



[Pride in the Port, Newport, Wales, 5th September 2026](#)

We missed St Davids day, so we are discussing the amazing LGBT history that we need to thank the Welsh for.

[Cardiff's \(Cymru\) pride parade](#) was first held in Cardiff in 1985 by members of the Cardiff Lesbian and Gay Students group. The march had fewer than 100 marchers, now Pride Cymru parade has grown to over 12,000 participants.

As portrayed in the [2014 film Pride](#) (based on an important part of our history), a small Welsh mining village of Onllwyn in Neath Port Talbot was the setting for the seemingly unlikely collaboration between a group of lesbian and gay activists that formed a group Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM) from London and a striking Welsh mining community during the long UK strike in 1984-85. It all started with a lot of hostility against the LGSM amongst the butch hard Welsh miners. Further visits were organised during the year, including a visit to the Onllwyn Miners' Welfare Hall by some of the LGSM members in October 1984. Collimating in over 60

LGSM people by the end of the strike in March 1985, having collected £20,000 (£75,000 in today's money) for the striking community.

After a lot of hostility from the minors, support became mutual, with a large group of miners and their families from Blaenant Lodge in South Wales taking part in the 1985 London Pride march. Perhaps more importantly, the National Union of Mineworkers block vote carried a motion to support equal rights for gay men and lesbians at the Labour Party conference in Bournemouth later that year. So we all here in the UK have a lot to thank this small group of determined activists for.

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Julius Bar has operated in New York since the mid-19th century, known as Julius's, by around 1930. It started to attract a gay clientele by the 1960s. On April 21, 1966, an event later

known as the "Sip-In" was organised by members of the Mattachine Society (an early national gay rights organization).

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