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## Nottinghamshire's Queer Bulletin

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**BREAKOUT IS ALIVE!!!**

When Mark Twain remarked "the rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated" he might also have been talking about Breakout Gay Men's Group. QB makes a grovelling apology for getting in a muddle over this.

The group has a new committee and will continue to meet in the basement room at the Lord Roberts at 8.15pm every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

## QB'S BITS

- For those who think that the police aren't interested in prosecuting perpetrators of homophobic crimes, Inspector Antill (of Notts police) has found that 80% of such prosecutions are successful.
- At this year's BBC Promenade concerts an orchestral work by the **Pet Shop Boys** about the life of wartime codebreaker **Alan Turing** is to have its world premiere.
- In Nottinghamshire, one in nine adopted children are with same-sex families - the national average is one in fifteen.
- Leicester has a new social and support group for "South Asian guys who like guys". It's called **Dosti** and you can get info about it from Trade Sexual Health (based at the Leicester LGBT Centre) on 0116 2541747
- Thanks go to the **Newmarket** for making a collection for Nottingham Switchboard. And thanks also to the organisers of the June 1st **LGBTQ Memoir** event for donating profits from sales of their anthology to Switchboard.
- In a recent edition of QB, we mentioned that **Derbyshire Friend** had lost most of its funding and was struggling to survive. We hear that its Switchboard helpline is temporarily on hold.
- As a change from the Nigerians wishing to give us millions of dollars if we provide them with our bank account details, we received an e-mail from **Lambert Wang** in Ningbo, China. He wants to sell us some camping tents.
- According to his grandson, **Fred Phelps** (founder of the "God Hates Fags" Westboro Baptist Church) came out as gay shortly before his death. Yet another example of closeted gays hiding behind a smokescreen of homophobia. Who'll bet on Vladimir Putin? And Mugabe is, of course, an anagram of bugame.
- **Narvel Annable's** latest novel "Sea Change" has been completed and sent to the publishers. It continues charting the experiences of Simeon Hogg as a gay young man in - amongst other places and times - pre-1967 Derbyshire.
- For those who occasionally visit Southwell, please note: UKIP supporter David Donegan, owner of the **Saracens Head** hotel in Southwell, told the Guardian: "Gay marriage is appalling nonsense. The next thing they will be saying is we should be marrying pigs."
- According to their website, **Re-creation**, the local trans group closed on June 6th

## IDAHO DAY IN NOTTINGHAM

This year many local organisations made an effort to celebrate IDAHO Day - the international day against homophobia. Nottinghamshire NHS Healthcare Trust raised flags at their HQ on Porchester Road as well as at 3 hospitals; they also organised a film night, a coffee morning, displays, a walk of support and a puddings day!

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service again supported IDAHO by flying flags and banners at all of its work locations and fire stations. The banners said 'Flying the Flag! – Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.' They accompanied flags with banners because not everybody knows what the rainbow flag represents. Deputy Chief Fire Officer and LGBT Champion, Wayne Bowcock, joined friends from the Pride Committee, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Homes at the Castle to mark IDAHO day.



People may remember that Mrs Kay Cutts, Tory former leader of the County Council, would not allow the rainbow flag to be raised at County Hall. The new Labour administration has a different policy - see below.



Pictured are (left to right): Councillor Pauline Allan, Chairman of Notts County Council; Chairman's Escort, Councillor Roy Allan; Karen Moss, Equality Officer and Claire Brown, Chair of LGBT Staff Network.



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## ANTI-HATE CRIME RESOURCES

The **Crown Prosecution Service** has just produced a pack of resources to be used by teachers in countering homophobic and transphobic bullying.

