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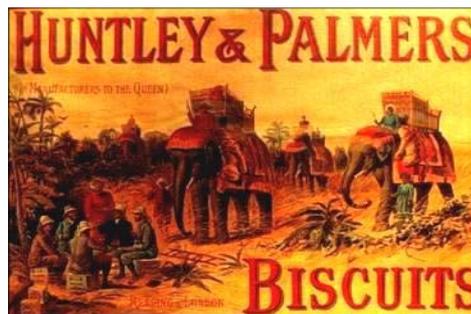
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50 YEARS AGO: 27/7/67 SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT

FREE



In 1954 **Sir John Wolfenden** was asked to set up a committee to examine the possible decriminalisation of homosexual acts between men and also the laws relating to prostitution. To save the embarrassment of the ladies on the committee, homosexuals were referred to as "Huntleys" and prostitutes as "Palmers".

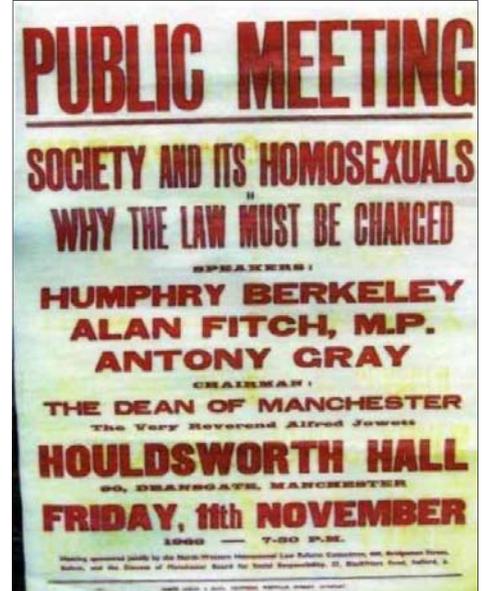


In the House of Lords in 1965, **Lord Arran** (whose many names included "Strange" and "Kattendyke") proposed the decriminalisation of male homosexual acts.

Lord Arran also sponsored a bill for the protection of badgers, and was once asked why this effort had failed whereas decriminalising homosexuality had succeeded. Arran is reported to have replied: "There are not many badgers in the House of Lords".

The Wolfenden Committee had recommended the decriminalisation of consenting male homosexual acts in private in 1957, but the Tory government was unwilling to change the law. Many Labour MPs opposed changing the law because "the miners would not stand for it".

Allan Horsfall lived in a mining constituency and organised an event to publicise the need for a change in the law.



He used his own contact details in the publicity. Allan proved it was possible to run a Law Reform campaign from within a mining community without the sky falling in – though the Conservative MP Humphry Berkeley was defeated at the next General Election due, it is said, to his promotion of the bill to change the law.



You can see Allan Horsfall talking about his experiences at <https://tinyurl.com/mycb5k8>

Strangely, the number of convictions for sexual offences actual went up after the act and it is estimated that after 1967 about 30,000 gay men were still convicted for behaviour that would not have been illegal if they were heterosexual.

SATURDAY JULY 29TH - IT'S PRIDE



Nottinghamshire Pride takes place on Saturday July 29th noon to 6pm in the Hockley/Lace Market area. Community stalls are on Heathcoat Street. The stage is located on Carlton Street.

The march will begin at 11.30 starting from Castle Gate opposite Marks and Spencers, so be there a little earlier if you want to join in. It will make its way along Wheeler Gate, through the Market Square, up Pelham Street to Hockley.

MYDONATE



To make an instant one-off donation to Notts LGBT+ Network, go to the Funding page on their website www.nottslgbt.com and click on the Mydonate symbol, then follow the instructions. If you are a taxpayer, your donation is increased by 25%



It's that time of year again! Would you like to be a volunteer for Notts LGBT+ Network? We are currently accepting applications from the local LGBT+ community of to join our 2017 training programme. Being a volunteer is much more than just chatting to our callers. Get in touch now and find out more or complete the online application using this link

<https://goo.gl/forms/gzr5aRMiGfvWqCkg2>

LGBT CANCER TREATMENT



Would you like to tell to us about your experience of cancer treatment as a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Trans patient?

