuPaul's Drag Race* icon Baga Chipz at Nottingham Arts Theatre. Get ready for a jam-packed night of outrageous stand-up comedy, untold stories, anecdotes, memories and of course... the music; the music that has shaped Baga into the performer she is today, from disco to power ballads, big band show tunes to the musicals.

Baga will be joined by partner in crime, comedian and vocal powerhouse TANYA HYDE. If you've seen Baga before you will know this isn't a show for the fainthearted or easily offended; NO ONE is safe!

Nottingham Arts Theatre Wed, Sept 16th at 7.30



NOTTINGHAM LESBIAN NETWORK



Nottingham Lesbian Network - PUB QUIZ

Think you know your Queer trivia? Or just fancy a great night out with brilliant company? Come along to the NLN pub quiz

Free to enter

At MOJO 10 Thurland St, Nottingham
Sept. 4th 7.30-9pm



24th
September
2026

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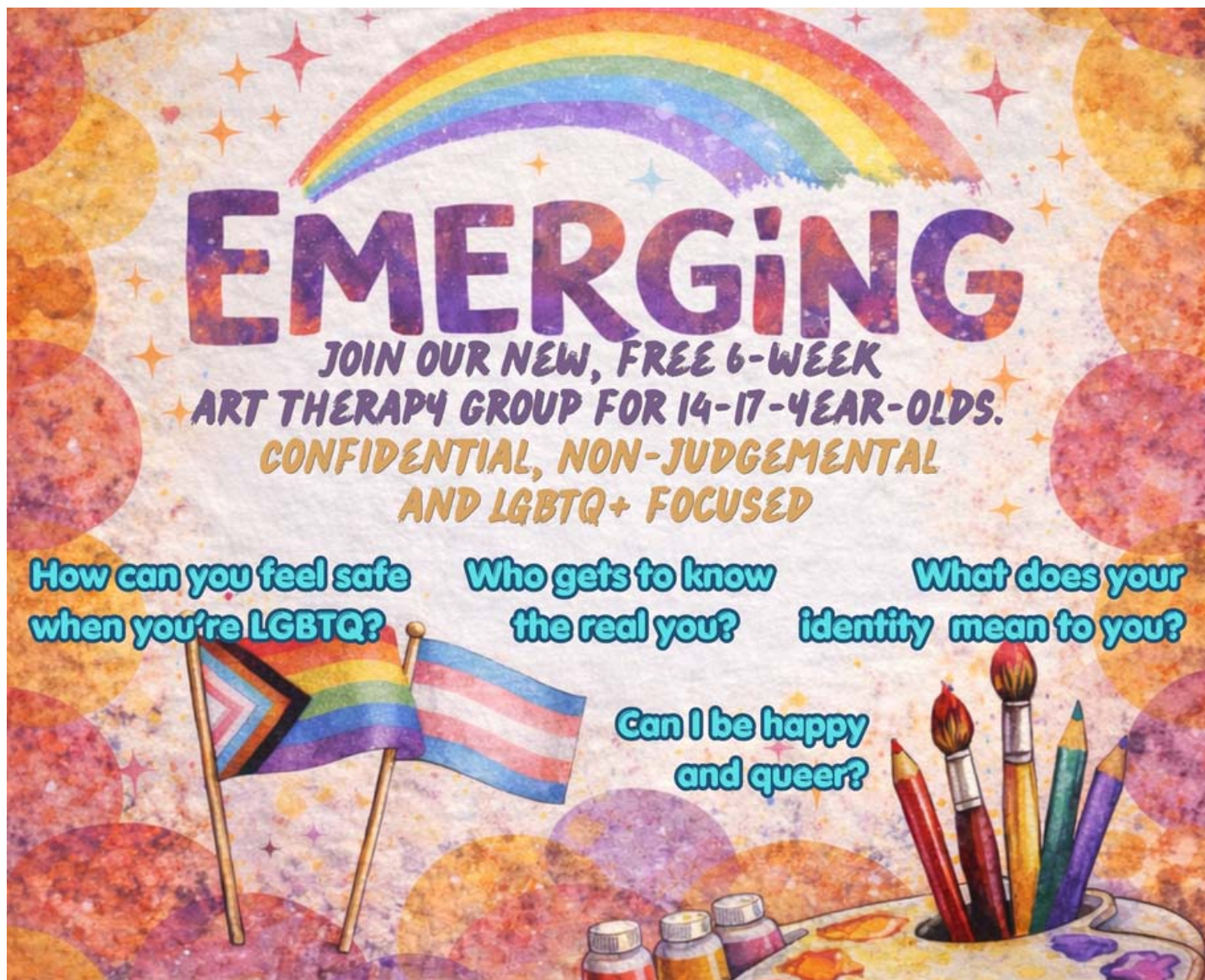
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more DJs tha

