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Politicians experience often scathing criticism on a daily basis in our newspapers. On radio and television they are subject to the mockery which is part of a tradition going back to - at least - the ancient Greeks. Cartoonists have a field day. David Cameron is portrayed by one as a "Little Lord Fauntleroy" type and by another as a pink human condom with big wobbly breasts.

Our mockery and fact-based criticisms of Kay Cutts pale beside this and beside what one reads on the local Parish of Nottinghamshire website, to which we referred. Politicians need broad shoulders. Bearing in mind the size of Mrs Cutts' "shoulders", the County Library QB ban is utterly predictable.

If you have any information, news, gossip or libel or wish to comment on anything in QB, please contact

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PRIDE LINEUP

FREE



Ruth
Lorenzo



Harry
Derbridge



Booty
Luv

The Pride stage will undergo meiosis and divide into 4. As well as the Main Stage (hosted by Harry Derbridge - from "The only way is Essex"), you can enjoy the Acoustic Stage, the Comedy Stage and a family zone - The Village Green. Some of the performers featured are listed below.

MAIN STAGE

Booty Luv
Ruth Lorenzo
Drag with No Name
Fat Digester
Propaganda
Danny Stafford
Youth Spot
Jo Francis
Captain Dangerous
Vibebar
Benjamin Bloom
Grey Matter
The Cedars
NG1/@D2

ACOUSTIC STAGE

Kenelis
Manière des
Bohémiens
Gallery 47
Betty Munroe &
The Blue Majestix
The Idolins
Emily Franklin
Wax Ersatz
May KB
Selma Thurman

Hosts: John Gill &
Princess Babserella

COMEDY STAGE

Julie Jepson
Suzi Ruffle
Rosie Wilby
Rachel Stubbins
Josephine Ettrick-Hogg
Carly Smallman

VILLAGE GREEN

Asian Dance Group
Pirate Show
Carlton Brass Band
Ball Bois display
Dog display team
Tatterneers Band

MRS CUTTS AND THE QB BAN

"Dear All,

As a matter of urgency, would any Libraries that receive a copy of the publication Queer Bulletin, please remove the latest edition from their shelves. I will be phoning all Libraries who receive a copy as soon as possible, but please take it off **now** and don't wait for a call before acting.

Thanks.

Fiona. Principal Librarian: Resources"

"I am the person who informed you last week that unfortunately we will be unable to display the latest (June/July) edition of QB due to the nature of the article on the front page. As Nottinghamshire County Council are one of our main funders I am sure you can appreciate that we aren't in a position to display a publication that includes an article criticising their head, especially one that carries it on the front page. As mentioned in the original email we will still be able to hand out the QB on request, but sadly we won't be able to have them on display. I hope this clears up any confusion.

Kind regards **Simon Redgate** Senior Information Officer/Budget & Finance, Nottingham Tourism Centre"

Our Sitemeter readings estimate that several hundred extra people viewed QB online as a result of the ban's publicity.

IDAHO DAY IN NOTTINGHAM: LOADS OF FLAGS AND A CONFERENCE



The University of Nottingham organised an IDAHO Day conference as part of an initiative involving four countries: the UK, Italy, Hungary and Slovenia.

The picture above shows Dr. Luca Trappolin (of the University of Padua) talking against a delightfully starry and rather camp background. There were also displays (see below) by Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage, HGN, Stop Hate Crime UK and Notts Police.



Rainbow flags were flown at 4 fire stations and the HQ of Notts Fire and Rescue Service to show their support for IDAHO Day. Flags were also flown at the QMC, Kings Mill Hospital, Notts Police HQ (+ several police stations), Ashfield and Gedling Councils and Castle, South Notts and West Notts Colleges. On local radio Mrs Kay Cutts said she would not allow the rainbow flag to be raised on County Council premises.



What has been described as the "largest hand-made rainbow flag" made its appearance in Nottingham.

On IDAHO Day (May 17th) a huge rainbow flag flew from the pole at Nottingham Castle to celebrate the cultural diversity in Nottingham and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community. The flag was produced by David Gibson, aged 23, who is studying first year costume design at Nottingham Trent University.

