

NORTH SOMERSET **LGBT+** FORUM

Newsletter



July 2023



The Forum attended the first-ever Bournville Pride in June, hosted by the SWAN Youth Forum. It was a great day with lots of smiling faces and fun!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

Portishead Poacher Quiz
Wednesday 5th July

Crystal Night @Vibez
Friday 7th July

Socialites Summer Stroll
Sunday 23rd July

Gayme
Sunday 30th July

PLUS

Rumble in the Jumble
Sunday 2nd, 9th, and 16th July

NEW 50+ Drop-In
Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st July

NEW Family+ Drop-In
Friday 7th, 14th and 21st July

See inside for times and venues

PLEASE NOTE:
Our HQ will be closed
22nd - 30th July

NORTH SOMERSET LGBT+ FORUM PRESENTS

Crystals, Cocktails & Tarot Night



Friday 7th July

6pm - late • Free entry

At Vibez Bar, 51 Oxford Street, WsM BS23 1TN

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A Letter from our Secretary...

Hi gang, charity mom here!

Welcome to our July Newsletter.

Last month I organised our first Crystals, Cocktails and Tarot night at Vibe Bar, which was so successful we have been asked to hold more! Steve and I also held a quiz at the Poacher in Portishead, but don't worry if you missed it as we're holding another one on July 5th – you may win one of our homo-aromatherapy sets or poncho packs! Steve and Thom also attended the Broadoak Academy Festival of Culture, where our rainbow merch was so popular, some items sold out! Our volunteers are working hard to make new merchandise, as all money raised from donations keeps our HQ open and allows us to run groups and events for our local community.

You can read all about what we have planned in July over the next few pages, plus we will be attending both Bristol Pride and Taunton Pride. Keep an eye out on our social media platforms for updates, or you can jump onto our website to see recent posts. (www.nslgbtforum.com/whats happening)

Don't forget, I open our HQ and community lounge every Mon, Weds and Fri between 12-5pm, so pop by and say hi and I'll get the kettle on for you!

Much love,

Theresa x

Pride Month in Meadow Street!

This June, our trustees and volunteers took to the shops of Meadow Street and offered rainbow bunting to our neighbouring businesses, charities and organisations. We were blown away by the number who were proud to display the rainbow across their shopfronts, so here they all are in case you missed them.

A massive thank you to all those involved with this little project, and we hope to repeat it again next Pride Month!



Above: Rose & Amber, 54 Meadow Street

Top Right: Reset Weston, 63 Meadow Street

Middle Right: Outdoors & Active,
29 Meadow Street

Right: The T-Shirt Shop, 57 Meadow Street



Lefthand column, top to bottom:

C&J's Little Shop of Allsorts, 82-84 Meadow Street
 The Other Place, 81-83 Meadow Street
 Atlantic Fish Bar, 69 Meadow Street
 Behind Bars, 94 Meadow Street

Righthand column, top to bottom:

Bridging the Gap Together! 59-61 Meadow Street
 Dino's Tattoolist. 35-37 Meadow Street
 Cross Patch, 66 Meadow Street

Portishead Poacher Quiz



Our monthly fun-filled quiz night returns Wednesday 5th July at the Poacher in Portishead!

Doors open at 7pm, for a 7.30 start.
Entry is £2 per person, max 5 per team.

The Quiz will comprise of five rounds; each a different subject. Previous rounds have included food & drink, cartoons, music and general knowledge, so there is something for everyone! There will be prizes available to winning teams, so why not come along?

The Poacher can be found at 106 High St, Portishead, Bristol BS20 6AJ. There is a car park on site, and fantastic food and drink available at the bar!

Crystals, Cocktails & Tarot Night

We are thrilled to announce our next Crystals, Cocktails & Tarot Night at Vibez Bar!

On **Friday 7th July**, come along to Vibez Bar on Oxford Street for our next evening of crystals, colourful drinks, music and giggles. We will be joined by Keeley from Tower of Temptation, our secretary Theresa and of course of the Forum volunteer team.



Vibez Bar is a friendly venue with a fantastic range of cocktails and mocktails, with free entry from 6pm and music all night long.

Looking back on June...

The Forum held a stall at the LGBTQ+ and Allies prom, run by Weston College as part of their Creative Arts Summer Festival last month. A big thank you to the college's LGBT+ group for organising such a fun and inclusive event!



The Grace Period Project Say Hi!

A local non-profit organization has partnered up with the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum.

The Grace Period Project provide free period products to members of local communities in North Somerset.

Nic from the Project visited the Forum in May, and said “The Forum is an agency we’ve wanted to support since we got started and thanks to generous donations, we’re now in a position to regularly provide the Forum with free period products alongside our other partner agencies”



For more information about The Grace Period Project, head to their Instagram account (@thegraceperiodproject), or Facebook page (@The-Grace-Period-Project).

NORTH SOMERSET LGBT+ FORUM PRESENTS

Rumble in the jumble

JUMBLE SALE WITH PRE-LOVED ITEMS & LGBT+ MERCH!

2ND, 9TH, & 16TH JULY

68 MEADOW STREET, W-S-M, BS23 1QN



Local Pride News



Taunton Pride takes place on **Saturday 22nd July**. There will be a march from Goodlands Gardens starting at 11.30am, before the main event opens at mid-day at Vivary Park. Please note, the march is free to attend but the main event is ticketed. Head to tauntonpride.co.uk/ticketing for details. The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum will be holding a stall in the community area, so be sure to pop by and say hi!



