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## Nottinghamshire's Queer Bulletin

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Sir Paul McCartney is well aware that QB is always eager to hear news from our dear public, so for our 64th edition, he has provided us with the following introduction ...

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Tap out a text  
Use a semaphore.  
Write it in Croatian on a piece of slate  
Note our deadline, don't be too late

Post us your rumours  
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Will you still read us  
Now we're 64

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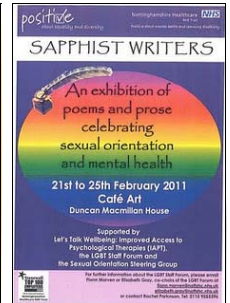
# FEBRUARY IS LGBT HISTORY MONTH

# FREE

Tuesday, February 28th is the date for Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritages annual Celebration and Awards evening. It's in the Ballroom at Nottingham Council House from 7-9 pm.

This year's awards to groups and services which benefit the local LGBT community will go to:

- The Nottinghamshire Pride Committees (past and present)
- Sapphist Writers, the lesbian and bi women's writers' network
- LiNk Notts, the lesbian and bi women's information and event sharing website



Two further awards will be presented. These are for groups and organisations which benefited our community in the past. These are:

- Nottingham CHE (Campaign for Homosexual Equality)
- Mushroom Bookshop

The awards will be presented by the Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor Leon Unczur.

Before the presentations, people will be able to look at a DVD of this year's Pride March and displays set up by Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage and other organisations, such as Nottingham Healthcare NHS Trust, Notts Police and Nottingham Register Office.

During the evening the Marilyn Monroe screen, mentioned in the last QB, will be auctioned to raise money for NRH.

Entrance, like the food and drink, will be free, but remember that the Ballroom will only hold 200, so latecomers may be refused entry.

## OTHER LGBT HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

2012 is Olympic year. Nottingham Ball Bois will be making the most of this with a series of events. Information about things happening across the whole of the UK will be on the calendar page of the National LGBT History Month website. For details, go to

[www.nottinghamballbois.com](http://www.nottinghamballbois.com) and [www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk)

Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage will again set up displays in several libraries and civic centres - see inside for more info.

## YET MORE DISPLAYS

Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage has arranged the following LGBT History month displays:

- Rushcliffe Register Office. 31st Jan-10th Feb. Civil Partnerships
- Gedling Civic Centre. 31st Jan-10th Feb. Significant local events
- Hyson Green Library. 30th Jan-13th Feb. Pink Professions
- Radcliffe on Trent Library. 2nd Feb-28th Feb. Gay Nottingham Times
- Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre/West Bridgford Police Station Feb 1st to Feb. 29th Nottingham Pride Festivals
- Radford/Lenton Library. 30th Jan-10th Feb. LGBT Sports people
- Sherwood Library. 1st Feb-29th Feb. LGBT films and actors
- The Meadows Library. 6th Feb-25th Feb. LGBT politicians/Rainbow images

## THE COMMUNITY PAGE

Switchboard's website now contains a Community page. This page looks at issues which affect or have affected Nottinghamshire's LGBT Community. Some of these issues may be specifically LGBT related and some may be broader, but have an impact on us.

The page includes documents such as "In the Pink" and the "Nottingham Plan" which are mentioned in this edition of QB.

You will also find details of consultation processes through which issues of concern to LGBT people can be broached. These include the City Police LGB meetings and the City Council's LGBT Forum.

## C.H.E.

C.H.E. stands for the Campaign for Homosexual Equality. Nottingham CHE group started in 1971 and fizzled out in 1982. During its existence it did a lot of useful work in helping better the situation for LGBT people. The enduring benefits of Nottingham CHE are seen in Lesbian and Gay Switchboard, which was started by CHE and Derbyshire Friend, which was an offshoot two steps removed from Nottingham CHE and Nottingham Switchboard.