The pack includes:

- an introductory activity to teach students about incidents and crime motivated by hostility towards LGBT people
- PowerPoint presentation on DVD, with a series of filmed scenarios for discussion and classroom activities
- filmed stories of young people talking about their experiences and the messages that they want to give to others
- details of what the law says and the typical sentences for a range of hate crimes
- scenarios where students take the role of an investigating officer and examine the sort of questions which need answering and the possible charges which may be brought

The resources can be downloaded from the CPS website at

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/northwest/get\\_involved/hate\\_crime/schools\\_project\\_\\_\\_lgbt\\_hate\\_crime/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/northwest/get_involved/hate_crime/schools_project___lgbt_hate_crime/)  
or from Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage website (see back page) - go to NRH's Resources and then to Documents on Education.

## CS2 SAUNA

This year **CS2 Sauna** celebrates its 3rd Year Anniversary in Nottingham City Centre, having established themselves as the largest and busiest sauna in the East Midlands. Putting Nottingham on the map for sauna goers and attracting customers from all corners of the UK and beyond.

One of only a few saunas with a Full License to serve alcohol and the only sauna in the Midlands licensed 'til 6.00am. CS2 Sauna is proud to support Nottinghamshire Pride at its new location in the Creative Quarter of Nottingham and only a couple of minutes walk from the sauna.

For more information visit [www.cs2sauna.com](http://www.cs2sauna.com) where you can take Google's first virtual tour of a gay sauna.

**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.

## New Foresters is **Proud to give Back**



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Nottingham Women's Centre Manager, Mel Jeffs (pictured on the left) is doing a sponsored skydive on 6th September and really needs support to hit her target. Can you help? Go to <http://localgiving.com/fundraising/meljeffs>

## NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

**Nottingham Women's History Group's** role is to Celebrate, promote and research the contribution of women to Nottingham's history. Our next event is

### **Nuns, Nurses and Notables Summer walk**

Thursday 17th July 2014, 7pm  
Meet at the Playhouse, Nottingham

For information on this event and future NWHG activities [nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto:nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com)  
Tel Mo 07950 472022  
[www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk)

## YOUR OPINIONS ARE SOUGHT

**NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group** will be holding a focus group meeting specifically for local LGBT people.

The aim of the meeting will be to gauge our views on three issues:

- Community mental health services
- End of life/bereavement services
- Walk-in centre provision

The meeting will take place on Wednesday July 16th at 7pm at the New Mechanics on North Sherwood Street. Anyone with an interest in any of these three areas is welcome to come along.

## YES, YOU CAN ADVERTISE IN QB

1000 copies of QB are printed. They go to:

the Nottingham gay scene; to 14 LGBT social or support groups across the County; to City libraries and 12 major County libraries; to 3 saunas and to places such as Broadway, the Playhouse, the Women's Centre, the Tourism Centre, the Nottingham Voluntary Action Centre, Five Leaves Bookshop.

QB is also present in a downloadable form on the following websites: Lesbian and Gay Switchboard; Gay Nottingham; Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage and also reaches 700+ people via e-mail lists.

Advertising costs from £70 for a full A4 page and in proportion for smaller ads e.g. £35 for half page £18 for quarter page and £9 for an eighth page. Use the contact details on the front page if you would like to advertise.

## FOSTERING AND ADOPTION



**Nottingham**  
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As proud sponsors of this year's Nottinghamshire Pride, the Fostering and Adoption Team are keen to let people know in advance that we will be hosting a stall during the day where people can find out more, speak to the team about what's involved and meet same sex foster carers and adopters who can share their experiences.

For more info, phone 0115 9151234 or e-mail Kirstie Gee at

[kirstie.gee@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:kirstie.gee@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## NEW ON NRH WEBSITE

There are several new displays which can be downloaded from the Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage website. These include:

- The operas of Benjamin Britten
- Lesbian singers
- Alan Turing
- Classical composers and artists
- The "who did what?" quiz
- Some of the first Equal Marriage photos
- The Nottingham Map

You need to go to the NRH's Resources pages.



