



HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

18-26 JULY 2026

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OUR VALLEY PRIDE 10 YEARS STRONG

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WELCOME TO HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE'S
BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

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Guess what? That willful toddler is turning 10. And like any other kid entering double numbers, this party monster is a gleeful ball of energy that needs a LOT of attention. So get ready for a rambunctious, rural, rally in the valley.

This year is a joyful, thrilling, defiant celebration of our community and we've invited some of the best queer artists in the world to join the party. Who, who, who? Comedy superstar **Myra Dubois**, makes her Calderdale debut; **Grace Petrie** is live in concert; cabaret superstars **Bourgeois and Maurice** return to premiere new songs; **Mr Teds** brings his quizzing chaos to our opening night; and we're taking over Todmorden Town Hall for our first ever Catwalk Extravaganza from Manchester's **Ghetto Fabulous**.

Then on Saturday 25th July, we've got something really special for you before we launch into our birthday **Big Day Out**. After years of requests, we're kicking things off with the first ever **Happy Valley Pride parade**. Placards of positivity and puppets of power will march through Hebden Bridge into Calder Holmes Park ready for a day of community, unity and family fun. Here you will find Strictly Come Dancing's **La Voix, Tom Rasmussen, Horse McDonald, Donna Marie as Lady Gaga** and much, much more!

London Olivier-Award winners **Duckie** let us run wild 'til the early hours of the morning with a club night you'll never forget, and we end the week with **Cal De Cabaret** and the Patron Saint of Happy Valley Pride, **David Hoyle**, putting on an afternoon of sass and silliness at the Golden Lion.

**WE'RE 10, COME JOIN THE PARTY - IT'S A CELEBRATION!
BE HERE, BE YOU, BE PROUD**

Tim, Darren, Lizzy and Aaron.

Decade Parade Workshop

This year we are producing our first ever Happy Valley Pride parade with local parade superstars Handmade Productions. Come down to this free, family-friendly workshop, get Parade ready and show your Pride by creating props and placards for next Saturday's big parade.

Totally free and suitable for adults and kids of all ages.



13.00 - 16.00
Saturday 18th July

Handmade Parade Workshop
Victoria Road, Hebden Bridge,
HX7 8LN

FREE TO ATTEND



Pride in Nature with Nature Queers

This year, Happy Valley Pride is teaming up with Nature Queers to offer something a little different alongside the celebrations - a chance to connect, breathe, and feel proud in nature.

A welcoming programme of outdoor sessions for anyone who might want a new way to take part in Pride. Whether you're feeling a bit nervous, need space to recharge, want to learn new skills or just fancy celebrating in nature, these sessions are there for you. Come as you are, meet like-minded people and choose your way to connect with people and place.



13th - 24th July
various dates, full details at
happyvalleypride.co.uk



National Trust's Hardcastle Crag,
Midgehole Car Park,
Hebden Bridge, HX7 7AA

From £10



Paw Pride and Bike P-ride

Ever since we launched our mental health initiative, Mind Your Head, in 2020, wellbeing has been an important part of Happy Valley Pride. So we are thrilled to be presenting the second Happy Valley Pride P-ride. After last year's success, we're hoping this one will be bigger than ever. And we've made room for a Paw Pride walk, too, with a few stops along the way for refreshments, mocktails and music.

Paw Pride  10:30 Dogs meet	Itinerary	Bike P-ride  11:30 Bring bikes
10:45	CALDER HOLMES PARK Hebden Bridge	12:00
11:15 - 12:00	Set off	12:15 - 13:30
12:00	CALLIS COMMUNITY GARDENS Mocktails Music	13:30
12:45 - 14:15	Set off	13:45 - 15:00
14:15	FELINE WOODCRAFT Live music Exhibition LGBTQIA+ Makers Market	15:00
15:15	Set off	15:15
	FAT FINGERS, GINGER TIGER Music Food Drinks	

The route is a flat 4.5 miles along the canal • Bring poo bags
Dogs on leads! • Bring bikes and bike locks • Children must be accompanied by an adult

10.30 Dogs; 11.30 Bikes
Sunday 19th July

Calder Holmes Park,
Hebden Bridge, HX7 6HJ (start)

FREE TO ATTEND no need to book



Mr. Teds Quiz!

Our big, FREE, launch celebration at The Old Gay is BACK with a new twist!

