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## Nottinghamshire's Queer Bulletin

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## LOOKING BACK ON LGBT HISTORY MONTH

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**Notts Healthcare** got off the mark with a flag raising and a session on LGBT hate crime, while **Broadway** ran a season of LGBT themed films.

The **University of Nottingham** arranged several events including: "What became of Gay Liberation?" at **Five Leaves Bookshop**; a panel discussion about LGBTQ+ experiences in Nottingham and two events on LGBT progress in Taiwan.

**Age UK** put up a display for Silver Pride, its 55+ gay/bi men's group and **Notts Rainbow Heritage** held its 11th Celebration and Awards evening at the Council House - see inside for more details of that event.



### Taiwan pride: our fight for marriage equality



## STONEWALL INDEX 2018

### STONEWALL TOP 100 EMPLOYERS

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE MOST  
INCLUSIVE EMPLOYERS IN BRITAIN

Nottinghamshire does not feature as often this year as it has done in the past. Nevertheless, congratulations to Nottinghamshire County Council - no.22 - and Nottinghamshire Police - no. 39.

## MORE LGBT HISTORY MONTH EVENTS IN NOTTINGHAM



Notts Healthcare, Nottingham City Homes, Notts Fire & Rescue, Nottingham Community Housing both Councils, the Police and West Notts College came together to celebrate **"Bisexuality and Other Identities"**

Several speakers dealt with their experiences as bisexual people and Jessica Lynn, a trans woman from the USA, talked about her roller coaster of a life and her mind-boggling encounters with the USA legal system. One thought to take away - steer clear of Texas.



Jessica's work and her story can be read at <https://www.jessicalynn.website/>

Despite the worst night of the winter, 75 people still turned out to the Rainbow Heritage Celebration. There were stalls from groups like Nottingham Lions and support services like Victim Care (see below)



Awards were presented by Notts Chief Constable Craig Guildford to Rosey Donovan and Mel Jeffs, and the evening closed with a speech from the Chief Constable.

An award was scheduled to be presented to the Centre Place team for their work on LGBT issues and supporting young LGBT people in Bassetlaw. Though the weather was bad in Nottingham, it was appalling in Worksop and they were unable to attend. Nevertheless, the audience enjoyed a short film assembled by members of their WOW LGBT youth group as well as another film about the trial of John Clarkson, whose story has been related in previous issues of QB.

## TRANS SUPPORT



What is Notts Trans Hub?

- A hub for community organising and information about trans friendly organisations
- A local campaign for safer spaces for all people under the trans umbrella
- A monthly email bulletin and a Facebook group
- A place to list local trans-friendly events, services and resources
- A way to reach the trans community for consultation

To get all the details, go to <https://nottstranshub.wordpress.com/>



**Bi Community News** does exactly what it says on the tin. It has a diary, details of events, general news - local and international - and, of course, it is bi-monthly. Read it at

<http://www.bicommunitynews.co.uk/>



At **Enterprise Rent-A-Car** Diversity and Inclusion plays a huge role in *who* we are as a company and *what* we do. In the recent Stonewall LGBT Inclusive Employers survey we ranked 130<sup>th</sup> which we are very proud of – our aim is to get into the top 100 next year!

This month has marked LGBT History Month and we have been very busy here in our group – we have had flags flying including ones for transgender, non-binary, bisexual and pansexual, as well as showing LGBT films, sending out daily facts to everyone via different social media streams and hosting special events at our admin office in Nottingham. It has been a great success, but it doesn't stop here.

We are proud to say that we will be working alongside Notts LGBT+ over various projects and I hope this will continue for many years to come.

Our company was founded in 1957 by Jack Taylor with 8 founding values – one of these is “Our doors are always open.” *And this remains true – are doors are open to everyone; to our employees, our customers and our communities.*

By Alice Bowerman

## CAN YOU HELP US?

The University of Nottingham is currently recruiting participants for a research study called NEON (Narrative Experiences Online) which seeks to understand how stories of recovery from mental health challenges can benefit others. We are interested in interviewing people who may be under-served by current mental health services, and who would define themselves as having recovered from mental ill health.

- Do you live in Nottinghamshire?
- Do you identify as being part of the LGBT+ community?
- Have you experienced mental health difficulties and had problems getting support from services, or avoided services entirely?
- Would you be willing to share your story of recovery?

### WHAT WOULD TAKING PART INVOLVE?

You would take part in an interview, and be asked to share your story with us. You would be paid £20 + travel costs in recognition of your time and expertise.

