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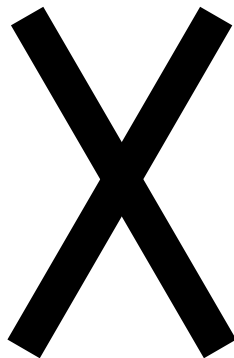
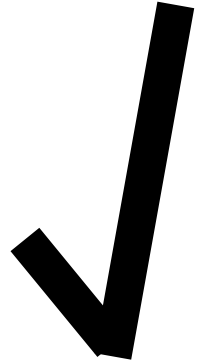
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# THE DATE: JULY 27TH AT THE ARBORETUM

# FREE



The Nottinghamshire Pride Committee have announced on their Facebook page that they have persuaded the City Council to agree to Pride returning to the Arboretum. We don't know how they have managed to overcome the health and safety considerations which forced the move from the Arboretum to the Forest Recreation ground - but they have. For up-to-date details of what's happening, go to Pride's website at [www.nottinghamshirepride.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamshirepride.co.uk)

## HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

One of the issues being examined by the East Midlands LGBT Forum is that of how schools are tackling homophobic bullying. A survey of local schools has just started. It looks at schools' websites, searching for anti-bullying policies and where none is shown on the website an e-mail is sent enquiring about their policy. So far, some schools exhibit fairly good policies on their websites, some produce policies on request, some don't reply to requests and, amazingly, some don't have websites. We hope to have fuller details later this year.

## DERBYSHIRE FRIEND IS 30



It was a great party to celebrate the birthday of a true friend. It included a free hot buffet, free tea, free coffee, live music, a disco, special awards and an entertaining, informative review of a proud 30 year history.

All this was the work of Andy Cave, Chief Executive of **Derbyshire Friend** with the help of his conscientious team of staff and volunteers who hosted a successful birthday party at The Spot Conference Centre in March.



The picture below shows Councillor Robin Wood (former Mayor of Derby) receiving the Community Award from Chair of Trustees Adrian Piggott.



## DERBYSHIRE FRIEND IS 30

Derbyshire Friend, the gay charity located on Friary Street, has been improving the lives of Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals and Transgender people for the last three decades.

However, I go back further. As an isolated teenager of the homophobic 1960s, unlike heterosexual boys who met girls in dance halls and public houses, I had to meet my friends in public toilets and the Turkish Baths on Reginald Street. We were barely tolerated in the passageway of the Corporation Hotel in the old Cattle Market. I can remember being frozen out by my own kind. These were the superior, secretive, sneering, professional men who, in a climate of fear, rehearsed their artificial vowels in the Friary Hotel in an effort to demean the 'lower orders'.

In 1983, Derbyshire Friend began the long and difficult process of rescuing me and many thousands from all that. I'm so grateful.

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Derbyshire Friend is based at 2-3 Friary Street, Derby, DE1 1JF and can be contacted via

<http://www.gayderbyshire.org.uk> or by phoning 01332 207704

## EQUAL MARRIAGE! WHAT FOR?

"Why are you banging on about Gay Marriage, when you've got Civil Partnerships - they give you all the equality you need" say some politicians, some clerics and "newspapers" like the Mail.

Let's put aside the religious bit and consider the following scenario.

You and your civil partner go on holiday with two Canadian friends who are also legal partners. While abroad, there is a dreadful accident. Your partner is killed and so is one of the Canadians. The foreign authorities treat the Canadian friend with great sympathy and support. To you they say "who is the next of kin?" You say "I am". They say "No, you're not, who is the real next of kin? We need the contact details of relations in the UK."

Why the difference? The difference is the word "marriage"; in Canada you can have same sex marriage. There are several countries which recognise the legality of same-sex partnerships which include the word "marriage", but do not recognise civil partnerships.



# A weekly LGBT radio show for Nottingham's Rainbow Community every Friday

Trent Sound - Nottingham's online community  
radio station has an LGBT programme EVERY  
Friday night from 22.00 - 00.00.

It's presented by Leigh Ellis & Natasher Beecher  
and we decided to call it 'Friday Night  
Out'. OUT - get it? We spent ages on that!

