

QB

Nottinghamshire's Queer Bulletin

April/May 2013
Number 71

In this edition

This is another occasion when we have been asked to try out a new form of invisible ink. It uses something called electrophoresis, so they say.

Attach wires to each end of a AAA battery, soak this section in salt water, then place one wire on the Q and one wire on the B and the hidden paragraph below will be revealed.

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

QB
Lesbian and Gay Switchboard
7 Mansfield Road
Nottingham NG1 3FB

or e-mail

notts@lgswitchboard.fsnet.co.uk

The deadline for the next edition will be April 27th

**Switchboard is registered
charity number 1114273**

NUMBER 1 IN THE NHS SAYS STONEWALL

FREE



Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is 4th in the Stonewall Top 100 employers list for 2013 - and is now the best in the NHS! At a time of upheaval in the NHS, it is reassuring to have such an LGBT friendly organisation in Nottingham.

On Feb. 26th they received an award at Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage's Celebration evening at the Council House.



Their award certificate has the following inscription:

"Under the inspired leadership of Catherine Conchar, their Head of Equality and Diversity, the Trust has become the highest rated NHS organisation on Stonewall's employers' index. Here is an organisation which takes all aspects of diversity seriously and strives to work for all "protected characteristics". For once, excellent policies are translated into excellent practice".



For this year's LGBT History Month, the Trust has:



Had the rainbow flag raised by their Chief Executive Officer, Professor Mike Cooke

Displayed the Trans exhibition "Living my Life"

Housed displays and readings by Sapphist Writers

Set up a rainbow wall of quotes from staff and patients

Presented a showing of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert"

Put on a conference about "Religion, belief and sexual orientation"

Organised training on both Trans awareness and LGB awareness.



LGBT HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage's displays took in the TV screens at West Bridgford Police station (see above) and various libraries, some of which are shown below.



The County Council's LGBT Employee's group organised a display at County Hall with the help of historian Tony Scupham-Bilton.



LGBT HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



These pictures show some of the awardees at Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage's Celebration and Awards evening. Above, WOW, the Worksop LGBT Youth group (and Prof. Greg Woods presenting the award). Below, central, the late Kris Kirk performing in Gay Street Theatre in 1975: that award remembered Nottingham Gay Liberation Front.



MINE'S BIGGER THAN YOURS

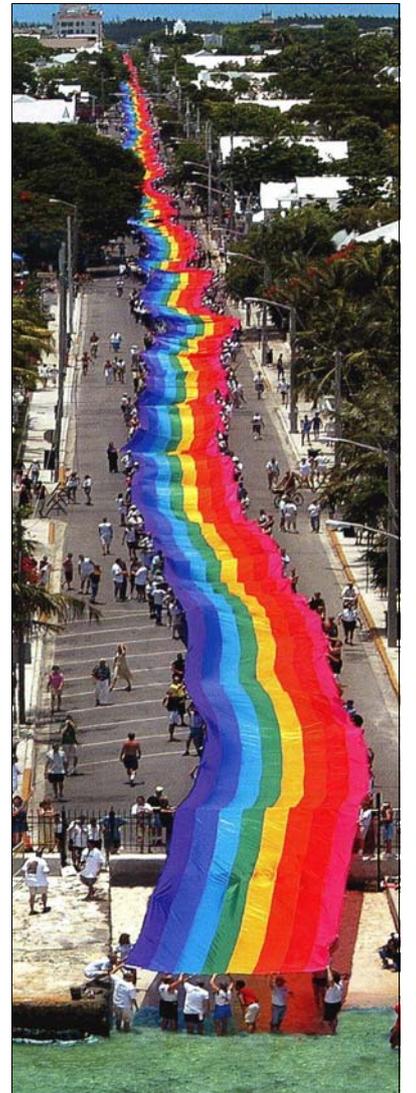
During LGBT History Month, rainbow flags were ubiquitous.

