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VIVA LA FIESTA!



Brand new Spanish queer kitsch fiesta Lady Olé kicks off this Saturday 26th March at the Archway Tavern. The mastermind behind it (and one half of the Pelucas y Tacones team) **Alejandro Quesada** tells us about how it all began.

coming from a Catholic background, were simply sacred.. Lazy Dog in the afternoon, DTPM at night, Orange on Monday morning... this social butterfly started to meet lots of people.

The basement of Costa on Old Compton Street was a prominent meeting point for the LGBT Spanish community in town, as were the rest of the cafés and bars in Soho; places like The Edge or Escape had sexy Spanish staff and businesses like Café Espana, First Out Café or Pepe's were owned by Spanish immigrants. I wasn't aware of the size of our network but, soon enough, all different segments of it started to interconnect via house parties and clubbing.

Time went on and I settled in Bermondsey with two of my new best friends, Roberto and Raquel, in what it was to become a legendary house for partying in general, but also for specific Spanish themed parties: we called them 'electrospain'. I got my first CDJ mixer and started a Music Culture degree at The East London Uni... and so my first DJ jobs started to arrive and I became part of The Lucky Cloud Soundsystem, a collective linked with historical David Mancuso's New York community-oriented loft parties. I had two weekly residencies; one at Compton's every Thursday and the other one at First Out on Wednesdays.

It was through my flatmate Raquel and the First Out gigs that I came into contact with Noelia and Carol, who were then organising a birthday do for the café owner at this popular Spanish-managed lesbian hangout. The party was called 'Pelucas y Tacones' (Wigs and Heels) and it was so much fun that the birthday party turned into an occasional event where you could listen to Spanish Movida music (80's rock, pop & new romantics). It was 2005 when one of the girls behind Pelucas y Tacones moved out to the USA, and I saw an opportunity to take my Spanish electro parties out of the living room and into a bar space. Noelia and I merged forces and Pelucas was reborn into a regular event. For the next five years we would steadily grow and define the ethos of the party. Attendance had quickly doubled by 2007 and LGBT Spaniards had a bi-monthly meeting point to get loose and socialise. In 2010 we moved out of Soho, to a residency at a 300 people capacity basement in Shoreditch for the next 4 years. This was our turning point.

Our ever-increasing popularity made it possible for us to invest in bringing over Spanish queer performers and national gay icons over to London. Alaska and Mario, Yurena, Chimo Bayo, Putilatex, Putirecords, Leticia Sabater, La Terremoto and Las Fellini, to name a few, all made it to our super in-demand stage. Something beautiful was happening; Spanish LGBT people had a trendy, popular night in London and our dancers would religiously come to every event. A very friendly and energetic

community feel had formed. Everyone talked, danced and laughed with each other and those 'clubbing friendships' started to transcend the dancefloor, further expanding our community.

The last two years saw us doing regular events in Madrid, Berlin, Brighton, Manchester and collaborate with Fringe (London's queer film festival) and the West End musical 'Women On The Verge'. An incredible year that also gave us our 'Club Night of the Year' award at the Latin UK Awards (LUKAS).

However, while I had quit my day job, my business partner had been promoted to a more demanding role at her workplace. It took us quite a while to figure it out, but we realised we had different views for the party's future. Given that we were on the crest of the wave, it was a really tough time to make decisions, but they had to be made and Pelucas y Tacones had their last ever parties in Berlin and London in November 2015. An unforgettable decade was over and our party had ended but the community we helped to build was intact, stronger than ever and asking for more.

After three months away from it all, I came up with a new concept - Lady Olé - a party to preserve and ensure a social space for the Spanish LGBT community in London to interact, whilst welcoming everyone else regardless of background or orientation.

Lady Olé fuses the two realities of any Spaniard living in London. On one hand, adapting to a certain level of "Britishness" in order to survive and progress (that's what I call 'Lady') and on the other hand, not forgetting what makes us such a friendly, loud and uplifting nation (that's 'Olé', of course). Lady Olé will bring in new and fresh energy to the community, as the music policy will keep celebrating Spanish pop, dance, queer and kitsch music but also its British, Italian and even French counterparts (in smaller dosage).

It is almost 16 years ago since I got on that plane and all I can say is that with an ever increasing number of 'chicos guapos' making it to British shores, I look forward to this new adventure, my next 10 years promoting Spanish queer culture in London and celebrating it with a thriving 'Brit-Es' or 'Spanglish' LGBT community.

