

Intercom news bulletin



Seasons Greetings and all that and welcome to our festive news bulletin.

December not only contains the festive season but lets not forget World AIDS Day. We have news and reviews on the what, when and where of many splendid christmas events and a full calendar of events for the coming month.

So stick another log on the fire, grab that mulled wine or non alcoholic alternative and get cosy, sitting comfortably? Good then we shall begin...

World AIDS Day

We would like to take this opportunity to offer Intercom's warm wishes, thanks and support to all the organisation and workers in the region who work all year round to support people affected by HIV and AIDS. To mention a few ... The Eddystone Trust including Positive Action South West; Kernow Positive Support; Dorset Gay Health; Somerset Gay Health; Healthy Gay Cornwall; LGB Health Project Devon and SOS Global.



LGBT County Collective meetings

'Tis the season to go to your next round of LGBT Collective County meetings which are happening throughout December. So get yourself along to your nearest one, have a nose at what is occurring, meet other LGBT groups and let everyone know what your LGBT group has been up to! These are also a great opportunities for discussing our priorities. The meetings are open to all LGBT group/project members and there may or may not be cake, there may or may not be mince pies - only one way to find out!

Devon County Collective - Thursday 3rd December, 6:30pm at Harry Hams Centre, Longbrook St, Exeter

Dorset County Collective – Tuesday 8th December, 6:30pm at Over the Rainbow Centre, Bournemouth

Cornwall County Collective – Wednesday 9th December, 6:30pm at Café Nero, Truro

Somerset County Collective – Tuesday 15th December, at 6:30pm at Yeovil Day Centre, 20 South Street Yeovil

It's a great opportunity to meet other LGBT groups in the County and find out local news and events – for more information check www.lgbtcollective.org.uk or call Vicky on 01392 201012

Once upon a half time...

We are very pleased to report that last month The Exeter Lions GFC (Gay Football Club) competed in the Bristol Challenge Cup 2009/2010 and finished runners up to GFC Bournemouth – their best placing to date! The team was presented with nice little medals which was very exciting (their words not ours!). We congratulate The Exeter Lions on their most successful performance in a tournament so far!

The club currently run weekly training sessions in Exeter and Newton Abbot and are always ready to welcome new members. If you'd like to find out more information about the club and how you can get involved, then please contact email exeterlionsfc@googlemail.com

Cornwall Pride announces 2010 date

Following the tremendous success of this year's Cornwall Pride festival, the committee is pleased to announce next year's festival will be held on Saturday 28th August 2010 in Truro. 2009's event attracted almost 1000 people from the county's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities who all took part in a parade through Truro City Centre, an afternoon garden party and finished with a dazzling, star studded evening of entertainment on Lemon Quay. Although it is a day of fun, its purpose is to celebrate and embrace the diverse communities in Cornwall.

At the AGM on Thursday, Christian Diamant accepted the position of Chairman 2010 and offered twenty two seats on the committee which were all filled.

Western Boys

Western Boys is a support and social group for Female To Male (FTM) identified people living in south west England (or those visiting for whatever reason) All are welcome, from those exploring the way forward to those who transitioned years ago. The group meets on the third Saturday of each month (except June & December), 6.00pm – 9.00pm in Taunton.

For more information: info@westernboys.org; www.westernboys.org or Text or phone: 07811 814302

Bideford Benders

Bideford Benders host a relatively new and very exciting LGBT night. They would like to let everyone know about their up and coming Christmas event on Thursday 3rd December at The Tavern in the Port in Bideford (From 7.30pm - 1 am). There will be a Christmas quiz and a seasonal Tombola with lots of great prizes as well as the usual community info, free pool and their relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Contact bidefordbenders@hotmail.co.uk for directions or more information.

Cornwall Chillout Cafe

The Cornwall Chillout Cafe is a rather exciting cafe style event for LGBT people in central Cornwall. With its second event just passed in November, the cafe will be taking a break for Christmas but will be back in the New Year with a splendid afternoon of coffee and chat on Sunday 17th January 2-5pm (snacks sold at the bar before the cafe, 12 – 2pm)

Although the cafe has been going really well, it will soon need some more volunteers to keep it going, it's only once every couple of months and it's a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a nippy winter Sunday afternoon!

Contact cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk for further information on future events.

Crossroads Inn, Scorrier, Redruth, TR16 5BP

Gay Outdoor Club

The national Gay Outdoor Club (GOC) is a UK-wide club providing many outdoor and indoor sports and recreational activities for its 1400+ gay, lesbian, bi, transgendered members and their friends. The Gay Outdoor Club is divided into local groups including Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset. Any GOC member can go along on any of the walks organised by any of the GOC groups, not just the local ones. The majority of their events are walks, but other activities include cycling and swimming you can view their programme of walks and other activities. www.goc.org.uk which will link you to your local site.

WOW of the Wessex variety

Women of Wessex, a social group for lesbian women, have a wealth of events going on over the festive period including book groups, Christmas lunch, walks and a New Year's party.

You can email wow.dorset@hotmail.co.uk for a full list in their newsletter and join in!

River of Life Christmas events

River of Life, Dorchester Metropolitan Community Church would like to announce their list of Christmas events...

An Carol Service 20th December 2009 6pm Dorchester Arts Centre, School Lane, Dorchester, Dorset

Midnight Service 24th December 2009 11.30pm Dorchester Arts Centre, School Lane, Dorchester, Dorset
(Preceded by a social from 10pm)

Sunrise Service 1st January 2009 – to see in the new year with a difference, followed by breakfast and a walk around Dorset. (For further details please call the office or see on line www.river-of-life.org.uk)

The Love Parade

Dorchester's Love Parade is holding its first Christmas Ball this year on Saturday, 19 December 2009.

