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Winter sunfest in Miami, USA?

The next [Gay8 festival](#), Miami's Hispanic LGBTQ+ celebration, is planned for **Sunday 20 February 2022**



Pic: Gay8 Hispanic festival in Miami, Florida, 2019. Fully vaccinated UK and EU citizens can now travel to the USA so get going boyz and girlz.

Pic courtesy of Gay8



Wishing you a safe, fun, cool or hot festive season. Anyway, a very Pink one...



See our latest listings for what's happening over the [2021/22 festive season](#) and beyond. Noting it's **World Aids Day** on **Wednesday 1 December**, PinkUk founder Dave Walsh shares his story of living with HIV since the late 1990s, below.



A decade of supplying adult pleasure

Revolutionary online adult store esmale has turned ten. PinkUk talks to co-founder Jay

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My HIV story. Dave Walsh

Hi friends, fingers crossed we'll celebrate the festive season in a more traditional style in the UK and elsewhere than we were able to last year; so please keep an eye out at [PinkUk for info](#). But before we turn on the Christmas tree lights, we should note the annual commemoration for **World AIDS Day** on Wednesday 1 December.

Obviously, it remembers everyone around the world including those in LGBTQ+ society who have lost their lives from an even longer-running pandemic. I was diagnosed as HIV positive in 1999 at a time when HIV anti-viral treatments were only just beginning to make a difference. Luckily for me, by the



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Pride listings on PinkUK

Right now for **2022** we have **49** prides in the UK and **186** prides and events globally in **33** countries. For **2023** we have one pride event in the UK and four prides and events in **four**



countries. [Add your Pride 2022/23](#)



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Scene recently relaunched with its fabulous new print copy... We are proud to support them. [See their latest edition.](#)

Featured venue: Townhouse Exeter, Devon

Townhouse Exeter is a gay-owned and run nine-bedroom guesthouse in the centre of Exeter, Devon. The proprietors say they are "about duvets, dishes and having a great stay while in Exeter." They serve a tasty breakfast, offer comfortable rooms, free Wi-Fi and complimentary permits for local on-street parking (private parking by arrangement). Well, **PinkUK** thinks this is a dream. Located in a quiet corner of the city centre, the guesthouse is a ten-minute walk from



the High Street, Exeter Cathedral and both Exeter St. Davids and Exeter Central train stations. It's also close to pubs, restaurants and shopping. More on [Townhouse Exeter](#).

Land of the free is open for biz



Some good news for LGBTQ+ travellers is

that the United States has opened up for fully vaccinated and tested UK and EU citizens with [ESTAs. More info from the UK Government](#)

My HIV story—continued

time I was diagnosed with HIV, treatments were able to stop you from passing to full AIDS and likely death. **But just a few years earlier, it did.**



My CD4 count went as low as seven which is within defined medical AIDS levels. I had years of a treatment



regime which involved my taking multiple tablets across the day, starting at 6.30 am and complex instructions to follow the rest of the day. Now I only take one pill a day and there are new options such as monthly injections. Also, of course, we have PREP pills for HIV-negative people (free on England's NHS). All

thanks to advances in medicine. I will take a moment on 1 December to reflect on the past but also appreciate the improving medical outlook. Then I'll have some safe fun in the festive season. Hope you do, too.

[Read the whole story of my life with HIV](#)

Pinkest love, Dave and team xx



First Winter Pride for Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset



Weston-Super-Mare's first **Winter Pride** takes place over the weekend **11-12 December 2021** on the seafront in the Tropicana complex.

The daytime event has live acts and entertainment and a selection of stalls to

get your rainbow Christmas goodies. In the evening 8pm - 2am you can dance the night away and get into the Pride Christmas spirit, with the bar open and the music playing into the early hours. [Info and tickets](#)

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