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## UNTOLD STORIES



**Untold Stories** - the Leicester LGBT Centre Oral History Project - was set up by volunteers to capture the memories, experiences and personal histories of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Earlier this year the project officially launched the final series of exhibition panels and an online website loaded with interviews for the world to read and hear. But this is not the end of the project. We intend on continuing recording the personal lives and histories of as many LGBT people who live locally as possible. You can see the project and hear the stories at <http://www.lgbt-stories.org>

## SAME SEX DOMESTIC ABUSE

Members of the LGBT community are more than twice as likely to have experienced domestic abuse in the past year compared to those in heterosexual relationships, the charity **Broken Rainbow UK** has said.



To raise awareness of this growing issue and to let people know that help is available, the UK's only LGBT domestic violence charity, Broken Rainbow, launched its first ever awareness campaign in May.

For more information about the work of Broken Rainbow, go to their website at [www.brokenrainbow.org.uk/](http://www.brokenrainbow.org.uk/)

If you want to receive QB by e-mail, just contact Switchboard and ask to be put on to the e-mail list. The e-mailed version not only appears 10 to 14 days before the printed version - it's also in glorious colour!

## VOLUNTEER FOR SWITCHBOARD

Switchboard will be running its regular training session for new volunteers in the Autumn.



It's more than just a phone service these days, with many enquiries coming in by e-mail and text.

They also have a Facebook presence where much new information is posted and you can send them messages requesting information via Gaydar and Gaydar Girls.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact them soon. You will find the contact details are on the back page.

## WHO HAS THREE BIRTHDAYS?

Most people have one birthday; the Queen has two; Nottingham Lesbian and Gay Switchboard has three.

In 1974 a drop-in gay information and support service started at 33 Mansfield Road. In 1975 this service acquired a phone line and became a phone-based helpline. In 1976 the same service adopted the Switchboard name, copying the already existing London Switchboard. What this means is that Switchboard will be forty this year ... or in 2015 ... or 2016.

They hope to celebrate/commemorate this milestone in ways yet to be revealed... probably in 2015.

Over the period of this extended birthday, we will be publishing some interesting(?) facts from Switchboard's history - see below.

## SWITCHBOARD FACTOID NO. 1

In 1976 Switchboard received a letter reading "I would like to support Switchboard by being sponsored to have a nail hammered through my tongue." A polite refusal was sent.

The letter came from masochistic exhibitionist Eddie Shingler, who later tried to organise his own crucifixion as a spectator event in Nottingham. Witnessing the actual nailing up of Mr Shingler was to cost three pounds whereas just watching him hang there would be a reasonable fifty pence. Both attempts were foiled by the police, who announced that they would arrest on a charge of assault anyone trying to nail Mr Shingler to the cross.

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## SOME LOCAL LISTINGS

**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** Quarterly lesbian newsletter. E-mail [lookoutmag@hotmail.com](mailto:lookoutmag@hotmail.com)