Location:
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Doors open
4pm - 10pm
after partyyyy
at Rock city

Equality
Hurts
No One

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GETS
BETTER
TOGETHER



SESSIONS WILL RUN ON THURSDAY EVENINGS, STARTING SOON.

Find out more at:
<https://pridespace.org/emerging/>

Base⁵¹
PrideSpace



Saturday 6th September, TAINED takes over The Hockley Emporium — Nottingham's unapologetic LGBT+ Fetish Club Night.

9PM start £7.50 entry at The Hockley Emporium

Tickets on eventbrite

NEXT WAVE OF EVENTS

SLS

16
SEP

GALS NIGHT

21-35
18:30 -20:30

SOLD OUT

23
SEP

GUYS NIGHT

21-35
18:30 -20:30

3
OCT

**SATURDAY
SOCIAL**

21-35
14:00 -16:00

new!

21
OCT

**SLS X
TOGETHER WE
MAKE: CRAFT
SOCIAL**

18:30 -20:30

new!

4
NOV

**WEEKDAY
SOCIAL**

21-35
18:30 -20:30

new!

21
NOV

**QUEER
SOCIAL**

21-35
14:00 -16:00

new!

16
DEC

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

21-35
18:30 -20:30

new!



LOOKING BACK

PRAISE FOR THE PASTEL PROJECT



Nadia Whittome MP says “I recently visited Nottingham’s newly opened Rainbow Quarter with @notts_pastel_project , who led the effort to create this dedicated space celebrating our city’s LGBTQ+ community and history.

It comes after the launch of their successful @your.spaces.too campaign, empowering local venues to declare themselves as safe and welcoming trans-inclusive spaces. I feel extremely proud of our city and this powerful statement of who we are and what we stand for. Thank you to the grassroots organisers who led the way.”

SPENCER TRUST NOMINATED



The Spencer Trust is a finalist in the BBC East Midlands Make A Difference awards. The results will be announced in September. They recognise those who improve lives where we live.

SINGING PROUD GOES TO BELGIUM



A couple of months ago 43 members of Nottingham’s Singing Proud choir went to Brussels to take part in the Various Voices international singing festival. It brought together 120 LGBTQ+ choirs and over 4,000 singers from 19 countries



They say “Our trip to Brussels was an incredible opportunity to spend time together, strengthen our friendships and have a bloody good time - all in 30+ degrees - air conditioning is for the weak!

Forever memories have been created! Did we enjoy it? Did we ever! We laughed a lot. We sang a lot and we may have enjoyed the occasional cold beer and/ or ice cream.”