Gay playwright and journalist **Peter Scott-Presland** is currently writing "Amiable Warriors", which will be the official history of CHE. He hopes to speak to former CHE members from across the country in order to develop the book. If anyone would like to talk about their experiences, e-mail Peter at

homopromos@yahoo.co.uk

## QB'S BITS

- **Our Nottinghamshire** is a website which was set up in Autumn last year. It looks at many different aspects of Nottinghamshire's History. Go to [www.ournottinghamshire.org.uk](http://www.ournottinghamshire.org.uk)
- Last year the City Council set up the **Equality and Fairness Commission** to both scrutinise and assist the development of the **Nottingham Plan** - a 10 year plan which sets out a vision of what Nottingham should look like in the future. You can download a copy from the "Community" page of Switchboard's website. If you have any comments on the plan relating to LGBT issues, please e-mail Switchboard.
- Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Switchboard now has a presence on **Gaydar** and **Twitter**. We hear that their carrier pigeons have been retired - the rumour that all of them have been baked in a pie is false.
- According to Saudi Arabian clerics, one of the reasons they won't allow women to drive cars is that it turns them into lesbians. Does that mean that the British School of Motoring is a sort of Sapphic recruiting agency?
- If you live within the City boundary, you should receive a copy of the **Arrow**. The City Council would like to hear from Nottingham residents who are not getting the Arrow. If you are being missed out, e-mail [lisa.dawkins@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.dawkins@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)
- To prevent the tram extension running through their steam room, **Reflections** sauna will be moving to new premises from mid January - details in the next QB.
- On November 22nd the Commons Home Affairs Committee heard about the "enhanced package" of **Brodie Clark**. They were, however, referring to the amount of money offered to him on leaving.
- Those who have read Narvel Annable's previous novels will be pleased to hear another one is on the way. "**Sea Change**" follows the semi autobiographical adventures of young Simeon Hogg .. It should appear at the end of 2012.
- We note that a new venue has sprung into life in the Lace Market. It is called **Unique** or **FAG** (depending on whether it's the club - Unique, or the bar - FAG). It's near to Propaganda where BLUU used to be.

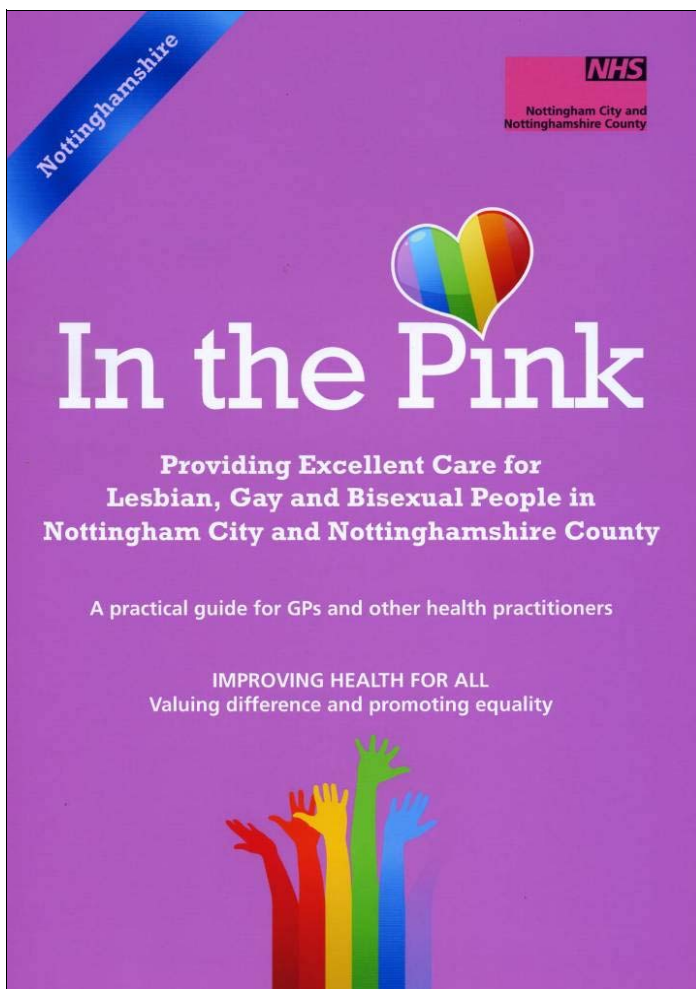
Do you work for Nottingham City Council? Are you LGBT? Why not join the staff network. For further information e-mail

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E-mails are kept confidential



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Rosey Cox (Chair)



There has been much research which demonstrates that lesbians and gay men have often got a raw deal from the NHS. Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County NHS have produced the **"In the Pink"** booklet to address some of these negative issues.

