

Lip-Sync for your life

Are you ready to sparkle and shine? To deliver the lines and mouth to the rhymes? **JONNY WOO** and **THE GLORY** are giving away £1000 to London's next top Lip-Synching star...



Repression is not a solution for repression

You may recognize **Damien Killeen** as a buxom bar wench at **KU Lisle Street**. But he's also a talented actor and writer. This week he kicks off a new series in which QX looks at gay men's relationship to shame and sexuality...

GUM Clinic and you've got your big old whore label around your neck.

The problem that a lot of people seem to have within the gay community is that it is not, apparently, a boat. Discreetness is rarely priority and here 'Big ol' Whore' is a clothing brand and the style du jour. I've lost count of the amount of times gay opinion has amounted to 'if gays stopped acting like cum buckets they would be more accepted' or 'gays lack self-respect' or even 'gay men would be treated normally if they acted more normal'. So who defines the concept acceptable? How about self-respect? Normal?

The normative is defined by the majority so I guess that would be straight people. You want me to act like a straight person

so many gay men clamouring for the same thing - really I thought we established some time ago it's not a healthy slogan for us. Repression is not a solution for repression. This system is so all encompassing socially, that a straight person can rarely escape its burden; the drive towards finding a partner, procreating, trying not to smother that partner with a pillow because you have fallen out of lust with them and you think they stole your youth and ambition - it leaves many people shattered and depressed.

Guess what though? The fact you have a dick and you like dick automatically puts you on the other side of that system. Hurrah! Yes, our desperate search for acceptance might lead us to try and

The sense of shame is heavy in the GUM clinic. Conversation is non-existent. Being here is tantamount to wearing a neon sign stating proudly that you have had sex; except no one is proud here. All that excitement and satisfaction you got from fucking Mark from accounts seems out of place. Because you're a whore who

had sex. Talking up sex is great when it's all smoke and mirrors and Malibu and Coke but people really don't like inescapable labels and, so we're told, no one wants damaged goods.

Sexual purity is power. Purity is the commodity you get to trade in at some point for your happily ever after. You accrue purity by being a stranger and you maintain it by being discreet. Now admittedly last weekend you had sex with eighteen teenagers on a boat, but that doesn't count, that was a boat. Who's going to find out about that? Still, here you are, it's Tuesday morning, you're in the

"You want me to act like a straight person so you have an easier time acting like a straight person."

so you have an easier time acting like a straight person. I can like musical theatre and listen to Cher because straights are pretty comfortable with that now, but please don't have too much sex with the wrong people in the wrong places. I've spent the majority of my life thinking the same way so am pretty familiar with the argument and have thus grown into a young man with all the exotic flair of a conservative, Mormon pamphlet distributor. Gays seem to appreciate this and I am often complemented with how 'un-gay' I seem. Wonderful. We can all achieve ungayness and the elusive happiness that must bring. Right?

The system straight society instigated is to idealise sexuality, to control, to moralise, and if in doubt to deny, deny, deny. When the motto does seem to be 'don't ask don't tell' it's fairly odd seeing

emulate that system, to cram ourselves back into it (in general gays love cramming stuff into stuff). However, that system we are so keen to emulate isn't creating happy, satisfied people who understand themselves. Why do we spend time looking to straight models of behaviour when all they bring is stigma and self-hate? If a straight system of identity brings you shame and dissatisfaction then create a new system you can relate to. Sex and relations with others are experiments that offer you the chance of understanding what it is you need from people. They work much better if you offload some of that 'straight' baggage.

Maybe then, when you find yourself on a doctor's table at 9am with a nurse inserting a cotton bud into your butt you could relax, forget shame and take it for what it is - a nice day out of the house.

Damien will be performing in the Arcola Queer Collective's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Arcola Theatre (24 Ashwin Street, Dalston, E8 3DL) from Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th January. See our Arts feature on p.30 this week for more information.

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Above the Stag Theatre, Arch 17, Miles Street, Vauxhall, SW8 1RZ
Wednesday 14th January – Sunday 15th February. Tues-Sat, 7.30pm,
Sun 6pm. £12-18.
www.abovesthstag.com

The Vito Project Launch



Vito Russo

Activist think tank **ReShape** and the **Cinema Museum** are launching the **Vito Project**, a series of free monthly screenings, bringing generations of LGBTs together to provide an alternative space to mix, watch films and share ideas. Their first film will be **'The Celluloid Closet'**, a 1995 documentary inspired by Vito Russo's seminal book, exploring the changing face of queer representation in mainstream cinema. The film will be introduced by **Neil Bartlett**, queer author and director, and QX's **Pat Cash**.

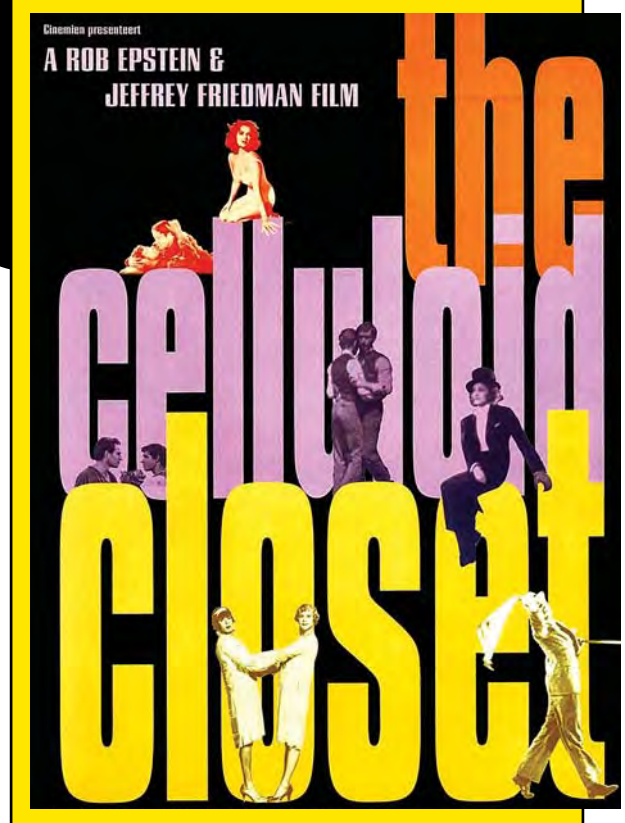
'The Celluloid Closet' – Free Screening & Introductions
The Cinema Museum, 2 Dugard Way, Renfrew Road, SE11 4TH
Wednesday 21st January, 7.45pm. Free.
For more information: info.reshapenow@gmail.com

Stonewall teams up with football trailblazers Homeless PA and FC United of Manchester



Stonewall have teamed up with community club **FC United** of Manchester and **Homeless GA** to continue working to tackle homophobia in football. They've created a video in collaboration to support the **Rainbow Laces** campaign, talking about the impact of homophobia in football and discrimination in sport. The short film features interviews with women's team goalkeeper **Mary Priestner** and first team striker **Matthew Walwyn** and focuses on the story behind FC United's involvement with Rainbow Laces

www.stonewall.org.uk/football





Gay Star Travel Expo

A one-stop shop for LGBTI travellers, the Gay Star Travel Expo returns for its sophomore year! Featuring the Attitude photo booth and celebrity guests, you can also win a trip to Eurovision 2015 courtesy of **Visit Vienna** and win an **Ion camera**. There's also a beach and garden party, debates, catwalk shows and performances from **La Voix** and the **London Gay Big Band!** Travel exhibitors include, **Austrian Airlines**, **Visit Gibraltar**, **All Leisure Holidays**, **Sun Resorts**, amongst others. Plus Andrew Hayden-Smith who is starring in new Channel 4 series *Cucumber*, will also be attending.



La Voix

Heaven, under the Arches, Villiers Street,
Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG
Saturday 17th January, 1pm-7pm. Free
(booking required).
www.gaystarnews.com



A Midsummer Night's Dream

A brand new LGBT+ theatre group, the **Arcola Queer Collective**, present their first production: a radical new interpretation of Shakespeare's '**A Midsummer Night's Dream**'. Featuring some well-known queer performers from around London, like **Pretty Miss Cairo**, **Rubyyy Jones** and **Rudi Douglas**, plus fresh, new faces on the stage and new, queer scenes. See our arts page on page 30 this week for more details.