It was May 12th, 2001 when I got on a plane to London Heathrow leaving behind my hometown in Alicante, south east Spain. That flight, aged 19, was about to change my life. At that age the party monster in me was awakening and was intrigued by the UK's dance music scene; more specifically by a club night called 'Lazy Dog', a Sunday tea dance session run by Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) and Jay Hannah, at the Notting Hill Arts Club.

After a year polishing the language, learning how to adapt to a new set of cultural and social values, destroying my nails as a chambermaid in a posh retreat in Berkshire and a few wild weekends in London, I decided to move to the big smoke.

My clubbing schedule was surreal: Mondays were Heaven, Tuesdays were Shadow Lounge, Wednesdays at The Ghetto (nagnagnag, the cock), Thursdays at The End (Discoteque), Fridays at The Cross (Fiction), Saturdays at Substation South and Sundays,

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The Spanish LGBT Community in London

LA PEQUEÑA,

"You never ask a lady her age" Part-time lesbian, full-time bitch

What was it like growing up gay in Spain?

As a kid, before I ever hit puberty, I always knew I was "different". While every kid thinks they are different for many reasons. I knew at a very early age that I had to be guarded about who I was because of people's prejudices. So

I pretended to be just like every other kid but it was difficult. My mum owned a hairdresser and I was really happy to help her washing customers' hair or watching her work while my brothers were playing football. I was definitely different, I didn't know why until later on. Spanish society was slowly

changing after a very long dictatorship, but you found a lot of homophobic people and discrimination everywhere. Obviously this impacted my life. I was attending a Catholic private school and that didn't help, as I used to hear very conservative comments and horrible things about homosexuality. I didn't want to end my days in Hell (I'm quite the opposite now). When I was a teenager I was always surrounded by girlfriends and everybody knew I was

different, I knew too but I wasn't clear why. I had some bad episodes with guys in the school; some fights because they were calling me gay etc. Unfortunately most of us have experienced things like that.

My childhood was happy and I have amazing memories, I am very lucky because my family have always supported me I was living a very happy life but I had the feeling that I was missing something, and bit by bit I realised my situation as my sexual awakening happened. I had some experiences with girls but I was sexually interested in guys, when I was 17 I had my first gay experience but I felt miserable and dirty. I was

just totally confused and decided to live a different life, hiding my homosexuality until my early twenties, when I ended my university studies in Biochemistry and moved to Madrid. I started going out in gay clubs and everything changed for me. I knew I was gay and didn't pretend to be anything else. No matter what the world thought, I knew who I was and I began my real life.

What made you decide to come to London? Did you come straight here from Spain?

I moved here in 2009; Spain was experiencing a really bad crisis and I came here try to find a better future, professionally. London was my first and only option. I was fascinated by the city, the Londoners ...I still am.

How do you feel the gay community in London compares to the gay scene back home?

I am in love with the gay scene in both countries for different and common reasons. I think the London gay scene is really creative, colourful and amazingly fun. Obviously the differences between Spaniards and Londoners are there. British people have always been considered reserved, serious, quiet and with a peculiar sense of humour. However, the Latin character is in the other way round: we are open, talkative and naughty. But I have known enough British people to know none of them actually match with the above-mentioned characteristics. I think that gives uniqueness to both scenes and I wouldn't change it. I love variety.

What do you think the Spanish LGBT community bring to the London scene?

Fun, sex and happiness! I'm not saying those things aren't here already, but we bring more. If you put all three of those things together, you get La Pequeña

Do you feel attitudes have developed progressively towards gay people in Spain when you visit?

I will give you some reasons why Spain is a fantastic example and why it makes me feel proud of be Spanish: Spain made gay marriage legal ten years ago in 2005. At that time, some states in the US had only just struck down bans against homosexual intercourse and conduct. Spain has been called the least homophobic country, with only 6 percent surveyed saying homosexuality was "morally unacceptable". Madrid and Barcelona are often rated in lists of the best travel destinations for LGBT people. Same-sex couples in Spain have been able to adopt a child together for ten years, while countries like Germany still struggle with the issue. A child born by in-vitro fertilization in Spain can be recognized as the child of the biological mother's same-sex partner. If you think of the situation in Spain 30 years ago, I think this is incredibly impressive. It's why Spain is considered the most 'gay-friendly' country in the entire world.

