

GAYWEST - Newsletter No. 11 November 2022

Welcome to November's Newsletter.

This Month we welcome another four new members to our group and I hope they will enjoy belonging to GW. GayWest has over the past years seen a steady flow of new membership and we now have 91 members a trend that is going against what is happening with other organisations. This is good news for us but maybe its because people wish to be part of something, feel they belong with other like minded people.

There are many online LGBT groups, but with GayWest there is more than being on a screen with someone who could be anywhere on the planet. You can get involved with our group, using WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter or as many do, you meet with others in the real world such as the groups "Rainbow Café" The Monthly social evenings, (Formally known as The Pub nights) much more of an upmarket affair now, just chat, laughter and Lemonade! And outings and events put together for all members to enjoy, if they wish.

None of this however would happen, if it was not for the volunteers who make up the GayWest organising team, so a huge thank you to them. We do however have a few more places on the team to fill. We are currently looking for someone with dashing poetic writing skills who would like to take on the creative skills of producing this Newsletter. We also need another person with charm, (I know we have many) to help with the running of the Café on Saturdays.

So more organisers mean many happy days!

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I Like work, it fascinates me.
I can sit and look at it for hours
Jerome K Jerome

Contact us at info@gaywest.org.uk

The Gay Hanky Code.

The code grew out of the leather bar sub-culture, which first sported keys and later bandanas or coloured handkerchiefs.

Depending on the colour code used and on which side of the body you choose to wear your hanky, this gives an indication as to your sexual preference. If you wear your hanky on the left then you are an active 'top', if you wear your hanky on the right you are a submissive 'bottom'.

The colour coding is fairly universal and signals obvious preferences, but with some variations depending on whether you live in Britain, or Europe, or the U.S.A. and Canada. For example: Black means your into S&M. Dark blue-anal sex, Light Blue-oral.

If you like Green,-it can be a problem, as it means you're a hustler for rent' or looking for a daddy.

Fuscia- into spanking; Yellow-watersports (Bring a towel) ; Grey-bondage.

For those with more specialist tastes,

Light Blue with white stripes- into sailors;

Lavender-into drag queens.

Mustard-you prefer eight inches and rising ;

Apricot-a chubby chaser.

White-with multi-coloured dots-hosting an orgy or hoping to find one.

Orange-means anything goes, anytime, anywhere.

Original by Michael Reid

LGBT Flags

You may have noticed the different flags on the tables at the " Rainbow Café " there are now 21 different flags, here are some to look out for at the café.

The flag we are all familiar with is the **Gilbert Baker Pride Flag**.

The colours mean as follows; Pink-Sex, Red-Life, Orange-Healing , Yellow-Sunlight, Green-Nature, Turquoise-Magic, Blue-Harmony and Violet-Spirit.



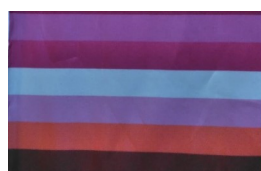
"Progress" Pride flag Created in 2018 by Daniel Quasar which includes the Transgender flag.



Pansexual Flag



Lesbian



Bisexual



GayWest Events — Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th November, From 8pm

Will be our next social evening at

“The Lodekka”

Tramway Rd,

Brislington.

Bristol, BS4 3DS



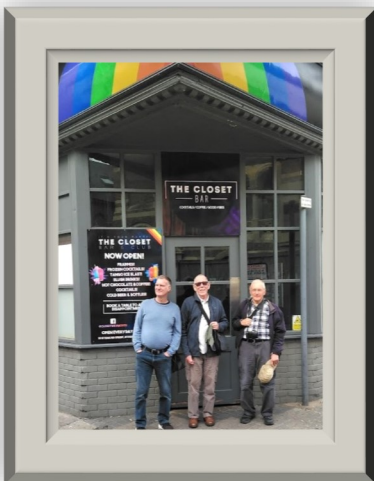
Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do

Isaac Asimov

GW's Trip to Weymouth

Back on a sunny Sunday in September a small group of us had a day out in Weymouth and met with The Weymouth Gay Group. Some here are waiting outside “ The Closet bar “

We visited many places in the town that are run by Gay Couples and many of the shops sale “Rainbow flags and badges even gay mugs. It was a good day out.



GayWest Christmas Dinner

2022 at

The Crown in Saltford

On Friday 16th December

Is now full

For those who still have to pay and select their menu Please make a note of your choices from the menu along with payment, by post or to GayWest in person at The Rainbow Café,

by 12th November 2022

Bath Film Festival

4th —15th November

Those of you who may be interested, can find out about all the films being shown during the festival by going to the website

[https:// filmbath. Org.uk/schedule.](https://filmbath.org.uk/schedule)

Good advice is something a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example

Francois de La Rochefoucauld

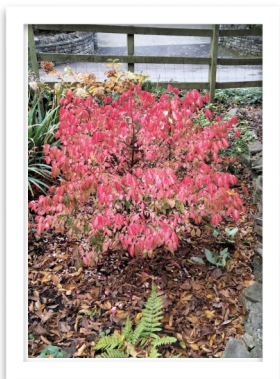
We Wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new members, Roland, John, Robert and David.

