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ABOUT 29,000 people joined the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade on Saturday, making it the biggest Pride March ever held in Britain.

It equalled the size of the Anti-Section 28 demonstration in April. And numbers swelled to well over 30,000 for the festival in Jubilee Gardens which went on into the night.

There was a higher percentage of lesbians than on previous Pride Marches and there were fewer heterosexuals than on the Section 28 protests. It was undoubtedly the biggest gathering of homosexuals ever held in this country – and possibly the biggest in Europe.

The march and festival passed off without any major incident, although there was alarm at two skinheads wearing Union Flags in Hyde Park, fascists giving the Nazi salute at Piccadilly Circus, and three people were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Stewards threw two punks off the festival site for starting a rubbish fire with a bottle of petrol.

Criticised

Police kept an unusually low profile, preferring to keep their officers in back streets while marchers were guided by bollards, white tape and stewards. However, the 160 stewards provided by the organisers were criticised for being poorly co-ordinated. For a number of minor incidents, such as vehicles trying to nose their way out of side streets and into the march, there were no stewards in sight to stop it.

Willie Molton of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Weeks Committee said they needed more volunteers: "It was chaotic, but if there had been more people involved it would have been organised better. We need 20 or 30 effective workers and, if the

money can be found, a full-time paid worker".

The celebrations were the most expensive we've had, costing £35,000 including £9,500 to hire Jubilee Gardens for the festival; and the organisers think they are about £2,000 short of paying all their bills.

Jubilee Gardens was packed to overflowing and Willie Molton speculated that next year's march should end in a festival at Earl's Court.

Resistance

The Lifesava voluntary medical service and the St John's Ambulance Service treated 69 people for illness and accidental injury. "That was below average for a large carnival, and there were no malicious injuries", they report.

The Pride organisers complained that there was "resistance" to giving donations on the day, although the Terrence Higgins Trust is delighted with its £600 sales and donations. Many charities and businesses had stalls at the festival.

It was one of the loudest Pride Marches, with singing and chanting and the huge turnout was admirable considering that, counting Aids vigils and Section 28 protests, it was the sixth demonstration in six months.

The problems and grumbles should not obscure the fact that it was the most successful Pride March ever held here.

• The turnout was estimated by *Capital Gay* counting 100 marchers and then counting groups of about 100 as the march passed by.

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Peggy, 93, on her first Pride March

LONDONER Peggy Peate, aged 93, went on her first Pride March this year after a long lifetime of being a lesbian. Former legal secretary Peggy was wearing a 'Lesbians Ignite' T-shirt designed by her friend Michael (top left). She spends her time at home in Clapham these days clay modelling and painting, but when she was younger she spent many years in Canada where she started a workers newspaper.

(Photo: Themis Michaelidou)

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Out In Front: Stars include Chris Smith MP, Paul Gambaccini, Simon Fanshawe, Ian McKellen, and Michael Cashman



St Trinian's outing



View from the stage

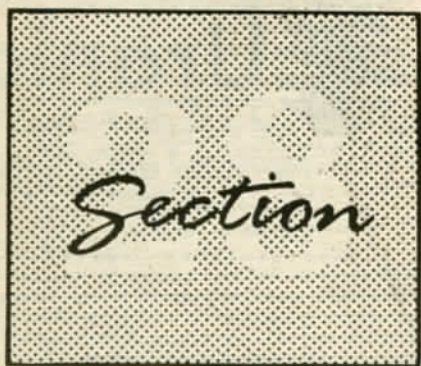


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Nazi salutes at Piccadilly Circus

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Lesbians and Gays Parade with Pride; the Black Lesbian and Gay Centre, Lesbian and Gay Youthline East, Grapevine, South-end Lesbian and Gay Group, York Stop the Clause, New Zealand Lesbians and Gays, Fusion, 20th Century Vixen, Hall Carpenter Archives, Lesbian Line York, Stop the Clause, London Gay Teenage Group, Suffolk Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, Brighton Gay Youth Group, The Right to Love, the Gay Business Association, Croydon Lesbian Group, Lesbians and Gays Unite in Disability, OLGA National, Scottish Homosexual Action Group, Scottish Homosexual Rights Group, Los Angeles Support Group for London Queens, Lesbians and Gays in Lewisham, Leicester Lesbians, Leicester Lesbian and Gay Group, Leicester Clause Out, Islington and Haringey Gay Group, Brummies Say Stay Gay, Birmingham Stop the Clause, Brum Gay Bridge Group, Equal Rights Now, Hounslow Lesbians and Gay Men, Cambridge Lesbians, Northwest Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Equality, Notting Hill Lesbian and Gay Youth Group, Gay West, Lesbians Come Together, Older Lesbian Network, Shropshire OLGA, Bristol Scrap the Section, Royal Oak Hammersmith, Haringey Lesbian and Gay Group, Labour Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Pinko Commie Queens, Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association, Arts Lobby, Gay Sweatshop, Northern Ireland Gays, Haringey Lesbians, Lesbian and Gay Switchboard, Gay Bikers, Holland Park School, Lesbian and Gay Youth Federation, Gay Young London, Mark Ashton Trust, NALGO, Lambeth NALGO, Lewisham Gay Men's Drama, National Union of Civil Servants, London Lighthouse, Newcastle Lesbian and Gay Group, Tyneside Poly Lesbian and Gay Group, East London Lesbian and Gay Society, Harrow Gay Unity, Enfield Area Lesbian and Gay Group, Cambridge Lesbian and Gay Activists, Harlow Lesbian and Gay Group, Lesbian and Gay Workers in Education, Humberside Friend, Campaign for Homosexual Equality National, South London Lesbian and Gay Young People Group, Artists Against Rampant Homophobia (AARGH), Socialist Workers Party, Social and Liberal Democrats, Brothers and Sisters, Central Region Midland Lesbian and Gay Group, Sussex Lancers MSC, Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, Gay Outdoor Club, Tyneside Gay Youth, Nottingham, East Kent Gay Group, New Beginnings, Bangor Lesbian and Gay Group, Defy Clause 28, Cardiff Lesbian and Gay Students, Lewisham Socialists, Brent Lesbians, London Lesbian Line, Brighton Lesbians, Sappho Feminists, Devotes, Brighton Plus Area Against the Clause, South Camden Stop the Clause Group, Prisoner Cell Block H, Irish Lesbian and Gays, Irish Lesbians, South Herts Lesbian and Gay Group, Hampstead Lesbian and Gay Group, Halifax Area Gay Group, Edward Carpenter Community Group, The Radical Alliance of Methodist Churches, Reading Lesbians and Gays, Gay Times, London North Taxes, Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group, West London Group for Homosexual Equality, Guildford Area Gay Society, Wimbledon Area Gay Society, Wages Due Lesbians, Friend Gay Helpline, London Bisexual Group, Metropolitan Community Church of North London, SM Gays, The London Backstreet.

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