Finally, could you ever imagine going back to live in Spain? If not, what is it about London's gay scene and community that makes you want to stay?

Yes, I can. Living here has been the most amazing experience of my life but I'm always thinking about going back, I have my family and loads of friends there, and don't forget the food and the weather! But I will miss the people you can find in London; interesting people from all nationalities, cultures and religions, which enriches your life a lot. I will miss fashion in the street, but I won't miss the Central line, the weather or the food!



Borja Peña, 38

DJ

I grew up in Madrid, in a very conservative side of town, attending Catholic school. I had no gay references or relatives apart from the priests in my school, but I always knew I was different. I think when I watched "La Ley del Deseo" by Pedro Almodovar everything clicked in and I realised there was another world out there. Sadly I didn't

have the courage to come out as gay in Madrid, living on a diet of underwear catalogues, male nude art magazines and straight German soft erotica movies to get my fix of cock. I really became a full-power homo in London. I remember stealing my first QX magazine from the chef of a pub I was working at and being all excited at the escort section. These days Madrid is gayer than ever, so I'm sure that things would have been way easier now.

I was actually kicked out by my parents with a one-way ticket to London and £100 to my name when I was 20 years old. They decided to send me here as their last resort to whip me into shape and I have

never looked back, so I guess I didn't choose London, it chose me! Best thing that ever happened, as years down the line I'm happier, less angry, I love my parents and I'm a happy homosexual. Thank you London!

In Madrid, you meet everybody in very little time. People are warmer, friendlier, nosier... everybody will know who you are, your business, who you had sex with even before you do. There are pros and cons of course... there is a sense of community; people get together for events and parties are bigger, as everybody regardless of their body shape / sense of style or age group likes to attend...it feels like you are part of something bigger.

I'm not an expert as I'm not in Madrid much, but that is what comes to mind. London is more segregated; there are people that have never ventured out of East London and others that just go to the Hoist etc. You find your tribe and you stick with them... there are so many to choose from! I still haven't found mine after all these years. I think you can be a bit more anonymous here and do your own thing and that works for me.

What does the Spanish gay community bring to the scene?

We bring sexiness, strong looks, parties, people that don't know when to stop, people that work for Zara and goddesses like La Pequeña. Spanish people know how to have a good time; look around and you can see how many Spanish parties happen here or ones that have been inspired by Spanish events with the same formula. I used to work at an afterhours party when I moved to London and I always said to my friends "Have a look around after midday and there are only two things in the dance floor; Spanish people and freaks." Spaniards want good value for money, so they tend to close every party or house party. We are very difficult to get rid of if there is fun to be had!



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Miguelanie C, 27, Spice Boy

What was it like growing up gay in Spain?

It wasn't an issue for me as I have quite a lot of gay family members, and they were very accepting. They were actually the ones who got me out of the closet. I found Spain one of the most gay friendly countries in Europe. At school I felt more accepted after I said I was gay than before.

What made you decide to come to London? Did you come straight here from Spain?

I moved to London as a first step before moving to New York. I had a job and a place to live in New York, but first I wanted to try living in a foreign city, before making the big step all the way to America. Even though I had my little group of straight friends from school, I had never quite found my place in Spain and I felt like I never fitted in. I was always "the freak" for my music taste, way of thinking or dressing. So I basically escaped from a very boring life in a place that I felt didn't belong to me.

How do you feel the gay community in London compares to the gay scene back home?

I actually feel the gay community in Spain is quite big and strong, much stronger

than here, but not quite so open like the gay community in the UK. I find the UK gay scene much more friendly and easy to approach.

Do you feel attitudes have developed progressively towards gay people in Spain when you visit?

I think Spain continues to be a very accepting country for LGBT people. After all, we were the first country in Europe to legalise gay marriage and we still hold the biggest Gay Pride in Europe.

And finally, could you ever imagine going back to live in Spain? If not, what is it about London's gay scene and community that makes you want to stay?

I thought about going back last summer but the job situation doesn't really help, plus I'm not the biggest fan of the heat. I love London too much to just give it away for a bit of sun. Almost everything I know nowadays is thanks to this fantastic city and the people I met on the way. I feel London still has so much to offer me, even though people are obsessed with telling you how horrible this city is. I trust this city that has given me everything that I have today, so I will always give it another chance.



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Chema Diaz

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Creative Artist

What was it like growing up gay in Spain?