Join us for an evening of Queer chaos where trivia meets theatrics with the unparalleled Mr. Teds, renowned for his sharp wit and flamboyant flair, this isn't your average pub quiz. Prepare for a night brimming with scandalous questions, unexpected performances, and a touch of cheek. Teams will vie for the coveted prize of a 'very average' bottle of sparkling wine, with egos on the line and free shots fuelling the competitive spirit. Whether you're there to test your knowledge or simply soak in the outrageous atmosphere, gather a table (maximum teams of 6 players), agonise over your team name and witness an unforgettable experience where the only certainty is delightful chaos.

With a background of performing across the world including at Duckie, Underbelly and Glastonbury's NYC Downlow, Mr. Teds brings the full force of his creativity to curate a quiz night for the ages. Expect scandal, hair spray, and heels he has no business staying on. HVP's legendary DJ Red Helen will spin tunes and soundtrack the night!

From 19.00
Monday 20th July

The Old Gate, 1-5 Old Gate, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8JP

FREE TO ATTEND



**'IT'S A MAD SHOW - IT'S A QUIZ,
IT'S INTERACTIVE, IT'S DRAG,
IT'S BEAUTIFUL ANARCHY'**

– Run Riot Magazine





Grace Petrie

We are thrilled to welcome **Grace Petrie** in her Happy Valley Pride debut. For a decade and a half, Grace has been one of the UK's most urgent and passionate songwriters. Coming of age amidst the coalition government, her politically charged folk music quickly gained national attention and propelled her to the main stages of folk festivals from Cambridge to Vancouver to the Blue Mountains of Australia. Characterised by razor-sharp lyricism and the unmistakable passion of her stage presence, her live shows have become synonymous for fans with a unique atmosphere of hope and solidarity, while the LGBTQIA+ anthem Black Tie has racked up 1.5 million streams and provided the soundtrack of expression for young queer folks all over the world.

An irrepressible live performer, Grace has toured relentlessly to build loyal audiences in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, as well as providing tour support for Billy Bragg, Frank Turner and Emmy-winner Hannah Gadsby. She has appeared on ITVX, Channel 4, Sky Arts, BBC Radio 2's Folk Show and been a regular guest on The Guilty Feminist podcast, and has performed live BBC sessions for Tom Robinson (BBC 6 Music) and Jo Whiley (BBC Radio 2).

The release of 2024's album 'Build Something Better', produced by Frank Turner, topped the UK's Official Folk Album Chart and cemented her place as one of Britain's most respected independent artists.

Doors 20.00 - Show 20:30

Tuesday 21st July

The Trades Club, Holme Street,
Hebden Bridge, HX7 8EE

Tickets £18 (plus booking fee)

This is a standing event



Catwalk Extravaganza with Ghetto Fabulous, hosted by Sam Buttery

Catwalk Extravaganza is the ultimate competition at the intersection of fashion, dance, and performance. This is where style meets stamina, and creativity takes centre stage. Expect a fierce lineup of talent serving looks, precision movement, and show-stopping moments as they battle it out for the crown. From high-fashion drama to explosive choreography, this is not just a runway - it's a full-scale performance spectacle. Bold, unapologetic, and impossible to ignore.

Whatever your gender, ethnicity or sexuality we invite you to fall in love with yourself and your unique life as you revel in this extravaganza like no other.

Our host for the night is the incredible Sam Buttery, actress, singer and performance powerhouse! A regular in Netflix's 'Kaos' and BBC's 'Wreck'. Her theatre work includes 'Unfortunate The Musical' (The Other Palace & The Lowry), 'Little Shop of Horrors' (Sheffield Crucible) and The Addams Family (London Palladium).

Sam brings the voice, sass and unstoppable energy, keeping the crowd hyped, the performances fierce, and the party alive from start to finish.

Doors 19.30 - Show 20:00

Wednesday 22nd July

Todmorden Town Hall, Bridge St,
Todmorden, OL14 5AA

Tickets from £15 (plus booking fee)



**FASHION! MUSIC!
KILLER DANCE MOVES! AND
GLITTER GLITTER GLITTER!**





Tea Time Disco

We couldn't have a 10th anniversary without a Tea Time Disco! A Happy Valley Pride institution, returning to Drink for an early evening bit of bop and booze, glitz and glamour.

Join Happy Valley Pride's legendary DJ Red Helen (V Festival, Brighton Beach, D*I*S*C*O) as she spins disco stompers, queer anthems and boogie weirdness - and it's all over before the sun goes down.

Wear your dancing shoes to work and pop-in on the way home!

Drink! Is open six days per week, Liz and her team serve the best beer and organic wines known to anyone of any gender!

