

His / Her Story

1869 Karoly Maria Kertbeny invents the term 'homosexual' Prior to this such terms as similitsexual, urning, uranian and homophile were commonly used.

1910 Magnus Hirschfeld coins the term "transvestite".

1918 Kurt Hiller a socialist and gay rights activist, is the first to describe lesbians and gay men as a "minority".

1920 Introduction of the word "Gay" came into usage from America. "Good As You"

1933 The Institute for Sexology, which studies sexuality and gender identity issues is raided, shut down and its records destroyed by the Nazis.

1945 Holocaust – Gay and effeminate men were among the first to be sent to concentration camps. They were forced to wear a "Pink Triangle" as identification and worked to death.

1969 Stonewall Riots in New York –1st public show of rebellion by the LGBT community. Which inspired the start of Gay Pride events.

1972 The UK's first Gay Pride March draws about 2,000 gay men and lesbians to the centre of London.

1978 Introduction of the Rainbow Flag by Gilbert Barker. Now a national symbol of freedom by the LGBT community.

1980 First British televised sex change of Julia Grant.

1984 Labour MP Chris Smith 1st member of parliament to come out voluntary.

1985 Manchester Politician Margaret Roff 1st open lesbian mayor.

1989 Stonewall was founded in the UK by women and men who had been active in the struggle against the introduction of Section 28.

1999 Admiral Duncan pub a gay bar in Soho, London was the target of a nail bomb. 1st time LGB officers were deployed to support a police force.

2000 Ban lifted on LGB in the UK armed forces.

2005 Adoption laws modified to allowing same sex couples to adopt.

2005 Schools Out National Introduced 1st LGBT history Month in the UK being February.

Law / Legislation

1726 1st Gay Police raid in London "Mollies arrested", Mollies being the slang for sodomites.

1840 Last British execution for sodomy.

1870 Ernest Boulton and William Park otherwise known as Mrs Stella Graham and Miss Fanny Winnifred Park were arrested for dressing as women while attending the Strand Theatre in London.

1885 New sex offences introduced for Gay men. "Labouchere amendment".

1921 Attempt to make Lesbianism illegal failed. It was believed that few women knew that such acts existed. Accepting such a proposal would draw attention to such acts and women then may try them.

1955 Home office announces special committee "Wolfenden Committee" to study the issue of sex offences.

1967 Homosexuality legalised in England and Wales, for two males over the age of 21, consenting in private.

1994 Amended the minimum age for gay men to 18.

1999 Formation of Sex offenders register which included gay men charged with cottaging / cruising.

1999 Gender Reassignment Regulation introduced, which gives protection to Transsexuals from discrimination within employment.

2000 Age of consent equalised to 16 for gay men in line with heterosexuals.

2002 First gay female to be place on Sex Offence Register, for posing as a young male to seduce young females.

2003 Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations, which gives protection to LGB people from discrimination within employment.

2004 Sex offences law revised. Equalising sex offences for gay men in line with heterosexuals.

2004 Gender Recognition Bill, allowing Transsexual's to apply for a birth certificate to their correct gender.

2005 Civil partnership register, enabling same sex couples to equal rights in partnership as married couples.

2005 Gay Police Association (GPA) – Makes recommendations to Parliament for homophobic Hate Crime to be a specific offence.

Education / Literature

1748 Jeremy Bentham, thought to be the earliest scholarly essay on Homosexuality.

1882 1st Novel to introduce a Transgender character.

1859 Charles Vaughan forced to resign as head of a Harrow school after his affair with a male was threatened to be made public.

1902 Edward Carpenter a Yorkshire author produced writings on same-sex love.

1905 Sigmund Freud writes 3 essays on sexuality, asserting that homosexuality is a form of arrested or deflected development.

1927 UK court action against Radclyffe Halls re the book "Well of Loneliness", prosecuted for obscenity. Sales were banned in England.

1931 Felix Abraham, M.D "Genital reassignment of two male transvestites", is published.

1945 Jeffrey Weeks born, academic responsible for many books on issues of sexuality and position in society.

1953. Mary Renault publishes "The Charioteer" the story of a young soldier's passion for another man.

1974 Schools out National formed to campaign on LGBT issues as they affect education and those in education.

1988 Section 28 introduced – Making it illegal to promote homosexuality as a pretend family. Schools hid behind so not to tackle the issue of sexuality / homophobia.

1994 K. Jennings published "Becoming Visible" a document of gay & lesbian history for high school and college students.

2000 Government's anti-bullying pack was published "don't suffer in silence" which included homophobic bullying.

2003 End to Section 28 in England even though Scotland repealed this in 2002.

2004 Schools minister, Stephen Twigg, launched Stand up for us, a guide which advises schools to teach about all types of relationships, not just heterosexual ones.

2004 First ever-national anti-bullying week advises teachers to recommend that children keep a log of homophobic incidents.

