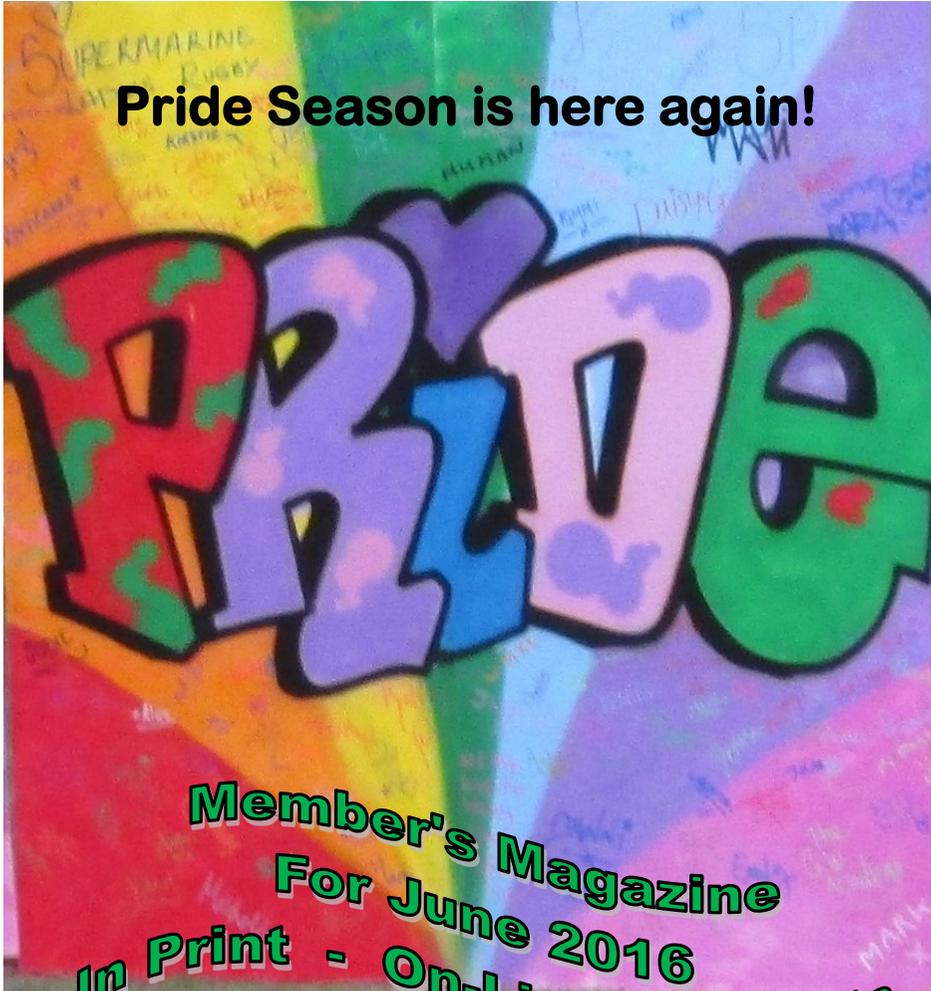


Gay West

Pride Season is here again!



**Member's Magazine
For June 2016
In Print - On-Line - Mobile
Non-members £1.50p**

Member's Page

THIS IS YOUR PAGE WHERE YOU CAN VOICE YOUR OPINIONS ON JUST ABOUT ANY SUBJECT AND YOUR MAGAZINE AND IT'S CONTENTS.

Official Notice

When attending GayWest Events, would everyone please make their own way to the venues and book independently where appropriate.

HELP REQUIRED - We now have our places booked for Gloucester, Bristol and Weston-S-Mare Prides. Members of the Committee will be manning the GayWest stall at these Prides. So that we can have a toilet, and grub break please could you help us out for an hour or so on our stall, it is great fun and with the sunshine and lovely gay people to chat to what could be a better way to spend a couple of hours in the summer time.

Also we will be doing the same in September at the Age UK's event at the M-Shed where we also require some help.

If you can help with any of these events please contact me.

On 07758 810 134 Colin

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Chair's Blog

Hello, and welcome.

