

Intercom Trust March e-bulletin



Welcome to the March edition of our e-bulletin.

Please accept our invitation to join us on our monthly mission to find out what's occurring with the South West peninsulas LGBT communities, we are like gay super sleuths or something!

This month sees the South West's first pride of the season – EXETER PRIDE on March 27th – find out here first what's going on throughout the day! March also sees the LGBT Collective open its metaphorical doors for a series of networking social events throughout the South West peninsula.

So to summarise - this month we have a tantalizing selection of local events and groups – with a side salad of local news which is all garnished with a community calendar to feast your eyes on - so go on and get stuffed!

County Collective

This month, for the first time, the LGBT Collective is flinging its doors open to everyone who would like to come along and have a cup of coffee and do a bit of networking and general social loveliness.

You don't have to belong to an LGBT group to come along - its open to all, so if you would like to find out what groups or social events and activities are going on in your area or would just like to meet some new people – come on over for a coffee!

Dorset – Thursday 11th 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Patisserie Angelique in Bournemouth (Westbourne)

Cornwall – Wednesday 17th March - 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Café Nero in Truro

Devon – Wednesday 24th March - 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Café Nero in Exeter

Exeter Pride

The first pride of the season in the South West – we proudly present Exeter LGBT Pride 2010! The whole event is free and the first 500 people get free Pride goody bags!

Pride Parade – gathering at 10:30 by St Sidwells centre – come and help the Pride team carry their 50 meter Pride Flag as the Fire service lead the parade through the city.

All day events @ Exeter Phoenix 11am – 7pm

Exeter Pride Stalls - community and commercial, legal workshop/surgery, Panel discussion, speed dating, workshops



This year Exeter pride will be hosting different **Pride Zones** including a Mens Networking Zone | Womens Space Zone and a Youth Zone for young LGBTQ people

Chillout Cafe 4pm – 7pm - Join us at the cafe/bar in the Phoenix for Exeter's First Pride ChillOut - kick back and relax as Pride showcases some of Exeter musical genius with a heady mix of DJs and local bands. To find out more visit www.exeterpride.co.uk, email info@exeterpride.co.uk or call 01392 201012.

Are You Registered to Vote?

Wondering why we are suddenly hearing more from all those politicians? That would be because we have a General Election in the coming months! This is just a little reminder to everyone out there to get registered to vote. LGBT people in the South West could have a lot of influence on any final result if we are all registered. Don't be apathetic...the only way to see change happen is to be a part of that change. Contact your local authority and get registered...just to remind you....get registered to vote!!!

Consider yourself informed!



Wow Bop



Those Women On Wednesdays are at it again! They just can't resist having another bop! So on Saturday 6th March they have organised an evening of dance and general fun in Exeter for your enjoyment!

The Bop will be celebrating International Women's Day with DJ Jo Jazz from eight till Late Only £5 Entry on the door at Nico's Restaurant in Bartholomew St East, Exeter Contact womenonweds.social.exeter@hotmail.com or 07814 198475 for more information

Devon Records Office

Don't forget the LGBT archive is up and running at the Devon Record Office! They are happy to accept material/letters/LGBT correspondence to increase LGBT Heritage information but they don't take newspapers or magazines or collect photos unless they come in with a specific collection of documents - So just letters or minutes from meetings... that sort of thing.

Visit http://www.devon.gov.uk/record_office.htm or email devrec@devon.gov.uk

March LGBT PACT in Cornwall

This will be a Meeting for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans communities in Cornwall. This meeting will have Naomi Kent from Parliamentary Outreach as a special guest to talk to you about how to get more involved in the decision making processes that affect you.

Date: 16th March 2010 at 7pm at St Austell Council Offices Map: <http://tiny.cc/tvWs8>

Contact: Steve Cannon on lgbt-pact@hotmail.co.uk

Stewards needed for Exeter Pride Parade!