Notts Pride purchased 66m of fabric in order to make the flag which David is making in his spare time and is his own personal voluntary contribution to Notts Pride. Richard Townsley, Notts Pride's Chairman, said: "IDAHO day is an international day against homophobia and Nottinghamshire Pride is delighted to be working with Nottingham City Council to promote this day. We are proud to be able to fly the rainbow flag, over the city of Nottingham. This is the most prominent flag pole in the whole of Nottinghamshire, it can be seen by many thousands of people. I hope that they will enjoy seeing our rainbow flying over the city"

Next year Notts Pride aims to fly 100 rainbow flags across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



The flag-raising ceremony was attended by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Brian Grocock. The Lord Mayor said: "Flying the rainbow flag in Nottingham is a visible sign of our dedication to supporting and celebrating the LGBT community on this important day."

QB'S BITS

- We were half listening to “**East Midlands Today**” when we were taken aback to hear “lesbian stolen from local church”. The subsequent report made it clear that “lead’s bein’ stolen”.
- This edition of QB is sponsored by a generous donation from the University of Nottingham Students’ Union LGBT Network.
- Tony Bilton has asked us to mention that his **Gay History Tours** are having a rest at the moment. They should pick up again later this year.
- The people at the **Tourism Centre** seem to have got their act together (at last) and made a big improvement to their website. No longer does the search facility produce “error” when you enter the word “lesbian”. Go to www.experiencenottinghamshire.com and see what you get with “gay” and “lesbian”.
- “**In The Pink**” is a booklet produced by Leicestershire PCT in conjunction with Leicester LGB Centre. The booklet is a guide for GPs and health practitioners about providing excellent care for LGB people. A Nottinghamshire version is now being produced by NHS Nottinghamshire County and should be available early Autumn.
- One of the facts made clear by “In the Pink” is that we need no longer be concerned that insurance companies can demand access to your medical records to gain knowledge of our sexual orientation. The **Goods and Services Act** and the **Equality Act** now prevent this.
- A local consultant has been working with several organisations to assist them with the process of becoming LGB friendly. He was amazed by the response from one organisation when asked how they monitored sexual orientation and ethnic background. “Oh! We just look at them and guess!”
- Many people will be pleased to hear that **Councillor Leon Unczur** has been appointed Sheriff of Nottingham again.
- **Nottingham University’s LGBT Network** was declared the best in the country at the NUS LGBT Awards Ceremony. The award is given to those LGBT societies who have had an outstanding year; whether through representing LGBT students, campaigning, putting on fantastic events - or all three. A panel of three judges recognised that Nottingham’s Network met all these requirements

ROUTE FOR PRIDE MARCH

There will be entertainment on the Market Square from 10.00 am on Saturday July 30th. The march will assemble on Smithy Row (next to the Council House) at 10.30 and set off at 10.45 am.

The route is as follows.

- From the Market Square, go up past the Brian Clough statue and then along King Street.
- At the end of King Street, turn right on to Upper Parliament Street.
- Turn left into Milton Street/Mansfield Road.
- Turn left into Shakespeare Street.
- Pass by North Sherwood Street and turn right into Dryden Street, which is quite narrow at this point.
- Continue along Dryden Street as it becomes Addison Street.
- Continue along Addison Street until it meets Forest Road, where you turn left.
- Continue along Forest Road, eventually crossing that road and entering the Forest Recreation ground near the meeting of Forest Road and Waverley Street.

For more info go to
www.nottinghamshirepride.co.uk

Do you work for Nottingham City Council? Are you LGBT? Why not join the staff network. For further information e-mail

lgbt@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
E-mails are kept confidential



Nottingham
City Council

Rosey Cox (Chair)

WHAT'S A FRONG? again

Switchboard has lost 2 of its grants. Help us by becoming a FRONG.

Frongs were born 30 years ago and used to be **FRiends Of Nottingham Gay Switchboard**. Nottingham and Notts Lesbian and Gay Switchboard would make them FRONANLAGS so we've stuck with FRONGS.

