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LOOKING BACK ON LGBT HISTORY MONTH

FREE

One of the most significant events of this year's LGBT History Month was the exhibition at the Galleries of Justice museum.

This was a collaboration between the museum and the City Council - led by Rosey Cox, who is pictured on the right. One cell in the museum housed the door behind which Oscar Wilde was imprisoned at Reading Gaol. On the walls of the cell were posters relating to both Oscar himself and to the timeline of LGBT history landmarks leading up to and beyond the 1967 Sexual Offences Act.

In the cell, projections of hundreds of famous LGBT people could be seen and recordings of local LGBT relating their experiences could be heard.

Later this year, the museum will house an exhibition about gay Leicester playwright Joe Orton.



STONEWALL STARS

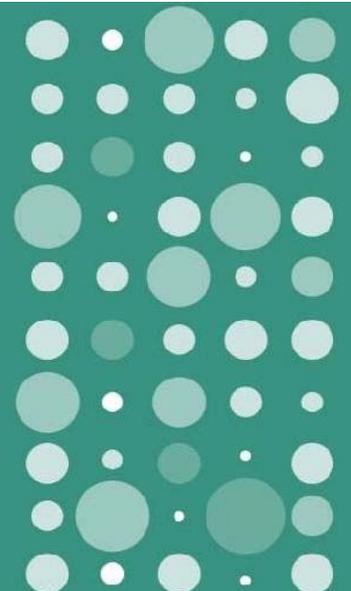
Like last year, 5 Nottinghamshire organisations appear in the Stonewall top 100 index. They are, with last year's positions in brackets:

35 Notts Police (64), 51 Notts County Council (64), 60 West Notts College (93), 81 Nottingham City Homes (-), 99 Notts Fire and Rescue (89). The Police's position will have been helped by the mentoring they have received from Notts Healthcare, which is now classed as a Stonewall Star performer following their previous number 1 position on the index.

STONEWALL TOP 100 EMPLOYERS

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE MOST
INCLUSIVE EMPLOYERS IN BRITAIN

2017



LGBT HISTORY MONTH AND THE POWER OF POSITIVE ROLE MODELS



On Feb. 24th both the City and County Councils joined with Notts Healthcare, Notts Police, Notts Fire and Rescue and West Notts College to hold a conference on the importance of positive role models for LGBT people

The event launched a short film based on interviews with role models from each of the organisations.

The people featured as role models are shown above along with two students from West Notts College who recorded and edited the film.

The film, which will be placed on Youtube, consisted of brief extracts from over forty minutes worth of interviews recorded by the students and which will eventually be presented in their full form.

MORE FOR LGBT HISTORY MONTH

As usual, **Notts Healthcare** was quick off the mark with its LGBT History Month events. February 1st saw them host a session on LGBT hate crime followed by the flourishing of a variety of LGBT-related flags.



At the **Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage** Celebration and Awards evening on Feb. 28th, there were stalls from 12 organisations. Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage's own displays focussed on the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Sexual Offences Act.

This year's awards went to three services which have supported local LGBT young people:

- Trans4me
- Out in Education
- Sarah Lee and her team at the County Council

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

Oscar Wilde

A playwright, novelist, critic, and poet, Oscar Wilde was one of the greatest celebrities of his day. Unfortunately, Wilde's years of fame ended dramatically when he was imprisoned after being convicted of gross-indecency (homosexuality), which was illegal in England until 1967.



Those listening to the audio recordings in the cell at the **Journey to Justice** display heard people talking about their experiences in the 1930s and 1940s.

"You never told anyone. You couldn't defend yourself. The police, the law, the church, society, everybody was against you. It was the blackmailer's charter. I was blackmailed and I know a fellow who was blackmailed by two policemen. Once your name was in the paper, your job had gone, everything had gone. The only way out if you got caught ... well a lot committed suicide." (Wallace Edge: died in 2003)

"I got married for two dishonest reasons. Firstly that tongues were wagging in the RAF and it wasn't doing my career any good. Secondly, I thought I could be cured. I was over 30 before I reconciled myself to the fact that I was gay." (Ike Cowen: died in 2015)

SERVICES AT THE HEALTH SHOP

The Health Shop is a sexual health and drug harm reduction service that has been based on Broad Street in Hockley, Nottingham for over 20 years. We are a friendly staff team who work inclusively providing a range of sexual health products including condoms, lube, dams and gloves.

