

**NORTH SOMERSET **LGBT+** FORUM**

# Newsletter



September 2023



**SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPT!**

*The*  
**GOOD OLD  
GAYS**



Join us at The Front Room on Saturday 23rd September for a night of alternative cabaret for an audience with a big heart and an broad mind! Details inside...

**DATES FOR  
YOUR DIARY  
AT A GLANCE**

**Portishead Poacher Quiz**  
Wednesday 6th September

**The Good Old Gays**  
Saturday 23rd September

**Gayme**  
Sunday 24th September

*See inside for times and venues*

**PLUS**

**50+ Drop-In**  
Mondays 3-5pm at our HQ

**Trans+ Drop-In**  
Wednesdays 3-5pm at our HQ

**Family+ Drop-In**  
Fridays 3-5pm at our HQ



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**FREE TO  
ATTEND**

# Weekly Drop-Ins

68 Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1QN



## **Mondays 3-5pm: 50+**

A drop-in for any LGBT+ community members aged 50 and over. Join us for a chat and a cuppa!

**TRANS** 

## **Wednesdays 3-5pm: Trans+**

A drop-in for any transgender, non-binary or gender-questioning community members aged 18 and over.



## **Fridays 3-5pm: Family+**

A drop-in for parents, carers or guardians of LGBT+ children to talk with others about their experiences or ask questions.



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## **Sundays 10am-4pm: HQ Open Day**

Our door is open all day for visitors to grab a cuppa and chat with our volunteers, browse resources or purchase LGBT+ merch!

**Our HQ is also open to everyone 12-3pm every Mon, Weds and Fri**

For all enquiries, please email [support@nslgbtforum.com](mailto:support@nslgbtforum.com)



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## A Letter from our Events Co-Ordinator...

**Hi all,**

Welcome to our September Newsletter.

I hope you're enjoying the barmy summer we've been enduring!

I've been a trustee of the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum for 7 or 8 years, and being a Westonian I'm proud that it's been there to support people in our community that have needed it, offering support and advice and friendship and a listening ear. I highly recommend you call into our HQ, where members of the team can signpost you in the right direction if things aren't going right for you.

I've since moved away from Weston but continue to support the charity when I can. I think it is important to host different events throughout the year to cater for those who don't want to just go to the pub. Previously we've hosted the AIDS memorial Quilts in the Winter Gardens, organised walks in the countryside and entered the local Carnivals, which had a huge impact on the local community. September sees another 'different' event, as we join forces with the Front Room Fringe Theatre and SuperCulture Weston for a Variety Show featuring LGBTQ artists and allies with comedy song dance and drag, based on the classic TV Show The Good Old Days! Ours will of course be a bit more edgy for the 21st Century and renamed... **The Good Old Gays!!**

If you have a talent you would like to show off we still have space to fill please let me know! At time of press I cannot reveal our special star guest, so keep an eye on our socials as we reveal all soon! Tickets are now available from The Front Room website.

We are also attending three Pride events this month, at Taunton, Bridgwater and finally UK Pride in Weston. It will be lovely to meet you all at any of these events where we can have a chatter.

Meanwhile if you would like us to organise an event and you have a suggestion please email me: **events@nslgbtforum.com**

Kind Regards,

*Dave x*



# Watch out! It's the...



## Titter ye not!

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum are thrilled to announce **The Good Old Gays** are coming to Weston-super-Mare this month! Supported by Super Culture and taking place at Front Room WSM, you can be sure to enjoy a night of camp, risqué and shocking performances from all manner of weird and wonderful acts! There'll be drag queens, drag kings, burlesque and comedy, plus plenty of music and giggles guaranteed.

This exquisitely naughty show takes place on **Saturday 23rd September** 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 Front Room 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/weston-super-mare/front-room-weston-super-mare) or you can pop into our HQ if you are not tech savvy, and one of our team can help you.

Tickets are sold on a 'pay what you can' basis, and will be raising funds for the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum to allow us to organize events such as these, plus provide our HQ and drop-ins for our local communities.

See you there!

# Portishead Quiz Night 6th Sept



Our monthly fun-filled quiz night returns **Wednesday 6th September** at the Poacher in Portishead! 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. There is a car park on site, and fantastic food and drink available at the bar!

