

# NORTH SOMERSET **LGBT+** FORUM

# Newsletter



November 2023



Forum Chair Steve and Treasurer Laura (pictured) were thrilled to attend the North Somerset Parents & Carers Working Together SEND Day in October.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE**

### **Portishead Poacher Quiz**

Wednesday 1st November

### **Black Cat Quiz Night**

Thursday 16th November

### **Weston-super-Sapphic**

Saturday 18th November

### **Watch Together: Barbie**

Tuesday 21st November

### **Gayme**

Sunday 26th November

### **Ritz Quiz Night**

Monday 27th November

### **Rainbow Readers**

Thursday 30th November

*See inside for times and venues*

## **PLUS**

Our regular weekly drop-ins:  
50+, Trans+ and Family+.  
See back cover for details



# LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB

# RAINBOW READERS

Join us in a brand new Queer Book Club for Weston! We'll delve into books that feature LGBT+ themes & characters and meet up to discuss our thoughts.

All welcome, recommended age 18+

Rainbow Readers will be held at:  
North Somerset LGBT+ Forum  
68 Meadow Street  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1QN

For more info & a copy of the book in advance, contact: [mel@superculture.org.uk](mailto:mel@superculture.org.uk)

First meeting Thursday 30th November and then  
last Thursday of every month  
6pm-8pm

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**Letter from  
the Editor..**

**Hi all,**

Welcome to our November Newsletter.

This month's edition is our biggest yet, and it's been quite a task to fit everything in! Thankfully, with some persuasion and editing, those pesky words and graphics finally behaved themselves and the end result is in your hand, and I hope you enjoy having a browse through the updates we have to share.

The Forum is attending and taking part in a multitude of events this month, including four of the Somerset Carnival parades (see page 10), three quiz nights across the district (turn the page to find out more), as well as our own regular Gayme, Socialites and Young Socialites events (if you're aged 13-17 you're going to love what we have in store for you on page 7!).

Don't forget, as well as all of these wonderful events, we are continuing to hold weekly drop-ins for our community members. Our 50+, Trans+ and Family+ groups run 3-5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays respectively, and on top of that we are also open to the public those same days between 12-3pm, and 10am-4pm on Sundays. Full details about these drop-ins can be found on the back cover of this newsletter.

However, to continue running and attending the events and activities listed in this newsletter, we rely solely on your kind donations and support. You can access our online stores via the links listed in the column on the left of this page. Alternatively, if you wish to donate via PayPal, head to [paypal.com/paypalme/nslgbtforum](https://paypal.com/paypalme/nslgbtforum) or scan the QR code below.

We are also happy to accept donations at our HQ of any unwanted books, DVDs, CDs and bric-a-brac. All donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated.

Have a great November, and we hope to see you soon!



Scan for our PayPal  
link to donate

*Thom x*





# Let's Get Quizzical!

This month we are thrilled to be hosting three exciting fundraising quiz events!



## Poacher Portishead Quiz

Our monthly fun-filled quiz night returns **Wednesday 1st November** 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! Dates for the next six months' quizzes can be seen under the crossword opposite.

## Retro Pop Quiz at the



Our events co-ordinator Dave is thrilled to announce that on **Thursday 16th November** the Forum will be hosting a music Quiz Night at the Black Cat Micropub in Weston, with pop questions from the 50s to today!



## at the Ritz Social Club

## Ritz Social Club Quiz

On **Monday 27th November**, every penny raised from Burnhams-on-Sea's Ritz Social Club Quiz night will go to the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum, and we will be there to take part too!

Doors open 7.45pm, with the quiz starting at 8pm and finishing around 10pm. Entry is £1, with teams of up to six permitted (seven or more will need to split). There will also be a charity raffle with lots of brilliant prizes!

The Ritz can be found at 24 Victoria Street, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 1AN. On-street parking is free after 6pm, and the venue is fully accessible.

Join us from 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Entry is £2 per person.

The Black Cat can be found at 135 High St, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HN, next door to the Samaritans building.

