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**Keith William Richardson: Born 9 Nov 1958 Died 16 July 2023**

A very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to our Readers. We take this opportunity to pay tribute to our Hon. Treasurer – Keith Richardson who passed away on 16 July 2023.

***Tribute from a Loving Sister - Louise Baxter***

Keith really worked (and played) hard all his life. He studied at school to get good grades and continued this in his working life to progress up the career ladder. He was overall a good person who believed in giving back where he could and I know he took his role at Parity very seriously. He was a great big brother we shared many good times. He had a fabulous sense of humour, not always understood by all!! He cared deeply about his family and always made sure we were okay. I miss him terribly as I'm sure all at Parity do.

***Tribute from Rex Bourne - Chair***

I have sat on many boards and committees over the years and the role of Treasurer is the most difficult post to fill effectively. In Keith we had a Treasurer par excellence and a true friend. As truly sad Keith's illness and death was, his great many years of work with Parity stand as his legacy.

***Tribute from John Mays, Past Chair and Hon. Trustee, Parity***

Keith Richardson, who was Parity's Hon. Treasurer for a little more than six years from 2017 until his untimely death in 2023, was a splendid character - a man of few words but those words were direct to the point and apposite.

Unlike many of us who use five words when one or two will do Keith used one instead. His counsel and advice were always worth listening to and he had our cause and purpose close to his heart.

His health was poor towards the end but that didn't stop him delivering an immaculate performance at meetings.

We will miss him. R.I.P.

### ***Tribute from Chandrakant Vaghela, Hon. Secretary, Parity***

I first met Keith when he was welcomed as Finance Manager at LRQA in 1988. Keith had been a valuable member of the Senior Management Team and regularly entertained our overseas staff visiting us for training. His presentations at our Conferences and Management meetings were always filled with a keen sense of humour.

We were all saddened when as a Finance Director, he had to leave LRQA. Keith maintained regular contact with his LRQA team friends and he hosted us at the Liberal Club.

Even after some of us retired and others were still working, Keith hosted his LRQA team friends annually until the pandemic.

However, in 2017 I had the privilege of welcoming Keith as the Hon. Treasurer at Parity, where he took over from our co-founder David Yarwood, who had by then earned a long overdue retirement. I was grateful to Keith for taking up this appointment. Once again, Keith's professional approach and wise counsel helped Parity immensely. So, once again, I had the fortune of working alongside Keith until a few days before he slipped away from us. I had remained Chan for Keith God Bless his soul for what he did for others. R.I.P.

### ***Tribute from David Hyatt, Trustee***

I learned with shock and sadness of Keith's passing. His work at Parity was always extremely competent and accurate - his carefully-compiled figures were never wrong! And at a personal level I valued his kindness thoughtfulness and generosity. As a colleague Keith was impressive in so many ways during his years at Parity and will be missed very much....

### ***Tribute from Sally Yarwood-Dillon, Book-keeper***

It was with great sadness to hear the news of Keith's passing. I am sure that my late father, David Yarwood, would wish me to express sincere condolences to Keith's family and to acknowledge with deep gratitude all Keith's diligent and careful work keeping Parity's accounts in excellent order. Also, to thank Keith for all the years of support and commitment to Parity and its mission which David greatly appreciated.

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### PARITY AGM 2023 OPEN SESSION ON YOU TUBE

<https://parity.charity/index.php/2023/07/20/agm-july-talk-2023-male-disadvantages-the-work-of-both-parents-matter-cymru/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnEcCBSg-rg&t=4s>



## **Two thirds (63%) of British men say a Minister for Men and Boys is needed**

According to an International Men's Day survey from the Men and Boys Coalition charity, two thirds of British men (63%) believe there should be a Government minister with responsibility for men's health and well-being, with only 10% considering it unnecessary.

A similar proportion (60%) say the Government are currently not doing enough to address the problems facing them today (26% said they were).

The charity is calling for all political parties to adopt concrete policies to address the gender-specific problems facing men and boys and calling upon all parties to include specific commitments in their manifestos. The charity maintains that policies to address men's physical and mental health would reap benefits not only for individual men at risk, but for the women and girls in their families and for the wider good of society.

The issues include high rates of male suicide (13 men every day die by suicide) to the numbers of men in prison (over 90,000), and rough sleeping (over 2,500) to over 400,000 young men currently not in education, employment or training (NEETS).

Among the policies proposed are the creation of a men's health strategy, a strategy to support male victims of abusive crimes, the creation of a ministerial brief for men's health and

wellbeing within the Department of Health, and making tackling boys' underachievement at school a national education priority.

Currently there is a national women's health strategy with a minister to oversee its delivery, but no equivalent for men, despite men's health and life expectancy being markedly poorer on almost all comparable measures. (See annex for national policies proposed by the charity).

