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Once again we have been asked to test out a new brand of invisible ink - apparently it's based on anhydrous cobalt chloride, whatever that might be.

To make the paragraph below become visible, it requires contact with moist breath, so you will need to breathe on it several times. In the interest of health and safety we request that you do not hyperventilate.

If you have any information, news, gossip or libel or wish to comment on anything in QB, please contact

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PRIDE EXPANDS

FREE

The Nottinghamshire Pride Committee say they will be building on last year's success and making Pride 2012 even bigger - the event for 2012 will be on Saturday the 28th July AND will also run on the Sunday 29th July 2012.



The Saturday event will be the normal party atmosphere, but Sunday will have lots of low-key events and generate a picnic style feel.

SCREEN GODDESS



Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage has acquired a folding 3 panel screen with the iconic pictures of Marilyn Monroe on either side. The screen is about 6 ft high and 4 ft wide.

The screen will be auctioned at Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage Celebration and Awards evening on Tuesday February 28th, 7-9 pm at the Council House - more details inside.

CELEBRATE!



Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage will hold its annual Celebration and Awards evening at the Council House on Tuesday February 28th.

The event runs from 7-9 pm and will be in the Ballroom. Awards will be presented to 3 organisations which are currently benefiting the local LGBT community and also to 2 organisations which did so in the past.

Before the presentations, people will be able to look at displays set up by NRH and other organisations. The Marilyn Monroe screen, shown on the front page 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.

Information about those getting the awards and about our guest of honour will appear in the next QB.

PRIDE EVENTS

Dec. 1st Winter Wonderland Ball at the Council House. We hear that this event is already sold out, but many people will be going along to the New Foresters afterwards, so why not join them?

Dec 18th A Charity Fundraiser **Comedy Night** at Jongleurs, 10 Thurland Street, Nottingham.

For more details of these and future events, go to

www.nottinghamshirepride.co.uk

We hear that for next year's Pride, one of the performers will be **Miss DQ**, Britain's only dwarf drag queen - as seen on TV.

QB'S BITS

- We were sorry to hear that **Sparta** women's football team has folded.
- Lookout for **LOOKOUT**. After recent donations from a couple of sources, Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage finds that it is still short of one issue of Lookout newsletter. Has anyone out there got edition no. 20? We will treasure an original, but still warmly embrace a photocopy.
- The revived **East Midlands LGBT Forum** had its third meeting on November 3rd - this time they were in Nottingham.
- In the last QB, **Nottinghamshire Pride** announced that they hoped to start raising money for local LGBT organisations which have charitable aims. They have now decided that the groups will be: Outburst, Lesbian and Gay Switchboard, Tagadere, WOW (the Workshop LGBT youth group) and Re-creation.
- **Manzfield's** sauna (formerly Zeus) is now fully refurbished and re-opened on October 22nd. See www.gay-mansfield.com for full details.
- A new women's eat-out/dining group has appeared. You can get details from LiNK Notts at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/linknotts/> The group is called **Dinner Ladies**.



NEWS FROM HEALTHY GAY NOTTINGHAM

HGN is expanding the counselling and psychotherapy side of the service from December to offer **Couples Counselling** and **Psychosexual Therapy**. Outreach will now consist of targeted campaigns in commercial venues on their large screens. Our Shag packs will continue to be available throughout all the venues and in the saunas.

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

lgbt@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
E-mails are kept confidential



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Rosey Cox (Chair)

OUTBURST UPDATE



Outburst is a Youth Group for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or think that they might be. If this is you and you are aged 13 to 25 you would be more than welcome to join us, we meet in Nottingham city centre at Base 51 every Monday evening.

Outburst is a very friendly place and provides you with a safe place to meet people, socialise and take part in activities, we can also help you to access extra support if you need it

Over the last year Outburst has gone from strength to strength with 40 young people attending most weeks. Check out our website for more information www.outburst.org.uk

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 the 12 major County libraries and all the City libraries; to 2 saunas and to places such as Broadway, the Playhouse, the Women's Centre, the Tourism Centre, the Nottingham Voluntary Action Centre.

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 300+ people via e-mail lists.

Advertising costs £60 for a full A4 page and in proportion for smaller ads e.g. £30 for half page £15 for quarter page and £8 for an eighth page.

Use the contact details on the front page if you would like to advertise.

WHAT'S A FRONG? once more

Frogs were born 30 years ago and used to be **FR**riends **O**f **N**ottingham **G**ay **S**witchboard. Nottingham and Notts Lesbian and Gay Switchboard would make them FRONANLAGS so we've stuck with FRONGS.

FRONGS set up a standing order with their bank to pay Switchboard a small amount each month. As Switchboard is a registered charity, FRONGS who are tax payers can enable us to reclaim tax and so boost any contribution by about 25%.

You can download a FRONGS form from Switchboard's website www.nottslgs.org.uk or from its Facebook page. For those who still retain their steam radios, give us a call, e-mail or text and we'll put a form in the post.

