
GGLCommunity News



A New Look Group - Update

The latest News, Views and Opinion

DIARY OF EVENTS

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hi,

We are already approaching Month 3 of the new style Group. It is too early to say if the changes are a success or not. The first month was just like a normal Thursday, but was a month's wait until the next meeting. It seemed so strange not turning out on a Thursday night and I felt like a naughty boy! By Month 2 the dark nights were in and it didn't feel so bad not turning out in the cold every week! For our meeting in November the attendance was a little better than usual, but it was a shame we had to cancel the Skittles Match. There were only ten people who put their names down, but when Chris phoned to say it was cancelled, others then said they would have gone but hadn't put their name down. I know this is a moan, but those who wanted to play Skittles were disappointed. It has always been such a good turn out - the difference this time is we didn't keep chasing people. We all have to accept responsibility.



The Committee are doing their part – and we are nothing without our members. On that the Group will either succeed or fail.

It was our 42nd Annual Dinner on October 29th at Gupshill Manor, Tewkesbury. A superb evening, delicious meal, nice surroundings lovely company – and of course very good, off the cuff, speeches and jokes. (The Chairman left the Cup, plaque, and his notes at home!). It was so nice to be with group friends that we only get to see once in a while. It was my last Annual Dinner as Chair.

Our Person of the Year 2016 was our own Dee H. A most deserved award to a kind, intrepid supporter of the GGLC, devoting so much of her time to those less fortunate than herself, regardless of their sexuality. She would not thank me for sharing all her kind deeds, being the private person she is. Nevertheless, the Award is more than deserving and we send her our Congratulations.

Another highlight of the evening was a short Video by “Anchorman and Camera Man 1 - Michael C-H” and “Clipper Board, Runner and Cameraman 2 - Richard B”. The Committee had decided it would be fitting to present an award to John J, original founder of the GGLC. Michael and Richard visited John on the pretext of John recording a short history of the Group. This he kindly did, only to be surprised at the end with a 10” Silver Salver engraved “Lifetime Achievement Award present to John J in recognition of his dedicated support to the GGLC and lifetime support to the LGBT Community in Gloucestershire”.

John was overwhelmed with his Award and sends his heartfelt thanks to the Group. Other than Committee, no one at the Dinner was aware of this and you could have heard a pin drop while John was speaking on tape. A spontaneous round of applause greeted the presentation and many admitted to there being tears – it was an emotional moment. Congratulations John on your deserved Award and our most sincere thanks for a life devoted to helping others.

Our thanks go to Chris and Julie for liaising with Gupshill Manor, arranging the meal and room. Much appreciated. Also for arranging the Raffle and to the Committee Members and others who donated prizes.

You’ll see this edition of the Newsletter is shorter than usual. My letter is babbling on trying to cover the various news that would normally appear.

You will see coming up is our next Meeting on December 1st. We hope to put up our Christmas Tree to be enjoyed by all users of the Friends Meeting House. It can be as much fun watching this as taking part! Can I mention the Quakers always have a box for contribution to the Food Bank. It is the season of goodwill and perhaps you would consider donating a food item to the box?

Our Christmas Party is on FRIDAY December 16th – a ticket only event and Chris is holding the sheet to list your food contributions.

MCH is organizing Pass the Parcel and Julie will bring her vast selection of Christmas Music for us to enjoy.

Into 2017. Yes, it all comes round so quickly. Our first meeting of the New Year is usual Coffee, Chat and Raffle but don't forget the infamous WRAPPED AUCTION is 19th January. Please don't miss it and we need your support

Talking of a good turn out we are really hoping to get as many people as possible along to our February Meeting on the 2nd. The High Sheriff of the County, Lady Bathurst, is visiting us. It will be her first visit to a Gay group so please come along to show her a warm welcome.

On a personal note, Alan and I would like to thank all those in the group who offered good wishes during Alan's recent illness. He literally is lucky to be alive and all support was appreciated. Unfortunately, I too was rushed into hospital last month but now recovering.

I thank all the Committee who work hard during the year on our behalf.

