



Lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans people in the South West

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September is always a busy time for us at intercom, with the LGBT community conference taking place and time spent catching up with ourselves after touring all the Pride in the South West peninsula but, as always, here we are with news to amuse and inform.

This month we bring you some events in partnership with the Police across Devon & Cornwall and Dorset. We also bring you group news and events – as sent in by the groups themselves – hot 'n' fresh out the kitchen – come and get it!

A rather proud look at the South West's Prides for 2010.

So, we have traveled extensively over the South West this year, with an additional pride in Bristol to add to our list, but please let's not get ahead of ourselves, cast your mind back if you can to February when Exeter saw its first official Pride take flight.

Hosted at the Exeter Phoenix, **Exeter Pride** was the first of the seasons and didn't disappoint. With its first Parade, around 300 people walked with Pride through the City with a 50 metre rainbow flag (jointly owned by Exeter pride, Plymouth pride event and intercom) and spent the day enjoying a variety of activities and entertainment at the Phoenix.

Next we had **Torbay Pride** with a week of events leading up to the main pride weekend hosting a veritable plethora of activities and events such as the Homophobia in Footballs awareness raising tournament with Intercoms Sports Outreach Worker.

Then in July we headed east to Bournemouth and caught up with **Bourne Free** which was bigger and better than ever with a wild west theme and their longest parade which was enjoyed by a massive crowd, as was the splendid entertainment which took place this year in THE SUNSHINE!!!

This year, for the first time ever, our pride tour took us to Bristol, for the city's first **Bristol Pride** and what a splendid treat that was – very professionally organised and run and great fun – roll on next year if the first one was anything to go by!

Cornwall Pride in August proved that they could and did top the year before - with the same format but bigger and better events and activities – and as always such a great atmosphere on the parade and throughout the day!

And last but by no means least was **Dorchester Love Parade** which is definitely one to watch for next year – this year it was of course perfectly well formed with a lovely parade and a great day of entertainment kindly hosted by Café Jagos.

Keep your eye balls peeled for news of **Plymouth Pride Event** later in the year!

Now, those of you who regularly read this bulletin will know that we don't usually gush about these events but come on – we should be very proud of all of those volunteers who give so much time and hard work to put on these events for us to enjoy – let's make sure we support them so we can continue to enjoy them next year and the year after!

Dorset Police consultation - Your chance to have your say!

Want a free cup of coffee and cake?! Also want to tell nice people from Dorset Police what you think about them? Then do we have the social event of the year for you!

Monday 6th September at 6:30pm – 8:30pm (is a drop-in event so feel free to come for 10 minutes, 1 hour or even the whole two hours!) come along to the Bridport Arts Centre Café where Intercom's Community Development Team, alongside representatives from Dorset Police Community Engagement Team will be there to have a natter with you, get your opinions and provide you with yummy cake.

This really is your opportunity to be honest about your views and to find out how things are going to improve.....honest!! Without people coming along, the Police won't get a true picture of where they are starting from so please pop along if you are in the area and share your views.

For more information, contact Paul or Vicky on 01392 201012 or paul@intercomtrust.org.uk

Discussion on developing our local NHS fertility service in Dorset

Do you have a view about assisted conception? Have you ever tried to access fertility services? Or, do you support a local group who would be interested in having their say? LINKs are independent, voluntary groups who work to improve local health and social care services. LINKs are working with NHS Bournemouth & Poole to organise this event for local people.

Tuesday 7th September at Kinson Community Centre, Millhams Road, Bournemouth from 5.30pm to 7pm

To find out more about the proposed changes to NHS Fertility Services, and have your say, book now. We are particularly keen to involve people who are under the age of 40, same sex couples and people who have received treatment for cancer. Your feedback will help to make future fertility services fairer for all.

There is space for 50 people to attend this free event. Book now on: Tel: 0300 111 0102 or Text LINKS + message to 80039 or Email: contact@makesachange.org.uk LINKs can provide transport, if needed.

There are balls all over the South West!

WOW! Women of Wessex are throwing an October ball too!

On the 9th October Women of Wessex are throwing their ball in Bournemouth at The Cumberland Hotel.

Starting at 8pm and partying through till 1am the WOWER's have accounted for those of you who may not be able to get home and so accommodation at the Cumberland is available at a special price of £109 per person for 2 nights or £79 per person for 1 night, to include breakfast - book direct with the hotel on 01202 298350

Tickets are £30 each, please make cheques payable to October Ball and include a SAE sending both to:

26 Newstead Road, Bournemouth BH6 3HJ

Or you can email octoberball@hotmail.com for further information.