The Arcola Queer Collective's First Production

The Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, Dalston, E8 3DL

Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th January, 8pm. £9 (£7 concs).

Saturday matinee: 3.30pm.

Gala Performance: Friday 23rd January, £30. Ticket includes admission, drinks, canapés, post-show discussion and music.

www.arcolatheatre.com / Box Office: 020 7503 1646

Rehearsal pics by Rubyyy Jones



NW London Gay Social Grop

Does exactly what it says on the tin – a gay social group for friendship, fun and support in the North of London near Wembley, every Monday evening.

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Do you want to be a **G-A-Y** Big Brother Contestant?

Can you survive two nights and hourly tasks to walk away with £1,000? If your answer is 'YES' then read on...

Celebrity Big Brother is all over the press this year with one of the feistiest line-ups in years and some scandalious moments already. Always ones to be on the cultural zeitgeist Jeremy Joseph has announced G-A-Y BIG BROTHER. Taking place on stage at Heaven on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January, it's a live action and full-on queer Big Brother special at G-A-Y.

The stage becomes the G-A-Y Big Brother House as 10 contestants compete to win £1,000.

There will be G-A-Y tasks every hour (one of which may or may not include massaging Jeremy's testicles) as the audience watches on. Given that the venue has a nudity license since it also hosts the G-A-Y Porn Idol contests, the potential for outrage is endless.

But there are rules and that is no contact with clubbers - or be evicted and you have to be available on both Friday and Saturday. After each hourly task someone will be evicted!

To be a contestant e-mail info@g-a-y.co.uk or text 07789 553 868!



G-A-Y Big Brother is at Heaven (Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG) on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January.

Friday: FREE entry wrist bands available at G-A-Y Bar. Saturday: £2 entry wrist bands available at G-A-Y Bar.



LARRY TEE @ FAGGERSTON MEN'S CLUB



LARRY TEE'S FAGGERSTON MEN'S TOP 10

1. 'Take Shelter' - Years and Years

Well, because our club is called Shelter and the amazing Years and Years played for our Charity Monster gay charity event.

2. 'Bump And Grind' - Waze and Odyssey feat. R. Kelly

Hey what can I say? It's the tune that makes everyone go YAAS!

3. 'Dangerous' - MK

Probably the house DJ of our time now has a rollicking rap house tune.

4. 'Chasing Time' - Azaelia Banks

This girl has a bad mouth but this shows she can back it with a good choon.

5. 'Herve' - Money Where Your Mouth Is

A house rap tune guaranteed to make everyone drop that ass.

6. 'Living For Love' - Madonna

Bootlegs don't have that sound quality you need, but hey...its madonna.

7. 'Monument' - Robyn & Roskopp (Markus Marr remix)

EPIC and intense.

8. '7-11' - Beyonce (Wongo remix)

Take one hot NOT single lady and some hot beats and shake until fully stirred.

9. 'Taking Me Over' - Baytek (WONGO)

My favorite remixer has taken on Azaelia and Beyonce and is killing it now.

10. 'Truffle Butter' - Nicki Minaj (feat. Maya Janes Coles)

Our sister Nicki takes the beat from our other sister MAYE Jane COLES. sexy!

Tell us about yourself in one juicy sentence.

Larry Tee is the DJ of "You Better Work": RuPaul (wrote it), Party Monster (ran it), Princess Superstar's L-i-c-k-y (did it), Scissor Sisters (put on their first 6 shows), TZUJI Creator, WUT CLUB Fridays, Faggerston Saturdays, DJ and master of ceremonies.

What kind of music gets you jumping?

I like a mix of cool underground dance tuneS and the songs that make everyone go 'Ahhhhhhh'! Let's call it future house.

And what's the new Faggerston Men's Club all about?

Well, our new Faggerston night mix is a buffet of smart, handsome, East London gay men that want to find others like themselves and can have a healthy laugh at some fabulous messes who are usually the hosts. Absolutely no diva-tude whatsoever.



Faggerston Men's Club is this Saturday 17th January at The Shelter (267 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AD) from 10pm-5am. Free before 11.30pm if you join the Facebook event, £5 after.

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How To Lip-Sync Your Way To £1000

YES! Tranny Lip-Synching is back and **The Glory** is looking for the new alt-drag superstars. Here's **Jonny Woo's** guide to what to do and what not to do on your lip-synching journey to snatch the trophy and £1000 hard cash!



There was music before Rihanna. She might get an office party in Sidcup rocking but a Calvin Harris remix don't wash on our stage. If you are going totally mainstream with your music choice make sure you go off-piste with your interpretation. Found monologues, TV soundtracks and film excerpts all welcome. Your judges may be older than you so anything from the 80's or earlier should go down a storm, but the audience often get the swing vote so maybe just do Rihanna. Oh, I don't know... do what you want!

A death drop don't a great lip-sync make. So we're two minutes through and you've done bummer all and then your knee dislocates and you've death dropped. The crowd goes wild. Eyes roll. NEXT!

Homemade props. OMG we love a cardboard prop. Fairy lights, gaffer tape and toilet rolls. Now go! Miss Jade (Tranny Lip-Synching contestant 2005 – 2007) LOVED a vegetable instrument. Let us SEE the song. Some people just can't move their lips (Ma Butcher) and love cereal packet props. If your lips can't keep up, bring on the prop department. Marks for recycling.

Don't coast on pretty. We want UGLY! No matter how many tutorials on facial contouring you may have taken post-RuPaul we know that underneath all that slap your soul is a seething mass of paranoiac shame, doubt, guilt, jealousy and fear. If you bring me flawless, I want to see it cracked and in pieces and smeared all over the floor and there my dears, lies the beauty.

"If you bring me flawless, I want to see it cracked and in pieces and smeared all over the floor and there my dears, lies the beauty."



Be shit. It's funny. Or amazing. Not on purpose. If you try and be bad it's awkward. It's a tricky one really. What am I trying to say? If I can see the belief in your eyes when the words have gone tits up, the props have gone missing and you've tripped over your own stiletto. You're through to the final!

Lights up! Lights down! That's what you get. That strobe asked for. That follow spot you requested. The cool wash, hot wash thing you emailed me about. Not happening baby. It's you. The stage. The crowd. Sizzle presses play! Now GO!

Style it out! As in make an effort. LOOK GOOD! Or weird. Good weird even. It's East London and very fashionable don't you know so maybe bad weird. Just not bad. If I can recognize you once the costume is on, then you haven't tried hard enough. **TRANSFORM.**

Don't just mean it. LIVE IT. Show me how much you love this song. Show me what you know about this character. Show me the lengths you went to understand what those words meant. Show me the dirt under the fingernails from the sewers. Show me your missing tooth. Show me the hank of hair you sold the hag by the Seine as your cracked lips shape the words 'I dreamed a dream in time gone by...' SHOW ME!

LEARN THE WORDS. 'Watermelon, watermelon, sausage and mash.' Are not the lyrics to any song that I've come across recently. I may employ clever hand positioning to cover entire lost verses, but I'm not entering. It's £1000 and if you want it. **LEARN IT!**



"Underneath all that slap your soul is a seething mass of paranoiac shame, doubt, guilt, jealousy and fear."



LipSync 1000 kicks off on Wednesday 21st January and then every week for ten heats. Grand prize £1000. The Glory is at 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. To enter email: info@theglory.co



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Cheryl's Guide To

CHERYL

No, luv. Not Cheryl Ann Fernandez-Versini (née Tweedy, formerly Cole; born 30 June 1983). We're talking polysexual Brooklyn art darlings **CHERYL**, who are back in Europe and hitting London for their second **Dalston Superstore** celebration! But what is this currazee collective? Here's all you need to know about Cheryl, by the Cheryl residents themselves...

CHERYL is glitter in the cracks of your soul.

CHERYL is a color, a number, a gender, and a sexual disorientation.

CHERYL is a collective from Brooklyn that is coming to London for one night only to remind us all how to put the BI back in SEXUAL.

CHERYL is the dance party that will ruin your LIFE, in ways that you never knew possible.

CHERYL is glitter in the cracks of your soul.

CHERYL is your future.

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And CHERYL is going to take you on a journey...

