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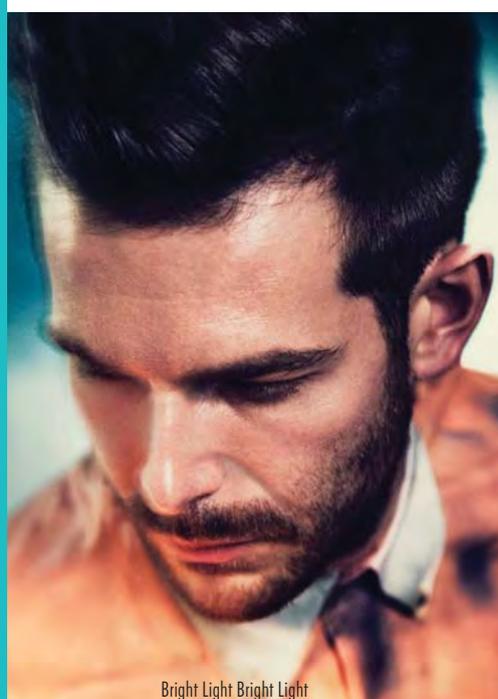


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- 1345: **The Brooks**
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- 1400: **Robin Windsor & Lisa Riley**
- 1410: **Rachel Weston**
- 1415: **Tim McArthur**
- 1420: **Laura Nadia Hunt (PGT)**
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- 1430: **Dan Koek**
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- 1445: **Collabro**
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- 1610: **Remedy**
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- 1640: **London Gay Big Band**
- 1730: **The Supreme Fabulettes**
- 1735: **Dorian Reland** – PGT winner in 2014
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- 1805: **Peter Tatchell**
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- 1915: **Voi Voi**
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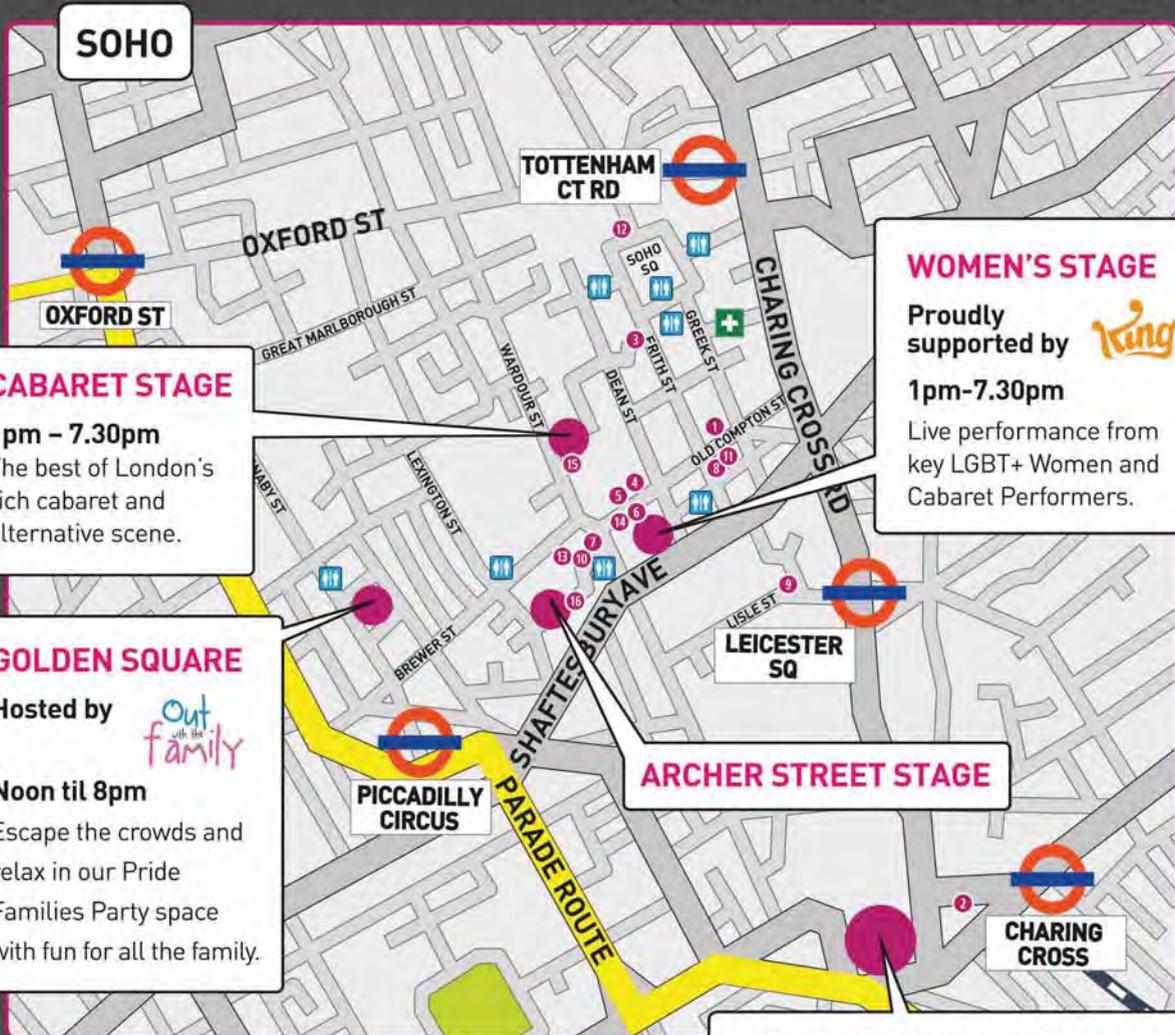
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# Once More With Pride: LGSM March Again

Without last year's critically acclaimed movie 'Pride' the story of LGSM would likely have been lost forever in the annals of queer history. Now, after a 30-year hiatus, the group have reformed and will hoist their banners once again as they march through the streets of London. Chris Godfrey talks activism, Pride and LGBT rights with members of LGSM and the mining community they strove to help.



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ride is a very different beast to the one that saw LGSM (Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners) prowl through the streets of London three decades ago. It's tamer, it's put on weight and it now comes sporting a Starbucks branded tiara and gloriously blue Barclays sash. It

hasn't lost its roar though, and that it's now the country's second biggest street party after Notting Hill Carnival is a testament to how far LGBT rights in the UK have come.

But while Pride and LGBT rights in the UK have transformed beyond recognition, the political landscape bears more than a few similarities to that faced by LGSM and the miners during the mid-eighties. An unexpected conservative majority has promised more cuts to the tune of £12 billion, trade unions face further strangulation, and just last week 250,000 marched against austerity and the damage its doing to the most vulnerable.

The parallels aren't lost on Dai Donovan, one of the miners from the community portrayed in the film, who'll be marching with LGSM and the trade union bloc at the parade.

"Certainly it would be more redolent of 30 years ago when the miners came to what was ostensibly a gay march,"

he says. "But I do say to some friends and colleagues, if you think [the last general election] was bad, just think what it was like in March of '85, after a year on strike, having made such strong bonds and relationships with groups all over the country."

Though LGSM has marched in recent Pride festivals their reunion in London stands to be their biggest gathering since the events of the movie. They'd originally been scheduled to lead the entire parade but in a mark of solidarity with the rest of the trade union bloc - itself too big to be pushed up front - they opted to drop back and head up Section C.

Though there's just 20 members of LGSM left at the parade more than 200 will march under their banner, as they're joined by family, friends, the Tredegar Town Brass Band and South Wales Gay Men's Chorus. Such a display of solidarity and support is a tribute to the strength of the bonds made between two distinctly different groups.

"We were desperate for the assistance of workers up and down the country," says Donovan. "We were fortunate that there were like-minded people in LGSM; that instead of criticising the mining communities for their blasé attitude to the attacks that lesbians and gay men had been experiencing up and down the country, they offered their hand of friendship."

Sian James, also part of the mining community, readily accepted the group's support when it came, despite concerns from others in her town. Since marching with LGSM at Pride in the eighties, she's continued her LGBT advocacy over the years, both as an activist and a Member of Parliament (culminating in her recent chairing of Swansea Mardis Gras). When she marches at Pride in London, she'll do so with three generations of family by her side.

"What was really interesting over the years was to see the atmosphere in a certain way change," says James. "In the early days you might just see gay people who are brave enough to be out...and over the years what we saw was people were bringing family, friends, neighbours. It became a much more wider event in the community and that's been great."

Since the miner's strike, James became actively engaged in various women's rights campaigns and was eventually elected to Parliament in 2005, becoming the Swansea East's first female representative and one of only eight women MPs from Wales. It's a highly successful career, one that's benefitted greatly from her experiences with LGSM.

"It's very interesting that from our miner support group, which was such a catalyst in my life, two of our members became members of parliament: our Francis and myself,"

The movie's had such an impact on us that we've reformed and are seeing a lot more of each other. It's great, we've got our legacy at last



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says James. "I do think that that's where we learnt to have the confidence in things. We got the confidence in Wales. And a big catalyst for us was LGSM.

"It gave us so many opportunities as activists and a lot of those skills we learnt from the gay men and the gay women that we met. We actually learnt that there was an art to positive, passive resistance. We would never have learnt if we hadn't met up with these groups."

James stood down as an MP in early 2015, but though her career in Parliament may have drawn to a close she remains politically active and regularly attends events as a speaker. Her work as an activist is far from over, her enthusiasm far from drained.

"We have a very famous banner in our community... and it says 'the price of freedom is eternal vigilance'," says James. "It means you can never take your foot off the pedal. Whatever happens to have freedoms you have to look after them, you have to protect them. The battle is never won; the fight is never over. There will always be some unfairness that will draw your attention back."

It's a sentiment that rings true with the remaining members of LGSM. With the movie enjoying international acclaim they've now reunited, reforming the group to pick up from where they left off. As well as raising money for The Mark Ashton Red Ribbon Fund (set up after Ashton died of HIV, aged 26) the newly reformed LGSM are also fundraising for the widows of Turkish miners that died during in the 2014 Soma disaster, which killed 311 people.

"The movie has brought us all back together again," says Mike Jackson, who co-founded LGSM with Ashton and operated as the group's secretary. "Some of us have remained friends, I probably had about half a dozen I'd kept in regular contact with over the years. The movie's had such an impact on us that we've reformed and are seeing a lot more of each other. It's great, we've got our legacy at last."

Though there was a period when Jackson stopped attending Pride, he started going again six years ago. The event's current format is a stark contrast to what he was used to as one of the early activists that fought for LGBT visibility and equal rights at a time of institutionalised homophobia.

"I've seen the huge transformation from a small and highly politicised organisation - it's still always had its fun elements in, drag queens and so on - but now it's a much more commercial affair," says Jackson. "I came out in 1973, so my first pride march was in 1974. It was a tiny march

and a lot more political. There was a lot more the LGBT community had to fight for back then."

Back then even paying for visibility was a struggle. In the late seventies Jackson tried to place an advert for the North Staffordshire Gay Switchboard in one of the local papers, but out of homophobia the editors refused to run it (a decision which caused Jackson and the Switchboard's organisers to occupy the paper's offices).

Today though, the world's biggest corporations are scrambling over themselves to be affiliated with the most high profile Pride marches, stamping their logo on anything that so much as glitters, rolling out rainbow editions of everything from burgers to trainers. Even with this heavy commercialisation, Jackson still sees the value in Pride parades.

"I think even more so," he says, when pressed about the political relevance of the parade. "One of the nice things that Pride [in London] has done is have all the flags on the march and that's a reflection that this is a global movement. There are 73 countries where it's illegal, 10 where it's a capital offence. So I think we have a particular duty here to reach out to the rest of the world and offer support and practical help.

"This is the spirit of LGSM: just because we've got it better here it's even more imperative that we strike out globally. If we have got our LGBT rights in Britain it's important that we help other countries to push for it."

The film may be LGSM's legacy but it's the group's resolve that has had the more significant impact, one that still resonates strongly with Donavon.

"At a time when that great union, the national union of miners, was flickering and in danger of being extinguished, there was another flame being ignited in the hearts and minds of lesbians and gay people across the UK," he says. "You do not know where that flame will be picked up and carried forward. I just feel that's a justification for someone like me, doing the work we do."

Whether they're continuing their work with the unions, speaking about the importance of vigilance at public events or supporting widows of deceased miners in Turkey, the passion to help the vulnerable still burns strongly within the LGSM community. At a time when Pride is locked in arguments over UKIPers and ubiquitous advertising, LGSM serves as a reminder of what is really important, of why these marches are still of huge significance.

They may no longer be leading the parade, but they symbolise everything Pride is about.

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Burlesque:

Hey Violet Chachki



Photos: Miss Missy Photography

**Violet Chachki** has just been crowned the winner of RuPaul's Drag Race. Now she has COME THROUGH to London to judge Porn Idol at G-A-Y on July 2nd. **Dylan Jones** chatted to her about that, her new single 'Bettie' and the waistline that had everyone (including her) GAGGING.

**Hey Violet Chachki.**

Hello you.

**You're judging Porn Idol at G-A-Y. Are you looking forward to it?**

I'm so excited! I've actually never been to the UK before!

**The whirlwind after winning Drag Race must be mad, jetting around all over the place...**

Oh my god. It's a lot of pressure to be honest. It's really surreal actually. I can't even think about what I was doing a year ago. It was my birthday recently, so I was thinking about what I was doing on my last birthday, and I don't think I was doing ANYTHING. It's amazing to think I'm here right now. I feel so young.

**One of the things you're busy with is your new single 'Bettie!' The music video is amazing (and hot).**

Thank you! A lot of the inspiration came from the fetish community. The original inspiration for the song 'Bettie' came from Bettie Page. I wanted to play with gender norms and gender conformity, especially how it was seen in the fifties and sixties. And then fuck up gender norms, and fuck up gender conformity. I think that's pretty evident in the video!

**It reminded me of the video for 'Disintegration' that Monarchy did with Dita von Teese...**

I LOVE that video! That wasn't a direct inspiration but it was definitely in the back of my head and it kind of turned into that video a bit actually.

**You do a bit of burlesque don't you?**

I love burlesque performance. I think it's so beautiful. I do a lot of classic burlesque. There's a whole subset of different styles of burlesque, but I'd definitely be classified as classic.

**How does the burlesque community compare to the drag community? Do they merge at all?**

There's definitely some crossover that happens, especially with queer burlesque artists. There's a lot of gender distortion and stuff. There have usually been a lot of queer people in the burlesque communities I've worked in. But the burlesque community is actually a lot more easy-going than the drag community! The drag world can be vicious sometimes. I think the burlesque community is a lot more inviting and accepting. Even performing as a drag queen, and doing a reveal where I have no boobs, everyone cheers as though I'm a biological woman. So I get more accepted as a drag queen in the burlesque community than I do in the drag community! That's weird to think about!

**What exactly does 'come through' mean?  
You say it A LOT in the show.**

[Laughs] I DO say it a lot don't I? I kind of say it as an extension of the word 'YAAAS'. Like 'you go girl!' My hometown is Atlanta, Georgia, and we would do drag balls. When a girl was really turning it we would just yell it out. Words and phrases like that evolve a lot when you're at a drag show and you're really feeling the energy and excitement. Where you're performing on a bar floor, but everyone's going crazy because you're turning the party. That kind of thing. But that's where I started using it. When a girl's really turning it you yell 'YAAAS COME THROUGH! SLAY MAMA!'

**So, there was an audible gasp when you came out onto the runway with THAT waistline...have you had a lot of attention and questions about that?**

At first I think people were kind of grossed out by it. They were concerned for my health. But I can assure you I'm super-healthy! I eat all the time! Which I don't like to admit, but I do. The way you waist train is you kind of just eat a little bit. You eat small amounts throughout the day, so that you don't have a huge meal sitting in your stomach. I also have a really long torso, so my waist is pretty small already. It's just playing with the eye, it's all an illusion. But yes I have waist training, and yes, it does hurt, and yes, it takes a lot of time and patience and practice. But it's not as crazy as it looks. Like, that oxygen bottle I was carrying on the runway was just a coke bottle stuck together with duct tape...some people think I was actually using that to breathe I think!