As part of the celebrations for Exeter Pride on Saturday March 27th we will be having a parade through the City Centre to kick start the day. The simple parade will start at St Sidwell's Centre on Sidwell Street, move down through the High Street, turn right into Queen Street and finish at Little Paul Street just in the right place for everyone to head into the Phoenix...clever huh ☐! We will be parading with our 50m long rainbow flag and are encouraging everyone to bring along any rainbow flags they have to make it as colourful as possible.



In order to make the parade a success we need about 20 volunteers to act as stewards and ensure that we keep the parade moving, ensure the public's safety and make sure everyone has a great time ☐! Does this sound like something you would be interested in doing? If so, I

would love to hear from you. You will be required from 10:30am on Sat 27th until 12:00pm. You can contact me on 01392 201012 or paul@intercomtrust.org.uk. Be a part of this exciting day!

Get paid to make a difference

Avon and Somerset police will be recruiting police officers and are urging people from diverse backgrounds to consider a career in policing. Applications will open on 15 March for two weeks.

Ensuring that the police workforce reflects the communities it serves means that the police are able to better understand and cater for the needs of everyone. Working for the police will enable you to make a real difference to your community.

PC Martin Davies said: "Working for the police brings immense job satisfaction. It can be very challenging at times but it's always worth it when you see the difference you can make and how much you can improve people's lives at times when they need it most."

Anyone is interested in becoming a police officer should contact the Outreach team on Tel: 0117 9529513 or by email on outreach@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Or visit or diverse recruitment webpage on <http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/recruitment/diverse-recruitment.aspx>

Bourne Free go Wild West

It has now been revealed that Bourne Free, Bournemouth's Pride Festival, will be taking over the seaside resort for the weekend of Friday 9th until Sunday 11th of July 2010!

The 2009 event attracted thousands of people from across the UK with the "Circus" themed parade around the town, extended Live Show and Street Party in the triangle.

Bourne Free Committee already working hard to put together a packed programme of entertainment and has finalised details of a unique new theme; "Wild, Wild West". Expect to see sexy cowboys and cowgirls, outrageous red-Indians, and even the odd pantomime horse for good measure.

Bourne Free is now looking for new Trustees and volunteers – so if you feel that you can spare a few hours a month to be part of this exciting event get in touch with them on peter@bournefree.co.uk

They are also very happy to take donations or work with people to set up fundraising events/ideas – it's YOUR local Pride so don't forget to support it!

For information and all the latest news visit www.bournefree.co.uk

Cornwall Pride plans are underway

Following the tremendous success of last years Cornwall Pride festival, the committee are pleased to announce this year's festival will be held on Saturday 28th August 2010 in Truro.

Last year'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 a day of fun, it's purpose is to celebrate and embrace the diverse communities in Cornwall.

If you would like to be involved or just find out more about the event visit www.cornwallpride.co.uk

Velvet Scissors

Bar Qdos present their first female only gay night, held once a month the launch night will be held on the 8th of March so make sure your there!

They have planned a night of great music with a great atmosphere, they have even made an exclusive cocktail menu to cater for your party needs! Everything has been designed for you so all you have to do is show up with your friends! Bar Qdos want to spread the word and bring all the girls out of hiding and show them this is where the party is at!

Bar Qdos say... 'you decide and we will provide' find the group on Facebook by searching – 'velvet scissors Qdos'

Gay Book Worms

The first Gay Book Worm book group was held on Monday 1st February at Intercom Community Centre. The group chose 'Middlesex' by Jeffrey Eugenides as their first book to read so for anyone that missed the first meeting but would like to come along next time, you can get reading in time! The group will be meeting on the first Monday of every month from now on – so just contact the group on gaybookworm@gmail.com or find the group on Facebook by searching for 'Exeter Gay & Lesbian Book Group'

Somerset Lesbian Network

The Somerset Lesbian Network is almost one year old! The network launched last March and they will be celebrating their anniversary and International Women's' Day on 13 March, at the Foyer, Peter Street, Yeovil, from 11.30am - 2pm. Jelly, Cakes and more..... Everyone is welcome.