So, here's the deal: It's the 90s. You're into space exploration. And you're BI.

Join us on Saturday, January 17th at Dalston Superstore as we contemplate our sexual orientation together on the dance floor.

Need costume inspiration? Think baby tees, maroon lipstick, condoms, Björk buns, wallet chains, tiny backpacks, and lollipops. Or a space suit.

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CHERYL wrote a song in celebration of this magical, bygone era of BI that goes a little something like this...

*"Dave Navarro, Margaret Cho
DiFranco and Garofalo
Jason Priestley, Luke Perry
Take an E at the foam party*

*R Kelly, Mister Clean
Both such bossy bottom queens
Kimmy Gibbler, Rachel's hair
Dana Sculley, dance on air*

*They had condoms, they had boobs
Dennis Rodman's frosted pubes
Cyber me this afternoon
Baby tees, we love you.*

*Blossom's watching Home Alone
Fax me if you wanna bone
Tell your family, tell your friends
We're here, we're queer, it all
depends...*

BI."

Are you excited? Confused?
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Watch the CHERYL: BI video
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CLUB NEWS



**16/01/15:
FITLADZ**

Described as the UK's 'No 1 cruise and dance club', if you get to the infamous night on the 16th and 23rd January you can collect your membership card worth £10 for free! Open every Friday from 10pm, you can enjoy sexy beats on the dance floor and sexy time in the Men Only upstairs floor! Plus, stay on for free at **Bodyshakers** afterhours with **Steven Geller** B2B with **Alan K** from 4am.

Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-super late.



Alan K



**17/01/15:
CHERYL**

Polysexual New York vixens

Cheryl are back in Europe from Brooklyn for a second celebration at the 'Superstore. Think 90s bisexual space invaders, midriffs on show and out of this world glitter explosions! **Larry Tee** and the **Duchess of Pork** join residents **DJ Nick** and **Grandma Internet** for a fun-filled voyage!

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Road, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after.



Larry Tee



DJ G

JUANCHITO

17/01/15: JUANCHITO EL TEMPLO SE LA SALSA

Join Juanchito for their first party of 2015 with resident **DJ G** spinning the best of salsa de ayer, hoy y siempre plus la hora loca. Located next to the Shard in London Bridge it's easy to get to, with fantastic bar prices, great dance floor, sound system, friendly staff and hosts. There'll be music, dance, live shows and traditional Colombian drinks available at the bar. Enjoy.

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G-A-Y**17/01/15: G-A-Y – The Gay Star Travel Expo**

Winter blues? Obviously. You'd have to be inhuman not to have them. Either that, or a holiday planned real soon. Well, if not the latter G-A-Y might be able to help with an indoor travel extravaganza. Chat to tourist/tour experts from around the world, take a dip in their hot tub, or get a work out with their free ski simulator! Have a holiday, even if you don't leave the city.

Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2H 6NG. 10.30pm-5am. £1 with wristband from G-A-Y Bar.

**17/01/15: XXL 'BEAR'**

This week's theme at Big Daddy Bear club XXL is simply, come as you are. Plenty of fur and a grizzly appetite. Dare to bare that body and show off your fuzzy chest with pride. DJs **Mark Ames**, **Christian M**, **Alex Logan** and **Joe Egg** are the residents that'll be dropping some classic (and camp) remixes. See you on the dance floor bitch tits!

Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF. 8pm-8am. £8 members, £15 otherwise.





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Heaven, under the Arches,
Villiers Street, Charing
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WORDS AND PHOTOS BY
CHRIS JEPSON

FOR US SERIAL G-A-Y-ers, 16 weeks of X Factor contestants finally came to an end on Saturday night as runner up Fleur East took her turn in the spotlight. Saving the best 'til last, 27-year-old Fleur is undoubtedly the one to watch from this season and belted out five competent numbers whilst

comfortably chatting and working the crowd between. Flaunting her tight midriff in a pierced leather top and black bra, she delivered 'Bang Bang', 'All About The Bass', 'Lady Marmalade', 'I'm Every Woman' and Ronson's runaway hit 'Uptown Funk' before Jeremy was able to elicit a pinky promise from her to launch her first single at G-A-Y. Off stage she was just as bubbly and fun and tweeted 'I just had the BEST time ever on stage' and 'It was the best crowd ever!!! Thanks for having me and being amazing!' We, for one, can't wait for her to come back with her own material and a full show.





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WORDS AND PHOTOS BY
MARK STOREY

QX WAS OUT and about slinking around town as we do, and swung by XXL Military - just what the doctor ordered! Sexy army recruits and beefy bears everywhere, what a treat... Music as always was totes amaze with Christian M on top form. This beefy and twink crowd were loving it and having it large.

It never ceases to amaze me when walking into this gin joint how right they've got this formula. It's always rocking, always rammed, full of hot guys and bears of all denominations. Just a great night out indeed! Looking forward to the next visit, thanks for the hospitality Mister Ames.







WORDS BY
JAMES EGAN
PHOTOS BY
JOEL RYDER



HOMODROP
10/01/15
Dalston Superstore
117 Kingsland Road,
E8 2PB

WE HOMODROPPED in to DSS on Saturday night, for a spin around the dancefloor with a selection of the hottest homos and heaviest beats that Dalston has to offer!

You know it's going to be a good night when the first thing you lay eyes on is the lovely LouLou ReLouLou looking like the hottest Island we've ever seen, complete with palm tree headpiece and two huge basketball-balloons bursting from her bikini. Robinson Crusoe would have been cumming in his cutoffs, surely.

Boasting a shockingly good lineup of electro DJ delights like Bamboo Hermann and 2Dads'Boy (loving the name), we sucked back a few shots before we blew our circuits flitting between the beats being dropped in the bar and the laser basement! Of course we made sure our asses were in the Superstore's subterranean section when the amazing Justin Robertson smashed out his stunning set. Believe us, we were dropping it low against every homo in sight to this guys' mindblowing mixes!

A particularly sweet touch of the night though was seeing so many of the DJs, including gorgeous Florian Dovillez, glamour puss Julian Von Petrovsky and total sweetheart TWANG wearing "Je Suis Charlie" t-shirts, showing solidarity with our friends across the Channel following last week's tragic events. Nice to know that even while you party, you can still be socially conscious.

With the next party on February 7th, you've got time to get this one into your diary. Trust us, you won't regret it. Until next month, we'll be waiting for the 'drop'!



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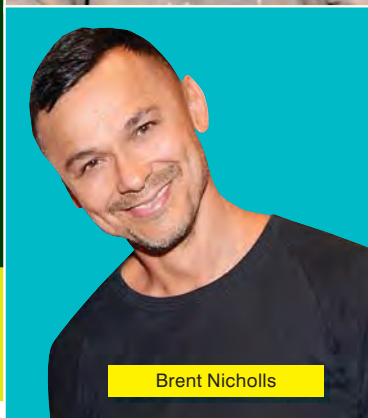
Halfway to Heaven has its usual lineup of stellar cabaret over the coming weekend with **Miss Penny** at 10pm(ish) on Friday 16th January. Saturday 17th sees top-favourite of the punters **Rose Garden's Saturday Market Swapshop** from 4pm, followed by **Mrs Moore** at 9pm and **Justin Swift's 'Camp Disco'** afterwards. Then on Sunday treat yourself to some **CK Sunday** from 4pm, followed by **Tanya Hyde** and **Mrs Moore**.



Mrs Moore



Matt Bogard



Brent Nicholls

THE TWO BREWERS

114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ

The Two Brewers is sizzling their stage up again with another huge **Two BX Productions** show, by arrangement with SJSV Ltd' named **Saucy Jack and the Space Vixens!** Set in the dark reaches of the universe where cabaret artistes are being picked off one by one with the heel of a sequinned sling back plunged into their youthful chests – will the Space Vixens arrive in time to halt the blood lust and save the day by the power of disco? Playing on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th January, tickets £12. 8pm.



