



Greetings November readers. Thought we would delight you with a lovely picture as we are all gearing up for all the bonfires and exciting fireworks, even though all of our pets are not! We have been jolly busy this last month, which is a very good sign as more and more groups are starting up and developing into sustainable resources for the LGBT communities across the South West peninsula.

October saw the first Cornwall Chillout Café take place, saw Halloween events organised by womens groups held in Poole and Exeter and now as we move through into November - a rather exciting new project of Intercom has received funding - Good Times.

GATEWAY OPEN EVENING FOR LGBT GROUPS

Don't forget to sit back and log on to the Gateway for the open evening on the 3rd November at 7:30. If you are not sure of your groups login details – get in touch with us vicky@intercomtrust.org.uk or 01392 201012. See you there – so to speak!

OPENING THE CLOSET IN THE LOCKER ROOM...

The Intercom Trust's Community Development Team is very pleased to announce that funding has just been awarded to them to run a 6 month project on tackling homophobia in sport.

Community consultation carried out by Intercom and the LGBT Collective in Devon presented a large amount of feedback and concern over the increasingly publicised homophobia in Sport, especially within Football. As a community responsive origination we set about doing something about those concerns and made an application to Comic Relief, administered by Devon Community Foundation, which was successful and the new project has been awarded £6,942!!

This money will enable a Sports Education Outreach Officer to be employed on a part time basis to start tackling homophobia in Football on a local and county level in teams, schools and through community outreach work. The new Worker will be coordinating a working partnership with the local and regional teams and other relevant organisations to create a sustainable Devon Wide campaign that the communities and teams can continue into

the future, a campaign which could have real potential for positive influence over those who play the game and those who watch it.

We will soon be looking for someone to fill the role of the Sports Education Outreach Officer – so if you think this might be a job for you – watch this space or get in touch! On 01392 201012 or paul@intercomtrust.org.uk or vicky@intercomtrust.org.uk.

ARE YOU A MAN...ARE YOU IN RURAL DEVON?

If so, and you think that there is little for gay and bisexual men to do in rural Devon, then come along to one of our events. Grab a coffee, tell us what you think should be on offer, where it should be, when it should happen and let's see what we can get started! Come along and have your say – you might even find that there is something already running that interests you in the area!

Come along from 6:30pm on **Wednesday 11th November** at the Okment Community Centre, Okehampton.

I SAY, WHAT A SPLENDID FIRST CORNWALL CHILLOUT CAFÉ

The first ever Cornwall Chillout café was a splendid afternoon of coffee and conversation with over 30 people popping along. The café event had a great mix of people attending – with a great balance of both men and women of all ages. We are all thoroughly looking forward to the next one which takes place on Sunday 15th November 2-5pm at the Crossroads Inn (directions below). The café will be skipping December but will resume on Sunday 17th January (2-5pm) and then on the third Sunday of every month thereafter. Hope to see you there soon.

The hotel is located less than 1 minute from the A30, just north of Redruth. From the A30, take the turning signposted Scorrier and Helston onto the A3047. The Crossroads Travel Inn is just at the end of the slip road.

Drop the group a line on cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk or see www.lgbtcollective.org.uk for more details.

PURPLE PARTY!

An LGBT friendly awareness raising and fundraising event for Exeter Womens Aid - to raise awareness of domestic abuse, with a focus on same sex domestic violence. Yes, it is a serious subject and this event is all about raising awareness, but having some fun whilst doing it! There will be a DJ with some fine tunes; purple dress is optional, come and have a dance! **Friday 27th November** – 8pm till late at Nico's Restaurant, Function Room (downstairs). Bartholomew Street East Exeter.

CROSSING THE DIVIDE

Come to a day conference to explore faith traditions and how we can all work together in the future to Cross the divide. Hosted by Dorchester Metropolitan Church – River of Life, this Interfaith Day Conference is an opportunity for all different faith traditions to come together, workshop and talk about how we can all work together in the future. Registration deadline for this event is the 14th November the conference is taking place on Saturday 21st November 9:30 – 4pm and it is free.

Dorchester Town Hall, North Square, Dorchester. Email admin@river-of-life.org.uk or Phone 07870 805404 to get a registration form Pre-booking is required for catering purposes.

A GAY & PLEASANT LAND?

A 'Gay and Pleasant Land?' is a study about positioning, ageing and gay life in rural South West England and Wales. It is an Interdisciplinary exploration of the connectivity of older people in rural civic society being carried out by a cross council research programme at Bournemouth University.

The project is holding a coffee morning to hear your stories of life as a gay man or lesbian in the British countryside –its ups, its downs, successes and disappointments. They are inviting people who were born in the countryside and then moved away, have lived there for some time, or recently moved to a rural setting later in life.

Why not pop along and share your experiences with them and a group of like-minded older adults (60 years or older). Coffee, tea and nibbles will be provided. You will be reimbursed for travel expenses with receipts. This is an opportunity to tell your stories and meet some new friends.

Thursday 26 November, from 9:30 am until 12 noon at Bournemouth House, Room B329 (Executive Education Suite) BU Lansdowne campus Map: <http://tinyurl.com/BmthUniMap>

Contact CDikecoglu@bournemouth.ac.uk or Claire: 01202 962179

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The Community Development team are currently seeking a volunteer for assist them with their work. Based in our Exeter office you would need to be local or able to travel here, but we can help with any expenses. As many of you know, our building is not accessible – we hate this but unfortunately have to live with it for the time being, sorry! The Volunteer will be supporting the team to keep the database of groups and projects up to date, to keep the collective groups up to date and to carry out website updates, for which training will be given. We would also like the volunteer to help us to develop new resources such as a list of media outlets across the region and actually, anything else that you think would be useful! Contact Paul or Vicky on 01392201012/paul@intercomtrust.org.uk.