FURTHER INFORMATION at the NEON website: [www.researchintorecovery.com/NEON](http://www.researchintorecovery.com/NEON)

If you are interested in taking part, or to find out more, please contact Joy Beardsley on 0115 748 42890 or email [joy.beardsley@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:joy.beardsley@nottingham.ac.uk)

## THE ULTIMATE LGBT GLOSSARY

Well, that's what Pink News calls it. They say “the LGBT world is full of terminology, phrases, slang, acronyms and abbreviations – and it's not always obvious what something means at first glance. We've attempted to gather simple definitions for every essential LGBT+ term right here in one place.

So ... Tribbing, Enby and Otter are not a firm of solicitors, they are all terms you can find in the glossary, along with Cishet, Terf and Doma.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y7yj8wdn>

## CONSIDERING ADOPTION?

**Nottingham adoption agency wants to hear from you.** LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week returns on 5 March, celebrating the huge contribution made by LGBT adopters and foster carers in providing loving homes to some of the UK's most vulnerable children.



Family Care is an independent adoption agency based in Nottingham. They are urging LGBT singles and couples to consider opening their homes and their hearts to children in need of a family. Tara Ralph of Family Care said, “We recognise that LGBT parents bring many distinct qualities – like resilience, empathy and understanding – that can benefit vulnerable children. We understand that it can take courage to take that first step, but we'd love to hear from you.”

Family Care is running an LGBT adoption information event on Wednesday 11 April, from 7-9pm, at their offices in Mapperley Park. It's a chance to find out more about adoption and chat to an adoptive parent over a cuppa. For more information, please contact Tara on 0115 960 3010 or [tara.ralph@familycare-nottingham.org.uk](mailto:tara.ralph@familycare-nottingham.org.uk) [www.familycare-nottingham.org.uk](http://www.familycare-nottingham.org.uk)

# THE “WHO DID WHAT?” QUIZ

Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage has assembled another “Who did what?” quiz.  
Can you match the face to the correct statement?

Jodie Foster



Ricky Martin



Alan Freeman



Jane Hill



Larry Grayson



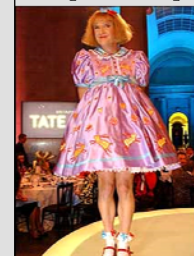
Amanda Barrie



Caitlin Jenner



Grayson Perry



Armistead Maupin



Martina Navratilova



Hugh Paddick



Alice Walker



1. Who goes artistically potty?
2. Who shut that door?
3. Who reads the news?
4. Who silenced lambs?
5. Who won the Olympic decathlon?
6. Who wrote the Colour Purple?
7. Who Carried On as Cleo
8. Who picked pops?
9. Who as Julian, was friends with Sandy?
10. Who wrote Tales of the City?
11. Who lived La Vida Loca?
12. Who won Wimbledon 9 times?

Answers are on  
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## CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON!



**nottingham  
invasion**

**8pm onwards  
New Foresters**

**EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH...BE THERE  
FOR NOTTINGHAM'S BEST TRANS NIGHT OUT**

## IT TAKES THE BISCUIT

In the 1950s, members of the Wolfenden Committee were so embarrassed by the constant references to homosexuals and prostitutes that they decided to call homosexuals “Huntleys” and prostitutes “Palmers”.

Now Fortnum and Mason have joined the world of the gay biscuit by producing a Garden of Eden biscuit collection where the Garden of Eden is populated by Adam and Steve and Eve and Niamh.



## ZANELE MUHOLI



Zanele Muholi's exhibition "Somnyama Ngonyama, Hail the Dark Lioness" can be seen at the New Art Exchange 39-41 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 6BE, 0115 924 8630. Sat. April 28th to June 24th with a launch event on Friday 27th which you are welcome to attend.

In more than 60 photographs Muholi, who identifies as lesbian, uses her body as a canvas to confront the politics of race and representation in the visual archive. Gazing defiantly at the camera, Muholi challenges the viewer's perceptions while firmly asserting her cultural identity on her own terms: black, female, queer, African.

## CS2 CLOSES



The management of CS2 say "CS2 sauna closed its doors for the last time at the end of January. After almost 10 years in the sauna business in Nottingham and Derby, Owners John & Joe have finally handed in the towel at CS2. The building on Lennox St. in Nottingham has been sold to a development company in London and is being converted into 25 luxury apartments. We wish all our loyal customers all the best and look forward to a long rest. Best Regards John & Joe"

## UNIQUE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

### 3 LGBT COMMUNITY RESEARCHERS

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in, and shape, research about improving the mental health outcomes of Nottingham's LGBT population. This will include examining whether primary and community health services in Nottingham are meeting the needs of LGBT people.

