

MANCHESTER VILLAGE SPARTANS

AUG 24-28

PRIDE WEEKEND

INFO FOR MEMBERS



DAY 1 - THURSDAY

AUG 24

GAY OLYMPICS

CANAL STREET - 7PM



We need a bevy of Spartan to represent us and do friendly battle against the Sharks, Village FC and the Gay City Bowlers, in this popular annual event that kickstarts the entire Pride weekend in the village.

We also need a bunch to represent us at Polly's Its a Gay Knockout, outside New York New York (time tbc).

We'd love to see tonnes of you show your support to our Sponsor Bars, Bar Pop and Via and get your weekends off to a fantatsic start.

DAY 2 - FRIDAY

AUG 25

RUGBY THEATRE

KINGS ARMS, SALFORD - 7PM



Everyone's invited down to the Kings Arms in Salford to show some support for our friends in rugby at The Hull Roundheads whose play this is.

Part of MCR Pride's Superbia element, the play is "...a hard-hitting, tender and funny exploration of the toxic side of team sports".

Make your way down to Canal Street afterwards to find other Spartans getting into the weekend.

DAY 3 - SATURDAY

AUG 26

PRIDE PARADE

CASTLEFIELD BOWL - 11AM

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SAT 26 AUG - 12PM

PARADE ROUTE → SUGGESTED VIEWING AREAS ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREA

Metrolink ST. PETER'S SQUARE
Metrolink BEANSHATE CASTLEFIELD
Piccadilly Station
Midland Hotel
Gay Village Party

DEANSATE
PETER ST
OXFORD ST
PORTLAND ST
WHITWORTH ST
PRINCESS ST
FAIRFIELD ST

Active members who have put their name down to march should assemble in the Roman gardens on Liverpool Road by 11am for a 12 Noon parade start.

Have a big breakfast & bring plenty of water and sunscreen. We believe there will be bars at Castlefield Bowl selling drink.

Players should wear full kit with trainers. (Pride up your outfit as you wish).

DAY 5 - MONDAY

AUG 28

CANDLELIT VIGIL

SACKVILLE PARK - CIRCA 8PM

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MON 28 AUG

FREE

GEORGE HOUSE TRUST

For those wishing to attend the vigil as a Spartan, please wear your club polo.

Posts will be made to help co-ordinate meeting up but typically, we look to gather at Bar Pop prior to the start of the vigil.

This year will be especially important for the Spartans as we take time out to remember our friend, Rob Cox.

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MORE THAN RUGBY

We hope you have a fabulous weekend celebrating Manchester Pride but we also hope you'll have a safe and healthy one.

Please remember you're representing the club and all your Spartans family when wearing the kit or polo - so please behave responsibly and remind yourself of the club's Code of Conduct if necessary.

Keep a look out for updates on timings and meeting locations through the weekend via the FB Players and Members or Spartans Main FB Page. The calendar is available to link to on the villagespartans.co.uk homepage.

Stay safe and have a great time.