FRONGS set up a standing order with their bank to pay Switchboard a small amount each month. As Switchboard is a registered charity, FRONGS who are tax payers can enable us to reclaim tax and so boost any contribution by about 25%.

You can download a FRONGS form from Switchboard's website www.nottslgs.org.uk or from its Facebook page. For those who still retain their steam radios, give us a call, e-mail or text and we'll put a form in the post.

A Trans Timeline - 3

In the 18th and 19th Centuries there are many recorded instances of women who lived their lives dressed as men. Often this was to allow them entry to jobs, situations and professions from which women were excluded.

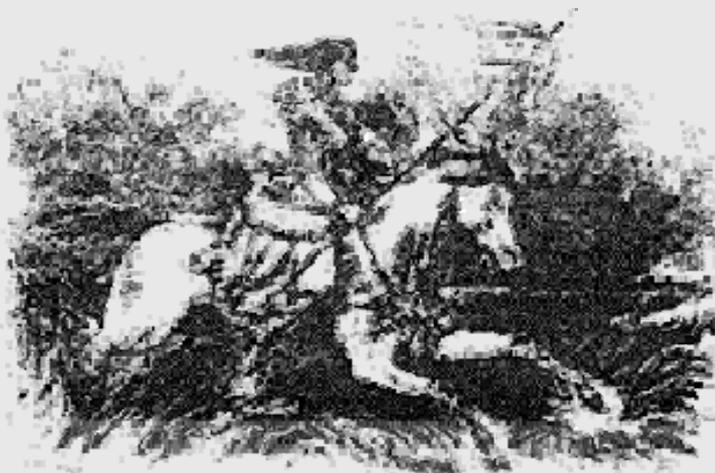
1750 Female to male transvestites join Nelson's Navy as did hundreds of others and were only discovered when they were flogged. They were never punished when they were discovered and often went on stage and became celebrities wowing audiences backed by an all singing and all dancing group of crossed dressed transvestite tars. Mary Lacy known as William Chandler who served on the Sandwich as a carpenter is one of the most famous as 'she' wrote a biography others include William Brown who served on the Queen Charlotte until being outed by a newspaper in 1815, and Alice Snell AKA James Gray served as a navy marine until 1750.

1804 George Sand, born Amandine-Aurore-Lucile Dupin, became an accomplished French romantic writer as famous for her affairs as for her words.

She was the first woman in modern European history to frequently wear men's clothes, shocking her contemporaries.



1839-1844 "Rebecca and her daughters," a group of male-to-female cross-dressers, battled throughout the Welsh countryside destroying road toll barriers, which were making the poor even poorer. These warriors also adopted the names and identities of women.



1850
Crow nation "woman chief" Barcheeampe was spotted by appalled white travellers in Wyoming and Montana.

She was renowned for her war exploits and for having several wives.

1861 Franklin Thompson, born Sarah Emma Edmonds, fought for the Union Army in the Civil War. During the war, Franklin served as a spy, nurse, dispatch carrier and later was the only woman mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic.

Notes and Queeries

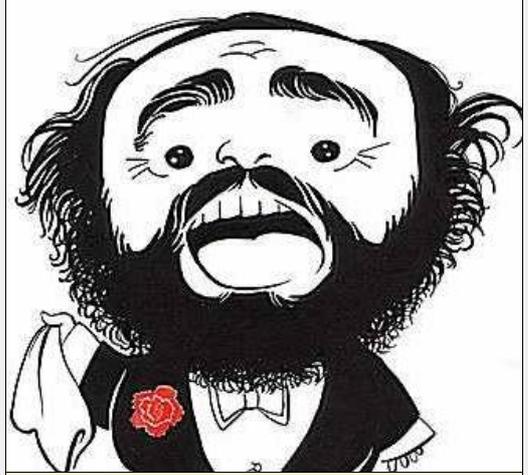


The first drag artists to feature in the Eurovision Song Contest (in 1986) were Norwegians Olav Klingen and Jonny Nymoen - otherwise known as the Great Garlic Girls. Nul points?

