

NORTH SOMERSET **LGBT+** FORUM

Newsletter



May 2024



April's Drag Diva Lockdown event helped raise funds for the Forum and the RNLI

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

Portishead Poacher Quiz
Wednesday 1st May

Big Rumble in the Jumble
Sunday 5th May

**Young Socialites Kindness
Rocks Workshop (Day 1)**
Sunday 5th May

Free HIV Testing
Thursday 16th May

Big Rumble in the Jumble
Sunday 26th May

Gayme
Sunday 26th May

**Young Socialites Kindness
Rocks Workshop (Day 2)**
Sunday 26th May

See inside for times and venues

PLUS

Our Weekly HQ Drop-Ins:

50+ Mondays 3-5pm

Trans+ Wednesdays 3-5pm

Family+ Fridays 3-5pm

*Please note our HQ will be closed
on Mon 6th and Mon 27th May*



NAILSEA

COMMUNITY PRIDE EVENT

FAMILY FUN • ARTISAN STALLS • ENTERTAINMENT
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SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

12 - 6pm at The **RING O BELLS**, 4 St. Mary's Grove, Nailsea, BS48 4NQ

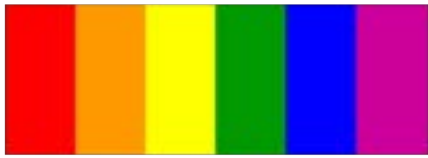
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**NORTH SOMERSET
LGBT+ FORUM**

Reg charity no. 1174545

**68 Meadow Street,
Weston-super-Mare
North Somerset
BS23 1QN**

Our HQ is open 12-5pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10am-4pm every Sunday (excluding Bank Holidays).

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Letter from the Editor...

Hi all,

Welcome to our May Newsletter.

The sun is finally shining and the first Pride events of the year are on the horizon - let's hope this summer is drier than the last one!

The Forum have a jam-packed few months ahead, with several community events across the district. You'll see a few items in this month's Newsletter that are about events taking place in June, which we've included to ensure you don't miss them! These include our outrageous Good Old Gays cabaret night, which returns to the Front Room, plus Clevedon and Nailsea will be having their first-ever Community Pride events. Read on for more details, and be sure to keep an eye out for updates via our social media platforms.

In the meantime, May is the month we are holding our first two Rumble in the Jumble community days of 2024, across three venues on Meadow Street, which you can read all about on page 7. There's still time if you're interested in having a stall. Drop me an email (support@nslgbtforum.com) to find out more. We are also holding clothes swap stalls at both events, so if you have any unwanted clothing you'd like to exchange, be sure to pop by - it could be your chance to try out a whole new outfit, or allow someone else to enjoy the clothes you no longer wear!

See you there!

Thom x



Scan for our PayPal link to donate

Please note our HQ will be closed on the Bank Holiday Mondays in May - Monday 6th and Monday 27th!



Drag Diva Lockdown 2024!



Our vice chair Paul shares his thanks to all who supported the third DDLD Live event, which took place in April

Hi everyone, Paul here... Well, Drag Diva Lockdown Live 2024!! - where do I begin?

This year was all about going back to our roots and bringing it back to the community. It was a night packed full of colour and everyone turned up dressed to the nines...

This year's event was a new hurdle as I took control to ensure the safekeeping of all the foundations built during the lockdown period. The help and support received from close friends and the Forum gave me stability and allowed for a smooth operation on delivering what can only be described as the best show yet.



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Nathan George Burgess Russ
at Proper Job Productions © 2024*

It is so amazing that each year people from all over the country put their trust in me to deliver this colourful and energetic show, and I truly believe based on feedback from 2024's event that the show was a success.

Drag Diva Lockdown 2024 raised a grand total of **£2,926.91** for two incredible charities. The proceeds raised from the event is split between the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum and the RNLI Weston-super-Mare, meaning this money will be reinvested into life-saving equipment and social events throughout the year.

I'd like to thank all those who attended DDLD 2024, especially the event sponsors: SMSounds, KDM Security, Seamus O'Donnell's, Queenshilling, and Proud Bar. I'd also like to extend my thanks to ConciergeUK for giving me the opportunity back in 2021 and believing that Drag Diva Lockdown was a worthwhile investment.

STOP PRESS! Drag Diva Lockdown 2025 tickets are on sale now! Scan here →



Looking back on April...

April was a rather busy month for the Forum trustees and volunteers, with multiple events and activities to attend and enjoy! As well as our vice chair Paul running this year's Drag Diva Lockdown Live event, we hosted two quizzes, rambled across the Quantocks, and met a Dalek (you had to be there!).

Trustee Dave's Retro Music Quiz at the Black Cat Micropub was a roaring success, raising £100.00 for Aishah's Food Charity (see photo top right) to support those with food insecurity in Weston-super-Mare. A huge thank you to all who came along and contributed to the funds raised. Meanwhile, at the Poacher in Portishead, prizes were won by a knowledgeable team of three (see centre photo)!