I grew up on an island in Northern Spain with a 10k population, where "gay" was not even a thing. Since I was a kid I'd been the weird one: I had a long afro, my clothes were super fancy and I was doing contemporary dance (ticking all the boxes). Being a strongly religious country, with a quite recent dictatorship, homosexuality was a taboo and something to be ashamed of. Thank God, I grew up in the era of the Internet, where a hook-up was a click away. Thus I was able to discover and experiment my sexuality via URL, and then IRL.

What made you decide to come to London? Did you come straight here from Spain?

I came here with a grant I got from the Spanish Government after graduating from uni. It was the perfect excuse to spend my government's money in the craziest summer of my life. Where better to improve my English than in the smoking area of the Joiners Arms? I came here straight from Spain, but before moving to London, I moved from my town to Madrid, where I could freely enjoy a gay community, gay friends and a lot of same-sex bump'n'grind.

How do you feel the gay community in London compares to the gay scene back home?

London's community is much more inclusive. Madrid's one is still quite close-minded, racist and transphobic, in my opinion. I haven't lived there for the last four years, but I still get that feeling when I go there on holiday or for DJing. I would say it is quite segregated, being very difficult to make friends or socialise outside of your regular clique, but this can be said of Spanish society as a whole though.

What do you think the Spanish LGBT community bring to the London scene?

Sassiness, strong accents and hairy chests. Oh, and 95% of Zara employees.

And finally, could you ever imagine going back to live in Spain? If not, what is it about London's gay scene and community that makes you want to stay?

I can't imagine that at the moment. I've never felt as free and safe in my life as I feel in London. The main difference for me between London and Spain is that here individuality is a characteristic that is celebrated, whilst in Spain originality and individuality is often used against you. People do not find the courage to step out of the path and be themselves easily, which can make them very unhappy.

Ego Rodriguez

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Illustrator

What was it like growing up gay in Spain?

My parents are open-minded people and I received a fair education. Freedom to express myself and make my choices, so on that side it was quite supportive. I grew up being pointed at, with people making fun of me and the giving me the usual abuse you come to expect. I never felt like fitting in and I did develop an antipathy towards society in general. I used this to be more creative and wear even more provocative outfits.

What made you decide to come to London? Did you come straight here from Spain?

It was a chance opportunity, motivated by the reasons mentioned before.

I never thought about myself wanting to settle where I wasn't happy. When someone I met brought up London as an option, I went for it. I moved out to Madrid from the north (Asturias) and then moved to London.

How do you feel the gay community in London compares to the gay scene back home?

I find the gay scene quite limited and constrained by norm [in Spain]. That's my

experience in US and Europe. London is the only place where I'd seen more openness and mixed places, more variety and choices. I am not the biggest fan of clubs, bars, social temples that only accept one type.