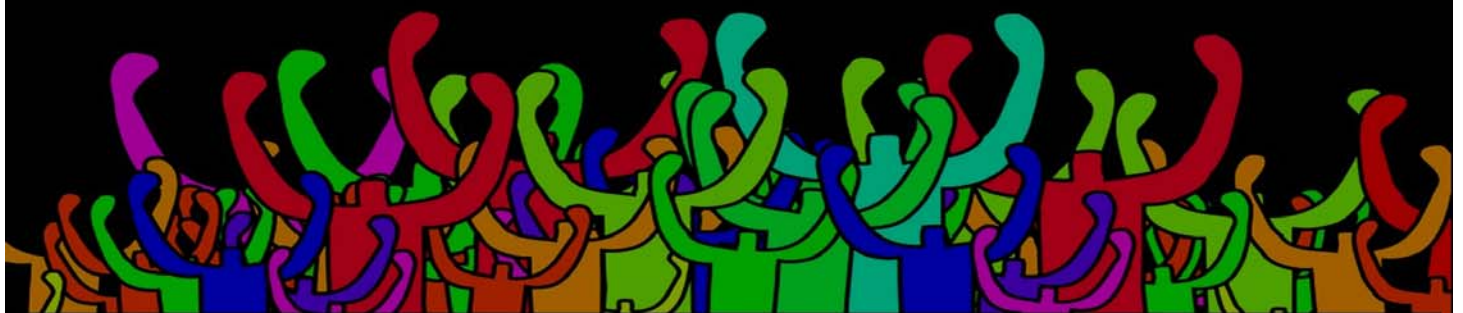
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# UNTOLD STORIES

“Untold Stories” is a Heritage Lottery sponsored LGBT history project organised by Leicester LGBT Centre. The project has received praise from Leicester’s Mayor Sir Peter Soulsby.

Untold Stories was set up to capture the memories, lives and personal histories of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and their experiences from pre-1967, 1970’s, 1980’s, 1990’s and more recently.

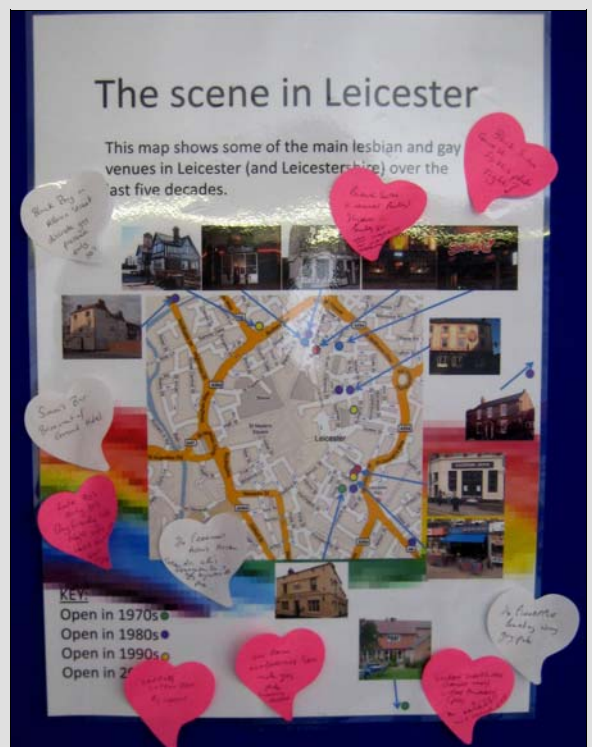
The first stage largely involved younger LGBT people hearing and recording the reminiscences of older LGBT people. It is hoped that these recordings will soon be made available for all to hear on a new website.



The project’s research has also produced a timeline display acknowledging significant national and Leicestershire-based events. The display is at present in the LGBT Centre but has also been seen in Leicester’s Central library - see left.

It is hoped to have a base for the project’s materials and use them to form the nucleus of a permanent museum.

Some of the people who have been interviewed form a suspended display with a picture of the interviewee on one side and a potted biography on the other. The project has also started a collection of memorabilia and ephemera. Thinking big, there is talk of going beyond a local museum and attempting to house a national LGBT museum





## Become a Trust Member!

Nottinghamshire Healthcare wants to involve people in planning, reviewing and developing our services. By becoming members, people will be able to have their say on the services and matters that affect their lives and make a real impact on how we develop our services and future plans.

At Nottinghamshire Pride this year we will be encouraging more people to sign up so as members you will be able to influence our future services. Membership is free of charge and open to anyone who is 12 years or over and lives in England or Wales.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member you can find details on the Trust website at:

<http://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/get-involved/become-a-member/>

You can apply online or by telephone, or to receive more information please contact the membership office on: 0800 012 1623 or the Involvement Team on 0115 9934567.

### Benefits of being a member:

- ✓ Receive a Member welcome pack when you have registered
- ✓ Receive the Trust newsletter
- ✓ Discounts from major retailers through "NHS Discounts"
- ✓ Access to the Trust Involvement Centres and Trust library
- ✓ Receive invites to events, conferences and involvement opportunities with the Trust
- ✓ Tell us what you think about our services and how they might be improved
- ✓ Influence plans for the future development of the Trust and its services
- ✓ Vote in elections for, and stand for election to the Members' Council
- ✓ Support our anti-stigma campaign to tackle the stigma and discrimination people with mental illness or a learning disability can face.