**So you were voted shadiest queen this season...**

Am I the shadiest queen though? Maybe I was the most shaded queen. I was body-shamed, I was told I had no talent, I was told to put underwear on, I was compared to a horse's face, I was called tacky, my drag style was questioned...so I don't think I'M the shadiest! I felt like I was more shaded than shady. All the stuff that was said about me was said behind my back. I had to find it all out watching the show. When I was shady, I was

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super-direct. So I guess the question is...what's more shady? Going behind someone's back and talking shit about them, or just being direct and honest and up-front?

**So you have an EP for 'Bettie' coming out yes?**

Yeah, on the 31st, I'm really excited! It's very dark, sexy, burlesque-y, industrial-ish. I'm just really excited to have a soundtrack to my visual. I'm kind of following in RuPaul's footsteps. She has a total package presented to the public. She's got all her cute merch, she's got her t-shirts, she's got the whole RuPaul experience. She's got everything. I want that for myself as well.

**Very ambitious! Well thanks for talking Violet. See you at Porn Idol!**

I would love that. Are you gonna enter? I think you should. I've heard it's a really good show. All the girls say it's amazing.

**Well, we'll see.**

Yes we will.



**Violet Chachki is judging G-A-Y Porn Idol @ Heaven (Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG) on Thursday 2nd July, 10:30pm - 5am. Free entry wristbands available at G-A-Y Bar.**

# Pretty Pearl

Our Drag Race triumvirate is completed by a crowning jewel: Pearl. Our favourite queen named after an oyster-based by-product kindly took some time out of looking dangerously attractive and repeatedly clarifying the spelling of "flazéda" to answer some cheeky questions about Porn Idol, London Pride and pearl necklaces.



Photos: Connor Catalano and DiDi Sea

**Hi Pearl! We like 'Love Slave'. It's very 5am-in-a-sling. What was your inspiration?**

I couldn't stand hearing another drag anthem song about wearing nails, clocking a look or being sickening and fierce. I am future-oriented and want to make real money and be a respected music producer. I have a passion for house and nightlife and wanted an album that reflected that.

**You whacked that EDM album onto iTunes quickly! Do you have an EDM background?**

I always dabbled making beats in my free time. I love music and never realized I could have a career in music until I saw there was nothing stopping me. Having the fan base I have as Pearl made things easier.

**Settle a QX debate for us please: top, bottom or "a lady never tells"?**

I think it's important to not limit yourself in the bedroom.

**You were in London recently judging Porn Idol, did you enjoy it? What was your opinion on the quality of the junk on display?**

I enjoyed every minute of it. I don't think Porn Idol is meant to be a sexy show. They seem to have a size maximum allowed! If you're turned on at Porn Idol, you're not doing it right.

**It's London Pride this weekend! What makes you proudest?**

Opening up the minds of people in my community.

**Have you ever given anyone a "pearl necklace"?**

Sure.

**We loved your dancing on the show. What's your favourite dance move?**

Our horrible 'Tan With You' choreography

**What's your plan for world domination?**

I don't want to dominate the world. I just want to live comfortably as a respected artist.

**Would you say you've perfected the art of resting bitchface?**

Resting bitchface (RBF) isn't an art form. It's natural and can't be perfected. It's a lifestyle.

**Cheers Pearl!**

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# What's inside Ginger Minj?



The ultimate glamour toad! Dylan Jones had a word or five with drag race contestant Ginger Minj about her love for London, rhinestones and Geri Halliwell.

## \*Picks up Phone\*

Hello, Ginger Minj calling!

**Hi Ginger! Where are you calling from?**

Chicago.

**The windy city...**

Well I did have chilli for lunch.

**I was just about to say something like that but you beat me to it. So you were here in London recently right? Judging G-A-Y Porn Idol! How was that?**

London changed my life and I want to live there forever.

**Oh, so you enjoyed it then?**

Within three hours of arriving back in America I'd already shaved off half my hair, dyed the other half black and pierced my nose.

**That's very London.**

I felt like such a better person for being there. I loved it. I've never been embraced by fans the way that I was in London. Even just walking through the airport there was a swarm of people coming up to me to say how much they appreciated me and loved me. I couldn't walk three feet in the streets of London without people stopping me for pictures. It was wonderful. The reception was incredible.

**That's interesting because us lot have a reputation for being quite a reticent bunch...**

I know! That's what I thought too! But it was just wonderful. I can't gush about it enough.

**Was it your first time here?**

It was, but I felt like I'd lived there my whole life. I'm gonna move there. I'm totally gonna move there.

**I think you've got quite a cynical British side to you.**

I love American audiences but I really feel like they don't understand my dry, sarcastic sense of humour. I think that's why I've been so well-embraced by all of the UK fans. They get it, they understand it.

**Let's chat about Drag Race. I remember you saying that if you won you wouldn't want it to be just because you were a big girl...**

Oh absolutely. The question was asked "Do you think it's time for a big girl to win?" And

yeah, I do think if you look at the line-up big girls are underrepresented. Like, no fat girl has ever won. But, while I would have no problem being the fat girl that won, I would want to win because I was a deserving winner. Not because I eat too much.

**By the way where did the phrase 'Glamour Toad' come from? And what constitutes a Glamour Toad?**

I've referred to myself as a glamour toad ever since I started doing drag. I'm built like a rugby player. I've got wide shoulders, no neck...so when you dress someone up like a woman and they're built like that, they kinda resemble a toad. So I said if I'm gonna be a toad I'm gonna be a glamorous toad, and wear sequins, rhinestones and feathers from head to toe.

**Yeah I always loved your looks! Who are your dragspirations?**

I took a lot of my inspiration from the fifties and sixties in general. I love Adele, I think she knows what works for her and she sticks with it. I love that. I also love the girls like Melissa McCarthy or Rebel Wilson, who are fuller-figured girls but aren't afraid to show every curve, they're not afraid to show leg...they're not afraid to be sexy.

**Who's your favourite ginger, Ginger Minj?**

Ginger Spice!

**Oh of course.**

I loved her growing up! I loved the Spice Girls! I've always been such an Anglophile anyway, that I always gravitate towards the British thing...Prince Harry, oh my god.

Another great British ginger.

**So what does the future hold for Ginger Minj then?**

I've got SO much planned. Losing Drag Race was kind of a blessing. Who would want to be Fantasia Barrino when they can be Jennifer Hudson? If I'd won, I'd have been shoved into that box where I'd have to do the same thing over and over again for a year. But having placed second, it's opened up a lot more doors and given me a lot more opportunities to do the things I wanna do. I've got a show (my one-woman show, starring me and three other people). And I just released a single called 'Ooh La La La'. AND I just recorded a duet with Margaret Cho.

**Awesome. Well, best of luck with everything.**

You too! I'll look you up when I'm next in England.



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# Be Your Own Hero



Wow. It's Pride already? Seems like just yesterday I was attempting to do a drunken back flip after too much sangria in Soho Square.

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his is my first Pride issue as Scene Editor and I'm very excited to share it with you. Not least our amazing piece of cover artwork by Ego Rodriguez, which ties in nicely to this year's London Pride Parade.

The theme for 2015 is "Pride Heroes", quite appropriately as this year has certainly seen no shortage of them. From the long-awaited pardoning of Alan Turing to Caitlyn Jenner's very public transition, the LGBTQI+ community

is filled with brave, courageous individuals who risked their safety, acceptance and place in society to be true to their most authentic selves.

These are admirable people that we should look up to, praise and celebrate. But when thinking about who your role model is, my suggestion is this: be your own hero.

The quickest way to lose oneself is to try and be somebody else. It sounds trite but it rings true. If you focus your energies into emulating somebody else's path through life, how do you find your own? You won't know where you're heading and before you know it, you're lost in the woods.

Being your own hero means celebrating yourself, your choices, the things you love and hold dear. The things that shape you, that inform the way you live your life. It's the voice inside that tells you when you don't want to do something, when you should do something and what you really, truly, deeply need.

It's about embracing all the things that you tried to shake off as an embarrassed teenager and owning them now. They are yours, part of your history. Your origin story, if you want to get all X-Men about it, nobody else's is the same. You are both completely ordinary and utterly extraordinary in a million ways. Most importantly, you are your own. You do not belong to anyone.

We all have heroes, why wouldn't we? Mine, albeit silly, are Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Britney Spears (I am a child of the 90's after all). One is a fictional character in

a cult teen show about high school vampires and the other is arguably one of the most iconic pop stars in the world. The choices may seem shallow, I concede, but they represent two things to me; in Buffy's case it's that being different doesn't mean being alone, in Britney's it's that no matter how dark things get, there's always hope to turn things around. I admire them, they resonate with me. But I don't idolise them.

The proclamation that I am my own hero could seem arrogant, but it comes from a sincere appreciation of what I have achieved in my life thus far. Not necessarily jobs or income or material possessions or boyfriends or any of those other silly yardsticks we use to measure personal success. But about being able to walk

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down the street and feel comfortable with myself. To know that I like myself for what I am and not what I wish I were. To realise that anyone who has a problem with the fact that I exist, is not someone I should be trying to please. I know that the people I surround myself with are there because I enrich their existence in a way they choose not to live without.

For many straight people, this sense of acceptance, of validity, is instilled very early on. They are born into a world that was built to endorse their desires and needs. For the rest of us, things are

not always so straightforward. It can take a long time to find that sense of self. To appreciate yourself in a world that does not always appreciate you. You can end up feeling like a salmon swimming upstream for much of your life, but who says upstream is where you're supposed to go?

Choose your own path and celebrate yourself for it, because it takes guts. You are a hero, so own it. You might even have your own movie someday. Just remember, if Madonna and the Incredibles have taught us anything, it's to heed this one piece of advice:

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**- James Egan, Scene Editor**



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## RIP Lady La Rue

28th March 1973 - 19th June 2015



On Friday 19th June, Stephen N H Bacon aka Lady La Rue sadly passed away at St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, with his mother by his side, after a 15-month battle with cancer. Stephen emerged onto the cabaret scene in 2008 winning Dave Lynn's Cabaret Academy in Brighton. His alter ego, Lady La Rue was a glamour queen with a wicked sense of humour and a love of all things kitsch.

During his cabaret career, Stephen performed mainly in London and along the South Coast, and regularly at The Black Cap, Legends and Admiral Duncan. Stephen was universally liked and admired by his peers. South London born and bred, he relocated to Brighton shortly after being diagnosed.

Over the last year of his life, Stephen became known for his regular frank and articulate posts on Facebook, detailing his treatment, prognosis and thoughts, always with a humorous and positive tone. When his death was announced, heartfelt tributes flooded Facebook, with many changing their profile picture to one of Lady La Rue as a mark of respect. A genuinely beautiful, funny, kind and honest man who will be missed greatly.

## Positively UK

[www.positivelyuk.org/tlc](http://www.positivelyuk.org/tlc)



The leading peer-led HIV charity, Positively UK, is taking a new approach to supporting people in the early stages of their HIV diagnosis. The Islington based charity will be holding a series of self-contained weekend workshops that will explore topics such as how to come to terms with your diagnosis, how to tell others you have HIV and how HIV works in the body. The workshops are funded by the Elton John Foundation and facilitated by people living with HIV.

London has some of the highest rates of HIV within the UK, but at the same time the capital is also one of the best in testing and treating people early. Early intervention and support for people

newly diagnosed with HIV improves well-being, enables better treatment outcomes and reduces the risk of transmitting the infection to others.

"Receiving an HIV diagnosis can be a worrying and confusing time," said March Thompson, peer mentor project co-ordinator at Positively UK. "These weekend workshops will provide the participants with a deeper understanding of HIV, increased knowledge of treatment and care, and, most importantly, the chance to engage with other people; all of which will help open the door to living well with HIV".

More information about the workshop can be found on the Positively UK website.

## As Is

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the significance and urgency of the play 'As Is' has become even greater as more people than ever are contracting HIV. Using humour and sensitivity, the production shatters the apathy and ignorance surrounding AIDS in the 1980s. It provides a vital platform to learn from the past and be informed by the present, even more pertinent as director Andrew Keates discovered he was HIV+ after directing As Is in 2013.

The stunning new cast includes Steven Webb (House of Boys, The Inbetweeners, Betwixt), David Poynor (The Tempest, Peter Pan, As Is), Dino Fetscher from the hit Channel 4/E4 LGBT series' Banana and Cucumber, Jane Lowe (ITV's Bad Girls, Spooks, Jekyll and Hyde, Medea) and many more.

As Is captures the pathos of recently diagnosed Rich's relationship with friends and family, the cold impersonality of the doctors and nurses who care for him and the widely diverse aspects of New York's gay community. It's a heartbreaking and unsparing examination of a deeply felt human relationship shattered by a mindless, destructive disease.

Wednesday 1st July – Saturday 1st August, £17.50 – £27.50  
 Studio 2, Trafalgar Studios, 14 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY  
[www.atgtickets.com/trafalgarstudios](http://www.atgtickets.com/trafalgarstudios)



# Let's Talk About Gay Sex & Drugs

Let's Talk About Gay Sex & Drugs is an open communication forum for anyone to come and talk about how they perceive sex and drug use amongst the gay male community of London. There's no judgement, and no villainising drugs for the sake of it, just an open and honest discussion. Everyone who wants to speak gets five minutes and all are welcome, whether speaking or listening.

This week's Pride event will see a discussion of Pride in the modern gay community. Featured speakers include; DJ Mark-Ashley Dupé; 56 Dean Street sexual health nurse, Chris McCormack; an excerpt from gay play, The Machine; new drag artist, Kai Kai; and activist, Dan Glass.

Thursday 25th June, 6.30pm, Free  
Ku Klub, 30 Lisle Street, Chinatown, WC2H 7BA  
[www.facebook.com/LetsTalkAboutGaySexAndDrugs](http://www.facebook.com/LetsTalkAboutGaySexAndDrugs)



Mark-Ashley Dupé



Dan Glass

## Switchboard



[www.switchboardselfie.lgbt](http://www.switchboardselfie.lgbt)

Switchboard, the LGBT+ helpline, is the new name for the London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard. The charity, which turned 40 last year, provides confidential phone, e-mail and instant messaging services to support people who want to talk about sexuality or gender identity (or both!).

"So much is changing for our LGBT+ communities and so is our name to make it clear that we're here for everyone, wherever they live, and in whichever way they choose to define their sexuality or gender identity," says Dave Maher, Switchboard's Co-Chair. "Even in our increasingly interconnected age, it's not always easy to find the support we need at crucial times in our lives and Switchboard's volunteers will continue to be here with calm words when those are needed most."

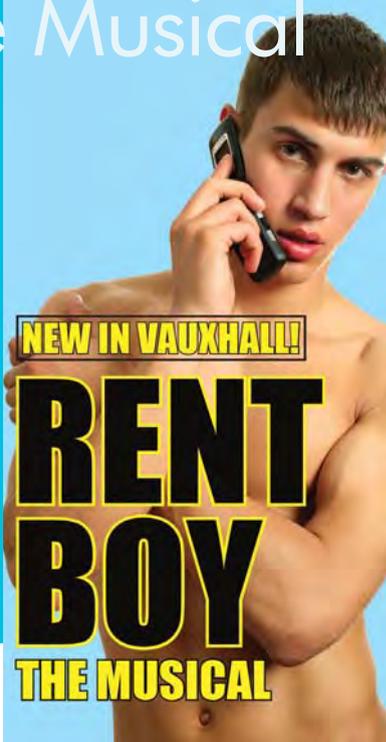
Olympic diver Tom Daley, Radio 1 presenter Scott Mills and pop star Carly Rae Jepsen have joined hundreds of people online to post a #SwitchboardSelfie to raise awareness of the charity and the work it does. Supporters from across the world have uploaded photos of themselves on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using the international phone hand-sign.

More than fifteen thousand people use Switchboard's services every year to talk about a variety of subjects including coming out, discrimination, and sexual health. Volunteers are trained to listen, signpost people to specialist services and to support them to make informed decisions for themselves.

## Rent Boy The Musical

Rent Boy The Musical makes its European debut this week! Whoop whoop! Set on the night of the 'Hookie Awards', the Oscars of the escorting world, Rent Boy the Musical pulls back the curtain to reveal the personal stories and celebrate the 'special' skills and secret talents behind the sexy personas of 'men-for-sale'. With songs like Gay For Pay, Tops and Bottom, and Who Invented The Jockstrap?, we expect it will be quite funny. You can catch the action from Wednesday 24th June at Above the Stag Theatre.