Get in touch via email to sln09@btinternet.com or phone 07599 070755 if you need more info.

New LGBTQ Youth Group for East Devon?

We have recently been approached by a few young people from across East Devon who are keen to set up a new LGBTQ youth group in the Honiton area to serve East Devon and nearby parts of Dorset. The young people are keen to know if anyone would be interested in such a group – you can contact the young people through us on 01392 201012 or vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

Events Calendar

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

Date	Event & Contact	Time & Location
Friday 5 th March	Bideford Benders A fun and lively LGBT Night in Bideford	7:30 till late Laceys Bar ,Bridge St Bideford
	bidefordbenders@hotmail.co.uk	
Saturday 6 th March	WOW Bop Celebrating international Womens Day with DJ JO Jazz – dancing and general merriment	8pm – late Nico’s Restaurant Bartholomew St East, Exeter
	womenonweds.social.exeter@hotmail.com or 07814 198475	
Monday 8 th March	Velvet Scissors A new female only event at Bar Qdos	8pm-late Bar Qdos, Truro
	barqdos@aol.com	
Thursday 11 th March	Dorset LGBT Collective Coffee evening event Open to all LGBT people – come along and have a coffee and find out what’s occurring!	6:30 – 8:30pm Patisserie Angelique, 79 Poole Rd, Westbourne, Bournemouth
	vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk or 01392 201012	
Wednesday 17 th March	Cornwall LGBT Collective Coffee evening event Open to all LGBT people – come along and have a coffee and find out what’s occurring!	6:30 – 8:30pm Café Nero in Truro
	vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk or 01392 201012	
Sunday 21 st March	Dorset Chillout Café LGBT chilled out friendly café style event	1.30pm to 4.30pm Nappers Mite, 19 South Street, Dorchester
	dorsetchillout@hotmail.com	
Sunday 21 st March	Cornwall Chillout Café LGBT chilled out friendly café style event.	2 - 5pm Cross Roads Inn, Scorrier
	corwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk or 01392 201012	
Wednesday 24 th March	LGBT Collective Coffee evening event Open to all LGBT people – come along and have a coffee and find out what’s occurring!	6:30 – 8:30pm Café Nero – Exeter High Street
	vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk	
Saturday 27 th March	Exeter Pride Pride Parade leaving St Sidwells Street at 11am Events throughout the day at Exeter Phoenix	10:30am – 7pm St Sidwells centre (Parade) & Exeter Phoenix (day events)
	Visit www.exeterpride.co.uk or info@exeterpride.co.uk	
Monthly & Regular Events		
1 st Monday of the month	Gay Book Worm is Exeter’s new gay & lesbian Book Group - like reading? Love this group!	7:30pm Intercom Community Centre, New Bridge St
	gaybookworm@gmail.com	
3 rd Saturday of the month	Western Boys is a support and social group for FTM identified people Do not meet in June or December	6pm – 9pm Taunton location
	info@westernboys.org www.westernboys.org Text or phone: 07811 814302	
1 st Saturday of the month	PONY CLUB NIGHT @ BAR BEYOND Monthly event for LGBT women in and around	8pm – late Bar Beyond, The

	Bournemouth's Triangle. info@theponies.co.uk	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	
1st Friday 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	
Last Saturday of the month	Torbay Rainbow café Monthly café style event for LGBT people in the Torbay area.	11.00am - 1.00pm MCC - Unitarian Church hall, Torquay
	torbayrainbowcafe@hotmail.co.uk	
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month	Sit & Stitch New knitting group in Exeter for those who like to knit and have a chat!	6:30pm-08:30pm Heavenly Yarns, Fore St, Exeter
	heavenlyyarns@hotmail.co.uk or 01392 215131	

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

Community Notice Board



Calling all LGBT People
Nothing to do in your area?
Want to start a new LGBT group?
Need support for an existing LGBT group?
Want to hold an LGBT community event but not sure
where to start?

Talk to Lynx South West
Call Vicky or Paul on
01392 201012 or vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

Go on, you know it makes sense!

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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

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