

## ★ Why is 1st of May, the Workers' Day?

**On 1st May workers around the world stand up for their rights and celebrate their culture.**

Celebrating May Day as International Workers' Day began as a commemoration of the Chicago Haymarket massacre on **1st May** 1886, when strikers and police were killed and four protest leaders were hung after **300,000 workers walked off the job for an 8-hour day.**

**Wolverhampton Trades Council organised the first local May Day rally** six years later in 1892, with 7,000 people attending.

That original **struggle for the 8-hour work day continued in Britain.** In 1932, Ernest Bevin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union came to Wolverhampton to sign an historic agreement with *Mander Brothers Paints*, to become the first UK company to introduce the 40-hour week.

Yet after nearly another century of capitalism, many are still forced to work more hours to try and make ends meet and twenty food banks currently in Wolverhampton shows many can't.

### **Capitalism isn't working.**

Our free celebration of Workers' Day on 1st May each year in Whitmore Reans has been funded by local trade union branches for the last 30 years.

**Thanks this year to UNITE WM/6150 Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton ASLEF, CWU Wolverhampton, UNITE West Midlands, City of Wolverhampton UNISON, CPB, Wolverhampton TUC and Indian Workers' Assoc.**

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local unions**



All performers are paid and all organisers are volunteers.

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Workers of the world  
unite!**



# CELEBRATE MAY DAY

## Wolverhampton's annual

# 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY



## Workers' Day festival

# WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY

**Starts 7pm  
doors open 6:45pm**

## Gill's Bar & Banqueting

off Craddock St, Whitmore Reans  
Wolverhampton WV6 0QQ

**all FREE  
except  
the bar!**