- We offer sexual health testing for anyone who does not have symptoms and test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Syphilis and HIV. We can also offer HIV fast testing (*restrictions apply*). People who identify as Trans can choose how they would like to complete a Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea test (either vaginal self-swab or urine sample). We don't currently provide rectal and oral screening but hope to soon so watch this space!
- Harm reduction information for a wide range of drugs including MCAT, Amphetamine, Anabolic Steroids and associated drugs, Heroin and Crack Cocaine.
- Needle exchange - wide range of harm reduction equipment available.
- Outreach clinics offered at various venues across the City.
- Health promotion events and workshops.
- Emergency Hormonal Contraception offered.
- Pregnancy testing with support and referral as required.
- Hepatitis A and B vaccinations (*exclusion criteria applies so please speak to a member of staff if you are interested*).
- Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C testing and referral as appropriate.
- C-Card registration and pick-up available.
- Advice around breast self-examination and testicular examination.
- Advice around cervical screening.

12 Broad Street Hockley Nottingham NG1 3AL
Tel: 0115 905 5001
Email: healthshop@nottshc.nhs.uk
Web: www.healthshopnottinghamco.uk

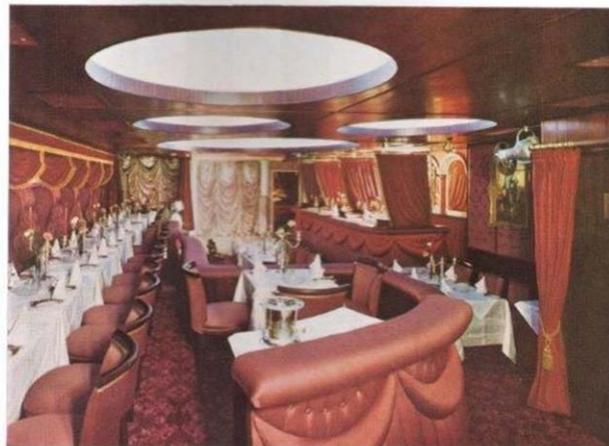
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust launched a moving 3 minute film for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day. It's called "How can life go on" and you can see it on Youtube at <https://tinyurl.com/zqzgwkl>

THE CLUBS OF YESTERYEAR

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... 'till 2 a.m.

A MENU FOR THE GOURMET
A WINE LIST FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

LONDON CABARET
TWICE NIGHTLY

Casino opens each evening at 8 p.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP STILL BEING ACCEPTED

For further details contact the membership secretary at the club—before you intend to visit.

The new Gainsborough Room is now available

for members private events, dinners, receptions, parties, etc.

STATION STREET • NOTTINGHAM • TEL. 54674/6

The most sophisticated Night Spot in the Midlands

THE PARKSIDE CLUB

We think Nottingham's first gay club was on Station Street. People have said that it was set up by Jimmy Hetherington, who was later responsible for some other gay venues. After much digging, we had the following e-mail - from Turkey! "The club on Station Street was named the Parkside Club and was run by Tony Iremonger or Ironmonger. It was a straight club, very nice inside and had gay nights on a Sunday. I went a few times before it suddenly closed totally." Andrew

According to Nottinghamshire Archives, a Parkside Club was active 1962-7 at 11 Station Street.

MUSEUM OF TRANSOLOGY

The **Museum of Transology** is the largest and boldest display of trans artefacts and photographic portraiture ever displayed in the UK. This highly intimate exhibition will challenge the idea that gender is fixed, binary and biologically determined by exploring how the artefacts helped fashion self-shaped gender identities. It's just off Oxford street, London, January 20th to April 22nd.