Research was carried out by 3Gem Research & Insights from 30th October – 1st November 2023 on behalf of the charity. The survey findings are based on 1,000 responses from men only (18+) in the UK. The survey findings were:

<b>Do you think the UK government is doing enough to address the problems facing men and boys?</b>	
More than enough	7%
Yes, enough	19%
Not always enough	37%
Nowhere near enough	23%
I don't know	14%

*There are age differences with 77% of men aged 35-44% believing there is not enough/nowhere near enough attention whilst the figure is 53% for men between 18 and 24.*

<b>Recently there has been some discussion in the media about whether there should be a government minister with specific responsibility for men's health and well-being. Is this something you support?</b>	
Yes	63%
No	10%
Not Sure	27%

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The Men and Boys Coalition actively supports policy measures to improve and support the health and well-being of women and girls. They argue that adopting gender-inclusive policies to improve the health and well-being of men and boys would add to and assist such efforts, rather than undermine or detract from them.

**Ally Fogg, Chair of the Men and Coalition**, said: "These results show that a large majority of British men believe the problems they face are being ignored by political parties at Westminster, both in government and opposition, and we think British men are right to feel like that. While politicians look away out of misplaced fear of looking politically incorrect, all too many fathers, brothers and sons are struggling, suffering or dying prematurely from treatable diseases or, tragically commonly, at their own hands.

"There are huge problems facing men and boys in our country – from suicide to prison numbers and from rough sleeping to brutalised childhoods. These issues cannot continue to be ignored as they clearly are now.

"We all share our lives and society together. Supporting men and boys effectively will not only will help them, it will benefit women, girls and wider society too. It is obvious. The government and political parties need to step up and act. "

**Darren Ryan Global Creative Director – 3Gem Research & Insights**, said: "It is evident from the findings of the 3Gem Research & Insights survey that the perspectives of men and boys hold significant weight. Our survey unequivocally reveals that nearly one-quarter of men (23%) hold the view that the UK government's efforts in addressing the challenges they encounter have fallen significantly short. It is therefore time that these concerns be promptly addressed, ushering in an era

of more inclusive and comprehensive solutions to enhance the overall well-being of men and boys in our society.”

“It’s also perhaps unsurprising that a resounding 63% majority of men in the UK have articulated a clear and emphatic preference for the establishment of a dedicated government minister responsible for men’s health and well-being. This substantial level of support underscores a pronounced demand for focused initiatives aimed at tackling the distinct challenges men encounter, amplifying the urgency for a comprehensive and all-encompassing strategy to enhance men’s health and overall well-being.”

<https://www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk/uncategorized/huge-majority-of-british-men-say-minister-for-men-is-needed/>

## **MEN’S-HEALTH-IN-STRATEGY-POLICY-AND-PRACTICE-FULL-CONFERENCE-PROGRAMME**

### **Our Special Guest - Professor Alan White**

Alan was the Founder and Co-director of the Centre for Men’s Health at Leeds Beckett University, he is now Emeritus Professor of Men’s Health at the University having retired in 2017. He was a co-founder of the Men’s Health Forum Charity and was the Chair of the Board of Trustees for 12 years, he is now its Patron. Alan is a Board member of the International Society for Men’s Health. He was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Men and Boys Awards 2023.

### **Our Special Guest - Martin Tod**

Martin Tod is a long-term campaigner for men’s health and coordinates the Men’s Health Forum’s campaign for a men’s health strategy. He was Chief Executive of the Men’s Health Forum from 2013 until August this year and has been Leader of Winchester City Council since 2022.



### **Our Special Guest - Peter Baker**

Peter Baker is Director of Global Action on Men's Health and a consultant to the European Cancer Organisation on HPV issues. His previous roles include Campaign Director of HPV Action UK and Chief Executive of the Men's Health Forum (GB).

### **Our Special Guest - Dr Noel Richardson**

Dr Noel Richardson has extensive experience in the area of men's health at a research, policy and advocacy level. He was principal author of Ireland's National Men's Health Policy (2009). He has published a broad range of research reports and academic papers in the area of men's health. His current research interests include; men and mental health; and health promotion interventions targeted at 'hard to reach' groups of men in community and workplace settings.

### **Our Special Guest - Dr Shane Gordon**

Shane is Director of Strategy, Research and Innovation for East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust, a large integrated acute-and-community healthcare provider in the East of England.

A GP by background, he is passionate about improving services, quality and patient experience. Shane has also been a chief executive of an NHS commissioning organisation, and associate medical director for the East of England NHS, leading local and large-scale service change. He is a founding council member of the East of England Clinical Senate.

Shane's recent strategic initiatives include leading the fastest and most cost-effective NHS Trust merger (to create his current Trust), creating the largest elective orthopaedic centre in England, launching the first Community Diagnostic Centre in the East of England and creating a centre of excellence in robotic-assisted surgery.