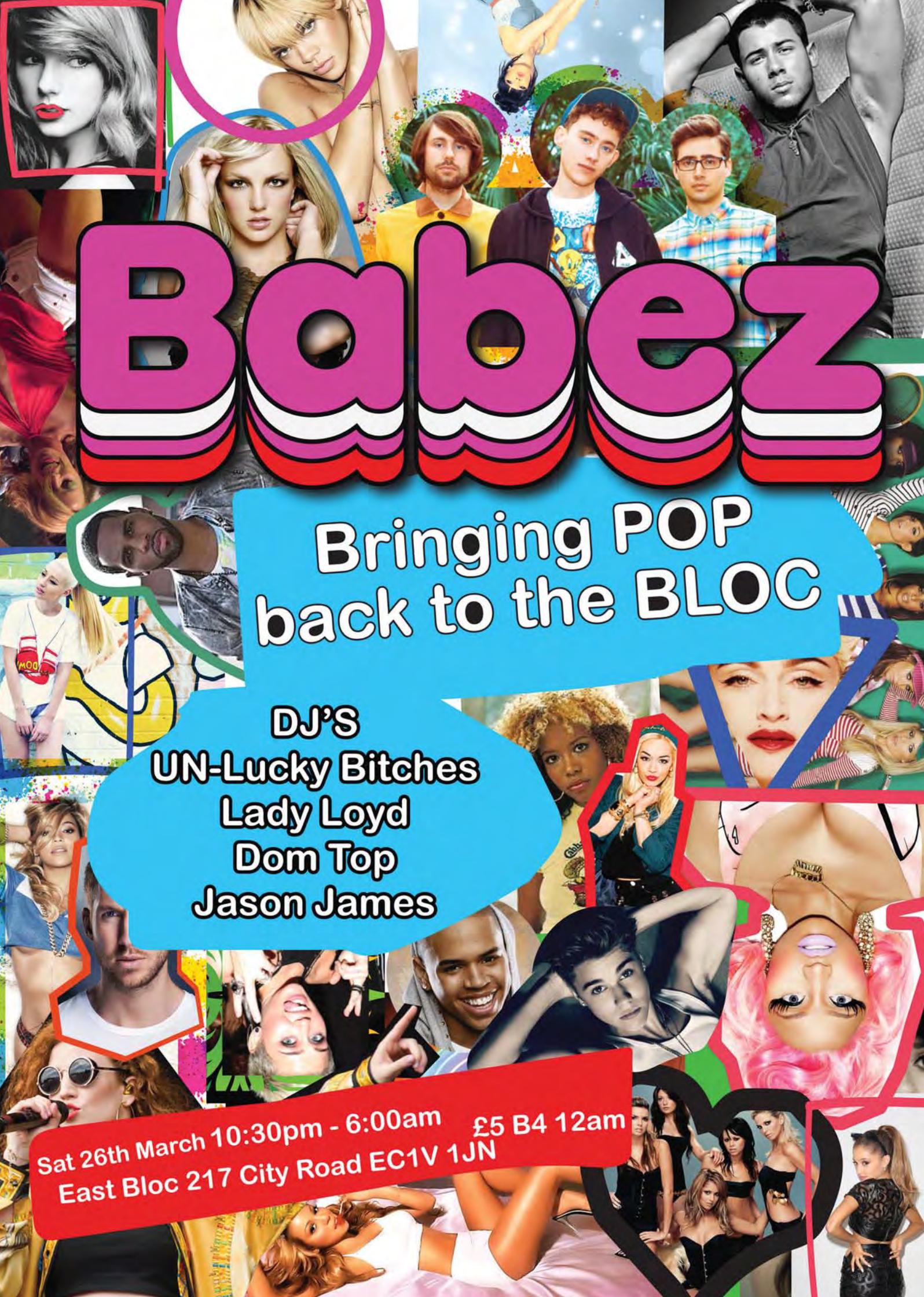
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An advance when it comes to laws and protection. Younger generations are more verbal and transparent about it. Still, the Spanish mentality towards the LGBT is poor and disrespectful. Even within the more progressive circles, there is liberal homophobia. You can be gay but nobody wants to see it. You need to follow the heteronormative example. Being flamboyant or feminine is not accepted. Sometimes I question whether some of the advances are happening so that people don't have to talk about it.

And finally, could you ever imagine going back to live in Spain? If not, what is it about London's gay scene and community that makes you want to stay?

I thought a couple of times about moving to Barcelona. But I can't see myself there any time soon. London offers variety and movement. In the last 20 years I have seen so many changes and places come and go. Sometimes this is a sad event. But I think that renovation and novelty makes the London scene what it is; a melting pot not that easy to find in other places.

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Deliciously inked gay porn star Logan McCree has swapped fellatio for firefighting in the remote Scottish village of Durness. He set up shop there around four years ago. He lives in a cottage with his two dogs Aries and Wolfie, and runs a hair salon.

"Everyone in Durness has heard about it," he told the Scottish Sun "But I really try and help in the community as much as I can."

One of his firefighting colleagues James Keith is happy about him joining the team.

"I'm one of his work mates — but not in a film capacity obviously. We would all have preferred it if he was a female porn actress. But he is what he is."

"We asked him because he's a young fit bloke. We need young fit men or women. None of us have a problem with his past."

How lovely.



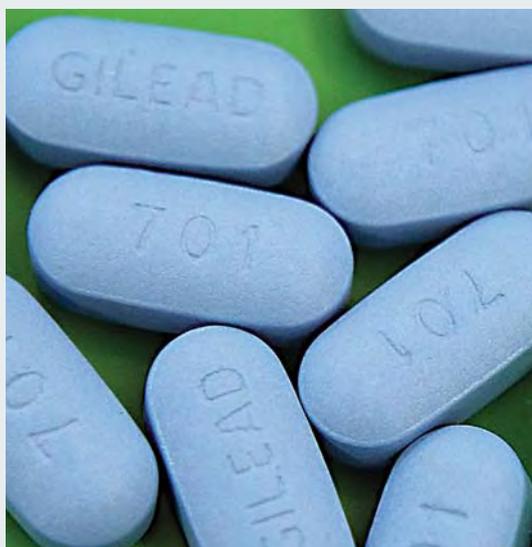
NHS shelves plans for PrEP

In a move that's been universally panned by sexual health organizations, the NHS has all but abandoned its original plans for moving forward with the introduction of PrEP. Studies reported that the drug, taken before sex to prevent HIV, reduces risk of infection by 86%. It's already available in the US, France, Canada, Israel and Kenya.