WOW! Women on Wednesday are throwing an October Ball on Saturday 30th of October at the Rougemont Thistle Hotel. There are still tickets available for the ball. All tickets purchased before 15 September 2010 will be entered into a raffle for a mystery top prize worth £50, to be drawn on the night.

Tickets are £37 and this includes a 3 course meal, 2 live bands and a disco...can't be bad.

Tickets will be on sale on Wednesday nights at WOW.

Alternatively you can send a cheque (payable to 'The Intercom Trust') for the full cost of the ticket(s) and your menu options to: WOW Ball, 44 Shaftesbury Road, Exeter, EX2 9BR.

You MUST include a SAE so we can post your tickets back to you. A ticket can only be sold when full payment has been received and menu choices have been made.

More details and menu options from womenonweds.social.Exeter@hotmail.com

Coming soon to www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

Over the coming month the LGBT Collective Website will be having a few nips tucks and extensions, including a new forum which you register to for free and a volunteers wanted page where you can advertise to recruit volunteers and trustees. So keep checking the site and let us know if you have any bright ideas to improve it. Contact admin@lgbtcollective.org.uk for your group to take advantage of the volunteer recruitment pages.

Independent Custody Visitors needed

Independent Custody Visitors are members of the local community who visit police stations unannounced to observe, comment and report on the rights of the detainee; the health and welfare of the detainee and the conditions of the facilities of detention. It is your chance to offer protection to both detainees and the police as well as reassure your local community and the community at large!

It is now your chance to get involved as Devon and Cornwall Police Authority needs more volunteers to play this vital role. Come along to a custody open day and find out more, this will include a tour of custody, a talk about the scheme and a question and answer session. All open days are subject to interest and are at the following Police stations;

Camborne- Monday 13th September

Charles Cross, Plymouth- Monday 20th September

Barnstaple- Thursday 30th September

Exeter- Wednesday 6th October

Launceston- Friday 8th October

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting Becki Brodest at the Police Authority either on 01392 268333 or by email. Travelling expenses will be reimbursed, in accordance with the Independent Custody Visiting scheme of expenses which can be found on the below link;

<http://www.dcpa.police.uk/PDFstore/icv/CustodyVisitingGuidelines.pdf> or
Becki.BRODEST@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

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LGBT10 update

Got your LGBT group booked into the LGBT Community Conference in September? Yes? Good, then you won't need to contact Paul and get a booking in before all the space go, so that's alright then! So you won't be needing this address then...paul@intercomtrust.org.uk

Online groups for gay parents

The new, GayDads.co.uk website is coming up to its third anniversary and the GayMums.co.uk site is relatively new. Both sites aim to provide a space for people in similar situations can hopefully find support, strength and new friendships. The original website was very much a DIY effort but today the GayDads.co.uk site has all the functionality as some of the best gay social networking sites with over 400 members.

Members have their own profile page, you can search for other members by name or county and contact them using the site private messaging facility. There is also a chat room and a forum for posting questions, topics for discussion etc. Events are organised centrally, or by individual members and they are posted on the event Event page. We have an annual get together, usually in Birmingham each year which is a great opportunity for members to meet face to face.



The next development phase has taken place with two related support / social networking websites:- www.wives.of.gaydads.co.uk and www.gaymums.org.uk and www.husbands.of.gaymums.org.uk is planned in the near future. So if you are a gay parent and you feel isolated and that you are the only one - you need worry no more - come and join others like you – you are amongst friends.

Broken Rainbow

Broken Rainbow is a registered charity running the UK's only National LGBT Domestic Violence Helpline (0300 999 5428) providing confidential support to all members of LGBT community, their family and friends, and agencies supporting them. Their trained LGBT helpline workers help with building a safety plan, discuss housing option, give general information about legal rights, give information about local support services, discuss making a police report, provide confidential listening support and/or just listen. Broken Rainbow also provides training to front line services, the Police, the Probation Services, Local Authorities, etc, surrounding the issues involved in lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans domestic violence. They can provide speakers for conferences, trainers for workshops/events.



For more details or to contact the group <http://www.broken-rainbow.org.uk/posters.html>

GLEE (Gays and Lesbians into Entertainment in Exeter)

The Glee group are planning to go to loads of events through to xmas – including an acoustic night at the Boston Tea Party – find them on Facebook for me details or email exeterglam@hotmail.co.uk for more information on up and coming events.

GLAM (Gays and Lesbians At the Movies)

The organiser of this group is looking for someone to help with organising movie visits. This person would help send out invites to people on the mailing list and pick the date for the visit to the cinema.

