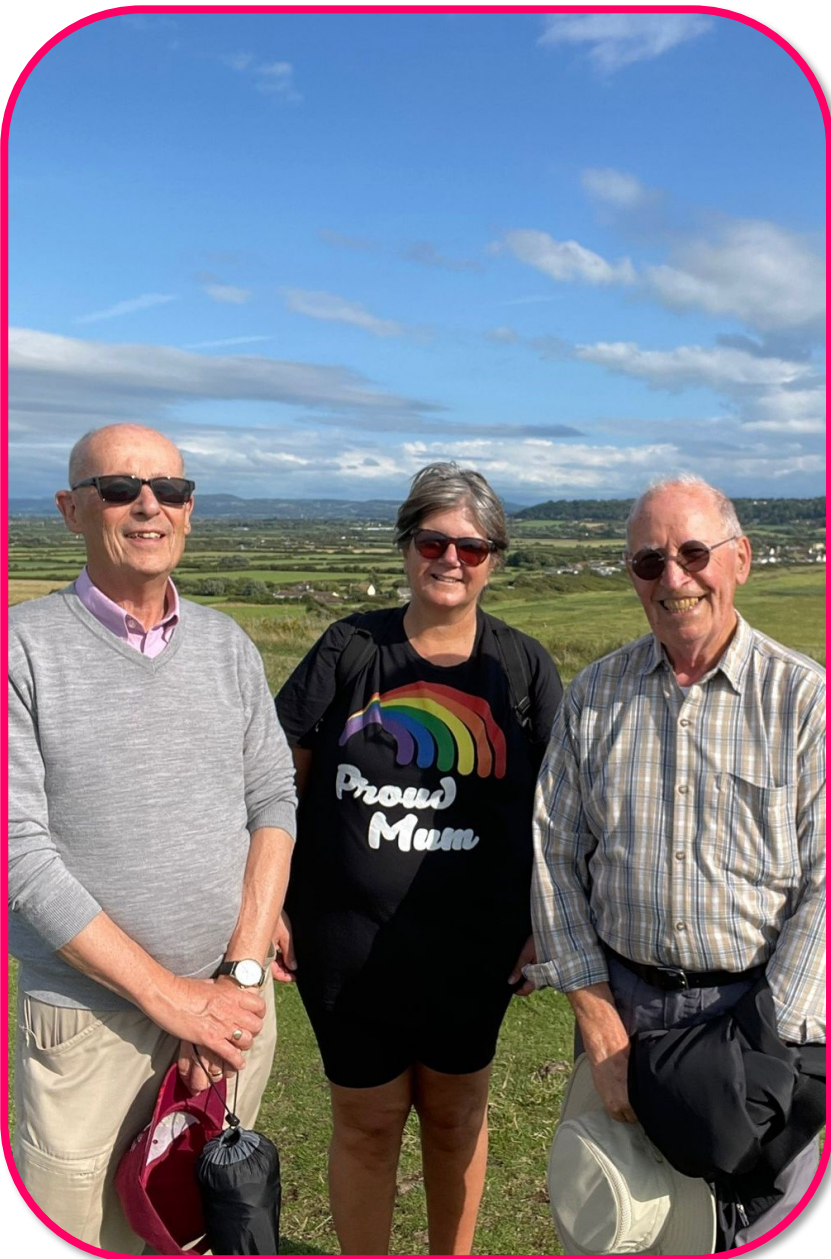


NORTH SOMERSET **LGBT+** FORUM

Newsletter



August 2023



Our Socialites group embraced the wind and sunshine along Sand Point in July, as part of our Socialites Summer Stroll! See inside for details of our August walk in Banwell.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

Portishead Poacher Quiz
Wednesday 2nd August

Crystal Night @Vibez
Friday 4th August

Socialites Evening Stroll
Thursday 24th August

**BIGGEST EVER Rumble In
The Jumble (inc. Gayme)**
Sunday 27th August

See inside for times and venues

PLUS

Rumble in the Jumble
Sunday 10am-4pm at our HQ

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

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

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

**NORTH SOMERSET LGBT+ FORUM'S
BIGGEST
EVER...**

Rumble in the jumble

10AM - 4PM

**FREE
ENTRY!**



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



... and
many
more!

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES on Meadow Street:



NORTH SOMERSET LGBT+ FORUM

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A Letter from our Treasurer...

Hi all,

Welcome to our August Newsletter.

We've just reopened our HQ after a short summer break to allow our trustees and volunteers a well-earned break, so apologies for the slightly later than usual Newsletter this month.

Nevertheless, we have a busy month of events planned for you to enjoy. As well as our regular weekly 50+ and Family+ drop-ins, we are thrilled to announce we are reinstating our Trans+ drop-in as of 2nd August - find out more on Page 5. Our Socialites group is also strolling around Banwell this month, while our secretary Theresa is hosting our next Crystal Night at VibeZ.

But our biggest event of the month - and possibly the whole year - is our BIGGEST EVER Rumble in the Jumble event on August 27th! For the first time ever, we are bringing together everything we have ever done previously, but all on the same day across four venues! See the poster on the page opposite and be sure to read through Pages 7 and 8 to find out what we have planned.

Thom x

PS: Don't forget, our HQ will be closed on Monday 28th August as it is a bank holiday.

Socialites Evening Stroll - Banwell



Our Socialites group is holding another walk this month, this time in Banwell.

