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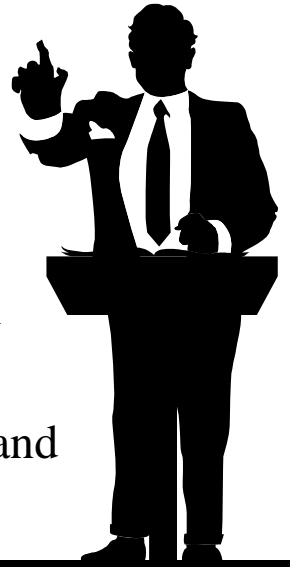
Autumn Winter 2021

Meetings Restart Edition

The latest News, Views and Opinion

DIARY OF EVENTS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Hello Friends,

The Committee met recently and as a result, following government guidelines, we are opening up more to social mixing,.

We have not rushed into changing from online meetings and rather be safe than sorry. Just because Lemmings jump off a cliff doesn't mean we have to do the same – right!

We feel comfortable making our first face-to-face meeting at our September meet. For those who do not feel ready, or find the online meeting more convenient, we will hold an online meeting two weeks later. We will probably see how this goes for at least the rest of 2021. Do let us know how you find this. You could be happy attending both meetings?

August has not lived up to it's reputation. Warm, but not exactly a blazing hot month. Saying that, if we had the temperatures of Spain or Greece it would be horrendous. I feel so sorry for the residents trying to live in that heat, especially with the power, and therefore air conditioning, only available for limited hours a day!

In the Daily Mail, yes, that paper, there was a two page article on 'celebrities' who declared they are pan sexual, transgender, non binary and pansexual, non-binary and genderqueer, or many mixtures and the list goes on and on and on. There were 30 different descriptions, and I am sure some of them were the same, just words in a different order. Don't get me wrong, someone who is confused about their body or sexuality, must be finding it difficult. But who is making up all these descriptions – are they really 'real'. What is APORAGENDER – well, the list tells us it is a '*non binary identity which is not male, not female and not any combination of the two*'. Sorry, but it would make more sense if it was set on Star Trek. I feel it is more a fad rather than a serious decision that will affect the rest of a person's life. The younger generation face so many difficult decisions as it is. But, I move on.

Michael

Membership Update

The group membership is 50. This is 2 down on the last membership newsletter report Spring/Summer 2021. Jayne S we welcome as a new member.

At the time of writing the plan remains in place for the group to start meeting again face to face in Gloucester. The date is Thursday 2nd September which I am sure we are all looking forward to.

Rob P

Membership Secretary

Hate Crime Report—Howard

I represented the group at the Gloucestershire Hate Crime and Incident Strategic Group Meeting on 16th June.

The hate crime strategy has been endorsed by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The forward has been written by him and incorporated in the document. Document ready to publish in its final version. There will be a launch.

PC Steph Lawrence has been going through hate crimes and incidents ensuring they are flagged appropriately so the correct data is sent to the Home Office.

Race and religion have seen some of the highest number of offences recorded.

The Law Commission is pushing for misogyny to be an additional strand of hate crime.

National hate crime awareness week is 9-16 October. GGLC helping on police bus in Gloucester and Forest of Dean.

Tensions created when Town Council in Lydney objected to Black Lives Matter vigil.

Victim Support involved in working at local schools regarding hate incidents.

Remembering Sebrenica memorial week took place 4th to 11th July. The theme was rebuilding lives.

Cheltenham Race Alliance has been formed. This came out of the BLM vigil last year.

A group called STRIDE has been formed – Stroud Pride Network.

Work is underway for Cheltenham Holocaust Memorial in January 2022.

LGBT+ Partnership Report—Howard

I have regularly attended meetings on line. We hope to recommence face to face when possible again.

Rainbow cuppa has been visiting various places in person.

The LGBT Reading Group has met in person.

Future engagements are:

August 7th Stroud Pride

August 31st to September 4th – another tour using the NHS bus

September 11th Pride in Gloucestershire

9th to 16th October National Hate Crime Awareness Week

We have had a presentation from the National Lottery Community Fund. Any organisations/ groups interested can contact them.

We are back!

Our first face to face meeting is on Thursday 2nd September, at the usual place. Please be considerate of other members and visitors, the Committee has not placed any requirements on attending the meeting as we are all sensible enough to know precautions are still needed, especially with the new variants and our less than youthful demographic!

Graham—Editor

Young People's Social Group

GAY-GLOS Aims to provide a safe meeting place for LGBT young people (and those exploring their sexual orientation) aged between 14 to 18 years old in the county of Gloucestershire.

We meet 12:00 midday to 3:00pm every second Saturday in Gloucester. The group is free to join and we are able to help those who need it with transport costs.

Contact via our Website www.gay-glos.org or email to youth@gay-glos.org or leave a message on 07903 472899 and we will call you back.