Amongst other placements, you could see them

- At Duncan Macmillan House
- Gedling Civic Centre
- At the Mike Harris Centre Rampton

However, our foreign correspondent holidays each year in Key West, an LGBT friendly island which occasionally displays a rainbow flag which stretches from one side of the island to the other.

The flag is 2000 metres long. Does anyone in Nottingham fancy knitting a longer flag?



HOMOPHOBIC HATE CRIME

MALE RAPE VICTIM? You are not alone.

Some people think that rape is something that only happens to women and that rapists are people who lurk behind the bushes waiting for a vulnerable female victim.

But from my experience in investigating rape and sexual assault, this could not be further from the truth

Rapists are likely to be someone you know and trust and men can be victims too. In fact, there are probably more male victims out there than we realise as many don't come forward due to feelings of guilt or shame.

There is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of. Being a victim of rape is not your fault or a result of something you have done.

Rape of men is massively under-reported and, as a result, there are lots of victims out there who are not receiving the help and support they need.

This also means there are rapists out there who have not been brought to justice for committing one of the most violating and traumatic crimes there is.

Nottinghamshire Police takes all reports of rape and sexual assault extremely seriously and all victims will be treated with sensitivity, compassion and respect – whatever your gender.

We have specialist rape investigation teams, made up of experienced detectives who are specially trained to support victims, both male and female, and bring offenders to justice.

They will be on hand every step of the way to support you through the process. To report a rape or sexual assault, contact Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or visit your local police station.

Rape in any form is simply unacceptable. Please trust us - allow us to listen to you and do something about what has happened to you.

Insp Steve Waldram, head of Nottinghamshire Police's City Rape Team



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
POLICE**
PROUD TO SERVE

CAN YOU HELP?

Have you been a victim of hate crime? Or do you work to prevent hate crime from happening or help those who have been a victim? If so I need your help!

Hi, I'm James Young. I am in the process of planning a documentary on hate crime to raise awareness of its severity within our community. It will cover the different forms of hate crime, how it can be dealt with and the effects it can have on someone's day to day life.

I am looking for volunteers to attend interviews and a few possible experiments (Providing I get the permission and go ahead) to place in my documentary. I am looking for people who have been a victim of homophobic abuse, who work to prevent hate crime or help those who have fallen victim. If the experiment gets the go-ahead I will be looking for a couple to take part in the experiment. If you are interested in taking part, please e-mail me at james.young06@yahoo.co.uk

46 NOT OUT

The possibility of being "outed" deters many people from taking to court those who have committed homophobic crimes. **Section 46** of the **Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act** can help.

It will not stop your name from being mentioned in court, but it can be used to stop your details being reported by the news media. ("No matter relating to the witness shall, during their lifetime, be included in any publication if it is likely to lead to them being identified as being a witness in the procedure").

It is stated that there are certain types of cases where this provision may be beneficial - they are: domestic violence; racially aggravated crimes; homophobic crime.

SUPPORT FOR MALE RAPE VICTIMS

Locally, support is provided by **Healthy Gay Nottingham** (see contact details on the back page).

Nationally, **Survivors** is a confidential self-help group, set up for victims of male sexual abuse and rape. Website: www.survivorsuk.org
Telephone: 0845 122 1201 - UK National Helpline
Email: info@survivorsuk.org