We'll meet 6.30pm on **Thursday 24th August** outside the Co-op store on Knightcott Road, Banwell, left-hand side not long after entering the village from Weston. If you use What3Words, search [///burden.diet.edit](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/urden.diet.edit). A uniformed member of our team will be present when you arrive. This is a circular walk across fields, lanes and village footpaths. The walk is approx. 3 miles, lasting around 90 mins. Unfortunately, we cannot permit dogs, due to livestock and busy roads. All welcome, although under-16s will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Looking back on July...

Last month, we decided it was time to renew our trustee uniform. So, for the first time ever, thanks to your generous donations, we've been able to provide t-shirts and jumpers for our wonderful volunteers. Keep an eye out at our events, you can spot our trustees in black and our volunteers in grey!

Crystals, Cocktails & Tarot Night

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

On **Friday 4th August**, 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 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.



Regular Events & Drop-Ins



Mondays, 3-5pm at Forum HQ

(excluding 28th August)

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

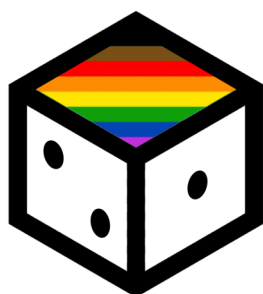
We invite parents, guardians and carers of LGBT+ or questioning children to our HQ **Fridays 3-5pm**, for our **Family+** drop-in.

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.

It's the Return of... !

TRANS

It's back! Join us on **Wednesdays** at our HQ between **3-5pm** starting **2nd August** for our dedicated space for transgender, non-binary or gender-questioning community members. Entry is free and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits available.



GAYME

GAYme

Our next Gayme night is on **Sunday 27th August**, 5pm till 8pm at the Bridging the Gap Together! hub, located at 59-61 Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QL. This is the same day as our Biggest Ever Rumble in the Jumble, where we will also be hosting mini Gayme tables throughout the day from 10am, so feel free to join us early!

Please note! Our Socialites Coffee, Chatter & Cake event this month is taking place as part of our BIGGEST EVER Rumble in the Jumble - see Page 7.

News in Brief



Do you have any local events or activities you wish to advertise in our HQ? We now have a large area for displaying posters and flyers, so feel free to drop your designs through our door or email them to us. Please note, we can only accept A4 or A5 size designs and the Forum holds the right to remove any posters to make way for new ones to be displayed!



Our monthly fun-filled quiz night returns **Wednesday 2nd August** 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!



You may have heard about the latest social media platform **Threads** launching in July. We currently do not have an account, however if you are a Threads user, we'd love to hear your thoughts on the platform and whether you think it would be useful for us to have a profile. The Forum has reduced its presence on Twitter over the past six months due to the ongoing Musk fiasco, so Threads may be a welcome replacement - let us know!



Taunton Pride was sadly postponed last month (details of a new date have yet to be revealed at time of print), however if you are in the area on **Saturday 12th August**, the Taunton Gay Group and youth service 2BU Somerset are holding a picnic in Vivary Park between 1-4pm. Entry is free, but you will need to bring your own food and seating. All are welcome to attend, although under-18s must be accompanied by an adult and dogs need to be well-behaved!

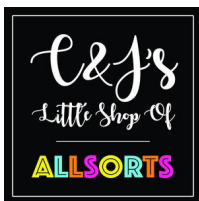
If you have an event you wish to advertise in our September Newsletter, please email support@nslgbtforum.com FAO Thom.

Rumble in the jumble

It's Our **BIGGEST**
EVER!! August 27th, 10-4

It's true! For the first time ever, we are hosting a community day across four venues with special guests, family activities, and of course lots of tea!

Shops & Stalls



C&J's Little Shop of Allsorts will be open all day selling artisan gifts and unique artwork.

Chipper will be selling handmade wooden gifts at The Other Place, including his famous Chippers!



Pixie Dust Resins will have a magnificent selection of resin gifts, tote bags and ornaments on sale.

Keeley from **The Tower of Temptation** has a brilliant range of crystals, tarot cards and gifts



Rolcaine's Candles will be at The Other Place, with unique handmade candles in a variety of scents.

And the wonderful **Dixie Designs** will be joining us with unique handmade glass gifts and ornaments.



Activities



GAYME

Gayme will be running throughout the day at Bridging the Gap Together!, plus our regular group will be held in the evening as of 5pm.

Young Socialites can enjoy a variety of activities at BTGT!, including a computer console corner and Tuck Shop!



Socialites invites you to join us at The Other Place between 1-3pm for Coffee, Chatter & Cake!

Plus...

- **LGBT+ merchandise** will be available at our HQ - including our new mini badges!
- **Radical Book Stall** at our HQ, selling a pre-loved books about sexuality, gender, and feminism
- **Vintage & Collectable Items** alongside our guest stalls at The Other Place
- **Loads of tea, coffee and biscuits!**

Turn over to see a map of where the four venues taking part can be found, and be sure to keep a copy of this Newsletter with you on the day!

NORTH SOMERSET LGBT+ FORUM'S

BIGGEST EVER

Rumble in the jumble



**NORTH SOMERSET
LGBT+ FORUM**

- Tea & Coffee
- LGBT+ merch and accessories
- Radical Book Stall
- Local resources



No. 68

Orchard Street (Cross Road)



Meadow Street

Alma Road



- Unique gifts
- Art, craft and boho items
- Handmade treasures



**No.
82-84**



- Pre-loved toys
- Gayme area
- Tuck Shop
- Computer Game Corner



**No.
59-61**



**THE
OTHER
PLACE.**

- Handmade gifts
- Crystals
- Jumble stalls
- Vintage items
- Coffee, Cake & Chatter



**No.
81-83**