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KU BAR

30 Lisle Street, Chinatown, WC2H 7BA

Stop the Press! Ku have just informed us that after the final World AIDS Day 2014 Auction they have raised **£22,320.24!** They thank all their customers, staff, sponsors and everyone who helped promote the event, and the total they've now raised for **The Food Chain** is over £80,000.

the food chain

COMPTONS

51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN

Comptons is one of the most pumping bars on the Old Compton Street strip and always draws in a huge, up-for-it and happy-go-lucky crowd of hot, burly men at the weekends. On Friday 16th you can also enjoy the pumping beats of DJ **Matt Bogard** and the sizzling spinning of DJ **Brent Nicholls** on Saturday 17th, both from 9pm. Plus on Monday you won't want to miss Bar £2.50 from 5pm, where selected beers, wines and spirits are £2.50.

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GREEN CARNATION: Temporary Closing & Party!

5 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DD

After holding its position as a leading light within the gay Soho community for the past ten years, the Green Carnation has announced it's time to make way for an exciting new concept. They are going to completely remodel and refurbish the venue across all 4 floors and give it a brand new look and fresh and original identity in time for summer 2015.

Catch the **Live at 5 Season One Finale** on Thursday 15th January with in-house band and special guest **Kele le Roc**, **Citizen Kane**, **Oggie** and **Julia Jenkins** and DJ **Nate James**.

The on Friday 16th find DJ **Mis White**, the **Original Memzee**, **Shaka Lish** hosted by **Chris Fitchew**. And on Saturday 17th there's DJ **Nate James** and **Rich B**, plus DJ **Phatman**, **Duncan Day**, **Topsie Redfern** and **Vanity Von Glow**.



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ON SATURDAY

EVENING, after braving the West End's swathes of tourists and sale shoppers, we decided to treat ourselves to a nice stiff drink or six in London's oasis of sophistication, Ku Bar Lisle Street!

Ku has a special place in this reviewer's heart as being the first gay bar they ever had the pleasure of throwing back drinks (with a massively muscular Texan man, no less) and our love for it has only grown. Much like the beautiful boys behind the bar, the place has only become hotter and more welcoming over the years.

After staking out our spot at the bar, we ordered up a few refreshments from the tank-top clad totty on hand and sat back to enjoy their signature selection of sexy videos and pop perfection on the bar's array of big screens. Who knew that dissecting an Ariana Grande video could become such serious business after a few gin and tonics?

One of the great things about the Ku brand is the inclusive atmosphere in such exclusively styled surroundings. From the sumptuous Champagne Bar upstairs, to the sleek lines of the main bar and its heated outdoor terrace, your experience is never anything less than high-end without a hint of attitude.

After being advised (or possibly warned) by owner Gary that "after 9pm, that's when the party really starts" we nipped out for a cheeky tactical dinner in nearby Chinatown, only to return swiftly after for a shakedown with a cadre of cuties visiting from Latin America in Ku Klub, just underneath the main bar.

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2015: Year of the Queen!

This week we let Jason Reid polish the QX crystal ball (we keep it next to our shrine of Danny La Rue in QX Towers) and have a peer into the future to see what this year holds for our beloved cabaret queens and drag divas. Hold tight, just for shits and giggles, here are his predictions for 2015...



Tanya Hyde

Rose Garden

Rose Garden's infamous hoop will take a severe battering this year ('what's new?' I hear you all scream). Thankfully though, after 75 years of use, it's tougher than old leather and will bounce back to its supple self almost instantaneously. Phew!

Meth will smile in December. Try not to blink though or you'll miss this momentous event.

Hurricane Hyde (**Tanya Hyde** to her friends) will be downgraded to a gentle breeze or a feeble fanny fart by the time Spring rears its cheery head. I still wouldn't advise giving her any side-eye after she's had a skinful though, not unless you want her to wear your testicles as earrings.

Kelly Wilde won't sing 'Gloria' this year. Not once. Nope... Who am I kidding? Of course she bloody will. And we'll all dance 'round our Primark handbags to it as usual - like Essex girls high on their own lacquer fumes.

In June, **Bette Rinse** will go a whole sentence without saying dear, dear.

A lifelong dream will finally come true for 'voice of a thousand fags' **Mrs Moore** this autumn when she's asked to be the face of Lambert & Butler. Three cheers... Cough, cough, splutter, for her!



Kelly Wild



Bette Rinse



Meth



Willam



David Hoyle

"Kelly Wilde won't sing 'Gloria' this year. Not once. Nope... Who am I kidding? Of course she bloody will."

Known for her maternal instincts, **Willam** will become a nanny in February. **Alfie Ordinary**, the first child she'll look after, will have Childline on speed dial by March.

David Hoyle will continue to be the DON of all things avant-garde. That's it. Not everything in life has to have a punchline you know.

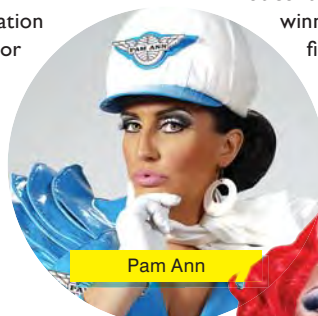
After years of evading immigration officials, that knock on the door **Son Of a Tutu** has been dreading will come in April. When she pulls back the net curtain it'll be much worse than she anticipated when she sees a grinning Nigel Farage wielding a big net, canvassing for General Election votes. LOCK THAT DOOR TIGHT GIRL!



Son Of a Tutu

Holestar will continue to remind those that think their shit don't stink that they're not the 'Queen of Fucking Everything'. YouTube it, strut around your flat to it and enjoy it!

Leaving on a jet plane, but not Malaysia Airways, **Pam Ann** doesn't just have enough material for the year ahead now, she has enough for the rest of the bloody decade.



Pam Ann

Not content with being a Drag Idol winner, Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist, currently bidding for this year's Eurovision and forever flanked by a troupe of semi-naked dancing boys, **La Voix** will also release her own range of red curly wigs and a line of monogrammed frocks this Summer.



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BY PATRICK CASH

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Director and all-round young visionary Nick Connaughton proposed that we

make a queer updated version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. My heart sunk. Shakespeare has been updated so often it's virtually the literary equivalent of iOS, and usually arrives with the same amount of glitches and unnecessary annoyance.

But when we painted in more of the project's shades together, seated in the beautiful, sustainable Arcola Theatre itself, the seeds of excitement were sown. Of all Shakespeare's plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* holds an inherent queerness: the experimentation with desire; the misrule of love; the faeries; and the primal, mercurial forest in which the young lovers explore and lose themselves for a night.

Nick's idea was that this wouldn't be a run-of-the-mill production. It would stem from a return to community theatre, bringing together the LGBTQIA – have I missed any out? – people of London to share their experiences, memories, fears and hopes, creating a reflection of what it is to be queer today.

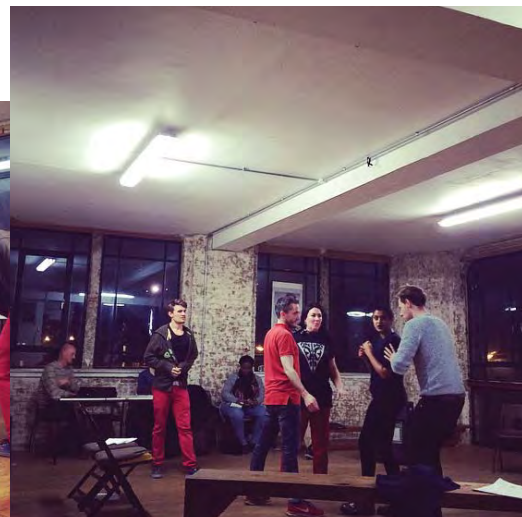
Calls were put out over social media, on the Arcola website, in this magazine, for anyone interested in being part of the cast. At the first workshop we got a rich turnout, from well-known scene performance faces like

Rubyyy Jones, Pretty Miss Cairo and Rudi Douglas, to Ku Bar's Damien and Zachariah Fletcher from *Of Saints and Go-Go Boys*, to fresh faces wanting to involve themselves in a new take on an old dream.

As a writer I was tasked with shaping contemporary scenes to sit alongside the Shakespearean text, formed from the community discussions we held in workshops. Here we spoke honestly about how we felt as a gay, or bi, or lesbian, or trans, or female representing, or however-you-identify person in London today. Many issues emerged that I was familiar with as a gay man, and a few that I'd never considered.