The normal format for GLAM is to meet around an hour before the movie is due to start for a drink and a chat (usually about films!) and then all go through to the film together, this is at the Picture House in Exeter.

The co-organiser /volunteer would also need to be at the venue around 5 minutes before the agreed meeting in time to make sure new people can identify where and who GLAM are!

If you are interested please contact Vicky on either vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk or 01392 201012 or exeterglam@hotmail.co.uk or search for the group on Facebook

Have you had your senior moment yet?

Senior Moments is a monthly coffee event for older lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people. The support/social group is still in its infancy, but it is gathering speed and has enjoyed a regular and mixed crowd every month so far.

The next Senior Moments will be taking place in September and meets at the Over the Rainbow Centre in Bournemouth. Pop in between 2 - 4:30pm and enjoy some good company and a bit of coffee and cake - what could be nicer? Contact John for more information on 07791 861384



Cornwall Chillout Cafe says goodbye!

It is indeed with a heavy heart that we have to report that the Cornwall Chillout cafe has finally closed its doors in Scorrier for the last time. Although popular at the beginning, attendance finally fell so low that the cafe event could no longer run. Some of the feedback received was that the venue was just too inaccessible so if you would be interested in helping to restart the event somewhere else and can commit to volunteering once a month for the event – then contact admin@lgbtcollective.org.uk to register your interest.

Big thanks go to Ian and all the staff at the Crossroads Inn for hosting the event for nearly a year, for all their time and commitment.

Community Listings

This month's events...		
Date	Event & Contact	Time & Venue
Monday 6 th September	Talk to us about Dorset Police and tell us what you think about them and what they do! paul@intercomtrust.org.uk 01392 201012	6:30-8:30 drop in Bridport Arts Centre Café
11 th – 12 th September	LGBT10 Community Conference Weekend conference for LGBT community groups and projects. paul@intercomtrust.org.uk 01392 201012	Weekend event in Torquay
Sunday 19 th September	Dorset Chillout Café Another lovely Sunday afternoon with great company dorsetchillout@hotmail.com	1:30 – 4:30 Nappers Mite, Dorchester
Saturday 8 th October	Women of Wessex October Ball A ball for lesbian women taking place in Bournemouth This is a ticketed event - £30 octoberball@hotmail.com	7-1pm Cumberland Hotel, Bournemouth
Saturday 30 th October	Women on Wednesday October Ball A ball for LBT women, party the night away with some good company, great music and delicious food – ticketed event £37 womenonweds.social.Exeter@hotmail.com	Rougemont Thistle Hotel, Exeter
Regular Events		
Date	Event & Contact	Time & Venue
3 rd Saturday of the month	Western Boys is a support and social group for FTM identified people. Group does not meet in June or Dec info@westernboys.org www.westernboys.org Text or phone: 07811 814302	6pm – 9pm Taunton location
1 st Saturday of the month	Pony Club @ Bar beyond Monthly event for LGBT women in and around Bournemouth's Triangle. info@theponies.co.uk	8pm – late Bar Beyond, The Triangle, Bournemouth
2 nd & 4 th Saturday of	Kiss n Make Up	8:30-late

the month	Social group for TS/TVs, partners and admirers http://sites.google.com/site/kissnmakeupgroup/	Bakers Arms, B 'mouth
Last Wednesday of every Monthly	Bournemouth Gay Writers Meet monthly to discuss writing and their own work. bournemouthrainbowwriters@hotmail.co.uk	8pm Over The Rainbow in Bournemouth
Last Saturday of the month	Torbay Rainbow café Monthly café style event for LGBT people in the Torbay area. torbayrainbowcafe@hotmail.co.uk	11.00am - 1.00pm MCC - Unitarian Church hall, Torquay
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month	Sit & Stitch Knitting group (mixed) in Exeter for those who like to knit and have a chat! heavenlyyarns@hotmail.co.uk or 01392 215131	6:30pm-08:30pm Heavenly Yarns, Fore St, Exeter
2nd Monday of the month	Exeter pride committee meetings info@exeterpride.co.uk	6:30 North bridge Inn Exeter
4th Friday of the month	Senior moments Social group older LGBT people 01202 257478 ask for John	2pm Over the Rainbow Bournemouth
Every Wednesday	Rainbow Source community radio Al Green, Steve Cannon & Guests bring you a lively mix of news, issues, music and gossip from the LGBT communities in Cornwall rainbowsourcesource@hotmail.co.uk or call 07776 136387 www.thesourcefm.co.uk	6pm -7pm The Source 96.1 FM

Got an event coming up?

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