FAREWELL TO TONY

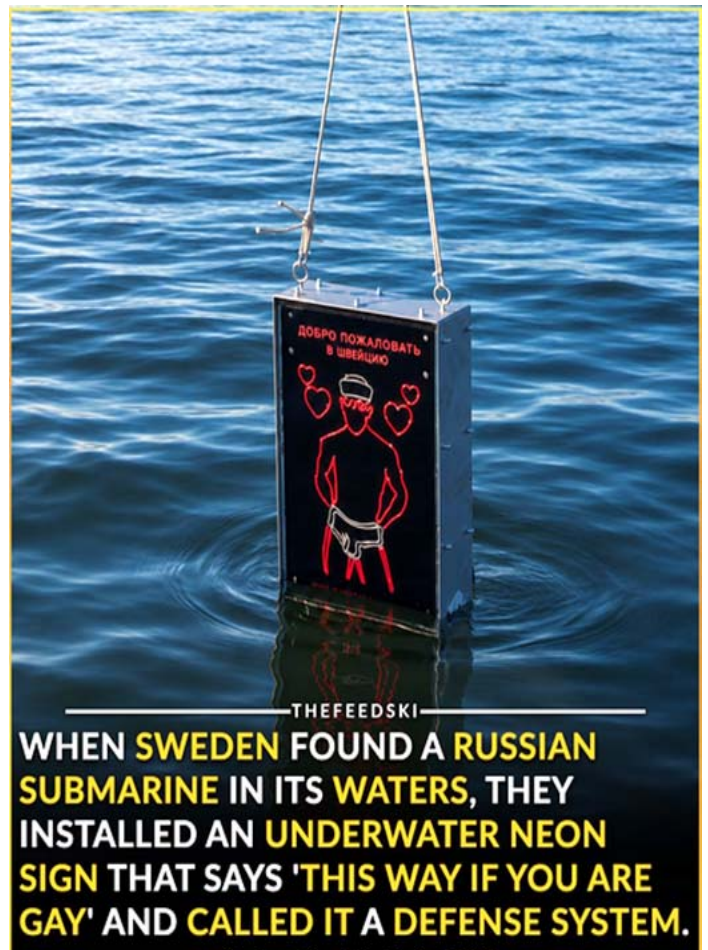
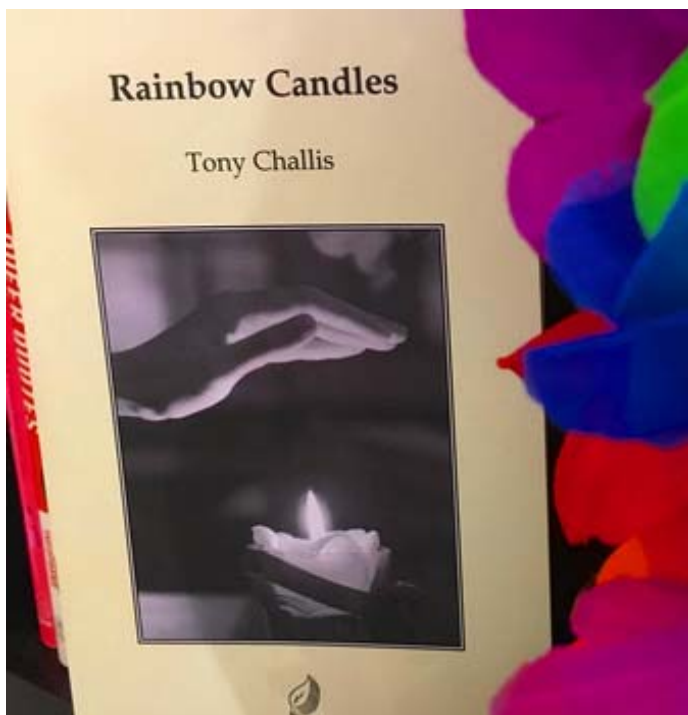


Tony Challis was a teacher and poet who has died at the age of 80. As a gay teacher in the 1970s, a time of intense professional and social vulnerability for gay men due to rising social conservatism, Tony co-founded the Wales and West Gay Teachers Group to support educators facing discrimination.

He was a founding member of LGBT+ Humanists and for some time served as a Humanist celebrant. After moving to Nottingham in 1988, he also became a volunteer for Nottingham Lesbian and Gay Switchboard.

Tony founded Pink Ink. Pink Ink was a local gay creative writing group. The group provided a safe and nurturing creative space for the local LGBTQ+ community, holding regular meetings in historical alternative venues like the Mushroom Bookshop on and The Lord Roberts pub's cellar on Broad Street.

Tony helped pioneer LGBTQ+ literary events in the city, helping to make them what they are today: part of the mainstream calendar. His book of poems "Rainbow Candles" was recently published.



LONDON BIDS FOR WORLD PRIDE



In August, London launched a bid to host WorldPride 2032, which would coincide with the 60th anniversary of the UK's first Pride march in the capital in 1972.

The bid for the 10-day festival is led by Pride in London, entertainment hub Outernet London and UK Black Pride, with backing from City Hall. Organisers have started a global campaign inviting LGBTQ+ creatives to design the official logo outline for the bid.

