

LGBT Community Newsletter

September 2011



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Welcome to Intercom's September Newsletter!

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MANY thanks to everyone who sent us community news for inclusion below.

Don't think we've missed anyone out, but if we have please accept our best apologies.

=== Deadline for the October Newsletter is 23 September ===

==== Please send items for the Newsletter to News@intercomtrust.org.uk ====

Happy September to All!



We've had quite a summer here, mainly rushing around the peninsula responding to a new Government initiative called Transforming Local Infrastructure. (There was a note about this in last month's Newsletter, but things have really taken off this month!)

Transforming Local Infrastructure is a very sudden new idea, with a very tight deadline, and we've had to do an *enormous!* amount of work over the last four weeks.

We're going to do our best to make sure that it leads to more and better services for the LGBT frontline groups across all ten areas of the South West peninsula.

After all this Michael (who had to cancel two weeks' annual leave in August because of Transforming Local Infrastructure) is now on leave, and will be back on Monday 5 September. However, he predicts that September is going to be at least as busy as August has been...

Rainbow Café: New Saturday Venue

We're delighted to announce that as of Saturday 27 August, the Exeter Rainbow Café will be held on **accessible** premises EVERY WEEK, not just the last Saturday of the month.

So from now on, EVERY Saturday Rainbow Café will be held on the premises of Exeter Age UK:

138 Cowick Street, Exeter EX4 1HS

(many many thanks to our friends and colleagues at Exeter Age UK).

From 11 o'clock to 2 o'clock, as always.

**The Tuesday evening Rainbow Café will continue to be at the Intercom Centre
from six o'clock to nine o'clock, as always.**

New Befriending Service at Intercom Looking for Volunteers!

Andy runs Intercom's Grassroots Help and Advocacy service. He writes:

"We are always looking for new ways to be of assistance to clients. We are going to start a buddy/befriending service on a client by client basis to see if we can ease some of the isolation felt by clients. Here is one example where buddying / befriending would be especially welcome:

One of our service-users, Tom, has cerebral palsy and lives in a residential unit in Northern Devon. He came out to staff over 2 yrs ago. He now attends the Rainbow Cafe in Exeter once a month. Tom would very much like to meet other Gay Men and Lesbians but due to the inaccessibility of venues and his disability he is finding this very difficult.

If you feel you could be of assistance either to Tom or to other possible clients, please contact us: ring Andy or Lizzie on 01392 678744, or e-mail Andy@intercomtrust.org.uk.

All befrienders / buddies will receive thorough training in advance around Intercom's clear and detailed supportive / protective policies and protocols."



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Dorset Bournemouth and Poole

www.intercomtrust.org.uk

Local Groups and Activities

DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

Coasters for Dorset

Our new cute coasters
(or beer-mats if you prefer).
Have YOU got some good ideas
about how these could help us
reach out to LGBT people who
don't know about the service?

If so, do contact Lizzie on
01392 678744 or at
Lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk.

sexual orientation * gender identity * social groups



harassment * bullying * discrimination

Helping you put the
pieces together

0800 612 3010
Confidential LGBT Helpline

homophobia * prejudice * transphobia
workplace * family issues * goods & services

Coasters for Cornwall & Devon

Intercom's Confidential Community Help and Info

Cornwall Devon Plymouth & Torbay
helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

Freephone **0800 612 3010**
(or 01392 201018)

Dorset Bournemouth and Poole
DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

01305 26 66 42

In Cornwall & Devon this service is funded by the Big Lottery Fund (Reaching Communities Programme)
In Dorset this service is jointly funded by Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council
and Poole Borough Council

Love to all!

Michael and the team

Community News follows...

Community news

You tell us — We spread the good news

Cornwall Pride

Cornwall Pride will be TOMORROW, Saturday 27 August, in Truro.

The Parade starts at 11:00 from Lemon Quay, and the Cornwall Pride Picnic with events etc. will be in the Victoria Gardens.

For details see the Cornwall Pride website at <http://www.cornwallpride.com>.

Dorchester Love Parade

Dorchester Love Parade will be on Sunday 28 August.

This year's theme is "Roman and Gladiator".

The parade will go through Dorchester, and the main stage will be at Maumbury Rings, next to Dorchester South railway station.

For details of the programme keep an eye on the Love Parade website at <http://www.wix.com/nickwebster/dorchester-love-parade>.

The Love Parade Committee writes: "Love Parade is ready to roll again this year and there are several ways you can be involved. You could:

1. Have a stall, contact us (below: there are limited spaces so you will need to be quick)
2. March in the parade, starting from the pump in South Street (Roman theme)
3. Pop in to the day which will be at Maumbury Rings, live music all day, stalls and refreshments
4. Volunteer for the pre-planning group or on the day
5. Attend the party afterwards at Cafe Jagos.

Contact: loveparade2011@hotmail.co.uk."

Silver Moments

Silver Moments is a Dorset Support and Social Group for mature LGBTQ people.

For more details, contact John at Silver Moments on 01202 257478 / 07791 861384, or e-mail silvermomentssouthwest@hotmail.co.uk.

Cardiff Mardi Gras, 3 September

The Festival runs beforehand from 27 August to 2 September

For details look at www.cardiffmardigras.co.uk!

When last heard from, they were looking for volunteers: if you think you might be able to help, contact them through the website.