## QB'S BITS

- **Lirain** (Lesbians into Real Ale in Nottingham) seems to have disappeared - if we're wrong, let us know.
- RIP. One of our computer's died in March. It had the e-mail distribution list for QB. We had a backup list, but that list was a couple of months old, so if you usually get QB by e-mail and have not received this issue, tell us and we'll put you back on the list.
- With it being "all change" in the NHS, Switchboard has been worried about its small grant from Notts T-PCT; in fact the information was that it would cease. It's good news to hear that the PCT's successors the **Clinical Commissioning Groups** have renewed the grant.
- On March 13th we received a tweet saying that the first puffs of white smoke from the Vatican were to be ignored. It was dry ice from the Cardinal's Wednesday disco.
- The **LGBT Alcohol Recovery Group** has moved; It now meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30-7.30 pm at NHS Nottingham 8am to 8pm Health Centre, 79a Upper Parliament Street, Nottingham, NG1 6LD. For further details please e-mail [info@nottslgbtalcoholsupport.org](mailto:info@nottslgbtalcoholsupport.org) or visit [www.nottslgbtalcoholsupport.org](http://www.nottslgbtalcoholsupport.org) or call 07526 670757
- **Heinz** produced an advert containing a gay kiss. It's since been banned (too saucy?). You can see it on Youtube via the link [youtube.com/watch?v=aUOPBKFb7T0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUOPBKFb7T0) ... #paperli
- The **women's 5-a-side football group** is looking for new players. They meet every Tuesday evening 6-7pm at the Forest Recreation Ground. For info, contact Julie at [Joolzy\\_joolz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Joolzy_joolz@hotmail.co.uk)
- This edition of QB is sponsored by a generous donation from **Thomson-Reuters** obtained by Switchboard volunteer Natasher Beecher
- At last! A brave soul (Jo) hopes to start regular social activities in the **Newark** area. For her contact details get in touch with Switchboard.
- Change of venue for **Re-creation**, the trans group. They now meet at the Mezza Bar at Broadway Cinema, Broad Street. It's every Thursday from 6-8pm.
- Switchboard would like to thank the **Lord Roberts** for their raffle which raised £110

## WAS IT TRUE?

The answers to the "Is it true" section in the last QB are: 1 and 6 false and all the rest were true.

## QUILTBAG

London-based advocacy group Pink Therapy, have proposed that the term '**LGBT**' be replaced with what they say is a more inclusive term, '**GSD**', meaning 'Gender and Sexual Diversities'.



This suggestion quickly threw up the objection that the letters GSD are ideal for phrases such as: Gay Sex Deviants or Gay Sexual Diseases.

**QUILTBAG** has also been suggested as an alternative i.e. Queer, Undecided, Intersex, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual Asexual Gay. Ah! These people with time on their hands.

**A reminder.** Stop Hate Crime UK began work in Nottinghamshire a while back in cooperation with Notts Police and Nottingham City Council. Get in touch with them if you have experienced any homophobic incidents. Contact details are on the back page.

## IT'S A BLAST

As all readers of QB are aware, when hot air is blown through the Blast Furnace into a mixture of iron oxide and coke, the products are a layer of molten iron covered by a second layer of impurities called slag.

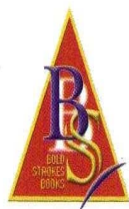
To see this fascinating process in action (or perhaps not), you will need to go to the new Wednesday-nighter **SLAG** at Revival - 51 Upper Parliament Street, over the road from the Theatre Royal.

As they say "Spread the word .... 3 queens 1 venue, massive drinks deals, top class entertainment."





## BOLDLY STROKING - PART 4



**4th Annual Bold Strokes Book Festival, UK**  
**June 8th-9th, 2013**  
**Waterstones, Nottingham**

Join us for another year of amazing LGBTQ  
fiction in the heart of Nottingham.

[www.boldstrokesbooks.com](http://www.boldstrokesbooks.com)  
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[bsbediting@gmail.com](mailto:bsbediting@gmail.com)

## SUPPORT FROM JOHN LEWIS

**John Lewis** is prepared to make a donation of up to £3000 to Lesbian and Gay Switchboard. The actual amount depends on you.

Every time you make a purchase in the restaurant in the Nottingham store you will be given a green token to vote for one of three charities featured in the perspex containers at the restaurant entrance. As other charities tend to be of the "fluffy, let's help children" type, Switchboard will not be the obvious choice for many.