THE NOTTINGHAM LGBTQ+ HEALTH CONFERENCE



Held in the Nottingham Council House ballroom on July 23rd, the event was populated by representatives of many local services which support different aspects of LGBTQ+ people's health. They included Macmillan Cancer Support, Equation, the Recovery Group, Juno Women's Aid, The Health Shop, UNISON, Notts LGBTQ+ Network, the Pastel Project, the Spencer Trust, Change Grow Live.

The day featured speeches about LGBTQ+ domestic abuse, LGBTQ+ sexual health, the Pastel Project and CJ DeBarra's Queer History Archive. The event was punctuated by workshop discussions on topics such as mental health, making a service inclusive and trans issues.



PHOTOS FROM THE GLADRAGS PRIDE AFTER PARTY



A Boy Called Mary



This exhibition opened at the Backlit Gallery on August 24th. It includes items from the BFI National Archive and materials gathered by CJ DeBarra who is the appointed archive researcher for the event.

On display were photographs of film star Divine - associated with the films of John Waters. Divine was photographed by Norwegian photographer Fin Serck-Hanssen who moved to Derby in the 1980s.

The photos were taken when Divine was appearing at Part Two nightclub and Fin interviewed her for a Norwegian music magazine.



Heaven - Gay Life



From the Notts Queer Archive collection, we saw a large display of badges reflecting changing experiences of queer life across more than five decades.

Placed alongside film, photography and commercial materials within 86:26, the badges show how queer histories can be carried through everyday objects.

AIDS Iceberg



During the exhibition, attendees had the opportunity to view a series of short films courtesy of the BFI. Their titles are shown on the left and all of them can be viewed by using the relevant QR code.

A Boy Called Mary explores the life of queer writer Kris Kirk. Kris studied at the University of Nottingham. He founded the Gaysoc and became one of the UK's most influential music journalists. In the documentary, Kris reflects candidly on gay life during the 1970s and 1980s. He wrote the landmark essay "A descent into darkness" about the blindness caused by his AIDS diagnosis. He died in 1993.

AIDS Monolith



The **AIDS Iceberg** and the **AIDS Monolith** are both public information films intended to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. They were directed by Nicholas Roeg and had a narration by John Hurt. They brought conversations about homosexuality into British homes, raising awareness while also provoking homophobia. The film reflects the tension between growing queer visibility and joy during the early 1980s and the devastation of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Heaven - Gay Life was an episode of the London Weekend TV series Gay Life. It visited the newly opened Heaven nightclub, contrasting it with other parts of the London gay scene. The programme considers tensions around identity and sexuality, while acknowledging that the wave of new venues which were opening at this time largely catered for gay men rather than lesbians. Gay Life was the UK's first dedicated gay and lesbian TV series.

More than a Journey follows Paola Johannides from Sudan to the Greek islands via the East Midlands as she searches for love, happiness and fulfilment. Paola reflects on her childhood in Sudan, on an unfulfilling job at a Midlands branch of BHS and as a holiday representative in Crete, where she had relationships with women who visited the island. Featuring specially written songs by Carol Grimes, the film is an intimate record of lesbian life during the 1980s.

More Than a Journey



LOOKING FURTHER BACK

THE LABOUCHERE AMENDMENT ... AND AFTER



Henry Labouchere was an MP for Northampton. At a time when homosexuality was only illegal in the context of buggery, Labouchere introduced an amendment within an act which was mainly concerned with the protection of women by raising the age of consent to 16. It was Section 11 of the 1885 Criminal Law Amendment Act which made all homosexual acts of 'gross indecency' illegal.

Linked with this is the story, unfortunately false, that when discussing gross indecency amongst women, Queen Victoria said "Ladies do not do that sort of thing."

The amendment led to the prosecution of thousands of gay men over a period of more than 100 years, one of whom was Oscar Wilde who was sentenced in 1895 to two years hard labour in Reading Gaol



In an interview in 2000, local teacher, poet and artist Wallace Edge said "You never told anyone. You couldn't defend yourself. The police, the law, the church, society, everybody was against you. It was the blackmailer's charter. I was blackmailed and I know a fellow who was blackmailed by two policemen. Once your name was in the paper, your job had gone, everything had gone. The only way out if you got caught ... well a lot committed suicide."

