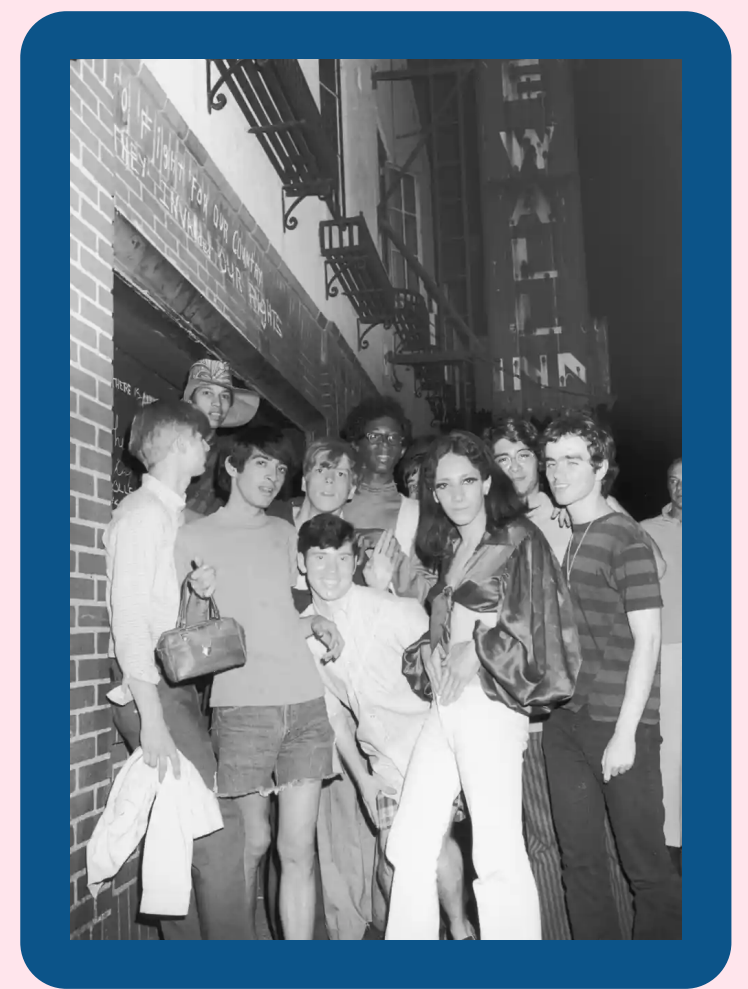


THE STONEWALL UPRISING

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH



The Stonewall Inn was a gay club located in New York City that, in the early hours of the 28th July 1969, was raided by the police. The local laws on the sale of alcohol meant that serving the LGBTQ+ community could close down any licensed premises because that made the venue "disorderly". Dancing with someone from the same sex could be interpreted as a "lewd" offence.

The police arrested employees for selling alcohol without a license, cleared the bar and took several people into custody for not wearing at least three articles of gender-appropriate clothing.

This sparked an uprising of 6 days that included protests and clashes with law enforcement in New York.

28TH- 3RD JULY 1969

EARLY HOURS JUNE 28TH
The police raided the Stonewall Inn. Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera were said to have resisted arrest and thrown the first bottle at the Police that started the Stonewall riots

4AM- 28TH JUNE
The police were forced to barricade themselves inside the Stonewall Inn. The rioting continued until around 4AM when things settled down.

29TH JUNE- 1ST JULY
The Stonewall Inn became a gathering point for activists over the next few days, taking advantage of the moment to spread information and build the community that would fuel the growth of the gay rights movement. Though police officers also returned, the mood was less confrontational

3RD JULY
The final and one of the most intense nights of protests and clashes with the police

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28TH-28TH JUNE
The Stonewall Inn reopened. More and more supporters showed up, chanting slogans like "gay power" and "we shall overcome."
The police were called out to restore order, who beat and tear gassed members of the crowd. This continued until the early hours of the morning, when the crowd dispersed.

2ND JULY
Protesters gathered outside the offices of the 'Village Voice' newspaper in response to their derogatory coverage of the riots



WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT?

Though the Stonewall Riots didn't start the gay rights movement, they served as a catalyst.

The events sparked the formation of many gay rights organisations.

On the one-year anniversary of the riots on June 28, 1970, thousands of people marched in the streets of Manhattan from the Stonewall Inn to Central Park- America's first pride parade.

It was the first time LGBTQ+ people had openly marched through New York demanding equal rights.