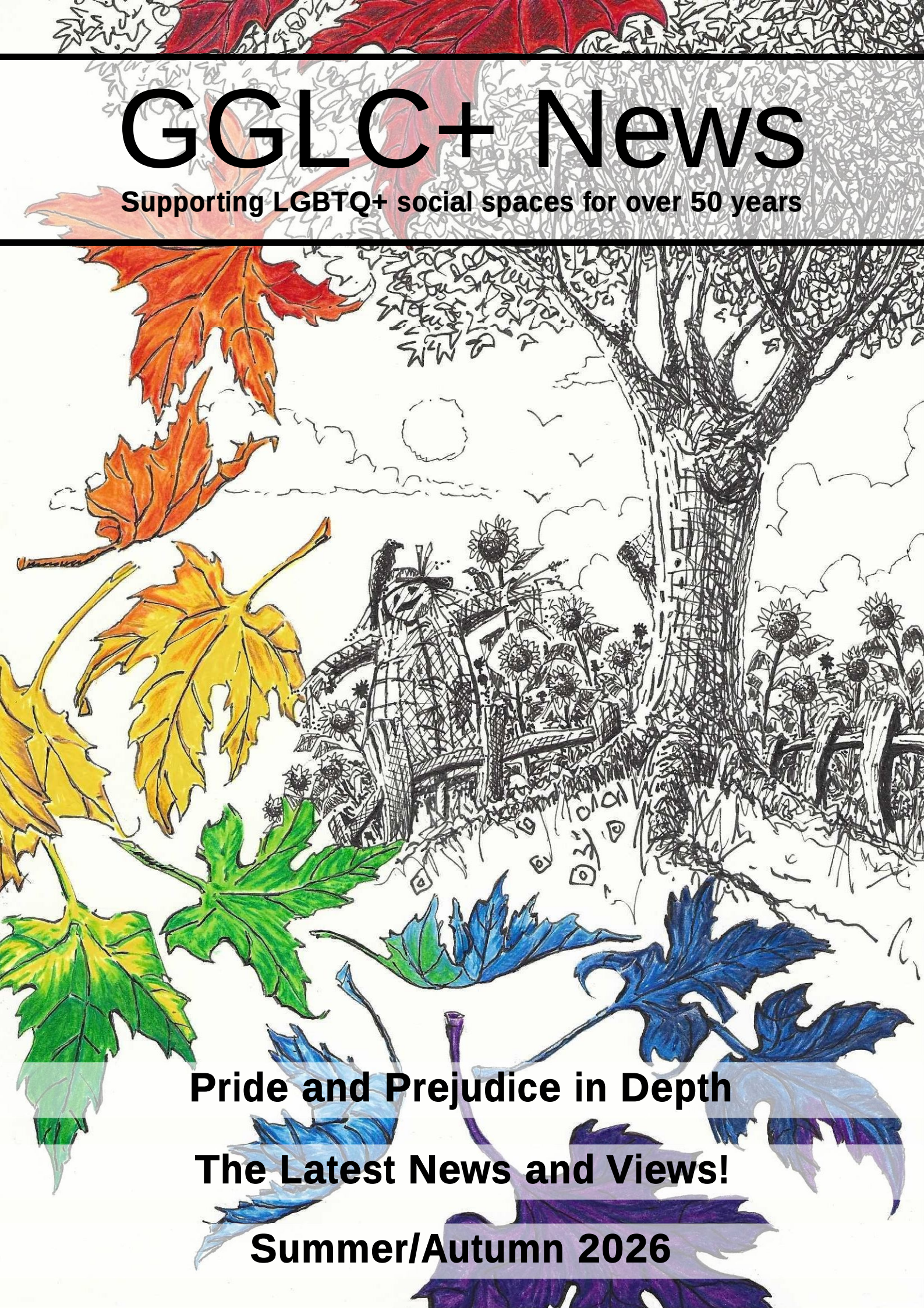




GGLC+ News

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Summer/Autumn 2026

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

My second Chairman's Letter is here already and yes, I must admit Graham had to chase me for it. My excuse is I did not have my Diary at the time, so the reminder did not go on the Calendar and so, if it doesn't go on the Calendar it doesn't happen! Sorry Graham - I will try better.