24th June – 26th July, £12 – £24  
Arch 17 Miles Street, Vauxhall, SW8 1RZ  
[www.abovethestag.com/whatson](http://www.abovethestag.com/whatson)



## Ella Henderson at Brighton Pride

Platinum selling artist Ella Henderson will be joining the main stage line up at the Brighton Pride festival. It's her only UK Pride show of 2015, so it's a pretty big deal. Her first single 'Ghost', was, by the way, the fastest selling single in the UK in 2014 and rocketed straight to the number one slot.

After wowing audiences in the US with sensational live debuts in New York and Los Angeles and Henderson performed live on Good Morning America and The Ellen DeGeneres Show. She's now bringing her down-to-earth, gloriously gutsy, defiantly soulful voice to Brighton for an exclusive full live performance to celebrate its 25th anniversary.



Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd August  
Preston Park, Preston Road, Brighton BN1 6SD  
[www.brighton-pride.org](http://www.brighton-pride.org)

# Big Dipper Makes A Splash



Gay rapper Big Dipper is a mer-bear in his new Little Mermaid-inspired video for 'Vibin', the first single from his new EP, Extra Good. Throughout the EP, released just this week, he proves he sounds as big as he looks.

The EP includes five songs including "Ridiklus", a club banger aimed at getting partiers hyped for a night of ass clapping and grinding; "Good At Sex", an empowerment track that promotes body confidence; "Wish You Would", a hard-hitting groove about feeling smitten over someone new; "Cute2Me", a raunchy yet campy crowd-pleaser; and "Vibin'", a summer song with beach-y party vibes and the album's first single release.

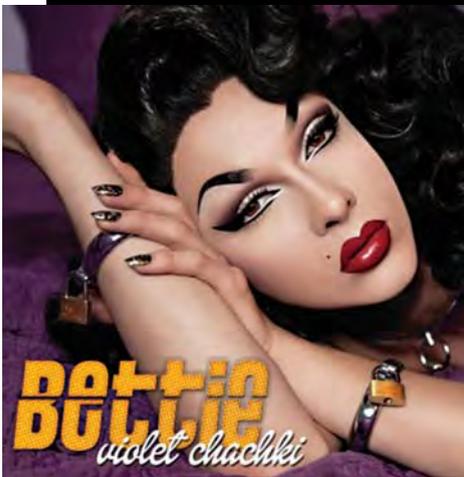
"Vibin' is not only a great song, but we also had a vision for an amazing music video," says Big Dipper. "I thought it would be incredible to see a big beefy hairy man playing a merbear. It made sense to play off The Little Mermaid and go from having a tail to legs so we could get some dancing in the video." The video can be viewed on YouTube.

## MTV Pride

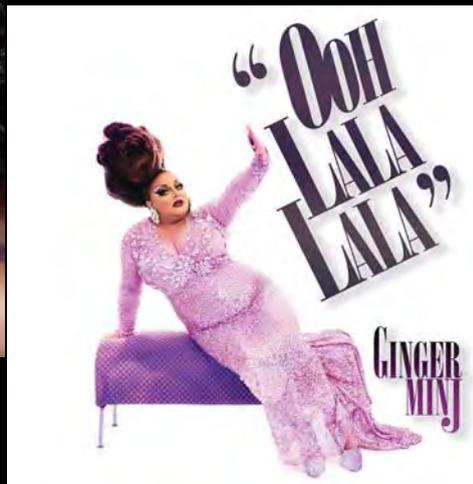
To coincide with Pride in London this weekend, MTV will be launching a new 'pop-up' channel, MTV Pride. The channel will be hosted by non-other than our absolute fav, the diva of fierceness Michelle Visage.

Playlists will include: Michelle Visage's Loud & Proud Top 50, Themed 90s/00s Countdowns, Heritage Top 20 'Pride Pioneers' and others. Basically expect a lot of Beyoncé, Taylor, Madonna and Gaga, interspersed with some mood-killers from Sam Smith.

27th June – 28th June  
[www.mtv.co.uk](http://www.mtv.co.uk)



## Drag Race Singles



Drag Race Season 7 champ, Violet Chachki, and Glamour Toad, Ginger Minj, have both released singles this month and we at QX love 'em.

Chachki's 'Bettie' is the first single from her upcoming album, 'Gagged'. This year's winner drew inspiration from her real life experience working in dungeons with songs that address gender roles and conformity, power play, exhibitionism, sex and confidence.

Her love of fetish is featured in several tracks on Gagged, including 'Bettie' where she plays the straight-laced housewife who's a lady in the street but a freak in the sheets. The single is inspired, in part, by Bettie Page's born again Christian past and the idea of leading a double life.

In 'Ooh Lala Lala', Ginger steps up to bat and knocks it right out of the park combining playful wordplay, a sophisticated melody, and a surprisingly remarkable vocal range. Both tracks are available to download on iTunes.

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## The Hole

That Haggerston hive of debauchery The Glory is kicking off the Pride weekend with The Hole; disco sluts and batty bass boys. It is, in their words, a "queer, anarchic, glitzy, filthy San Fran style disco for all." It's probably one to get out your ribless tee for. Or at least that threadbare pair of denim shorts that are too slutty to wear anywhere else.



The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS.  
9pm-2am.  
Free before 10pm, £5 after

I got that poison, that POISON on maaah mind! What's YOUR poison? Work it out fast because this is the big one. The UK's biggest gay event at the UK's biggest gay club. Uh-fish-uh-ly! ALLEGEDLY there's a secret super special guest performing. We can't say who it is but here's a food-related clue; **Ryvita Flora**.



Heaven, Under The Arches, Villiers St, WC2N 6NG. 10:30pm-5am. £7 entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar.

27/06/15

## G-A-Y Poison Pride





27/06/15

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## Pride Night at the RVT

The RVT are putting on a right shindig; there'll be bears and boys mixing, milling and mingling around those iconic pillars until the wee hours of the morning. But if you arrive early there's champagne and snacks! Not to mention super-Swede queen of Scandi **THERESE** performing her Hed Kandi dance hits like 'Put 'Em High' and 'Take Me Away'. As well as her there'll be DJ's **Andy Almighty** and **Sean Sirrs**. The night is set to be a roaring euphoric success, so book tickets before they sell out (they ALWAYS sell out).



Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY.  
10pm-5am, tickets £8, £10 on the door.



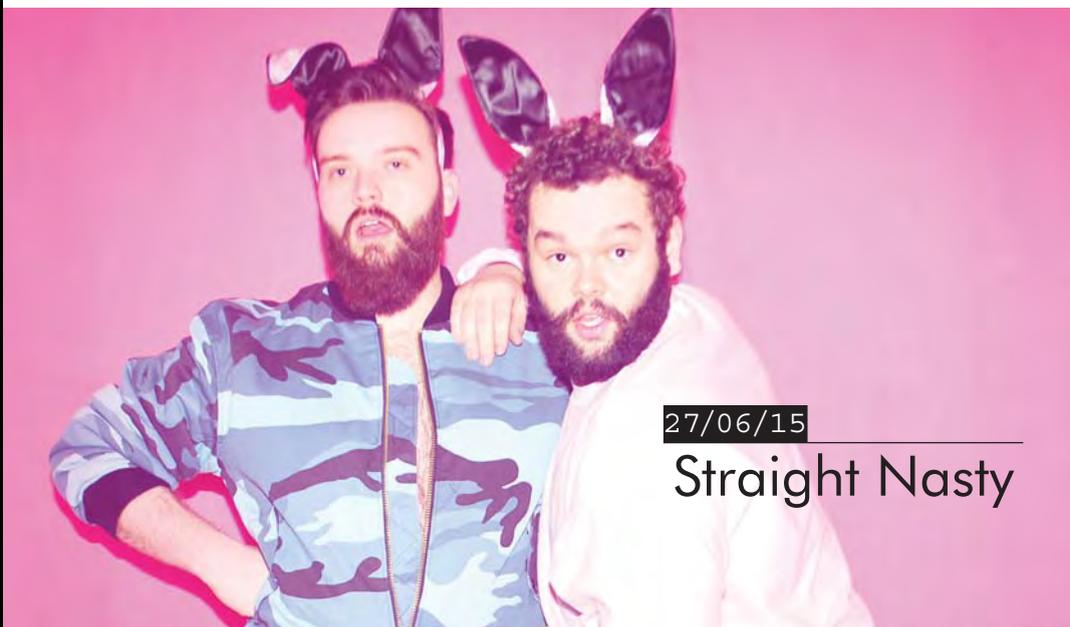
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## The Face of Fitladz

Fitladz have chosen Pride Night to kick off heat one of their contest to find the Face of Fitladz! The winner gets these wonderful prizes... \*grins brainlessly, motions with hands \* the accolade of being the Fitladz International Ambassador, dontchaknow! Not only that but a holiday for two in Gran Canaria! Fit!



117 Charterhouse Street, Farringdon, EC1M 6AA. 10pm-6am. £5 entry, free for members.



27/06/15

## Straight Nasty

The boyz at Straight Nasty are putting on a right shitshow at Vogue Fabrics on Saturday. Vanessa Feltz is on the door, Kim Woodburn's doing the toilets, Supernanny Jo Frost is the bouncer, and Mutya Buena's behind the bar. Javine's hosting. Jamelia's DJing. Live PA from Rachel Stevens. NONE OF THAT IS TRUE. But wouldn't it be great if it was?! That IS going to be the general vibe though to be fair. Think reality TV trash meets early noughties pop. It's gonna be a blast.



Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Rd, N16 7XB,  
10pm-3am. £5 entry, £3 guestlist.



27/06/15

## Bloc Pride

It's Bloc Pride at East Bloc! So crack open a Red Stripe and don't fall down those stairs. Our very own scene queen **Princess Julia** will be DJing, along with **Ben Jamin, Ex Lovers, Richard Mortimer & Unlucky Bitches**. You lucky bitches.



East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN.  
 10:30pm-6am.  
 £5 entry all night with flyer.



27/06/15

## XXL Pride

Bears, beers, boots, boys, beats and BOOZE will all descend on the cavernous Pulse Nightclub on Saturday for their banging pride party. Hours of furry, filthy fun. Think exposed brick and exposed arses. Check out our DJ of the Week, **DJ FunkyBear** for a taster of the sounds you'll be shaking it to.



Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southbank, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 entry, £8 for members.

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SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2015

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## Tall Pride Agenda

**Dr Sharon Husbands** and her towering team of minions are throwing one of the tallest Pride parties of the century! We've heard the Shard will be in attendance, wearing a sunhat. Basically it's for big tall gay men and their fans. THAT, is the tall gay agenda.



Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E2 2PB. 10pm-4am.  
Free before 10, £5 after.

Dr Sharon Husbands



27/06/15

## WE Party Pride Special: Gods of Olympus

Possibly the campiest club night theme this year is Orange Nation and WE Party's GODS OF OLYMPUS at the infamous Coronet. It's togas, it's head garlands, olive branches, lightning bolts. This is a WE Party so you can guarantee there'll be some GENUINE Greek Gods. Chiselled pecs, strong chins, glistening abs, Herculean hotpants. Before you know it you'll be at the bar with Zeus, giggling into a vodka Red Bull. He's a right DILF.



Coronet Theatre, 28 New Kent Road, SE1 6TJ. Doors 10pm. Tickets £19.80, VIP £38.50..

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28/06/15

Orange

If you don't want the party to end on Sunday, grab the nearest hunk and jump in an Uber to ORANGE at Fire, which kicks off at 11pm. Uplifting house and diverting dance until the early hours. There'll be the usual host of iconic scene DJ's, including **Paul Heron**, **Sam DMS** and **Fat Tony**, with that old slag **Glendor** on the door.



Paul Heron

ORANGE

Fire Nightclub, South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT.  
Doors 11pm. £8 before 1am with flyer/NUS, £10 after. £13 without.



28/06/15

Beyond @ Ministry of Sound

And so it begins! The legendary after-hours party kicks off with a very special Pride event. With the theme Beyond Britannia, takes over Ministry of Sound with special guest **Pagano** joined by **Fat Tony** and **Michel Mizrahi** in the legendary Box. In 103 preside **Gonzalo Rivas**, **Paul Heron** and **D'Johnny**. Guest brand **Heir** takes over the Baby Box with **Maze & Masters**, **SummerDaze**, **Craig Liebpmac** and more. Set your alarms for 5:30am!

BEYOND

Ministry Of Sound, 103 Gaunt Street, SE1 6DP, 5:30am-late.  
£15 advance. MOTD.

Popcorn at Heaven will be closing London Pride with a snap, crackle and POP with three vast rooms of house, dance and R&B. The tunes will be provided by DJ's **Ale Amaral**, **Sam DMS** and **Adam Turner** among others. There'll also be some heinous hosts lurking around the door, including **Candy Vanity Heals**, who's a right mad cow.



Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers St, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5:30am. Free entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar.



Ale Amaral



29/06/15

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Sam DMS

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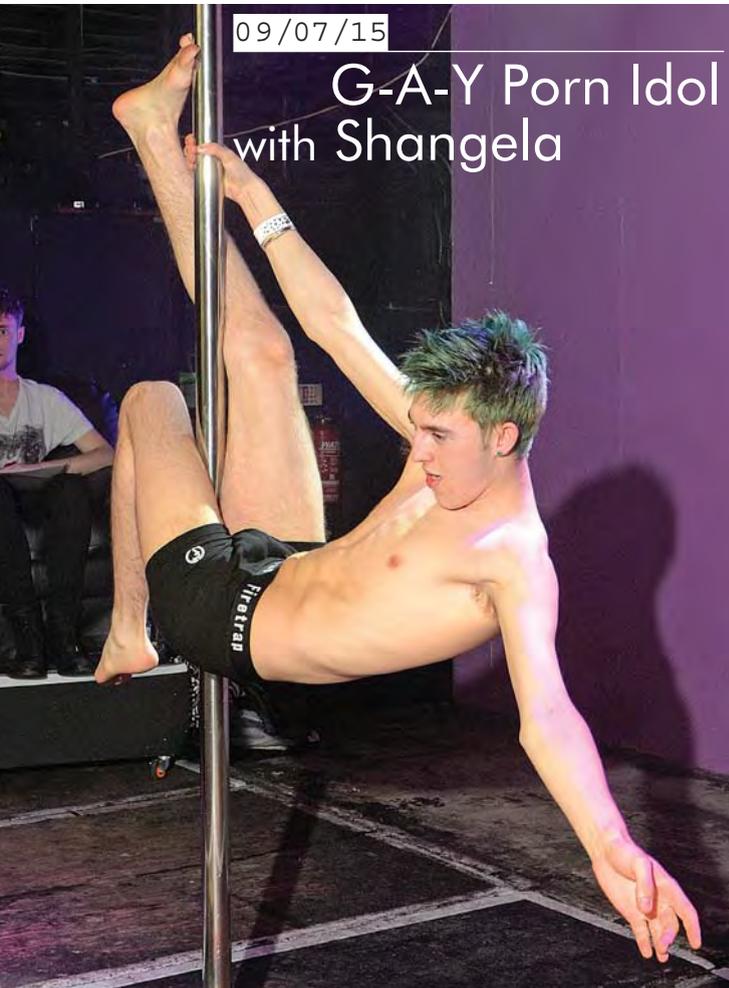
04/07/15

G-A-Y presents  
Little Mix

**Little Mix** have been busy lately haven't they! The little minxes. They've got a new single called 'Black Magic' out and next week they're doing G-A-Y at Heaven. Most importantly, this means **Zayn Malik** might be there in the wings to support his girlfriend **Perri**. Keep a look out for tattoos and a green barnet.



Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers St, WC2N 6NG. 10:30pm-5am. Discount entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar.



09/07/15

G-A-Y Porn Idol  
with Shangela



Shangela

Oh for god's sake, **Shangela's** back AGAIN (halleloo etc). This time she's not jumping out of a box, or fashioning an outfit out of an ear of corn, or releasing a dance single; she's judging Porn Idol, G-A-Y's now-notorious stripfest. If she likes you there could be a hundred quid in it for you. So DON'T fuck it up.



Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers St, WC2N 6NG. 10:30pm-5am. Free entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar.



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# Guess who's coming to Poison Pride?

Rumour has it a certain someone will be picking your Poison this weekend at G-A-Y Pride. We can't say for sure, as Jeremy Joseph's lips are on lockdown and no amount of frantic phone calls or doggy bribes have made right hand pup Jacob spill the bones.

We have heard whisperings though. The ghosts of the Pepsi Chart and oracles of Hit Parade have heard tell. So here are a few clues to help you guess. The only way to know for sure though, is to be at G-A-Y Poison Pride this Saturday 27th June.

Their middle name is Sahatçiu. Which is nice. But probably tough to say after a few Rainbow cocktail jugs.

Was the face of grand dame of pop Madonna's fashion line, Material Girl.

Appeared as a judge on *The Voice UK* and was recently confirmed to be heading over to *X-Factor* this year to join Simon, Chezza and Lou- oh wait, no, Radio 1's Nick Grimshaw.

Starred in a Tarantino-inspired video with Antipodean lady MC Iggy Azalea for their duet 'Black Widow'. It starred *Reservoir Dogs* Michael Madsen, who doesn't seem to do much BESIDES music videos these days.

Entered and qualified for the 2009 UK Eurovision entry, but pulled out after changing their mind. What? We could have won!

Has dated a Kardashian. Oh well. Everybody makes mistakes.

Like we said, we can't say for certain. But when it comes to a Pride party, know that G-A-Y will Never Let You Down. WINK WINK. HINT HINT.

Designed own line of clothing for Adidas Originals. It's quite good actually.

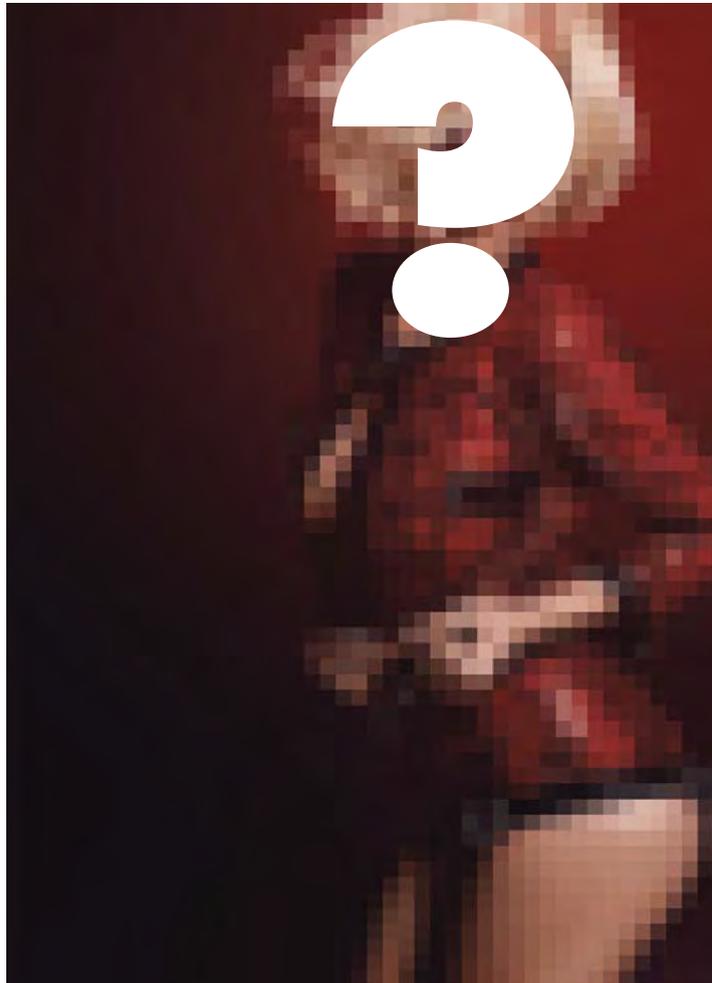
Appeared on DJ Fresh's 'Hot Right Now', which you might remember from those Lucozade ads with all the rollerblading kids in.

Had a cameo role in this year's bonk-romp blockbuster "Fifty Shades of Grey"

Hometown is the city of Pristina, Kosovo. A quick glance at Google Earth tells us that's in Europe and that we should have concentrated more during our geography lessons.

Appeared on 'What's Your Flava?' crooner Craig David's song called, er, 'Awkward'.

Idolises Beyonce (because who doesn't?) and Gwen Stefani. Which could explain those signature platinum locks.



G-A-Y Poison Pride is at G-A-Y @ Heaven (Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG) on Saturday 27th June, 11pm-5am. Discount entry wristbands available at G-A-Y Bar.

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XXL Anthem  
20/06/15  
Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza,  
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Words by Jaime Domingo  
Photos by Mark Storey



**If you want to hear some** big tunes, then you'd have been silly not to attend the aptly-titled XXL Anthem last Saturday. We girded our loins, threw our hands in the air and got down to some serious dancing at the South Bank's cavernous bear corral. Big, hairy boys of all shapes and in various states of undress provided us with enough visual Viagra to keep us going ALL night long. We threw back a beer or twelve, surrendered to the beats provided by those exceptional XXL residents and let our body do the talking. Boy, does it talk dirty!

There may have also been a cheeky trip to the darker areas of the cave with a rather hirsute gentleman, but we assure you, it was all in the name of journalistic research. We told him we were writing about XXL and he told us he had a lot of experience in that area. He wasn't lying.



"You'd have been silly not to attend the aptly-titled XXL Anthem last Saturday."

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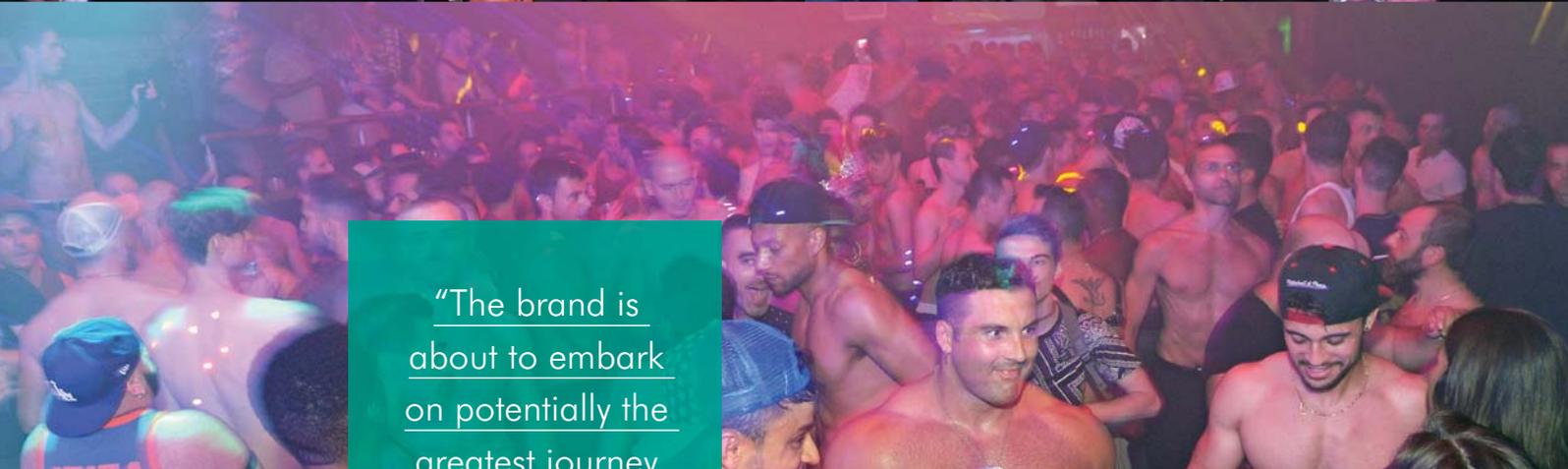
# BEYOND

Beyond's Last Dance At Fire  
21/06/15  
39 Parry Street,  
Vauxhall, SW8 1RT

Words and Photos  
by Chris Jepson



**Beyond is certainly London's**, and probably the UK's biggest, best and longest running afterhours party, has made it's home in some of the capital's most iconic venues and has been on more than one world tour taking in countries right across the globe. As legends collide, and in the very capable hands of promoter Nadim, the brand is about to embark on potentially the greatest journey since it's inception, in it's move to one of the world's most famous venues, Ministry of Sound, but last Saturday we popped along to Vauxhall for one last dance at Beyond at Fire. Club favourite Steve Pitron was back for this mammoth send off and rocked the main room alongside guest DJ Nik Denton and Matt Bogard while the Mirror Arch reverberated to the sounds of tech house and techno from Tom Peters and Gonzalo Rivas. Over in the Fire Lounge the gorgeous Miswhite brought out some classics and on stage Archangel Green Ray and the scorching Beyond dancers brought out their super hero drag for a totally hot Avengers Assemble style show - at least that's how I saw it! It was a totally fitting end of an era and I for one can't wait to turn the page and dive in to the next chapter. Beyond at Ministry... I'm coming to get ya.



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# G-A-Y

G-A-Y Porn Idol  
with Miss Fame  
18/06/15  
Under The Arches, Villiers  
Street, London,  
WC2N 6NG

Words and Photos  
by Chris Jepson

**The march of the RuPaul's** Drag Race season 7 alumni across Europe continued unabated last Thursday, as New York's Miss Fame landed her slinky latex figure on Blighty's shores for her inaugural visit. What better way to kick off a first visit to London than to take a seat on the leatherette banquette of shame at G-A-Y Porn Idol? Sandwiched between Baga who was rocking the tattooed-stripper-just-got-off-a-shift-at-Spearmint-Rhino look while Mary Mac was resplendent in a figure hugging black sequined jump suit. Fame herself was squeezed in to a GORGEOUS nude oh-fuck-me-this-is-tight rubber dress by Atsuko Kudo, as they passed judgment on a series of hotties and notties from backstage before it was time to pluck a trio of nobodies from the audience. Now the G-A-Y Porn Idol audience are a fickle bunch and while they love a hot body and thick schlong, what they love even more is an underdog. So when mega fan Aaron came up on stage they went wild. For Aaron was not just an underdog, oh no, coming in at over 20 stone he was more like a pack of underdogs all rolled in to one. But boy could that guy move. He was spinning, twirling and slut dropping so much that, in one swoop across the stage he actually uprooted the pole leaving it at a precarious 45° angle and reducing Jeremy to a whimpering mess on the floor unable to stop laughing. Naturally Aaron snatched the £100 from all the big-dicked-tight-buns and went on to dance with Miss Fame while she performed her new single 'Rubber Doll' from her album Beauty Marked. Another classic G-A-Y Porn Idol that will go down in the herstory books.



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# BLOC HEADS

Blocheads  
20/06/15  
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Words by Chris John  
Photos by LUXXXER



**QX hit those crazy laser beam** disco heights as Blocheads let loose for a sensational instalment at East Bloc last weekend. Featuring a veritable bloc-bustin' electro-smorgasbord of decadent DJ sounds and more across two rumblin' rooms, a night of scintillating shenanigans saw the Blocheads posse pulling in the punters for a rampant rave-up into the dawn. Electrifying antics of note included legendary DJ daddy, Tom Stephan, wrecking the decks with a thumping three hour set in the main room getting spangly guys 'n' gals throwing their hands to the heavens. Next door and Wes dB took on Lucious Flajore for a bijou Bastards pop-up party that had the pair journeying into subterranean synthetic realms by way of low-slung funk, 70s slap-bass and all points in between. Meanwhile there was plenty more to come on the main floor from Pep Sanchez and Berlin's Dickey Doo, as the deep and dark beats kept on coming right through 'til closing time!



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# Hello Nieko!

Nieko Strobel is the sparkling smile behind Ku Bar's Sambuca-spangled success. He puts the Ku in KUrageous and the Bar in wunderBAR! He's also got a formidable tag-team behind him (so to speak). Among others, there's fash mag slag Lady Lloyd, sizzling steak slice Rodrigo, and a harem of bar staff that would make Liz Hurley look up from Tatler and go "gosh!"

**Dylan Jones asked him about Ku Bar's plans for the future, his minty fresh grin, and that nice wallpaper they've got.**

## **Nieko! What's your secret to keeping Ku Bar so fresh, modern and popular?**

Our mission has always been to make sure people simply have a fabulous night in Soho; with the latest music and hottest boys around! We constantly work on new campaigns with our boys, as well as continuing re-investment into all venues - our customers are our priority, always, so we make sure Ku remains the place to be.

## **More importantly what's your secret to that lovely white smile? It's whiter than Shakira's!**

You make me blush! I'd say a champagne diet mostly! But I do LOVE going all out for our nights at Ku, with a crown one night and a cape another - Gaga is usually the inspiration, if anyone hadn't guessed already!

## **The Ku Bar wallpaper is lovely. Do you have any more interior decorating plans? Another fish tank!**

Oh we do! The summer will see the launch and start of our "Ku 20 Years" campaign - and with it some refreshing new looks across all venues. Expect edgy, artsy, and more slick than ever!

## **Where do you find your bar men? Because we'd like to go there.**

Haha - now that location is a top secret! Well, above anything we look for great spirit, and a great smile! Our boys are the face, front-line and character of Ku, so they love keeping themselves in shape!

## **How many of them have restraining orders against Lady Lloyd?**

They don't issue them for her any more! I joke... kind of! I absolutely ADORE Lloyd's style - she's part of an incredible DJ team we have at Ku.

From the glamour of Vicki Vivacious, to Latino hunk Rodrigo, and our hottest new addition DJ Charlie. They play every night on rotation - join them in their outrageousness!

## **We also enjoy your photo shoots, they're mouthwatering!**

I'm glad to hear it! We've gone for a very Versace edge this year (I've always thought myself as Donatella!). Working with celebrity photographer Joe McComick, we've created

detailed "campaigns" instead of adverts - using the beautiful Ku boys. I love the result - I hope everyone does.

## **What's been the best one over the years?**

I would say our latest one. Each year has seen a different style - but our current is more edgy and daring than I've ever tried at Ku. It's all about the boys being chic, stylish and vogueing!

## **What crazy shit do you have planned over Pride?**

The Ku Boys are becoming GODS for the day! We've got THREE incredible parties! Ku Leicester Square extends its terrace into our Pride Garden Party, Ku Soho explodes with "dancing in the streets" - our gogo's and dancers in the windows - and at KuKlub, we're putting on a sizzling after-party with guest DJ Chris Brogan.

## **We're asking everyone about their Pride Heroes...who's yours?**

I would say those in the public eye who passionately support LGBT rights - say Jennifer Hudson's "I Still Love You" video, or James Franco's passion for his gay roles. People idolize them, and listen to them - their voice make a noise like no other.