17.00 - 20.00

Thursday 23rd July

Drink! 15 Market Street,
Hebden Bridge, HX7 6EU

FREE TO ATTEND

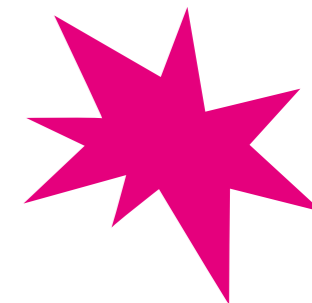


PERFORMANCE DOUBLE-BILL

It's a Happy Valley Pride show bonanza, two for the price of one. First up:

Dhamaka Arts present

KHANDAN - Family: The Shame Generation



Written and performed by Sid Akbar

Every sip of tea takes you somewhere new...

Sid Akbar's solo show travels through time, memory and belonging - drawn from his own experience of growing up queer in a Pakistani Muslim family in Bradford. From fear in his Mum's cosy kitchen to hope in a sparse Manchester bedsit, join Captain Sid's continuing voyage of self-discovery. "The Wrath of Khandan" explores family duty, clouds of shame, queer spaces that feel like home and the complicated truth that the chosen family can hurt you too.

A queer South Asian story. A Bradford story. Honestly, a bit of everyone's story.



**FUNNY, TENDER AND BRACINGLY HONEST,
THIS IS A STORY OF LOVE.**

Overleaf, our second show of the night is...

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Bourgeois & Maurice – Everything's Fine

They've been part of our festival since the second year back in 2017 and, after what feels like eons – they're back! Yes, cult-cabaret stars **Bourgeois & Maurice** return to Happy Valley Pride for a new night of glamour-soaked nihilism and anarchic musical comedy.

Known for original, razor-sharp satirical songs with a gleefully dark edge, the critically-acclaimed duo present brand spanking new material (and some old faves) for a riotous musical journey through the state of the world - frivolous, unhinged, and impeccably doomed.

Their unique brand of pop-satire and far-fetched fashion, has won them legions of fans around the world. From New York to Kettering, from an ex-public toilet to the Royal Opera House, it doesn't matter to them as long as there's a piano to bash, a lick of clear mascara to apply and a (semi) willing audience watching.

Come for the laughs. Stay for the darkness. Leave humming something you probably shouldn't.

Doors 19.00, shows 19.30

Thursday 23rd July

The Trades Club, Holme Street,
Hebden Bridge, HX7 8EE

Tickets £18 (plus booking fee)



**'ABSURDLY INGENIOUS,
CLEVER, SPIKY AND HUMANE'**

– The Scotsman

**'MODERN-DAY MUSIC
HALL STARS'**

– The Guardian





All About E

To coincide with the 10th Anniversary of Happy Valley Pride, we are delighted to present the 10th anniversary screening of All About E, directed by Louise Wadley.

A runaway hit on the queer film festival circuit with a much talked about sex scene, All About E is a lesbian road movie with a rollercoaster plot that weaves in complex issues about identity, family and sexuality as well as having a lot of fun along the way.

E seems to have it all. A star DJ at Sydney's top gay nightclub she has her pick of the girls. When she stumbles on a stash of cash, she and her gay best friend and husband of convenience, Matt, are forced to run. But E has burnt too many bridges, and there is nowhere to run but outback Australia and into the arms of the ex-girlfriend who broke her heart. Can she keep the money, conquer her demons, AND get the girl?

Louise Wadley set up 'Girls' Own Pictures' with her partner Jay Rutovitz to make more female centric films. Together they established the Hebden Bridge Film Festival in 2019.

Doors 18.30 - Start 19:30
Friday 24th July

Hebden Bridge Picture House,
New Rd, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8AD

Tickets £6-£10 purchase from
hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk



Myra DuBois

Live at Happy Valley Pride

Following a two-year hiatus whilst her hit viral clips took social media by storm, the internationally adored “siren from South Yorkshire” **MYRA DUBOIS** has heard the call of Happy Valley Pride and is making her festival debut! “AdMyras” unite; she’s on her way!

Fresh from a barnstorming tour of Australia. Returning to her stock-in-trade as a pub-and-club singer, join the celebrated chanteuse for one of her world-famous concert presentations of laughter and song, held together with peerless razor-sharp crowd work.

