

Intercom New Bulletin June 06

Paul is, as usual, singing away in his office

So congratulations....i have arrived....I'm Silvia Night and I'm shining so bright...

Big cheesy grin on Paul's face

Ooo...hiya! How the cheesiness is still spinning round in my head! For those not in the know, last month saw Eurovision taking place and my office was simply aglow with europop and cheesy songs...and still the music plays on...it must be Summer...woo hoo 😊😊...cant beat a bit of Eurovision. Finland won't know what has hit it next year.... 😊....although have to say, don't think I'll be going for the monster look with my outfit 😊!!!

Before I subject you to far too much cheesiness for your own good....and trust me, everyone seems to avoid my office at the moment from some reason...I shall fill you in on the news of the moment for June...I can feel your excitement bubbling....hold on to it....weeeeeee.....

Brace yourselves....

Good & Services...will we ever have equality?

Over the last couple of months, the Government has been seeking peoples views on the new proposed legislation protecting LGB people within the provision of goods and services. Intercom has put together its response to this consultation and we will be making this available on our website in a few days time. So if you would like to see our submission, please check out the news page on the website in a few days! 😊.

Let's hope our (collective LGB communities) views are noted and implemented in a fair, just and proportionate way...we await the draft legislation!

Intercom Helpline Springs into overdrive!

Hi all

We are now looking for volunteers to help staff the helpline and become advocates for The Intercom Trust. We will be having our official launch of the service in July and would like to have a small team of volunteers ready for the influx of calls we will receive.

Since starting the new service in March we have doubled the amount of calls and advocacy clients we are working with. This has been a great start to the new project but we know there are people out there that are not getting their needs met. So we need to get ourselves out there and make our presence known more widely.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer get in contact with us. You do not have to have worked in this field before as full training and support will be given. The training and work be from our Exeter based office.

Why not give us a call for an informal chat: ask for Andy or Tess and we can give you more details.

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Helpline 0845 6020 818

Andy & Tess

Police LGBT Liaison Officer in Plymouth

Following the Speak Out Survey undertaken by Plymouth Pride Forum, it was established that the Plymouth LGBT community wanted a specialist Police LGBT Liaison officer. They also wanted a Police / LGBT forum, in the form of a drop in centre / clinic, where they could talk confidentially to the officer about a range of issues.

The first need has been addressed with Sue Watson in place and she is now looking to tackle the second item, the Drop in Centre. This will require a process of consultation. She has created a questionnaire for those that would like to feed back their views on this.

If this interests you, and would like to give your views, then please get in touch with Sue on 01752 676945 or Susan.watson@devonandcornwall.police.pnn.uk.

There is a closing date of Friday 30th June so that she can get the ball rolling during the summer.

New MIND LGBT Helpline for Dorset

MIND is a national charity set up to help those people with mental health issues.

Dorset now has its own confidential helpline for LGBT people on **0845 6036 309**.

If there is no one to answer the call it will be diverted to a national number for answering.

Dorset LAGLO Research

Dorset Police's LAGLOs have released their findings on gauging the awareness & perception of LAGLO within the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered) community of Weymouth & Portland and West Dorset.

If anyone would like a copy of these results then please get in touch with me and I can forward it on to you ☺.

Group News

X-Plore Really Needs Trustees....can you help?

X-Plore, the Exeter based LGBTQ Youth Group is currently on the look out for new Trustees to help take the group forward.

If you would be interested in taking on this role, know someone who might be interested, or would like more information then I know the group would love to hear from you!!

You can contact them on info@x-plore.org.uk.

QUIP—This Saturday at the Barbican Theatre, Plymouth

Following the success of their first show, TARQUIN'S CLOSET, QUIP, the southwest LGBT performer's network, present their follow-on: FURTHER TALES FROM THE CLOSET (RETURN OF THE FORBIDDEN WARDROBE) on June 10th at THE BARBICAN THEATRE, Castle St, Plymouth.

Doors open at 6.00 and there will be cabaret in the B bar before and after the performance in the main auditorium which starts at 7.30.

More of an event than just a show, with themed food and drink in the bar, artwork, stalls and a disco and bar extension til 12.00, the evening promises music, dance, theatre and trapeze in a safe, welcoming atmosphere. Celebrate the creativity of lgbt performers and their friends.

Money is available for transport for lgbt people travelling from rural areas, and for access for those with disabilities. Still some performance slots available.

Funded by Devon Community Foundation, Community Chest for Plymouth.

Tickets £6 (£4 concessions)

Box Office 01752 267131

All other enquiries: myfaerieking@btinternet.com

Plymouth Pride Forum—Tomorrow!

Just to remind everyone that the Plymouth Pride Forum AGM takes place tomorrow evening and they would like to see as many people there as possible!!!

Venue: The Old Treasury Building, Catherine Street, (side entrance) 7.30pm

Contact PPF on 07910154813 or info@plymouthprideforum.co.uk

She Bang

Just to remind you that it's SheBang time on the Wednesday 7th June at its new regular monthly slot of the first Wednesday of every month. The venue and times are still the same as before (Club Fandango, 9pm-2am). The price is £2 before 10.30, £3 after.

Check out our website at: www.shebang.bravehost.com

And - girls and boys who like boys! If you feel the need to deej' - let SheBang be your experimental platform! If you want to Dj drop us a line.

See you there you sexy lot...!

WEDNESDAY 7th June !! / 9pm-2am

CLUB FANDANGO (13 Elliot St -under Strathmore Hotel- The Hoe) Spread the word!

Plymouth Pride Event

Well done!! That's all I need say to all who were involved with Plymouth Pride LGBT Week this year. What a fantastic success it has been.

There was the Picnic on the Hoe, football, darts and pool competitions, a nice walk, you name it and they seemed to have organised it! But....even with this year's event only just over, there is no time to rest...they are already thinking about next year. The interim committee are looking to release a consultation document to seek the views of LGBT people so they know what they want to see for next year. This is currently in its final stages of preparation so look out for this in the near future.

They are also looking for new committee members to help shape next year and contribute to the organisation.

If you would like more information about this then please contact organisers@plymouthprideevent.co.uk.

Well done again!

www.plymouthprideevent.co.uk

Summer Sisters Stomp!

The 'Summer Sisters' Stomp' Relaxed, Friendly, Funky and Fun Dance night for lesbians and bisexual women.

Plus 'Strictly Stomp' a chance to learn some serious steps in a short workshop led by experienced Latin and ballroom teachers Saturday 22nd July 2006, Dartington Village Hall, near Totnes, Devon 7.30-8.45 workshop, 8.45-12 Stomp, £8/£7 Workshop And Stomp, £6/£5 Stomp only

More information from jojazz@onetel.com.

Paul is still singing

Je t'adore...And I can't conceal it...Je t'adore...Anyone can see it

Oooo....hello again...in a world of my own then! That was the Belgium entry for those who wanted to know....who can believe it didn't get through to the final....outrage...

Look of bewilderment and puzzledness on many readers faces!!

Well...I am exhausted after all that singing so am going to sign off and leave you all to your work! At least the e-bulletin was about Eurovision and not the World Cup...all those men in shorts...enough to make you in need of a cold shower...*Paul's eyes glaze over* ☺

Enjoy the weather...I am off to go lie on a beach me thinks with my Ipod firmly fixed to my ears.....woo hoo!

X
Paul
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If you wish to update your e-mail address, or to have your name removed from our contact lists, please tell us by sending an e-mail to lynx@intercomtrust.org.uk.

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