The display will feature photography by Bharat Sikka and Sharon Kilgannon, *My Generation* films by Fox Fisher and Lewis Hancox, *Sexing the Transman* and *Mr Angel* documentaries by adult film star Buck Angel, behind the scenes footage from *Born Risky* by Grayson Perry.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/gnb9w7l>

LOUGHBOROUGH'S LGBT+ VENUE



While the LGBT scene in Nottingham seems to be shrinking, things are looking up in Loughborough

The **Boat Inn** in Loughborough is under new, LGBT run, management. Wayne and partner Gareth say that the pub is LGBT friendly at all times but in addition they are running a specifically LGBT+ night every second Saturday of the month, 8pm onwards.

The address is The Boat Inn, 47 Canal Bank, Loughborough LE11 1JN Phone: 01509 261565

SILVER PRIDE



**Silver
Pride**

*A social group
for older Gay
and Bi men*

A social group offering a range of social outings, walks, discussion etc.
Check Age UK Notts Facebook page and QB for the latest information

1st Friday of every month 2-4pm £1
For more information, call 0115 841 4473 or e-mail
info@aguknotts.org.uk

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

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

Commemorating 50 years since the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality in the UK, '**Looking Back, Looking Forward**' is a series of spoken word events taking place throughout the year in venues across Derby. We are looking for 18 poets and spoken word artists to produce new pieces of work on the themes of looking back, looking at life now, and to what LGBT+ life might be like in 50 years time to be showcased at special events throughout 2017.

Each event will showcase the inaugural readings of commissioned work and also have open mic slots available for those who want to read their own work. If you would be interested in getting involved or submitting work please contact dan@furthestfromthesea.co.uk

'Looking Back, Looking Forward', is presented by LGB-QWERTY in association with Derbyshire LGBT+

Other Stories LGBT History Project

otherstoriesLGBT.wordpress.com heritage@derbyshirelgbt.org.uk @LGBT_heritage

What other stories are hidden in Derbyshire's past?

An exhibition marking the launch of a project to explore the history of sexuality and gender identity in Derbyshire.

Join us to find other stories from the archives.

E-mail heritage@derbyshirelgbt.org.uk for details

12th January to 1st April - FREE ENTRY

Derbyshire Record Office,
New Street, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3FE

Open Weekdays 9.30am-5pm

Saturdays 9.30-1pm, closed Sundays & Bank Holidays



Derbyshire LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans) announces that it has received £86,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project to explore the history of the LGBT community in and around Derbyshire. The project, named **Other Stories**, coincides with 50 years since the landmark 1967 Sexual Offences Act. This landmark legislation partially decriminalised homosexual acts between men over 21 and was a milestone in the battle for gay rights.

The project will bring to light a host of stories, ranging from Derbyshire resident and Victorian gay-rights pioneer Edwards Carpenter, to stories of runaway teenagers who escaped life in Peak District villages more than 100 years ago "masquerading as a boy".

In order to bring more of these stories to light the project will train at least 20 volunteers in archive and oral history research and will produce exhibitions, events and displays to attract at least 500 people to take part.

Trapped in the well of *loneliness*

Sunday 5th March 2017
1:00-4:00 PM
at New Art Exchange

Booking required
Free entry, all welcome

A Workshop to discuss loneliness
within the LGBT+ Community

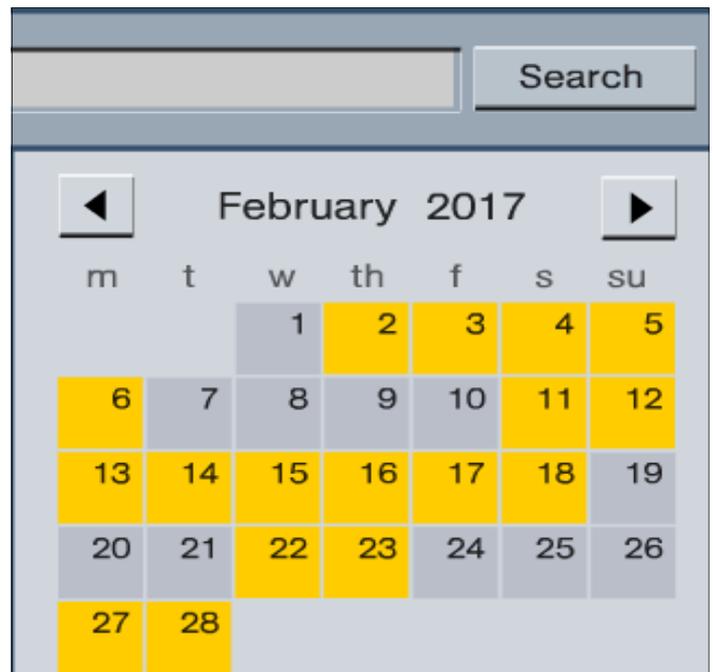
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Book via <https://tinyurl.com/zo36v8t>

