

# Kent celebrates LGBT history month

February 2010



LG history month 2010  
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National events can be found at [www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk)



## Welcome

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month celebrates the lives and achievements of the LGBT community and their valuable contribution to today's society. Kent County Council is celebrating and raising awareness by putting on and supporting a series of events through out February 2010.

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**2nd – 24th  
February  
Photography  
Exhibition - 'Hand  
in Hand in Kent'**  
Sessions Gallery,  
County Hall,  
Maidstone,  
ME14 1RF

An exhibition will be held throughout February of photographs submitted for the 'Hand in Hand in Kent' competition. The images capture and celebrate same sex hand holding, inspired by the national 'Day in Hand' campaign [www adayinhand.com](http://www adayinhand.com).



Also displayed in the gallery will be information on local services including civil partnerships, adoption/fostering, libraries and Kent Fire & Rescue

**Free event**

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**9th February**

**7.00 - 8.30pm**

**Author visit**

**Sarah Waters**

*Tonbridge Library,  
Avebury Avenue,  
Tonbridge, TN9 1TG  
01732 352754*

Sarah Waters, best-selling author of *Tipping The Velvet* and *The Fingersmith*, will be talking about her career and her latest book *The Little Stranger* in a Q&A session. *Fingersmith* won the CWA Ellis Peters Dagger Award for Historical Crime Fiction and the South Bank Show Award for Literature and both

*Fingersmith* and *The Night Watch* were shortlisted for the Man Booker and Orange prizes.

*Tipping the Velvet*, *Affinity* and *Fingersmith* have all been adapted for television whilst *The Night Watch* is currently in development with the BBC.

Her latest book *The Little Stranger* was shortlisted for the Man Booker prize 2009.

Tickets £2.50 are limited and will be available from Tonbridge library.

**10th February**

**7.45pm**

**Pride is political,  
A Talk by Dr Kath Browne**

*Friends Meeting House, The Friars, Canterbury*

Dr Kath Browne has been a trustee of Pride in Brighton & Hove since 2004. She is internationally known for her work with the LGBT communities in Brighton & Hove, through the LGBT Community University Partnership, is widely acclaimed. She is the co-author of *Queer Spiritual Spaces* and co-edited the collection *Queer Methods and Methodologies: Queer Theory and social Science Research*.

Tickets £3 on the door, including refreshments.

**11th February**

**7.00 - 8.30pm**

**Author visit**

**Karen McLeod**

Dover Library  
*Dover Discovery  
Centre,  
Market Square  
Dover, CT16 1PH  
01304 204241*

Author and Cabaret performer Karen McLeod will be appearing at the Discovery Centre Theatre.

Karen McLeod will be reading from her first book 'In Search Of the Missing Eyelash', discussing her new work and taking a Q&A session.

She will also talk about being a cabaret performer and how it informs her writing. Karen will be available to sign books at the end over light refreshments.

Tickets £2.00 available from Dover library.

**12th February**

**7:00pm**

**Film screening**

**The Homophobia Project (2009, Peer Productions)**

*Sessions House,  
Lecture Theatre,  
County Hall,  
Maidstone,  
ME14 1RF*

'Imagine a world where everyone is lesbian or gay. All children are brought up by same sex couples and are conceived through artificial insemination. Despite 1 in 9 secondary school students 'questioning' their sexuality being hetero it is still often viewed as something dirty or wrong.

Many young people are bullied at school because they are thought to be heterosexual and 'hetero' is used as a word to mean pathetic or stupid. How would it feel to live in this world?'

This feature film was made by Peer Productions [www.peerproductions.co.uk](http://www.peerproductions.co.uk) and explores the emotional impact of homophobia in schools and though can be used as an educational resource for young people is relevant to a wider audience.

**Free event**





**13th February**  
**11.30 - 12.30pm**

**Author visit**

**Paul Burston**

*Margate Library,  
Thanet Gateway*

*Plus,*

*Cecil Square,*

*Margate, CT9 1RE*

*01843 223626*

Author and Journalist Paul Burston will be appearing at Margate Gateway on Saturday 13th.

Paul, whose books include the critically acclaimed novels Shameless (shortlisted for the State of Britain Award 2001), Star People and

Lovers and Losers (shortlisted for the Stonewall Award 2007) will be talking about his latest novel The Gay Divorcee.

