

GAY PRIDE WEEK 1978

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN
COME OUT ON THE STREETS

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GAY PRIDE CARNIVAL

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SATURDAY 8th JULY

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RALLY*PICNIC*SPEAKERS



GAY PRIDE '78

FRIDAY JUNE 30TH

DISCO: GAY PRIDE WEEK MIDSUMMER BALL, Lambeth Town Hall (nr. Brixton -) 8pm-12pm.
Bar + Disco + Cabaret: Admission £1 (70p non-earners).
Organised by Gay Liberation South London.

THEATRE: Gay Sweatshop Women present "What the Hell is She Doing Here?"
Action Space Drill Hall, 16 Chenies Street, WC1. 7.30. Admission £1.

SATURDAY JULY 1ST

PICKET Gay Activists Alliance National Day of Action against WHSmith. Protest
against the banning of Gay News outside WHSmith at Sloane Square.
11am-2pm.

DISCO: Sols Arms? 65 Hampstead Road, NW1 (Warren St -). 8pm-12.15am.
Admission 50p. Organised by Young London CHE.

MUSIC: Concert by Peter Katin at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. 7.30pm
Tickets £1 -£2.50. available from Wigmore Hall. Organised by CHE.

THEATRE: "MEN" by Noel Greig & Don Milligan presented by One Off Theatre Company
of Bradford. Theatrespace, 29 King Street, London WC2. Admission £1.
8pm.

THEATRE: Gay Sweatshop present "What the Hell is She Doing Here?" Action Space
Admission £1. 7.30pm.

SUNDAY JULY 2ND

PICNIC: for disabled lesbians and gay men. St James' Park. 2.30pm. Organised
by GEMMA/Gaycare. Phone Gay Switchboard for assembly point.

WORKSHOP: Coming Out at Work: Speakers Alan Burnside; Chris Dancey; Jill Posener;
Norman Redman; John Warburton + discussion. Oval House Arts Centre,
52 Kennington Oval, SE11 (Oval -). 2.30.

THE ATRE: "MEN" at Theatrespace. 8pm. Admission £1. See July 1st.

THEATRE: "What the Hell is She Doing Here?" at Action Space. 7.30. Adm. 75p.

CHURCH: A Celebration of Loving: church service at StBotolph's Church, 3pm
(Aldgate - Circle).

MONDAY JULY 3RD

WORKSHOP: Gays and Mental Health led by Sarah McGuire of Release. Oval House. 7.30.

MUSIC: JAM TODAY (women's rock band) Oval House. pm. Admission £1.00.

THEATRE: "MEN" at Theatrespace. See July 1st.

TUESDAY JULY 4TH

DISCO; CANCELLED

WORKSHOP: Lesbian Mothers, Rates and Custody at Action Space. 7.30pm. Organised
by Wages Due Lesbians.

WORKSHOP: Gays and Fascism Workshop and exhibition. Oval House. 7.30pm. Organised
by London Gay Activists' Alliance.

THEATRE: Bloodlips present "Cheek!" at Action Space. Admission 75p. 9pm.
followed by discussion.

THEATRE: "MEN" at Theatrespace, See July 1st.

WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH

WORKSHOP: "What do we expect from the Gay Press?" with speakers from Gay News,
Gay Left, Outcome and Gold. Followed by discussion. Action Space. 7.30.

WORKSHOP: The Gay Rights of School Students; Teaching Trade Unions; Coming Out.
at Oval House. 7.30. Organised by Gay Teachers Group.

THEATRE: Oscar's Revenge Theatre presents "Speaking Out" at 7.30. Followed by
Gay Sweatshop present "JINGLEBALL" at 8.30. Oval House.

THEATRE: Bloodlips present "CHEEK!" at Action Space, 9pm. Admission 75p.

THEATRE: "MEN" at Theatrespace. 8pm. Admission £1. See July 1st.

THURSDAY JULY 6TH

WORKSHOP: "Gay Pride: Does it mean anything?" led by Gay Left Collective.
Action Space. 7.30pm.

THEATRE: at Theatrespace & Action Space as July 5th.

THEATRE: Gay Authors Workshop present "A selection of short stories, poems and
lyrics." 7.30pm. + Gay Sweatshop present "JINGLEBALL". 8.30. Oval House.

FRIDAY JULY 7TH

WORKSHOP: "Meet GEMMA" for disabled lesbians and gay men at Oval House. 7pm.