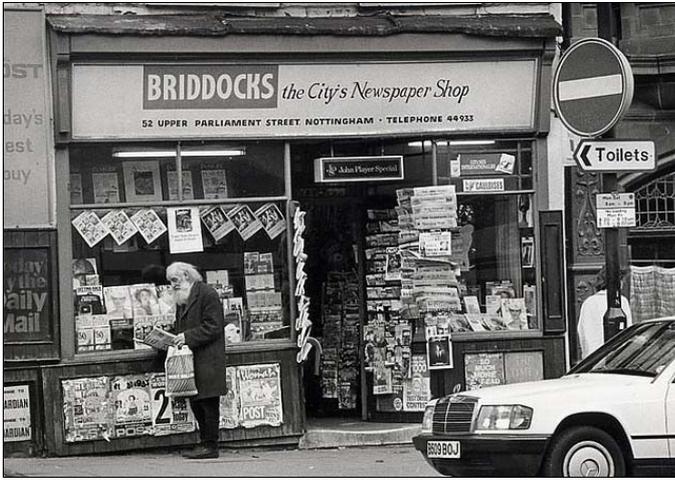
Mpower supports male victims of sexual abuse. They have a helpline and their website provides useful information. www.male-rape.org.uk/
01603 667 687

Victim Support can be reached on 0845 3030900

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

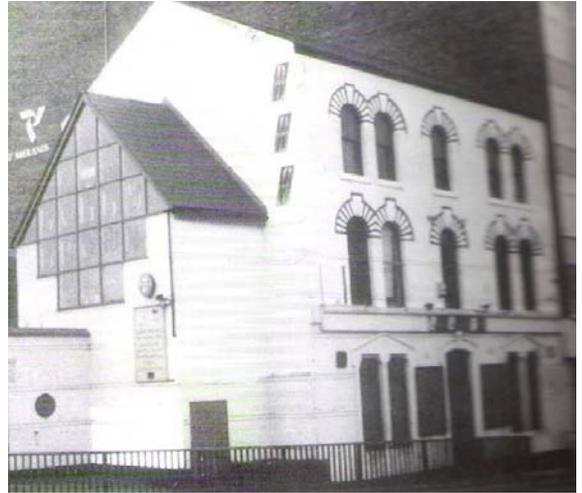
THE NOTTINGHAM MAP

There's a link to the map on the homepage of Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage's website. Every red spot on the map links to a place with some LGBT connection. Here are some of those places.



Briddocks newsagent's on Parliament Street dates back to the 19th century and it closed in 1991. Why is it on the map? Because in the early 1970s, when general newsagents (W. H. Smith and the like) would not stock gay magazines, you could pick up *Gay News* and *Sappho* at Briddocks.

Later on it stocked *Gay Times*, *Zipper* etc. Though tiny, it was crowded with newspapers and magazines. If you wanted foreign newspapers (*Die Welt*, *Le Figaro*, the *Yorkshire Post*) you could get them all there.



The Roebuck (take your own flea spray) is long demolished. It was an old-style gay bar situated near to York House on Mansfield Road and was the principle rival to the *Old Dog* and *Partridge*.

The Roebuck was managed by the formidable Maxine - whose partner ran off with a horse trainer from Cheltenham.



Voted one of the top 10 cinemas in the world, **Broadway Cinema** has a gay friendly bar and restaurant and most years runs a selection of films in an LGBT film season. From time to time it has run fundraising events for local LGBT organisations—see below Switchboard's display at Broadway and the Singa-longa-Sound-of-Music fund raising event



5-A-SIDE WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Ladies Five a side footie runs every Tuesday at the Forest Recreation ground Nottingham. Its non league football team (women only) based in Nottingham.

The team play for fun and fitness and we also enter fun events (optional) throughout the year. The team is of mixed ability and experience and ranges from 18-55 years of age. Some women will e-mail saying that they are nervous about playing or have not played in ages and lack confidence. Mentoring support is available and everyone is friendly and supportive creating a safe environment to play footie and mix with like minded people. The social side is also very supportive and we often do socials throughout the year along with opportunities to join events outside football. Details:

Venue - Forest Recreation Ground/Goose Fair site
Parking - Free **Day** - Tuesday **Price** - £3.00
Tram - Forest Recreation stop **Time** - 6-7pm
Level - We play for fun and cater for all abilities and fitness. **Surface** - Astro Turf (not rubber crumb)

For any further info contact Joolz at
joolzy_joolz@hotmail.co.uk

HOMOPHOBIA AT THE UNI

The **University of Nottingham** students' magazine IMPACT recently published a survey of nearly 500 students. Some of the findings were:

- 2/3rds of students have witnessed homophobic abuse in halls of residence and anti-gay bullying has risen.
- 1/3rd of students were uncomfortable about being open about their sexuality in halls of residence - a 12% increase.
- The Christian Union has been accused of spreading homophobic messages.
- Over half of students believe that homophobia is not considered a serious disciplinary offence and 41% of staff lack sufficient knowledge of LGBT issues.
- People have complained about a narrow-minded, intolerant "laddish" culture.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Two new documents can now be downloaded from the Documents section of the Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage website. They are "So you think your child is gay" from Stonewall and "Religion and belief in the workplace - a guide for employers" from EHRC. Go to <http://www.nottsrh.webeden.co.uk/#/nationaldocuments/4541064702>

DISCOVERING OUR CREATIVITY

A day of Art for gay/bi men.

The day will be mainly practical. Offering a choice of materials and subjects in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It will be informal, social and positive.

No previous experience or knowledge is necessary. We want participants to feel free to have a try at painting and drawing without fear of criticism.

Anthony Gariff (pictured) will lead the day. He is a Nottingham based self-taught artist who has shown his work at several exhibitions. We've deliberately kept the group small; there are only 10 places, so that Anthony will be able to provide some individual guidance.



Saturday April 27th 10-4pm.
£30 for the day (£10 unwaged), which includes lunch and refreshments. All materials provided. It's at the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FN. Advance booking essential: contact Richard McCance, 2 Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Not-

tingham, NG7 2DS. 07503 215 305 or e-mail
dunedin10@yahoo.co.uk

Some gay sauna's charge you £12 admission

@ New Reflections
Nottingham's No1 Gay Sauna

The most you pay is £10

Plus you pay less if you take advantage of our early bird discount before 1pm, or our drive time discount after 5.30pm.

What's more, there is FREE PARKING.

And discreet entrance on quiet side street.

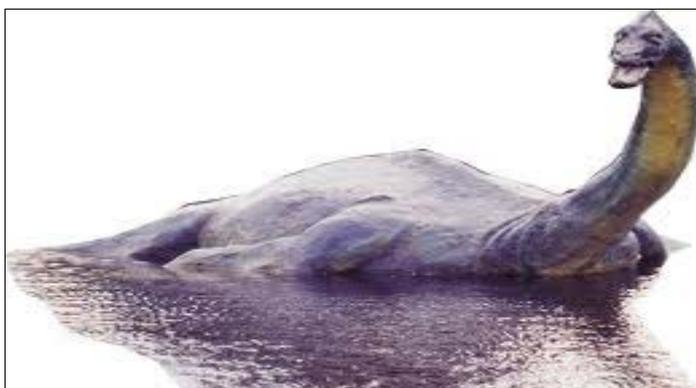
New Reflections Sauna
1 Kilbourn Street, Nottingham NG3 1BQ
Tel: 0115 958 880

QB'S BITS

- **Breakout** gay and bi men's group has now returned to the basement room at the Lord Roberts for its weekly meetings
- **Pride** this year will be on Saturday July 27th, the venue has yet to be confirmed.
- **Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage** has put together a display about the "gay marriage" controversy, detailing the comments of various clerics - some negative, some positive. It's called *Vicars in a Twist* and can be downloaded from the News page of their website.
- **Mansfield Library** is hosting a local History Fair on May 19th. Visitors can view displays from about 20 local history groups between 11 am and 3 pm.. Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage will have its own stall with displays on several themes and projections of 666 famous LGBT faces.
- In April, the City Council's **Equality and Fairness Commission** will devote a whole meeting to hate crime. If you have any experiences of homophobic hate crime or of reporting these crimes, e-mail Switchboard, which will be represented at that meeting.
- We're sorry to hear that the **New Gables Hotel** has closed.