Instead of making it readily available as originally planned, the NHS have announced that they'll be spending £2m over the next two years, to find 500 men in the UK who are "most at risk" and provide only them with the drug.

Ian Green, chief executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust, said: "By denying full availability of PrEP, we are failing those who are at risk of HIV."

Today's decision by NHS England to depart with due process, and, instead, offer a tokenistic nod to what has the potential to revolutionise HIV prevention in the UK, is shameful."



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Jussie Smollett is slagging off Donald Trump



And quite right too! We'd vote for Jussie over Trump ANY day of the week. He's gay and he's met Naomi Campbell, so there are two presidential qualifications right there. He's off hit TV show Empire, in which he plays a gay r&b star. If you haven't seen Empire yet, WATCH it, it's like the hip-hop version of Dynasty. High camp. 'I think that (Trump) is truly one the worst people that has ever walked the face of this planet,' he said 'I'm ashamed and embarrassed for our nation.' Wow, don't hold back babe.

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Le Fil is one of the scene's most promising new recording artists. He's both sparkingly original and disarmingly self-aware, qualities that are increasingly rare in our Instawhore Kar Krash generation.

His music is a gorgeous, sensory kaleidoscope of sound. In his new EP, there's slugs of industrial, shots of dance and a generous trickle of glam pop.

Ahead of the release of his new single 'Genesis' in April, Dylan Jones spoke to him about gentrification, the role of queer musicians, and more.

So tell us a bit about yourself! When did you start making music and stuff?

It all started for me by writing soundtracks for live art performances, where I used to write around in clay and cling film in warehouses. I'm a sucker for catchy choruses and big hooks! I guess I find pop music the more accessible art form to discuss themes like sex, gender and identity with a mainstream audience. It's sort of like a trojan horse - seduce people with the music, and then once you're in - you can wreck havoc from the inside!

Recently Olly Alexander wrote a great open letter about gay men in pop music. What do you think about it all?

I loved that letter! Olly's like a trojan horse too, and he's now in a position where he can change things. The mainstream music industry plays it so safe, and ignores such a large part of our culture in favour of promoting safer options like Sam Smith or Ed Sheeran. I've really struggled with that. I'm glad people are being more accepting of gender-fuck artists! The 80s were so queer and I'm happy to see that queerness and otherness is making a comeback - even Boy George is back on TV! In fact, that's what my new song 'Genesis' is about - everyone coming together to create a culture of acceptance. I feel really optimistic about that now - it's been long overdue.

You live in Peckham, right? Very up and coming! What are your fave places to go around there?

Oh God, Peckham's been up and coming for years, and will be up and coming for many more. I think people should stay away from Peckham otherwise my cheap rent's gonna go up again! Bussey Building's great for a dirty party. Canavan's pool place is good too, lots of hot boys bending over, wooden sticks and karaoke. Perfect.

What artists is your music inspired by?

The new EP I'm making is proper inspired by film soundtracks like Drive and The Fifth Element, cinematic epic pop! Talking of epic pop, everyone hates her now, but she still inspires me - Gaga. Sure, she loses her focus sometimes - but doesn't every mid-twenty year old get a bit lost sometimes? I know I do. Pulling your shit together is what is inspirational - and also writing a song like Bad Romance! I admire loads more - Björk, Pet Shop Boys, Madonna, FKA Twigs, Matthew Barney, The Irrepressibles, Kylie, Laurie Anderson, Andy Warhol, Gilbert & George, Bowie - any artist who pushes creative boundaries really inspires me, no matter what discipline.

Photo: Sam Morris





Photo: Kevin Donnelly

What do you think about genderqueer stuff and non-binary? Do you identify with any of that at all?