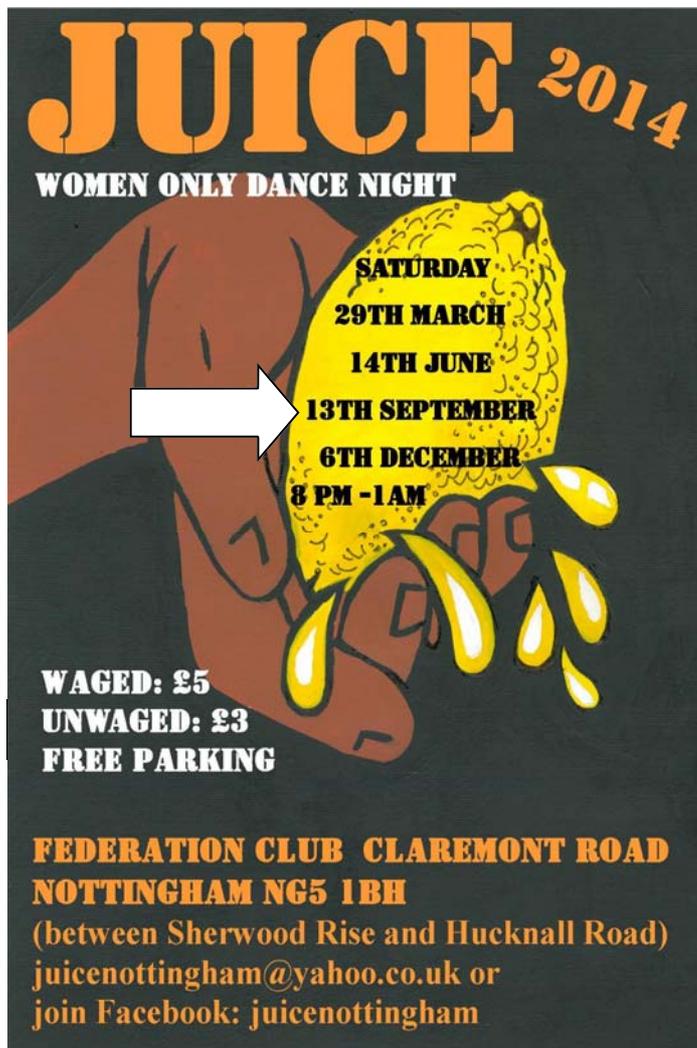
**WOW** LGBT Youth Group. Wed. 6.30 - 8.30pm Centre Place, Worksop.  
Tel: 01909 479191 email: [info@centreplace.org.uk](mailto:info@centreplace.org.uk)

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; Sanctuary (LGBT BME group); Chameleons (trans); Re-Creation (trans); Nottingham Invasion (trans); Trans4ME (young people's trans group); Free to Be (Christian group) Nottingham & Trent Uni LGBT Societies; Peak Ruffies women's walking group: Resonate (Nottm. LGBT youth group); Rainbow Writers Group; Sapphist Writers; Man Up (bears, leather group); Lesbian Café evening; SYNT (Women's social group); Gay History Tours; Bi Women's Group; LiNk-Notts (lesbian e-mail info); QT Notts (info sharing by e-mail) Mansfield Rainbow Divas (women's group); Eat Out Social; Ball Bois football team; Over 60s lesbian group; Nottingham Craftspeople; Lirain (Lesbians into real ale); Sherwood Ladies 5-a-side football; Tagadere (HIV+ support): Nottingham BiTopia (Bi social group); Lesbians in Nottingham (social group); Emerge (Police, fire, ambulance social group); Gay Outdoor 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

**Stop Hate Crime UK 0800 138 1625 (24 hours) [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)**

## DIARY



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## PRIDES PROLIFERATE

Here are the dates of some of the Prides, near and far, for the Summer months:

- Newcastle on Tyne Pride July 18-20th
- Hull Pride July 19-20th
- Glasgow Pride July 19-Aug 3rd
- Amsterdam Pride July 26-Aug 3rd
- Hamburg Pride July 26-Aug 3rd
- Stockholm Pride July 28-Aug 2nd
- Liverpool Pride Aug 2nd
- Brighton and Hove Pride Aug 2nd
- Belfast Pride Aug 2nd
- Leeds Pride Aug 3rd
- Antwerp Pride Aug 4-10th
- Reykjavik Pride Aug 5-10th
- Stoke Pride Aug 9th
- Prague Pride Aug 11-17th
- Doncaster Pride Aug 16th
- Manchester Pride Aug 22-25th
- Cornwall Pride Aug 23rd
- Copenhagen Pride Aug 27-31st
- Margate Pride Aug 29-31st
- Leicester Pride Aug 30th
- Grimsby Pride Aug 30th
- Reading Pride Aug 30th
- Barnsley Pride Sep 7th
- Wolverhampton Pride Sep 27th
- Preston Pride Sep 27th