## **Our Special Guest - Professor Paul Galdas**

Paul Galdas embarked on his career as a Registered Nurse at City Hospital, Birmingham, working on the Coronary Care Unit, before transitioning to St James's Hospital, Leeds. He earned his PhD from the University of Leeds in 2006, studying the influence of masculinity on men's help-seeking behaviour for cardiac chest pain.

Paul has been actively involved in leading men's health research since this time, exploring men's help-seeking and health service engagement in various areas, including coronary heart disease, depression, perinatal mental health, and chronic illness. His current research primarily centres on early mental health intervention in male frontline NHS workers (the BALM programme).

He has held academic positions at the University of British Columbia and the University of Sheffield, and has been with the University of York since 2011.

## **Our Special Guest - Dr Kate Hunt**

Kate is Professor in Behavioural Sciences and Health at the University of Stirling. Her research has covered a wide range of areas including: gender, health and help-behaviours; commercial/media influences on health; design and evaluation of public health interventions and policy; experiences of health and illness; and health of people living and working in prisons. For example, she led the Tobacco in Prisons study, which was a large multi-method evaluation of the process and outcomes of implementing smoke-free policy in prisons. Recent work also includes the experience and impact of Long Covid.

Kate has served on several UK funding boards and is Chair of the Chief Scientist Office Health Improvement, Protection and Services Research Committee. She was previously President of the UK Society for Social Medicine and Population Health, and was recently appointed a Fellow of the Royal Academy.

## **Our Special Guest - Sonia Shaljean**

Sonia Shaljean is founder and managing director of Lads Needs Dads, the award-winning Essex-based CIC which runs mentoring programmes and other support for boys ages 11-15 without a father figure in their lives. She is also a Trustee of the Men and Boys Coalition.

## **Our Special Guest - Jeff Watts**

Jeff Watts is a passionate campaigner for men's health, wellbeing and mental health based in Essex, who brings his own lived experience to promoting healthier lifestyles and modern masculinity. As a senior employee with Cadent Gas Ltd, he coordinates their Men's Engagement Network, sponsors of this year's National Men and Boys Awards.

## **Our Special Guest - Sarah Coghlan**

Sarah is a Men's Health Advisor at Movember, having previously worked as the Global Director of Men's Health Promotion Programmes. Part of Movember's original start twenty years ago, since 2008 Sarah has led growth initiatives at Movember, seeing them raise more than \$1.6 billion via peer-to-peer fundraising and commercial partnerships. Movember today supports more than 6 million participants, operates across the world, and funds over 1700 health and social programs. She serves as Movember's media spokesperson in the UK and Europe, with appearances on national TV, broadcast platforms, radio, podcast interviews, panels and speaking events.

Sarah has a multi-disciplinary background in social impact strategy, partnerships and coalition building, brand development, communications, marketing, program design and behaviour change.

In her spare time, she'll likely be reading, hosting dinner, planning adventures, and exploring new parts of the world. Fascinated by health, gender, and the systems and norms that

combine to create systemic problems and looking to connect opportunities and people to create innovative, positive change at scale.

### **Our Special Guest - Neil Waine**

Neil is one of the Project Development Champions at Andy's Man Club, based in West Yorkshire. Having taken the step and first walked through the door as a group user, he went on to become a group facilitator and now oversees the Project Development Team and Partnership Strategy – spreading the word about Andy's Man Club to businesses, charities, sports teams and anyone willing to listen!

### **Our Special Guest - Marvin Gilbert**

Marvin is a senior mental health practitioner for the charity 42nd Street. For over 40 years 42nd Street has been providing young people in Manchester with mental and emotional health support in a variety of contexts. Marvin is a senior lead on their Supporting Black Men service.

### **Our Special Guest - Charlie Bethel**

Charlie Bethel is Chief Officer of UK Men's Sheds Association. Having studied Industrial Design at University, joining UK Men's Sheds Association allowed him to bring together three of his passions: organisational growth, increasing wellbeing and a love of craft and design. His role focuses on growing the organisation to sustain and support Men's Sheds across the UK.

And your hosts for the day....

### **Ally Fogg**

Ally is a co-founder and chair of the Men and Boys Coalition. As a professional writer, editor and journalist he has written extensively on the politics of men's health and wellbeing, alongside more wide-ranging activism for social justice and the environment. He stubbornly retains a Scottish accent despite 30 years in Manchester, where his proudest achievement is

raising two healthy, happy sons – with a recent promotion to Granddad.