We have been commissioned by Macmillan to ask you about your experiences and views of the care you have received.

Medical consultations about having cancer are stressful for all patients; however, Lesbian Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) people face the extra worry of deciding if, when and how to disclose their sexual orientation or gender identity. They may worry about healthcare professionals reacting badly or be fearful about their sexual orientation or gender identity becoming known.

We would like to talk to you about:

- Were you able to disclose your sexual orientation or gender identity to your cancer professionals?
- Did you feel you wanted to disclose, but didn't feel able to?
- Did you have access to LGBT-focussed information about your cancer treatment?
- Which professionals are supporting you through your treatment
- Do you feel you have been treated like a whole person by the cancer professionals you've come into contact with?

We want to talk to people with the whole range of experiences of care and support from good to mixed, and where you feel there's room for improvement.

The interview will take place at a time and place of your choosing. It will take somewhere between 45-90 minutes.

If you are interested, please contact the Research Team LGBTresearch@dmu.ac.uk 07708130866

The Macmillan Cancer Support logo. The text 'WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT' is written in a bold, green, sans-serif font. 'WE ARE' is on the top line, 'MACMILLAN.' is in the middle, and 'CANCER SUPPORT' is at the bottom.

LONELINESS AND LGBT+ PEOPLE

Here is a summary of the findings from the event "Trapped in the well of loneliness" held in March.

How important is close relationship with a friend, partner or spouse?

A close relationship is very important. It is a sharing between two people (doesn't have to be a partner) which is built on trust, truthfulness, where feelings can be shared - happiness and sadness and the other is unconditionally accepted.

How would you describe a good relationship with a close person?

A good relationship may be beyond the physical and is a relationship where there is mutuality, understanding, communication (spoken or unspoken) – it is a meaningful coming together which is enjoyable.

Do you think it is fair to say that a close relationship takes time to develop?

Can be very quick and sometimes it can take a long time.

How important is physical sex in a close relationship?

An emotionally close relationship may not always be physical, but some people felt that such a relationship is lacking or missing out on sex, especially if an adult. One participant felt not having sexual intimacy would bring a sense of loss and hopelessness.

In what ways might loneliness be different for LGBT+ people?

It was felt that social stigma created quite closed LGBT+ groups which are difficult for a new person to access – a supportive buddy might help with this. There are only a small number of LGBT+ social groups. It was also felt that LGBT+ people were often excluded from religious groups and families of origin. Non-LGBT+ groups may lack an awareness of the intimate needs of LGBT+ people. Loss of a relationship or death of a partner is not recognised (disenfranchised) in straight society. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people may experience loneliness differently.

What might we do to address issues of loneliness amongst LGBT+ people?

The LGBT+ community [sic] is not a homogenous group of people and individuals might also have the full range of other demographics such as ethnicity, physical ability, religion and age. As stated elsewhere LGBT+ people are stigmatised and this exacerbates loneliness. Suggested initiatives included:

Telling and listening to stories,
Supporting people to get positive emotionally energising experiences,
Socialising with similar others. Having a buddy,
Making events accessible, time of day, geographically,
Setting up loneliness 'thinking groups' to come up with ideas to combat loneliness,
Sharing means of communication – mobile/telephone numbers, social media,

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Sharing meals/drinks out and at home,
Participating in faith groups,
An accessible directory of events/activities.*
Befriending non-LGBT+ people.
Borrowing strategies used by non-LGBT+/other minority groups to reduce loneliness,
Setting up empowerment groups – awareness raising, network, share resources, inspiring members to set goals ...

*Note that Notts LGBT+ Network has a **Notts Directory** which can be downloaded from the Local Facilities page of its website and also a **Calendar** of events and activities linked to its homepage. Go to <http://nottslgbt.com/>

The only way the calendar can be up-to-date is if those who organise events send us the details, so e-mail us on info@nottslgbt.com

M&M'S SUPPORT PRIDE IN USA



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!