**‘ACID TONGUED,
FUNNY TO THE BONE’**

– Time Out London

**‘BUST A
GUT FUNNY’**

– Graham Norton

Doors 19.30 - Show 20:00

Friday 24th July

Todmorden Hippodrome,
83 Halifax Rd, Todmorden
OL14 5BB

Tickets £23-£25 (plus booking fee)

Age: 18+ (Guidance)





The Decade Parade

For years our community has been asking us for a parade, and at long last, to celebrate our 10th anniversary - and YOU, here it is!

Working alongside Parade superstars Handmade Productions we are thrilled to present the first ever Happy Valley Pride Parade – placards, puppets, positivity and pride.

The parade is totally free to attend and open to everyone of all ages. It's an opportunity to be part of, to celebrate and support the amazing LGBTQIA+ community in our valley. Our first ever parade is open to all members of the community but you must register in advance to walk in the parade so that we can keep everyone safe. Register at happyvalleypride.co.uk

Meet at the car park in front of Beau Bijou on Valley Road, opposite Valley Medical Centre. The parade will then make its way past the Town Hall, through the square, up Bridge Gate, along Holme Street and into Calder Holmes Park for the beginning of The Big Day Out!



**Meet at 10:30am
Saturday 25th July**

Beau Bijou Car Park, Waterside Buildings,
Valley Rd, Hebden Bridge HX7 7BZ

FREE TO ATTEND

Children under 16 must be accompanied
by an adult



Illustration by Emma Charleston.

The Big Day Out - Come join the party!

Our family-friendly, FREE celebration in the park is back, bigger than ever - and this time The Big Day Out kicks off with our first ever parade!

This year our headliner in the park is Strictly Come Dancing and Drag Race superstar, La Voix. She will be joined by an amazing line-up of top-tier queer talent including Horse, Tom Rasmussen, Donna Marie as Lady Gaga and much more – DJ's Red Helen and Flux Capacitor, singers, speakers, craft stalls, face painters, activities for kids, our LGBTQIA+ info hub, wellbeing tent run by the Nature Queers, the first ever Golden Lion Gay Bar, food stalls and yes – the return of the beloved Pink Pooch Parade!



12.00 - 18.30

Saturday 25th July

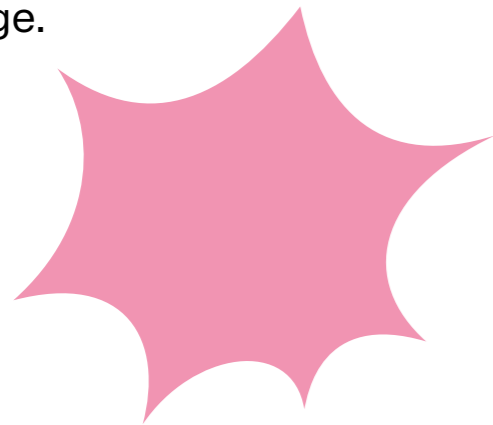
Calder Holmes Park
Hebden Bridge, HX7 8AF

FREE TO ATTEND



Azara

This year your Big Day Out host is the one and only Azara, the irrepressible host always doing the most for the legendary cabaret club Duckie, The Posh Club in Hackney and on tour. Through working with many different communities and age ranges, Azara knows how to work a crowd and it's always done with humour and style. So be prepared to be locked in and see one of the best MC's liven up your stage.



Horse

Horse is a phenomenal singer, songwriter and true icon. She is not only known for her unique, passionate vocals and performance, but also for her skills as a songwriter. For decades, she has been a staunch ambassador and advocate - a beacon in the LGBTQIA + community.

"I'm delighted to be returning to Hebden for the wonderful Happy Valley Pride Anniversary celebrations. I am so proud to be a patron and proud to be a small part of such an important Pride. From the first time I attended HVP I felt welcome and part of the family. It's an absolute honour and pleasure to perform for my peers. I will be performing on the main stage, joined by Lorny T and Kirsty McCafferty."

**"... A RIDICULOUSLY MAGNIFICENT VOICE,
THE ULTIMATE SINGERS' SINGER"**

– The Write Angle



Youth Pride

Once again, the kids from all over Calderdale who take part in our Youth Engagement projects will open The Big Day Out with an hour-long show that they produce, programme and present. Expect to see singers, bands and performances in this celebration of identity and exclusivity.



Nature Queers

The Nature Queers will be in the wellbeing tent at the Big Day Out running a programme of free activities including a bushcraft demonstration, mini foraging walk and much more.