Graham will try and produce a Christmas Edition of Quizzes etc for those present at the December Meeting or Party.

For now, may I wish each and every one of you a most Happiest of Christmasses and a New Year that brings all that you want for yourself.

All the best

Michael

Raffle

The Raffle takes place during our Thursday Coffee and Chat evenings, .
Don't forget to bring your money and all donations for prizes gratefully
accepted.

This is one of the few fund raising events for our group

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.

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

Membership Update

At this time we have fifty six members which is one down on the previous report in the Newsletter September 2016. The magical figure of around sixty members is a little difficult to maintain at this time. We have two new members John B and George S. A warm welcome to you both !

Rob P.

Membership Secretary

Check out this link to Cheltenham Borough Council's new LGBT page!
http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/info/200041/equality_and_diversity/295/communities_of_interest/6

National AIDS Helplines

“You can ask what you want to ask”
0800567123

Gay & Lesbian Humanist Association (GALHA) http://www.galha.org/	Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement Alan 0117 982 1512 http://www.lgcm.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) http://www.beaumontsociety.org.uk/	Transvestite Help Line Rita 0117 951 4481
Gay Girls of Gloucestershire 07561 067888 http://www.gaygirlsofgloucestershire.co.uk	Gay Men's Project West of England 0117 955 1000 Wiltshire and Swindon 01793 695 300	Living Springs Metropolitan Community Church, Bath 01172 2301170
Gay Outdoor Club The national website has changed to http://www.goc.org.uk so all you out-doors types log on and see what you could be getting involved in!		

FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December

31st Tony R
9th Robert N
9th Howard H
13th John W
27th Carol L

January

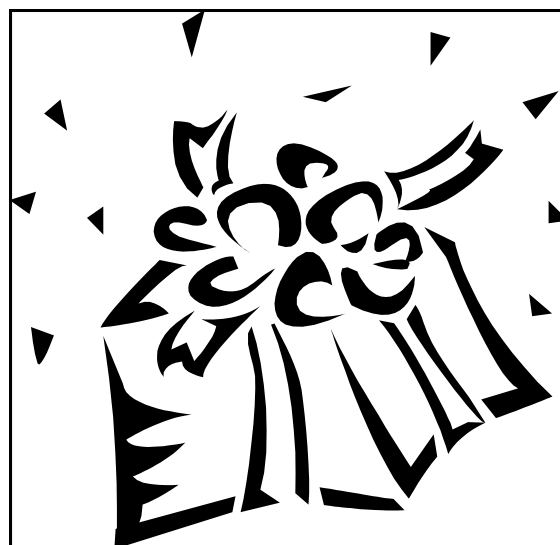
6th Chanaka A
7th David L
25th Chris D
27th Julie S
29th John J

February

13th Ian H
13th John B
16th Graham V

March

6th Raymond S
26th Robert K
29th Andrew D
29th Trevor D
30th Michael C H



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL



GGLC's SOCIAL CALENDAR DIARY OF EVENTS

December

1st Coffee, Chat and Raffle

16th Christmas Party—Ticket only!

January

5th Coffee, Chat and Raffle

19th Wrapped Auction—bring your surplus gifts,
raise money for the group and have fun!

February

2nd Coffee, Chat and Raffle, with a visit by The Rt.
Hon. The Countess Bathurst, The High Sheriff of
Gloucestershire

21st Ten Pin Bowling

March

2nd Coffee, Chat and Raffle

Advanced Warnings and Notes!

Some good events this season, old favourites and a real coup for the Group in February. The numbers at the coffee and chat meetings have been good, nice to see a crowd gathered as in past days. The booking for the other events is still not as smooth as we had hoped, but be assured, new ways of signing up for events are being worked on, so look to the future! Remember, if you have an event you would like to organise, get in touch with any Committee member and let them know!

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

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CONTACTING THE GGLC

Gloucestershire Gay & Lesbian Community meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month, from 7.30pm, in Gloucester city centre. A warm welcome is assured for everyone. We also have member organised events during the month. 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: Julie S.

Membership Secretary: Rob
P.

Member: Chris D.

Newsletter Editor: Graham V.

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