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Lille Pride, France, 25 May-4 June

## Our third birthday



So the Easter holidays are almost here. Besides being an important date in the religious calendar and a time of high risk for chocolate eggs, it also offers many hard-working people in the LGBTQ+ communities four beautiful pink days from the daily grind, with two public holidays in the UK, Friday 7 to Monday 10 April, as in many countries. So we wish you

a great long weekend! This month's newsletter also marks three years of editions since PinkUK Towers issued the first humble newsletter in May 2020 at the height of the coronavirus pandemic and all the uncertainty that came with it. A time when LGBTQ+-run community groups, businesses or those serving our communities

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Need advice or support on LGBTQ+ issues?

PinkUK has an advice page with contact organisations who may be able to help. [pinkuk.com/networks-advice/europe/uk](http://pinkuk.com/networks-advice/europe/uk)

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were being shut down for what eventually was a series of relatively long lock downs across the UK, for around two years. We started this newsletter to help promote the voice of business and community groups and others. So we hope it helped. [Please let us know.](#)

### Pride festivals recorded globally

To the present: the number of prides is 631 already this year which is a record for this time of year.

As you will have seen, we also feature a great pride festival: [Lille Pride](#), obviously in Lille, northern France, from 25 May to 4 June 2023.

The venue we feature this month is the [Highland Club](#), a four star complex of self-catering apartments, equally, obviously, in Scotland. The UK sees [Bury Pride](#), Lancashire 29 – 30 April for those

## [Bury Pride, Lancashire](#)

We're delighted to feature Bury Pride. Taking place 29–30 April, a public holiday in the UK, the organisers say the festival will use of colour, music, a

who enjoy and wish to support local pride festivals in the UK. Check it out and more below.

### Sad news Paul O'Grady



Finally, we should pay tribute to gay icon Paul O'Grady who passed away in March. Paul was famous for his role as no nonsense cabaret drag queen Lily Savage and later as a celebrity chat show host. He also stood up to the London police when they raided the Royal Vauxhall Tavern bar in 1987 at the height of public paranoia during the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

### [Read more on PinkUk on Paul's legacy.](#)

### Love and Pink respect from the Pink UK Team xxx



samba band and floats. One for the diary!

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# [The Highland Club](#) [Loch Ness, Scotland](#)



The Highland Club, Fort Augustus is a stunning four-star resort of self-catering apartments, monastery and an abbey.

If you're looking for a great remote get-away in the UK but with home comforts, this is one of the best. Set on a 20-acre estate in the heart of the Scottish Highlands by Loch Ness, it isn't just for those who are hoping to sight the Loch's (lake's) fabled underwater monster, Nessie. You can enjoy superb accommodation in a more comfortable style than the monks who used to live there.

Maybe sample the local scotch whiskey, if that's to your liking. The converted monastery offers great facilities including 'The Chapel' indoor swimming pool.

There's eateries and shops within walking distance in Fort Augustus. If you want to experience the beauty and tranquility of the Scottish Highlands in self-catering mode, you can't do better than this.

## [The Highland Club, Fort Augustus](#)

## [600+ prides & events](#)

So far for 2023 we have 183 festivals listed in the UK and 631 LGBTQ+ prides events in 47 countries worldwide for [2023](#). [For 2024](#) we have three prides in the UK and 10 in eight other countries.



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