A Trans Timeline - 5



1951 May 15th, Robert Cowell became Roberta Cowell the United Kingdom's first full surgically altered transsexual



1952 Christine Jorgensen becomes an American transsexual media sensation when the New York Daily News carried a front-page story under the headline "Ex-GI Becomes Blonde Beauty"



April Ashley had gender reassignment surgery in Casablanca in 1960.

After returning to England, she became a successful fashion model, appearing in such publications as Vogue (photographed by David Bailey and winning a small role in the film The Road to Hong Kong, which starred Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

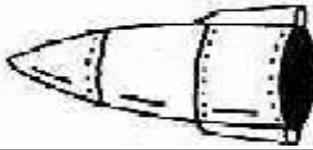
Her credit, however, was dropped from the film after she became the first person in the UK to be outed as transsexual - by the Sunday People in 1961

1960's In the 1960s despite the hostility to cross dressing within mental health services, every week in the UK's booming holiday camps topsy turvy nights encouraged men and women to dress in each others clothes at least once during their stay.



Notes and Queeries

In 1941, bisexual American composer George Antheil joined forces with 1940s movie star Hedy Lamarr to patent a remote control torpedo.



It is rumoured that Robert Mugabe's virulent homophobia stems back to his teenage years, when someone pointed out that his name is an anagram of bugame.

Some 19th century psychotherapists had unusual ideas about how to "spot a homo". E.g. Havelock Ellis "They cannot whistle or spit". Ambroise Tardieu "They cannot urinate in a straight line as they have a corkscrew shaped penis" (so useful when the bottle opener's gone missing)



Civil Ceremonies are providing an ample source of revenue for service providers. 1 issue of Gay Times had ads for venues (9) ranging from Tower Bridge to Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre; for ceremony planners (5); for wedding jewellery (4); for legal advice (2). 1 each for gift-list organisers, photographers, wedding stationers and providers of low-noise fireworks. While you're in the mood, you could precede the big day with a quick colonic irrigation (1) and an STD test by post (2).

Carlos and Fernando are two gay, and very pink, flamingos. They have been a couple for several years, during which time they have raised some baby flamingos from eggs stolen from other nests.



COUNSELLING SERVICE AT ROSHNI

Roshni provides a range of services for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) women, children and young people who experience domestic or sexual violence. Roshni works towards the eradication of violence through a non-judgmental approach, with a focus around empowerment and enabling women, children and young people to live their lives free from fear of violence.

Roshni's services include safe, supported housing provision for South Asian women and children as well as information, advice and advocacy support for women living in the community who are affected by domestic and sexual violence. This includes specialist skills relating to forced marriage, honour based violence and responding to associated issues such as multiple perpetrators and coercion, especially for LGBT women who frequently face overt and subtle forms of violence because of their sexuality or sexual identity.

Roshni also provides training and workshops on domestic and sexual violence in order to raise awareness and promote good practice and delivers services that are responsive to the needs of our users and the local community. We actively initiate and participate in research, campaigns and projects which have a wider benefit for communities.

Thanks to funding from Comic Relief, Roshni are offering free, individual, face to face counselling and therapy to 16-25 year-old BAMER young women who are currently experiencing, or have previously been affected by any form of gender based violence including domestic abuse, sexual violence, bullying or assault, violence in intimate and same-sex relationships, forced marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), 'honour' based violence or gang-related violence. The service is free of charge and counselling is available in English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil and Spanish. The focus of the service is to enable women to move on from the past, value themselves and remain free from violence.

There are few specialist counselling and therapeutic services for survivors of gender-based violence and even fewer that provide counselling in different languages free of charge. Roshni's endeavour is to fill this gap with the new counselling service and provide psychological support to women who may not be able to access mainstream services due to financial, immigration, culture or language related barriers.

We are keen on spreading the word to as many organisations and individuals as possible, so that those working with young BAMER survivors know that in a climate of cuts and closures there is a unique and valuable service now available to women in need of specialist support.

Roshni welcomes self-referrals as well as third party referrals. To make a referral or for more information about the counselling service, contact Roshni by phone on 0115-9881414 or email: counselling@rosninnotts.org.uk



Panthers RFC Limited is the East Midlands' own inclusive Rugby Club. We have been going for coming up to a year now and regularly have about 12 men (sometimes more) of all shapes and sizes turning up for Sunday afternoon training sessions in Derby.

From this Sunday (30th October) our training moves to our new pitch (courtesy of Derby City Council who have marked it out for us). Training is between 1 pm and 3 pm each Sunday as follows:

Rykneld Park (Community Centre)
Bedford Close, Derby, DE22 3PF.

We will be onsite for 12.30 for group catch up etc and to welcome new members. The location is just off St Albans Rd.....off the main ring road in Derby. The Royal Derby Hospital is quite conveniently located close by. There is parking at the pitch.



We are really a very friendly bunch. All players are welcomed. We are properly registered with NLD Rugby (Notts Lincs Derby) which is the RFU body in the region. **NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF RUGBY IS REQUIRED.** Turn up, get fit and have fun. We also have an active non-playing group of supporters happy to sit on the touch line, drink coffee and run on with the water bottles. We call them our BAPS (a bit like WAGS but it stands for Boyfriends And Partners & Supporters!). Some people watch first and then join in.