The tokens are counted at the end of 3 months and the £3000 divided proportionately so please remember to use your token wisely.

## ARE YOU UNDEFINED?

**Undefined** is a variation of the undecided "U" in QUILTBAG - see previous page.

They say they are a "Community of individuals that aren't sure where to place themselves on the LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) spectrum. This is something a bit different if you don't fancy the usual scene but still want some interesting company of like-minded people, this is the right place for you."

At the moment they publicise themselves through Facebook, so for further details go to

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Undefined/135596003280471>

## FANCY A GOOD STUFFING?

**Health Gay Nottingham** would like your help with assembling condom and lube packs.

Stuffing takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.  
Time: 5.30 to 7.00 pm

Why not come along and give a hand, make new friends, have a laugh.

At the moment, Healthy Gay Nottingham is accessed at 11-13 Heathcoat Street opposite the Jam Café

For more info, phone 0115 9476868

## LGBT PARENTS UK

Claire writes: we have started a social networking group for LGBT parents and those thinking about becoming parents. We have a website and arrange meet-ups/events.

If you are looking for a network of friendly same-sex parents to enjoy play dates, share experiences, ask advice, and show your children that they are not alone then join us. Whether you have children or are thinking about it, go on, join us, you are more than welcome. It is free, no ties! Our website is

<http://lesbiangayparents.ning.com>

## EMERGE EMERGES

**Emerge** is a social/support group for the "blue light" services i.e. LGBT people in the Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulances. It's been going now for a few months and meets bimonthly.

If you work in any of those services and would like more information, then contact Switchboard.

## @D2

In a recent QB, we asked whether the newly re-opened @D2 was still a gay bar. New manager Darren Rooke has e-mailed us to say that all @D2's former customers are welcome along with new customers. They are now open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 9-1.30 and Friday/Saturday 9-2.30 am. Drag act on Sundays from 11.30 onwards. Lots of special drinks offers. At 74 Lower Parliament Street.

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 read more (and e-mail) via  
 www.healthygaynottingham.org.uk

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Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage  
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 www.nottsrainbowheritage.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 Lord Roberts, 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 Wednesdays at NGY (29-33 Castle gate) Phone Base 51 (at NGY) on 9525040 for details
- Lookout** The quarterly free lesbian newsletter. For details e-mail lookoutmag@hotmail.com
- WOW** LGBT Youth Group. Wed. 6.30 - 8.30pm Centre Place, Worksop. Tel: 01909 479191 email: info@centreplace.org.uk

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

Notts Hyking Dykes; Bi-Delight: Lesbian Book Club; Women's Badminton; Badminton Social; Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement; Chameleons (trans); Re-Creation (trans); Free to Be (Christian group) Nottingham & Trent Uni LGBT Societies; Peak Rufties women's walking group; Police OUTNetwork; LGBT Rainbow Writers Group; Sapphist Writers; SMOC (for straight partners of LGBT people); Lesbian Café evening; SYNT (Women's social group); Gay History Tours; Bi Women's Group; LiNk-Notts (lesbian e-mail info service); Mansfield Rainbow Divas (women's group); Eat Out Social; Ball Bois football team; Sherwood Ladies 5-a-side football; Tagadere (HIV+ support group); Weekenders (Sheffield-based walking group); Gay Outdoor Club; Panthers Rugby Club; Dinner Ladies (women's eat out group); LGBT Alcohol Support

Download a directory of 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

### IN-SPIRED SILLINESS

QB's favourite radio programme, "I'm sorry I haven't a clue" is being recorded in Chesterfield on Monday June 10th, 7.30 pm at the Winding Wheel.

There's also a recording at the De Montfort Hall, Granville Road, Leicester on July 1st. If you want tickets, go to the phone/internet NOW as they always sell out very quickly.



### TRADE SECRETS

At **Nottingham Contemporary**. The Small Collections Room displays rare archive materials from ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives in Los Angeles. Founded in 1952, ONE is the oldest collection of its kind in the world and the oldest archive LGBTQ organisation in the US. Ends June 30th

### WARM HEARTS, ANYONE?



"Priscilla is the heart-warming, uplifting adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they ever dreamed of." Jason Donovan stars as Tick, the role he originated in the West End. 22nd-27th July at the Royal Concert Hall.

### BROXTOWE CELEBRATION

We've been asked to publicise the **Community Celebration** at Roundhill School, Foster Avenue, Beeston on July 6th (11-4 pm). The aim is to celebrate the diversity of the local community and build positive partnerships between different cultural groups and local organisations.. The day involves lots of free activities for all ages. For further information, please contact Saj on 0115 9173712 or Jill on 07952 701399.