In the finished piece we tackle subjects you might expect from queer theatre, such as parental pressures and coming out, but also topics less spoken on the stage: the prevalence of chemsex amongst gay men, the proliferation of genders and identities outside of the binaries we are assigned at birth. It's a metamorphosing blend, designed to provoke thought but also engage empathy from its audience, whether gay, straight or elsewhere on the spectrum.

Diehard Shakespearean purists are probably not going to be creaming in the aisles. And it was hardly a light undertaking to inject my own writing into the revered text of 'the greatest playwright in the world', however, much of the new writing may contain a choric voice at its heart. But what we have tried to do is discern existing



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“Diehard Shakespearean purists are probably not going to be creaming in the aisles”

nuances within the characters and grow from these new queered identities, like stem cells nurtured into limbs.

Performance has been intertwined with queer culture from the *Dorian Gray* Victorian music halls, to the 1930s when 'musical' was a euphemism for 'gay', to the Brixton Fairies' political street theatre of the 60s and 70s, and the exuberant drag of Ru Paul today. LGBTQ+ theatre groups were fairly prevalent in the 1980s, with a mission of activism, wanting to open eyes. But they splintered as LGBTQ culture split into different factions.

No one involved with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is claiming to be rebuilding the

LGBT+ cultural solidarity with one play. But it has been illuminating to witness a myriad of different people with different identities wanting to come together and create a shared expression.

Theatre, to my mind, is an important tool in joining both cast and audience together in a cathartic moment. You are both in that room, breathing the same air and within that happening. The actors before you are not trapped on the cold celluloid of film but living, pulsing beings, and the vibrations of their throat are the same that quiver in your ear. We'd like for you to join us, to share in our connection, and become a part of our production on being queer in 2015.

*On Friday 23rd January there will be a special gala performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', including tickets, drinks and a Q&A with the cast, priced at £30. All money made from this performance will be used to support the Arcola Queer Collective's next production.

SCREEN TEST

BY JACK LEGER

IN THE WORKS

Rumour has it that **Aaron Paul** will star in the first Star Wars spin-off movie, apparently about a young Han Solo • And momentum is building after a hacked Sony memo mentioned **Idris Elba** as the next James Bond. Fans (and, erm, Kanye West) love the idea.



FILM OF THE WEEK



WHIPLASH (15)
Few films can throw you back in your seat and pummel you into submission like this outrageously full-on black comedy about a fierce band teacher (a mind-boggling turn from JK Simmons) and a drummer

(Miles Teller) who aspires to greatness. With a blistering pace and relentless energy, the film instantly gets under the skin, taking us on a journey to our own limits. It's raucously entertaining. And literally breathtaking.



VIDEO OF THE WEEK



LOOKING: SERIES I (18)
From Andrew Haigh (Weekend), this HBO series breaks ground as a gay comedy-drama that refuses to play by the rules. Set in San Francisco with three central characters, Sex And The City-style,

this lusty, honest show avoids cliches to depict sex, attraction and relationships as unpredictable and messy. Actors Jonathan Groff, Murray Bartlett and Frankie Alvarez are remarkably complex, as is swoon-worthy co-star Russell Tovey. (Warner DVD)



STARS IN ACTION

Bradley Cooper beefs up for **AMERICAN SNIPER**, the true story of a Navy Seal known for his deadly accuracy. Manly and intense. • Reese Witherspoon goes rough and nasty in **WILD**, the true story of a woman hiking a 1,000-mile trek. Artful and involving, but a bit corny.

BRITISH DRAMA

Vera Brittain's iconic memoir **TESTAMENT OF YOUTH** is turned into a proper British period movie, with the terrific Game of Thrones hunk Kit Harington, Alicia Vikander and a venerable supporting cast. It's beautifully made, even if it gets rather worthy/gloomy in the end.



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Will Bond

As our fair city gets regenerated it seems we are losing clubs and bars left right and centre at a rapid pace. In 2015 are we seeing parts of our so-called underground club scene dissolving before our very eyes! Those with an imagination and hunger for new and different ideas are continually reinventing what clubbing is all about. Take **Larry Tee** who at the end of last year set up a new weekly Friday night, **Wut Club** at a little club called **The Shelter** (267 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS).



Larry Tee

On Friday 16th Wut's special guest DJ is **Josh Cole** from **Hard Cock Life** who will be joining performer and also DJ **Bourgeois** for a session. His latest weekly night **Faggerston Men's Club** (a witty take on the area it's set in - Haggerston) on Saturdays, also at The Shelter, seems to be creating another takeover for east London's clubbing fans. Resident DJs **Will Bond** and Larry himself set the night up with special guests on every week...

Meanwhile top class eatery **Hoi Polloi** (100 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JQ) opens its doors for late night revelry. **Thursday Lates at**

Hoi Polloi on the 15th January, beginning at 10.30pm, starts the new year as it means to go on with a guest appearance from **A Man To Pet** who will be performing live with piano accompaniment from **Savvia**. Expect fascinating and hilarious goings on with the much-loved A Man To Pet as she takes us on her journey whilst we sip our Hoi Polloi camp cocktails!

As you know, **East Bloc** (217 City Road, EC1V 1JN) has become a major staple over the last few years. Tripping the laser fantastic into its hallowed depths this weekend, catch up with **Smashed Arseholes** on Friday 16th where fashion and music take over with **Richard Mortimer** (**Ponystep**) and an array of fashionable friends with discerning musical tastes. Then on the 17th **Handsome** returns for another legendary night of dance music from **Dave Kendrick**, **Cathal** and **Mistamaker**. Both not to be missed!



Richard Mortimer

Stop the press... **The Glory** (281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS) launches its basement club on Saturday 17th January. **Her Majesty's Pleasure** will be open till 2am. Upstairs **Jonny Woo** hosts 'chaotic cabaret shows', down below **John Sizzle** will be in charge of the disco mayhem...

GILÉT'S PLAYS

BY ANTHONY GILÉT



Queen of Pop, **Madge**, proved even she wasn't privy to a hacking scandal over Christmas when 14 tracks off her new album were leaked.

Thank God it was just songs that got leaked. 'Living For Love' is the new single from Rebel Heart, and guess what? We love it. No surprise there. The upbeat anthem is a refreshing look at being hurt by a relationship. Pick yourself up and dust the mother f*cker off. Well said.



Madonna

does what she does best with dirty, uncensored rap. Think winding at an underground club, not twerking on podiums.

Talking of veering away from commercial crap, from the new Fifty Shades Of Grey movie, comes the latest release from **Ellie Goulding**. A far cry from that David Guetta-sounding-electro-clatter, 'Love Me Like You Do' reminds us of old school Ellie; an intense love song that proves why we fell in love with her vocals to begin with. Listen and picture your life playing out like a RomCom... While you sit on the 194 in the rain.

After the success of her gigantic hit 'Chandelier' last year, **Sia** announces 'Elastic Heart' as her next single with a seven-second teaser. But those of you that have seen the most recent Hunger Games film might have known that already. While it's not the huge belt its predecessor was, it's another beautiful and bewitching vocal storm from Sia.



Nicki Minaj

After giving their anacondas time to rest, **Nicki Minaj** is back with haunting track – and equally eerie video for – 'Only'. Featuring all the homies she claims not to have fucked (sure, and I'm Mary Magdalene), the sound sees Nicki veer away from the commercial kidnappers that were trying to steal her sound, and instead



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Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. £3 entry, free entry for members. Cruise spaces to explore to darker, deeper beats.

Ku Klub – Tasty Tim Takeover at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. FREE. The legendary Tasty Tim and guests spin the pop sounds and floor fillers.

Ow'Zat at The Joiners Arms, 116-118 Hackney Road, E2 7QL. 11.30pm-4am. FREE b4 11.30pm/£5 after. The weekend begins early at the original gay Hackney London club/bar.

Ted's TV/TS Night at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road. 7pm-2am. £5. The night for fellas in frocks and their admirers.

Room Service at Miabella, 12-13 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DJ. 10pm-3am. Don't you dare miss this fiercely social, sexy club spot, playing edgy and upfront house. Expect hot gogo eye candy and hosted by fab scene faces. Get snapped by the legendary resident papper!

