

INTERCOM NEWS BULLETIN

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Whoop de dooo!!!! Ohhhhh Yeahhhhhh ☺

Sing a song....sing a happy song.....sing it out loud....whoop whoop

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Hiya.....waves frantically....more frantically than usual!

Very exciting time in this office right now as will become clear as you read on....but we have no finger nails left it has to be said....some nail technician will make a fortune out of us! Been a tense old time at Intercom but some of those dreaded weights have now fallen through the floor...hee hee...wanna know what I'm burbling on about....then keep reading....keep reading! ☺!!!

I might keep you all in suspense a bit longer and keep burbling on actually *ponders* to keep you from the good stuff...hee hee....blame Andy...he gave me caffeinated coffee WITH sugar this morning....aggggghhhhh.....too much hyperactivity.....*Andy giggles in the corner*.

I think I might go for a little lie down whilst you catch up on our fabbbbbbulous news!

Enjoy.....weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee ☺!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR 3 WHOLE YEARS...YES 3 YEARS! HOORAH...THANKS TO BLF BASIS!! ☺

We are ecstatic at being able to announce to everyone that we have been awarded 3 years of funding from the Big Lottery Fund BASIS to support our Lynx South West Community Development work. This much needed funding will not only allow us to continue delivering the support we offer to LGBT groups across the peninsula but will also give us the opportunity to develop many new exciting avenues as part of this work. As part of this we will be developing:

- A dedicated intranet for LGBT community groups and projects across the peninsula, providing useful information and support, online discussion boards, shared contact details, and lots more. This will be totally secure and confidential and we will start developing this in the first year of funding.
- The Standing Council of LGBT community groups and projects across the peninsula, where everyone will have the opportunity to share their views and help to shape the future direction of this area of work as well as being a useful networking tool.
- Holding annual community events for all LGBT community groups, similar to the Right Royal Get Together in Sept 2005.
- Running and co-ordinating training events for LGBT community groups and projects on subjects important to them.

- Developing our own publicity to promote Intercom on a new level.
- Developing an off-site office in Cornwall!

This is just some of the work we will be doing over the coming years. I would just like to thank everyone who has supported us in the development of all this work and just so happy we can now put it all into action! I am so looking forward to being able develop this area so that LGBT community groups and projects can thrive, have the support they deserve and need, be able to share ideas and good practice.....and make the South West a safer and stronger place for all LGBT people!!! 😊 *can ya tell I am excited yet!? Hee hee*

But wait.....there's more.....yes you heard it right...there's more!!!! Keep on reading...ya know ya wanna 😊!

As part of this work we will be recruiting a new Community Development Worker to become part of Lynx South West team. This will be a full-time post for 3 years and we will be putting out information about this job in the next couple of weeks....so watch this space!!!

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR—WHAT A RELIEF!

More good news.....i know there are just 10 weeks to Christmas (and apologies for mentioning this...hee hee) but it certainly feels like that in here at the moment!!

We are delighted to announce that we have now been able to appoint our new Office Administrator, Shirley! This is a momentous occasion for Intercom and will be a massive boost to our internal practices! Shirley has been with us since October 1st and she is already keeping us all in shape with our telephones and office organisation.....hoorah! So a big wave out everyone to Shirley.....go on...wave at your screen...you know you want toooooo 😊! Hee hee

YOUR HERITAGE- OUR HISTORY.

'Painting in the picture', of the LGBT Heritage here in the South West Peninsula.

Everyday across the South West Peninsula people are working to conserve and celebrate the stories, places and events of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people that shaped our communities.

The Intercom Trust is so proud and excited that the forth annual LGBT History month in February is going to be buzzing here in the SW Peninsula.

We still need your stories to help us 'Paint in the Picture'.

Are you planning an LGBT History Month event?

Do you want to plan an event but need some advice?

Would you like to find out about the hidden lgbt history in your area?

Are you an artist? Writer? Poet? Performer? Cartoonist? Musician?

The fact that so little has been conserved is testament to the invisibility of an otherwise rich lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender heritage.

February is LGBT History Month; if we all get together we can make LGBT History month a time to remember here in the South West this year and every year.

So don't delay call today!

Sarah ☺

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Have you got a few spare hours and would like to put them to good use? What better way to use them up than as a volunteer to help out with the Rainbow Café and the helpline. Training will be given and expenses paid so what have you got to lose?! Absolutely nothing....well apart from a few hours...but think of the good feeling you will have inside afterwards.....what a feeling!

If your interested, or want to have a natter about ways you might be able to help out through volunteering with us, give us a buzz and speak to Tess the volunteer co-ordinator on 01392 201015.

VICTIMS OF CRIME FUNDING

Thanks to a new grant from the Home Office, we're working to get better services for people affected by homophobic and transphobic crime across the peninsula. This is a ground-breaking partnership project: the independent LGB/T community helplines working together with local government, the police, the Witness Care Units, and other key players in the system. It's still in its early stages, but it's moving ahead fast: if you want to keep up to date or have your say, look at our new web-page, www.intercomtrust.org.uk/safety/victimservices.htm

LGBT HERITAGE MONTH....IT IS FAST APPROACHING...WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?!

Sarah to write

GROUP NEWS:

Don't forget that if your group wants to advertise anything then please just get in touch and I can chisel it into the next edition ☺.