The small print on the front page describes it as "a practical guide for GPs and other health practitioners". Copies will go to all GPs in Nottinghamshire. Its content includes the following:

- Tips for providing inclusive healthcare
- Local and national support services
- Useful documents, references and websites
- Good practice in the monitoring of sexual orientation
- Mental health
- Sexual health
- LGB issues relating to getting older
- LGB issues relating to cancer, smoking, drug and alcohol abuse

Some local groups (Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage, Breakout and Nottingham Switchboard) were involved in the production of the booklet, which was "launched" on December 14th at Beechdale Surgery in Nottingham. Copies of the booklet can be downloaded from the Community page of Notts Lesbian and Gay Switchboard's website at

[www.nottslgs.org.uk](http://www.nottslgs.org.uk)

## NOTTINGHAM BALL BOIS

Nottingham Ball Bois FC, Nottingham's gay community football team, will once again be organising events for LGBT History Month following a successful month of events in February 2011. The national theme for the month is sport, to coincide with the London Olympics. Events in 2011 included a launch night with the local gay community rugby and badminton teams and an 11-a-side inter-club match.

In recognition of the range of events held last year, Scott Lawley from Nottingham Ball Bois was invited to speak at the national launch of LGBT History Month 2012, held at the Oval Cricket Ground in London. Nottingham was the only city invited to speak at the launch, a reflection of the significant amount of activity undertaken in the area for LGBT History Month 2011. The audience included Equalities Minister, Lynne Featherstone, and Stephen Frost, the Head of Diversity for the London Olympics and Paralympics.



The Ballbois will be organising a number of events during February 2012, and for Football v Homophobia Day on February 19. For a full list, check their website at [www.nottinghamballbois.com](http://www.nottinghamballbois.com)

Closer to home, the Ballbois are founder members of the Midlands Unity League, a new league for gay community football clubs in the region. They are joined by teams from Leicester, Birmingham and Wolverhampton. The Ballbois will continue to play in the national GFSN League alongside the new Midlands League. The Midlands League will allow for more fixtures to take place locally, with more opportunities for club members to play competitive matches.

The Ballbois are always looking for new supporters and players, whether competitive or just for fun. If your New Year's resolution is to get some more exercise, then you are welcome to join in, whatever your level of ability and experience. Information about fixtures and weekly training and 5-a-side sessions is available on the Ballbois' website at [www.nottinghamballbois.com](http://www.nottinghamballbois.com).



# A Trans Timeline - 6



1969 The Stonewall riots

Transgender and gender-nonconforming people are among those who resisted arrest in a routine bar raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village, thus helping to ignite the modern LGBT rights movement

1970 February, 1970. Corbett v. Corbett (otherwise Ashley). The judgment by Justice Ormrod sets the precedent that will leave UK post-op transsexual people unable to marry until the 21st Century - In September 1963 the parties went through a ceremony of marriage. April Corbett's (né Ashley) marriage is annulled and declared to be legally still a man despite sex reassignment.



1974 Jan Morris, one of Britain's top journalists who covered wars and rebellions around the globe and even climbed Mount Everest, published Conundrum, a personal account of her transition. The book is now considered a classic.

1976 Tennis Ace Reneé Richards is 'outed' and barred from competition when she attempts to enter a women's' tennis tournament. Her subsequent legal battle establishes that transsexuals are legally, accepted in their new identity after reassignment, in the US.