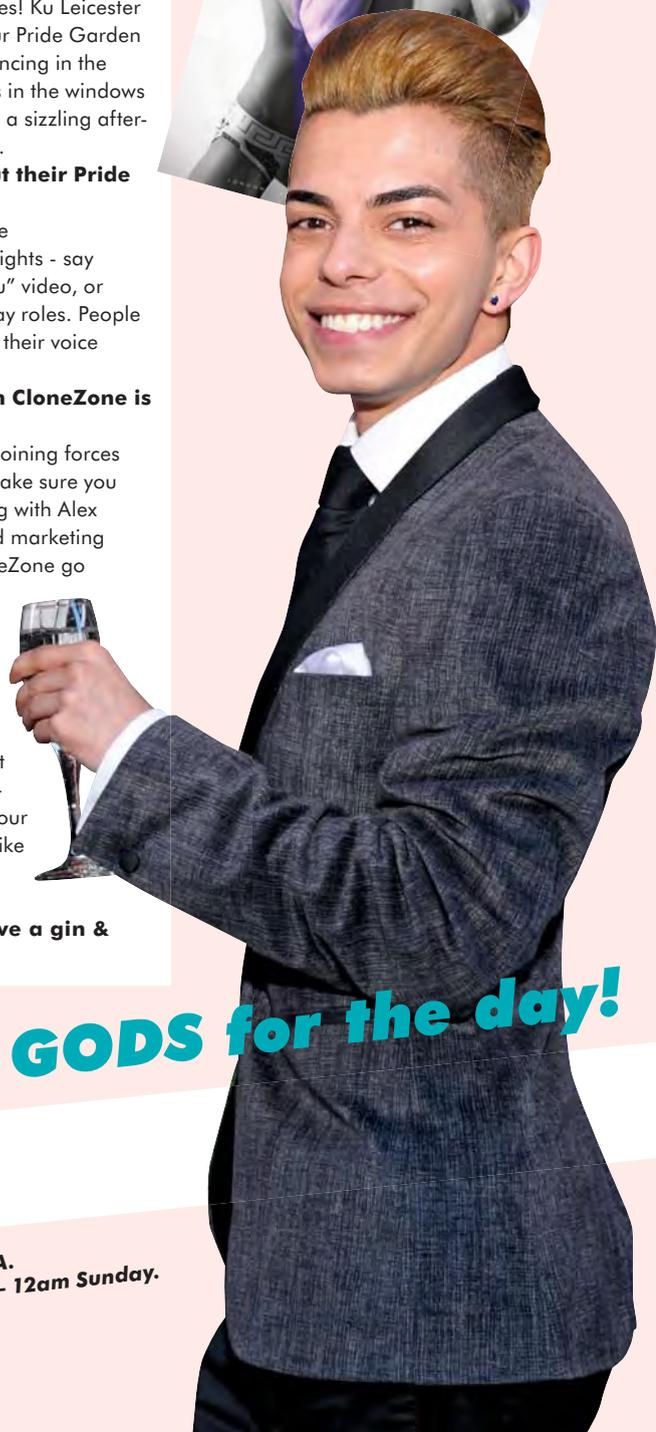
## **We hear a collaboration with CloneZone is in the works?**

It's very exciting! On Pride we're joining forces with CloneZone in the parade (make sure you keep an eye out - we'll be walking with Alex Minsky), as well as a clothing and marketing partnership afterwards - as CloneZone go international! Get ready for some very sexy offers, events and eye-candy!

## **If Ku Bar were a pop star, which pop star would she be and why?**

Cher, Madonna and Gaga... spot the trend! We like to think ahead-of-the-game, as well as keeping our venues slightly crazy, fun and unlike any other!

**Thanks Nieko. Right, that's quite enough chat. Let's have a gin & tonic.**



**The Ku Boys are becoming GODS for the day!**



**Ku Bar, 30 Lisle Street, WC2H 7BA.  
12pm - 3am Monday to Saturday, 12pm - 12am Sunday.**

# I kissed a Tory\*

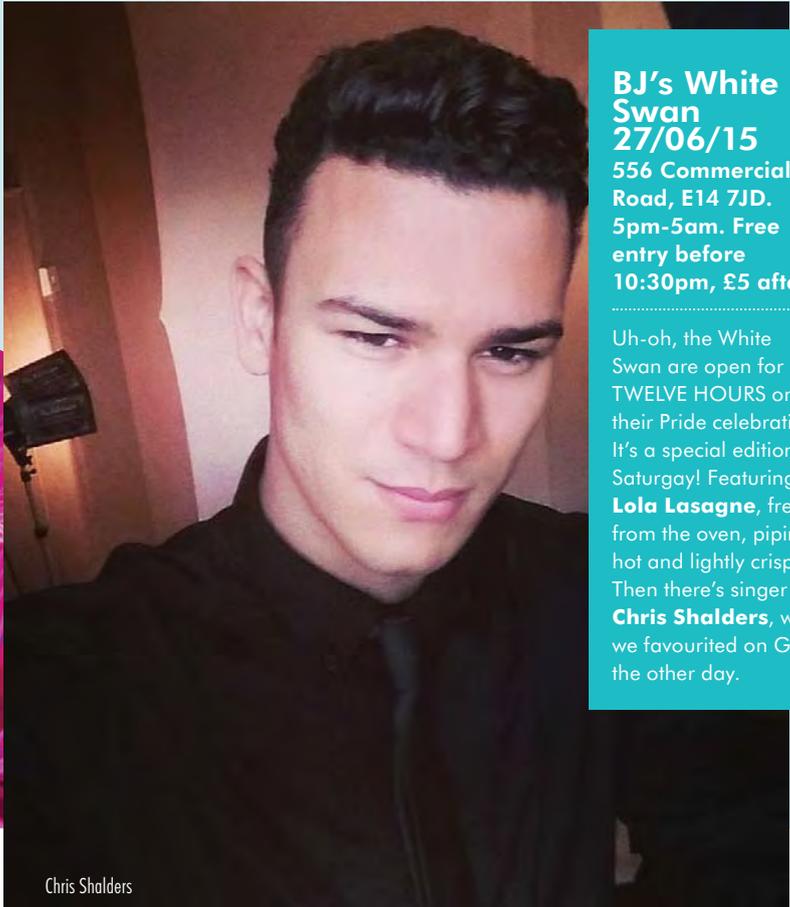
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Lola Lasagne



Chris Shalders

**BJ's White Swan**  
**27/06/15**  
 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD.  
 5pm-5am. Free entry before 10:30pm, £5 after.

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Uh-oh, the White Swan are open for TWELVE HOURS on their Pride celebrations. It's a special edition of Saturday! Featuring **Lola Lasagne**, fresh from the oven, piping hot and lightly crispy. Then there's singer **Chris Shalders**, who we favoured on Grindr the other day.

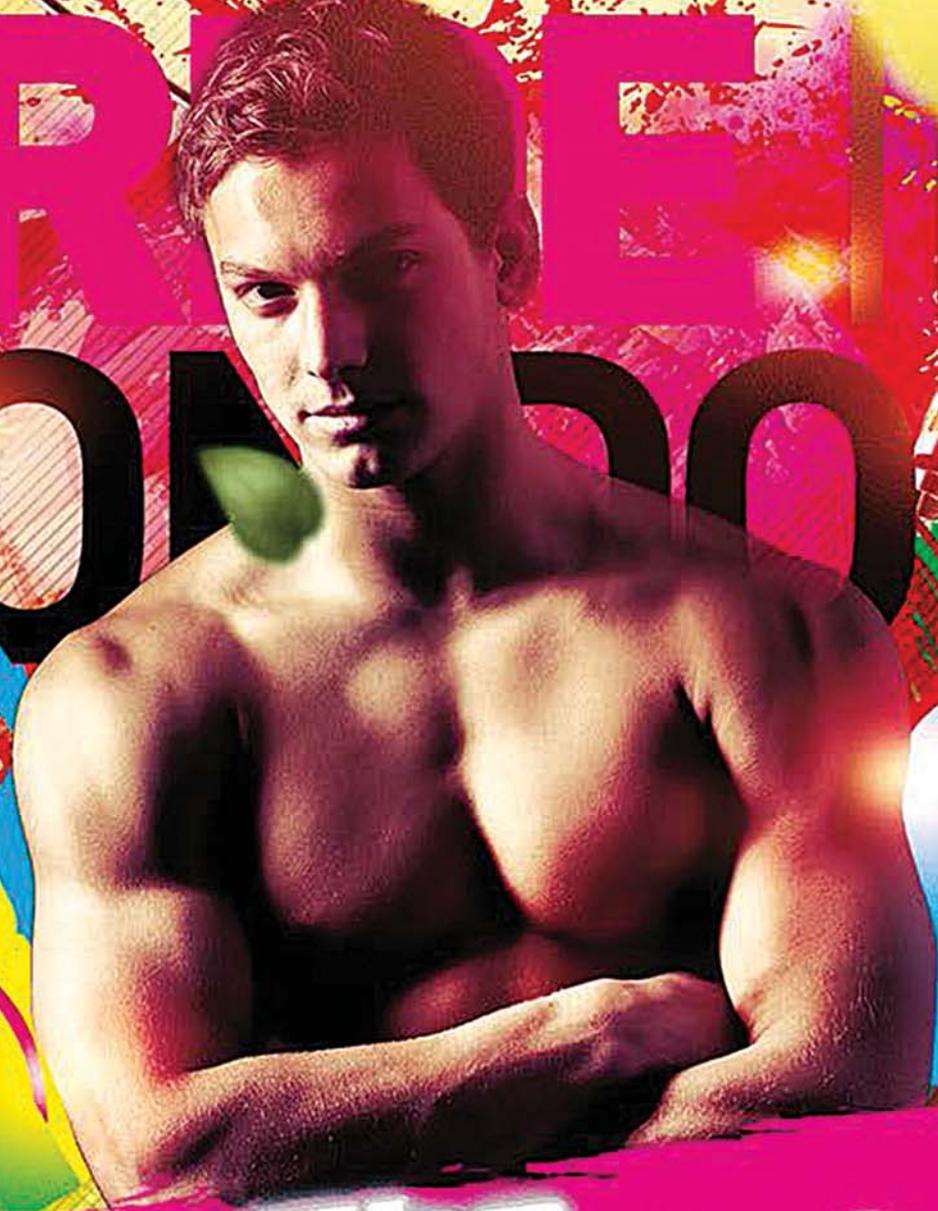


**Ku Bar 27/06/15**  
 Ku Bar, 30 Lisle Street, WC2H 7BA. Midday-3am.

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The boys at KU are giving you TRIPLE PENETRATION for Pride, with parties over the whole weekend. There's the Garden Party at Ku Leicester Square, where they're expanding their terrace and throwing **Vicki Vivacious** in to throw shade and shapes. Then it's a street party at Ku Soho, complete with go-go boys in the windows. Just the kind of camp ridiculousness we love. And THEN it's the after-party at Ku Klub, with pop hits from wall to wall, champagne spilling up the wall, and hot boys AGAINST the wall. SpectaKULAR. "Champagne spilling up the wall" is a lyric from 'Commander' by Kelly Rowland by the way, if for SOME reason you didn't pick up on that reference.

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## Hippodrome 27/06/15

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Miss Polly Rae



## Circa 27/06/15

Circa, 62 Frith Street, W1D 3JN. Street party 3pm-8pm, after party 8pm-5am.

Circa are ramping it up so much for Pride that Frith Street won't know what hit it (and that's saying something, because Frith Street gets hit by a lot of things, including Lady Lloyd's heels). They'll be serving up a massive street party, taking names and taking OVAH. In their words, they're having a "super-late, star-studded, rainbow-strewn sesh." Put THAT on your Grindr and smoke it. **Kris Di Angelis! Adam Turner! Munroe Bergdorf! Jonathan Bestley! Attack Attack Attack!** All yer fuckin' favourites.

## Yard Bar 27/06/15

Yard Bar, 57 Rupert Street, Greater London, W1D 7PL. 2pm-2am. Free entry.

Yard Bar is lovely. It's the sort of gay bar you could take your dad to. It is also the only venue in London that's home to a small, grey fibreglass lion (we don't actually know that for sure, but we're ASSUMING it's the only one). The staff are gorgeous, the décor is gorgeous, it's all just GORGEOUS sweetie. They're partying away until 2am on Pride, so saunter in and say hi.



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### Counter 28/06/15

Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. Brunch 12pm-3pm. BANG! 4pm-late. Free entry.

Sunday at Counter is the perfect way to blow away your Pride hangover! So get yourself up out of whichever Hackney ex-council flat you ended up in, top that Oyster card, put on your sunglasses and mince down to Vauxhall. First it's brunch with award-winning pianist and composer **Carl Josef**. There's also Build-Your-Own-Bellinis, which sounds like everything we want out of a Sunday! After that BANG! arrives at BACKcounter. **Borja Peña** will be spinning beats, with **Imma Mess** and **Alexander Han**, with drinks provided by expert mixologists in association with Absolut Vodka. \*Takes breath \* It will be, in the words of Victoria Beckham, MAJOR. Major David, MAJOR!



Miss Jason

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17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Show at 9:30pm. Free entry.

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**Edge Bar 26/06/15-27/06/15**

11 Soho Square, W1D 3QE. 12pm-3am. Free entry.

The Edge Bar are living on the edge this weekend with TWO Pride parties. Yes, they're more than just a place to pee after a few beers in Soho Square. On Friday it's the warm-up party with DJ's **AAMYKO** and **Nikos T**, then they're set for a packed Saturday as revellers spill and stumble in from the Soho streets. Lucky they've got so many floors!



**The Two  
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26/06/15**

114 Clapham High  
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**Halfway to Heaven 28/06/17**  
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On Sunday Halfway To Heaven are hosting their "Pride Aftermath", which sounds a bit daunting actually! What exactly IS that? Will it involve us all being comatose? Probably. Because it's followed by an evening with **Mrs Moore** and **Tanya Hyde**. God knows what's going to happen. You probably won't remember it anyway.

Mrs Moore

Tanya Hyde



**City of Quebec 28/06/15**  
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Words and Photos  
by Joel Ryder

**It was a sunny Sunday** and the crowds were flowing from Hyde Park, which is just round the corner from the City of Quebec. A traditional British pub, the Quebec boasts a bar almost the length of the entire venue, a little known second room downstairs and a cabaret stage. Yes, that's right folks, every week the City of Quebec has cabaret on and various other happenings during the week. This particular Sunday we had the pleasure of seeing the sassy and sexy Vicki Vivacious, belting out the hits you love from the 80's, 90's and naughtys. Sorry I meant 'noughties' but Vicki is very naughty! She gets really hands-on with her audience, I believe she took a few back to her dressing room. Pop in next Sunday; if you like cabaret, real drinks and the possibility of being admonished/manhandled by a man in a dress, you'll love the City of Quebec.



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# Pride Survival Guide 2015

This year's Pride Survival Guide is brought to you QX's very own vegetarian, half-American, Libertarian boy Friday, Dylan Jones.

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## Lube

Lube is great for getting out of all sorts of tight spots. Or getting into them. Slide into Pride with a trusty sachet! Or a bottle, if you're posh. Superdrug even does it in a tube, like toothpaste. Careful not to mix them up though. Lube doesn't taste very nice does it (don't pretend you've never tasted it). And toothpaste as lube is probably quite...tingly. Minty fresh though!

## A bandana

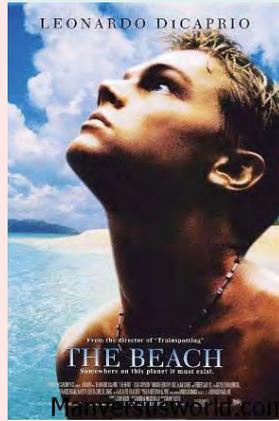
We LOVE a bandana. Very rough-and-ready, very boy-interrupted, very Victoria Beckham circa 2001. A

boy who wears a bandana knows how to have fun. He's the sort of person who might have both ketchup AND mayonnaise with his chips. He'd wait until his Oyster card was in minus funds before he topped it up. He doesn't need a fucking weekly travel card, he's too cool for that. He's not dating anyone at the moment,

but he is shagging that homeless guy who lives in the Elephant & Castle underpass. He's just THAT edgy.

## A drag queen

A drag queen is VERY useful for surviving Pride's steaming assault course of side streets strewn with shattered glass and comatose twinks. A drag queen will storm a path through the roiling rubble, heedless of her heels piercing plastic cups, making a beeline for the nearest Port-a-Loo, cabaret stage or luxury flat. We can recommend Vanity von Glow, who we once witnessed starting a fight with a rickshaw (AND WINNING), or John Sizzle, who carries a water pistol and five fireworks in his handbag at all times. We love Lady Lloyd of course, but she's useless before 7pm, bless her. She probably doesn't know what 7pm is. She probably thinks it's a song by Rita Ora (who definitely ISN'T performing at Heaven on Saturday btw).



## A copy of The Beach by Alex Garland

Something to sit on the curb and relax with if you start to get a bit trembly (the "Shoreditch Shakes", is what our friend Ben

calls it). The Beach is a subversive, arrestingly dystopic commentary on the beast that lives within all human beings; our greed, our litigiousness and our inherent socio-political idealism. More importantly, the cover looks like a Bel Ami DVD, and Pure Shores by All Saints is on the soundtrack to the movie version. YAY.

## A water bottle

Not necessarily with water in it. Well like, you could get a full one and drink the water first, but we all know that water is NOT what water bottles are for. They're for mixing own-brand supermarket vodka with orange juice. Or for pissing in.