Thoughts and Meanderings

Hello all and here's to restarting the monthly meetings again! It will be nice to gather again in person (those who know me well know I gritted my teeth saying that!). We will be continuing the virtual meetings as well, once a month two weeks after the regular meetings. This will give the opportunity for those who can't get to the in-person meetings to join us and keep in touch. It also keeps things rolling in case of the unexpected!

On the subject of keeping things running, Rob has stepped down as Membership Secretary, a post he has had for many years and which he has done extremely well. The Committee is looking for one or more members who would be willing to take on this vital post. Rob is willing to give help and advice, but it is time for more of our members to step up and help the Old Guard out. Have a think, and remember the words some American geezer said—'Ask not what your GGLC can do for you, but what you can do for your GGLC!'

Graham-Editor

Hope House Sexual Assault Referral Centre

We had an email from Ava, who is a Crisis Worker at the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Gloucestershire.

They are looking to raise awareness of the service so that others know where to come to, if they have been raped or sexually assaulted.

They offer practical and emotional support, as well as medical care, to anyone who has experienced sexual violence; regardless of gender, disability or sexual orientation- and you don't have to have reported to the Police in order to receive their care. The team are made up of male and female crisis workers who work around the clock to offer tailored support to victims who access the service. The advice line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (0300 4218400).

If you would like to find out more about the service:

Phone: 0300 4218400

E-mail: hopehousesarc@glos-care.nhs.uk

Website: www.hopehousesarc.nhs.uk

Facebook: @GloucesterSARC

Twitter: @HopeHouseSARC

Instagram: HopeHouseSARC

Hi GGLC,

I am organising for Pride in Gloucestershire the screening of an LGBT+ film on Sunday evening, September 5, which kicks-off our Pride Week.

The film is "Fair Haven" which tells of the futility of "conversion therapy" – a topical storyline as the UK Government continues to dither on introducing legislation to outlaw the barbaric practice for LGBT folks.

"Fair Haven", directed by Kirstin Karlhuber and filmed entirely on location in upstate New York, tells the story of a rural gay teen's experience with conversion therapy. It stars Michael Grant as the gay teenager, Tom Wopat ("The Dukes of Hazard" TV series – he played Luke Duke) as his father, and Josh Green as his pre-therapy boyfriend.

A young gay man returns to his family apple farm in New England after a long stay in conversion therapy finding himself torn between the expectations of his emotionally distant father and the memories of a past, loving relationship he has tried to bury.

For further information on this film, visit Fair haven (fairhavenfilm.com)

The screening will be the British Premiere (sorry but no red carpet!) and will be showing at the Sherborne Cinema in Sherborne Street, Kingsholm, Gloucester (GL1 3BY) at 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at just £6.

Alas, the Sherborne is 'only' a community cinema and does not have advance booking facilities (also not card payments – cash only). That said, they do offer a reservation service on their telephone line (01452 520560). Reservations have to be picked up 15 minutes before showtime – in this case 6.15 pm.

I expect many of your members will enjoy the film as it is a relatively slow-paced Hollywood drama, with no CGI 'robocops'! A good old-fashioned movie.

If you don't know of the Sherborne Cinema, it's a 140 seat 'community cinema' that offers free of rental charge headphones for the hard of hearing.

Visit The Sherborne Cinema Gloucester - Kingsholm : Official Website

Thanks,

Andy Harley

PRISM

PRISM has recently relaunched. It is a group for LGBT+ people who work for the City and County councils. Gloucester City Council has unanimously passed a motion of all party support. GGLC has supported the setting up of PRISM.

G.G.L.C. Annual Dinner 2021

will be held at

Gupshill Manor, Tewkesbury GL20 5SY

on

Saturday October 30th 2021

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

£15 (Members) and £20.00 (Non Members)

***Please use the booking form below to reserve your place(s)
and return with payment and your choice of one item for each course from
the menu attached to:***

***The Secretary, GGLC
c/o 50 Knowles Road, Gloucester , GL1 4TP***

NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCTOBER 11th 2021

Please reserveplaces at £15 (Member) andat £20.00 (non-member)

***I enclose Cheque/P.O for £made payable to GGLC or will pay by BACS ()
(30-93-48 00902186)***

Name..... Address.....