Glastonbury Pride 2023 returns this month following its first-ever Pride last year. Taking place on **Sunday 23rd July**, 12-4pm at Market Cross, the event promises to be a fun-filled day of visibility, spirituality and community. Local churches are also offering quiet spaces for reflection. The Forum team are absolutely gutted they are unable to attend this fabulous event due to volunteer coverage, so we send the Glasto Pride team all our love!



Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge's first-ever Pride on Sea launches on **Saturday 22nd July**. A march takes place from Highbridge train station at 10.30am, before the main event runs 12-6pm at Manor Gardens in Burnham-on-Sea. The event is free to attend and promises to be a day of awareness, empowerment and inclusion.



The biggest Pride in the South West, Bristol Pride have a huge range of exciting events planned between 24th June - 9th July. Full details can be found by heading to bristolpride.co.uk/events/. The main event takes place on the Clifton Downs from 11am on **Saturday 8th July**. Suggested donation for entry is £4, or you can purchase wristbands on the Bristol Pride website.

Remember! Pride in Weston is now taking place in Grove Park on Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October 2023

Regular Events & Drop-Ins



Mondays, 3-5pm at Forum HQ
(excluding 24th July)

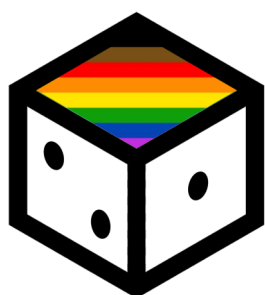
On Mondays our HQ is reserved for anyone from the LGBT+ community **aged 50 and over** to drop-in for a cup of tea and a chat, hosted by our wonderful secretary Theresa and volunteer David. Entry is free, and there is no obligation to stay the whole two-hour duration, so pop by and say hi!



Fridays, 3-5pm at Forum HQ
(excluding 29th July)

We invite parents, guardians and carers of LGBT+ or questioning children to our HQ **Fridays 3-5pm**, for our **Family+** drop-in.

Family+ is an opportunity to meet our secretary Theresa and trustee Laura. Both have experience as allies to LGBT+ children, so feel free to drop by and have a chat with them.



GAYME

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Our next Gayme night is on **Sunday 30th July**, 5pm till 8pm at the Bridging the Gap Together! hub, located at 59-61 Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QL. We have a great selection of board games and card games available, or feel free to bring any games of your own to play with others if you wish!

Socialites Summer Stroll!

Following our successful mid-summer walk in June, we invite you to join us on **Sunday 23rd July** for a circular walk around Sand Point! We will meet at the Sand Point National Trust car park at 4.30pm, walking for around 90 minutes totalling three miles. Please note, the route is generally uneven with some steep climbs and stiles to climb over. Dogs are welcome but must be kept under control due to livestock.



Please note! Our Socialites Coffee, Chatter & Cake events are on pause for a few months due to limited volunteer availability during the summer holidays.



News in Brief



Our **Make-up Workshop** in June was a big success, with some fantastic new looks being tried by our attendees! The Forum would like to extend our thanks to Casie for her fantastic work and for helping everyone feel comfortable and welcome. A big shout-out to Matt (pictured above), who shared their look on Instagram. We will certainly be holding more workshops in the coming months, so watch this space for updates!



Do you have a photogenic proud pet? We are planning a project later in the year which will invite all pet owners to contribute a photograph of your little fur-baby in a 'pride' setting - perhaps donning a rainbow flag, enjoying the summer sun at a pride event, or posing with a drag queen! For more info, please email Thom via support@nslgbtforum.com, or await further updates over the coming months.



Our friends at Bridging the Gap Together! held a successful photography exhibition in late June at the Sovereign Centre, showcasing photos taken by participants of the group's Foto Walks project. Our chair Steve and secretary Theresa viewed the exhibition and would like to pass on their thanks and congratulations to those who organised the event and the photographers whose work was displayed.

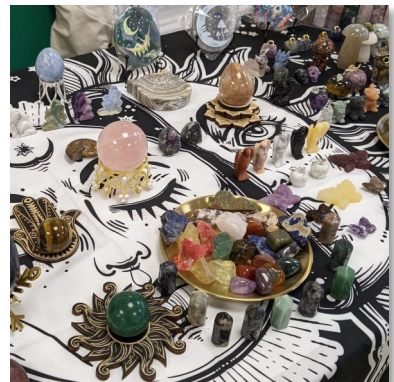


Do you know of any quirky queer performers or artists? Our events co-ordinator Dave Frost is searching for acts for a forthcoming event in Weston in September, which aims to showcase the alternative, kooky or downright bizarre side of queer culture. If you or someone you know is an established singer, performer, or comedian from the LGBT+ community, please email events@nslgbtforum.com. If you are able to provide photos or videos of your work that would be great!

If you have an event you wish to advertise in our August Newsletter, please email support@nslgbtforum.com FAO Thom.

Save the Date!

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST



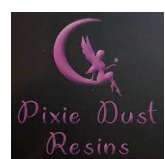
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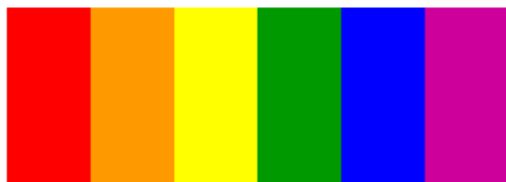
ACROSS THREE VENUES!



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More details coming soon - watch this space!



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