At our last meeting, I suggested a Questionnaire, as a starting point on what changes, if any, we want to make to our Group. One of our Members, who has been with us for a while, sent Peter and myself, a brilliant synopsis on his view of the group, a look at the future, what we can learn from the past and where we are right now. The three of us will be meeting up soon to discuss the document at length.

Once presented to the Group, it will be put on our website for all members to see and get a wider input.

For those not on the WhatsApp Group, Congratulations must go to Navvi for his fantastic Apprenticeship Degree Results – a 1st class degree with a Higher 1st. Marvellous. What an achievement.

There are several social occasions coming up over, in what is left, of summer. Do hope to see you there. The biggest is Gloucestershire Pride of course – we have ordered tables, I have the Gazebo's, we just need you and bottle donations. Time is getting short so please collect those bottles. We have a set limit to make the event feasible. If we don't get that number of bottles then there is not point going forward.

What a marvellous summer weather wise. I know it is too hot for some, but for me it is a delight to feel sunshine in the morning and the sunset at night.

Take care and see you soon,

Michael, Chair Emeritus



The front cover is a design made for us specially by Ceri, one of our own members and is hopefully the first of many to come.

Food Evening - September 24th

This is an experiment and opportunity for you, the members, to bring along a sample of the food you know and enjoy! Everywhere has different delicacies, and this evening we ask members bring along something from their own background, or, in the case where two partners are from different backgrounds, something from one of them (yes, this means I would be bringing along Turon, the Filipino delicious plantain in spring roll wrapper, but we will be on holiday and you will have to wait for the Christmas party!).

Will everything be to everyone's taste? Of course not, but this is a time to try things out and have some fun! If you can say a few words about what it is, how it is prepared, and when it is eaten, all to the better, but if not, don't worry, just bring something and give people a treat.

Vast amounts are not needed, just enough so people can have a taste.

PS if any of our Welsh decent members bring lava bread, and you take a mouthful, you are on your own, I already know what it tastes like!

Rainbow Cuppa

Under the auspices of the LGBT+ Partnership, there are regular meet ups. Check out their website, <https://www.lgbtchelt.co.uk>

On the 4th Saturday of the month in Cheltenham at The Wilson Kitchen Arts Café, between 1pm and 3pm.

There is a Rainbow Cuppa event on the 2nd Saturday of every month at St Mary de Crypt in Southgate Street from 1pm to 3pm.

Graham, Editor

Reminder!

If your contact details change, address, email, name etc, please let the Membership Secretary know. Several people have said they have not received Newsletters, membership reminders or other important notifications, only to realise they had changed their address or email contact without telling us.

Although your Committee are good, this is a little beyond their capabilities...

Graham, Editor and Sarcastic Bloke

G.G.L.C.+ Annual Dinner 2026

will be held at

Hatherley Manor Hotel Gloucester GL2 9QA

Saturday October 31st 2026

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

£25.00 (Members) & £40.00 (non Members)

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

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

Please use info@gglc.co.uk if returning by email not
membership@gglc.co.uk

NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCTOBER 12th 2026

Please reserve.....places at £25.00 (Member)

andat £40.00 (non-member)

I enclose cheque 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)

Menu choice for GGLC+ Annual Dinner 2026

To be held at:

Hatherley Manor Hotel, Mulberry Suite, Down Hatherley Lane,
Gloucester GL2 9QA

Saturday October 31 - 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Please choose **one** option from each course and return with payment and booking form to: Secretary GGLC+, 50 Knowles Road Gloucester GL14TP or (info@gglc.co.uk)

First Course:

Classic Vegetable Soup ☐

Fruit Juice ☐

Chicken and Black Pudding Terrine, Apple Chutney, Brioche (GF) ☐

Main Course:

Cornfed Chicken Supreme, Paisley Mash,

Tender Stem Broccoli, Pan Jus..... ☐

Roulade of Belly Pork and Black Pudding with

Tewkesbury Mustard Mash, Bean Bundle, Stock Sauce ☐

Pan Fried Cod Fillet, Bok Choy, Spiced Cauliflower Puree,

Wild Mushroom Crème Sauce ☐

Thai Green Curry, Crunchy Vegetables,

Steamed Rice (DF, GF, V, VE) ☐

Dessert:

Lemon Cheesecake, Fruit Coulis, Berry Compote ☐

Eton Mess, Raspberry Sorbet ☐

Warm Chocolate Brownie, Salted Caramel Ice cream (DF-GF-VE) ☐

Shared Cheese Platter

Coffee and Chocolate Mints

Guests are responsible for their own drinks, including the Loyal Toast

Trans HRT Prescriptions

Anyone facing problems with their GP can immediately contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service at the Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board. It is specifically and entirely there for you as a patient and the team genuinely want to help:

Freephone 0800 0151 548

Land-line 01452 566698

or you can email them at glicb.pals@nhs.net

WhatsApp Group

The WhatsApp group has now been started under Navi's auspices, following long discussions by the Committee and having presented a Code of Conduct to the membership,

If you want to be a part of this, you need to be a member of the GGLC+ and you will need to sign to agree to abide by the rules before you can join. It does need you to accept that your phone number will be seen by other members of the WhatsApp group (this is not information we keep as the GGLC+).

It is a group where people can discuss issues, receive notification of events and meetings, and generally a way of keeping in touch.

If you want a copy of the Code of Conduct, please contact the GGLC+ and one can be sent. Once you have it, please read very carefully and be aware what you are signing up to before signing and returning the form.

It is something that will hopefully be useful to some of our membership.

Graham, Editor

The Diversity Trust - Voice and Influence project

London based group looking to develop and strengthen LGBTQ+ networks and organisations, particularly local ones. This probably covers both us, GGLC+ and the LGBT+ Partnership

Membership Update

I am pleased to share the update on the membership numbers for the period. We now have **118 active members**, which represents the same level of the previous report.

Since our previous update, we've seen some movement within our membership. While we said farewell to 4 members, we were delighted to have **16 members renewing their membership**, demonstrating their continued commitment and support. In addition, we are thrilled to welcome **4 new members** to our community:

Enofe, Mark G., Micah and Neil S.

To all our new members, we extend a very warm and enthusiastic welcome - we're delighted to have you join us and look forward to your involvement. At the same time, we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who chose to renew their membership. Your ongoing support plays a vital role in helping our community grow and thrive, and we truly appreciate it.

Sergio

Membership Secretary

Warning and Advice!

What looks like a nice place to park near our meeting place is a turning area only, and is being policed more stringently. It is alright to drop people outside, then go and use the local parking areas, but be warned, parking in the turning area will likely get you a ticket!

The multi story car park on Longsmith Street may close at 7pm or may be open but not charged. The small council Ladybellegate car park doesn't charge after 6pm, but is often full. The St. Michael's Square car park is also free in the evenings, and is often mostly empty. You can park on Ladybellegate Street on the single yellow lines after 7pm, but do be careful not to restrict traffic flow, just because you can doesn't mean you should!

All details about parking must be checked when you park, because things do change, and the GGLC takes no responsibility for you not checking when you park. If you do notice a change to any details, please let us know so we can improve what we are saying.

20 Years of Pride

2026 marks 20 years of pride in the county of Gloucestershire. Since the 1st Rainbow Day on 12th August 2006 the community has changed and progressed beyond recognition. From one march and social evening created in just 6 weeks from a simple post-pint conversation at the pub, we now have 5 pride organisations across Gloucestershire, one having submitted a well-respected bid for EuroPride 2027, an active LGBT network and LGBT artists performing across the UK from the help they received doing their first pride performance. Not to mention the thousands of people visiting Pride for their first time after coming out and finding a place where they truly feel at home and realising they are not alone or finding a place that can support them with their problems.

