



NOTTS RAINBOW REVIEW

October/November 2025

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RECLAIM THE NIGHT NOTTINGHAM



A WOMEN-ONLY MARCH THROUGH NOTTINGHAM CITY CENTRE TO CHALLENGE MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

LGBTQ+ PROTEST PLACARD MAKING WORKSHOP



**11AM - 1PM
SAT 18TH OCT
THE PRIDE SHOP**

PLACARD MAKING WORKSHOP FOR TRANS AND LGBTQ+ WOMEN TO MAKE PLACARDS (AND FRIENDS) AHEAD OF RECLAIM THE NIGHT



FREE TO ATTEND - DM @RTNNOTTINGHAM TO CLAIM YOUR PLACE



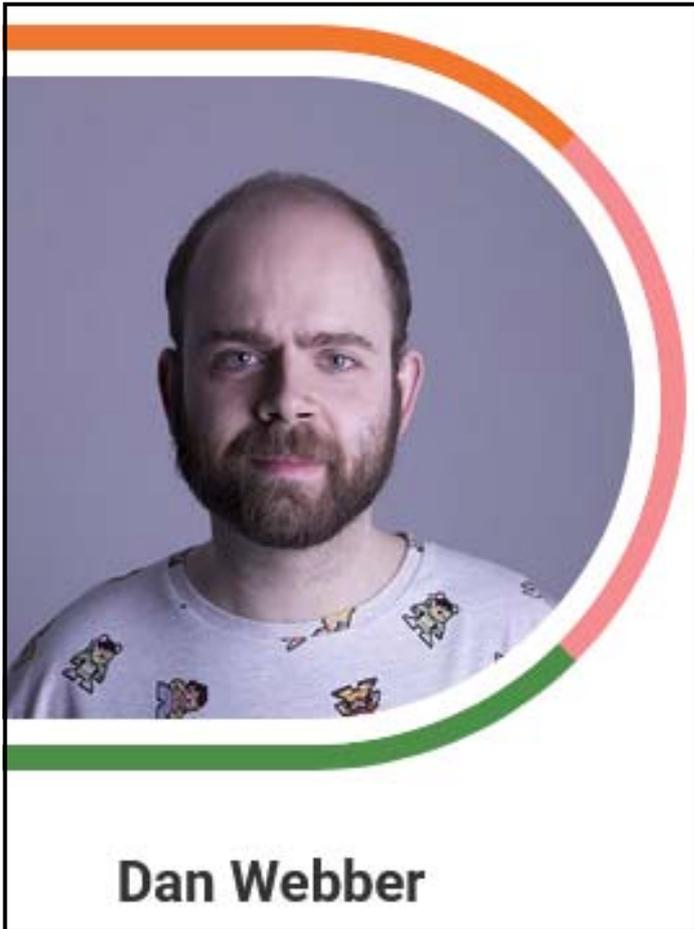
OPEN TO ALL WOMEN + PEOPLE WHO HAVE FACED MISOGYNISTIC OPPRESSION

Come along to make a placard to take home and bring along with you later that evening and meet friends also attending the march!!

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Returning to Nottingham Comedy Festival for the third year, LOL-gbtq+ at The Lord Roberts is a series of LGBTQ+ comedy, cabaret and variety nights, showcasing the depth and diversity of Queer comedy talent across the region.

Following sell-out runs in 2024, Juliette Burton (BBC1/ITV) and Cerys Bradley (Comedy Central, UKTV, BBC One Wales) premier new work. Nottingham's Drag scene is represented by local Drag Royalty Nana Arthole, and making her Nottingham Comedy Festival debut, AFAB Queen 'Boo'. Rounding off the festival, the Nottingham Queer Arts Collective present their annual cabaret fundraiser raising money for The Spencer Trust.

Promoter Dan Webber says "Nottingham has a fantastic Queer arts scene and it's always a joy to present this as part of Nottingham Comedy Festival. LOL-gbtq+ at The Lord Roberts provides a brave space where audiences and performers can be themselves and present their work in a safe and nurturing environment, there's no punching down just laugh out loud queer comedy where everyone is welcome".