IS IT TRUE? (4 OUT OF 6)

1. In Yorkshire, they have ecstasy tablets which are not swallowed, but ingested through the wall of the mouth - it's called E by gum.
2. Female hyenas have a 7 inch clitoris, which can be turned inside out.
3. Emma-Mae Work married Arthur Wonders and became Emma-Mae Work-Wonders.
4. In 1975 Sir Peter Scott gave an official name to the Loch Ness Monster - Nessiteras Rhombopteryx. It was pointed out that this was an anagram of "monster hoax by Sir Peter S".



5. The Jockey Club refused to allow horses to be named "Norfolk Enchants" and "Hoof Hearted"
6. The motto of the French Navy is "To the water, it is the hour!" .. or .. "A l'eau, c'est l'heure".

SOME NEWS FROM LOCAL NOVELIST NARVEL ANNABLE

The three novels *Lost Lad*, *Scruffy Chicken* and *Death on the Derwent* are now available as electronic books at Amazon. There's more information on my website www.narvelannable.co.uk and on my Facebook page.

<http://tinyurl.com/narvelannable>

Secret Summer, *Scruffy Chicken*, *Lost Lad* and *Heanor Schooldays* are still available directly from me at the new price of £8 inclusive of P&P by posting a cheque payable to Narvel Annable at

Narvel Annable
44 Dovedale Crescent
Belper
Derbyshire
DE56 1HJ

I can send a signed book to any address in the UK. If it's for somebody special, let me know how you would like it signed. Example –

*For Dave,
Happy Birthday
Narvel Annable
A gift from your friend John Smith.*

My next novel *Sea Change* is making slow progress and will not be available until late 2013.

During the past few years I have been interviewed about LGBT issues several times on both radio and TV. The information below gives you links to where many of these interviews can be heard.

The link below will take you to the BBC Radio Derby interview of January 14th. All extraneous items have been edited out to leave about 20 minutes of conversation with Andy Potter.

<http://soundcloud.com/ontheradio-1/narvel-annable-on-bbc-radio>

Central Television and BBC Radio

The Central TV News item is now available on my website and Facebook page. Or simply click on to the link below.

Central TV News video: <http://tiny.cc/narveltv>

Since 1998, I've been interviewed on BBC Radio Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Manchester and Leicester.

You can hear some of those conversations on my Facebook page and website. Or simply click on to the link below.

Archive radio interviews: <http://www.mixcloud.com/narvelontheradio/>



PROZAC - A LOVE STORY.

Come to me in all your green and yellow glory
Fill me with your soft and yielding, time releasing love
I feel aglow with warmth and light and laughter
Just knowing that your blister pack is there beneath
my glove.

They tell me drugs are bad! But I know better
You're nothing like the others, you're my friend
When times are getting rough and they're all up and
leaving
You'll be there beside me, stopping me from going
round the bend.

You make me want to be a better person
Oh Prozac darling tell me you'll be true
So when the doctor tells me that we're over
I'll find a way of coming back to you.

©Rachel Philips This poem is one of many appearing in **Sapphist Writers'** anthology "The Big Tree". For more details go to <http://sapphistwriters.blogspot.co.uk/>



Do you or your children want to
Learn a musical instrument? Play an instrument you learned at school? Get to grips with music theory?

Saxophone, clarinet, flute, oboe, cor anglais, bassoon, recorder, theory

Friendly lessons from a member of your community in the comfort of your own home. All ages, all levels.

Call or email now for your free taster lesson!
Tricia Moores 07425-135385
tricia.moores@musicteachers.co.uk

WE'VE GONE ROUND THE BEND

**The Health Shop and
Healthy Gay Nottingham have
temporarily moved to
Heathcoat Street
(numbers 11-13)**

**You're only 1 minute away, we're just
around the corner!**

**Health Shop ☎ 0115 947 5414
HGN ☎ 0115 947 6868**

OUTBURST

Hey there, we are **outBurst!** We are a friendly, welcoming and informal group and we meet every Wednesday from 6-8pm at the new NGY building (29-31 Castle Gate, Nottingham).