Marking the 20th year was always something we needed to mark and in addition members will have noticed a number of changes over the years to how we operate our Prides. The funding environment has significantly shifted recently for the worse. Followers of Pride have seen the impact this had in 2024, when we drastically cut costs, and again in 2025 with the introduction of supporter wristbands. We still ended 2025 though, having drained all of our reserves.

Funding

Sponsorships are harder to find, and this year is the first in 6 years not to have received any grants from our city/county council and/or through the Gloucester Arts Council funds. We had a decision at the start of the year, as the status quo in how the event has been run for years was not sustainable. We had 2 choices 1) scale back completely and lose a lot of what has made Pride in Gloucestershire unique due to our focus on providing activities and support for different parts of our community; or 2) grow and think about how we market Pride itself to draw a wider, more regional audience, increasing numbers, with bigger impact, using to help us moving forward. A larger impact = a larger voice and we have a greater ability to address more of the issues facing our community here in our county and support our smaller sister prides.

Tickets

We have introduced “tickets” this year after developing the approach from last year. The unfortunate truth is that that communities have to fund pride themselves and we can no longer rely on bucket donations on the day. This means change is needed. I have used the quotes around

the word tickets on purpose here, it remains that no LGBTQ+ person in need would ever be turned away from Pride. We have replicated Bristol Pride's approach with True Cost tickets (for those who can afford it), the ability to "Pay it Forward" by buying a ticket for a person in need or making additional donations in advance as well as buying a ticket. We have chosen GGLC to be one of a few organisations to whom we will gift these "Pay It Forward" tickets so the GGLC committee can help those members it considers most in need.

So what do we have in store?

Saturday 12th September

Headlined by Nadine Coyle (Girls Aloud), The Cheeky Girls, Big Brovaz/Booty Luv, and Catrin Feelings (Ru Pauls Drag Race UK). We also have a 3rd stage – the Legacy stage to celebrate the last 20 years of artists. We also still feature 14 local acts across all our stages.

We see the return of the Trans Zone, Family Garden, Sensory/Quiet area, K&F area and this year a new feature bringing together our campaigning, inclusions and social spaces: The Community Voices Village. We will host a range of social meet ups, workshops, discussions, literature and the Community Voices Stage giving people their chance to be heard, to share stories and experiences either through speaking, poetry or book reading. All parts of Pride this year will see as much development as the line up. Despite the appearance at first glance, we still truly aim to deliver a Pride focused on our community. We are not a music festival – although the word "festival" can be misconstrued, our footprint needs to broaden if we are to protect Prides in this county for the next 20 years.

The March again starts at Gloucester Cathedral meeting at 11am and this year the day goes on until 8.30pm! Also we have a lot of activities planned for the week leading up to Pride.

Visit www.prideinglos.org.uk and click the "Buy Tickets" link.

Celebrating the Past

Finally on a different note please feel free to join us on Wednesday 12th August from 7.15pm for the 20th anniversary gathering at Shire Hall and making our way to the Coach and Horses Pub for a social evening.

An Interesting Life

It's always interesting to learn more about our members, and I recent had the pleasure of being given permission to write about one of our newer ones. Stephanie has had a fascinating and varied background. On leaving school, she initially studied computing, the supposed up and coming career at the time (I should know, because that's what I did!).

That was, however, not what she ended up doing in the long term, and she trained as a nurse, choosing the path into Mental Health nursing, in which she has had a very successful career, working in the community and with veterans. But she was also active in the Territorial Army (now the Army Reserve) throughout this time, and it was with them she found her place in what was, for those of us trying to decide who we were, a confusing and dangerous world. It took Stephanie a long time to realise, that despite success in both the NHS and the Army, there was something missing from her life, and in December 2022 she spoke to her CO, coming out for the first time openly as transgender, and the next February coming out to her unit. It is amazing to many of us, particularly our older members who did serve, that Stephanie notes she had nothing but support from the army and her colleagues, something that is hard to imagine even ten years ago.

She was already working as a diversity and inclusion practitioner, and since coming out has been active in promoting trans and mental health issues as well as providing training on the dos and don'ts in the clinical setting.