LOL-gbtq+ opens on Saturday 1st November at The Lord Roberts on Broad Street, full details can be found on the Nottingham Comedy Festival website.

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

Also at the Lord Roberts and included here is "Queerdom", which is in addition to the acts promoted by Dan.



Welcome to Queerdom where people aren't like other people. Join West End New Act of the Year finalists, Nicky Vere-Compton and Marigold Lately in a neurospicy queer hour of anarchy, chaos, mayhem and misrule!

October 31st, 8pm (doors open 7.40pm)



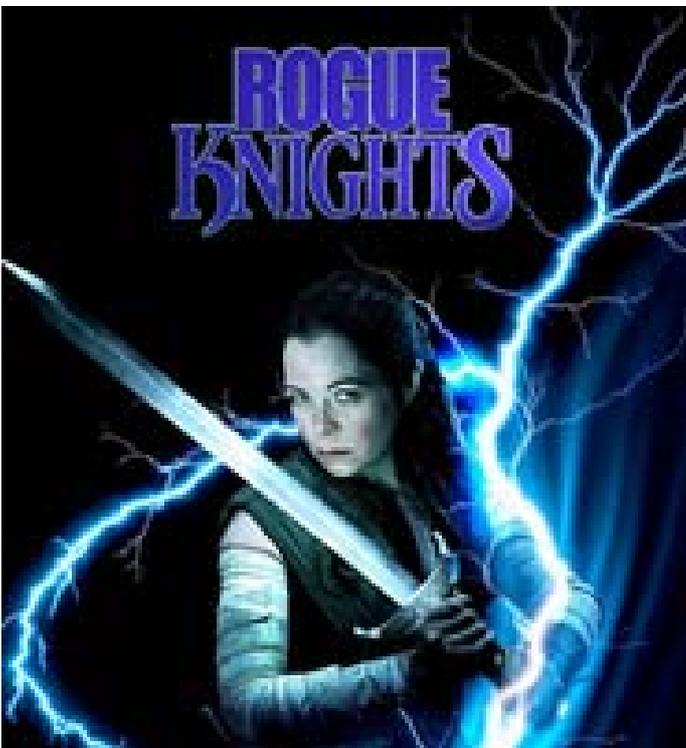
Nottingham Queer Arts Collective's mission is to bring together LGBTQIA+ artists of all disciplines from in and around Nottingham to appreciate, liberate, and support our community and art. We are back at LOL-gbtq+ at The Lord Roberts with an evening of comedy, cabaret and variety, raising vital funds for Nottingham Queer Arts Collective and The Spencer Trust. Pay What You Feel, all welcome.

November 9th 6pm (doors open 5.40)



Juliette Burton. Join the joy of Juliette! Get in the party spirit with award-winning comedian Juliette Burton as she brings the best bits from her multiple award-winning comedy shows. Cram over a decade of fringe into one jubilant hour or life-affirming hilarity with heart. As seen on BBC One/ITV.

November 1st, 7.30pm (doors open 7.10) £12



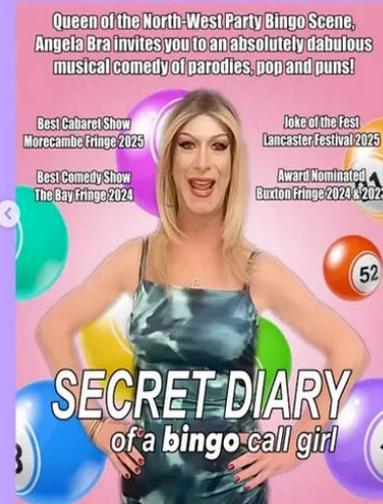
Prepare for fandom(ination)! Geek is sexy, nerdism necessary, fandom fierce. Award-winning comedian and mega-nerd Juliette Burton embraces her dark side in this late-night revelation. Join Juliette as she enters her villain era to iron out some kinks of her own. Set phasers to stun: Juliette puts the "werk" into work in progress.

November 1st, 9pm (doors open 8.40) £8

Tuesday 4th November

Doors: 7:30pm

Show: 8:00pm - 9:00pm



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!