Another famous victim was mathematician and computer scientist Alan Turing. As an alternative to prison, Turing was given the choice of undergoing hormone "therapy, which depressed him and was a contributory factor to his suicide in 1954.



One might have imagined that after the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality following the 1967 Sexual Offences Act, things would improve.

No so. Many police forces were unhappy with the change in the law and some Chief Constables viewed it as a "lowering of moral standards".

Prosecutions for cottaging, such as gross indecency and lewd behaviour, rose substantially following the 1967 Act. The police became better at entrapment, leading to the 'pretty policeman' phenomenon whereby the police would attempt to solicit men they believed to be cottaging



Working for Nottingham City Council in 1985, Ben Benson noted a strange statistic about police arrests for cottaging on Saturday afternoons. Either there were lots of arrests or none at all.

The explanation lay with football. If Nottingham Forest were playing at home, the police went to the football match. If Forest were playing away, the police spent the afternoon in the public lavatories.

Moving to the 1990s, more and more magistrates and judges were saying to the police "have you really got nothing better to do?"

The Sexual Offences Act of 2003 removed gross indecency from the statute books and was enacted in 2004. It still left many thousands of gay men with criminal records for something that was no longer a crime. If these mainly older men decided to do some voluntary work, a Disclosure and Barring check would bring up the record and probably result in them being turned away.

One can apply to have the record wiped clean, but it is a complicated process. The only person to have been officially pardoned, was Alan Turing, who was pardoned in 2013 by Queen Elizabeth.

GROUP OF THE DAY

TRANS SPACE NOTTS: STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY



A year ago, a group of local trans people came together with a simple but powerful goal: to create more opportunities for trans people across Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands to connect, socialise and build community. The result was the East Mids Trans Network, a grassroots group focused on bringing people together through shared activities and experiences.

What began with a community picnic quickly grew into something much bigger. Regular gym sessions in Mansfield provide a welcoming space for people to exercise and make friends, while a book group offers lively discussion and connection. Theatre trips have become a popular fixture in the calendar, and the network developed both online and face-to-face support groups, creating spaces where members can share experiences and find encouragement from peers.

Over the past year, the group has established a strong and growing community of regular members. Yet one topic continued to return to discussions among the planning team: the group's name. It just didn't stick in people's minds, and the acronym (EMNT) was all too easily confused with a well-known train company!

During one planning meeting, an idea emerged that immediately resonated with many of those present. Why not revive the name of a much-loved local trans group that had come to an end in the early 2020s? That name was Trans Space Notts.

The proposal felt particularly meaningful because many members of the East Mids Trans Network planning team had previously been involved with Trans Space Notts, including one of the group's original founders.

While the original Trans Space Notts was primarily a peer support group, the revived name reflects something even broader: a vibrant, active community whose aim is to create strength through connection, friendship and belonging.

The group also recently launched their first real-life support group in Nottingham. The group will have a limited number of places to keep the group feeling approachable. There will also be the chance to be introduced to other members on arrival, so nobody will feel alone.

Today, Trans Space Notts continues to grow, offering opportunities for trans people to meet, take part in activities and support one another in a welcoming environment.

The group can be found on Facebook and Instagram, and members can also join its lively WhatsApp community, where conversations, friendships and plans for future events continue every day.



MISCELLANY

KAIROS HAS A NEW POSTER

KAIROS

♥ *No woman has to walk this journey alone.* ♥

Nottingham Lesbian Immigration Support Group



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navigating the asylum process**

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Guidance through
the asylum process



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- ♥ Women with refugee status
- ♥ Local supporters and allies



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EXPLORE THE SPARROW'S NEST



Curating tens of thousands of books, journals, pamphlets, zines, leaflets, posters and unpublished archival materials, we focus on the history of anarchist groups and individuals in the UK and beyond, as well as the history of other social movements, protests and radicalism in Nottingham and the wider region.

<https://thesparrowsnest.org.uk>
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Explore Nottingham's Proud LGBTQ+ History

Amongst the thousands of documents in our **FREE** Digital Library are hundreds of local LGBTQ+ newsletters, journals and papers, going back to the 1970s.

Chimera, Gay Nottingham, Lookout, Diversion and all the others are bursting with amazing content. Dive in!



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

LGBTQIA+ and affected by Dementia?