Absolutely. We all need to identify with it and talk about it more. This is what inspires me to write music and be heard! Here's an example: every day I get challenged about my long hair - it's such a simple thing, but for most people, it's a shock to see a man with long hair. I'm like, it's hair - it grows?! And just because I wear eyeliner doesn't mean I'm a drag act or want to be referred to as a woman - it just means I'm changing the notion of what it means to be a man. We still live in a culture where everyone has to fit into a certain type of box - masc box, trans box, asian box - when in fact we're all different shapes, different genders, different colours, different spectrums. We are all individual! The more we create dialogue with each other, the more acceptance there will be for everyone to just be themselves.

What do you make of the London gay scene?

It's great! My hometown is Huddersfield, where there isn't too much of a scene. So London in comparison is this massive, colourful, fertile hotbed of happy and proud gays! I love The Glory. I've performed there a few times and launched my EP there last year. Jonny Woo, John Sizzle and Zoe are fab and so supportive of my music. Royal Vauxhall Tavern too - I love Bar Wotever! And Heaven on a Thursday night, dirt! It's all about creating an exciting and diverse mix of culture and energy, not just one homogenised mass.

And of London as a whole? A lot of people are saying it's getting too expensive, too corporate. Do you agree with that?

It's been getting too expensive for ages. One of my songs 'Big Job' talks about that dichotomy of needing the investment but needing freedom too, and the struggle in finding that balance. Being a creative living in London is tough, and means surviving on £1 Iceland pizzas - but at the same time we're partly to blame for it becoming expensive too. We bring the culture and then culture brings corporations and investments to the area, and then boom - everything becomes super expensive. Peckham's recent regeneration is a good example of that. Unfortunately it's a vicious cycle that seems unavoidable unless the government and local councils put a foot down on landlords, big companies and foreign investors ruining an area and pricing everyone out. But we can't boycott London, we are the artists and culture that keep it fresh - we just need to keep campaigning where we can!

Which three famous people would you most like to party with and why? Naomi Campbell, Grace Jones and Rihanna - ultimate sass-fest! When I get going, I can just dance forever and I imagine those three would too. High on life!

What are your plans for the future?

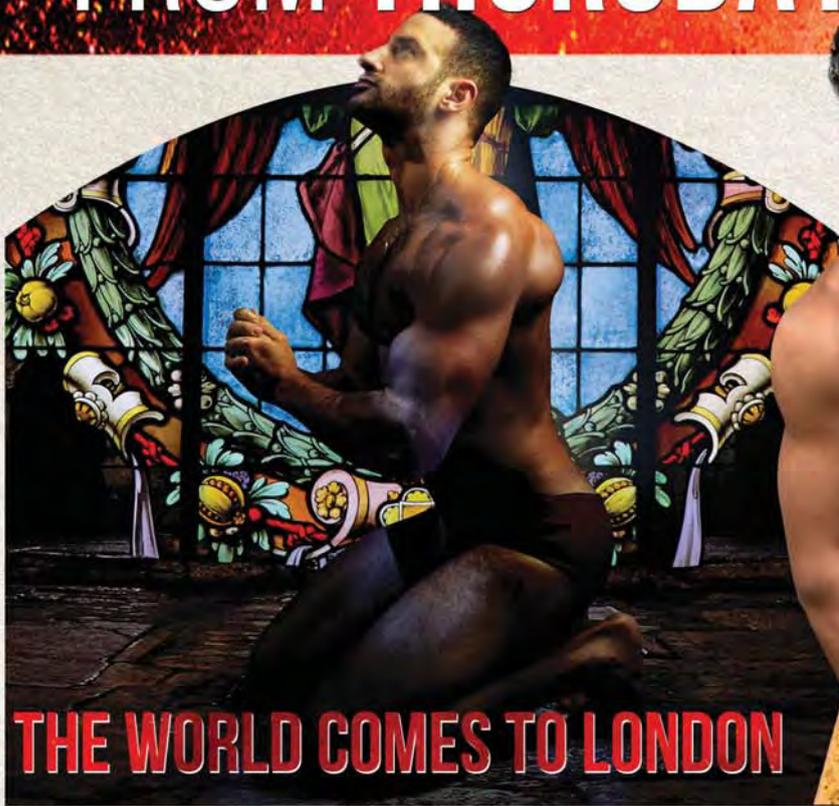
I'm headlining a night at The Amersham Arms in New Cross on March 30th. I'm gonna be performing my electronic pop sculpture songs with a full live band, guitars and all. It's traditionally an indie rock venue, but expect added glam pop, whirring synths and hot boys dancing! We're also gonna premiere 'Genesis', which fingers crossed will be coming out next month. Then the EP will come out later in the summer, and it's all sounding super fit. And I'm just warming up!