## **Mark Brooks OBE**

Mark is a co-founder and Trustee of the Men and Boys Coalition. He is also founder and Chairman of the Mankind Initiative, the UK's foremost charity to support male victims of domestic abuse. He has been one of the UK's best-known and dedicated activists for men's safety, health and wellbeing for over 25 years and is currently advisor to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Issues affecting Men and Boys

<https://www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk/newsevents/mens-health-in-strategy-policy-and-practice-full-conference-programme/>

## **MINISTER FOR MEN IN THE MEDIA**

**BY ANDY BUTTERLY**

### **Radio 4's Women's Hour**

In the first week of September last year, Nick Fletcher called for a Minister for Men during an episode of Radio 4's Women's Hour.

The next day, Women's Hour held a listener phone in, and continued to discuss the question of a Minister for Men for the rest of that week.

This caused a flurry of interest in the legacy media.

Newspapers reported on Fletcher asking the question and published a series of opinion pieces over the next week. The main papers were mostly giving their reasons why they believed there shouldn't be a Minister for Men, but there were a significant number of positive articles.

There was also debate within the Letters columns of the newspapers, with positive letters being published even within the Guardian.

Similarly, over the next few weeks, this had become a talking point on TV channels, with the subject being raised and even

dedicated debates and Q&As on a range of channels including BBC, ITV, Sky & GB News.

However, by the end of the month, the conversation was derailed by the controversy over Lawrence Fox's comments about Ava Evans. Evans had made some negative comments about a Minister for Men during a discussion on the BBC. Initially, there was some popular backlash against the comments made by Evans, then Fox made a personal attack on Evans & her attractiveness.

Fox's comments were crass, infantile & unhelpful, although in my opinion, hardly Earth shattering. However, they were more than sufficient to derail the debate on a Minister for Men and change the narrative to focus on Fox, his co presenter, GB News, and sexism against women in general.

Although the initial flourish of coverage has diminished, the discussion has not gone away, with articles still being published in the mainstream press with some frequency.

The debate over a Minister for Men may not be as hot a topic as it was in September, but it is certainly still very warm.

The demand for a Minister for Men has had the greatest exposure and the largest number of expressions of sympathy to date.

The Press have shown that they are increasingly ready to engage on a topic that is gathering public interest.

Most importantly, there has been a tangible change in the political climate, as summarised by one article:

"... when Conservative MP Ben Bradley proposed it in 2020, it was fodder for jokes. But now, the same proposal by Nick Fletcher ... is being taken seriously. There have been "some respectful responses in the press, largely from women.""

Furthermore, prior to this public discussion, there has been an increasing acknowledgment that men and boys have issues too by several famous feminists such as Caitlin Moran.

The arguments against a Minister for Men put forth in articles, or by pundits on television, are in my opinion, mostly paper thin, and include:

- “There are more male MPs than female MPs, a Minister for Men is not required”
- “It’s like a Minister for white people, heterosexuals, the able bodied & upper classes”
- “It’s offensive”
- “[Men] do not deserve special representation in parliament”
- “We [women] would find it insulting”
- “Women still have problems that have not yet been addressed”
- “Issues that affect men are for other reasons, such as class, rather than sex”
- “It is unclear what a Minister for Men would actually do. All the issues are covered by the portfolio of an existing Minister”

When contrasted against the real and demonstrable issues faced by men and boys, the negative press, and weak arguments against can be used to work in favour of gathering public support for a Minister for Men.

The public is increasingly aware and sympathetic to men’s issues. Journalists who argue that issues such as the male suicide epidemic or boys failing in education must wait until all women’s issues are addressed or 50% female representation is achieved in Parliament, will increasingly be viewed less favourably.

The onus is now on us to get our message out there, in a clear, balanced, and compassionate format.

### **Swayne O’Pie’s Talk to Chipping Sodbury Probus**

On September 26th, I attended a talk given by Swayne O’Pie, titled “Mind the Gap: The Case for a Minister for Men”, to the South Cotswolds Probus Club in Chipping Sodbury.

This was the first time that I had seen a presentation by Swayne (founder of the Society to Establish a Minister for Men) since 2018, when I first met him at one of his talks in Cardiff.

Immediately before the presentation, my impression of the room was that they were going to be “a tough crowd”, yet as the talk progressed, it was clear that Swayne was winning the audience over.

After establishing an agreement with the audience in a shared belief in equality and democracy, Swayne’s exposition of the inequalities faced by men and boys, illustrated by cuttings of articles from a range of mainstream UK newspapers, led to an unavoidable conclusion.

A show of hands at the end of the presentation revealed a majority support for a Minister for Men.

I spoke to several of the Probus members, each of whom expressed that they had never considered these issues before and were surprised at the level of inequality faced by boys and men. Several asked what they could do to help.

The Probus Speakers Secretary, Jack Duff, wrote twice to Rex Bourne to express his glowing opinion of Swayne’s talk:

“I ... was still uncertain as to what we might expect this morning. In the event his presentation was all so logical, so balanced and so well presented in calm, undramatic terms that this gave it a really significant impact on us all.”