For the work she has been doing, she has been recognised with several awards by the Defence Community, and is most proud of being part of a group of LGBTQ+ service personnel presented to His Majesty The King something she feels was a step forward for our communities along the same lines as Princess Diana shaking hands and hugging AIDS patients.

For the past couple of years, she has been a Healthcare Governance lead in Defence, working with service personnel from over 20 different countries, and I for one would be very interested in how different troops reacted!

One of her projects has been to spread word of the changes in how the armed forces now sees LGBTQ+ people who served before the changes in accepting us. In particular, how those discharged due to their sexuality (actual or assumed), and/or identity, often losing medals and service benefits, can go about having them reinstated.

She is now coming to the end of her service career, and is exploring the LGBTQ+ world in civilian life. It can be difficult in many ways, as both the Army and the NHS do run on very strong chains of command, with a lot of built-in support that often does not exist in general society.

She has joined the Queer Voices Gloucestershire Choir, a Military Wives Choir and of course the GGLC+, as well as spreading her wings at LGBTQ+ events around the country.

So it's a welcome to Stephanie, and if any other members would be interested in letting us know something about their backgrounds, I am sure it will be educational for us all.

Graham, Editor

Gloucestershire Big Health Day - June 2026

On a wet and even wetter Thursday morning in June, I went along to the Gloucestershire Big Health Day, an annual event where you can meet up with people from all sorts of organisations related to health within the community.

Although I was not officially part of the LGBT+ Partnership, I was there as a representative of the GGLC+, looking for anything of interest to our members and to promote both us and the Partnership.

I arrived quite early, just as things were beginning to start, though due to the weather I did bypass all the outdoor stalls. This year, there were health related sporting events in the hall we have previously occupied, and were instead in a much larger hall further into the complex.

As usual, I expected to say hello at the Partnership stall, then wander around chatting to people staffing others, seeing what things of interest there were and if any of them would be interested in the Partnership, its members, and in the GGLC+. Just a gentle hour strolling around, I thought...

Four hours later, as the stalls were packing away, I realised I would not be able to get round them all before they left! I should have realised this, as it's exactly what happens every year I have attended.

It's the sheer number of groups each with a unique view on how to improve the overall health of our community in one way or another, from initiatives run by the NHS, through charities providing experiences or respite, to companies with innovative solutions to specific problems, groups promoting health in an aging population, support for all sorts of disabilities at any age, and a group of retired engineers who volunteer to make adaptations for individuals in need (an extraordinary bunch of gentlemen!).

Where there seemed to be a possible connection to the Partnership or the GGLC+ (or any of the other partners, especially FFLAG), I stopped, introduced myself, and explained (in great detail...) what we were all about and found out a bit more about them as well. I am not quite sure, but it's possible a few stalls who I'd visited in previous years may have scarpered as I got near...

I was impressed by the layout this year, with much wider corridors between the stalls, allowing the event to feel less crowded, and cooler (previously it had felt a bit claustrophobic, hot and difficult to move). My impression was there were fewer people, which would be expected due to the weather, but then I realised many of the stalls were running out of leaflets and other materials. When I asked, the stall holders commented on how busy the event had been, with the general feeling that despite the impression I had, it was busier than ever.

I didn't quite get round to all the stalls, even having bypassed those which held no interest to the groups I represented, but it was, as usual, a very positive and engaging event. and I would like to extend my thanks to the organisers.

Graham Vidal

Newsletter Editor, GGLC+

Pronouns and their usage

Back when the Group started, pronouns were not something we thought about, except in a joking manner when we called each other 'she' or 'her' or more commonly, 'bitch'. Us older members still do, on occasion, with our friends of 50 years or even longer, and there is no harm in that, it was part of our culture.

What we sometimes forget is that LGBTQ+ life has changed, and with it the language we choose to describe ourselves, and how much that is part of our identity.