The Great Cormorant is also known as the European Shag. About 1 in 500 pairs of Cormorants is composed of 2 male birds. It therefore seems that male Shags seldom shag males.



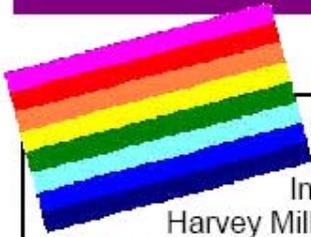
More than 100 men and women recently gathered in San Francisco for what organisers said was the city's second annual "Masturbate-a-thon". The event raised funds for charity - one of the sponsors was Kleenex.



Dr. Eddie Persson (from Stockholm Gay Opera Lovers) has written a book on "deaths in opera" full of fascinating statistics. 45% of sopranos die in operas, but only 17% of basses. Sopranos and tenors are both 5 times more likely to die by being stabbed than mezzo sopranos, but tenors are nearly 4 times more likely to be killed by explosions. Unfortunately, this essential tome is only available in Swedish - det var synd!

Through his book "A Treatise on Skating", Captain Robert Jones was the man most responsible for popularising ice-skating. In 1772 he was convicted of sodomy and sentenced to be hanged, but was pardoned by King George III (who later turned into Nigel Hawthorne).





The Rainbow Pride Flag

In 1977 Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected US official, asked his friend Gilbert Baker to design a logo for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade on 25th June 1978. Baker came up with the Rainbow Pride flag. Milk was murdered in November 1978 and the flag became a symbol of protest against homophobia. Originally 8-striped (above), the 6-striped version became standard by 1982.

Without doubt the Rainbow flag is currently the world's most widely used community flag. It is flown by more people than any other, in every country in the world, including countries where homosexuality is illegal.

Contrary to popular belief the Rainbow flag has nothing to do with the Judy Garland song "Over the Rainbow".

Born in Kansas in 1951 Gilbert Baker began making flags for gay and anti-war protests in San Francisco. He designed flag displays for state visits from the King of Spain and President of France among others. He continues to nurture his creation, including making 2 record-breaking rainbow flags and recreating his original 1978 displays for the Oscar-winning film "Milk".



Rainbow Time-line

June 1979

The San Francisco Pride committee adopts the flag in its present 6-stripe form.



25 June 1978
Gilbert Baker raises the first Rainbow flag at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade (left)

27 November 1978
After the murder of Harvey Milk, the flag becomes a symbol of protest against homophobia.



14 October 1979

The flag reaches a wider US audience when San Franciscans carry flags in the first March on Washington for Gay Rights.



July 1993

London is the first UK Pride to display rainbow flags prominently.

January 1994

Seen in large numbers for the first time in the UK as the equalisation of the age of consent is debated.

25 July 1994

(left) To mark the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots a 1-mile long rainbow flag, the longest in the world, is paraded through New York.

2000

World Pride in Rome stages an exhibition celebrating the rainbow flag.

15 June 2003

On the 25th anniversary of the flag's creation, a 1¼-mile long flag (breaking the previous record) is unfurled in Florida, stretching from the Atlantic coast to the Gulf of Mexico.



July 2003

The Rainbow flag is flown from the Council House, Nottingham, for the first time (right).



2004

Adopted as the national flag of the Coral Sea Islands, a self-proclaimed "kingdom" off the coast of Australia.

July 2006

This year Nottingham Council House flies the flag upside down! (right)



2008

30th anniversary of the flag. Gilbert Baker recreates all the original flags and banners for the Oscar-winning film

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www.healthygaynottingham.org.uk

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Stop Hate Crime UK
(now operating in Nottinghamshire)
0800 138 1625 (24 hour helpline)
www.stophateuk.org

SOME LOCAL LISTINGS

- Breakout** Social group for gay & bisexual men.
Tuesdays 7.30 pm (at HGN, 12 Broad St.)
Contact Switchboard or HGN or go to
www.breakoutnottm.org.uk
- Outburst!** Group for LGB young people up to the age of 25.
Meets every Monday at Base 51.
Phone Base 51 on 9525040 for details
- Lookout** The quarterly free lesbian newsletter. For details e-mail
lookoutmag@hotmail.com