X-PLORE

X-Plore youth group is currently recruiting for 2 assistant youth workers to help run the Exeter based LGBT youth group.

The jobs will consist of 180 hours over a year (works out to be around 3.5 hours a week, to be agreed when in post) and primarily used to help run the group on Thursday evenings 6:30-9pm. Some experience in youth work is desirable

If anyone would like more information about these positions, or would like to apply, then they should contact Paul on 07867 570944 or email trustees@x-plore.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday 19th October.

DANCING DIVAS

Dancing Dykes have changed their name to Dancing Divas as many women disliked the term Dyke, so we have a new email address; <mailto:dancingdivas@blueyonder.co.uk>.

The remaining events for this year are-

A Social Evening with quizzes, prizes and full bar. Saturday October 13, upstairs at the Globe Inn, Clifton Hill, Exeter. Doors open 8.00pm, tickets £5.00.

Scarlet Harlot Women's Ball, dinner, dancing, casino and live entertainment. Saturday December 1 at Reed Hall, Tickets £30 in advance only, call 07758822115 for further information, or email. Gay men welcome as guests. Proceeds to Positive Action South West.

LGCM DEVON—FREE FROM PREJUDICE

For anyone interested in the activities of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, now with a new name of Free From Prejudice, which is very active across Devon, you should go and visit their lovely website, www.lgbt.me.uk.

Devon LGCM is not a church but offers support and social events to anyone affected by Religious homophobia. Regular events are held across Devon.

Check out the website or telephone 07805 254996

OVER THE RAINBOW BALL

Don't forget the Over The Rainbow Ball, organised by Torbay Pride Support will be taking place on Saturday 1st Dec at the Riviera Centre, Torquay.

Tickets are selling like hot cakes....but much tastier....so get in there quick before it is too late!!

More info at <http://www.torbaypridesupport.com/> or **07971 280776**

QUIP

QUIP has received a grant from Awards for All for £5,195! The grant is for 5 days in different parts of Devon and Cornwall to find more interested QUIP members and volunteers. The days will consist of performance-based workshops, networking and a small performance. There is money available for access and travel, and some payments for workshops and organisation of events. Please contact me if you are

interested in: helping organise an event in your area, running a workshop, performing, or just coming along on the day! We are also interested in hearing from people willing to drive or be a personal assistant for a disabled person, signers, people with technical skills, and any knowledge of accessible suitable venues in your area you have.

Get in touch on myfaerieking@btinternet.com

BROKEN RAINBOW CORNWALL

Broken Rainbow Cornwall is now back up and running in Cornwall - they have a worker called Simon Carpenter - and the email address is still brokenrainbowcornwall@hotmail.com.

BR have counselling rooms and can offer psychotherapy/counselling free of charge (small donation if person is able to) and they have a helpline number.

WESTERN BOYS

Just to let you all know Western Boys have updated website and contact details as follows:

www.westernboys.org, and email to <mailto:info@westernboys.org>

MID DEVON ACTIVITIES:

Some diary dates from www.number3.co.uk.

13th GNG NATURIST DAY at Chudleigh. Meet in the Car Park 12 Noon. Large Jacuzzi and secluded garden. Please bring along, towel and something for your feet (flip flops) and a plate of food to share at the buffet.

27th COFFEE MORNING AT NUMBER 3 - 10.30am onwards. These Coffee Mornings are really well attended. Please bring along a plate of food to share at the buffet. Your chance to relax and unwind, be yourself in the company of other men, and make new friends, perhaps even find that someone special. Small donation towards tea/coffee appreciated. Raffle with prizes, all donations towards events throughout the year.

30th CAFFMOS BAR - This is a gay/lesbian bar at TJ's Cellar Bar in Fore Street, Tiverton. 7.30pm onwards.

NOVEMBER

4th OPEN HOUSE at Chard. Harry and Mac have kindly invited us all to his Open House. Leave Tiverton 12.30pm. Your chance to meet new friends, relaxed friendly atmosphere. Soup, sandwiches and cider!!!!

10th GNG NATURIST DAY at Chudleigh. Meet in the Car Park 12 Noon. Large Jacuzzi and secluded garden. Please bring along, towel and something for your feet (flip flops) and a plate of food to share at the buffet

CONTACT IMPRO

Contact Impro - "aliveness of deep and playful contact with myself and

others"-- with Sky Chapman

'develop your partner dance potential in a trusting spontaneous listening dialogue form'

Wednesdays - October 3rd- Nov. 28th 9.40- 11.45am [not 24/10] £7 or £50 for 8
Saturday Nov 3rd & Sun. Nov 28th 1.20- 4.30pm £10 or £16 both.

Harberton Parish Hall, nr Totnes -- lifts available-- ph. 01803-865449 to book

Andy kicks Paul to wake him up

Ooo.....hiya!!! ☺ What a month hey....all so very exciting.

Now...time to start rummaging through my closets (haven't been in one of those for some time)...*giggles*....and find those Halloween costumes....the night approaches....and no jokes about not needing a costume...I might get offended ☺.

Have a good October....i know I have a very very busy one now....see you all next month....a little later in the month though as Andy and I, and respective partners, are giving everyone else a couple of weeks relief from our madness and going on vacation....I feel sad for the crew on board our cruise already...hee hee....2 weeks of us on board.....*giggles intensely*...poor things!

Ciao ciao

Paul

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