The day starts at 3pm with Carols on South Street, Dorchester and then moves onto Cafe Jagos (8 High Street West, Dorchester) for fun, Drinks and more Hilarity, all with a Christmas theme. Miss Hap will be hosting the day with Miss Cookie Monstar doing her Christmas act. Into the night will be The Dinner Ladies, a local group and not forgetting a special "Crappy Christmas Bingo" session!

£5 entry fee – It's a Charity fundraiser, supporting Weldmar Hospice, Space Youth Project and MCC Dorchester. Contact dreamer100@hotmail.com for more information.

Gay & Lesbian At the Movies comes to Okehampton

GLAM has now been picked up in Okehampton so if you fancy getting involved – go along and join the Facebook group – just search for **Okehampton GLAM**. If you are not on Facebook then e-mail paul@intercomtrust.org.uk or call 01392 201012.

Also don't forget about **Cornwall GLAM** – if you would like to get in touch with them you can contact them through us for now.

Exeter GLAM will be meeting next on Monday 14th December so get in touch with the group on exeterglam@hotmail.co.uk for more information on film, timings and locations.

No GLAM near you? Start one up – we can help – get in touch on vicky@intercomtrust.org.uk

The Sisters stomp

A Splendid Stomp is upon us again - with a 'STRICTLY STOMP' Jive workshop and lots more festive stuff and loveliness. Saturday 19th December at Halberton Village Hall near Totnes see events listings for more information.

Community Notice Board

*Splendid Christmas tidings
&
Topping New Year wishes*



From all at Intercom

Start collecting now...

On 6th February 2010
Exeter Pride will be holding a good ol'
fashioned jumble sale.

The group behind the Pride will be
W.I'ing it up with a bit of cake and some
homemade jam. So start collecting your
unwanted, yet still splendid, Christmas
gifts and jumble goodness now!

Watch this space

17th December

LGBT Gateway Festive Open online evening

Log on and chill out with an evening of
LGBT group chat.

The topic up for discussion will be
History Month 2010

If you are part of an LGBT group and still
don't have your password for the

Gateway contact us on
vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

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Tell us your news

This community bulletin board is for the
community - so use it or lose it!

You can advertise a business that serves
the LGBT community or just offer our
readers can benefit from...

vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

Spaces for Women?

Several women's events are being
planned for 2010 and we would be really
interested to hear what you would like to
see at these events or what you would
like to get out of them.

Contact Vicky on
vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

Events Calendar

For more events and further details of all the following events, check out

www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

Date	Event & Contact	Time & Location
Thursday 3rd December	Bideford Benders LGBT night including Christmas quiz and a seasonal Tombola with relaxed and friendly atmosphere. bidefordbenders@hotmail.co.uk	7.30pm - 1 am Tavern in the Port, Bideford
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Monday 14th December	Exeter GLAM Love film? Come along to a Gay & Lesbian At the Movies and meet new people and watch films! exeterglam@hotmail.co.uk or Facebook 'Exeter GLAM'	Evening - TBC Exeter
Tuesday 15th December	Somerset County Collective meeting Open to all LGBT groups – come along and meet other groups and find out what is occurring. vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk www.lgbtcollective.org.uk	6:30pm Yeovil Day Centre, South St. Yeovil
Thursday 17th December	Gateway Open Evening Log on and sit back – open on-line evening for LGBT groups and projects signed up to the gateway vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk www.lgbtgateway.org.uk	7:00 – 8:30pm In the comfort of your own home.
Saturday 19th December	Dorchester Love Parade. Starting at 3pm with Carols on South street, Dorchester then on to Café Jagos for entertainment into the night. See www.lgbtcollective.org.uk event listings for more	3pm till late Dorchester /Café Jagos
Saturday 19th December	Solstice Sisters Stomp 'Strictly Stomp' Jive workshop and other lots more festive stuff jojazz@onetel.com for more information	7.45-midnight 8/£7conc -Halberton Village Hall (nr Totnes)
Monthly & Regular Events		
3rd Saturday of the month	Western Boys is a support and social group for FTM identified people Do not meet in June or December info@westernboys.org www.westernboys.org Text or phone: 07811 814302	6pm – 9pm Taunton location
1st Saturday of the month	PONY CLUB NIGHT @ BAR BEYOND Monthly event for LGBT women in and around Bournemouth's Triangle. info@theponies.co.uk	8pm – late Bar Beyond, The Triangle, Bournemouth

Every Sunday	Pink Sundays at Pâtisserie Angelique Coffee and loveliness every Sunday	2-5pm Pâtisserie Angelique, 79 Poole Rd, Westbourne, Bournemouth
	cakes@patisserieangelique.com	
2nd & 4th Friday of the month	Kiss n Make Up Social group for TS/TVs, partners and admirers	8:30-late At Bar Beyond, Bournemouth
	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kissnmakeupdorset/	
Monthly	Bournemouth Gay Writers Meet monthly to discuss writing and their own work.	7:30 – 9pm Over The Rainbow in Bournemouth
	bournemouthrainbowwriters@hotmail.co.uk	
Every 6 – 8 weeks	Exeter Gay & Lesbian Book Group New group – like reading? Love this group!	Register interest for details of first meeting. Exeter Central Library
	gaybookworm@gmail.com	
1st Thursday of the month	Bideford Benders A fun LGBT night in Bideford.	7:30pm -1am Tavern in the Port, Bridge Street, Bideford
	bidefordbenders@hotmail.co.uk	

Got an event coming up? e-mail us, because not only will it appear above it will also appear on the new LGBT Collective Website -see www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

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