2005 Schools Out National instigated LGBT History Month

Did you know

1772 First public debate about Homosexuality in England re Robert Jones affair with another man. The courts ruled that he must leave the country.

1833 Unclaimed body of a woman Eliza Edward was discovered in London. Subject to a post-mortem she was found to be a 24 year old male.

1940 Polair became a secret language between gay men, so they could talk freely to each other.

1951 Roberta Cowell autobiography with details of her change in name and gender was used as a case in the fight for gender recognition in the 1990s / 2000s.

1953 Dr. Jacob Bronowski says "homosexual" on a British broadcasting company radio program 1st ever airing of the word.

1960 "Coronation Street" begins, the longest running soap-opera in the UK is created by a gay man, Tony Warren.

1963 5 Women Founded 1st Lesbian Group "Minorities Research group".

1965 British Doctors reports aversion therapy of injecting nausea inducing drugs every 2 hours whilst showing nude pictures of men, helping gay men recover from homosexuality.

1971 A UK court upholds a decision that personal ads for gay men and lesbians constitute 'indecenty'

1977 Mary Whitehouse sues 'Gay News' for obscenity. For publishing 'The Loves that Dares to Speak Its Name', a poem by James Kirkup.

1988 Some 30,000 demonstrators including rock stars and other celebrities marched in protest to section 28.

1996 Film "Different for Girls" – First trans love story shown.

1997 A survey by 'Gay News' reveals that 45% of people believe that certain occupations such as doctors and teachers should not be open to homosexuals.

1997 1st time a gay police officer appeared on the front of the Gay Times in full uniform and also in a fly-on the wall documentary on TV – Paul Carhill MBE.

1998 Medical research shows at least 1/2 of lesbian & gay youth who grow up without support are more likely to attempt suicide, self-harm and use drugs / drink.

2003 Europe's largest LGBT pride march was lead by uniformed police officers & staff from the GPA (Gay police association) for 1st time in London.

2005 GPA (Gay police association) celebrates it's 15th anniversary by hosting the 1st ever UK based European Gay Police conference in London.

Thanks to them

1859 Dame Ethel Smyth born British writer, composer and feminist. Often wore male clothing and had many relationships with women.

1899 Noel Coward - Born Songwriter, entertainer and actor.

1905 Greta Garbo born . Openly out bisexual actress.

1908 Quentin Crisp born. Flamboyant character known for the film "Naked Civil Servant."

1928 Andy Warhole, born. Artist and founder of Popart.

1919 Magnus Hirschfeld founder of the Institute for Sexology in Berlin, Germany, which became the first clinic to serve transgender people on a regular basis.

1939 Ian McKellen born British actor. Known for his role as a gay man imprisoned in Nazi concentration camp.

1939 Dusty Springfield born. Singer

1956 Peter Tachell born. British gay activist.

1956 Martina Navratilova born. Openly out professional tennis Champion at Wimbledon.

1989 Billy Tipton, a minor, but well respected, jazz musician, dies and is discovered to be female after presenting as a man since 1933.

1992 K D Lang Singer came out on the front cover of a magazine.

2002 Ken Livingstone Mayor of London implements the Civil Partnership Register for same sex couples.

2003 Will Young - Winner of pop Idol 2003.

2004 Nadia - Brother winner 2004 - out Transsexual

2004 Paul Carhill Founder of the gay police association awarded the MBE

2005 Schools Out National for LGBT History Month

Pride not Prejudice

Edna St. Vincent Millay, 1892-1950
Oh, you mean I'm homosexual! Of course I am, and heterosexual too. But what's that got to do with my headache?" Edna St. Vincent Millay, when a doctor hinted her severe headaches were due to repressed lesbian impulses.

Epitaph of Leonard P. Matlovich, 1943 - 1988
When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one.

Sir John Gielgud 1904 - 2000
I am an actor. Of course I can play a heterosexual!

Ernest Gaines
Why is it that, as a culture, we are more comfortable seeing two men holding guns than holding hands?

1945 - Pink Triangle
Adopted by the LGBT community as a mark of respect for the gay men who died in the Holocaust.

1978 - Rainbow Flag - Freedom..

Red	= Life
Orange	= Healing
Yellow	= Sun
Green	= Nature
Blue	= Harmony
Violet	= Spirit

1999 - Mullen
"Homophobia creates a climate of fear, for individuals and the LGBT community as a whole. This fear encourages silence. This silence reinforces invisibility. Invisibility reinforces assumptions, myths and negative attitudes. They legitimise abuse, harassment and violence. This is a vicious circle which needs to be broken"



2004
"True Vision" National LGBT reporting project, based on the successful "Safe in South Yorks" LGBT project launched in 2002.

Martina Navratilova
The more people come out, the less it will be an issue. If we are ashamed of ourselves, how the hell can we expect the rest of the world not to be ashamed of us?