Aishah's Food Charity

(Registered Charity no: 1205358)

Hot Meal Food Bank Every Wednesday

Collection Time Start: **5.00pm To 6.00pm**

Collection Address:

4 The Center Walliscote Rd
Weston Super Mare
BS23 1US

For more info call

07971443574

It's Back! It's Big! It's...

Rumble in the Jumble

Our community fun day returns for **TWO** events this month!



Our Rumble in the Jumble fundraising events ensure we at North Somerset LGBT+ Forum are able to continue running our HQ, host community groups and events, and cover essential costs to ensure our volunteers are supported as much as our community.

We will be running our first two Rumble in the Jumbles of 2024 at three venues across Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare: The Other Place, Bridging The Gap Together! and our own HQ on **Sunday 5th May** and **Sunday 26th May** between 10am - 4pm. As well as our jumble stalls, we will be joined by a variety of artisan stalls, such

as the wonderful Chipper and Pixie Dust Resins, with a range of handmade wooden and resin gifts, and Tower of Temptation, who will have a great range of crystals and tarot cards available!

There will also be vintage and collectable items for sale, pre-loved clothing, refreshments, children's activities, LGBT+ merch, music and games!

Entry across all three venues is free, and The Other Place and Bridging The Gap Together! hub are fully accessible.

Head to Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1QL and join in the fun!



Gooder... Older... Gayer...!

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum are thrilled to announce **The Good Old Gays** is back! Taking place at Front Room theatre, you can be sure to enjoy a night of camp, risqué and shocking performances from all manner of weird and wonderful acts!

The Good Old Gays 2 takes place on **Saturday 15th June** at The Front Room, 13 Central Walk, WsM BS23 1FF, from 7.30pm. Parking can be found nearby at Carlton Street car park, which is £1.50 between 6pm and 2.30am. The venue is fully accessible and well-known for its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

Tickets can be purchased using the following link: www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/weston-super-mare/front-room-weston-super-mare or pop into our HQ and one of our team can help you if you're not too tech savvy! All proceeds will raise funds for the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum to allow us to continue the running of our HQ and to continue organizing events such as this!



Our next quiz night at the Poacher pub in Portishead is taking place on

Wednesday 1st May. Doors open at 7pm, for a 7.30 start. Entry is £2 per person, max 5 per team. 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.



Eddystone Trust return to our HQ for free HIV testing and advice on **Thursday 16th May**. This is a great opportunity for confidential support and guidance, as well as a chance to pick up condoms, red ribbons and literature. The session runs from 12 - 4pm and there's no need to book a space.

Community Pride Events in Nailsea & Clevedon!

You may have spotted on pages 2 and 11 adverts for two exciting events taking place in June... Well, in collaboration two fantastic venues, the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum are thrilled to announce that Clevedon and Nailsea are having their own community pride events - the first of their kind for both towns!

Nailsea Community Pride Event takes place at the Ring O' Bells on **Saturday 8th June**, and Clevedon Community Pride Event takes place at the Old Inn on **Saturday 29th June**. More details will be announced on our social media platforms over the coming weeks, but if you have any enquiries, please email: support@nslgbtforum.com

WE'RE BACK!

SHAMELESS

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**JOIN SHAMELESS ON THE
16TH OF MAY!**

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 11-17 YEARS-OLDS
TO LEARN ABOUT AND DISCUSS BODY IMAGE,
SELF-ESTEEM AND BODY POSITIVITY!
DELIVERED ON ZOOM, 4:30-5:45PM, FOR SIX
WEEKS.**

**FOR ANY YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING, WORKING
OR STUDYING IN NORTH SOMERSET!**

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WE-DO/SHAMELESS/](https://otrnorthsomerset.org.uk/what-we-do/shameless/)**

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SHAMELESS

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

- ⚡ WEEK 1 - INTRODUCTION TO SHAMELESS**
- ⚡ WEEK 2 - BODY IMAGE, HISTORY & NEGATIVE THINKING**
- ⚡ WEEK 3 - MEDIA MESSAGES & HOW TO FIGHT BACK**
- ⚡ WEEK 4 - FOOD & LANGUAGE**
- ⚡ WEEK 5 - STRENGTHS & SELF-WORTH**
- ⚡ WEEK 6 - REFLECTIONS & ROUNDING UP**

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Young Socialites Kindness Rocks Project



Are you aged 13-17? Why not come along to our two-part Kindness Rocks Project workshop?

The Kindness Rocks Project is about painting pebbles or cobbles and leaving them for others to find and collect. They can be colourful, fun, or have a message to share!

Join us at our Forum HQ (68 Meadow Street, BS23 1QN) on **Sunday 5th May** to paint some cobbles. Entry is free and there's no need to book. Materials will be supplied, just bring yourself and your imagination!

