

# GayWest

A way of keeping in touch!

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Dear Members

Welcome to your May newsletter which I hope you will find interesting.

Since our April addition we have gained a few more members who have joined the group for the first time, so a warm welcome to them. A few of our past members have re-joined us also, so welcome to you all.

Now that our lives are slowly getting back to some sort of normality we will be having our first proper committee meeting later this month. This will be the time to plan ahead for the rest of the year and organise some events for you all to get involved with. Maybe you would like to help with becoming a member of the committee as we are very few at the moment and when things do get better by the mid summer we will need all the help we can get.

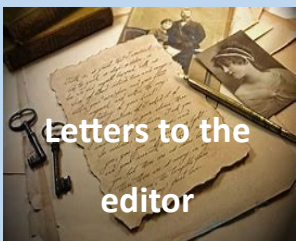
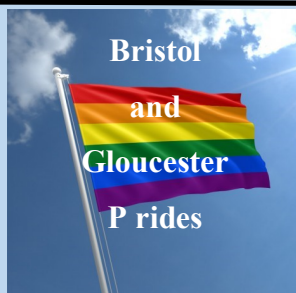
GayWest will be taking part in Bristol and Gloucester prides this year more details on page ( 2 ) and the return of the Social evening at The Old Market Tavern will be back in June date and more information will be announced on our website and Facebook pages shortly.

Now that the “ Rainbow Café “ is back in full swing , even if still under some restrictions , those merry GayWest Zoomers will be holding their meetings regularly on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, so watch out for the links to join the meetings. So you can chat online and chat face to face what fun! The buzz at the Real Café is certainly growing again and it is a wonderful sound even for me, who has difficulty hearing it all.

To take part in the Zoom meetings contact us at [info@gaywest.org.uk](mailto:info@gaywest.org.uk) so we can add your email address to the list of participants.

We can assure all members that all their personal details held are protected by us, so that none gets out to anyone else without your approval.

We also would welcome a small article from you so if you have an interesting item to pass on to other members, please do get in touch.



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It is time to get your “Glad Rags” on and get yourself down to one of the Prides in this year of celebration.

Save the dates for Bristol and Gloucester Prides this year .

Bristol on Saturday 10th July and Gloucester Saturday 11th September.

GayWest will have a stall again at both events.

A statement from Bristol Pride....

Although we are going live, we are doing so cautiously and only doing what feels comfortable and offers the ability for us to add in social distancing measures so you'll notice a change in our usual offer. Although we are moving in the right direction, we can't be certain what July offers us in terms of the Covid situation and we have made the decision to go ahead with what we are confident we can offer without putting Bristol Pride at risk for future years.

So lets look forward to some happy pride days!!

**Pop Up Shop**  
**ON TOUR**  
**JUNE 2021**

5th-6th Swindon Brunel shopping centre	
12th-13th Salisbury Old George Mall	
19th-20th Trowbridge Location TBC	

[www.salisburyprideuk.org](http://www.salisburyprideuk.org)

Information on other UK Prides is available from:-  
[theprideshop.co.uk/ukpridecalendar2021](http://theprideshop.co.uk/ukpridecalendar2021)

Bristol Pride website = [www.bristolpride.co.uk](http://www.bristolpride.co.uk)  
Gloucester Pride Website = [prideinglos.org.uk](http://prideinglos.org.uk)

or from [info@gaywest.org.uk](mailto:info@gaywest.org.uk)

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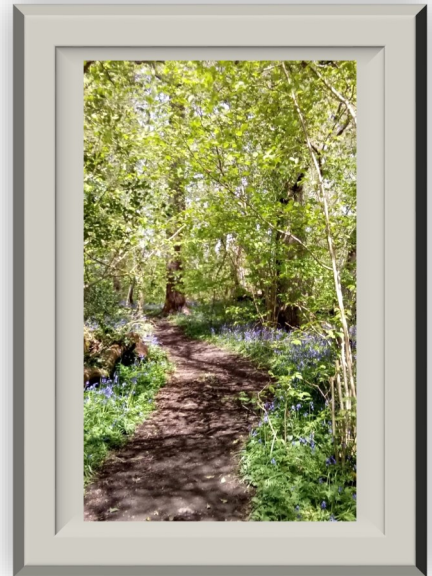
## Woodpecker Walks

In last months newsletter I wrote about organising some walks in my local area, Keynsham. They will start and finish from our home in Woodpecker Close, hence the name. So the first walk ( 4 miles approx. ) will leave our home and take a route across fields and lanes to the village of Woollard near Pensford. We will pass by a farm's roadside milk vending machine where you can buy a litre of fresh Milk for £1 25p Woollard nestles on the banks of the river Chew.

We then follow the footpath through a beautiful historic wood and arrive in Compton Dando, refreshments are possible in the Compton Inn before heading back to Woodpecker Close., where we will finish with light refreshments at our home.

The walk will take place on Sunday 6th June meeting at 11am. So Bring your boots, Stick and Waterproofs!

If you would like to join us then contact me via the usual channels [info@gaywest.org.uk](mailto:info@gaywest.org.uk) or by text to Colin on 07758810134.



## The Rainbow Cafe

Under government regulations from the 17th of May we can now have a maximum of 30 persons abiding by the rule of six.

booking your place will still be essential,

It will still remain table service only

so contact us by email [info@gaywest.org.uk](mailto:info@gaywest.org.uk) or text or telephone 07758810134

**So book your table and support your Café and have a great time**

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Letters to the Editor....

So, TODAY's youth accuse use oldies of messing up the planet!

In the 1960's and 70's there was not a plastic bottle to be seen, it was all glass and taken back to the shop or pub (rinsed out, not melted down).

No plastic bags, loose food was put in brown paper bags, sweets were measured out from big glass jars into white paper bags.

You walked to school from the age of 5 years old, no massive 4x4 transport, no burgers with free plastic toys, no polystyrene food boxes to litter the streets with, we had newspaper to wrap hot food in.

Milk was delivered at 5am six days a week by a milkman in an electric vehicle!

Holidays were in a caravan in Britain, not via a plane to far off destinations, these youngsters need to look in the mirror and think;

**Was it really my generation that messed  
up the planet?**

**Send us your letters so we can print  
them**

## A Lightbulb Moment:

### The true price of a tweet

- ◆ **170g:** The amount of Carbon Dioxide generated by an hour-long video call - about the same weight as a pack of Bisto Gravy Granules.
- ◆ **320billion:** the number of emails sent per day.
- ◆ **0.02g:** the CO2 created by sending one tweet - enough to power a 60watt light-bulb for 17 seconds.
- ◆ **60kg:** the amount of CO2 emitted to make the average smartphone - which then goes on to create a further 5-6KG of the gas per year via internet usage and calls.
- ◆ **90 per cent:** of all the data stored online, this is how much is not needed or used.
- ◆ **One terawatt:** unit of energy equivalent to using 1 trillion watts for an hour. Data centres used 205TWh hours in 2018 - 1percent of the world's energy use.
- ◆ **One Exabyte:** One billion gigabytes.
- ◆ **1,327 Exabyte's:** information stored in the world's seven million data centres.
- ◆ **20 trillion trees:** the number that would be needed to print out all the information contained in one exabyte. There are some 3.5trillion trees on earth.

You can send us your articles and comments / letters by email to [info@gaywest.org.uk](mailto:info@gaywest.org.uk) or post at 30 Woodpecker Close, Keynsham, BS31 2 FU

We await them in anticipation !