DOWN MEMORY LANE

You can now see a slide show of nearly all of Nottingham's LGBT venues, past and present, on the Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage website. Go to



<https://tinyurl.com/z5y3578>

Supporting Same Sex Couples



Nurture Fertility provides an IVF service. We have supported same sex couples for many years and offer a range of treatments to help you become parents for the first time or to grow your family. We will be holding an information evening for LGBT people on July 11th 6-8pm.

The information will include: sperm donation; egg sharing; surrogacy; egg donation. We will be offering a free fertility assessment to all who attend the meeting at

Nurture Fertility, 25 Business Park, Bostocks Lane, Sandiacre, Nottingham, NG10 5QG
To book a place, please e-mail info@nurturefertility.co.uk or phone 0115 8961900

SILVER PRIDE



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

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>



For Council housing 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.



Film Screening for LGBT+ Pride week

3 short, upbeat and positive films to celebrate our community followed by a brief discussion.

Open to ALL - including questioning and uncertain members of the LGBT+ community - and allies.

Friday 28 July 6.30 - 9pm The Malt Cross, 16 St James's St, Nottingham NG1 6FG

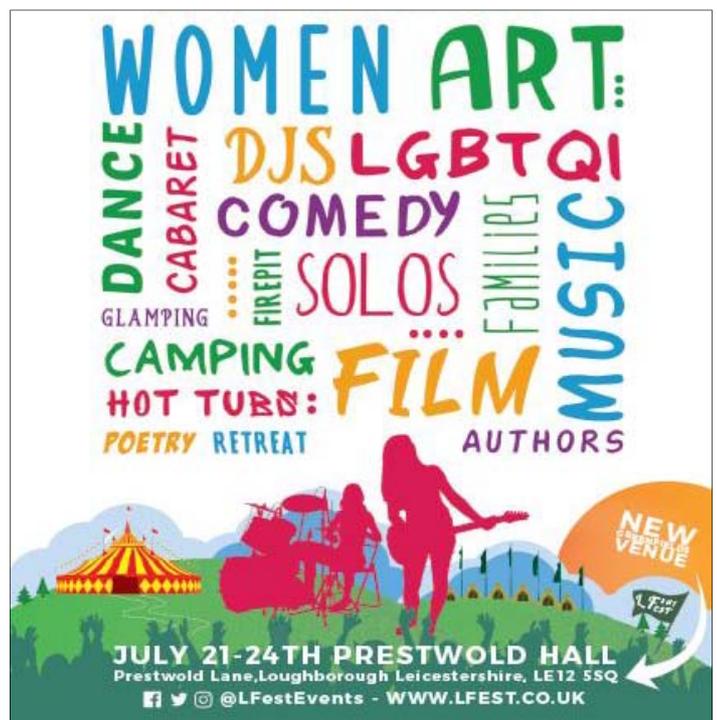
Free! (donations welcome) registration essential!

To register or find out more contact

NCBI Nottingham: 0115 9582842, 0791 347 6905, ncbinotts@ncbi.org.uk

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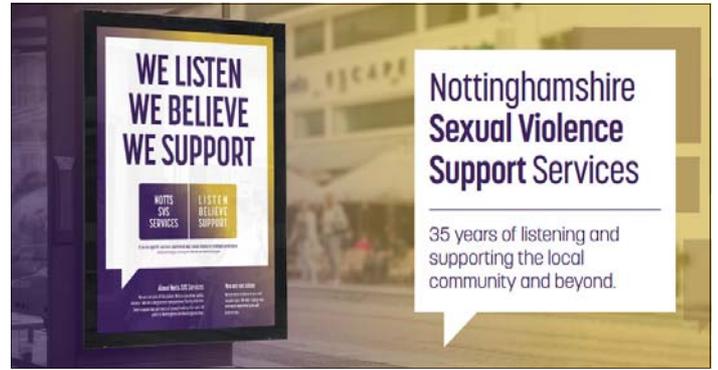
This year **LFest**, the lesbian music, arts and comedy festival, is on July 21-24th and at a new fairly local venue, Prestwold Hall, Prestwold Lane, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 5SQ. You can get tickets at <http://www.lfest.co.uk/tickets2017/>