“I feel that everyone, including myself, had been made aware of situations that had not previously been obvious to us.”

I am looking forward to booking more events for Swayne’s talk & shall endeavour to attend as many as I can.

## **Parliamentary Petition Calling for a Minister for Men and Boys**

In the end of October last year, after the media attention, a member of the public took the initiative and started a Parliamentary Petition to call for a Minister for Men and Boys.

Subsequently, Mike Bell coordinated with various organisations sympathetic to male issues to raise awareness and of the petition and why it should be supported.

These efforts helped push the number of signatories up from around 1,000 to over 3,888 at the time of writing this article.



At 10,000 signatures, the government is obliged to respond to the petition, but Parliamentary insiders have informed Mike that 4 – 5,000 signatures would be sufficient to make MPs sit up and take note.

We still have the better part of three months to push this petition past the 5,000 mark and hopefully past 10,000. This is a golden opportunity to keep the momentum going and ensure that the public debate on a Minister for Men continues.

The debate alone is shining a much-needed public light on male issues that have up until now been studiously ignored by media and government alike.

Please do what you can to publicise this petition and why it is important for your friends and families to support it. also, please don't hesitate to contact us with any suggestions on how to maximise publicity. Please click on the link below and sign the petition.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/647586>

## **MAN PRESUMED GUILTY AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON GIRLFRIEND'S ALLEGATION.**

**BY DAVID HYATT**

I am not normally in the habit of striking up conversations with strangers at bus stops (this is London after all) but I just had an encounter which left me with serious misgivings about the British legal system and the role of the police.....

It was about 2am. I was waiting for the 253 bus in Hackney when a man came up to me and asked if this was the right direction for Finsbury Park. I confirmed that it was, he thanked me and we started to chat. He seemed friendly enough and I wasn't expecting to hear anything especially interesting but then he suddenly revealed that he had just been released from the local police station. I was naturally curious to know more.

It turned out that he had been arrested at home because his ex-girlfiend had made "serious" allegations about

him. She had claimed to the police that he had sent her a text saying that "she's a whore and a slut".

In fact "Michael" (not his real name) had done no such thing. In a sane society the police would have asked her to show them the offending text. But incredibly they didn't! He was automatically presumed guilty and taken into custody. The police took his phone, which Michael was only too happy to hand over in order to prove his innocence.

He was placed in a cell for several hours (!) while the police examined the phone's contents, presumably convinced that he had deleted the offending text. Then they released him and returned the phone.

The end of the incident? Not at all. Rather than apologise the police warned Michael that the investigation would go on for about a month and during that time he was on probation and was forbidden to go near the woman's house. Which is ironic because the motive for her wretched behaviour was the fact that Michael had broken off their relationship and refused to see her any more. She clearly felt humiliated that he was now ignoring her.

This is the reality of the upside-down kafkaesque gender-based policing in our society at the moment. We all know that if it were a man making such a complaint, he would be charged with wasting police time. But it seems the police are happy to be wasting their own time.

## **JACK DIAMOND: SUNDERLAND FOOTBALLER CLEARED OF RAPE**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wear-67883460>

Sunderland winger Jack Diamond, 23, has been cleared of charges of raping and sexually assaulting a woman he met on a dating app. The Newcastle Crown Court heard that the pair had a casual sexual relationship, and on May 7, 2022, the woman visited Diamond's home, claiming he attempted to force himself upon her. Diamond asserted that the encounter was

consensual, stopping when she asked him to. His legal team argued that the woman developed feelings for him, leading to false accusations when he didn't want a more serious relationship. The jury took less than an hour to deliver not guilty verdicts on both counts. Diamond, who was suspended by Sunderland since the charges in March 2023, expressed relief and looks forward to resuming his career. He acknowledged regret for his "attitude and immaturity towards the relationship." Sunderland confirmed his return to the club.

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**Guilty:** Alice Wood

## **Student killed fiancé with car after party row**

A PHILOSOPHY student who ran over her fiancé during a row after a party has been found guilty of murder.

Alice Wood, 23, said she only wanted to scare Ryan Watson and intended to stop just short of hitting him in Rode Heath, Cheshire. But she drove at him three times – first narrowly missing before knocking him on to the bonnet, then striking him again as he walked away.

The second impact trapped him under the car and he was dragged for 160 yards before she stopped and sought help.

Wood went with Watson, 24, to a party linked to his job with brain injury charity Headway, Chester crown court heard.

She accused him of flirting with a fellow guest, sparking a row that carried on at home. She said she walked out when he turned violent but he came after her. Wood, who denied murder and manslaughter, will be sentenced later.