We want to hear from you

The **DETERMIND** study is creating the UK's largest research group of LGBTQIA+ people living with dementia, to help shape more inclusive dementia care.

Your experiences can help improve understanding and support for other LGBTQIA+ people affected by dementia.

To learn more or get involved, contact us at:

ben.hicks@nottingham.ac.uk

or mobile: 07881 915776



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Who can participate?



Anyone who identifies as LGBTQIA+ and has received a diagnosis of any dementia and any member of your chosen family.

What will it involve?



A friendly chat with one of our research team about your experiences of dementia, your views on the services you may use and your general sense of well-being and life quality.

The discussion can take place at your home or remotely and should last no longer than 90 minutes.

A friend or member of your chosen family can be present during the visit and can also take part if they wish.

How can I find out more?



Learn more about the study at www.determind.org.uk

Contact Dr Ben Hicks for more information on the study and to register your interest:
ben.hicks@nottingham.ac.uk or mobile: 07881 915776

Use your voice to help shape a more inclusive future for UK dementia care and leave a positive legacy for future generations of LGBTQIA+ affected by dementia.

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

KAIROS

♥ *No woman has to walk this journey alone.* ♥

Nottingham Lesbian Immigration Support Group



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

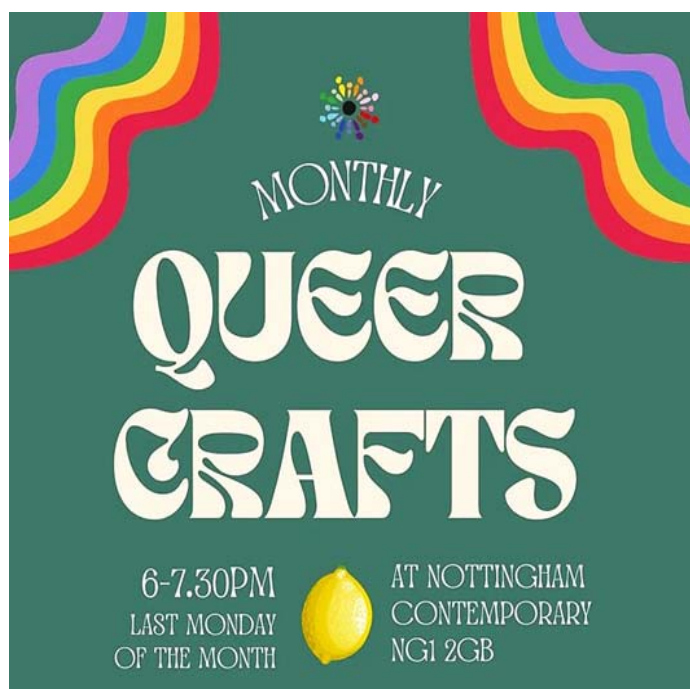


The Pride Shop 65 Maid Marian Way

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](https://www.eventbrite.com/queer-crafts)



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



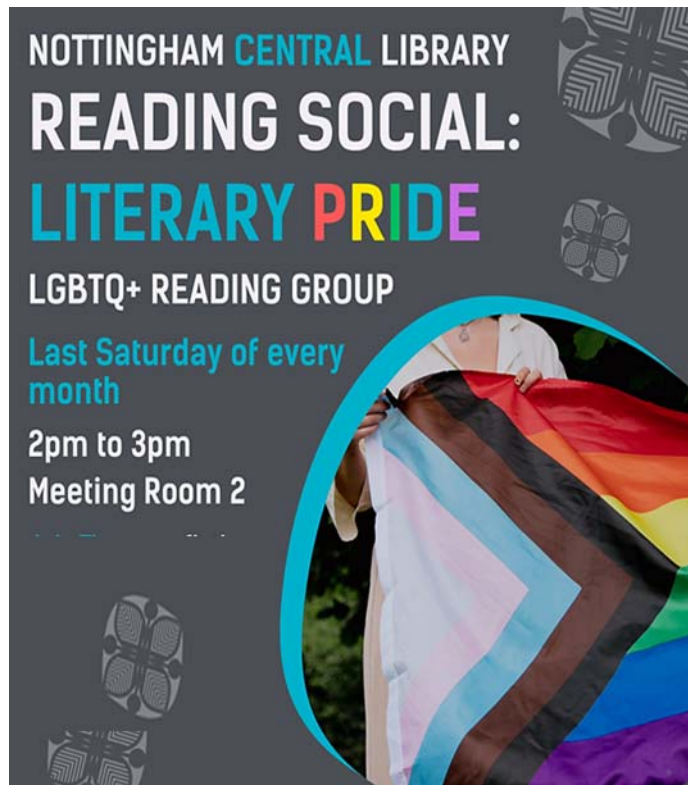
We are set up with the aim of giving trans people spaces to do things together, enjoy community, and introduce people to new friends, both in Notts and surrounding areas!

