

GayWest

A way of keeping in touch!

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Welcome to your July Newsletter.

Since the beginning of March 2020 we have lived through a very challenging time.

A once in a lifetime challenge to all of us. During this time as members you have made it possible for your GayWest committee to get the organisation through the long tunnel and into the bright sunshine again.

The group has gained new members and have overcome problems by adapting as everyone has had to do during this time.

I would also like to personally thank those members who have given financial donations to the group which has helped immensely to keep our major asset "The Rainbow Café" open, for all those members who have found it such a huge support in recent months. So in this month's newsletter we are looking forward to getting back out there with GayWest events for you all to enjoy in the coming months.

So as I write this I have my fingers crossed, difficult to do I know while hitting the keys, that all goes well with the 19th July and we can start to get our normal lives back again.

Our first event will be on Sunday 18th July with our second Woodpecker walk, page 2

Good news regarding the Café Page 2

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And the return of GayWest Events on page 4.

Have a good month and hope to see many of you at the Café soon.

Colin

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

We await them in anticipation !



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Woodpecker Walk No. 2

The next Woodpecker walk will take place on Sunday July 18th starting at the usual time of 11am from our home in Keynsham.

This walk I promise to be no more than a gentle stroll of less than 4miles passing through Chewton Keynsham on to Compton Dando and back to Woodpecker Close. The walk follows the River Chew as it flows through the area to meet with the River Avon in the centre of Keynsham. Some hills to climb and uneven surfaces.

Please contact me for further information and to add your name to the walkers list. Colin

The Rainbow Cafe

For the 17th July you will still have to book and It will still remain table service only

so contact us by email info@gaywest.org.uk or text or telephone 07758810134

From the 24th July all restrictions will be gone and you can just turn up as before it will also be back to self service.

Plus, plus, a Rainbow Café Raffle!!!

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Reviews

Film

Yesterday

If you like or can remember some of the Beatles songs, maybe you have some great memories of those crazy 1960's this surely would be a film for you.

The story is a complete fantasy, but so well done and full of the wonderful songs of Lennon & McCartney. This upbeat comedy romance stars Himesh Patel as a down on his luck singer whose life is changed for ever when the whole world is hit by a massive black out, during which he is hit by a bus. After, he wakes up in hospital he discovers he has a huge advantage over all other songwriters, including Ed Sheeran who is also in the film as himself.

He becomes the only person in the world who can remember the music of The Beatles. He decides to pass off the 'Fab Fours' phenomenal back catalogue as his own, and becomes a worldwide success. But will he find his sure-fire road to fame and will all the sacrifices and compromises be worth it?

A great entertaining film which we enjoyed. It was shown on BBC 1 on July 4th and is probably on iPlayer/streaming.

Books

WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS

35 voices on the future of LGBTQ+ rights. Edited by Amella Abraham.

Have we achieved equality if we are still uncomfortable holding hands in public with the person we love? Should our safety depend on how carefully we moderate our queerness? Can the battle for equal rights here ever be said to be won if around the world LGBTQ+ people are still subject to discrimination violence and murder?

We can do better than this is a diverse and powerful collection of writing from 35 inspiring figures as they reflect on their experiences of being queer.

Out Now

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT.

Simon James Green/scholastic

In a troubled world a new book from teen novelist Simon James Green is always a joy. Freddie is kind sweet and therefore updateable. As sixth form begins he decides that this nice guy isn't going to finish last any more. No more missing parties to do homework and no more lusting after unattainable straight boys.

Freddie transforms his outlook and suddenly he's getting invited to all the popular kids parties and hot new boy Zach is showing an interest. But the path to love is never smooth, and Freddie learns that changing everything about yourself isn't a fool proof way to finding Mr Right.

Heartfelt and hilarious.

Stage

At last some good news

The musical is back on stage after almost 15 Months closed.

Andrew Lloyd Weber's Cinderella opened in the London's west end.

Just five minutes into the opening scene of Cinderella everyone in the audience sighed with relief, settled back in their chairs, grinned widely and started whooping and cheering behind masks.

Its utter delight of Whitty lyrics, great melody, blistering hot male bodies in tight leather shorts and tongue-in-cheek milk maids lasciviously milking a fake cow.

The costumes! The wigs! The dancers! The six packs! But most of all, the tears of joy brimming in the eyes of pretty much every member of the cast.

A brand new West End musical, starring Carrie Hope Fletcher and written by Emerald Fennell and Andrew Lloyd Webber. With a full orchestra blasting out and a fantastic set on a fully revolving stage.

To be brave enough to launch a brand new £6 million musical in a pandemic could only be done by a determined person such as Andrew but well done,

Bravo, bravo, bravo.

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GayWest soon to happen events

Sunday Lunch Club

Possibly starting in early August we hope to start regular Sunday Lunch outings at suitable locations in the GayWest area. We are at present looking at venues for this. If you have any suitable suggestions then please get in touch with any member of the committee.



Our picnic this year will be in August or September and as usual on a Sunday the Venue and date coming soon.

GayWest Monthly Social evenings

The return of our social evenings at “ The Old Market Tavern “ in Bristol will be back on Thursday 22nd July then on the Second Thursday of each Month



Wells Wednesday Market

Last year we had planned a trip to the City of Wells Wednesday Market so we are hoping to add this into our events in the coming Months.



We have had suggestions for us to make another trip to Weymouth and meet up with our friends again at the Weymouth Gay group we would be looking at September for this.

**More information and dates will be available on our website
www.gaywest.org.uk as soon as we have them.**