In a moment of quiet thinking, I realised that I would soon have to write another blog for the GayWest Magazine, and as always one has to think into the month ahead. At this moment I realized that I am now halfway through my third year as the Chair, so I thought it would be a good chance to remind you all of what the benefits are for being in such a gay group!! But before I do, let me tell you of the happenings for this Month. It all starts with our first pride of the year at Gloucester on the 11th June, followed on the Thursday 16th for our first Queer Ale event; then on Saturday 18th it will be Midsomer Norton's Pride event. On a more serious note Eddystone Trust will be at The Rainbow Cafe on the 4th June for a free HIV testing session for those who would like to have a test. So plenty to get involved with.

Now! What do you get for being a member of GayWest?

Joining the oldest mixed group for all LGBT, where you can meet mix & make friends or maybe more.

Visit the vibrant "Rainbow Cafe" that's been running every Saturday morning since 1983 and even get involved with the running of it.

Have access to GayWest's LGBT book library of over 250 novels and non fiction books available to borrow free of charge.

A regular magazine with a wide range of subjects available on-line and in printed form.

A very interactive website with It's own member's section and chat room, where you can find out what events are happening Also find links to many other LGBT organisations websites. You can access the web chat room and other pages from your desktop, laptop tablet or smart phone so you can always keep up to date.

Arranged outings in the summer months.

Monthly social evenings in Bristol and Bath.

Chair's Blog Cont'd

A recently acquired discount to the Bristol "Lads locker Room".
Help and support when needed with discretion.

A chance to be a member of the committee (such fun).

Being part of a diverse forward thinking LGBT organisation embracing the new, the old and the in-between.

So there you have it, what more can I say; you may like to spread the word to others who may like to be part of a good thing. You can do this by asking a member of the committee for our latest postcard handouts to take with you and give to friends.

And remember you can join us on the committee where you could have a part to play in the future of gay life as we know it.

Have a gloriously Gay June
Colin

A Warning to train travellers

Do Not stand too near the edge of the platform, when fast trains are approaching, or you might get "sucked off".

NEWS FLASH.....

The Manager at "The Lads Locker Room" has agreed to offer GayWest Members a **discount** on production of your membership card.

Entertainment

A date for your Diary

Love's Bet Productions presents...
A PANTOMIME FOR OLDER BOYS & GIRLS

DOWN THE HOLE



4-6 AUGUST 2016
CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN HALL

Tickets £10 / Concessions £8.00 to book visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/lovesbetproductions
or call 07512 274737 for more information.

ADVISORY
EXPLICIT CONTENT

A little time before Christmas but should be very entertaining.

Entertainment

Gloucester Pride June 11th

Midsomer Norton Pride

Get yourself and your friends down to Midsomer Norton Pride, starting on Friday 17th June at 8pm for a showing of "Pride" the film, entry for £1.00 a ticket to be held at The Town Hall, The Island, BA3 2HQ To continue on Saturday 18th for their actual Pride event. More info on MSN Pride Facebook page.

Give them your support and enjoy a good day out.

Abba Duo Tribute Night June 11th at 9.30pm at The Red Lion Harvester Pub in Bath, 468, Wellsway, Odd Down, Bath.
(Rachel sang at The GayWest Picnic a few years ago and Hannah is an amazing performer in her own right.)

Matthew Bourne - The Red Shoes

Tuesday 4th - Saturday 8th April 2017

An intoxicating drama where life imitates art with fateful consequences; The Red Shoes will dazzle your senses and break your heart. So another one to put in your diary.

Entertainment

Panasonic roadshow at Lacock 2016 1st—3rd July

Meet photography experts from Panasonic, try the latest cameras, have a photo portrait taken or join a photo walk as the exciting Panasonic roadshow returns to Britain's birthplace of photography - the home of William Henry Fox Talbot.



History of Gay West

There are still a few copies left of Robert Howes's History of Gay West (Gay West: Civil Society, Community and LGBT History in Bristol and Bath 1970 to 2010. ISBN 978-1-906236-75-5). This tells the story of the group's development from its origins as the Bath Gay Awareness Group. More details can be found on the GayWest website.