## Looking back on August...

Last month, we were thrilled to be invited to the 40th Anniversary Amnesty International Garden Party in Clifton, Bristol. The team enjoyed exploring the wonderful venue and meeting some lovely people! We look forward to attending again in 2024!

# Gayme Night 24th September



The next instalment of our popular Gayme night is on **Sunday 24th September**, 5pm till 8pm at the Bridging the Gap Together! hub, located at 59-61 Meadow Street, WSM, BS23 1QL. As always, at this free event we will have a great range of board and card games available to play, and even if you attend solo you will be welcomed by attendees to join their teams and make new friends. We will also have our Tuck Shop on site, selling food and drink at very reasonable prices (you'd be amazed what you can get for as little as 20p!). See you there!







# Local Prides



Taunton Pride takes place on **Saturday 16th September**. There will be a march from Goodlands Gardens starting at 11am, 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](http://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!



Bridgwater Pride 2023 Parade will be held on **Sunday 24th September**, in conjunction with the September edition of the Bridgwater Independent Market and is open to everyone. The event takes place between 10am-4pm, and will include a FREE Pride Parade through the centre of Bridgwater followed by a Pride Street after-party for everyone to enjoy. The Forum will be holding a stall, so feel free to stop by!



The UK's biggest Pride event of 2023 is the long-awaited Pride in Weston on **Saturday 30th September**! Taking place in Grove Park, the event starts with a parade from Knightstone Causeway at 11am before the main event opens at midday. Please note tickets are required, which are available from [prideinweston.com](http://prideinweston.com). These are available on a 'pay what you can' basis. The event promises to be sensational, with two stages, a Pride Village and loads of stalls!



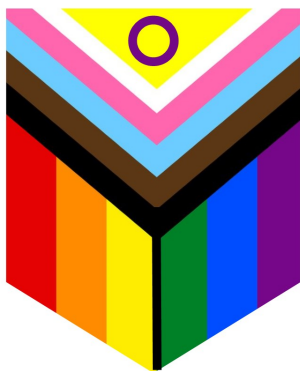
If you fancy going a little further afield, Pride in Gloucestershire takes place on **Saturday 9th September** at Gloucester Park. Starting with a march from Gloucester Cathedral at 10.30am, the main event starts at 11.30am and continues through the night at Jax Nightclub from 8pm. The parade and main event are free to attend, but please head to [prideinglos.org.uk](http://prideinglos.org.uk) to book tickets for the afterparty.

If you have an event you wish to advertise in our September Newsletter, please email [support@nslgbtforum.com](mailto:support@nslgbtforum.com) FAO Thom.

# Calling all Young Socialites!

## Fancy going to...

An exciting opportunity for all 13-17 year-olds!



### What's the T?

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum invite our Young Socialites to join us to attend Taunton Pride on **Saturday 16th September.**

This is open any LGBT+ community members aged 13-17. Under 13s are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

The meet up for the march is at 11am, so we would love you to help represent the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum.

The main event then opens at 12 noon until early evening. Under 16's are free but need to supply emergency contact details when booking, which could be your parent or guardian or the charity (please email if you would prefer to use our details). 16s and over are £7.50 before the day or £10 on the gate.

Please use the link below to book a ticket:

[www.tauntonpride.co.uk/ticketing](http://www.tauntonpride.co.uk/ticketing)

### Getting there

Our trustee Laura will be catching the 0924 train from Weston-super-Mare station at 0924, arriving at Taunton at 0951 (this is the Penzance train that leaves Worle at 0916). She will be wearing our charity uniform so should be easy to find.

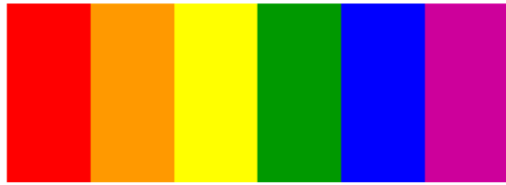
A return ticket for under 16's is £5.30. For adults the cost is £10.60.

If you are using alternate transport please arrive at Taunton station by 1015. Laura will then lead the walk down to the march starting point, where the rest of the Forum team will be waiting.

### Getting home

You will need to meet back at the Forum's stall in the community area at 1630 to return to Taunton station. Laura will be catching the 1720 from Taunton, arriving at Weston at 1746. (Worle at 1753).

**Prior to attending, please come along to an important pre-trip meeting at 2pm on Sunday 10th September in the charity HQ on Meadow Street. See you there!**



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