I had an interesting conversation with a younger person at Stroud Pride, around the use of the word 'Queer'. They could not understand why so many of us older LGBTQ+ people react so badly to it, and I think I was able to help bridge that cultural divide a little by explaining the historic impact it has on us. That the new generation has reclaimed it as their own is wonderful and amazing, but the reality for many of us is the hatred and hurt with which it was used against us.

Our Group, after many years of declining and aging membership, is beginning to expand again, and thankfully with younger members. We have to accept that the language they use to describe themselves may be different than that we use ourselves, but it is very real and a genuine part of their identity.

Just recently, our membership application has been updated to include asking for a person's preferred pronouns (if any existing members want to update theirs, do contact the Membership Secretary!), and where a preference has been expressed, we do need to do our best to remember and use that preference.

It's not always easy, particularly for those of us who are unused to more than the old binary system (however, singular use of They/Them goes back at least to Shakespeare, we just got out of the habit of those usages), but we can try.

It's also interesting that in other languages, the use of pronouns may not even exist! When I am talking with Romeo, he may be using she/her, only to find later the person is male, or vice versa, which does confuse me no end. I now add into any conversation a quick check on the gender of the person, where it is of relevance (not always!).

Hopefully, with understanding on all sides, we can go forward together, and be tolerant of the mistakes we may make along the way.

Graham, Editor

Note: The Editor's musings are their own, and may not reflect the member's views

Gloucestershire Pride and the Bottle Stall

For many years the GGLC+ has run a bottle stall at the Pride in Gloucestershire event, and is generally enjoyed by all involved.

However, it is up to the members to stand up and volunteer to make this a success again this year. At the meetings, members will be asked what they can commit to, so be prepared to volunteer!

So far, we have collected few if any bottles, so unless people can commit to donating, there will be no bottle stall. Hopefully there will be donations at the August meeting, and if anyone wants to donate but has forgotten, talk to the Committee about dropping some off. We **can not** plan on donations arriving the September meeting.

Graham, Editor, and NOT the Facilitator this year!

St Mary de Crypt—Inclusive Church Services

St Marys, a long term supporter of our Group, including being where we were offered the first permanent location for our meetings, is now running inclusive services.

They are on Sundays at 4pm each month, and there will be refreshments after and a chance to chat.

For those who would like a supportive religious environment, this may be the place for you.

Graham

GGLC+ Membership Payments

GGLC+ members have 3 choices when paying their membership,

- 1 BACS
- 2 CASH
- 3 Cheque

Our preferred method of payment is via BACS for those who use internet banking, this way we get our money promptly and the members don't have to wait for their cheques to clear the bank.

Cash and cheques can be paid in person at any meeting, however due to us only meeting once a month now, cheques may not be paid into our bank very quickly and could possibly take a few weeks before they clear the member's bank.

Pay-Pal is being phased out as it is rarely used and by using this method GGLC+ lose a percentage of the money through administration costs. So please pay by BACS if you can or cash at our meetings.

Many Thanks, Treasurer.

Prides and our Community under Attack

In past years, there have been questions, even from inside our own communities, of whether we still need Pride marches. We only need to look around the world, where even in so called 'civilised' countries, long fought for rights and freedoms are being eroded, usually by a 'divide and conquer' methodology, and by the latest incident of a violent extremist driving into the Berlin Pride.

Fear is what these people want, so we need to stand tall, stay strong, and always remain vigilant.

Graham, Editor

New Guidelines from the Equality and Human Rights Commission

Just before this Newsletter was published, new guidelines on transgender people's access to changing rooms and toilet facilities came out, reinforcing the concept that all people should use the facilities designated for their birth assigned gender. To be honest, this only affects a very small number of people, and unless you are part of our communities, you may never encounter a trans person anywhere (or at least won't know).

So why is this important? It's because this is only the beginning. The campaign has been run by well organised and very well-funded groups, not just in this country but across the world, all running by the same playbook. Looking at other places, we can see that this is the first step of many, and who knows where it will lead?

How long will it be before we, personally, are affected? In particular, how long before those of us who are gay males are accused of going into public toilets to solicit other men or boys? It's not as if this is not a recognised part of gay history, so there is a lot for them to use there.