Leisure

GAY OUTDOOR CLUB (GOC)

A wide range of walks and other outdoor activities locally and nationally. For further details see the GOC web site <http://www.goc.org.uk>.

Local telephone contacts are: Nigel 01793 770099 Ken 07790 759162 or Bill 07503 650354.

LOCAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sun 05 June 2016 Stourhead walk
A 7 mile circular walk around the National Trust Stourhead estate.

Wed 15 June 2016 A Wednesday evening walk to the north of Bath.
A 3-mile evening walk past the village Dyrham and over Hinton Hill. Drink in pub afterwards.

Sun 19 June 2016 A walk of 8 miles in the Avebury area of prehistoric Wiltshire
In or out of the EU, this is probably Europe's largest rock garden & the original home of Barney Rubble & the Flintstones?

The 401 Marathon Challenge by Ben Smith

You may have seen the collection box in The Rainbow Café. He is undertaking the huge feat in aid of Kidscape and Stonewall.

The final three Marathons will be in Bristol on the 3rd, 4th and 5th October 2016 so give all the support that you can. More details to follow.

Committee

GayWest Committee Members

Chairman / Assistant Magazine Editor	Colin O'Brien
Rainbow Café Chief Host	Antony Russell
Secretary / Treasurer	Brian Milligan
Events	Michael Reid
Magazine Editor	Jim Phimister
Membership Secretary	Jim Phimister
Outreach Officer	John Martin

Website Sub-Committee

Facebook / Twitter Administrator	John Martin
Facebook / Twitter Editor	Colin O'Brien
Website Manager	Michael Reid

We are always looking for members who feel that they have a talent for Committee work, so whatever you are good at, why not give a little of your time and talent to Gaywest with all the things we do.

It would really be appreciated. Many thanks

Committee Meetings :- Wednesday 15th June at 2pm

And Wednesday 13th July

any member who wishes to attend, please contact

Colin on 07758 810 134

GayWest and other Events

Second Wednesdays of each month GayWest's

Bristol Social Evenings ; Old Market Tavern 8pm

Fourth Wednesdays of each month GayWest's

Bath Social Evenings : Barley Mow (Bathwick Street) 8pm

May

Monday 30th May - June 11th Priscilla Queen of the Desert

Also a full programme throughout the year of other titles

Hippodrome Box Office 0844 871 3005

June

Saturday 11th Gloucester Pride, Gloucester
Park, Gloucester.

Thursday 16th **Meeting at 1 pm for Lunch at Harbourside
Wetherspoons (V Shed) followed by the first GayWest "Queer Ale"
pub visits in the area.** (Contact Colin 07758810134)

Saturday 18th Midsomer Norton Event being organised
GayWest will be in attendance.

See details on page 6 under Entertainment.

GayWest and other Events

July

Saturday 2nd Exmouth Pride

Saturday 9th Bristol Pride, Millennium Square, Bristol.

(PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE)

Sunday 10th **1pm After Pride Lunch at**

**“Catch 22” Restaurant on College Green, varied menu
at reasonable prices.**

Sunday 31st *Puppetry of The Penis ONE NIGHT ONLY*
Bristol Hippodrome

August

Sunday 14th 2pm **GayWest PICNIC**

**Hanham Woods Bring your luxurious Picnic hampers to Conham
River Park Picnic Area, off Conham Road, Hanham.**

September Sunday 25th at M.Shed Age UK - Celebrating Age.

Christmas Time **Tyntesfield visit to be arranged**
(A fabulous Victorian outing).

December

The GayWest Annual Dinner - Another event not to be missed.

Peer Mentoring

Brigstowe project

Want to be a Peer Support Volunteer? Living with HIV?

Can you listen and share experiences with people who have just been diagnosed?

Can you support people who are struggling with their diagnosis?

The Brigstowe Project runs a peer support service and we are looking for positive people who can listen and share experiences with others. You can build your confidence, learn skills and gain a Peer Mentoring qualification as well as enjoying the feeling of making a real difference to someone's life.

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