THE ONLINE LGBT CALENDAR

In Notts LGBT+ Network's 2015 survey, 81% of respondents said that they would welcome an online LGBT calendar. This is now available.



Go to Notts LGBT+ website at www.nottslgbt.com and on the home page you can click on a link which opens the calendar. Anything which is marked in yellow has at least one event on that day. Click on the date and the details will appear.

If you have something which you would like placed on the calendar, e-mail info@nottslgbt.com with the details.



Mummy? Daddy? Mama? Pop? Mum? Dad? Ma? Pa?

Names and labels don't matter to us or the children we're finding families for. What we need are people who can offer a safe, happy and loving family that will be there for them forever.

If you are interested in finding out more about adoption, come along to our **LGBT Adoption Information Evening on 9th March 2017**. You will get the opportunity to meet some of our friendly team and hear from LGBT adopters who have adopted with Family Care.

For more information, visit our website or email sarah.castle@familycare-nottingham.org.uk

7pm – 9pm March 9th, 28 Magdala Road, Mapperley Park, NG3 5DF.
www.wearefamily.org.uk

GENDER DYSPHORIA RESEARCH

My name's Olivia Hendriks and I'm a 3rd year Psychology student at the University of Liverpool. I'm doing my dissertation on Gender Dysphoria.

I'm trying to get transgender individuals to fill in my quick 10 minute online survey on personality traits, childhood experiences and gender role opinions. Your help would be extremely appreciated. It's just a link <https://tinyurl.com/h7etykv>

Transgender issues and gender are both widely misunderstood, which is why research into the area is so important. Thanks for taking the time to read this and I'll be so grateful for your help! Best wishes, Olivia

THANK YOU



Many thanks go to the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham for raising £89 for Notts LGBT+ Network.

Saturday 18th March
8pm - 12:30am
The Polish Centre
Clumber Avenue, off Sherwood Rise,
Nottingham NG7 6JN

10th & Final
GET UP!

Live acts:
The Very Good Rock'n'Roll Band
POETRY JACK - Poetry to make you laugh or cry
MC Pam Burrows
DJ Dor

Women only - All Women Welcome Tickets £10/£7/£3 at the door

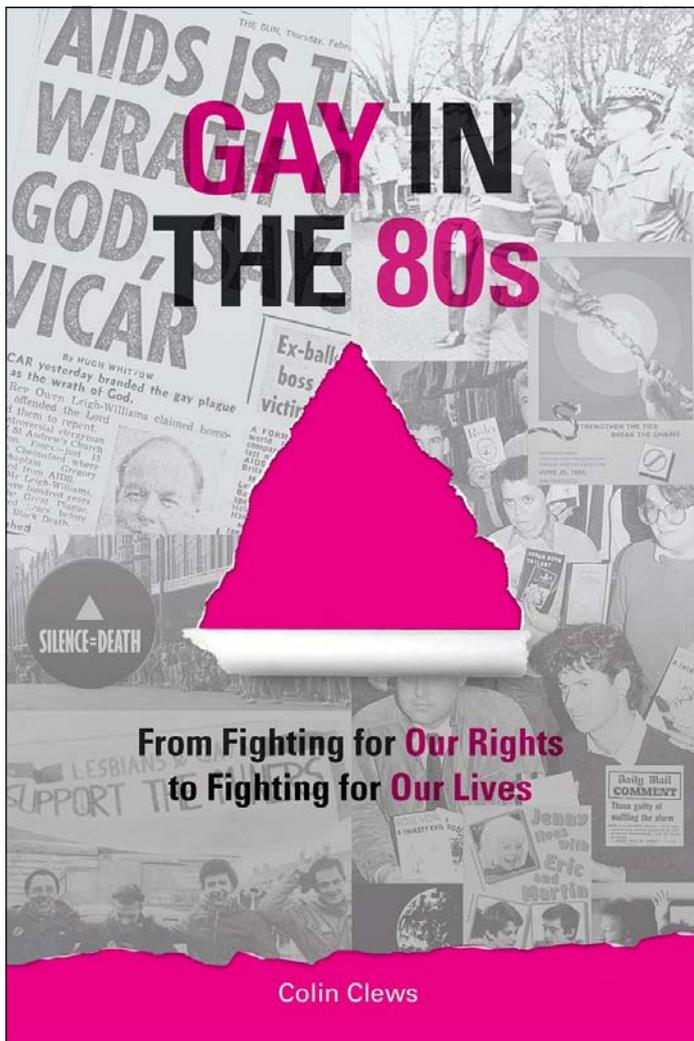
Nottingham Women Rise
supporting local women's charities