Graham, Editor

Disclaimer on Editorial Comment

I did have a rather good article I wrote on the Rainbow Cuppas, which are well worth going to. However, there have been so many things going on in our communities recently, both good and bad, that there is no space. I will note that all articles with my by-line that could be termed editorial comment are my own thoughts and opinions, and may not be attributed to the Group in general.

Graham, Editor

An impactful and thought-provoking experience:

A couple of fellow members of GGLC+ and I, were lucky enough to have recently attended the screening (at the Playhouse Theatre, Cheltenham), of a hugely personal film entitled “Qelvar” (Out), which focussed on the life of Warren Hallett before, and after, gaining asylum in this country.

As a gay man living in the severely homophobic and hostile country of his birth, he was the first individual to gain asylum in the UK as a result of his genuine fear for his life, simply because he is gay. He also took part in a discussion session after the film was shown to the audience.

The film itself was hugely thought provoking, drawing attention to the awful, homophobic attitude of his family towards him, and country as a whole towards those coming out as homosexual.

We also had the privilege to meet Zariq Rosita Hanif, a performance artist and trans woman, who had also found support, security, and asylum in the UK, away from the vile persecution she experienced in her home country.

Members of GARAS, Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, key providers of support for individuals such as Warren, and others, provided an insight into their ethos and work as part of such a vital organisation.

At our recent meeting in May, Iain, a member of GGLC+, and key support worker with GARAS, was kind enough to provide his own account of the valuable assistance he and his colleagues provide asylum seekers during such a difficult and confusing time in their lives.

It was particularly emotive to also hear about the highly personal experiences of current asylum seekers and those who are creating new and safe lives in this country, who also attended our meeting. My personal thanks, respect, and best wishes for the future go to them all.

Ceri B.

National AIDS Helplines

“You can ask what you want to ask”

0800567123

Card Payments

Following on from the increasing demand to be able to accept card payments, we now have a **SumUp** card reader. We now accept the following cards including Apple Pay and Google Pay.

1. The minimum payment that can be made is £1.00. Sometimes your bank will only process payment by inserting your card into the reader and entering your PIN. Please ensure that you know your PIN.
2. Your card and bank details are never revealed to GGLC and never will be. This is a Banking Industry requirement. Please make sure that we know what you are paying for, such as Tea/Coffee, Raffle, Bus Stop, Membership, Donation, Annual Dinner etc.
3. Receipts are not yet able to be issued directly at this time. We will still acknowledge any payment made but this will be by email so we will need your email address to do this.
4. Any payments made will be shown on your bank statement as “G G L Community”.

BACS Transfer

You can transfer money into the GGLC Bank Account directly from your own bank account. If you do this, please tell us what the payment is for, using the “reference” area on your payment screen, particularly for new members or membership renewals! The Account Name is **G G L**

Community

Account Sort Code: **30-93-48**

Account Number: **00902186**

Reference: “**IanHRenew**” or “**IanHDinner**” or “**IanHNew**” or whatever, helps us to identify your payment on our bank statement.

Please use your name! These references are only examples that you can use. The maximum number of characters that a bank will accept is **18** and no spaces.

We continue to accept **Cash** or **Cheque** if you prefer but we would appreciate BACS payments or Card Payments wherever possible.

Ian H, GGLC Treasurer.

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!

2026 Pride Dates

These are the Prides we know about in our locality this year, some with dates, some without! There will also be outreach events, which we support through the LGBT+ Partnership, and which will be announced as we know them.

Pride in the Forest of Dean, The Triangle, Cinderford 29th August

Pride in Gloucestershire, Gloucester Park Sat 12th September

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.

Birthdays Published in the Newsletter.

As you are aware **we do not publish full names** in our birthday lists, but it might be that some members prefer not to have their birthdays published on it.

If your preference is **NOT** to have your birthday published in our newsletters, please let me know and I will make sure it won't be included in future publications.