## **ANDY MALKINSON CLEARED OF 2003 RAPE 'AFTER FINALLY BEING LISTENED TO'**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-66302740>

In an article by Dominic Casciani on 26 July 2023, it was reported that Andy Malkinson, who spent 17 years in prison protesting his innocence for a rape conviction, has had his conviction quashed after DNA evidence implicated another man. Malkinson, arrested in 2003 and sentenced to life, consistently asserted his innocence despite an identity parade picking him out. The Court of Appeal's decision followed DNA evidence found on the victim's vest top, matching it to a profile added in 2012. Malkinson's case, championed by the legal charity Appeal, revealed missed opportunities for justice, including a dismissed 2006 appeal and two rejections by the Criminal Cases Review Commission. Greater Manchester Police has apologized for the "grave miscarriage of justice." Malkinson now seeks an apology from the CCRC and a criminal investigation into the case.

# Three Coronations

**JOHN MAYS** presents personal recollections of three Royal occasions

I'VE BEEN fortunate enough now to be around for three Coronations, in 1937, 1953 and 2023.

The first, on 12th May 1937, when George VI was crowned, was the most dramatic. He had never expected to be King, but his older brother, David, who became King Edward VIII in January 1936, had never married but had numerous affairs. The last of these was with Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee, whom he met in 1935 and refused to give up when he became King, despite the firmly entrenched attitude of both Church and State against divorce.

This constitutional crisis persisted throughout 1936 involving the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, and the Archbishop of

Canterbury, Cosmo Lang. The government was determined that the King could not marry Mrs Simpson and remain on the throne. The King was equally determined that he could do both. Eventually he was forced to abdicate, on 11th December 1936. Impossible as it is to believe these days, the British public at large knew nothing of these events until about 10 days before the abdication; the British press published nothing despite the fact that it was headlines in the American and continental newspapers.

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## THE CORONATION



Royal Collection Trust

*Coronation of King George VI by Archbishop Cosmo Lang, painted by Frank Salisbury.*

The date of 12th May had been chosen for Edward VIII's aborted coronation and despite being less than six months after the new King's accession, it was retained. The weather was cool and rainy through the day and into the evening. Needless to say, the resolution of the most serious constitutional crisis since the Glorious Revolution in the 17th cen. was greeted with enormous enthusiasm and delight.

I was five at the time and, although knowing nothing of the implications, I remember the local procession in St Albans passing our house, with acrobats, jugglers, clowns and the overall colour which made a deep impression on me. Most people were monarchists and Edward VIII had been extremely popular, so the abdication came as a huge shock. However, George VI was very well supported and people were sympathetic to his situation.

The next Coronation was on 2nd June 1953 and was completely different. It was only eight years after the end of WWII and austerity was still the byword in Britain. With shortages of consumer goods and still some rationing, the event was a welcome distraction. More over, it was the first time



## THE CORONATION

that a Coronation had been televised. In contrast to 1937, there was ample time for proper planning. Also, in contrast to 1937, the weather was terrible, it poured with rain all day. I was a student and allowed to come to London, where I stood in The Mall with thousands of others. Despite the weather, it was a glorious, colourful occasion and a great celebration of the country and what remained of our Empire. Most people took food, as nothing was provided, and toilet facilities were also somewhat limited! To get a decent place one had to arrive about 7.30am, some four hours before the outward procession passed by. After the returning procession the crowd was allowed down The Mall to Buckingham Palace for the balcony appearances. Because of the weather, the RAF flypast took place on another occasion at a RAF base. Despite this the whole atmosphere was wonderfully euphoric.

The third Coronation, of course, took place last month. Although the centuries-old heart of the service was still firmly in place, King Charles' influence was clear in the many personal, diverse touches added to the occasion. There was, however, one extraordinary difference – both the new King and Queen are divorced. This has hardly merited a comment, from Church, State or populace. Within less than a century our moral climate has changed utterly, and what was impossible in the 1930s – and even in the 1950s for Princess Margaret and Group Captain Townsend – is now entirely acceptable. ■

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I was a student and allowed to come to London, where I stood in The Mall with thousands of others. Despite the weather, it was a glorious, colourful occasion and a great celebration of the country and what remained of our Empire.


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# SHOPPERS HELP PARITY FUNDS AT NO EXTRA COST TO THEM WITH EASY FUNDRAISING!

PARITY is raising money with @easyfundraising and we'd love you to help us. Visit our easyfundraising page to make a donation to parity.charity money for us for FREE just by doing your everyday online shopping with all your favourite online retailers. However you choose to help us, we'll be very grateful for your support.

**Step 1** – Start at Parity Home page Footer:  
<https://parity.charity/>

Click on the easyfundraising icon.