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



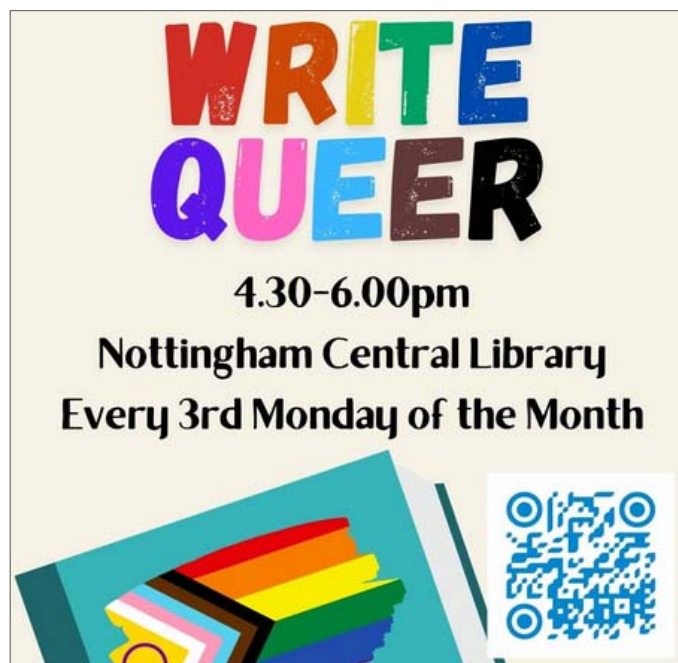
If you would like to come along to this HIV support group, please contact your Consultant at Nottingham City Hospital or alternatively email

liam@thespencertrust.co.uk



The Outlaws 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>



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

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 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)



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



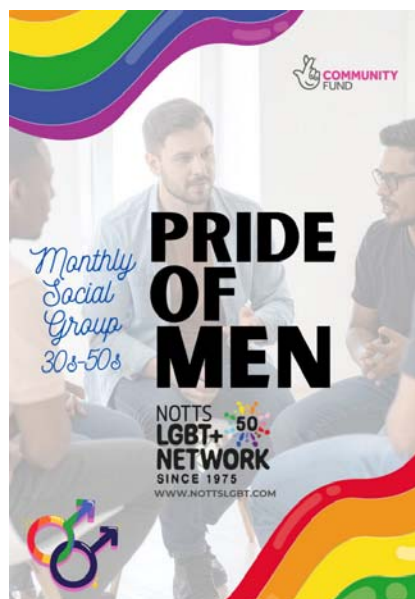
A welcoming LGBTQ+ social event - refreshments and chat every Saturday 10.30 to 12pm at Bear, 36a Carlton Street, Hockley. Just look for the table with the golden pineapple on it.



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

Netherfield LGBT+ Social

1st Sunday
Each month
1.30-3pm

At Hotel Chocolat
Victoria Retail Park

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



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](https://www.instagram.com/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



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

WOMEN'S MIDWEEK BOOK GROUP



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 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>

DOLLS DINING COOP

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 :)

GAY CITY BOWLERS

NOTTINGHAM

2ND THURSDAY EVERY MONTH
NOTTINGHAM BOWL, NG1 1JZ
7.30PM - 10.00PM

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

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

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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 transphorianotts@hotmail.com