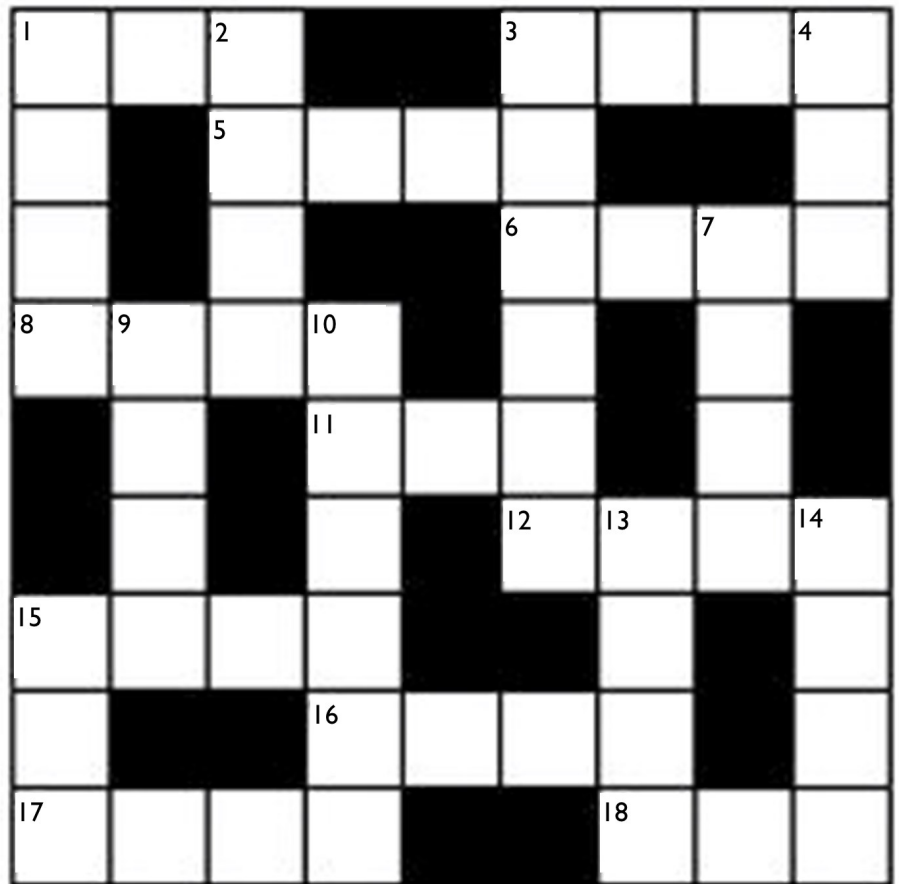
## November Crossword

### Across:

1. It's A \_\_\_, award-winning TV drama (3)
3. \_\_\_ Fett, Star Wars bounty hunter (4)
5. To be against something (especially pasti) (4)
6. A pleasant biscuit (4)
7. You can wave this at a Pride event (4)
8. You've got one of these either side of you (3)
12. Dovetails with 18-across (4)
15. Coagulated milk (4)
16. \_\_\_ vision, the 'gay world cup' (4)
17. A super celebrity (4)
18. Dovetails with 12-across (3)

### Down:

1. Sometimes accompanied by turf, usually associated with the sea (4)
2. The American space program (4)
3. Non-\_\_\_\_\_, to identify as more than one gender or feel your gender fluctuates (6)
4. A really awesome but short asexual (3)
9. Boom-Bang-A-Bang singer (4)
10. This can take many forms (6)
13. Hello sailor! (4)
14. Grandad's wife (4)
15. Term used when your gender matches the one you were assigned at birth (3)



## MONTHLY CHARITY QUIZ!

1st November 2023      7th February 2024

6th December 2023      6th March 2024

3rd January 2024      3rd April 2024

*£2 entry per person, max five per team*

*Arrive 7pm for a 7.30pm start*

### Raising funds for



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## Sundays are for coffee and cake!

This winter, we are thrilled to announce that the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum will be a Warm Hub for the second year running, meaning we can provide anyone in the local community with a safe, warm space to have a cup of tea and a chat during our weekday opening hours.

In addition to this, we are holding weekly Socialites get-togethers every Sunday between 12-3pm, which is the new home of our popular Coffee, Cake & Chatter drop-ins! Feel free to pop by to our HQ on Meadow Street for a hot drink, some cake and a chat - the clue's in the name!

(Cake shown not to scale)



## Gayme Night 26th November



The next instalment of our popular Gayme night is on **Sunday 26th November**, 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 a pound!) See you there!

## Feeling proud at Pride!

Pride in Weston may have been a few weeks ago, but we couldn't resist sharing this ultra rare photo of Forum Chair Steve and Pride in Weston Chair Jeannie *having a break* together behind our stall! We just had to get a photo otherwise no-one would believe it! A huge well done to Jeannie and her team for all their hard work this year, and remember you are always welcome to pop by to our HQ for a cuppa to take a well-earned break.





# WATCH TOGETHER!



## Tuesday 21st November



YOUNG SOCIALITES

### **Calling all Young Socialites!**

Are you aged 13-17 and identify as LGBT+? Come and join us for a Barbie fest! Watch the film and chat about it afterwards.