Details of the following local groups can be obtained from Switchboard:

Nottinghamshire Hyking Dykes; Bi-Delight: Stately Homes Group; Notts Lesbian Book Club; Women's Badminton; Badminton Social; Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement; East Mercia MSC; Chameleon Group (trans); University of Nottingham & Trent University LGBT Societies; Peak Ruffties walking group; Grizzly; LIRAIN (lesbians into real ale in Nottingham); Police OUTNetwork; Flying Colours (investors' group); SMOC (for heterosexual partners of LGBT people); Bi Women's Group; LiNk-Notts (local lesbian e-mail info service); LAFS (Lesbians in Ashfield friendship & support); Eat Out Nottingham; North Notts Gay Women's Walking Group; Ball Bois football team; Sparta Women's Football; Women's 5-a-side football; Open Walking Group; Tagadere (HIV+ support group); Weekenders (Sheffield based walking group); Sapphist Writers; Gay Outdoor Club; Youth groups in Mansfield (Opening Doors) and Worksoop (WOW).

Switchboard has an accommodation file: if you are seeking flat/house share or have accommodation to offer, contact us; the service is free.

DIARY

AUGUST'S PLETHORA OF PRIDES

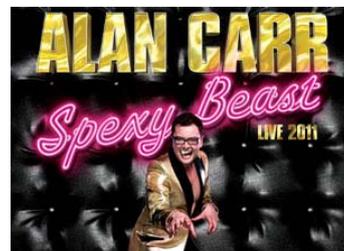
- 1-7th August Stockholm Pride
- 4-7th August Amsterdam Pride
- 5-7th August Waterford Pride
- 6-14th August Brighton and Hove Pride
- 6th August Liverpool Pride
- 6th August Stoke Pride
- 6th August Cotswold Pride
- 6th August Swindon Pride
- 7th August Leeds Pride
- 14th August Wakefield Pride
- 18-21st August Prague Pride
- 19-29th August Manchester Pride
- 20th August Derby Pride
- 20th August Doncaster Pride
- 20th August UK Black Pride London
- 21st August Pink Festival Cambridge
- 24-28th August Foyle Pride
- 26-28th August Kilkenny Pride
- 27th August Cornwall Pride
- 29-30th August LGBT Expo-fest London

But before all of that there is, of course, Nottingham Pride Saturday 30th of July, 12-8 pm at the Forest Recreation Ground.

TOOTH FAIRY ON ICE

Alan Carr, the slightly camp comic, brings his Spexy Beast Tour to the Nottingham FM Arena

Tue 4 Oct 11: 8:00pm
Wed 5 Oct 11: 8:00pm



BEYOND THE RAINBOW

This rainbow is in Manchester. Celebrating ten years of the Manchester Lesbian & Gay Chorus. Join the celebrations with a fun-packed evening of musical entertainment.

Over the last decade the award-winning MLGC has won hearts and medals both at home and abroad with our mix of 'a cappella' harmony and style. This evening we pull out all the stops to perform new numbers and some old favourites with passion and panache.

Saturday 3rd September at 7.30 pm
Royal Northern College of Music

Early bird tickets £12 (£7 concessions) + booking fee until 31st July or buy 10 tickets for £10 each Available now from the RNCM box office at www.rncm.ac.uk



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So you're looking for an employer where you can be yourself and be supported at work?

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is proud to work in partnership with the LGBT community and to be an inclusive employer committed to valuing and embracing diversity in our staff and our service users.

This has been achieved through:

- A joint commitment on sexual orientation and gender identity equality in the workplace

- The provision of Sexual orientation training from Stonewall
- Policies which are inclusive of our gay employees
- A LGBT staff network
- The continuing submission of the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index

Check out our website:

www.notts-fire.gov.uk

or visit the recruitment portal:

<http://jobs.eastmidlandfire-recruitment.gov.uk>



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