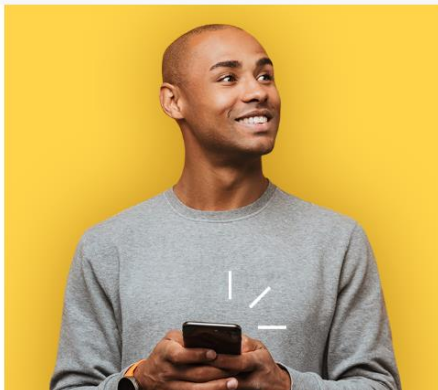


The screenshot shows the footer of the Parity website. On the left, there is a logo for Parity (a stylized 'P' with a triangle) and text: "Copyright © Parity 2021. All Rights reserved. Registered Charity Number 1107795." Below this, it lists "Patrons:" as "Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Mr Mark Brooks OBE." and "Maintained By Keshas Web Solutions." with a "Contact Webmaster" link. In the center, there are logos for "easyfundraising" (with the tagline "Get paid Shopping") and "CAF" (with the tagline "Charities Aid Foundation"). On the right, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, Contact, Join, Links, Sitemap, What we do, Who we are, and Terms and Conditions. Below the menu are links for "Membership Conduct" and "GDPR Terms & Privacy Policy". To the right of the menu is a testimonial box: "We are the Action Group... Who fight for equality and equal rights for both men and women." Below the testimonial is the address: "Our Address: 39 Cotton Road, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 5JT." At the bottom of the footer, there is a copyright notice and a navigation bar with links: Home | Contact | Join | Links | Sitemap | What we do | Who we are | Terms and Conditions.

**Step 2** – Sign Up for Account using Facebook or Email by pressing appropriate button:

## About PARITY-UK

To promote and protect the equal rights of men and women to the enjoyment of all civil, political, economic social and cultural rights under the law;



## GET STARTED

### How to support PARITY-UK

- 1** Sign up  
Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2** Download our browser extension  
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3** Track your donations  
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when PARITY-UK gets paid.


[Sign up and support this cause](#)

## Start fundraising today

Already have an account? [Log In](#)

You have chosen to support "PARITY-UK"

[Change cause](#) →

 Continue with Apple

 Continue with Facebook

or

 Continue with Email

By creating an account, you confirm that you have read and agree to the [easyfundraising Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

### Raise donations when you shop online


- ✓ You shop
- ✓ 6,000 retailers donate
- ✓ Your cause receives donations
- ✓ For free

E45 Million Raised  2.4 Million Users

Enter your details on the form and press "Create my account" button:

### Create an account

You have chosen to support PARITY-UK. Don't worry, you can change your mind later


 Continue with Facebook

or


#### My first name is

#### My last name is

#### My email address is

 We will never pass your details to anyone without your permission.

#### I want to use this password

 Your password needs to be at least 8 characters.

#### Hear from us

- I agree to easyfundraising contacting me by email, phone or SMS with offers and updates to help me raise donations for my good cause.

I have read and agree to the [terms and conditions](#) and [privacy policy](#).

Create my account

### Join the 1.6 million others

- ✓ It's 100% free to use
- ✓ You can raise money for your favourite cause every time you shop online
- ✓ Donations are available through over 5,700 online brands and retailers
- ✓ Download our helpful Donation Reminder and mobile app so that you never forget to collect a free donation

"We have raised over £12,500 and coming from a school with only 150 students this is a tremendous amount of money. Easyfundraising, this year, became our largest contributor."

*Janene Scurfield - Bleasby School Friends Association*

## Step 3 – Login to your Account, Shop Plus More!!!

OR

Using Donation Reminder means you will never miss a donation when shopping! If you want further information about EasyFundRaising – How it works video, see link below:

[https://youtu.be/Sn2dsQGAe\\_w](https://youtu.be/Sn2dsQGAe_w)



## PARITY MEMBERSHIP

**PARITY** is one of few charities in the UK whose sole constitutional remit is to try to protect the equal rights of both men and women in our society. Our work is important despite ever more equality legislation which often creates unfairly new losers as well as winners.

**PARITY** is run entirely by volunteers and is wholly dependent on subscriptions and donations to fund its work. **Our subscription rate remains at minimum of £10 per annum. (Concessionary rates for younger members in Education and those in hardship).**

**We hope therefore that you will join us or continue to support us**, either by sending a cheque or completing a Standing Order Form. Please use the loose form enclosed and complete accordingly. Alternatively, you may pay online via DONATE button on our website with your Reference Number: your surname/ post code/ initials (if more than one member at the address).

If you are a tax-payer, please do consider also signing the Gift Aid form. **Please therefore send in your renewal subscriptions for 2024 now.** Please disregard this reminder if you have already renewed your membership for 2024 or pay by Standing Order.

In order to ease record keeping, it is hoped that members will agree to renew their subscriptions in future **at the beginning of each calendar year** rather than on their anniversary of joining.

## FUNDING PARITY - GIFT AID

PARITY's work and effectiveness depends largely on the funds we have available. We are grateful to our current members and all those who have made donations in the past.

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Such income can be increased by applying to HMRC for Gift Aid, a method of giving tax relief for donations.