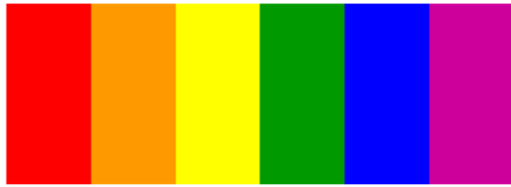
Wear something pink or unleash your inner Ken!

Our Watch Together event takes place on **Tuesday 21st November** at the Bridging the Gap Together! hub (opposite our Forum HQ) on Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare. Join us from 6.30pm for the movie, followed by a review and discussion.

Entry is free, but please reserve a ticket to ensure we have enough seats! There will be a tuck shop on site for snacks. You are welcome to bring your ally friends, however please ensure they have tickets too!

Reservations can be made via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ysnnc3r3>



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**Registered Charity Number 1174545**

No 68 Meadow Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QN

# **LOVE OUR HQ?**

We love our new Safe Space, if you do too and want to book our Community Lounge Area for your own group meetings let us know.

### **Available booking times**

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am till 12.00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12.00pm till 5.00pm\*

*\*Other times may be available, please contact us to discuss*

## **WE CAN PROVIDE:**

Sofa seating for 4-6 people

Table and Chairs for 4\*

Free Broadband WiFi

PC, Printer and 50" LED Screen\*

Tea, Coffee, Squash & Biscuits included

### **Suggested Donations:**

Community Partners - Free of charge

Other groups £10.00 per hour

For further information or to book please contact us on  
**0843 8865428** or email **support@nslgbtforum.com**

\*When table and chairs seating is used, the LED Screen is partially obscured

Please note we require at least 48 hours notice for your booking on a first come, first served basis.

A member of our Management Trustee Team will be on site at all times during your booking.



# News in Brief



Trans Pride South West takes place on **Saturday 25th November** at The Station, Silver Street, Bristol BS1 2AG from 12-4pm. There is also a parade taking place between 10.30am-12pm, starting at College Green.

The Forum will be holding a stall at The Station, so be sure to pop by and have a chat. We will also be showing off our new trans flag coasters, handmade by our volunteers. See you there!



Do you have any unwanted gifts looking for a new home? This festive season, the Forum will be running tombolas at events to raise funds that keep us operating. However, we are running a little low on prizes! If you have any unopened gift packs, branded toiletries, alcohol, chocolates or novelty items you can donate to us, we would be very grateful! Feel free to drop your donations off at our HQ on Meadow street during our opening hours.

## Rumble in the jumble

Forgive us venturing into December already, but flip across to the inside back cover and you'll see the advert for our next Rumble in the Jumble community event on **Sunday 3rd December**. We will be having artisan craft stalls selling gifts ready for Christmas! There is still time to join us if you run an independent artisan business or just fancy selling your handmade goods. Email [support@nslgbtforum.com](mailto:support@nslgbtforum.com) for more details.

## THE heART OF WESTON

A hub for local artists

We have new neighbours! The wonderful C&J's Little Shop of Allsorts have officially opened The Heart of Weston next door to us at 70 Meadow Street. The venue is a hub for local artists providing handmade, good quality, unique pieces of art/craft within Weston and beyond. A selection of art/artisan and craft items will be on sale in the shop and workshops will be set up regularly. Be sure to pop by next time you are visiting Meadow Street to find out more!

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



## Weston Super Sapphic

This year's Weston Super Sapphic event takes place **Saturday 18th November** at the 1st North Worle Scout Hut (BS22 7QW) between 10am - 4pm. The event promises to be a fantastic showcase of sapphic literature, with readings, interviews and many stalls to browse. The Forum will be running a tombola as well as a stall boasting LGBT+ merch and a selection of second-hand books on women's studies, feminism and sexuality. Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

## It's Carnival Time!

November is Somerset Carnival month, and whilst the Forum have been invited to enter multiple carnival parades, this year we are sadly unable to afford the costs involved in entering a cart. However, members of our team will be helping out with fundraising for Somerset Carnivals at the following events, so be sure to give us a wave (and perhaps some cash!):



**Bridgwater Saturday 4th November**

**Highbridge & Burnham-on-Sea Monday 6th November**

**Weston-super-Mare Friday 10th November**

**Glastonbury Saturday 18th November**



**NORTH SOMERSET LGBT+ FORUM'S**  
**THE BIG CHRISTMAS**

**FREE ENTRY!**



**Rumble in the jumble**

**10AM - 4PM**

**ARTISAN STALLS, PRE-LOVED & VINTAGE ITEMS, CRYSTALS, CANDLES, HANDMADE GIFTS, LGBT+ MERCH & MUCH MORE!**



... and many more!

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

**AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES** on Meadow Street:



**THE OTHER PLACE.**





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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!



### **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)