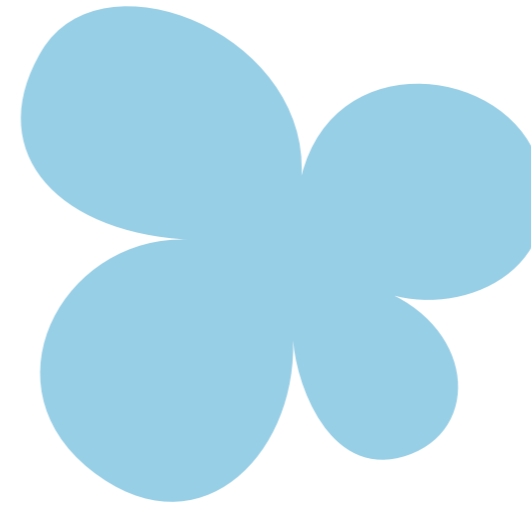
All activities can be signed up for throughout the Big Day Out. Some workshops may have limited spaces so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. Please see full details at happyvalleypride.co.uk or call in at the wellbeing tent for details.

You can also visit them at their friendly stall where you can drop in and chat about all things nature.



The Curry Puffs

The Curry Puffs are a brother duo serving you a fusion of Bollywood, drag and drama, baked into a spectacle that's hot, crisp and impossible to resist. Once you get a taste, you'll be back for seconds!



Sista Jam

Our valley's very own Riot Women! A group of amazing females featuring Happy Valley Pride's very own diva Terry Logan. They're back at the Big Day Out, full of heart, sisterly glam and soul musical enchantments. A big hit in previous years, they're here to celebrate our tenth anniversary.

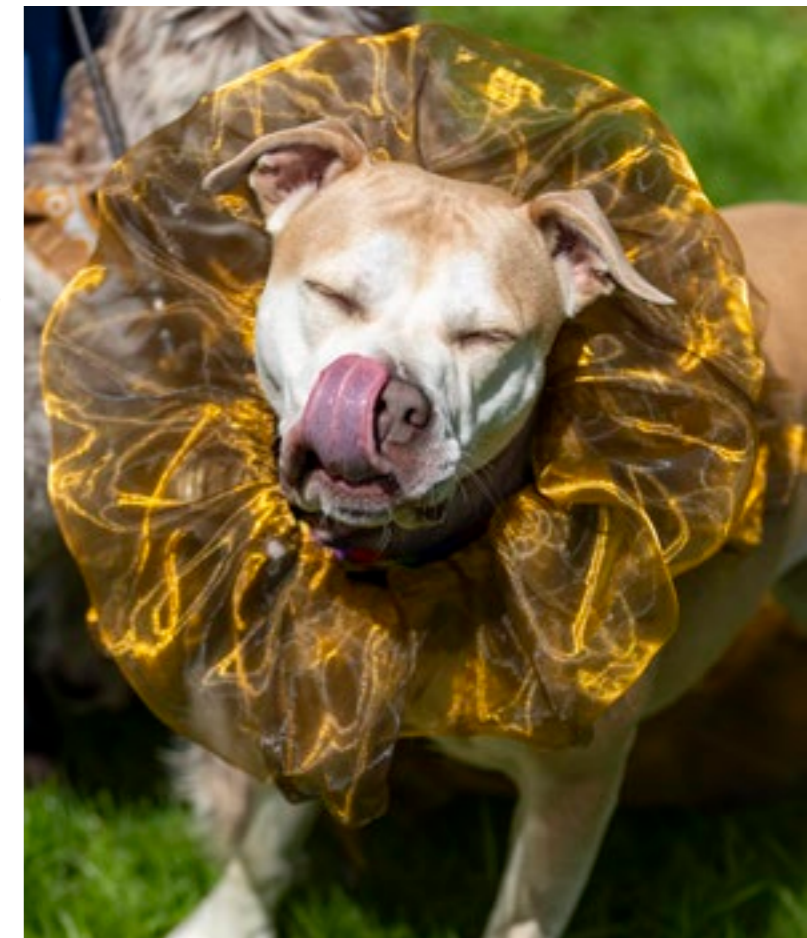


The Pink Pooch Parade

We couldn't hold a birthday party without asking all your pink pooches to join us - yes, the campest dog show in Calderdale returns!

Which categories will you enter - waggiest tail, small and sassy, cookie catch and who will win the coveted prize of Best in Show?

Bring your furry friend - it wouldn't be a Big Day Out without them...



Kate O'Donnell

We are thrilled that our patron, trans activist and performer will join us on the main stage. Kate is here today to remind us of the importance of supporting the trans community during these divisive times.