find us on facebook: Nottingham Women Rise Get Up!
contact: Mo 07970 420713

QB'S BITS

- Sherwood Ladies 5 aside football team is now **Forest Kickers**.
- Ex TV host **David Benham** has claimed he convinced a man to renounce his homosexuality by giving him baseball tickets.
- **IBM** has changed its logo to incorporate the rainbow colours. They point out that this is to support LGBT people in the light of anti-LGBT measures being promoted in the USA
- Is the sexuality of a town defined in any way by its name? Perhaps it is if you live in Gays (Illinois), Fort Gay (Wyoming) and then there's Dildo (Newfoundland).
- **Derbyshire Police** used to keep a list of "known homosexuals". The list was still active until 1974.
- Many thanks to the customers of **Broadway Cinema**, who raised £64 for us in the collection box and also to **Eat Out Social**, which raised £90
- **Old Goats** is a social group for lesbians who are aged 55 years and over. They meet every 6 weeks for a meal a drink and social chit chat. Get their details through LiNK Notts.
- **Samantha** is a 3rd year Psychology student at Trent University. She has assembled an online survey about sexual consent within the LGBT community. If you would like to take part, go to <https://tinyurl.com/hnykt4p>
- **Notts LGBT+ Network** is always looking for new volunteers. It holds training sessions once or twice a year. If you are interested - contact them; details on the back page.
- A photo sequence of **the Queen's** outfits might give the impression that she is trying to convey some sort of message. Sorry if you are seeing this in the printed B&W format!





Former Nottingham resident and queer/AIDS activist **Colin Clews** has just published his book *Gay in the 80s: From Fighting for Our Rights to Fighting for Our Lives*. Based on his popular blog of the same name, the book covers a wide range of issues. These include the fight to get queer rights on the Labour Party's manifesto, the various attacks on our communities such as the trial of Gay's the Word bookshop and the emergence of, and responses to HIV/AIDS.

Colin was resident in Nottingham for much of the 80s so there are a number of local tales that illustrate the link between local action and more global issues. These include the 1984 /85 Miner's Strike, Nottingham's early response to HIV/AIDS and the campaign to get Nottingham Labour Party to take on queer rights.

The book is available from Five Leaves bookshop, 14a Long Row, Nottingham, NG1 2DH, where Colin and Jim MacSweeney, manager of Gay's the Word bookshop, will be speaking on Wednesday, 22nd March. Further details from Five Leaves bookshop 0115 8373097.

The **TRUE VISION** website explains clearly what a hate crime is and that includes internet hate crime. It gives advice and guidance about reporting hate crimes, including reporting hate crimes online, if you do not want to report directly to the police. Go to <http://www.report-it.org.uk>

TESTIMONY F · I · L · M · S

Testimony Films are working on a new documentary for Channel 4 to mark the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Sexual Offences Act 1967.

In this film we want to tell the story of gay men across Britain and the widespread prejudice and discrimination they faced, both before and after the 1967 law was passed. Most of all we are looking for moving and uplifting stories from men who overcame the homophobic attitudes and punitive laws of the past to find personal fulfilment and happiness, or indeed stories from those whose struggle continues. We also want to address the recent 'Alan Turing Law' passed by the British Government, and explore whether or not it demonstrates adequate recognition of the injustice suffered by gay men in this country throughout the 20th century.