THE EXETER LESBIAN & GAY BOOK CLUB.

A new group in Exeter for anyone interested in reading and discussing books. The group will be meeting in Central Library, Exeter every 6-8 weeks to discuss lesbian/gay themed books together. If you love to read and want to meet other people who love reading too, email Rob at gaybookworm@gmail.com to find out more.

GAY & LESBIAN AT THE MOVIES

Exeter Gay & Lesbians At the Movies gathered a crowd of 10 to see their second film on Monday 26th October, good crowd, shame about the movie (can I say that? It's just my opinion!) If you would like to join either Cornwall or Exeter GLAM get in touch with the group on exeterglam@hotmail.co.uk for timings and locations. No GLAM near you? Start one up – we can help – get in touch on vicky@intercomtrust.org.uk

THE SOLSTICE SISTERS' STOMP

A Splendid Stomp is upon us again - with a 'STRICTLY STOMP' Jive workshop and other lots more festive stuff. More details of tickets and times will follow in Decembers news bulletin- meanwhile save the date... Saturday 19th December at Halberton Village Hall.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Fancy Supporting Exeter Pride?

Here is one of the many ways you can support

- Place an advert in the programme
- Sponsor a specific event or activity on the day
- Hold a fundraising event
- Donate
- Get involved by joining the volunteer team

PLEASE support YOUR Local Prides...

- Exeter Pride
- Cornwall Pride
- Bournemouth Pride - Bourne Free
- Glastonbury Pride Picnic
- Plymouth Pride
- Dorchester Pride - The Love Parade

Research taking place

I am a nurse/researcher who has been commissioned by the Sex Factor Project run by Poole Forum, to write a report on the relationship, wellbeing and sexual needs of adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities in Bournemouth and Poole. The recommendations from this report will be acted upon and one of the main aims is to make a film. I think there is also a need for a LGBT support group for adults with learning disabilities that would provide support about *coming out*, safe sex, entering the LGBT scene and general support/education on relationships, wellbeing and sex education. I am also looking for information on the experiences of LGBT people who have mild to moderate learning disabilities. Please contact me if you have any information. All information will be treated confidentially. Thank you.

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Volunteering Opportunities...

X-Plore is an Exeter based youth group for young people (aged up to 25) who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender. The group are now inviting interested parties to apply to be trustees. To find out more about this exciting opportunity contact the group on info@x-plore.org.uk

Intercom Community Development Team seeking volunteer to lend splendid hand with data base, events and website (full training given) 01392 201012 or paul@intercomtrust.org.uk

Exeter Pride 2010 are currently inviting people to get involved in the committee – especially looking for people who would be keen to work on organising entertainment for the day. vicky@intercomtrust.org.uk

Cornwall Chillout Café is a new group that is hoping to build a good set of volunteers to act as greeters for the new monthly café style event, it's only a few hours every other month or so and a great chance to make new friends. Cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk

**Are you looking for volunteers for your group or organisation?
Why not advertise for them here...**

EVENTS CALENDAR

For more events and further details of all the following events, check out
www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

Date	Event & Contact	Time & Location
Tuesday 3rd November	Gateway Open Evening for LGBT Groups Sit back, log on and chat – open evening to explore the Gateway. www.lgbtgateway.org.uk	7:30pm - 8:30pm Your computer!
Monday 9th November	Exeter Pride Meeting Open meeting for committee & interested parties. vicky@intercomtrust.org.uk	6:30pm – 7:30pm Vaults, Exeter
Wednesday 11th November	Men's Event – an LGBT Collective event Getting together and finding out what is out there for gay and bi men in rural Devon paul@intercomtrust.org.uk	6:30pm Okement Centre, Okehampton
Sunday 15th November	Cornwall Chillout Café Café style event for LGBT people – warm welcome and good conversation! cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk	2pm – 5pm Crossroads Inn, Scorrier, Nr. Redruth
Saturday 21st November	Crossing The Divide An interfaith conference and an opportunity for all different faith traditions to come together. admin@river-of-life.org.uk	9:30 – 4pm. Dorchester Town Hall, North Square, Dorchester
Thursday 26th November	Coffee Morning – hosted by "Gay and Pleasant Land? A study about positioning, ageing and gay life in rural South West England and Wales ". Pop along to a coffee morning to listen to stories of life in the countryside. CDikecoglu@bournemouth.ac.uk or Claire: 01202 962179	9:30 am until 12 noon Bournemouth House, Room B329 (Executive Education Suite). BU Lansdowne campus
Friday 27th November	Exeter Womens Aid - Purple Party An LGBT friendly event to raise awareness about same sex domestic abuse – bar & music 8 till late. mesafe@exeterwomensaid.org.uk	8 till late - Downstairs in Nico's Italian Restaurant Bartholomew St East, Exeter
Saturday 28th November	Over The Rainbow Ball Sumptuous masque ball/black-tie- tickets are priced at £42.50 and include 3 course meal and LOTS of entertainment. See web for tickets and details. www.rainbowballtorquay.com	7pm onwards. Riviera International Conference Centre in Torquay
Saturday 19th December	Dorchester Love Parade (heads up on a December Date for your diary). Day of events - 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
Monthly & Regular Events		

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

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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