Critics Choice Award Winner at the 2024 Bay Fringe.

Buxton Fringe Best Comedy Show Nominee 2024 and 2023

18+

Tickets £5



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

Book all tickets at <https://www.nottinghamcomedyfestival.co.uk/>

LOL+GBTQ+ AT THE LORD ROBERTS



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



Boo's Craft Box

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

Book all tickets at
<https://www.nottinghamcomedyfestival.co.uk/>

DONATE TO THE ARCHIVES



Notts Queer History Archive
open donation days!

Date
Wed 15 Oct 4-7pm

Central Library: first floor, local studies

NOTTINGHAM CITY LIBRARIES

notts queer history archive

If you have any LGBT+ memorabilia - posters, leaflets, photos, badges etc, they will be welcome by Notts Queer Archives. Drop them off at Central Library on this donation day.

TOM ROBINSON



Tom Robinson with Adam Phillips

Thomas Giles Robinson is a British singer, bassist, radio presenter and long-time LGBT rights activist, best known for the hits "Glad to Be Gay", "2-4-6-8 Motorway", and "Don't Take No for an Answer", with his Tom Robinson Band. Tall tales and top tunes from 50 years in the record industry

Friday 31st October 2025 The Old Cold Store (next to the Vat & Fiddle), Queensbridge Road, Nottm.
Doors open 19:30

For tickets, search
Tom Robinson on www.gigantic.com



The Spencer Trust Pumpkin Social



- Guided Pumpkin Carving for all abilities
- Light Lunch & Refreshments
- Explore the community gardens

October 26th - 11am - 1pm
Booking Essential



How about joining the Nottingham Forager and The Spencer Trust for a special pumpkin carving day? The guided pumpkin carving will be led by the Nottingham Forager and there will also be the opportunity to explore the beautiful Windmill Community Gardens.

The event is 26th October
at the Windmill Community Gardens,
Ascot Road, Nottingham NG8 5HD

As with all Spencer Trust events it will be free to attend, and you will also get the opportunity to try some delicious pumpkin soup with bread and a selection of cakes and refreshments.

Spaces are limited so please book using the Eventbrite link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../the-spencer-trust-pumpkin...>



Derbyshire LGBT+
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans*



**OUR
STORIES**

Discover our hidden LGBT+ histories

PROJECT LAUNCH

Please join us for light refreshments and to find out more about our history projects at our centres in Derby and Chesterfield

We would like to **invite** you the launch event for the "Our Stories" Project here at Derbyshire LGBT+.
October 21st 2-6pm, 25 Curzon Street, Derby, DE1 1LH

Our Stories aims to capture the hidden stories of LGBT+ individuals that have a connection to Derby & Derbyshire. Thanks to a three-year grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, we hope to hear from people who currently live or previously lived in the area or may be studied or worked here.

Please RSVP to heritage@derbyshirelgbt.org.uk

THE SPENCER TRUST

A splashing good time!!

The Spencer Trust LGBTQ+ Swim Session is Back!

FREE

Reserve now - limited availabilities!

19 October 2025
12.30-1.45p.m.

Lenton Leisure Centre, NG7 1RQ

Sign up on our Eventbrite link now
Gender-neutral changing pods available!

Fully funded by The Spencer Trust

FROM THE SPENCER TRUST

ROUGH TRADE 27 **UNNAMED DRAG PRODUCTIONS** 22 **Music by DJ Boz & Baby Tap**

69 **DRAG BINGO** 11

TERRIFIER? I BARELY KNOW 'ER!

A NIGHT OF COMEDY, GAMES, & LIVE DRAG PERFORMANCES
HALLOWEEN SPECIAL! PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME!

FRIDAY 31ST OCT

DOORS OPEN @ 8PM | KICKOFF 8:30 | 18+ BRING ID

**PRIZES! BALLS! PUNS!
NUMBERS? INSULTS!
DRAG QUEENS! BINGO!**

PAY TO PLAY! 3 GAMES FOR £7!