Do you have a powerful story to share and be willing to speak to me about your experiences? People need only share as much or as little as they felt comfortable with. It would be entirely confidential and handled sensitively.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have and can be contacted on 0117 925 8589 or at pete.vance@testimonyfilms.com.

MESSAGE FROM BANNA

"Hi everyone PLEASE, PLEASE spread the word - **Banna Lesbian Housing Cooperative**, Nottingham, currently have a flat available in beautiful part of the city. It's a lovely one bedroom, partly furnished flat, single occupancy in a Victorian listed building. GCH, double glazing, shared garden, available on the road parking in leafy part of Nottingham. Rent is around £300pcm, excluding bills.

If you're interested in finding out more please contact us at bannahousing@yahoo.co.uk"



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in Nottingham and
a range of job
opportunities visit**

**www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk
or call 0845 330 3131.**

Homeless or losing your home? Contact
Nottingham City Council Housing Aid
on 0115 87 63300.

Notts LGBT+ Network

Coming out and going out. Staying in.
Feeling down. Meeting up.
Breaking up.. Safer sex and
everything in between.

Contact us

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or text 07481 344040

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www.nottsrainbowheritage.org.uk
<https://twitter.com/rainbowheritage>

SOME LOCAL LISTINGS

- Outburst!** Group for LGBT young people aged 11-19
Meets Wednesdays at NGY (29-33 Castle gate)
Phone Base 51 (at NGY) on 9525040 for details
- Trans4me** Young trans people's group. Meets Wednesdays at the Heath
Shop, 12, Broad Street, Tel. 07958 194768
- WOW** LGBT Youth Group. Wed. 6.30 - 8.30pm Centre Place,
Workshop. Tel: 01909 479191 email: info@centreplace.org.uk

Details of the following local groups can be obtained from LGBT+ Network:

Notts Hyking Dykes; Women's Badminton; Badminton Social; Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement; Chameleons (trans); Nottingham & Trent Uni LGBT Societies; Peak Ruffies women's walking group; Man Up (bears, leather group); Women's Midweek book group; Lesbian Café evening; SYNT (Women's social group); Gay History Tours; Nottingham Bi Women's Group; Age UK over 55 lesbian group; LiNk-Notts (lesbian e-mail info); QT Notts (info sharing by e-mail); Eat Out Social; Nottingham Lions football team; Nottingham Women's Craftspeople; Trans Hub (support for Notts Trans community); Lirain (Lesbians into real ale); Nottingham LGBT 20s & 30s; Nottingham Invasion - trans night out: Forest Kickers 5-a-side football; Tagadere (HIV+ support); Trans Space Notts monthly meeting; BiTopia & BiTalkia (Bi social groups); Emerge (Police, fire, ambulance social group); Silver Pride Gay/Bi 55+Men's group: Gay Outdoor Club; Dinner Ladies (women's eat out group); Kairos (Lesbian Immigration Support Group); QTIPOC (for QTI people of colour); Rainbow Families (LGBT parents & children).

Download a directory of groups & services from the Local Facilities page of the LGBT+ Network's website

DIARY

WHO LOVES YA?



LGBT friendly **Tardis Social** is the liveliest Doctor Who group in the Midlands, and probably the universe! Come and have a few drinks and a chat about the good old Doctor, win money in our charity sweepstake "The Time Sweep" and join in the fun with our free-to-enter Quiz of Doom.

We have a private room all to ourselves at the Stage Pub, Upper Parliament Street. Whether you're a fan of old, or a recent convert to Doctor Who, this is the fan group for you! We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:15pm. Admission: Free. Email: dwcnottingham@hotmail.co.uk

ALIVE IN SPECTACLES



Join Sue in a laughter-packed evening, based on her hilarious Sunday Times Number One best selling memoir.

Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7:30pm at Nottingham Playhouse

TRANS SPACE NOTTS



A safe, accessible, facilitated support group for all under the trans umbrella and people who support them. Meets 1st Monday each month 7-9pm. For details contact Notts LGBT+ Network or e-mail nottstranshub@yahoo.co.uk