WORKSHOP: "A straights eye view of Gays and Socialism" with straight speakers
from Communist Party, International Marxist Group & Socialist Workers
party, followed by discussion. 7.30pm. Action Space.

DISCO: LIBERTIES CANCELLED,

THEATRE: At Action Space, Oval House & Theatrespace as July 5th.
THEATRE:

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

CARNIVAL

Asseble 12noon outside Sloane Square -

DISCO: GAY PRIDE WEEK LICENTIOUS DANCE, Camden Centre, (opp. St Pancras Station)
Euston Road (entrance in Bidborough St). 8-midnight. Music by "DANDIES"
(gay rock band) + disco + bar. Admission £1 (70p non earners).

THEATRE: "MEN" at Theatrespace, 8pm. Admission £1. See July 1st.

THEATRE: Gay Authors Workshop & Gay Sweatshop at Oval House. See July 6th.

DISCO: "Liberation" at Lee Centre, Aislibie Road, SE12. Music by Dino, Daz
and the Machine + disco + bar. Film "David is Homosexual".
8pm. Admsion 75p. Organised by Lewisham CHE.

SUNDAY JULY 9TH

CONFERENCE: Gay Activists' Alliance National Meeting at Caxton House, 129 St John's Way,
N.19. 10am-5pm. (Archway -).

POETRY: An evening of Words and Music at the Star, London Road, West Croydon,
8pm. Admissoin 50p, Organised by Croydon CHE.

BENEFIT: Benefit for Gay Sweatshop with Gay Sweatshop & Tom Robinson.
Golden Lane Theatre, Golden Lane, EC3. 8pm. Admission £2.
Tickets from Gay Sweatshop on 226 6143.

GAY SWITCHBOARD 837 7324

GAY PRIDE WEEK 1978

GAY PRIDE 78 is a ten day festival from June 30th-July 9th organised by and for gay people, celebrating our gay identity.

The past year has seen an increase in the number of attacks on gay people: the successful prosecution of Gay News and its subsequent banning by WHSmith; the vicious assaults on lesbians by the Evening News and Daily Express and the attack on the Royal Vauxhall Tavern by members of the National Front. Yet again gay people have been sacked, beaten up and murdered and police harassment of gay people has been stepped up.

This year, however, has seen a revitalising of the gay movement: the formation of the National Gay News Defence Committee which organised the largest ever gay demonstration outside America and the birth of the Gay Activists' Alliance, a new, nationwide organisation committed to responding to attacks on gay people.

The aim of Gay Pride 78 is to show the positive side of being gay: GAY IS FUN; GAY IS PROUD; GAY IS BEAUTIFUL! We have organised a "Week" of discos, exhibitions, theatre, workshops etc, climaxing with a Carnival Parade and March through West London on July 8th.

LESBIANS & GAY MEN

COME OUT°

ONTO THE STREETS

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

GAY PRIDE '78

GAY PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE
5 CALEDONIAN ROAD, LONDON N1



GAY PRIDE SONGSHEET

1. Yes, we are homosexuals, we are homosexuals alright!
We are thin ones and thick ones and slow ones and quick ones,
Some who live by day and some by night.
Yes, we are homosexuals, we are homosexuals alright!

(Tune: Yes, we have no bananas)

2. We've been guilty and ashamed of it but now we're rather proud of it,
No longer will we try to live a lie.
Oh me! Oh my! That lie can lay itself right down and die.
When I think of all those bad old days, those guilty shameful sad old days,
It makes me want to sit right down and cry,
We've been guilty and ashamed of it but now we're rather proud of it,
No longer will we try to live a lie.

(Tune: I'm leaning on a lamppost)

3. Because we're GAY, GAY, GAY!
And now we're glad that we're that way, way, way.
In times gone by we've felt guilty and forlorn, we've been put to scorn,
Now with scorn, we scorn the scorners 'cos we are reborn
And now we're GAY, GAY, GAY!
And we're all glad that we're this way, way, way way, way,
No more sadness and tears, let's give three hearty cheers,
Because we're GAY! GAY! GAY!

(Tune: We will row, row, row)

(All written by GAY SWEATSHOP, who have a benefit.....)

4. It's time to put on make up,
It's time to dress up right,
We're dykes and queens together,
And we're ready for a fight.

Some on out of your closets,
We're gay, and gay is proud,
We're fighting for our freedom,
And we're gonna shout it loud.

We're sick of being busted,
We're tired of being sacked,
We don't like losing children,
We want our children back.