Then, come along to a half term picnic on **Wednesday 29th May** and help hide our Kindness Rocks around the town. We'll meet at Forum HQ at 12 noon and then walk towards Grove Park. After we've hidden our rocks and taken a snap of them we will head off to the beach for a picnic and some beach games. Food provided but feel free to bring your own if you'd prefer. Check the weather and bring a coat or sunscreen and a hat depending on our great British weather! Don't worry if you weren't able to join us for the first part of this project - you are more than welcome to come along for the lols!



GAYME

Our next board game night Gayme takes place on Sunday 26th May

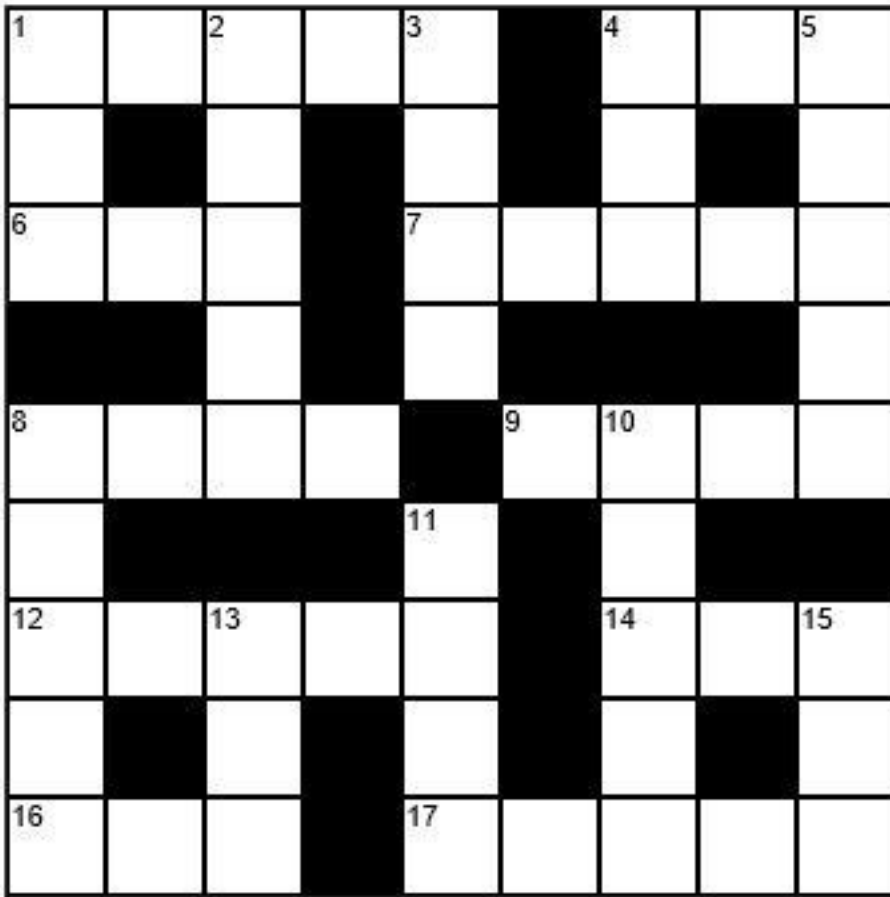
Join us 5pm till 8pm on **Sunday 26th May** at the Bridging The Gap Together! hub, 59-61 Meadow Street, WSM, BS23 1QL.

Gayme is a group for anyone to join who enjoys board games, card games or fun activities, and the venue is fully accessible. Please note that under-13s need to be accompanied by an adult.

Entry is free and there's no need to book. We also have our Tuck Shop on site, selling food and drink at affordable prices. See you there!



May Puzzle Page



Crossword

Across:

1. An edible computer? (5)
4. Not the past or future (3)
6. British female rapper (3)
7. A 3D, rotating atlas (5)
8. An uncle's wife (4)
9. Organised and neat (4)
12. One sixteenth of a pound (5)
14. A long and distinct period of history (3)
16. To drink a little bit (3)
17. Denise _____, mother of The 1975's Matty Healy (5)

Down:

1. Between shoulder and hand (3)
2. Edible crustacean (5)
3. Popular at Easter (4)
4. Protagonist of *The Matrix* (3)
5. Thin and weak (5)
8. Basic particles of chemical elements (5)
10. Most suitable (5)
11. Noise of a cat (4)
13. Brief sleep (3)
15. Main character of Pokémon and owner of a Pikachu (3)

Wordsearch

Once you've finished the crossword above, see if you can find your 20 answers in the wordsearch below!





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BIG **Rumble in** **the jumble**

**FREE
ENTRY!**



10AM - 4PM

**FAMILY FUN, BOARD GAMES, PRE-LOVED & VINTAGE ITEMS,
CRYSTALS, HANDMADE GIFTS, LGBT+ MERCH & MUCH MORE!**



SUNDAY 5TH MAY

and

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES on Meadow Street:



**THE
OTHER
PLACE.**



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