## An iPhone 5 Charger

As professional after-party/penis enthusiast Dom Top would say, "Babe, have you got an iPhone 5 charger?" We've all heard it. A thousand times. At every after-party from Stoke Newington to Stockwell. Bring a fucking iPhone 5 charger, because your iPhone WILL die, halfway through taking a blurry selfie with Silver Summers, or when you're about to send your location to 'VERS FUN' on Grindr, or (worst of all) when you're loading YouTube to show someone that 'Really Rude To Sandra' clip. Have I got an iPhone 5 charger? I'm SORRY, but no. Come on Sandra, we're leaving.

## A copy of QX Magazine

We've heard it's a really good mag. Really classy and highbrow. JK, it's a FAG RAG. The tart with a heart of the London newsstands. Like TimeOut run by Baga Chipz. The great thing about all this is though, you're already one step ahead of the game with the pride survival guide because guess what...you're reading it RIGHT NOW! You've already got it! That's the great thing about us, we're ahead of the game. And self-referentialism is, like, so meta. Zeitgeisty innit.

Dylan Jones was last seen being dragged into the undergrowth of Soho Square by various Drag Queens of London cast members. If you have any details on his current whereabouts, let his mother know. He owes her money.



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Michael Twaits

# Pride Cabaret

As part of the Pride in London celebrations, Wardour Street in Soho will play host to this year's cabaret stage, featuring a whole host of talented and bedazzling cabaret artists from across the LGBT community. One of the main hosts on the day is drag/performance artist **Michael Twaits**, who was also at the helm of this year's very showbiz Pride's Got Talent competition. **Jason Reid** had a pre-Pride chinwag with Michael this week...

## For those who've never seen you, what can they expect on Saturday?

I like to call what I do pure cabaret; there's no script, no plan, just me and the audience in the moment sharing the space and introducing a huge range of acts. I'm sure it will be a riot! I have a CD of tracks to bash out a few songs when the mood takes, but I like the 'seat of your' pants approach!

## You've been quite heavily involved with Pride this year in various roles.

Yes! I got involved a bit last year with a trial version of Pride's Got Talent and then this year, Ian (event producer) and I wanted to make it bigger and better! So through my involvement in PGT, I've performed to most of the board, producers and events managers for Pride and a result have been asked to help out all over the place which is lovely. It's great to be apart of it all!

## It's nice to see many of those Pride's Got Talent acts will perform on the cabaret stage too, alongside more seasoned performers. So after making the competition bigger and better, how did it go this year? I must say, I really enjoyed judging the final...

The competition has been brilliant! We had such an array of talent, styles and people. It was just so much fun and gained a lot of momentum as the rounds went on. I've already agreed to be on board for next year and making it bigger and better. So watch out for that.

## From what I saw, it was jam-packed full of variety...

We really did have it all! The winners and runners-up represent the competition well; Charlie Levy is a gorgeous singer/songwriter, Charlie Monroe is a world-class vocalist, Roxx is a new drag act doing brilliant things on the scene already, and then the hot, young boy-band Tailormade.

## Tailormade are SO hot. Anyway, moving on swiftly, how did you go about determining the programme for the stage and what criteria was used this year?

For the section I worked on, our manifesto was about real artists representing the full

spectrum of those celebrating Pride. Pride is often criticised for focusing on gay men - we've really pushed for diversity, and have all areas of music, stand-up, poetry, theatre, drag, lip-synch and even Margaret Thatcher. Not to mention people who identify under every strand of the LGBT. We had no stipulations from Pride, they trust us completely!

higher representation of black and ethnic performers across the stages this year than ever before.

## How about what Pride means in 2015? Do you think it's still as important today as it was when LGBT people had little or no civil liberties?

Absolutely! There's a lot of apathy at the



Pride's Got Talent Final

© Mark Storey

"We've really pushed for diversity, and have all areas of music, stand-up, poetry, theatre, drag, lip-synch and even Margaret Thatcher."

## There were a few initial criticisms from fellow performers, who voiced concerns regarding a lack of ethnic diversity in the line-up. How would you respond to that?

Sadly, you will always offend someone. We ended up with ten acts for our section, and it's a real shame about the low percentage of black and ethnic performers as it doesn't represent the full spectrum for Pride. Three acts we wanted to programme, who'd have provided more diversity, actually got taken off our list and programmed on the main stage, which is brilliant for them. I think there would have been more of a hoo-ha if we'd have programmed people purely on their skin colour and to meet a certain quota. Also, Pride as a whole has a

younger end of the community. And a lot of segregation between the community. I think people are less worried about equality now as we have so much - and therefore people take it for granted. Pride helps solidify the community and raise awareness of what still needs to be done.

## Finally, the theme of this year's parade is Pride Heroes, who would be your Pride Cabaret Heroes?

For me it's the performers and activists who've been putting work out into the mainstream and fucking the system for years: Bette Bourne, Lavinia Coop, Kate Bornstein. And more recently acts like Justin Bond, Our Lady J. People who are so comfortable in who they are and are visible just the way they want to be.



Rose Garden



Bambi Boo



Marnie Scarlett

# CABARET STAGE LINE UP: 1300-1930



Miss Connie Lingus

- Rose Garden & Ross Williams
- Chamonix Aspen (PGT)
- Bambi Boo (PGT)
- Sadie Sinner
- Diane Horan-Hill (PGT) and and Phil Lee-Thomas
- Ollie James-Parr (PGT)
- Marnie Scarlett
- Miss Connie Lingus
- Margaret Thatcher, Queen of Soho
- Pi the Mime
- Ren Stedman
- Virgin Xtravaganzah (above)
- Ruby Wednesday
- Dean Atta
- Crystal Lubrikint
- Adam All & Apple
- Topsy Redfern
- Heels of Glory – A Drag Action Musical
- Divastated
- Tim McArthur, Myra DuBois and Bunny
- Laura Nadia Hunt (PGT)
- Dr Woof & Roxx (PGT)
- Charley Leavy (PGT)
- Murat Sefi
- Vanity Von Glow
- Donna Marie / Lady Gaga



Ruby Wednesday



Crystal Lubrikint



Myra DuBois



Vanity Von Glow

# Gods & Monsters at Bethnal Green Working Men's Club

Celibate superstar **Virgin Xtravaganzah** brought a sparkling, scintillating, stressfully salubrious show to the super-edgy East London venue with her Gods & Monsters show last week. Sweeping onto the stage in a blasphemously fashionable religious ensemble that would put Lady Gaga's Judas video to shame, she regaled the increasingly disorientated crowd with an increasingly insane amalgamation of performance, song and comedy. One of her songs was all about living in London, had the word "fuck" in it a lot, and conveyed perfectly the feeling of wanting to positively CRUCIFY people who walk slowly on Oxford Street.

The vibe for the night was religious drag, meets gore freakshow firebreathers, meets unpaid Dazed & Confused interns, meets the N55 bus stop. **Smiley Vyrus** was at the back wearing a sly grin and a wig that made it look she'd just stuck her finger in a socket (you know I love you really Smiley). Recording artist **Jacob Aria** was there too, looking shifty with a pint in the smoking area with a mysterious and attractive young dark-haired gentleman.

Bethnal Green Working Men's Club, as it turned out, made for a perfect setting for the night, which was originally scheduled to be at the Black Cap (remember the Black Cap? One of the city's most iconic gay venues? Hundreds of years old? Creative hub and performance mecca? No? Me neither). I'd like to take this opportunity to say actually that the bar staff at BGWMC are lovely. They smile and interact with you socially and everything. Weird right?! LET'S TRY NOT TO SHUT THIS VENUE DOWN SHALL WE?

Virgin added richness and texture to her extravaganza, by bringing out kaleidoscopically eclectic harem of disciples who performed to varying degrees of bizarritude (is bizarritude a word? It's not is it? You know what I mean though).

The highlights were inimitable immigrant **Lily Snatchdragon**, who, fed up of her role as stage manager, ripped off her smock to reveal a ridiculously camp outfit underneath, and belted out a jazzy number, much to the delight of the baying crowd. She was followed by the FABULOUS **Bambi Blue**, a firebreathing vixen in a corset who stalked up and down the stage setting fire to things, including herself. I caught her after the show and asked what she usually did during the week and she casually said "have sex with my boyfriend on stage at The Box." You go girl. We'd all do that if we could. Well I would anyway.

*Bethnal Green Working Men's Club,  
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Arthole Exhibition

The Essence of Self - Morris Monroe  
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The ongoing Arthole series finally saw the work of series curator Morris Monroe reach the Superstore's hallowed walls. Monroe conceived and guided the project into being, dedicated to the exposure of a new queer artist each month, and previous centrepieces have included graffiti-esque-paint-and-words Patrick Church and body-preoccupied BJ Broekhuizen. This month, Monroe's work gives a linear journey of form, technique and thought.

We begin with the male body sketched as charcoal on canvas. 'Punch' depicts a man thrusting his left fist towards the ground, the right held aloft to follow. It is an image of anger, but also of futility - for the fists hit nothing but air. A slight roseate bursh of colour is used sparingly but to great effect, lending hue to the right side of the body from the dark and shadow at the core. The body is muscled yet fine line

detail also conjures a perception of carved rock from the flesh.

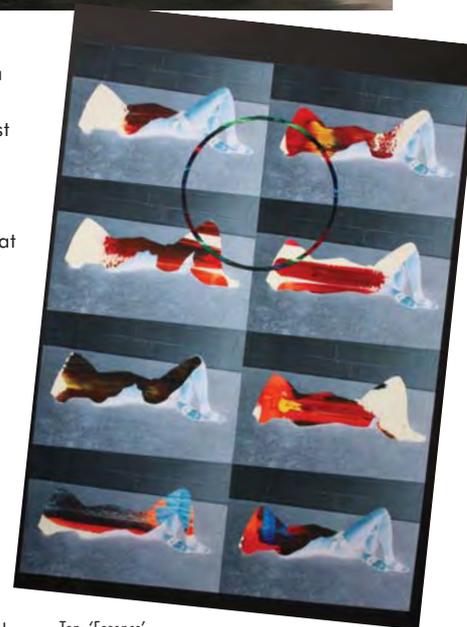
A particularly beautiful image is 'Essence'. Given that Monroe's exhibition is entitled 'The Essence of Self', the viewer might imagine that here lies a key to the overarching throughline of the collection. We have a male body similar to that of 'Punch', but in a position of prostration, legs bent and arms and chest flung backward; wearing nothing but small, provocative pants. The shading is darker on this painting, and much of the body is lost to thick strokes. Yet a red thread begins in the air, and snakes down the body's torso and crotch - perhaps the 'essence' we are meant to perceive?

What's exciting about Monroe's work is the journey we are taken on from this beginning. Rather than stay with the corporal visions, the essence of the self becomes invested in radical colour, lines



illustrating space and abstract shape. 'Form in Space' shows a bar of carmine red, morphing into electric ultramarine, against a background of a white-lined crossroad on black. Whereas 'Memory Replacement' is reminiscent of a copper cutthroat razor blade, or half a film, with bronze and a hint of blue laced onto white. In the square below, the colour and shape is transposed to a pink, Martian landscape.

Monroe states that he uses "drawing as a medium to express experiences that are personal as well as universal." With The Essence of Self he has created a narrative that will excite discussion, invite contemplation and be admired by all lovers of art.



Top: 'Essence'  
 Below: 'Aspects of self 2'

S C R E E N T E S T

by Jack Leger



Event of the week

**EAST END FILM FESTIVAL** (1-13 July)

As always, this year's festival, at venues across East London, features a range of very cool LGBT films, from the world premiere of the sensitive British gay drama *SoftLad* (pictured) to a raucous trawl through London drag-queen culture in *Dressed As a Girl*. Also showing: the offbeat Greek drama *Xenia*, the James Franco thriller *Good People*, and crossdressing-themed shorts *Stance* and *Drag Is My Ecstasy*.

For info: [eastendfilmfestival.com](http://eastendfilmfestival.com)

Film of the week

**SLOW WEST** (15)

A fresh take on the Western, this offbeat drama stars Kodi Smit-McPhee as a Scottish teen who travels to America following the girl he loves. Riding cross-country, he links up with loner Silas (Michael Fassbender) for protection as they encounter Native Americans and criminal gangs. A series of wry adventures, the film doesn't have much of a plot, but the complex characters and spectacular settings are terrific.



IN THE WORKS

**Chris Hemsworth** will play the secretary in the female-led *Ghostbusters* reboot starring Melissa McCarthy and Kristen Wiig. • And **Wyatt Russell** is joining the sequel to the superb Canadian hockey comedy *Goon*, reuniting Seann William Scott, Jay Baruchel and the hot **Marc-Andre Grondin** (pictured).



WACKY COMEDY

Imogen Poots stars in **SHE'S FUNNY THAT WAY** as a hooker-turned-actress who causes chaos in a group of people that includes Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston and Rhys Ifans. It's an amusing but uneven 1970s-style farce about being true to yourself.

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In the spirit of creativity, we celebrate the people who make London such a vibrant city. Last week I witnessed a flourish of energy during Menswear Fashion Week. Now we start the weekend with an homage; **1.1.1 – A Celebration Of Louise Wilson** who we sadly lost one year, one week and one day ago. Louise was integral to mentoring fashion's bright young things at Central St Martins. She also loved her music and enjoyed nothing more than a DJ session at **The George & Dragon** (2 Hackney Road, E2 7NS). So on Thursday 25th June we are joined there by two of her closest friends artist **Julie Verhoeven** and hairdresser to the stars **John**

**Vial** for a fitting musical tribute from 8pm until 12 midnight.

I've never been that keen on the term 'club kid', tbh. Honestly there's so much more to the people who like to experiment with their image. Performance artist and self-confessed club kid **Lewis G Burton** is holding a do on Friday 26th June at **Dalston Superstore** (117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB). **INFERNO** is a collaboration between DJ and producer **Sebastian Bartz** and Lewis' own collective **C.U.L.T.** Join Lewis himself, **Queen Judi** and **Chema Diaz** upstairs, with **Venice Calypso**, **Joe Roberts** and **Jack France** down below. Performance from **Gender**

**Prince** from 9.30 til' 3am. Up the road at **Vogue Fabrics** (66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB) on 26th June it's time for **LOTUS EATERZ' DISCO** - I mentioned it last week so I'm just refreshing your memories lol!

Moving along as you all know it's **Gay Pride** in London this weekend! There's something going on everywhere but check in with those **Un-Lucky Bitches** at The George & Dragon for a 'divas' themed Pride evening on Saturday 27th. Then for something different **Mark Moore//S-Express** present **PRIVATE LIFE** at this place **The Victoria** (451 Queensbridge Road, E8 3AS) on Saturday 27th.

It's a new monthly party they tell me, curated by Mark Moore himself with, special guests. This month it's **Punks Jump Up** and **Destruction** plus **Private Life** residents. The music policy is disco, electro and post-punk! 9pm til' 2am.

Still wandering the streets after Pride?! Here's another one for you... **LOVE FINGER**. It's an East London love-in on the 27th at the **London Fields Brewery** (365-366 Warburton Street, E8 3RR) by **Discosodoma** and **Tusk** til' 5am. Join **Ewan Pearson**, **Heretic**, **Dan Beaumont**, **Dave Kendrick**, **Fidal**, **Maria Politi** and **Chris Camplin** for a proper rave-up in style!



Always one to go down with the ship, **Madonna**'s released another video, exclusive to the Titanic disaster that is Tidal from the Hindenburg-sized disaster that is Rebel Heart. As Anthony Gilet mentioned last week, the track itself "Bitch, I'm Madonna" is fun and much younger than most parts of Madge's anatomy, though I feel like nobody besides the **Legendary Miss Britney Jean Spears** should be laying claim to the word 'bitch' musically anymore. The video however... Jesus Christ on a crutch.

(and I think the word 'celebrity' is a bit of a stretch for her).

