

**GayWest Member's
Magazine for
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**A good opportunity to shift and
shuffle your unwanted goodies for
our bi-annual fundraiser. May your
carrier bags bulge!**

**Coming soon GayWest's Autumn
Auction on Saturday 22nd October 2016**

Chair's Annual Report

Celebrating Age Festival

We started out the year by being invited to take part in Age UK's "Celebrating Age Festival" at the M-shed. This was a first for GayWest or indeed for any LGBT group and went very well, so we were invited back again this year which was held on September 18th.

This was the beginning of the change that I think is taking place in the community, a gradual acceptance in the wider society as a whole, as we saw at the Pride events this past year where there were more family orientated stalls and a mixture of cultures. Although unfortunately we noticed that GayWest was the only LGBT social group having a stall at some of these prides.

History talk

The M-Shed was visited again in February when we took part in the "Schools Out National History Month" and GayWest presented a talk on it's amazing history.

GayWest Support

GayWest as a group has expanded it's support activities this year by giving support to setting up a GBT group at Leyhill open prison which we are actively involved with at the moment and working with Ashley House in Bristol on helping gay prisoners on their re-habitation into society on their release from prison.

Social events

On the social side, our monthly social evenings in Bristol have been well attended and are a regular feature in our diary. Unfortunately we have stopped the Bath monthly social evening due to lack of support. In May we had a trip on the Bristol Packet boat around the harbour which all those who took part enjoyed, also we had a different type of event in June, also at the Harbourside and this was what I like to call GayWest's (first queer) ale pub crawl although we only managed two pubs but a nice afternoon it was. Later in August we had our first picnic for a while and this was at Conham River Park next to Hanham Woods, we also had a very interesting guided walk at this event showing the highlights of this wooded area.

September 2015 - 2016

Web site

Our Website is proving it's worth and we have a lot of contacts with other groups because of it. We have had new members join us via our site. Remember you can get all the past years magazines from the site and other published items and also use the chat room exclusive to members.

Working with other groups

This year has also seen the opening in early September of the new Rainbow Cafe in Weston-S-Mare at the Cameo Bar. This has been achieved in collaboration with NS LGBT, FFLAG, Community Connect, and Curo. This cafe is open from 2pm - 4.30pm every second Saturday of the month.

And finally we are working with these same organisations on a one day event next April in Weston-S-Mare, hopefully at the Tropicana. This will be a fundraising event for all our groups, with stalls, competitions, and live music etc.

Called "**Dress to Impress with GayWest**". So there is a lot going on.

Thank you

Now none of this would have been possible without the hard work and help of the committee, and other members of GayWest.

So that is that and I hope that GayWest will carry on for many years to come, but it needs your support, as it is your group. Thank you for all your hard work on our behalf.

Colin

DORIS KAPPELHOFF

Doris was born on April 3rd 1924 in Cincinnati; her parents were of Dutch origin, and along with her two siblings, the family were settled and enjoyed a popular social life. Doris' aim in life was to be a dancer and she formed a dance duo with Jerry Doherty and they had a lot of success. But it was not to be! In October 1937 whilst out driving with friends, the car was involved in a major crash and Doris' legs were shattered, which prompted the surgeon to say that she may never walk again. She spent months recuperating and became restless; her mother suggested that perhaps she might like to sing to while away the time: Doris took the advice and progressed under the tuition of Grace Raine. A talent scout heard her, and offered her a spot on a local radio station. At this point in her life, she changed her name to Doris Day. The rest, as they say, is history.

She sang with different bands including Les Brown and had her first hit recording of "Sentimental Journey" in 1945. Films followed and she first appeared in "Romance on the High Seas" in 1947. She signed a multi-year contract with Warner Brothers, and so her career as a screen actress began. She made numerous comedy films and was type-cast as virginal.

She played opposite some of the biggest names in Hollywood, including Howard Keel, Cary Grant, Rock Hudson, Clark Gable, Rod Taylor, Gordon MacRae, Rex Harrison and many others. In the 1953 film "Calamity Jane" she had a world-wide hit with the song "Secret Love". Two years later she filmed in London for Alfred Hitchcock's spy thriller "The Man Who Knew Too Much" and had another world-wide hit song with "Que Sera Sera".

In all, she appeared in 39 films, the last of which was made in 1968. Thereafter she retired from the screen, but she did continue her recording career and appeared in her own television series. In her home town of Carmel in California with dedicated staff, she started The Doris Day Animal Foundation looking after stray animals. This continues today and is Doris' main focus in life. She was married four times, and had a son Terry who predeceased her. In 2015 there were rumours that she was to appear in a new film to be directed by Clint Eastwood.

She celebrated her 90th birthday in 2014. Her films are regularly shown on television and continue to delight new generations.

Valentino. September 2016.

Entertainment

There is a full programme of different types
right through to 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.

Their contact point is :- atgtickets.com/bristol

For their Autumn/Winter Programme

Prices are from £15.00 but will vary, so please check.

The Colston Hall has a varied selection of entertainment for it's
autumn season and can be contacted on 0844 887 1500 or
www.colstonhall.org

October Films

“Tickled” is a documentary, yes about tickling, but the film with
everything from Homoerotic desires to power and corruption. With
Dylan Reeves and David Starr

“Theo and Hugo” This starts with a Gay Orgy and which explores
important issues such as unprotected sex and HIV, a beautiful piece
of cinema.

“Holding The Man” Continues to get good reviews.

The above information is from lgbtfilms.co.uk and peccapics.com

Books - Moonstone **“The Boy who never was”** A tragic, but beautiful,
mesmerising, erotic and quietly extraordinary book by Sjon and printed by
Sceptre Books.

