

# MAIDEN ROAD NEWS



The International Year of **Camelids**  
(a load of old Bactrians, Dromedaries and Llamas)

Unofficial Global Year of **Everything going to Hell in a handcart**

Maggie Smith & Chita Rivera died; Bogus Piffle Johnson & Trump didn't.

## February



2<sup>nd</sup>: Martin designed some QLF badges for 2024. 1,000 of each design were given away at various Pride events over the Summer



14<sup>th</sup>: Pinkies at the Natural History Museum

## June



The Pink Singers: The longest-running LGBTQ+ choir in London. The Pink Singers has been connecting queer people through music since 1983.

To commemorate this year's Pride, TfL is celebrating London's LGBTQ+ volunteers, charities, and organisations - shining a spotlight on the roles, legacy and support they provide for their peers. Through these stories, TfL hopes to highlight the diverse communities that it serves every day, and share how public transport connects the LGBTQ+ community.

MAYOR OF LONDON



Pride Poster by Transport for London (TfL)



8<sup>th</sup>: First-ever Thurrock Pride

15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>: Stratford LGBTQIA Heritage walks  
We helped Ana de Matos organise and present two LGBTQIA walks for Newham Heritage Month, with three other presenters: Andrew, Julian & Rikki.

**Interviews for Heritage Month:**

Martin: Stratford Village

<https://vimeo.com/949587250>

Philip: East London Gay Community

<https://vimeo.com/949571042>

Philip & Martin: The Pigeons

<https://vimeo.com/949590141>

Password (if you need it): MP123



28<sup>th</sup>: Pinkies at Hyde Park festival



29<sup>th</sup>: Pink Singers at London Pride (Martin was a steward again)

## July

4<sup>th</sup>: General election! Britain moves left.

13<sup>th</sup>: Forest Gayte Pride

<https://forestgaytepride.com/>



20<sup>th</sup>: Pink Singers' Summer concert, Cadogan Hall



27<sup>th</sup>: Trans Pride

## August



7<sup>th</sup>: Matt & Jan Civil Partnership

## CULTURE

### Sing It Pink



A really well put-together series about the Pink Singers, London and Europe's oldest LGBTQ+ choir. Each episode is presented by a different host, all of whom have been involved with the choir at some point. The second episode, in which one of its oldest members, Philip Rescorla, talks about the impact of HIV and Aids on the singers is an empathetic, level-headed but extremely powerful listen. The programmes also raise serious questions on how inclusive the choir was for women and non-white men in the early years. AJ

Sing it Pink, Pink Singers podcast, goes live

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/sing-it-pink/id1756724055>

Reviewed in Radio Times

## September



29<sup>th</sup>: Regents Park, Art in the Park.

## October



18<sup>th</sup>: Mills gives the Pinkies an LGBTQIA tour of the Science Museum

## November



2<sup>nd</sup>: Trans service of Remembrance

## December



Well, it's worth a try ...

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