As a performer, writer, director and curator, Kate's credits include autobiographical show, *Big Girl's Blouse* (Soho Theatre), *Electra in Gypsy* (Royal Exchange), Russell T Davies' *Christmas Star* (Royal Exchange Theatre), *Divine Comedy* (HOME Theatre) and most recently, Broadway's transfer of *Oh Mary!* (Trafalgar Theatre), winner of an Olivier 2026 for Best New Play.



Peter Tatchell: South Africa.

How the ANC was won for gay, lesbian and bisexual rights.

Peter Tatchell reveals how he was an anti-apartheid activist in the 1980s and challenged the homophobia of the African National Congress of South Africa. He tells the inside story of how he persuaded the ANC to recant and embrace gay, lesbian and bisexual rights in 1987; later working with South African activists to draft the protection against sexual orientation discrimination that was enshrined in the post-apartheid constitution.

Peter has been a patron of Happy Valley Pride for 10 years, he has been campaigning for human rights for 58 years.



15.00

Saturday 25th July

Hebden Bridge Little Theatre
Holme Street, HX7 8EE

£5



Tom Rasmussen

Tom Rasmussen is a London-based artist and prominent figure in the LGBTQIA+ community. Known for their dark dance music that blends pop, queer club culture, and their experiences as a former drag performer, Tom's debut album, *Body Building* (Globe Town Records 2023), received critical acclaim. Their second album, *Live Wire* was released in October 2024. We're absolutely thrilled to have them make their Happy Valley Pride debut at The Big Day Out.



La Voix

La Voix, the UK's funniest redhead and queen of live vocals is a showbiz tour de force! A powerhouse of charisma, comedy, and cabaret, she is lighting up the stage, the screen, and the charts like never before. With her electrifying vocals and brilliant wit, La Voix has the ability to morph seamlessly between the legendary voices of Tina Turner, Shirley Bassey, Liza Minnelli, Judy Garland, and Cher, leaving audiences utterly spellbound.

La Voix was a headline-stealing participant in the most recent series of Strictly Come Dancing, the flagship entertainment show on BBC One. In 2024 she stole the show and hearts of many on Season 6 of RuPaul's Drag Race UK. With four RuPeter Badges under her belt and a place in the grand finale, she was awarded runner-up and quickly became a fan favourite. As Jennifer Saunders famously warned: ***“Wear thick pants because you’ll wet yourself laughing”***.



Donna Marie as Lady Gaga

Donna Marie, widely recognised as the Official UK's No.1 Lady Gaga Tribute, continues to raise the benchmark for live tribute performance with a show that combines vocal excellence, visual precision and theatrical scale.

A multi award-winning performer, Donna Marie established her reputation early in her career with her theatre production Donna Marie: A Lady Gaga Experience, which sold thousands of tickets and cemented her as a standout name in live entertainment.

Renowned for delivering 100% live, sound-alike vocals, Donna Marie's performances are supported by meticulous attention to detail from handcrafted replica costumes inspired by the Haus of Gaga to authentic choreography and signature stage elements including a fully working Spark Bra. The result is a visually striking and immersive show that consistently captivates audiences.

Her work has gained recognition from Lady Gaga herself, who praised her likeness and performance, with further endorsement through shares across Gaga's official social media platforms. She brings her dancers and full show to Happy Valley Pride.

“THE CLOSEST THING TO GAGA YOU’LL SEE LIVE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD”



DUCKIE PRESENTS GEEZERS

There's Nothing Toxic About Us

Duckie bowl into the Happy Valley with a gait like Liam Gallagher - giving it the big 'un - for a rock'n'roll knees up and performance platform for lads and laddettes, trans-masc daddies, blokes, lager loving cavemen and lesbians who like football.

We are Big Strong Men celebrating our identities. We can be sensitive, just not tonight, Josephine

Ring-Mastered & Refer-Reed by **Mr iPM** and his mate **Azara**

Starring **Midgitte Bardot, Liv Ello, Ebony Rose, The Curry Puffs** and **Joshua Haigh**

Disc Jockey **Joe Egg** plays cock rock metal, grime and punk, and no show tunes

Door Butches: **Libro** and **Tink**

Plus Live Wrestling and Cock Fights

Dress code: Football Shirts, Hob Nail Boots, Anything Unwashed

No Spitting - No Touching - No Ballet Permitted

Duckie has been a big part of Happy Valley Pride for years. An Olivier award-winning, iconic club night with its tongue firmly in its cheek. This is our Saturday night party and always sells out, so grab those tickets while you can!