Sergio, Membership Secretary

A reminder from our Secretary about Group postal and email addresses

Please bear in mind that all letters and emails to the Group (i.e. sent to 50 Knowles Rd GL14TP and info@gglc.co.uk) are delivered initially to me as Secretary. I will always endeavour to reply and confirm receipt on the same day and inform other committee members as required.

Cheques received are usually banked within 2 days of receipt

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation

Peter C

CONSTITUTION

A debate took place on the Constitution of the GGLC at the AGM. A draft was read out in conjunction with the latest version of the Constitution. Several changes were made to bring it up to date, including the Quorum for meetings. There was no time to prepare the constitution document for this edition but it will be made available on the Website and to members as soon as possible.

MJCH

Raffle

✳️ The raffle at our face to face meetings is a good way to off-set the room costs,
✳️ so please remember to bring something interesting to add to the draw!

✳️✳️ Graham, Editor

August

6 Rais
9 Ebenezer
19 Ian V
21 Norina
23 Patience
26 Sito-obong
31 Obi
31 Nassor

September

1	Mark K
4	Neil W
8	Michael B
11	Brian H
12	Johnson T
15	Peter T

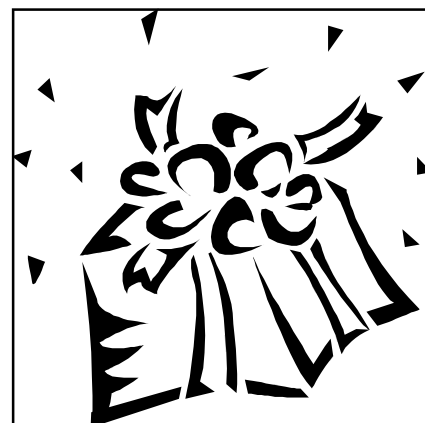
19 Paulo R L-T
21 Rikuvera
22 Desmond
28 Tony S
30 Navi

October

1	Peter S
5	Habibullah
5	Amir A
5	Robyn
12	Richard S
15	Sulait
23	Amina
28	Bessem
29	Mark G
30	Nassor

November

1	Abdullah A
1	Victor P
3	Florence
6	Ramon
14	Medhi A
17	Roger T
21	Kamu N



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL



GGLC+'s SOCIAL CALENDAR DIARY OF EVENTS



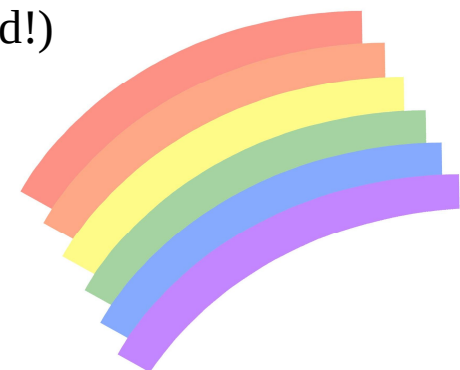
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August

- 6th GGLC+ Meeting and Beetle Drive
- 18th Ten Pin Bowling (you need to have pre-booked!)
- 20th GGLC+ Virtual Meeting
- 23rd Picnic—Minchenhampton Common

September

- 3rd GGLC+ Meeting
- 12th Pride in Gloucestershire
- 17th GGLC+ Virtual Meeting
- 24th Food Evening, a dishy event!



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October

- 1st GGLC+ Meeting
- 15th GGLC+ Virtual Meeting
- 31st Annual Dinner

November

- 5th GGLC+ Meeting
- 19th GGLC+ Virtual Meeting



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Advanced Warnings and Notes!

The Annual Dinner is on 31st October, come ready to eat, drink and be Merry (or whichever Hobbit you want to be!)

Keep an eye on the website and your email for other events!

If there is anything you don't like in this or any other issue, please feel free to submit an article, and remember, next year I stand down, so you too can stand to be elected as Editor!

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. 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, or phone number 07942383275

Your Committee 2026/7

Chair: Michael C-H

Vice-Chair: Phil

Secretary: Peter C.

Treasurer: Ian H,

Member: Navishka K.

Member: Desmond B.

Member: Sergio (Membership Secretary)

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.

Group Telephone is 07942383275.