If you're between the ages of 12 and 25, and identify within the LGBT community, we could well be the group you are looking for! We're here for those of you who are shy and questioning who you are just as much as we are here for those who are out, loud and proud.

Our shiny 'new' building has all sorts of facilities we can use, ranging from a fully equipped gym to a dance studio; and an outdoor table tennis area to a café. We also have access to a wide range of other equipment such as musical instruments, iPads, PS3 and Wiis, cameras and video cameras, so we can offer all sorts of one-off or sustained workshops as well as just having some good old fashioned fun – just this week, we're starting guitar lessons for the budding Lucy Spraggan's and Jessie Farmer's amongst you!

We have recently re-launched with a new staff team and aim to make outBurst THE place to be on Wednesday nights. If you think you're too old for this sort of group, think how you felt when you were 13 – wouldn't it have been cool to be able to hang out with older LGBT people who are out there in the big world, dealing with life and their sexuality/gender issues? Wouldn't you have done anything for the chance to speak to someone that bit older and wiser than you who could have offered advice on how to deal with 'that crush'? If you're nervous – please don't be: check out our very active Facebook page; meet us there; chat with us and build up your confidence to visit us.

Any questions, call Nicci on 0758 059 7008 or Facebook us! Hope to see you all soon!



Free to Be is a new group of LGBT Christians, providing biblical support and encouragement to other LGBT Christians across the East Midlands. We are a group of LGBT individuals, each with our own story, exploring our Christian's journeys. We are not affiliated to any church, but organised by four LGBT Christians who feel passionately about providing a safe place for Gay, Lesbian or Bi Christians to be able to be free. We will meet fortnightly in Nottingham from April and are getting to know each other before then through Facebook and our website.

www.free-to-be.org.uk Please feel free to get in touch.

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
 Follow us on Facebook at
 www.facebook.com/NLGSUK
 & Twitter at https://twitter.com/nottslgs

 Healthy Gay Nottingham
 0115 947 6868 Monday-Friday daytimes
 12, Heathcoat St, 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 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); Nottingham & Trent Uni LGBT Societies; Peak Ruffies women's walking group: LIRAIN (lesbians into real ale); Police OUTNetwork; LGBT Rainbow Writers Group; Sapphist Writers; SMOG (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 Recovery (drugs/alcohol) 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

GET YOUR BEAUTY SLEEP

Our favourite gay choreographer, Matthew Bourne, returns to Tchaikovsky with his latest re-imagining of a ballet classic, **Sleeping Beauty**.

Our story begins in 1890 at the christening of Princess Aurora, a time when fairies and vampires fed the gothic imagination, before moving forward in time to the modern day. At the Theatre Royal, April 2nd-6th.

THE NEW FOUR POOFS

Like a phoenix risen from the ashes, the **New 4 Poofs and a Piano show** is Bigger! Louder! Harder! Longer!

This new line-up of the fab four, will have everyone from students to the blue rinse brigade reaching for their Tena Ladies!



Thursday April 11th at the Y, 7 East Street, Leicester, LE1 6EY. 0116 255 7066

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO LOVE

Julian Clary is scouring the land in search of love. "Because I'm still considered to be quite a catch and because your town is noted for its heterosexuals on the cusp, there's bound to be stiff competition", says Julian.



"Therefore I'll be hosting ruthless elimination games. You can be sure of one thing. By the end of the evening, we'll all be celebrating my new partnership." May 5th at the Playhouse

FORCE MAJEURE

Eddie Izzard, the man who turned talking 'Bollocks' into an art form, lands with superior force at the Capital FM Arena. May 22nd/23rd.

This will be Eddie's most extensive comedy tour ever and bollocks-talking will be heard from Cardiff to Kathmandu, Moscow to Mumbai