Apparently somewhere along the line, Vadge got it into her head that **Taylor Swift** was both her contemporary and arch-rival. So in an attempt to outdo the Texas Twig's "Bad Blood" celebrity wankfest, which starred such luminaries as **Ellie Goulding**'s nose, human Clarityn pill **Jessica Alba** and **Selena Gomez** in a Party Pack Uma Thurman Pulp Fiction wig, she's filled her video with her celebrity friends. Except the only one who could actually be bothered to show up to set is **Rita Ora**

**Beyonce**, **Nicki Minaj**, **Miley Cyrus**, **Katy Perry** and a few other douche-poles kindly Skyped in their submissions for the Madge Rebel Fart Lipsync 3000 contest, while **Lourdes** and **Rocco** hastily cobbled them together on Windows Moviemaker and ran it through After-Effects to give it that "not a wrinkly hand to be seen" glow.

The result is something akin to a drunken aunt stumbling through a **No Doubt/Bif Naked** video circa 1995; too pissed on Archers Aqua and trying to make everyone dance with her to prove she's still vibrant. And when your weave was stolen from **Christina "Extra Mayo" Aguilera** circa the Your Body video, your style needs an urgent overhaul.

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**THURSDAY 25TH JUNE**  
**CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Clam Jam** at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. The Premiere Thursday night for lesbians and their gay boyfriends.

**G-A-Y Porn Idol with guest judge Lance Bass** at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. London's biggest amateur strip night. Get yer kit off and win £100 tonight, or £1000 in the final. To enter email [info@g-a-y.co.uk](mailto:info@g-a-y.co.uk) or text 07789 553 868. TONIGHT: Guest judge Lance Bass

**Miserable Man: Sterling Roswell** at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 7:30pm. £8. A night of amazing music and a very special guest

**Grunge** at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-late. 90s theme pop and anthems night with alt. cabaret, messy drag queens and club kidz.

**Create** at the Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am. £8, £10 with Gravity (afterhours) ticket. Orange Group steps back into Soho with a new weekly venture bringing a selection

of house DJs into this slick new space for a decidedly hot weekend warm-up.

**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.

**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** at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. FREE. Pop sounds and floor fillers.

**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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**Stripladz at Filadz East at 117 Charterhouse St**, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 10pm-3am. Amateur strip contest with Jason

Prince and Matt Unique  
**Gravity at Fire**, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RT. 1am-8am. £5 before 3am, students £7, £10 OTD. Fat Tony, Maze & Masters and Jon Frost.

**Myra DuBois and the Spiders in Bra's at the RVT**, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm, Free. Show at 8pm

**BARS & CABARET**

**CJ Live on Piano** at BJ's White Swan 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 5pm-2am. Open Mic night followed by DJ Demon

**Circa**, 62 Friith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town. TONIGHT: Official Room Service Pre-Party with Adam Turner and Munroe Bergdorf and Jonathan Bestley on rotation.

**Rupert Street** at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm. Weekly dance session at the popular Soho bar.

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

**Tasty Tim's Takeover at Comptons of Soho** 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. DJ Tasty Tim plays the delicious tunes.

**Sensual Dreams at the Hippodrome** at Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. 8pm. London's biggest night out. Tickets from £15.

**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.

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**FRIDAY 26TH JUNE**

**CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Inferno** at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-4am. Free b4 11pm/£5 after.

Lewis Burton and Sebastian Bartz are back to present another two floor party of techno, pop and performance art.

**Push the Button** at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-3am. £8. Playing all the hits, London's most ridiculous and sincere pop night since 2010.

**G-A-Y Camp Attack** at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-4am. FREE with wristband from G-A-Y Bar. Room 1 plays 70s, 80s, 90s, 00-05. Rm 2 is '05 to present day. Musical theme sing-along in Rm 3 and Life Before R&B (i.e. Rihanna & Beyonce) with classic R&B in Room 4.

**Fitladz East** at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 10pm-6am. Fitladz club spunktacular.

**Le Coq Discoteque** at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £8 after. A mash-up of pop edits, disco, Italo, house classics, 90s anthems.

**The Glory**, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Doors 7:30pm. £5. With a pub vibe upstairs from 5pm, there's a queer basement disco downstairs from 10pm.

**Lotus Eaterz Disco** at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £4. A new discotheque begins.

**Wrong!** at Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-1pm (Saturday). £5 before 1am. London's latest-running party now opens earlier! Uplifting tech house and techno from Jamie de Rooy, Steven Sharp, Eduardo Herrera and more!

**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.

**A:M** at Protocol, 6a South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. 11pm-11am. £4 before 1am, £8 b4 6am with QX ADVERT/NUS/Conc, £13 others. The original Saturday morning afterhours beast that continues to light up the weekend early spinning out boomin' house beats across two rooms.

**Men Inc.** at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after. Free for Eagle/Paris Gym members before midnight. Sexy social night with men of all kinds; lads, rugby players, daddies and more! Free mega-buffet, free shots, big tunes and BEER. Get involved!

**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.

**George & Dragon** at 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am. The friendly Greenwich local. DJ Tony Tim on the decks playing 80s and 90s camp until 4am.

**BARS & CABARET**

**Pride Ball at The Two Brewers**, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm/£6 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: Featuring Miss Jason

**Funky Friday** at BJ's White Swan 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 5pm-4am. Drag With No Name and DJ Little Rob

**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 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.

**West 5** at South Ealing, Pope's

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

**BackCOUNTER** at Counter, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 11am-late. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene, BackCOUNTER serves cocktails and food in a relaxed, plush environment, with brunch from 11am-5pm and Lady Diamond in residence from 1-4pm.

**Friday Night Live** at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. 9pm-3am. The central London cabaret hot spot.

TONIGHT: DJ Little John from 9pm with special guest Sandra at 10pm  
**Kazbar** at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-1am. Free. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish.

**Friday Night Cabaret at the Hippodrome** at Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. 8pm. London's biggest night out. Tickets from £15.

**Comptons of Soho** at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 9pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho. TONIGHT: Jo Public playing 90's classics

**Karaoke** at Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross,

N1 9SD. Open from 6pm til 3am or later... FREE The super-friendly Kings Cross bar. DJs 'til late.

Hosted by DJ Chris Reardon  
**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!

**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.

**Pride Warm Up Party at 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! TONIGHT: Munroe Bergdorf

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**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE**  
**CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Pride Parade 2015**, Starting at Baker Street through to Whitehall, 1pm-4:30pm, Free. One of the world's biggest LGBT+ parades sees more than 30,000 people take part and hundreds of thousands of spectators

**Pride in Trafalgar Square**, 1pm-8pm, Free (suggested donation of £3). Major acts include BLUE, Collabro and Rebecca Ferguson, Bright Light Bright Light, and BB Diamond.

**G-A-Y Poison Pride** 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: rumour has it Rita Ora might rock up...

**Tall Pride Agenda** at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free before 10pm/£5 after. Dr Sharon Husbands presents a special pride edition of Tall Gay Agenda

**XXL London Pride** at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 guests, £8 members. Big, bear night that's open to anyone in vast super club Pulse. With resident DJs Christian M, Joe Egg and co. Plus, chill space and cruise zone with DJ FunkyBear.

**Bloc Pride Party** at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £10 after. Ex Lovers, Princess Julia, Ben Jamin, and more.

**KuKlub** at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. The party continues in Ku's basement club with hot pop and floor fillers from the DJs.

**Savage** at Metropolis Strip Club, 235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 11pm-5am. £5. A new weekly Saturday club night from the Sink The Pink crew. DJs on rotation Raf Daddy, Jonjo Jury, Josh You Are, Gaff-E, Severino and more at this bonkers venue.

**The Shadow Lounge** at Brewer Street, Soho, W1G 0RF. 9pm-3am. £10 entry, half-price with guestlist.

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**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.

**Anthem Summer Party** at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 10pm-5am, £8 advance, £10 OTD. Pride night at the RVT with Therese. Gay anthems and dance classic DJs.

**Straight Nasty Gay Pride After Party at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £3.** Monthly night of divine pop.

**The Glory**, 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Doors 5pm, show 9pm, club 10pm-2am. Free b4 9pm, £5 after. The new Faggerston super-pub from Jonny Woo and John Sizzle hosts cabaret on the ground floor and goes clubby in the basement.

**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.

**Fitladz East** at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 10pm-6am. The search for the face of Fitladz is on.

**The Gods of Olympus at We Party** at The Coronet Theatre, 28 New Kent Road, London SE1 6TJ, 10pm-7am, £18 advanced, £25 OTD, Binomo, Steve Pitron, Lee Harris, Tony English.

**Tipsy** at R & She, 20 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XN. 9pm-3am. Free B4 10, £6 after. A night dedicated to the Queens of R&B and Hip-Hop

**BARS & CABARET**

**SaturGay** at BJ's White Swan 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 9pm-5am. Free entry b4 10:30pm. Come down and party with Lola Lasagne and Chris Shalders and DJ Ian James.

**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. TONIGHT: William, hosted by Kara VanPark

**Saturday Market Slash Swap Shop & Xanadu** at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. TONIGHT: Justin Swift from 8pm

**London Gay Pride at 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: Miss Jason

**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.

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**Comptons of Soho** at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 5pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. TONIGHT: Daytime Pride Collaboration with Orange Nation

**George & Dragon** at 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am. The friendly Greenwich local.

**Ku Pride** at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 8pm-3am. One of London's hottest gay bars and clubs, with the hottest boys both behind the bar and in front of it, stretching over three floors.

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**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!

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

**Counter** and **BackCOUNTER** South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR.

11am-late. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene, Counter serves brunch 'til 5pm, with Lady Diamond in residence 1-4pm. Open 'til late for cocktails and food.

**Pride Day at 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. Cam4 boys appearing 3-8pm.

**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 boozier near Marble Arch.

**Ku Bar Soho** at 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. 12 midday-late. Perfect for that Soho warm-up drinking session and cheeky dance with downstairs DJs.

**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.

**Circa Pride Circa** at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 8pm to 5am, starring Kris Di Angelis, Adam Turner and more.

**Pride Day at The Yard** at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Midday til

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**SUNDAY 28TH JUNE CLUBS & EVENTS**

**UK Black Pride**, Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens spring gardens, SE11 5, from 1pm, Free. Europe's largest not-for-profit event for African, Arab, Asian and Caribbean-heritage lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans people and friends.

**Pride in the Park** Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens spring gardens, SE11 5, from 1pm, Free. The perfect place to wind down, to relax with friends, and to celebrate LGBT+ equality in our great city.

**Beyond** (afterhours) at Ministry. 103 Gaunt Street, SE1 6DP, 5:30am-late. London's finest after hours moves to the world's most famous club.

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

**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. **Sunday Social** at the RVT at Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm-3am. £6. All new afternoon/evening clubbing

session slot playing huge dance anthems with cabaret shows. Simon Le Vans and co. play you anthems to spice up your Sunday, while Myra DuBois gives you world class cabaret at 5:30pm.

**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.

**Ku Klub** 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 the lovely Lady Lloyd.

**Orange** at Fire, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RT. 9pm-8am. £7 before 1am with ad/flyer/concession/NUS card. The weekend ends here with funk-ed-up house sounds from the resident disc jocks.

**Rock Queer** at Fat Gay Vegan, 43 Tulse Hill, Brixton, SW2 2TJ, 1pm-7am. Free. Alternative rock and indie day club for LGBT Londoners and friends.

**BARS & CABARET**

CK Sunday **Halfway 2 Heaven** at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. TONIGHT: DJ Ian James followed by an evening with Mrs Moore and

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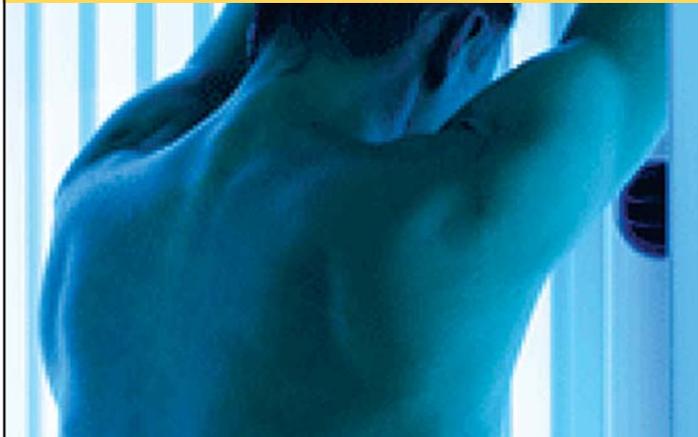
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**George & Dragon** at 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-2am. FREE. The friendly Greenwich local. The Duchess hosts the weekly Piano Bar with Ian Parker on the keys.

**Dusty O's Musical Menagerie** at the New Bloomsbury Set, 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. Doors 4pm, show 6pm. Well-known scene matriarch Dusty O hosts a sing-along around the piano with guest vocalists, singers and pianists at this charming basement bar.

**The Two Brewers** at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 4pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £3 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: Power of Three, starring Miss Jason La Voix and Sandra

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

**The Old Ship** at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-midnight. Cabaret: 8pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: Maisie Trollette  
**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. 12pm-1am. Legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch features weekly cabaret. TONIGHT: Jimmi Trolette  
**#LOVEHangover** at Circa at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town. Disco Classics, pop and sexual sounds with Jonathan Bestley.

**West 5** at Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. 7pm-late. FREE. West London's giant club/bar/cabaret home invites you to chill out here.

**Brunch Off Broadway** at Counter, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 1pm-4pm. Newcomer to the Vauxhall scene. Brunch on Broadway this weekend features Duncan Day and Kara Van Park

**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 Herrera.

**MONDAY 29TH JUNE**

**CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Popcorn: London Pride Closing Party** at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5.30am. £5 b4 1am, £8 after, Last admission 3:30am. 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.

**RuPaul's Drag Race hosted by Meth** at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £5 incl. drink and coat check. Come and watch Drag Race with other fans! Free shots, hot salted popcorn and crazy candies, plus a real live lipsync for your life! Followed by Hoi'n'Hairy VS Bear Hole.

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**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, of Charing Cross Road, WC2. 11pm-3am. Late night dancing spot for pure-pop enthusiasts doing the funky chickens.

**Desire** (Tuesday morning) at Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 1am-11am. Monday's guilty pleasure: a 10-hour house music marathon with scene favourites Alan K and Steven Geller.

**BARS & CABARET**

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

**Comptons Say's Relax 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. Playing the best of the 70's, 80's and 90's.

**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 Rear-don hosts the singing fun at the famous gay boozier in Marble Arch.

**Two Brewers** at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ, 5pm-2am, £3 after 10pm. The landmark south London cabaret, bar and club. TONIGHT: Mrs Moore Monday Night Mayhem plus DJ Demon

**The Old Ship** at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Local gay

bar in East London's Limehouse.  
**The Big Bingo Show** at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm - 12am. Timberlina with Hey Baylen bring you bingo-cabaret-mayhem at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern every Monday  
**Rupert Street** at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. The trendy Soho drinking spot celebrates with 2-4-1 classic cocktails all day!

**TUESDAY 30TH JUNE**

**CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Dalston Superstore**, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free.

**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**

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

**See you Next Tuesday at Halfway 2 Heaven** at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. See you next Tuesday with Bette Rinse

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

**Miss Jason** 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 with cabaret from Miss Jason.

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**The Old Ship – Quiz Night** at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

**WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY  
CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Mr Glory** At The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. Doors 7:30pm. Faggerston's super-pub serves you eclectic delights. TONIGHT: The search continues for Mr Glory! The ultimate man among men!  
 Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free.

**XXL** at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 9pm-3am. £15 guests, £8 members. Midweek grizzly fun for bears and their admirers.

**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.

**Ku Klub** at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30 Lisle Street, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

**Spoken Word at Vogue Fabrics**, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 7:30pm-1am. FREE Open Mic Night

**BARS & CABARET**

**Cabaret Roulette** at The RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm-midnight. £12.  
**BoomBox** at Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-1am. FREE. DJ DBwoi playing your favourite R&B beats.

**House of Burlesque presents Shipwrecked** at the Hippodrome at Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. 8pm. London's biggest night out. Tickets from £15.

**Mary Mac's Mastermind** at West 5, Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Mary Mac presents her inimitable quiz.

**The Old Ship** at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. Quiz from 9.30pm. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse.