Decoded at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-5am. £5. Non-stop pumping house, plus a mix of nu-disco and uplifting deep vocal house from DJ's Alex Georgiou and Steven Artis at Vauxhall industrial Barcode club spot.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Hot pop sounds get played out across the club, drink specials, cute guys and an almost unrivalled highly electric atmosphere. Open 7 days.

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VS at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Munroe Bergdorf and Adam Turner get you warmed up for Room Service with some unrivalled Thursday night hotness!

The Green Carnation: Live at 5 Season One Finale at 5 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DD. 5pm-2.30am. Green Carnation begins its closing weekend of events as it shuts for a major refurbishment to reopen in the summer. TONIGHT: The in-house band is joined by special guest Kele Le Roc, Citizen Kane, Oggie and Julia Jenkins and DJ Nate James.



Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm. Weekly dance session at the popular Soho bar. TONIGHT: Enriched with DJ Rich B.

Dr Woof's Thursday Surgery at Kazbar, 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free. Dr Woof presents his weekly cabaret turn at the funky Clapham bar.

Comptons of Soho – Tasty Tim Teaches House at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. One of Soho's best loved traditional gay pubs, always busy and always friendly and always fun. TONIGHT: DJ Tasty Tim plays the delicious tunes.

Quiz Night at The Roebuck, 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. 8pm onwards. £1 entry. Cash prizes to be won at The Roebuck for their awesome Quiz Night.

Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 4pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot.

Gossip at West 5, Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Ealing's hugely popular club, bar and cabaret spot.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh.

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY

CLUBS & EVENTS

Nancy's + Shake Yer Dix at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 11pm/£5 after. Nancy's on the ground floor features resident DJs spinnin' up a storm of top deck disco house and hot tracks to shack out to. TONIGHT: Get gay for synth again as Michael Kelly returns with Laurence Del Rey and Trash Selector in tow. Will Viper and Fitzgerald play non-stop Italo and hi NRG in Nancy's upstairs.

The Green Carnation - The Finale Part 1 at 5 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DD. 5pm-2.30am. Green Carnation begins its closing weekend of events as it shuts for a major refurbishment to reopen in the summer. TONIGHT: The Finale Part 1 with DJs Mis White, Original Memzee, Shaka Lish. Hosted by Chris Fitchew.

HELMETclub at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £5 with a group, £7

others. The Dalston basement club gets bold with no bullshit, boys and bitches.

Fitladz – Free Membership Party at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-9am. £8 members, £10 guests. The club session for horny lads with hot grooves from the DJs and an extended cruise space. Followed by Bodysnappers (afterhours). TONIGHT: Get your Fitladz Membership Card tonight for FREE (usually £10).



VOGUE FABRICS THIS WEEKEND

Wednesday 14th January

Spoken Word: Free entry, open to all. From 7.30pm

Friday 16th January

HELMETclub: No bullshit, boys and bitches. 10pm
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/204635253056811/>
£5 entry with group, £7 guests

Saturday 17th January

PDA: Nu rub, grime, vogue, jersey, ballroom, NTS DJ's
99p entry all night

Friday 23rd January TBC

Saturday 24th January: Legion-Pleasure Principal
Last of the series 10pm, open until late, £5 all night

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G-A-Y Camp Attack at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-4am. FREE with wristband from G-A-Y Bar. Main Floor plays 70s, 80s, 90s, 00 & 01, Star Bar is 02 to present day, videos in the Pop Room. Musical theme sing-along in the Departure Lounge.

Ponystep presents Smashed

Arseholes at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £8 after. Richard Mortimer's pop night with the usual fash DJs taking over the decks to deliver couture cuts and edgy basement beats. **Gloria's** at XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street, EC2A 4AP. 9pm-4am. £13.50. Gloria's returns to XOYO, ready to open the doors for all fashion folk, music lovers, disco queens, tranny goddesses, colossal club kids and everyone in-between. This time around they've got Andy Butler of Hercules & Love Affair soundtracking the night, plus Sink the Pink delivering the unexpected, coaxing you out of the straight-faced norm. Hard Cock Life are in Room 2.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm, £5 after. Pop perfection and hot floor fillers as Ku's hot 3 spin the tunes in its downstairs basement club spot.

Men Inc. at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. £5. Free for Eagle/Paris Gym members. For blokes, butch guys, bears and their pals after a social time and seriously good tunes.

Hot Fuzz at the RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-4am. £5. Vauxhall's hottest blokes, bears and butch boys dance party returns to the RVT for 2015. With DJs Cactushead, Silverhook and Ben Jamin.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard,

off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 7.30pm-3am. Hot pop sounds, drink specials, cute guys and a pop perfect atmosphere.

The Glory at 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. 5pm-2am. FREE. Jonny Woo and co.'s new bar flying the flag in Faggerston.

A:M at Protocol, 39 Parry Street, SW8 1RT. 11pm-11am. £3 before 1am, £7 thereafter with ad/flyer/concession/NUS card. The original Saturday morning afterhours beast that continues to light up the weekend ahead of the rest churns out the turbocharged house sounds.

BARS & CABARET

New Bloomsbury Set at 76 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11.30pm. Open seven days a week for the more social gays around the Kings Cross/Bloomsbury area and those after a refreshing new experience. London's only 21+ bar!

Friday Night Live at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. 9pm-3am. The central London cabaret hot spot. TONIGHT: DJ David Robson from 9pm and Miss Penny at 10pm.

The Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm/£7 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot.

Camp As Hits at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. Venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. Midday-3am. Last entry 2am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! DJs spin a blend of

commercial, house, pop and chart remixes. Guilty pleasures upstairs.

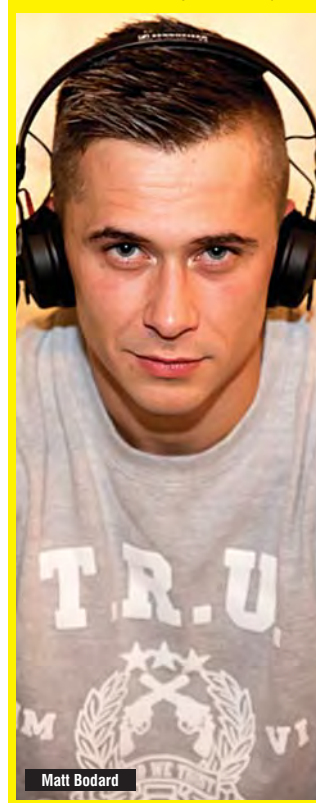
Circa at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot watches Munroe Bergdorf and friends werq the floor!

Ku Bar Soho, 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open 'til 3am. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across two floors for that perfect Soho warm-up drinking session and a little dance with downstairs DJs.

The Black Cap at 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 10pm-3am. £5. Camden's party-popping and beat-bumping venue rocks the gay scene!

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 1am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with terrific outdoor space.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho. TONIGHT: DJ Matt Bogard from 9pm.



The Roebuck at 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. 6-11pm. Happy hour all night at this enticing gay friendly venue in the Oval area where you can meet local lads and sexy drinkers.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 12noon-3am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! Ground floor DJs spin top 40 and radio edit chart dance and commercial and chart R'n'B on the 2nd floor.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-1am. Free. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. DJ Mark Norton spins the retro sounds. Hosted by Nervenzellen.

West 5 at South Ealing, Pope's Lane,

W5 4NB. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun.

Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm/£3 after, £5 after 10.30pm. The super-friendly Kings Cross bar. DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: DJ Ian James.

Saunabar at 29 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2H 9BA. 11.30am-2am. £10 b4 2pm and after 9.30pm, £17 other times. FREE use of facilities when booking a massage. The only licensed gay sauna in the West End, open 'til super late every weekend.

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY

CLUBS & EVENTS

XXL 'Bear' at XXL, Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 8pm-8am. £15 non-members, £8 members. Big, bear night that's open to anyone in vast super club Pulse takes on a military theme to its sexy going-ons! With resident DJs Chirstian M and Joe Egg. TONIGHT: The fur gets flying on the dancefloor as XXL celebrates all things 'bear'.

Handsome at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. FREE b4 midnight/£10 after. Featuring serious house in the main room and Room 2 turned over to R'n'B and hip-hop. DJs the handsome Dave Kendrick, Cathal, Mistamaker and Fitzgerald. The Old Street basement club that brings the hottest boys to dance.