Important News

Following our recent **Annual General meeting**, we are now operating with only four members on your Committee, as from 1st of October you will need to go to the main page of the website and select Magazine.

Log on by entering your Email Address and this will let you in to select the magazine or document you wish to Read, Download or Print .

Please contact us by E-Mail on info@gaywest.org.uk

We are also looking for those of you who have a good knowledge of I.T. and would like to share this with us. Please get in touch as we need your support to move GayWest forward as a strong, active, social and support group for the LGBT community.

Annual General Meeting Report

The AGM was attended by 22 members: a report on the past year for GayWest was presented by the Chair (see pages 2&3) and a report from our outgoing Treasurer, Brian on the group's finances. Also, the membership has increased from 78 at the last AGM and is now 88 this is going against the trend of other LGBT groups.

After these reports the then Committee stood down. As there were no nominations. There was a proposal made and seconded that the remainder of this committee who wanted to stand, were voted to carry-on for the next year, this was done and the committee were re-elected, leaving just FOUR members to run the Committee, We are still looking for more Members to join us, so don't be shy, come and give us a hand.

I would like to thank Brian and Antony for all their hard work and devotion that they have given for GayWest while on the committee.
Colin.

Important News

Gloucester Gay and Lesbian Community. From September 4th 2016 meeting dates changed.

They will meet on the **1st Thursday of each month** at the same venue and time, 7.30 - 10pm. Details of all their social activities will continue to be on their Website. www.gglc.co.uk

Weston Super Mare Rainbow Café September 10th saw the opening at The Cameo Bar, this turned out to be a very successful opening with a visit from the local Mayor. There was a selection of cakes and biscuits along with tea and coffee. They held a raffle with proceeds going into the funds for the café.

The Next event is on **Saturday October 8th** 2pm till 4.30pm

This will be repeated on the second Saturday of each month and we look forward to meeting you there.

Committee Meetings :-

The Next Meeting is on Tuesday October 11th

Any member who wishes to attend, please contact

Colin on 07758 810 134

Official Notice

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

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 GOC EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sun 02 Oct 2016 A Scenic Cotswold Walk near Coaley Peak
An 8.5 mile walk with views over the Severn Valley and pretty Cotswold valleys and villages. The terrain is hilly, with two steep descents and one steep ascent, but very rewarding. Some of the paths may be slippery when wet. Please bring a packed lunch.

Sun 09 Oct 2016 Wandering around Winchcombe This 8.5 mile walk takes in parts of the Cotswold Way, Campden Lane a former drovers path and the Wardens Way. Please bring a packed lunch.

Theatre Report - Weston Super Mare Amateur Operatic held a Musical production of "Gypsy". This was held at The Blakehay Theatre back in August. It is a lovely small theatre in a converted Chapel and holds about 400. This was one of the best productions I have seen for some time, the leading lady as Gypsy's Mom was just so professional in every way with a very strong singing voice, which the part demanded. The company consisted of 24 including 6 children, the stage is quite small, the sets simple, the backstage crew manoeuvred the tables and chairs around with ease. I have seen this company before and regard them as one of the best amateur companies in the West of England.

Roy Appleby

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.**

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.

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.

Notice - Join us on Facebook you may find it easier by going to the link at the bottom of our Website home page.

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Seafood

I'm not sure how many people know that "Seafood" used to be gay slang for sailors but when I saw this flag flying outside the entrance to Portsmouth Dockyard, I couldn't resist taking a photo. I thought maybe a caption like "Portsmouth advertises its attractions" would do.



Unfortunately, I have to report that the only seafood I saw was sitting on a plate next to a pile of chips. The dockyard is a museum now. Still, this can be a reminder of the good old days. Robert

Holiday Trip.... Whilst on holiday in Bournemouth we visited The Weymouth Gay Group at one of their Thursday evenings, in one of the local Wetherspoon pubs. We had a warm welcome and had a good chat with Colin their organiser and many of those who attended. Following our visit I have updated our "Links" page and you can find them and other "LGBT Groups" all together, We will endeavour to update the contacts list held in The Rainbow.

Jim and Colin

GayWest and other Events

October

Wednesday 12th at 8pm

Bristol Social Evening at
Old Market Tavern.

Saturday 22nd 11am

GayWest Auction at The Rainbow Café

November

Wednesday 9th at 8pm

Bristol Social Evening at
Old Market Tavern.

Tyntesfield visit to be arranged

(See Back Page)

December

Wednesday 14th at 8pm

Bristol Social Evening at
Old Market Tavern.

Friday 16th The GayWest Annual Dinner -

Menu available, book early to avoid disappointment

Saturday 24th at the Rainbow Café

Xmas Quiz, Mince Pies and Prizes

Saturday 31st at the Rainbow Café

New Year's Celebration

Christmas with GayWest.

November And December events

Start your Christmas with us, with ***“A very Victorian Christmas at Tyntesfield”*** featuring fabulous Victorian festive fun. More information, at *The Rainbow Cafe.* or go to the Website.

GayWest's Christmas Dinner

On Friday December 16th at The Pavilion Cafe, Victoria Park Bath. We have been able to keep the price down to the same as last year. £20.00p for members and £25.00p for non-members.

The evening will commence at 7.15pm with a drinks reception presented by our special guests followed by the meal at 8pm. There will be a Christmas Raffle and other Christmas fare.

Christmas at the Rainbow Cafe

There will be an Xmas quiz at the cafe on Christmas eve with mince pies and prizes.

Come along and start off your New Year's Eve celebrations at the Rainbow cafe on December 31st