Transphoria





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 a registered charity with number 1199241 and can be contacted through

trustees@nottstranshub.org
<http://www.nottstranshub.org> and

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

SAPPHIC SUNDAY



From March 2026

First Sunday of the Month
The Pride Shop

All other Sundays
Cafe Contemporary

Look for the
 table with the
 apple

NOTTS
**LGBT+
 NETWORK**
 SINCE 1975
WWW.NOTTSLGBT.COM

10.30am to
 12.30pm



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.badminton-social.co.uk/>

Queer Social returns with a new name

FRIDAY FRIENDS

Every Friday from 4 PM - 6 PM at

THE PRIDE SHOP

on Maid Marian Way

**A no-pressure social to meet other
LGBTQIA+ people in Nottingham**



NOTTINGHAM BITOPIA

A SOCIAL GROUP FOR BISEXUALS (AND ALLIES) IN THE EAST
MIDLANDS



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

NOTTINGHAM'S LGBTQ+ RUN CLUB PRESENTS:

OUR EXTRA
WOMEN/TRANS/NON-BINARY RUN

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Thursdays

FREE TO JOIN!
♂♀

by  **NFR**

6.30PM

FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
5KM SOCIAL GROUP RUN
EASY PACE - YOUR PACE
MEET AT THE LORD ROBERTS PUB

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 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



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

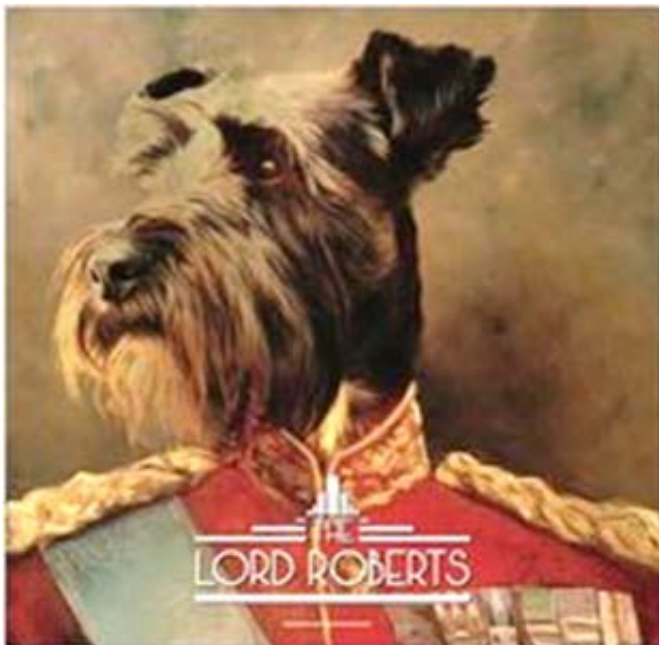
Has a beer garden./outdoor seating/sheltered smoking area

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 Sept. 4th	Lesbian Network Pub Quiz At MOJO 7.30pm*
Saturday Sept. 5th	Sinners 10.30pm * Billy Bootleggers
Wednesday Sept 9th	Quiz night* 8pm The Lord Roberts
Thursday Sept 10th	Grindr the Opera 7.30pm Nottingham Arts Theatre*
Saturday Sept 12th	Derby Pride Markeaton Park
Thursday Sept. 17th.	Chameleon Group 8pm* Temple Community Centre
Saturday Sept 19th	Gladrags Lipsync 8pm* Rough Trade
Sunday Sep. 20th	Hyking Dykes walk 10.30 - see website
Thursday Sept 24th	Singing Proud 7.15pm St John's Carrington
Friday Sept 25th	Friday Friends 4pm* The Pride Shop
Saturday Sept. 26th	House of Mannington* Lord Roberts 7.30pm
Friday October 2nd	Silver Pride 2-4pm* Sobar, Friar Lane
Saturday Oct 3rd	The Forum* Nottingham City Ground
Sunday Oct. 4th	Sapphic Sunday 10.30am* At the Pride Shop
Thursday Oct 8th	Queer open Mic 7.30* Crafty Teller
Thursday Oct 15th	Battle of the Divas * 7.30pm Nottm Playhouse
Friday Oct. 16th	Transcendence 7pm Broadway Cinema bar
Monday Oct, 19th	Write Queer* 4.30pm Central Library
Saturday Oct 24th	I was a teenage bisexual Nottm Playhouse 8pm*
Sunday Oct 25th	Open Table 5-7pm St. John's Carrington*

* 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/>