Paul edits the Gay & Lesbian section of Time Out London, and has written for a variety of publications including The Guardian, The Times, The Sunday Times and the Independent on Sunday. In June 2009, for the third year running, he made the '101 Most Influential Gay People in Britain' in the Independent's annual Pink List. The previous year he received a Stonewall Award for his coverage of gay issues in Time Out.

Tickets £2.50  
available from  
Margate library

**Rainbow Reads**  
Collections at Kent  
libraries:

- Tonbridge
- Folkestone
- Dover
- Whitstable
- Maidstone
- Tunbridge Wells
- Margate

**Inspiring Lives**  
Collections

Sarah Waters and Paul Burston were asked which authors and books have inspired their lives and writing. Displays of these titles can be found at the following libraries.

- Tonbridge - (to tie in with Sarah Waters visit)
- Margate - (to tie in with Paul Burston visit)
- Maidstone
- Folkestone



**17th February  
6.30pm  
Civil Partnership  
Event**

*Wellington House,  
St Stephens Road,  
Canterbury,  
CT2 7RD*

Information/Q&A  
session about  
registration services  
offered in Kent.

Contact Beth James  
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**19th February  
7:00pm  
Film screening  
Ruby Blue (2007,  
Maeve Films)  
Lecture Theatre  
County Hall,  
Maidstone, ME14  
1RF. Free event**

After the death of his wife Jack (Bob Hoskins) is consumed by grief. Hope arrives in the unlikely form of eight year old, Florrie, when she moves in next door and delights in Jack's neglected racing pigeons. When his glamorous French neighbour, Stephanie (Josiane Balasko) takes pity on him, Jack cannot help but fall for her charms. But when his innocent friendship with Florrie is put into question and Stephanie reveals a well kept secret, Jack's life is thrown into turmoil.

**24th February  
Afternoon  
'Queering  
Paradigms' by  
Dr Burkhard  
Scherer – Book  
Launch.  
Canterbury Christ  
Church University,  
North Holmes Road  
Canterbury,  
CT1 1QU**

Drawing inspiration from the conference in Queer Studies that was held at Canterbury Christ Church University in February and March 2009, the chapters offer analyses and insights into changing academic and public discourses on sexual and gender normativities.

To attend, email:  
[moira.mitchell@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:moira.mitchell@canterbury.ac.uk)

Tel: 01227 782795

**25th February**  
**4.30 - 9pm**  
**'Reflections' – A**  
**Celebratory Closing**  
**Event**

*Oakwood House,*  
*Maidstone,*  
*ME16 8AE*

This event will celebrate the month's activity with a quiz night. There will also be prize giving for the 'Hand in hand in Kent' photography competition winners with presentations from the national 'Day in Hand' campaigner David Watkins ([www.adayinhand.com](http://www.adayinhand.com)) and National LGBT History Month/ Schools Out campaigner Sue Sanders ([www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk)) There will also be a presentation from Kent Fire and Rescue, food will be provided and the quiz will be hosted

by young people. Contact Beth James [beth.james@kent.gov.uk](mailto:beth.james@kent.gov.uk) to book your quiz team place.

**February 26th**  
**Recognising**  
**homophobic hate**  
**crime and incidents**  
*Kent Police College,*  
*Lecture Theatre,*  
*Coverdale Avenue,*  
*Maidstone,*  
*ME15 9DW*

A rise in homophobic crime has been brought into sharper focus with the murder of Ian Baynham in London last September, the attack on trainee police officer James Parkes in Liverpool last October and a vicious attack on a lesbian couple in Brighton also last October. Stonewall's 2008 report on UK Gay Hate Crime reported that one in five lesbian and gay people in Britain

have been a victim of one or more homophobic hate crimes or incidents in the last three years and three in four of these did not report them to the police. These incidents ranged from regular insults on the street to serious physical and sexual assaults.

This inter-active afternoon brings together Kent public service providers and people from Kent's LGBT communities to hear of the different approaches to dealing with homophobic crime and to discuss what needs to be done to encourage reporting to support the victims.

To attend, email: [diversity.team@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:diversity.team@kent.pnn.police.uk)

# Hand In Hand In Kent

## Photography competition

In support of same sex hand holding  
as part of LGBT history month.

Capture an image of same sex hand holding and  
submit it, with any queries, to [beth.james@kent.gov.uk](mailto:beth.james@kent.gov.uk)

Deadline for submissions is 22 January 2010

Shortlisted entries will be exhibited in  
County Hall, Maidstone during February 2010.

Prizes include Sony CyberShot 10mp Digital Camera,  
7" Digital Picture Frame & a Gorillapod

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