# Notes and Queeries



The entire Bible has been translated into Polari, the gay language made popular in the 1960s Round the Horne radio show.



Different languages have their own slang terms for gay men.

- Puerto Rico "plumifero" - with feathers
- Russian "goluboy" - light blue
- Portuguese "queima-rosca" - doughnut burner
- French "tapette" - flyswatter
- Slovenian "toplovodar" - warm water person
- Czech "bukvice" - beechnut



**Maurice Mills**, a councillor for the Democratic Unionist Party blamed the gay community for Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans. He said "The hurricane occurred just two days prior to the annual homosexual festival."

The Rt. Rev **Graham Dow**, the Bishop of Carlisle, claimed that floods that caused chaos and death in 2007 across the UK were caused by God after he was provoked by the introduction of gay equality via the Goods and Services Act.

**Shlomo Benizri**, was speaking in Israel's Knesset (parliament) debate on earthquake preparedness. After reading passages from the Old Testament, he said that "A cost-effective way of averting earthquake damage would be to stop passing legislation on how to encourage homosexual activity in the State of Israel, which causes earthquakes."





A photograph of a man with dark hair and a serious expression, standing under a shower. Water is cascading over his face and chest. The background is dark and tiled.

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**At last Nottingham has a brand new luxurious modern sauna complex - see our ad on the previous page.**

**CS2 Sauna** opened July this year in Nottingham City Centre close to bars and clubs. The spacious facilities are set on two floors. Ground floor has the changing room with secure lockers which are big enough to get more than a pair of shoes in.

Once changed and wearing a fluffy white towel you can have a very nice hot power shower with even a cold one for the brave. Along from there you come to a large bespoke steam room.

There's a large Jacuzzi with mood lighting and a very big brand new 20 man sauna cabin which gets very Hot! From there you walk up a grand stair case with blue L.E.D. lighting. Upstairs there is a spacious cruising area with private rest rooms, cinema and a maze. It's all lovely and warm with central heating throughout the building. You can chill out in the modern TV lounge downstairs which has leather seating. Drinks and snacks are available from reception.

**CS2** is open everyday from midday and has a late night 'til midnight on Fridays.

This is the second sauna complex opened by John and Joe who also own the very successful **City Steam** Sauna in Derby. This is now in its 4th year of trading.

There are plans for a third, but that's a secret for now. For more details about **CS2** or **City Steam** see their web sites. [www.cs2sauna.com](http://www.cs2sauna.com) and [www.citysteam.co.uk](http://www.citysteam.co.uk).

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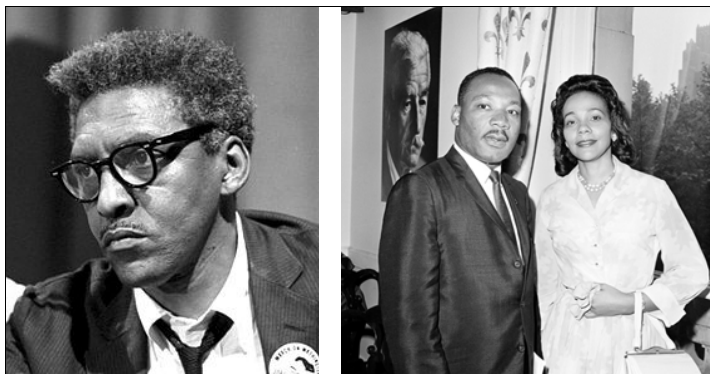
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## CIVIL RIGHTS AND GAY RIGHTS



There are those who say that Gay Rights should not be compared with anti-racist movements, such as the Civil Rights movement in the USA.

The picture shows someone central to the American Civil Rights movement, Dr. Martin Luther King. To his right is his wife, Coretta King and to his left is Bayard Rustin, the organisational "mastermind" behind much of the Civil Rights movement's work. Dr. King was, of course, assassinated. After his death, Mrs King made the following statement:

"Dr. Martin Luther King would be a champion of gay rights if he were alive. Gays and lesbians stood up for civil rights in Montgomery, Selma, in Albany, Georgia and St. Augustine, Florida, and many other campaigns of the Civil Rights Movement. Many of these courageous men and women were fighting for my freedom at a time when they could find few voices for their own, and I salute their contributions.