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G-A-Y presents Gay Star Travel Expo at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. The palace of pop and quite possibly the world's most famous gay club packs out this cavernous venue. TONIGHT: With an indoor travel extravaganza featuring industry experts from around the world, from tourist boards to tour operators, all eager to cater for your holiday-making needs, skiing simulator, Attitude photo booth and more.

Cheryl at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. FREE. The Polysexual Brooklyn art darlings return to the 'Superstore'. It's the 90s. You're into space exploration. And you're BI. Special guests Larry Tee and the Duchess of Pork join DJ Nick and Grandma Internet for a glitter-fuelled journey.

Carpet Burn at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-4am. FREE 11pm, £5 after. Everyone's favourite Saturday night injury returns to its South London haunt, and the guys are screening the new Whitney biopic! And if that's not juicy enough (which, let's face it, we all know will be), it'll be followed by Timberlina's 'Let's Get Physical' workout.

Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-very late. £8/£10 others. Vauxhall's full-throttle late night, industrial chic nightclub keeps the house music booming right through til Sunday morning.

Atmos Lounge at 32 Southwark Bridge Road, Southwark, SE1 9EU. 9pm-4.30am. FREE b4 11pm, £8 after. London's newest venue is a reflection of the Bankside: creative,

cultured and community-orientated. Multi-million pound lounge bar has a brand new sound and lighting system.

Juanchito at Guy's Bar, Boland House, St Thomas Street, SE1 9RT. 10pm-3am. QX readers £7 with advert in this issue, £10 without. Latin fever sets London Bridge on fire as the all-new Juanchito plays out the original Salsa sounds, plus La Hora Loca.

The Green Carnation - The Finale Part 2 at 5 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DD. 5pm-2.30am. Green Carnation begins its closing weekend of events as it shuts for a major refurbishment to reopen in the summer. TONIGHT: The Finale Part 2 with DJs Nate James, Rich B, Phatman, Duncan Day, Topsy Redfern and Vaniety Von Glow.



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PDA at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 9pm-3am. 99p entry all night. Time to shak out to some nu rub, grime, vogue, jersey and ballroom soundz from NTS DJs.

Duckie at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Alternative London club/entertainment night. Hosted by Amy Lamé, with music by Readers Wives.

Riverside Tavern at Riverside Tavern, 8 Canal Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 4DR. Kent's most popular gay bar/club.

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. Unwind and release some tension after a stressy week with the all the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Hot pop sounds, drink specials, cute guys and a pop perfect atmosphere.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm, £5 after. £3 with wristband/membership. The party continues in Ku's basement club with hot pop and floor fillers from the DJs.

Beyond (afterhours) at Fire, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RT. 4.30am (Sunday morning)-late. £12 before 7am with ad/flyer/concession/NUS card. The crazy club beast takes it up a notch with a move to Fire for the late night/early morning house music session.

Unchill (afterhours) at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 6am (Sunday morning)-super late. £5. Sunday morning afterhours with DJs spinning fresh uplifting house music into Sunday morning.

BARS & CABARET

The Roebuck at 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. Gay venue in the Oval area. Worship the weekend with Bar-Buck-Q's in the secluded garden.

Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late.

G-A-Y Bar at 30 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UR. Midday-Midnight. FREE. Soho's palace of pop with the hottest videos screened out across the venue, great drinks deals and discount entry wristbands for G-A-Y @ Heaven.

West 5 at South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. 7pm-3am. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun.

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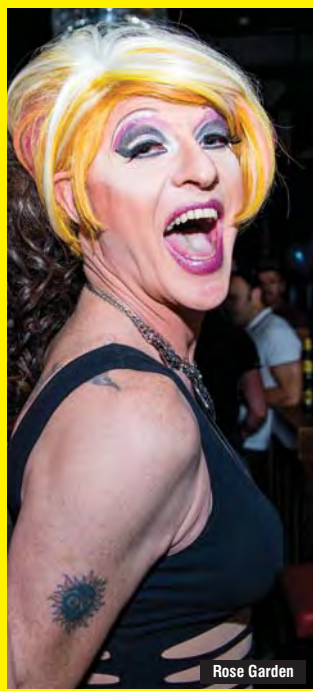
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Saturday Market Slash Swap Shop & Camp Disco at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. Rose Garden provides Saturday shopping light relief followed by DJ Justin Swift's Camp Disco 'til 3am.



Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 2pm-late. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. TONIGHT: DJ Brent Nicholls from 9pm.

The Green Carnation: Dorian Gray at 5 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DD. 5pm-2.30am. DJs including Brent Nicholls, Rich B, Little Rob, Tasty Tim, Matt Bogard and Zach Burns play the tunes at this seminal Soho bar/club on

rotation. Hosted by Chrissy Darling.

Kazbar presents Push Push at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-1am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish.

Pick N Mix at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. Top tunes and late night fun at the legendary gay boozer near Marble Arch.

Ku Bar Soho at 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. 12 midday-late. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across three floors for that perfect Soho warm-up drinking session and a cheeky dance with downstairs DJs.

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm, £7 after. Cabaret and clubbing 'til late at the famous venue.

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

CLUBS & EVENTS

Beyond (afterhours) at Fire. 4am-late. See Saturday.

Unchill (afterhours) at Barcode 6am-late. See Saturday.

Horse Meat Disco at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 8pm-3am. £6. The HMD gymkhana continues to shake Vauxhall down every week. Residents spin super-disco sounds with weekly guests.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Hot pop sounds get played out across the club, drink specials, cute guys and an almost unrivalled highly electric atmosphere.

RVT Sundays at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm-2am. £6. The afternoon/evening clubbing session slot playing huge dance anthems and commercial house. Plus, multi-media entertainment from Charlie Hides TV at 5.30pm. TONIGHT: DJs Simon Le Vans, Nathan Martin and Sean Sirrs.

Ku Klub Retro Sundays at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues in Ku's basement club with classic 80s, 90s and 00s tracks from DJ Pablo and Lady Lloyd.

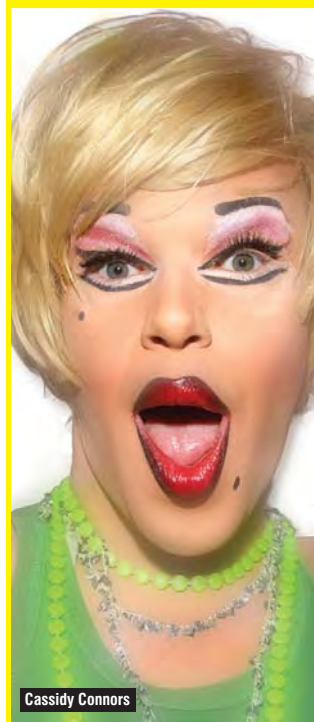
Later at Fire, 39 Parry Street, SW8 1RT. Midday-late. £10. Continue Beyond vibes into Sunday afternoon as Later funks it up.

Orange at Fire, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RT. 11pm-8am. £7 before 1am with ad/flyer/concession/NUS card. The weekend ends here with funky-up house sounds from the resident disc jocks.

BARS & CABARET

Kazbar presents Flow at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 12pm-12am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. Nu disco, funky and deep house from DJ Eduardo Hererra.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-midnight. Cabaret: 8.45pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Cassidy Connors.



The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 4pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £3 after. South London's legendary cabaret, club and pub. Triple cabaret punch with The Power of 3!

The Black Cap at 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 9pm-3am. The party-popping, cabaret campy and beat-bumping venue flies Camden's gay scene flag.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-12am. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd.

The Roebuck at 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 1NE. New gay venue in the Oval area. Serving top Sunday Roast every week.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 4pm-late. Last entry 1am. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder. Ground floor DJs spin top 40 and radio edit chart dance and commercial and chart R'n'B on the 2nd floor.

The City of Quebec at 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12p-1am. Legendary gay boozer near Marble Arch features

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Halfway 2 Heaven at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. Long running popular Central London cabaret pub. CK Sunday from 4pm, followed by An Evening With Tanya Hyde.

MONDAY 19TH JANUARY

CLUBS & EVENTS

Hard-Up Mondays at Sweatbox, 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. Under 25s FREE all day, £16 others. Finding Mondays hard to handle? Relieve the pressure with this discounted day for under 25s (ID required) at Soho's only gay sauna.