A donor must have paid tax at least equal to the amount being reclaimed by the charity. The donor is then entitled to tax relief on the amount of the donation plus the amount reclaimed by the charity (the gross amount).

In order to operate the Gift Aid scheme, charities are required to keep records, which can be audited by HMRC to show that their tax reclaims are accurate. In other words, they must keep records that enable them to show an audit trail linking each donation to an identifiable donor who has given a valid Gift Aid declaration, and that all the other conditions for the tax relief are satisfied. If a charity does not keep adequate records it may be required to pay back to HMRC tax reclaimed

Before a charity can reclaim tax on a donation by an individual, it must have received a Gift Aid declaration from the donor containing certain information and confirming that the donation is to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. Without this declaration, a donation from an individual will not qualify under the scheme. Donors are able to give the charity a declaration in advance of their donation, at the time of their donation, or **up to four years after their donation**. It can cover a single donation or any number of donations. A declaration can be in writing (e.g. by post, by fax or electronically through the Internet) or orally (e.g. over the phone or face to face).

In order to keep PARITY's records up to date we would be grateful if Members could send a communication (by email or post) that includes the information and statement as shown on the last page. Such information will be kept securely in accordance with PARITY's privacy policy.

## PARITY LEGACIES?

PARITY's work and effectiveness depends largely on the funds we have available. In this respect, we are grateful to all those who have made donations in the past. Funds for our work could also be helped, of course, with legacies. Perhaps members who are able to would like to consider remembering us also in this way when writing or amending their will.

Thank You

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want to Gift Aid any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to: **PARITY**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### My Details

Name (CAPS) .....

Address.....  
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Town .....Postcode .....

Tel No.....E-mail .....

EMAIL **treasury@parity-uk.org**

**Please notify PARITY if you want to cancel this declaration or change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.**

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

## TOP SIX MALE DISADVANTAGES

Full List of Ten: <https://equi-law.uk/ten-male-disadvantages/>

Male disadvantage	Detail and references
1 Boys lag behind girls at every stage of education and are more likely to be excluded from school.	<b>Key Stage 2:</b> 54% of boys 63% of girls met the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. Boys are 1% higher than girls in Maths. Source: <a href="#">Department for Education (Key stage 2 attainment)</a> - <b>GCSE (2022):</b> 46.2% boys and 52.5% of girls in 2022 achieved a Grade 5 or above in English and Maths. Source: <a href="#">Department for Education (Key stage 4 performance)</a> - <b>A Level (2022):</b> The proportion of girls with an A or higher was 36.9% this year and 34.7% for boys. There were 80,000 more A-Levels awarded to girls than boys. Source: <a href="#">Ofqual A level results (England)</a> - <b>Exclusions</b> Source: <a href="#">Department for Education (permanent exclusions and suspensions in England)</a> -
2 Only 45% of university entrants are men.	<a href="#">UCAS entry figures 2021</a> (UK domicile): Statistical releases - daily clearing analysis 2021. (All ages) Men: 186,710. Women: 261,370 (18 year olds) Men: 118,220. Women: 154,290 That's 43% for 18 year old men. (often used benchmark.)
3 13% of men aged 16 to 24 years are NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training).	Source: Office for National Statistics - <a href="#">Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET)</a> , UK: March 2021 -
4 Suicide death rates among men are three times higher than for women.	In 2021, 4,704 men in England, Wales and Scotland took their own lives. This is an increase from 4,500 registered in 2020. With 2020 figures from Northern Ireland (160), this is the equivalent of 13 per day. Men make up 75% of all deaths by suicide and it is the biggest cause of male deaths under 50. Source: Office for National Statistics, " <a href="#">Suicides in England and Wales</a> ", September 2022; Source: Public Health Scotland, " <a href="#">Suicide statistics for Scotland</a> "; August 2022; Source: <a href="#">Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency</a> , " <a href="#">Suicide Statistics 2020</a> "
5 Life expectancy is 3.9 years lower for men than women.	2020 (79.0 years for males and 82.9 years for females) Source: <a href="#">Office for National Statistics: National life tables (life expectancy in the UK: 2018 to 2020)</a>
6 Men more likely to die of a cancer or Covid;	<b>Cancer:</b> In 2018, 88,959 men in the UK died of cancer (77,778 women) and their survival rates are lower than women. Source: Cancer Research UK, " <a href="#">Cancer mortality for all cancers combined</a> ", visited 7/1/22: <b>Covid:</b> Between March 2020 and November 2021, 93,665 men died due to Covid-19 (77,990 women) . Men made up a higher portion of Covid mortality rates. For working age men and women: 31 deaths per 100,000 and 17 per 100,000, respectively; Source: Office for National Statistics, " <a href="#">Deaths involving COVID-19 by month of registration</a> ", December 2021.