QB'S BITS

- In QB 94, details were given of the trial in Nottingham of 19 year old John Clarkson - a victim of pre-1967 legislation. You can see a short film about this at <https://youtu.be/rZUp1jr-PBc> on Youtube
- Also on Youtube, you will find Narvel Annable reading about Jasper, the Belper Crone - as part of the Looking Back, Looking Forward project. Go to <https://youtu.be/WAVd8A42c7E>
- Melanoma is not the name of President Trump's wife
- The article on syphilis in the last QB should also have mentioned the services available from both the Health Shop and the Terrence Higgins Trust
- Cardinal Francis Spellmann, who supported the McCarthy witch-hunts against homosexuals in 1950s USA, had a fondness for Broadway chorus boys and was known to his friends as "Thelma".
- Jarhead is not the name of President Trump's son in law.
- YELP online lists the top 10 gay bars in Nottingham. One is in Sheffield, one is in Leicester and eight are in Birmingham.
- In some European countries the letter "v" is pronounced like a "w", says Ivanka Trump, whose mother is from Slovenia.

NOTTS RAPE CRISIS REBRANDS



Notts Rape Crisis has been supporting victims of rape and sexual violence for 35 years. It has recently rebranded and developed a new website.

The new name (**Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services**) makes it clearer that its services go beyond rape into all forms of sexual violence.

The new website also emphasises its inclusion of men and LGBT people in its services and mentions its sensitivity to issues like "coming out" and the gender status of trans people and its support of victims of male rape. You can see the website at <https://nottssvss.org.uk/>

THE HEALTH SHOP


Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



At The Health Shop we don't have all the holes covered, but we now offer anal and oral screening for chlamydia and gonorrhoea for people who don't have symptoms. This is in addition to urine and self-taken vaginal testing

For more information please pop into the service, give us a call or drop us an e-mail

12 Broad Street, Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 3AL
0115 9055001
healthshop@nottshc.nhs.uk
www.healthshopnottingham.co.uk

IDAHO DAY 2017: AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA



On a cloudy May 17th, the rainbow flag was raised over the Council House for IDAHO day., the international day against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

The day was **commemorated inside** the Council House in conjunction with Notts Pride and also at County Hall with the County Council's LGBT Network - see left.



WORKSOP PRIDE/EQUALITY PARADE

The Centre Place and Worksop Out On Wednesdays are excited to announce that in conjunction with Worksop Pride we will be hosting and organising North Nottinghamshire's first ever Equality Parade - see back page. The parade will be open to the whole community young and old. We will start at the bottom end of Bridge Place (near Argos) at 11am and move up through the centre of town ending at the Old Market Square where we will mark the start of Worksop Pride event. ALL places in the parade must be booked in advance.

Please contact The Centre Place via email info@centreplace.org.uk to book your place.

<https://www.facebook.com/North-Nottinghamshire-Equality-Parade-745909088902653/>

Worksop Pride 2017 is planned to be bigger. We have moved the day to a Saturday, 8th July, to deliver to a bigger audience and also moved to a prime location in the Heart of Worksop, the Old Market Square, next to the Town Hall. We are also making the event more family friendly with children's rides and activities. www.WorksopPride.co.uk

BICON 2017



The highlight of the bisexual year, **BiCon** is a week-end-long educational and social gathering for bi people and their friends. This year, it's on 10th-13th August 2017 at Leeds Beckett University's Headingley campus. Go to <https://2017.bicon.org.uk/> for more detail/tickets etc.

AORTIC ANEURYSM SCREENING

Nottinghamshire Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening and the Trans Community

The Nottinghamshire Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening Programme is looking at ways to improve its service. As part of this work we are seeking the views of the Trans community to ensure our services are inclusive.

What is an abdominal aortic aneurysm?

The aorta is the main blood vessel that supplies blood to your body. In some people, as they age, the wall of the aorta can become weak. It can then start to expand and form an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The condition is most common in men aged 65 and over. However, if someone has transitioned from male to female, they will still be at the same level of risk.