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Email or telephone number to acknowledge receipt of your booking and menu choice

..... (to save money, tickets will not be issued)

*****Please let us know of any special dietary requirements*****

(Please note: Discount price is only available to MEMBERS of GGLC at time of booking)

GGLC Annual Dinner – Saturday October 30th 2021

Menu

Starters

Tomato and Basil Soup, rustic bread

Smoked Chicken Breast, mango salsa, croustades

Atlantic Prawn and Smoked Salmon, mixed leaf, marie rose, rustic bread

Fruit Juice glass

Main Course

Roast Beef, yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, pan gravy

Gloucester Sausage, creamed potato, peppercorn sauce

Pan Fried Chicken, dauphinoise potatoes, port jus

Salmon Fillet, crushed new potatoes, chive veloute

Nut Roast, roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, vegetarian gravy

All served with seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Chocolate and salted caramel pot, sugar curl

Sticky Toffee sponge, vanilla custard

Meringue, fresh strawberries, chantilly cream

Cheeseboard, fruit chutney, biscuits

Dairy free cheeseboard

NORTH SOMERSET LGBT FORUM

This group is a voluntary forum whose aims are to provide a voice for the LGBT Community of North Somerset and to be the “go” organisation for the LGBT for their community. They are looking at social activities and celebration of LGBT life and ideas of what the community would like to see happening, particularly in and around Weston Super Mare. If you can help or are interested please get in touch with Nigel at nigel.nslgbtforum@gmail.com

National AIDS Helplines

“You can ask what you want to ask”

0800567123

LGBT Humanists UK www.lgbthumanists.org.uk/	OneBodyOneFaith Alan 0117 982 1512 www.onebodyonefaith.org.uk	Jewish Lesbian & Gay Help Line Mon & Thurs 020 7706 3123
Gay Bereavement Project Helpline: 020 7403 5969 Tuesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Beaumont Society (Transgender Issues) www.beaumontsociety.org.uk/	Transvestite Help Line Rita 0117 951 4481
Gay Girls of Gloucestershire 07561 067888 www.gaygirlsofglos.co.uk	Gay Men's Project West of England 0117 955 1000 Wiltshire and Swindon 01793 695 300	National LGBT Helpline 0300 330 0630 10am—10pm every day

Gay Outdoor Club

The national website is <http://www.goc.org.uk> so all you out-doors types log on and see what you could be getting involved in!

FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

September

4th Neil W

8th Michael B

11th Brian H

15th Peter T

19th Paulo L-T

24th Jayne S

November

17th Roger T

December

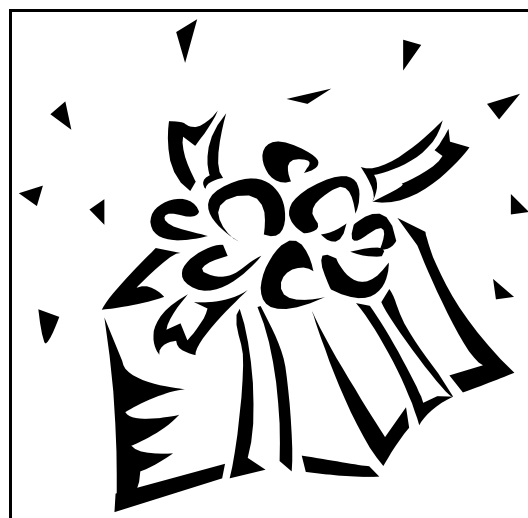
9th Howard H

9th Robert N

13th John W

October

1st Peter S



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL



GGLC's SOCIAL CALENDAR DIARY OF EVENTS

September

2nd GGLC Meeting
11th Pride in Gloucester
16th GGLC Virtual Meeting
23rd Bisexuality Day

October

7th GGLC Meeting
9-16 National Hate Crime Awareness Week
11th National Coming Out Day
21st GGLC Virtual Meeting
30th GGLC Annual Dinner

November

4th GGLC Meeting
18th GGLC Virtual Meeting
20th Transgender Day of Remembrance

December

1st World AIDS Day
2nd GGLC Meeting
16th GGLC Virtual Meeting

Advanced Warnings and Notes!

A Christmas Party is being organised, but we do not have a date yet! This can all change at short notice—please keep an eye on the web site and your email!

The diary is subject to change due to changes in circumstances, whim, Editor's insanity and attacks by Jellyfish Sprites.



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CONTACTING THE GGLC

Gloucestershire Gay & Lesbian Community meets 1st Thursday monthly, from 7.30pm, in Gloucester city centre. A warm welcome is assured for everyone. For further details or directions please phone 07050 627273 or write to :-

The Secretary, GGLC, c/o 50 Knowles Road,
Gloucester GL1 4TP. (postal only)

We also have our own website www.gglc.co.uk and the email address is info@gglc.co.uk - several new members have contacted the Group this way!

Your Committee

Chairman: Michael C-H.

Vice-Chair: Howard H.

Secretary: Peter C.

Treasurer: Craig F.

Member: Rob P.

Member: Peter S.

Member: Vacant

Newsletter Editor: Graham V.

The committee roles not voted on are decided at the first Committee Meeting.

If anyone knows of any new venues opening, please let us know.

HELPING HAND

Don't forget the Group is here to help one another. If you are unwell, still needing to self isolate or stuck, need groceries or medication, contact our Secretary or Membership Secretary. That will find someone who can help you.

Front Cover

The cover this issue is from Stroud Pride, taken by our Chairman!