Autumn Leaves.

As driving along the M4 the other day, we were struck how our British native trees of bird cherry, field maple, hazel and dogwoods had changed from green to fiery reds and oranges, glorious golds, and purple leaves.

Our British native deciduous trees and shrubs are quite spectacular in their own way during the autumnal months.

We have many deciduous Trees and shrubs from here in the UK and from around the world providing all shapes and forms to suit any garden whether it be large or small that will produce stunning autumnal color in their leaves.



Autumnal tints occur when the days get shorter and the nights longer also the temperature starts to cool. This in turn triggers our deciduous trees and shrubs to start drawing back precious sugars and carbohydrates in to the stems, trunks and roots to be stored till next spring. As a result of this process other chemicals are left behind causing the leaves to exhibit glorious colors of crimson, golds, oranges, purples, reds and a cacophony of many other colors.

One group of shrubs/ trees that I would like to draw your attention too are the spindles, (Euonymus)

Euonymus alatus, - burning bush or winged spindle.

A shrub from China, Japan and Korea. It will grow to 2.5m in height and have a 3m in spread if, left untrimmed. During winter the stems are covered with corky out growths and appeared to be winged.

The leaves once emerged are a dark green and dull. The shrub will grow in full sun and partial shade

and like well drained soil, with a winter mulch or garden compost or organic well-rotted manure. With the onset of autumn, the leaves turn from a nondescript dark green to the most amazing fiery pink. The plant in autumn for a few weeks literally looks like it's on fire.

Euonymus alatus var "compactum"

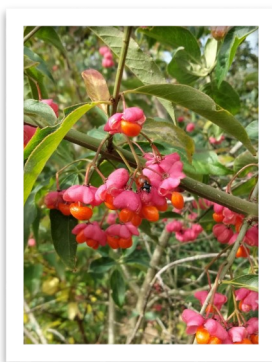
E.a var compactum is the same as above except it grows to 1 m in height and 1.5m in width, and as the name suggest is a compact form of the above.

Another spindle, our own British native is *Euonymus europeaus*.

A small tree that is native to the British in hedges and responds well to being these leaves turn an attractive vibrant small yellowish green. The berries are pink but remain after the leaves have pollinating insects for drink. They will live

Remember to remove fallen leaves from

Rake up fallen leaves and compost them. borders once rotten down.



Isles and Europe. It can grow to 4x3m. But are often used trimmed. It also has dark green leaves which are dull, pink in autumn The flowers that occur during summer and pink and orange and often open before the leaves turn fallen. They are also high in nectar and attract many in full sun or partial shade and in any well drained soil.

your lawns as the decomposing leaves will kill your lawn.

The compost can be used as a pleasing mulch on your

All Places have been taken, but if you have booked but still need to choose and pay, please do so by the 12th November.

The Crown in Saltford Christmas Menu

3 courses £29.95 per person (£30) (with Members Discount it costs £20) per person.

Starters

- Tomato & roasted red pepper soup, topped with parmesan croutons, served with warm crusty bread (V,GF*)*
- Deep fried panko brie, served with port & cranberry sauce* (V)*
- Smoked salmon With beetroot & chicory salad, dressed with a dill vinaigrette (GF)*
- Mushroom bruschetta with a brandy & tarragon sauce topped with creme fraiche* (V)*
- Duck and orange pate, served with onion marmalade & toasted crostini*

Mains

- All served with seasonal vegetables ,braised red cabbage with apple & honey roasted parsnips*
- Roast crown of turkey, pigs' blankets & homemade sage and sausage stuffing (GF*)*
- Slow cooked roast corner cut of beef served with a Yorkshire pudding (GF*)*
- Homemade Festive nut roast served with a Yorkshire pudding (V,GF*)*
- Salmon fillet with a cranberry, parsley and nut crust served with sautéed new potatoes and asparagus*
- Roast rolled leg of lamb served with colcannon mash and finished with a red current and rosemary gravy*

Desserts

- Selection of British cheeses, served with savoury biscuits, grapes and onion chutney (£3 Supplement)*
- St Clements (orange & lemon) cheesecake served with a zesty orange and lemon syrup*
- Warm traditional Christmas pudding, topped with rich brandy sauce**
- Rich forrero rocher chocolate torte served with Chantilly cream*
- Festive berry eton mess*