AT ROUGH TRADE

Robert Hamberger



Nude Against A Rock



Nude Against A Rock, Robert Hamberger's exciting fifth collection, is a love song for the threatened world. There is a thematic widening of the lens that connects intimacy, home and family to other countries, porous borders.

The collection culminates in a passionate sequence after the gay British painter Keith Vaughan, where the male 'body of contradictions' is a site of desire and tenderness, landscape becomes a haven, and the artist is compelled to observe, create and bear witness.

We welcome back Robert Hamberger, an old friend of Five Leaves (which published some of his earlier work) for a reading from his latest collection.

The evening will also include readings by Hongwei Bao, from his new collection, *Self Portrait as a Banana*, a candid exploration of his queer, diasporic, East Asian identity and trans-cultural intimacy.

Appropriating, subverting and queering cultural tropes like the banana, rice and beckoning cat, and identity categories, such as queerness and Chineseness, this is a powerful journey.

A bold, humorous and refreshing celebration of queer desire, identity and cultural differences.

October 22nd 7pm

Five Leaves Bookshop
14a Long Row Nottingham

Book on website
www.fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk

Self-Portrait as a Banana



Hongwei Bao

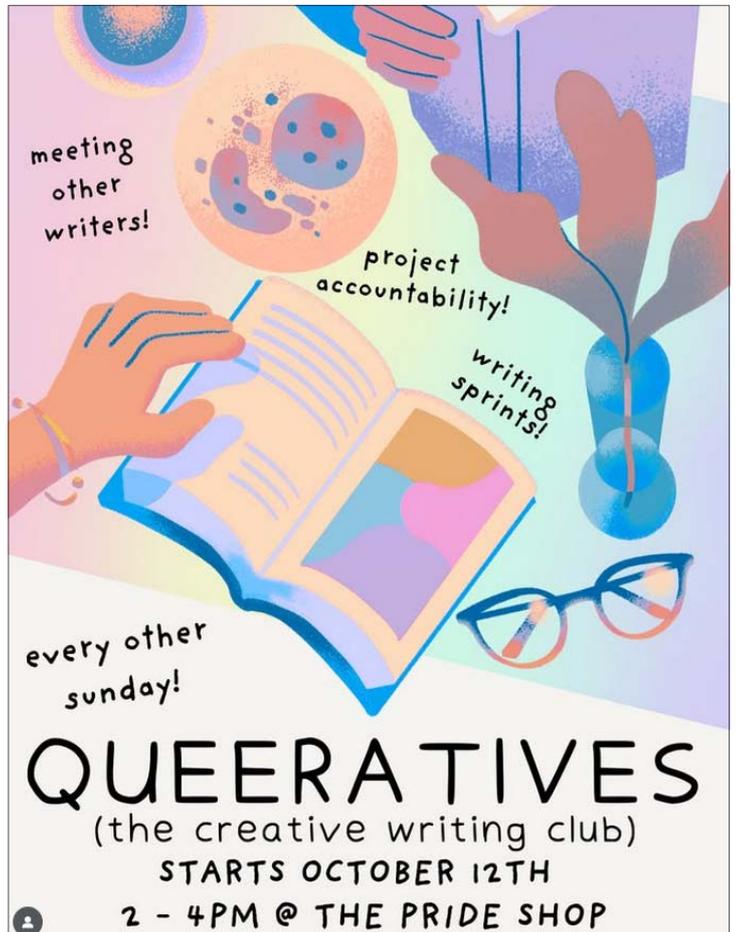
AT FIVE LEAVES BOOKSHOP



Join us at Spill The Paint and paint to learn how to make polymer clay jewellery. It's kinda like playing with really cool play-Doh.

Bring your creativity (or lack there of) and let's make friends and something beautiful together at this LGBTQ+ and ally social

£5 per person at the Hockley Emporium



Just drop in and meet the crowd of lovely friendly guys in our Men's Social Group for gay/bi men in their 30s to 50s. On 14th October, Tuesday, at Pitcher & Piano in Nottingham city from 7pm.



19.00-24.00 at
Movers, 15 Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 1FH

Tickets at <https://ra.co/events/2274498>