Homophobia is like racism and anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry in that it seeks to dehumanize a large group of people, to deny their humanity, their dignity and personhood. This sets the stage for further repression and violence that spread all too easily to victimize the next minority group."

Bayard Rustin was a gay black man.



Lesbian, gay or bisexual? Think you might be? Aged 11 to 19? If you are, SPEAK OUT about what life's like in your school or college. SPEAK OUT is a completely anonymous online survey being carried out for Stonewall. The survey closes at the end of February.

If you'd like to take part, go to [www.stonewall.org.uk/speakout](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/speakout)



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Stop Hate Crime UK  
(now operating in Nottinghamshire)  
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www.stophateuk.org

## SOME LOCAL LISTINGS

- Breakout** Social group for gay & bisexual men. Tuesdays 7.30 pm (at HGN, 12 Broad St.) Contact the Chair on 07941 855921 email andyandsteve01@gmail.com 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:

Notts Hyking Dykes; Bi-Delight: Stately Homes Group; Lesbian Book Club; Women's Badminton; Badminton Social; Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement; East Mercia MSC; Chameleon Group (trans); Re-Creation (trans); Nottingham & Trent University LGBT Societies; Peak Ruffties walking group; Grizzly; LIRAIN (lesbians into real ale in Nottingham); Police OUTNetwork; Flying Colours (investors' group); SMOG (for heterosexual partners of LGBT people); Gay History Tours; Bi Women's Group; LiNk-Notts (local lesbian e-mail info service); LAFS (Mansfield area women's group); Eat Out Social; North Notts Gay Women's Walking Group; Ball Bois football team; Women's 5-a-side football; Open Walking Group; Tagadere (HIV+ support group); Weekenders (Sheffield based walking group); Sapphist Writers; Gay Outdoor Club; Youth group in Worksop (WOW); Panthers Rugby Club; Dinner Ladies (women's eat out group). Download a directory giving details of these groups & services from the Local Facilities page of Switchboard's website

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

## DIARY

### NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

**The Venerable Mary Potter** ..... tales of compassion and spirituality. Nottingham Women's History group have arranged a visit to the Mary Potter Heritage Centre to learn how Mary developed services for the poor in Hyson Green in 1877, and how she has been recognised by the Roman Catholic Church for her work.

Refreshments included, suggested donation of £3. Visit Saturday 11th February 2012, 2-4 pm. Meet at 32 Regent Street, Nottingham. Heritage Centre (phone number for any access info 0115 950 5167) Please contact Mo to book your place.

E mail [nottmwomenshistory@googlemail.com](mailto:nottmwomenshistory@googlemail.com)  
Or tel Mo 07950 472022

### BALLETBOYZ



If the picture intrigues, then you can see more of the "cheekily original" **Balletboyz** at Nottingham Playhouse on Monday March 26th at 8 pm.

Phone the Box Office on 0115 941 9419

### MIND THE STEPS

Advance notice. In days of yore, steps used to be a safeguard against Daleks, then things changed when the deadly dustbins started flying, but enough of this irrelevant blithering ..... after a break of 10 years, the multimillion selling, Brit winning pop band "**Steps**" is back. And how grateful we all are.

The group includes someone called **H**.

They are at the Nottingham Arena on Wednesday April 11th. Phone the 24 hour Ticket Hotline on 08444 124 624

### LEICESTER'S GAY COMEDY NIGHT

**The Y** begins its comedy festival with satirical music act duo Topping and Butch, the charming, witty comedian Rosie Wilby, Comedy Festival Award Nominee Suzi Ruffel and star of his own TV Documentary Tom Allen. Jonathon Mayor hosts the evening, which kicks off with Sarah Kenney as 'The Lady is GaGa'

It's on Friday February 3rd at 8 pm.

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