Popcorn - Senses at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5.30am. £4 b4 1am, £5 after, £8 after 2am. FREE with wristbands from G-A-Y Bar b4 1am. Massive mixed mash-up with four rooms of top sounds, from upfront, progressive house to chart hits, via R&B tuneage. Perfect polysexual party to start the week as you mean to go on. TONIGHT: DJs Adam Turner, Neroli and Paulo Moreno. With live percussion by David H.



The Big Bingo Show at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. Doors 7pm. Eyes Down 8.30-10.30pm. FREE. £1 per game. Timberlina and Hey Baylen roll their balls out for their weekly bonkers bingo sesh. Banter and barmy bingo, plus dancing.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30 Lisle Street, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. DJs play the weekend out on a wave of hot pop.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Late night dancing spot for pure-pop enthusiasts doing the funky chickens.

Cruise Control at Eagle, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Free for members, £3 guests. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

BARS & CABARET

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. The trendy Soho drinking spot celebrates with 2-4-1 classic cocktails all day!

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 4pm-late. Last entry 1am. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. The real queen of Soho. Bar £2.50 on popular drinks from 5pm.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St. WC2. 7.30pm. Karaoke with singer Kevin Walsh on hosting duties.

Karaoke at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. From 9pm. Chris Reardon hosts the singing fun at the famous gay boozer in Marble Arch.

Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. The landmark south London cabaret, bar and club. TONIGHT: Mrs Moore's weekly cabaret session.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

CLUBS & EVENTS

Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-late. £3 entry, free for members. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

G-A-Y Late at 5 Goslett Yard, off Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. The weekend begins early or finishes late to a melodious mix of classic chart pop and current hits.

BARS & CABARET

Mecca Rock and Roll Bingo at The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. Midday-Midnight. The long-running cabaret, club and pub nestled in the heart of Camden presents bonkers bingo.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho,

W1D 3QE. 4pm-late. Last entry 1am. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder.

Industry at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Delicious Sam DMS lays on a smorgasbord of R'n'B classics, chart toppers and deep house grooves at Sohos' snazzy drinkery.

See You Next Tuesday at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 8pm. Bette Rinse hosts the Tuesday night revelry at the Central London cabaret hotspot, with DJ ME.



Bar Wotever at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm-midnight. £5. Genderbending cabaret, live music and performance at the monumental RVT.

Cosmic & Keys at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Showtime 10pm. The legendary gay pub in the heart of London presents a new show to dispel your mid-week blues.

Karaoke at Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-2am. £3 b4 10pm, £4 after. Sing-along the mid-week blues with Kevin Walsh.

WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY

CLUBS & EVENTS

LIPSYNC 1000 at The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. 5pm-2am. FREE. Jonny Woo invites you to revel in the chaos and charisma that is the return of Tranny Lip-Synching! A grand prize of £1,000 for the best of baddest show-stopping gob stoppers. To enter email:

info@theglory.co

Cruise Control at Eagle, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Free for members, £3 guests. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

Foam Party at Sweatbox, 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. If you can't make the weekend wet fun, why not head down tonight? Relieve the midweek stress! The foam flies at 7, 8 and 9pm.

Misfits at East Bloc, 217-219 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 10pm-4am. FREE b4 11pm/£5 after. Midweek urban glamour as R'n'B scene star Mark-Ashley Dupé presents his ghetto fabulous in the infamous basement of debauchery.

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BARS & CABARET

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Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE11 7TP 10pm-5am. £15 members, £20 otherwise.

Your Dirrrty Diary

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY

The Underground Club, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm) Underwear fun. SPANKZ (6pm-10pm) CP night for rougher, tougher play. Followed by COME TO DADDY (10pm-2am).

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £7). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £8). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get nude and rude. Strictly naked, except footwear.

Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-late. £3 entry, free for members. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY

Suited at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £5 b4 6.30pm/£6 after. The cruise night for those into suits and smartly dressed blokes. No jeans/trainers.

Fitladz at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 9pm-9am. £8 members, £10 guests. Get sexy at this cruise/club sesh!

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Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. 1pm-1am. £7 b4 7pm/£8 after. Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise spot minute's from the West End.

Cruise/Darkroom at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm-midnight. £3. Horny night in the cruisey basement club in West London.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. FEET ON FRIDAY (7pm-midnight) Foot fetish night. Then, PAUNCHY (midnight-4am) The club for big bellied men and those that admire them.

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY

Hard On. See box out. **Buff** at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Heated outdoor 'naked' smokers terrace.

The Underground

Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm. £4) Best undies for the boys. ABC (7pm-midnight) Adult Baby Club fetish night.

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Pleasuredrome at Arch 124 Cornwall Road, Waterloo SE1 8XE. Open 24/7. £15, £12 under 25 with ID. FREE towel. Cruise all day and night with plenty of rooms to play. Licensed bar.

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. 24hr pass £17, 48hr pass £19. Foam from 10pm. All the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

Chill Out at Ted's Place, 305a North End Road.

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Buff at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members, £9 guests. Horny, naked cruise party. Dark rooms, smoking terrace, full bar.

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Vault: Underwear/Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. UNDERWEAR (1-7pm. £7). CRUISE (7pm-1am. £8).

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S.O.P. at The Underground Club, Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. 1pm-midnight. £7. Yellow fun for waterworks fans.

MONDAY 19TH JANUARY

Sportswear/Cruise at Ted's Place, 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight.

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Vault: Cruise/Stripped at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £7). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £8). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise session first before naked time (except footwear).

Cruise Control at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-late. £3 entry, free for members. Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm) BUTT NAKED (6pm-10pm) Strip down and get off with like-minded guys. HARD CRUZ (10pm-1am, free entry) Hard cruising for horny guyz.

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TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

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WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY

Vault: Cruise/Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £7) Then UNDERWEAR (7pm-1am. £8) Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

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Hi Dr Alex,

I've had tattoos for a few years. I started to have them when I was young. One tatt is visible even when I wear a shirt because it runs up to behind my ear. I hate to bow to convention but I know that some people I want to work with might think a visible tatt is inappropriate. So I am considering having the visible part removed but I wonder how good tatt removal really is? I've seen a few and they look worse than actually having one.

Cheers

Mr Ink

Inked culture was brought to the West in the 19th century catering mainly to the working class. They were briefly popular with the elite in around 1910 but then remained a symbol that you had been imprisoned (justifiably or unjustifiably) or that you'd served in the military. In the 1980s, punks, gays, and rebellious teenagers had them as a form of social protest. But since then the number of people having tattoos has exploded. Research into the characteristics of people with tattoos show that they are only very slightly less conscientious, more extroverted, more sensation seeking, and feel the need for uniqueness than those who do not have tattoos.

And so they are less and less likely to be seen as anti-establishment as they have become more of a statement of fashion than of rebellion. Although having one, that can never be covered up I think is more a sign of rebellion than one that is easily concealed. And so depending on your career, it could be that future employers might view your visible tattoo as a sign you are a bit too anti-establishment. I'm sure that if I turned up to work with one so visible it would not go down well at all.

The best current treatment to remove a tattoo is laser therapy. This is where pulses of specific wavelengths of light are beamed onto the tattoo and break up the pigment. The surrounding skin does not absorb the light and so remains unharmed. Most people describe the sensation as a rubber band snapping against their skin and so it doesn't usually require an anaesthetic. But if you have a low threshold for pain then an anaesthetic cream can be used.

How well the treatment works and how many sessions you need will depend on the age, size and colour of the tattoo. Black tattoo pigments absorb more wavelengths of light and so are supposed to be easier to remove than coloured ones. Your skin colour and how the tattoo was first done – professional or amateur – will also affect how well it responds to the treatment.

Is it safe? Thankfully, complications are generally minor and rare. But you can get problems like the tattoo becoming paler than your surrounding skin, infection of your tattoo site and even some scarring. Very rarely a raised or thickened scar can appear three to six months after the tattoo is removed. And although effective in most cases it doesn't work for every tattoo, so you may be left with some pigment.

Once you've made up your mind about how significant a compromise it would be to have that part of your inked body erased make sure that you find a reputable dermatologist or cosmetic surgeon who specialises in this kind of work so you get the best treatment.



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