Tea for T Girls: Exeter

Tea for T Girls is a **new social group for trans women** in Exeter, running on the second Sunday of each month, at the Intercom Centre in Exeter.

It aims to provide a safe social space for M2F women at any stage of their journey. Come dressed or not—space to change will be provided for those who would rather dress here.

**The next meet-up will be on 11 September
from 4pm-9pm, here in the Intercom Centre.**

October 9: Private opening of a local 2nd hand shop - great shoes, bags, dresses, everything you might need, and all in a private closed shop environment.

November 13: Private shop opening of a local Wig shop, so your chance to look at and try on a new wig, again this is a private opening so very safe and with great advice available.

Please contact Ccforfun94@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

01392 678744 lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk or andy@intercomtrust.org.uk.

Personal Safety App

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust has developed a new Personal Safety app for mobiles. For more information, check out the LIVE LIFE SAFE App page on their website, www.suzylamplugh.org.

We're sad to see announcements of the death of Diana Lamplugh, Suzy's mother, who founded the Suzy Lamplugh Trust in memory of her daughter. Our thoughts and good wishes go to her family and friends.

Kiss N Makeup “(All dressed up with somewhere to go!)”

Kiss N Makeup writes:

“We are a Social group of TS/TVs their partners & friends, meeting in Bournemouth every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month. To see more details and RSVP, look at <http://sites.google.com/site/kissnmakeupgroup/>. We're also on Facebook... search KissNmakeup Bournemouth.”

Dorset Knobs

Dorset Knobs meet every Monday in Weymouth: six p.m. onwards at the William Henry (Wetherspoon's) Pub (DT4 8HQ), and then a club.

Colin from Dorset Knobs writes:

"Dorset Knobs" which started as 4 or 5 guys is now attracting 25 plus on a good night! From 6pm a chance just to sit and chat... with an older group of guys... Later the younger dance generation join us and drag some gay grandads (me !) to night club!

We're a very informal group... arrive and depart when you wish.. we have a good chat and lol ... and welcome new friends. OK! We just sit in st8 bar and have no problems.. .(the way it should be!) We even have a gay friend behind the bar! So, visiting Weymouth? or live near by? Try us...!

We hope to have some pix in the September Newsletter, if your Editor can get it sorted with Colin.

Women of Wessex

Women of Wessex announce:

WOMEN OF WESSEX DISCO 8pm to midnight
Ladies only

Friday September 16th

at The Yenton Hotel, Gervis Road, Bournemouth BH1 3ED

Members £5 and non-members £7

New Network for LGBT Parents



LGBT Family Network

RainbowFamiliesSW@gmail.com

There's a new social network being developed so that LGBT parents have got a space to meet each other (online or otherwise), and give support, advice, and generally meet to have fun and socialise the children. New members are welcome, so do get involved and suggest activities, where to meet, etc. Tell us what you find fun!

Contact Jeannette and SJ on RainbowFamiliesSW@gmail.com.

WOW (Women On Wednesdays, Exeter)

Future events.

This year's WOW Bop will be on Saturday 1st October in Exeter. Further details to come out in due course.

The Christmas Meal will be on Friday 2nd December.

And remember...

...Women On Wednesdays have their regular **Wednesday Night Wow** from 8 p.m. at the Exeter Picturehouse, Bartholomew Street.

Contact details for WOW: 07814 19 84 75 or womenonweds.social.exeter@hotmail.com or www.wowexeter.org.

Trans Men: Qwest FtM UK

Qwest FtM UK will be holding its Third National FtM conference on 3 and 4 September.

For information, contact admin@qwestftmuk.org.

Rainbow Writing Group, Bournemouth

The Rainbow Writing Group meets in central Bournemouth on the last Wednesday of each month to discuss poems, plays, essays, novels and other forms of writing. For more information, contact rainbowwritinggroup@hotmail.com.

Dorset Police: Community Consultation

Teri Roberts, who has done so much for all strands of Equality and Diversity at Dorset Police (*THANKS Teri!*), tells us there's a new People and Equality Strategy up on the police website, with an online questionnaire where people can give their thoughts about the new strategy.

Teri writes: "We have recently drafted our People and Equality Strategy which sets out how the Force understands who it serves, where those people and communities are, what are their needs and expectations and how services are designed and monitored. The strategy also sets out how the Force understands the workforce, who and where our staff are and their needs and expectations of Dorset Police as an employer."

We believe Dorset Police have worked hard in recent years to earn our support and we encourage people who live / study / work / holiday in Dorset Bournemouth and Poole to have a look, and help them to further improve their services to LGB and Trans people.

Anyone who feels they would like to examine the new strategy and send in their thoughts, have a look at <http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=536>, before **Friday 2 September**.

Pride events coming up...	
Cornwall Pride	Truro, Saturday 27 August. www.cornwallpride.com
Dorchester Love Parade	Dorchester, 28 August. http://www.wix.com/nickwebster/dorchester-love-parade .
Cardiff Mardi Gras	3 September, www.cardiffmardigras.co.uk
Plymouth Out Fest	Plymouth Pride: To Be Announced. www.plymouthout.co.uk

**Our October Newsletter will go out at the end of September.
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**Local Groups, if you want us to promote your events,
let us know in good time!**

If you want to be sure your event reaches the Newsletter team,
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