We don't want toleration,
We're gay and gay is proud,
We want gay liberation,
So come on and shout it loud.

(tune: Muppet theme tune)

5. Pack up all them horrid hets,
Have them doctored like your pets,
Bye, Bye, heteros,
If to a man you would say "Yes"
Remember dear, male pigs oppress,
Bye, Bye, heteros.
Straight men are so very overrated.
So much better when they've been CASTRATED,
Seize the time, grab the hour,
Destroying all male chauvinist power.
Heteros bye-bye.

(Tune: Bye-bye blackbirds)

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6. There are fascists in the government, and fascists on the beat,
There are queer-bashing fascists killing people on the street,
Cos they're not just after black people they're after you and me,
Gays of the world unite ...AND FIGHT!

Chorus: Move on over or we'll move on over you,
Move on over or we'll move on over you,
Move on over or we'll move on over you,
Gays of the world unite AND FIGHT!

We don't want your masculinity, so disciplined and straight,
We don't need your macho posturing to prove that we are great,
We've a better way of living than your world of fear and hate
Gay Liberation now.....AND HOW!

Chorus

Gays are coming out together and we're fighting back today,
Because if we want a future we know it's the only way,
We're going to stop the fascists, and we're on the streets to say,
Gays of the world uniteAND FIGHT!

Chorus.

(Tune: John Brown's Body)

7. Gays are here, are here,
Whatever you do or say,
We're out on the streets to say,
Gays are here to stay.
(Tune: (que sera, sera)
8. Going to the Coleherne and we're going to get arrested, arrested,
Done for importuning, yes, we're gonna be busted, busted,
Oh! Golly gee, PC, watcha doing to me,
You know, you're gonna cause a riot some night.
One of these nights we won't move along,
You've got to see PC that gays can be strong,
We won't sit back and take what you dish out,
You know you're gonna cause a riot some night.
Chorus.
(Tune: Chapel of Love)
9. We're here because we're queer
because we're here because we're queer,
We're here because we're queer because
We're here because we're queer.
(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)
10. If you go down to the courts today,
You're sure of a big surprise.
A fee, or a fine, or a life in the nick,
If you haven't got family ties,
Cause every gay that ever there was,
Is persecuted simply because,
We won't conform to the hetero norm of loving.

Picnic time for magistrates,
The little magistrates are having a lovely time today,
See them as they bash the queers,
Dispensing all their fears their little ones might turn out that way,
See the bigwigs freaking out,
To put the gay world out is their aim and they're so obsessed.
At six o' clock the gays in the dock will be safely locked away
.....OR WILL THEY.

(Tune: Teddy Bears Picnic)

11. Mary Whitehouse, Mary Whitehouse
We are making, we are making,
Gay love, gay love,
We won't take no,
For an answer,
From you,
From you.

(Tune:london's burning)

12. If you hate Mary Whitehouse, clap your hands,
(clap, clap, clap)
If you hate Mary Whitehouse, clap your hands,
(clap, clap, clap)
If you hate Mary Whitehouse, hate Mary Whitehouse,
If you hate Mary Whitehouse, clap your hands.
(clap, clap, clap)

If you hate Melford Stevenson, clap your hands, etc.
" " " Evening News, " " " " "
" " " Ian Paisley, " " " " "
" " " National Front " " " " "
If you want GAY LIBERATION, clap your hands.etc.
If you think straight men are boring, clap your hands.etc.

(Tune: She'll be coming round the mountain)

13. Way back in 1939,
I look around me what do I see,
There's Adolf Hitler, gassing the gays,
Here's what it means to me.
Webster, listen here,
Regardless of what you say,
The Nazis are anti-gay,
They'll get you some day.
Now it's the nineteen seventies,
I look around me what do I see?
I see the Nazis back on the streets,
here's what it means to me.
Gays are here, are here,
We've got to fight back today,
We're out on the streets to say,
Gays are here to stay.

(Tune:Que sera, sera)

14. Chorus. All you gay women, all you gay men,
Come together, stand together
And each others rights defend.
There are ghettos in the city,
Some are black, and some are white,
Some you see, and some are hidden
In the shadows of the night.
All you gay women, all you gay men
Come together, stand together
And each others rights defend.

(noel greig)

Song number 14 is incomplete if anyone can remember how it's supposed to go please write to GAY PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE, c/o 5 Caledonian Road London, N1 so that we can include it next time. TA!

If you are arrested, make no statement and phone:-
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