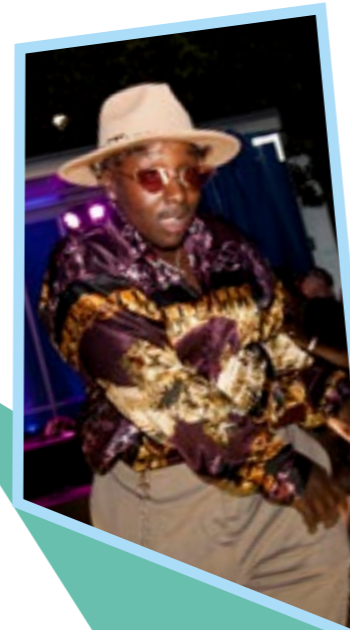
Duckie is a club and performance night for grown up's and will include sensitive material, strictly over 18's only.

21.00 - 02:00

Saturday 25th July

The Trades Club, Holme Street,
Hebden Bridge, HX7 8EE

Tickets £20 (plus booking fee)



David Hoyle and Cal de Cabaret's Juicy Fruits Harvest

It's our wibbly wonky finale! Join us for our annual come-down at the Golden Lion in Tod. An afternoon of cabaret mayhem, starring two of our favourites - Happy Valley Pride's patron saint, the legendary David Hoyle and the one and only Cal de Cabaret, ready to make sure we all misbehave as 'Mugler' as possible.

Expect brand new cabaret performances from local talent right on your doorstep! Mook and Lizzy your Cal de Cabaret hosts have hand plucked the juiciest fruits of the valley for your entertainment needs you thirsty vitamin D deficient bunch! Whether you're recovering from the night before or ready for a party we will have something for you - think comedy, drag, music and more.

David Hoyle is the original performance avalanche – an all singing, all raging bona-fide performance legend. His recent online collab with Parisian fashion house Mugler has once again catapulted him into the headlines. For the last four decades, Hoyle has queered the boundaries between live art, performance, theatre and cabaret.



14.00 onwards
Sunday 26th July

The Golden Lion, Fielden Square,
Todmorden, OL14 6LZ

Suggested donations **£5-£10**



Access

We're dedicated to improving access to Happy Valley Pride year on year. We encourage anyone with access needs (of any kind!) to get in touch with requests, suggestions or offers of support.

We use the following icons throughout the brochure:



Shows if the venue is wheelchair accessible.



This icon has a traffic light system.

Green is fully seated, **amber** is informal seating (*with bookable seats on request to the venue*). **Red** is a standing event (*with bookable seats on request to the venue*).



The number of spoons used indicates the mood of an event, one spoon represents a quieter/lower volume event; two spoons a moderate/mixed event; three spoons are loud/crowded events.

We've improved our access information to include:

- Online video walk-through of each venue.
- Online info indicating which events have BSL and induction loops.
- Mental health first aider present at The Big Day Out.
- Tracking for wheelchairs available at the Big Day Out.
- This year we will have a Wellbeing Point at The Big Day Out.
- We have increased the number of toilets and food provisions at The Big Day Out.
- Limited tickets for carers and those experiencing hardship are also available.

Hardship Fund:

Limited free tickets are available for anyone experiencing hardship. Please limit your request to one ticket and one event only, so we can support as many people as possible. Email info@happyvalleypride.com with your request.

Carers Tickets:

Limited carer tickets are also available for disabled audience members who need support attending an event. Carers only qualify for a free ticket whilst undertaking their caring duty. HVP offers one free carer ticket per party in these circumstances. You may be asked to provide proof of your carer status, so please bring one of the following with you: Attendance Allowance Letter (AA), Carers' Allowance Letter of Award, Disability Living Allowance Letter (DLA), Personal Independence Payments (PIP), Armed Forces Independence Payments (AFIP) or a Valid Blue Badge. If you have any questions or requests, please contact us directly at info@happyvalleypride.com

For detailed information and to make access requests, please visit: happyvalleypride.co.uk/access

INFO:

Tickets:

All tickets are available via our website happyvalleypride.co.uk

As a charity we do not issue refunds or ticket exchanges unless we cancel an event.

Donations:

Happy Valley Pride is a registered charity and relies on donations and funding. We have made many events within the festival free to attend. You can donate via our website happyvalleypride.co.uk or using collection buckets at events - your generosity means we'll be back in 2027 - thank you!

