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& worldwide

High summer is here!
Wishing you pink fun across
the world wherever you are



[Montréal Pride / Fierté, Canada, 3 – 13 August 2023](#)

Welcome to summer and July 2023

Hey, so high summer is upon us – hooray - and we at PinkUk Towers are making the most of the mini-heatwave sweeping through most of the UK. This is only the beginning of summer! Our team wrote this article from a beach on the south coast of England.

What's great is that the warm weather coincides with the Pride season in the UK. Other western countries including the US and Canada still have plenty of festivals this side of summer. Check out our [Pride festival listings](#) which we believe are the most comprehensive in the world and cover over one thousand prides in 55 countries.

This month we feature some interesting articles - so if you like dogs and or romance here's one from [PinkUk founder Dave about his adopting a beautiful mixed breed spaniel rescue dog called Stanley](#) to follow on from [last month's article](#) on the campest dog ever, Lady Madonna! We also have a quite sexy piece from our friends at online gay men's store Esmale on a steamy romance story.

On LGBTQ+ rights, the US Supreme Court has finally delivered a judgement in a case where an evangelical Christian who is a web designer has contested an anti-discrimination law in the US state of

Colorado. The Court has ruled in favour of the web designer - permitting the designer to refuse same-sex marriage assignments.

The Colorado state law prohibited commercial providers from refusing services for people who wish to undertake same-sex marriages such as building a website or other similar services.

The significance of the case is that the top court in the US has ruled that people who hold faith views that do not embrace same-sex marriage are permitted to refuse their services to same-sex couples if they have a religious objection. On 29 June the UK's Guardian newspaper [reported that the case may be challenged](#) on whether the case actually rests on a same-sex marriage situation. This has worrying implications for LGBTQ+ rights in the United States putting religious views ahead of same-sex marriage rights.

We'll cover this in more detail next month.

Anyway, have a great summer! Pinkest love for a fantastic summer!

Team at PinkUk xxx

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Featured pride: Nottinghamshire Pride



Nottinghamshire Pride takes place on 29 July with the Pride March starting at 11 am at the junction of Lister Gate and Castle Gate (outside Marks & Spencers) in Nottingham. The parade will see more than 11,000 LGBTQ+ people and their friends celebrate the LGBTQ+ communities. Go for it Nottingham guys!!

[Nottinghamshire Pride](#) .



[Maplestone B&B, Shepton Mallet, Somerset](#)

Featured venue:

Maplestone, a LGBTQ+ friendly bed and breakfast inn, is set in a charming building dating from 1650, with a pretty walled garden in the picturesque West Country town of Shepton Mallet in

Somerset. The building is in a semi-rural location but is close to the town's amenities. It's a great base to explore the many sights in Somerset and neighbouring county of Wiltshire.

[More information](#)

Prides/LGBTQ+ events



So far, for 2023, we have **281** pride festivals listed in the **UK** and **1009** LGBTQ+ prides events in **55** countries worldwide for the remainder of **2023**. For **2024** we have eight pride festivals in the UK and **58** in **16** other countries. Keep us posted if you have a pride festival or event that needs promoting.

[See all the prides/LGBTQ+ events we have in May, Add an LGBTQ+ event to PinkUK](#)

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