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

**Attack Attack Attack Circa**, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town. TONIGHT: Attack Attack Attack and Louis Chatten

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

**Whatever Wednesdays** at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. Whatever Wednesday with Miss Penny

**Comptons of Soho** at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs with guest pianist tinkling the ivories.

**A Team Amateur Strip Night at BJ's White Swan** 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 5pm-2am. £100 first prize to the winner and £10 bar tab to all who enter

**THURSDAY 2ND JULY  
CLUBS & EVENTS**

**Clam Jam** at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. The Premiere Thursday night for lesbians and their gay boyfriends.

**G-A-Y Porn Idol with guest judge Violet Chacki** at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. London's biggest amateur strip night. Get yer kit off and win £100 tonight, or £1000 in the final. To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk or text 07789 553 868. TONIGHT: Guest judge Violet Chacki

**Vogue Fabrics**, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 9pm-1am. FREE b4 11pm/£5 after, NUS £3. The Dalston basement of decadent disco invites all students for a night of pished revelry.

**Grunge** at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-late. 90s theme pop and anthems night with alt. cabaret, messy drag queens and club kidz.

**Create** at the Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am. £8, £10 with Gravity (afterhours) ticket. Orange Group steps back into Soho with a new weekly venture bringing a selection of house DJs into this slick new space for a decidedly hot weekend warm-up.

**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.

**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** at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. FREE. Pop sounds and floor fillers.

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**Stripladz at Fitladz East at 117 Charterhouse St**, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 10pm-3am. Amateur strip contest with Jason Prince and Matt Unique

**RVT**, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm, Free.

**BARS & CABARET**

**CJ Live on Piano** at BJ's White Swan 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 5pm-2am. Open Mic night followed by DJ Demon

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**Rupert Street** at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm. Weekly dance session at the popular Soho bar.

**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.

**Tasty Tim's Takeover Comptons of Soho** 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. DJ Tasty Tim plays the delicious tunes.

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**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.

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**Buff** at MA1 Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Heated outdoor 'naked' smokers terrace.  
**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.  
**The Underground Club** at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. HARD CRUZ (10pm-1am), hard cruising for hard men.  
**Pleasuredrome** at Arch 124 Cornwall Road, Waterloo SE1 8XE. Open 24/7. £15, £12 under 25 with ID. FREE towel. Cruise day and night with plenty of rooms to play. Licensed bar.  
**The Hoist** at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. OFFICE (5pm-1am) new party, relax chill and score after work. NEARLY BOLLOCK NAKED (9pm-1am) 9pm-1am. City. Boots or trainers with jocks, shorts underwear or naked.  
**Fitladz East** at 117

Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 6pm-2am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. TONIGHT: Amateur strip contest Stripladz  
**Vault: Cruise/Stripped** at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 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.  
**The Underground Club**, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. PANTS (1-6pm) Underwear fun. SPANKZ (6pm-10pm) CP night for rougher, tougher play. Followed by COME TO DADDY (10pm-2am).

## FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

**Suited** at MA1 Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £5 b4 6:30pm, £6 after. Strict dress code of suit/tie & smart casual.  
**Fitladz East** at 117 Charterhouse St, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, EC1M 6AA. 10pm-6am. The fittest lads have hit Farringdon in a brand new sexy bar, with all the facilities you need to have fun. TONIGHT: Friday Night Spunktacular  
**The Underground Club** at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. PANTS (1pm-6pm) then buckle down for FEET ON FRIDAY (7pm-Midnight) £6, No Dress Code, meet guys into feet, socks and footwear.

## THURSDAY 25TH JUNE

**The Hoist** at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. SM GAYS, monthly BDSM night, no dresscode. 8pm-12am. City. Boots or trainers with jocks, shorts underwear or naked.  
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**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE**  
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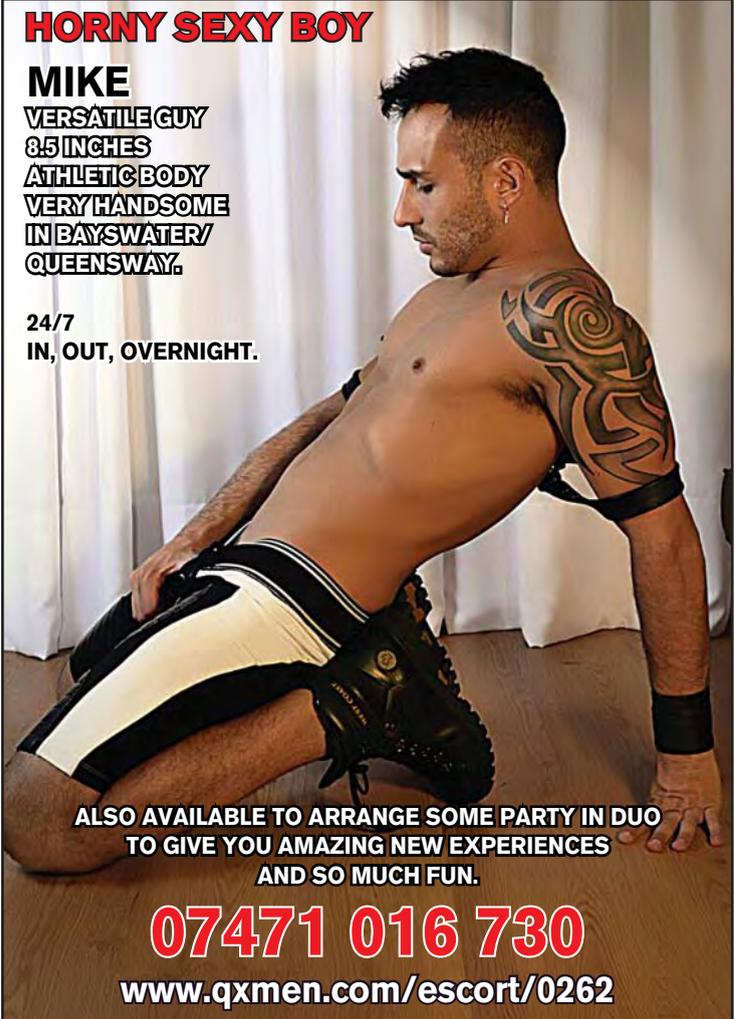
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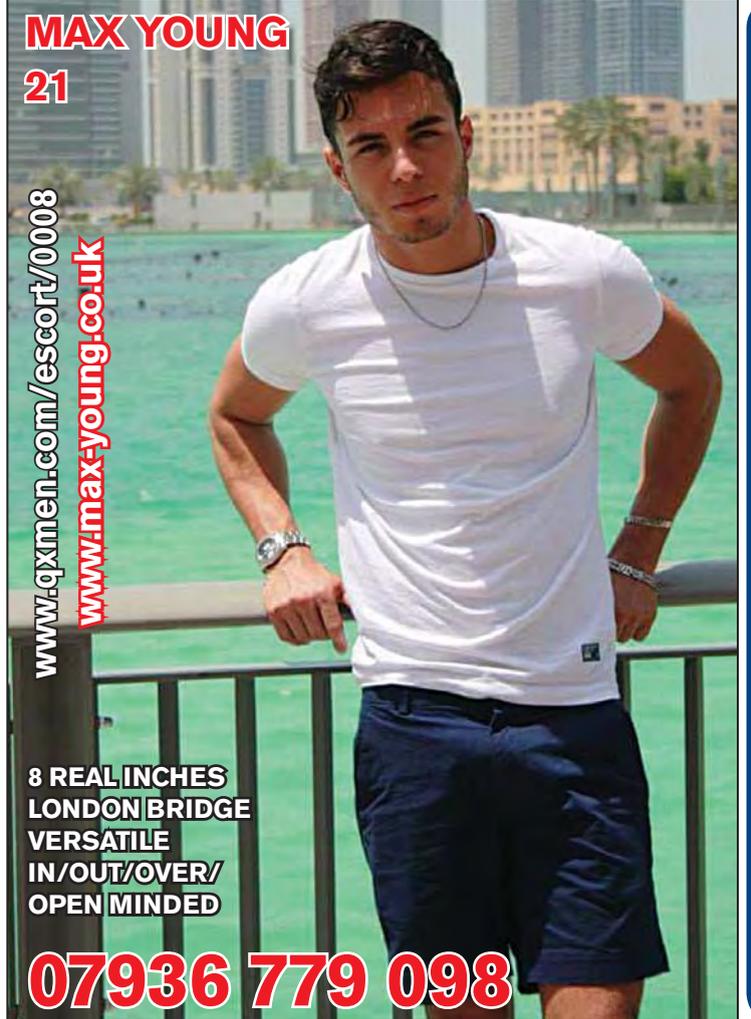
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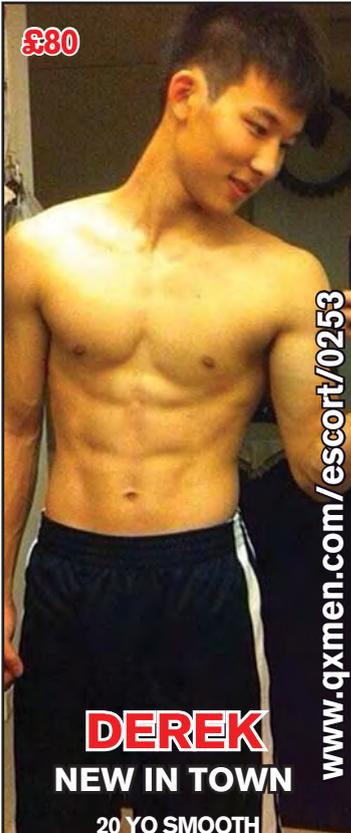
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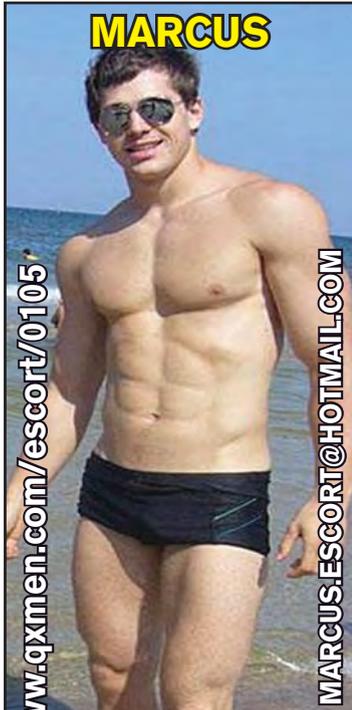
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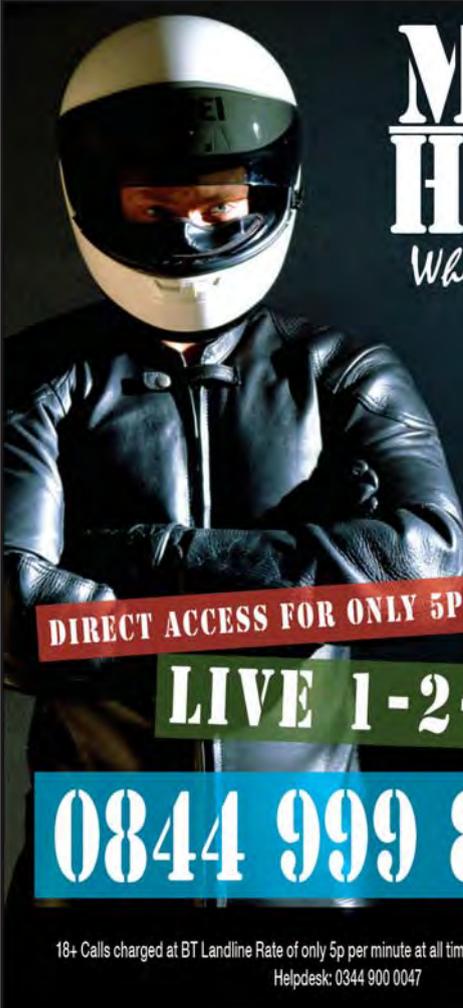
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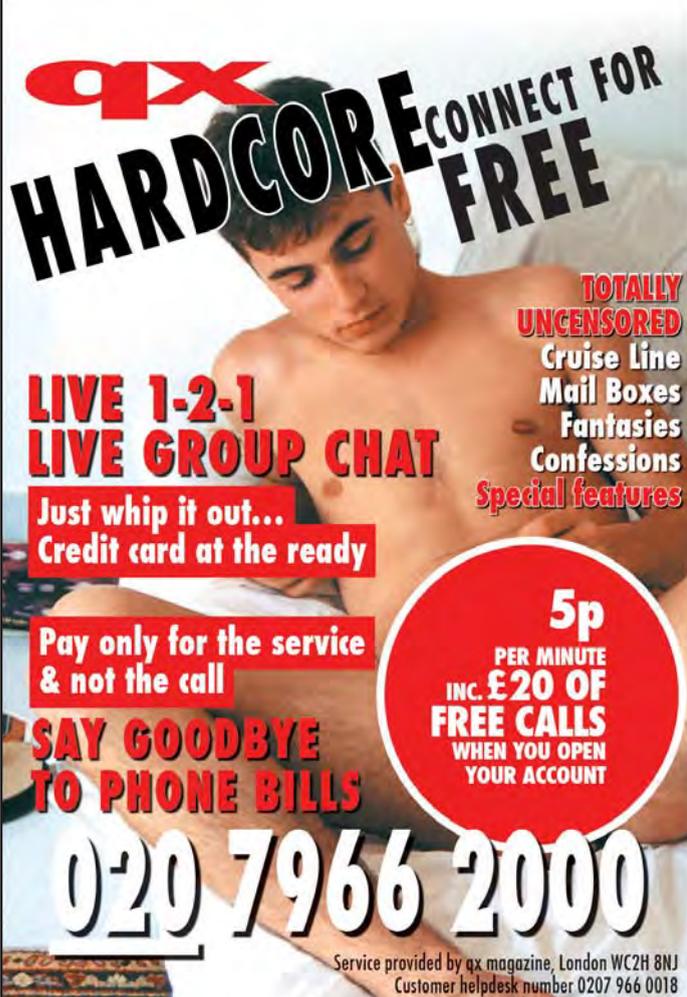
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Hi Dr Alex,  
I have been seeing someone for a few months and things are going well. I'm happy. But there is one slight issue that seems to cause tension between us. It's our attitude to DPA. I like holding his hand when we are in town or discretely on the bus. I like giving him a kiss to say hi or bye - but again it is discrete. He seems to have fewer barriers to DPA - wanting to hold hands in parts of town where you might expect trouble and want to go beyond a kiss. We have had full-on snogs in public places to the extent I have had to pull away. He then says what's wrong, with his puppy dog eyes. I've been skirting the issue but he's also started to want to talk dirty in public. Last week we were at the tube station saying goodbye and he was pressed up against me (which was nice) but also then making very explicit suggestions. I'm sure people passing us would have been able to hear. I played the whole thing down and kept quiet but I really don't know how far he would have taken it if I hadn't! Maybe he was bluffing me. Maybe I'm a prude. Maybe he is a exhibitionist?! Please help.

Hi there,  
Couples usually vary in the amount the display affection on their partner. This may be more of an issue in gay relationships because it can be turned into something

political. You seem very comfortable with your sexuality and I personally think that in a bid to further normalise gay relationships, couples should feel able to behave and act as a heterosexual couple.

But PDAs between two gay men will, amazingly, still get you attention even in central London and homophobic abuse is an ongoing reality. So no I don't think you are being a prude and there is no shame in being aware of your surroundings and making smart decisions about how much affection to display. And that goes the same with the

of cultural difference between you. And you both need to take that into account too and be appropriate to where you are.

You are worried that he may be an exhibitionist. Perhaps he is. An exhibitionist has the desire to expose their genitals to others for their own amusement or sexual satisfaction. Or perhaps he is into dogging

*"An exhibitionist has the desire to expose their genitals to others for their own amusement or sexual satisfaction."*

sexy talk. Behaviour between couples inside a bar or club is likely not suitable for outside the tube station! You are adults (I'm supposing anyway) and not a couple of teenagers unaware that no one really wants to see prolonged lip locking and saliva exchange on their way to or from work. You say your boyfriend was not from the UK so there is also likely a degree

- having sex in public or semi-public places. You do say you wonder how far he would go. These are all possibilities and it's clear that you need to talk to him about it to decide if it's simply that his boundaries are a little more lax than yours (and perhaps need tightening!) or if indeed he has some underlying desire and compulsions that you may or may not share.

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