Photography:

We have photographers at all our events, please find a member of the team and let us know if you would rather not be photographed.

Ten Years of Happy Valley Pride



2015

Homophobic graffiti inspires four locals to found Happy Valley Pride. The graffiti statement is transformed into an art piece of celebration and acceptance.



2016

HVP is launched by Sally Wainwright, Peter Tatchell becomes the first patron, David Hoyle performs at our first ever event. We deliver monthly socials and school assemblies, sowing the seeds of our Youth Engagement Programme.



2017

A successful Arts Council grant allows us to present our first 7-day Queer Arts Festival & Pride featuring acts with a national profile including Bourgeois and Maurice, Zoe Lyons and Honeyfeet. We hold the first Big Day Out and Pink Pooch Parade!



2018

We grow in ambition with events in theatres, music venues, pubs and shops. As more funders support our cause, Olivier Award Winners Duckie join us for the first time and sell-out in 30 minutes, along with Camille O'Sullivan, and Ursula Martinez who walks down Holme Street completely starkers!



2019

We now have a winning model, with over 50 volunteers and 3,000 people attending our events per year. Comedian Suzi Ruffell joins us for the first time and we take over Todmorden Hippodrome with Jonny Woo's Brexit Cabaret. Trans activist Kate O'Donnell becomes a patron and our youth work expands as we work with all the schools in the valley.



2020

The Covid-19 pandemic hits so we host virtual shows from big names like Jinkx Monsoon, Horse McDonald and US trans pioneer Justin Vivian Bond, watched by 8000 people. Recognising our community is facing higher rates of isolation than most, we launch Mind your Head - a partnership with The Brunswick Centre, supporting LGBTQIA+ mental health. We join Queer Arts North, a network of leading, northern LGBTQIA+ organisations.

Ten Years of Happy Valley Pride



2021

HVP becomes a registered charity and we return to live events in September with a weekender which sees The Big Day Out in Calder Holmes Park for the first time. The photography exhibition Our Pride focuses on members of our local community and Horse McDonald becomes a patron.



2022

Following a successful application to Calderdale Council for three years' funding we start to become sustainable, creating a small part-time operational team of two people and a Youth Engagement Officer. Poet Jackie Kay performs with us and becomes a patron, The Cocoa Butter Club celebrate black and brown cabaret excellence and we launch the first Youth Pride Stage.



2023

We win the Arts and Culture Award at the Calderdale Community Spirit Awards. Festival favourites The Big Bingo Show and Drag Race UK winner Ginger Johnson join us, MBE Rikki Beadle-Blair hosts the Big Day Out as we move to the biggest part of the park for the first time. The Youth Engagement work expands across Calderdale.



2024

HVP is chosen as one of 8 key commissions for Calderdale Council's year of Culture, allowing us to deliver a new strand of work for over 60's and a festival for under 18's. HVP grows featuring shows from big names like Cheddar Gorgeous, Juno Birch and the Grammy nominated Tiger Lillies. Kate Butch and Ginger Johnson headline The Big Day Out which attracts 6500 people.



2025

We now engage with 15,000 people across the year, with a programme of high profile performers from literary legend Jeanette Winterson to Mercury-nominated Jacob Alon delivering sold-out shows. The Big Day Out attracts over 7000 people. Our Youth Engagement Project works with over 23 schools and youth groups, and our year-round events increase in popularity. We partner with local cabaret collective Cal de Cabaret.



2026

We're still here! Bigger and bolder than ever. Fresh from a nomination for Best Pride at the Gaydio awards, we deliver our biggest festival yet which includes our first parade.

If you're reading this - thank you! After ten years we are incredibly lucky to still have your support, along with that of an amazing group of volunteers and trustees, it really does mean the world. At a time when the landscape only seems to be getting tougher for LGBTQIA+ people we don't take it for granted. See you in 2027!

Thank you!

Ten years ago we started a little thing in Yorkshire's Happy Valley. That little thing became a bigger thing, and is now an even bigger thing, and we could not have done it without this glorious lot. We would like to thank:



The funders, donors and sponsors who believe in us. The local shops, pubs, bars and businesses who advertise in our brochure, decorate their shops and put our posters up. The inspiring, challenging and revolutionary artists and creators who make our valley shine bright. The LGBTQIA+ community here, and everywhere, and our allies. And, of course, our glorious, beautiful volunteers.

Happy Valley Pride exists because of our community, standing together to create a more equal future for everyone.

Happy Valley Pride: 10 Years Strong