SPORTS KIT NIGHT FUN WITH THE PANTHERS RFC: Friday 2 December 2011. 7.30 pm to Midnight. The Green Room Downstairs At the Lord Roberts 24 Broad Street Nottingham.

Panthers RFC Limited (the East Midlands' Gay and Inclusive Rugby Club) are proud to present: Men in Kit and Men in Frocks. A fun evening with entertainment provided by the fabulous club mascots: Gini La Rue and Ezmee Too. The team will be in rugby kit. Please come and meet us and wear sports kit or drag (if you wish!). There will also be an opportunity to see the Panthers new team strip! £5.00 door charge. Funds raised help support Panthers. More information is available at www.panthersrfc.co.uk and on the team's facebook page where details of weekly training sessions (all welcome!) can also be found.

Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust have had another excellent year ensuring that their LGBT staff and service users are openly welcomed and supported. Stonewall acknowledged these achievements by awarding us with 12th place in their Workplace Equality Index 2011 and we are striving to make further links with the LGBT community to continue our progress.

We flew the Rainbow Flag over Duncan Macmillan House, the Trust headquarters, for the whole of February to mark LGBT history month and hosted an exhibition of Sapphist writers' poetry and prose during this time. In February 2012 we would like to involve more contributors to a multi media exhibition and so will be asking for entries to a competition from artists, photographers and writers (details to follow shortly).



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 signed up over one hundred new members who will all 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.

Benefits of being a member:

- Receive a Member welcome pack when your registration has been logged
- Receive the Trust newsletter (quarterly)
- Get discounts from major retailers through "NHS Discounts"
- Have 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 to the Members' Council
- 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

You can get involved as much or as little as you wish- so go on become a member today! If you would like to learn more about becoming a member you can find details on the Trust web-site at:-

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

You can apply online or by telephone, and if you would simply like to receive more information about Trust membership you can contact the membership office on 0800 012 1623 or the Involvement Team on 0115 9934567.



Mike Cooke CBE, CEO, Raises the Rainbow Flag above Trust HQ - February 2011

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Do you frequently feel as though your world has been turned upside down? Do you feel worlds apart from your friends, family or loved ones?

The Emotional Wellbeing Workshop from **HGN** is free and designed for gay and bisexual men and MSM. The workshop aims to help you make sense of your world and cope with some of the challenges that life throws at you. To register, phone 0115 9476868 or e-mail healthygaynottingham@nottinghamcity.nhs.uk

The workshop is on Saturday Dec. 3rd from 9.30 to 4.30 pm. 12, Broad Street, Nottingham.

Lesbian & Gay Switchboard
0115 934 8485 or 01623 621515

or text 07624809360

Monday-Friday 7 pm-9.30 pm
7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB.
notts@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk
www.nottslgs.org.uk

Healthy Gay Nottingham
0115 947 6868

Monday-Friday daytimes
12, Broad Street,
Nottingham NG1 3AL.

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

Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage
c/o NVAC, 7 Mansfield Road,
Nottingham NG1 3FB.

0115 9349529 nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk
www.nottsrainbowheritage.org.uk

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 HGN, 12 Broad St.)
Contact Switchboard or HGN or go to
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:

Nottinghamshire Hyking Dykes; Bi-Delight: Stately Homes Group; Notts 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); SMOC (for heterosexual partners of LGBT people); Bi Women's Group; LiNk-Notts (local lesbian e-mail info service); LAFS (Lesbians in Ashfield friendship & support); Eat Out Nottingham; 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.

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

DIARY

BREAKOUT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

No year would be complete without **Breakout** gay and bisexual men's group's Christmas Party - usually accompanied by the adjective "infamous". Foodwise, it's a bring and share event. Expect unbelievable prizes in the raffle.

It's on Tuesday December 20th, 7.30 pm in the Green Room (that's downstairs) at the Lord Roberts, Broad Street.

Nottingham Women's Disco (formerly Fanny's)

Upstairs @ The Canalhouse Bar,
Canal Street, Nottingham NG1 7EH
(Next to Via Fossa)

Saturday November 26th 8pm - 1am

Disco starts at 9pm £5 Entry

Although this venue is upstairs, there is a lift.

Tickets available on the night.

Contact djsixdegrees@googlemail.com
for any further info

PANTOS: LET BATTLE COMMENCE

The yearly rivalry between the Theatre Royal and the Playhouse continues with **Cinderella** at the Playhouse and **Sleeping Beauty** at the Theatre Royal.

The Playhouse has the ugliest of ugly sisters and the most pungent of puns, while Sleeping Beauty boasts Ceri Dupree as the most glamorous Dame in the world. Glitter will be universal (oh, yes it will). Here and there the occasional mouse and pumpkin.

Lorgnettes must be donned at the Theatre Royal as they intend to kick pantomime into another dimension with a 3D enchanted forest - modelled, we hear, on Colwick Woods.

The Sleeping Beauty runs from December 10th to January 15th and Cinderella begins on 25th of November and runs probably forever.