The research project is funded by NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group and is being carried out by independent researchers from the Universities of Leicester and Brighton. The project runs until 31st May 2019. Volunteers will be required to work 6-8 hours a month, on average, for the duration of the project.

The 3 community researchers will join the project's steering group, help collect research data and assist with other research tasks (e.g. co-designing research tools, helping to staff a stall at Nottinghamshire Pride and helping with activities to share research findings). All training will be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in taking part in a project that has the potential to influence local policy and service provision and who would like to gain research skills.

**Although this is a voluntary post, travel expenses will be paid and a gift of £200 will be offered to volunteers at the end of the project, in recognition of their support.** Further details about the role and how to apply can be found online at

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology> or by request from Dr Rebecca Barnes:

Post: 154 Upper New Walk, Department of Criminology, University of Leicester, LE1 7QA; Email: [rb358@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:rb358@leicester.ac.uk) Telephone: 0116 252 5707  
Closing date: 14th March 2018

## INDIGO PRESS

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[www.indigowomen.co.uk/indigopress](http://www.indigowomen.co.uk/indigopress)

## AN AWARD FOR APRIL



82 year old trans pioneer **April Ashley**, was awarded the Oldie Woman Ahead of her Time accolade by the Oldie magazine.

In the 1950s April became well known as a model and also appeared in films. In 1960, she was outed as a transgender woman by the People newspaper. This was perhaps the first time that transgender issues were presented to many people in the UK.

As well as being one of the first people to undergo gender reassignment surgery, she also figured in a landmark court case when in 1970 the judge decided that the marriage she entered into in 1963 was not valid as the judge classed her as male.

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>

## THE WAITROSE RAINBOW



Working with the John Lewis Partnership LGBT Network, Waitrose released a rainbow valentine bouquet named "Language of Love". It was so popular that it sold out.

## WOMEN'S MIDWEEK BOOK GROUP

This women-only group meets about once a month to discuss a particular book. Some scheduled books are: March, Nutshell - Ian McEwan; April, The Boy I Love - Marion Husband; May, The Tea Planter's Wife - Dinah Jefferies; July, Alias Grace - Margaret Atwood.

The group meets at Canalhouse Bar, 48-52 Canal Street and to find the full details of the group, contact **LiNK Notts**, the local lesbian e-mail information service - to subscribe to LiNK Notts go to [linknotts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:linknotts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## LGBT FRIENDLY HOTELS

One of the sections on Notts LGBT+ Network's database related to local LGBT friendly hotels. At one time, there were three, then two, then one. The recent check on the remaining hotel resulted in a definite "no".

Does anyone know of any local hotels which can be confidently classed as LGBT friendly - we don't mean that they are just happy to take our money, we mean that they have done something positive to show that LGBT guests will be welcomed.

## SMALL GRANTS FOR LGBT GROUPS

Small grants are available for groups which address isolation in the LGBT+ community in Nottingham. They may consider awarding grants of up to £1000, but expect most will be up to £500. Such grants have already been awarded to Trans4me, Badminton social, Trans Space Notts, The Chameleon Group, Kairos and Notts Rainbow Heritage.

You will need to attend a pre-application meeting either with the Women's Centre or one of our Steering Group partners e.g. Nottingham CVS, Notts LGBT+ Network etc. If you do not have a bank account, then you can ask Nottingham Women's Centre or another established Charity in the region to hold the grant money on your behalf. You will also need:

- A reference or letter of endorsement. This can be from a previous funder; an established Charity in Nottingham; or other relevant local organisation
- Governing documents (such as a constitution) if you are awarded a grant. Support and advice is available on writing these if needed
- An Equality and Diversity policy or statement
- If working with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults a Safeguarding policy;
- Relevant insurance covering the activity the funding will cover. The cost of this can be included in your application.

For further details e-mail Joanne at the Women's Centre [Joanne@nottinghamwomenscentre.com](mailto:Joanne@nottinghamwomenscentre.com)

## WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Hi, I'm Holly Swinckels, Engagement Lead for Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire at Macmillan Cancer Support. My role is about working with local people and organisations to help Macmillan understand the needs of everyone living with cancer in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, so that local cancer care and support services are right for the needs of our community.

There are a number of ways that you can get involved and I will stay in touch with news about events and opportunities that I am planning. You can also see what we're up to and get in touch via our dedicated Facebook page, Macmillan East Midlands. I'd also love to hear from you if you have ideas about how you, or a group or organisation you're involved with, could share your experiences and knowledge to improve local cancer services, so get in touch [HSwinckels@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:HSwinckels@macmillan.org.uk)

Right now, one way you can get involved is to help us make sure we've got our community engagement values and principles right, so that we are truly engaging with people living with cancer and their families in their own communities, and putting people living with cancer at the heart of what we do.