Is an abdominal aortic aneurysm serious?

Large aneurysms are rare but can be very serious. As the wall of the aorta stretches it becomes weaker and can burst, causing internal bleeding. Around 85 out of 100 people die when an aneurysm bursts. An aorta which is only slightly larger than normal is not dangerous. However, it is still important to know about it so that we can check if the aneurysm is getting bigger.

Why is screening important?

If you have an aneurysm you will not usually notice any symptoms. This means you cannot tell if you have one, will not feel any pain and will probably not notice anything different. The AAA service offers screening so we can find aneurysms early and monitor or treat them. This greatly reduces the chances of the aneurysm causing serious problems. The easiest way to find out if you have an aneurysm is to have an ultrasound scan of your abdomen.

Who is most at risk?

Based on people whose gender was assigned at birth, men are six times more likely to have an abdominal aortic aneurysm than women, and around 1 in 70 men who are screened have an abdominal aortic aneurysm. The chance of having an aneurysm increases with age and also if you are or have ever been a smoker or if you have high blood pressure.

What will happen when I go for screening?

We use a simple ultrasound scan, similar to that offered to pregnant women. This is very quick and usually lasts less than 10 minutes. We will ask you to lie down and lift up or unbutton your clothing. You will not need to undress. We will put a cool gel on your abdomen. We will then slide the scanning sensor over your skin. The scan will show a picture of the aorta on a screen and we will measure it. This is very quick. We will tell you your result straight away and send a copy to your GP.

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Kris and Gillian from NUH's AAA service will be at Nottinghamshire Pride and would like to talk to members of the Trans community about making the AAA service more inclusive, and offer the opportunity to have a scan there and then at The Health Shop, which will be next to the Health Shop Stand. It will be quick, confidential and of course, you will be treated with the upmost dignity and respect. If you have any questions in advance, please email Kris.Murray@nuh.nhs.uk

THE JOE ORTON EXHIBITION



To coincide with the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Sexual Offences Act, the **National Justice Museum** on High Pavement will be hosting an exhibition devoted to gay Leicester playwright Joe Orton.

The free exhibition will explore the fascinating aspects of crime in Orton's life and work including the defacement of the library books; his trial and imprisonment and his murder and legacy.

The exhibition opens on July 22nd and will display items from the University of Leicester's Orton Archive including the Morocco diary and new artwork by Joe's nephew, artist David Lock, in response to the work of this uncle.

You can read more about the exhibition at <http://212112.vps-10.com/events/14>

MEL JEFFS



Some of you will have heard that Mel Jeffs has just left her role as manager of Nottingham's Women's Centre to become the manager of the esteemed Bromley House Library on Angel Row.

In her years at the Women's Centre, Mel has done much to support lesbians and bi women in Nottingham, but probably her most important achievement has been to convince the police that casual misogyny is a hate crime.

This received national coverage, though the Daily Mail did not like it - not being liked by the Daily Mail is always a point in someone's favour!

The new manager of the Nottingham Women's Centre is Helen Voce.

Notts LGBT+ Network

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

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nottsrh@hotmail.co.uk

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 women's 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

DIVERCITY: LGBT LIVES

Tuesday July 25th.
Free event, 7pm, Five
Leaves Bookshop 14a
Long Row Nottingham.

Researchers at Middle-
sex University have
been researching the
lives of LGBT people in
Nottingham and public

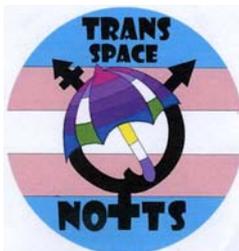


attitudes to the LGBT world as a way of preventing
and combating homophobia and transphobia.

At this session the researchers will present their
initial findings drawn from interviews, surveys and
focus groups in the city. This event will be of inter-
est to anyone concerned with diversity.

Refreshments provided. Please let us know you are
coming on fiveleaves.bookshopevents@gmail.com

TRANS SPACE NOTTS



A safe, accessible, facilitated sup-
port 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

North Notts Equality Parade - 11.00am

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