For us to do this well, we need to understand how you feel about the values and principles that we're proposing. We'd really like your feedback on what they mean to you; whether we have missed something important; what it would look like to you when they are working well and anything else you think we need to know.

So now you're ready to get involved, I'd be grateful if you could take a short survey (it shouldn't take longer than 10 – 15 minutes) via the following link.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EngagementVP>

For the question "who is your Macmillan Engagement Lead?" fill in "Holly". Thank you, Holly Swinckels

### TWITTER FOR HEALTH

The LGBT Mid Notts Clinical Commissioning Group Twitter account is aimed at helping the community on all matters relating to their health in Nottingham. Follow them  
[@NHSMidNottsLGBT](https://twitter.com/NHSMidNottsLGBT)



### 55+ LESBIAN GROUP

Age UK Nottingham used to host a social group for 55+ lesbians. Age UK are looking to relaunch the group in April, if there is a demand for it. If you are interested, leave a message and contact details (preferably e-mail) with Nicky at Age UK Nottingham, [nicky.newberry@ageuknotts.org.uk](mailto:nicky.newberry@ageuknotts.org.uk) 0115 8440011.

### WOLF SPA SAUNA/HEALTH CLUB



**Wolf Spa** sauna opened on February 1st and occupies the premises at 1 Kilbourn Street that were formerly used by Reflections sauna.

Owner Andrew Brown says: "Wolf Spa as a brand specialises in male to male grooming" with treatments including "everything from waxing to sports therapies, spray tanning and manscaping... literally the whole thing". Is it gay/bi? Is it gay/bi friendly? Not sure.

Anyway, it's at [www.wolfspanottingham.co.uk/](http://www.wolfspanottingham.co.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!

### WHO DID WHAT? THE ANSWERS

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Grayson Perry  | 7. Amanda Barrie        |
| 2. Larry Grayson  | 8. Alan Freeman         |
| 3. Jane Hill      | 9. Hugh Paddick         |
| 4. Jodie Foster   | 10. Armistead Maupin    |
| 5. Caitlin Jenner | 11. Ricky Martin        |
| 6. Alice Walker   | 12. Martina Navratilova |



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Nottingham City Council Housing Aid  
on 0115 87 63300.

## Notts LGBT+ Network

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Breaking up.. Safer sex and  
everything in between.

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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 Health Shop, 12, Broad Street, Tel. 07958 194768
- LGBT+ Service** WOW, 16-25 LGBT Youth Group. Wed. 6.30 - 8.30pm  
16-25 Trans group, 1st Thursday each month 6-30 - 8.30pm  
11-16 LGBT group, Wed. 4-30 - 6.30pm all at Centre Place,  
Workshop. Tel 01909 479191 email [info@lgbtplusnotts.org.uk](mailto:info@lgbtplusnotts.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 Rufties women's walking group; Man Up (bears, leather group); Women's Midweek book group; Sanctuary (LGBT/BME group); Lesbian Café evening; Gay History Tours; Nottm Bi Women's Group; LiNk-Notts (lesbian e-mail info); QT Notts (e-mail info sharing; Eat Out Social; Nottingham Lions football team; Nottingham Women's Crafts-people; Trans Hub (support for Notts Trans community); Lirain (Lesbians into real ale); Nottingham Invasion - trans night out: LGBT 20s & 30s; Forest Kickers women's football; Tagadere (HIV+ support); Trans Space Notts group; 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

### NOTTINGHAM LIONS



Nottingham Lions is an inclusive club that welcomes anyone who loves football. We have gay, bi and straight players – all are welcome! We train every Sunday between 6pm-8pm at Gresham Pavilion. Full details at <http://nottinghamlions.com/>

### INDIGO

Women Only Events

#### Dates for your Diary

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|--|-------------------|
| <b>Indigo Eats to</b><br>Celebrate International Women's Day                           | <b>10th March</b> |
| <b>Indigo Solo's Film &amp; Food</b>   | <b>1st April</b>  |
| <b>Indigo Eats</b>   | <b>5th May</b>    |
| <b>Centenary Celebration Fete</b><br>To celebrate 100 years of a Woman's Right to Vote | <b>20th May</b>   |
| <b>Indigo Ball</b>   | <b>30th June</b>  |
- You can find all the details at  
[www.indigowomen.co.uk](http://www.indigowomen.co.uk)

### 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 0011 or e-mail [info@ageuknotts.org.uk](mailto:info@ageuknotts.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:nottstranshub@yahoo.co.uk)