What advice would you give to young queer people striking out on their own?

I'm only starting out too, so I guess I'd offer the advice that I go by myself, which is - we only get one life to live, so live the one we want to. Shape it like a sculpture. Be bold, be brave, be yourself - and take the time to learn what being yourself actually is. Embrace it and enjoy it!

Le Fil is at The Amersham Arms (388 New Cross Road, SE14 6TY) on Wednesday 30th March from 8pm.

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Thursday 24th - Monday 28th March

As One Easter Weekend Festival

AS ONE

Scene party leviathans AS ONE are throwing the party of the century this Easter! Or rather, the PARTIES of the century, with multiple events at multiple venues across the city. It's the brainchild of nightlife pioneers Orange Nation! The ones to look out for are WE Party at The Coronet, and then Beyond are joining forces with PAPA at Fire for a super extended party. No changing venues for the after party! Just buy another drink and saunter seamlessly from the red hot hunks of PAPA to the banging beats of Beyond. Extra production is in place, so the venue will be completely transformed. They're pulling out all the stops to make Saturday night one for the history books. For more info, check out our feature on page 20.



Neil Prince

It's dirty, it's disco...IT'S DIRTY DISKO! With a K! They're imaginative like that. Yes, it's another of East Bloc's iconic parties, this time in collaboration with gorgeous creatures of the night Blocheads. Ambitiously, it's kicking off Easter weekend with what looks like is going to be one of the biggest parties of the year. Oh well. Start as we mean to go on. Just eat a banana or something beforehand. They've got an altruistic algorithm of DJs, including **QBoy, Neil Prince** and **Steven Artis**.

Thursday 24th March

Blocheads Vs Dirty Disko



East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 11pm - 6am.
£5 before midnight, £8 after.



Thursday 24th March

Rebel Rebel presents...BOWIE

Rebel Rebel

The Phoenix, 37 Cavendish Square, W1G 0PP. 10pm - 3am. £6 adv tickets.

Those rebellious Rebel Rebel kids couldn't resist returning for one more shindig in honour of the late great queer icon David Bowie. As usual it's at Cavendish Square venue The Phoenix, which has just the right amount of anarchic punk glamour. They've got a formidable DJ lineup too, with Horsemeat Disco's **Jim Stanton** and legendary record producer **Tris Penna**. Obviously the night will be dominated by Bowie's greatest hits, as well as some covers and some of his lesser-known stuff. Meaningfully, all the money made from the night will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Friday 25th March

Push The Button



In the inimitable words of philanthropists, pop pioneers and voices of a generation the Sugababes: "Push, the button, for me boy". So deep. So wise. Push The Button at The Vauxhall Tavern is a queer pop SENSATION named after that slice of sonorous perfection. They play all yer fuckin' faves! Ya got yer Billie Piper. Ya got yer Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Ya got yer Spice Girls. Ya got yer Girls Aloud. Ya got yer Rachel Stevens. Basically, imagine if your bedroom from when you were 13 years old, exploded inside a pub in Vauxhall, and you get the general idea.

The Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY.
 9pm – 3am. £8 entry.



Friday 25th March

A:M

Protocol London, 6 South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP.
 11pm – 11am. £4 before 1am with flyer, £8 after.



Nic Fisher



D'Johnny

Breathtakingly cool, infallibly urban club night A:M lasts for TWELVE HOURS. Don't worry about it! It's fine! It's perfectly normal! Just don't tell ya mum. Well, depending on who your mum is, she might be there. Dinah Lohan would love it. Yeeeah, so apparently this week it's TURBOCHARGED. God knows what that means. You'll find out. They're also playing host to DJs **Nic Fisher**, **D'Johnny** and **Yvette Lindquist**. The pinnacle of boundary-defying, reinvented clubbing! Yes!



Friday 25th March

Wut Club

YOU WHAT? It's Wut Club! WUT WUT WUT! *fistpump*. Urgh. Sorry. ANYWAY yes, Wut Club is one of the trendiest nights in one of the trendiest clubs in one of the trendiest districts in one of the trendiest cities IN THE WORLD. Yes! Cutting edge! A melee of East End misfits! Including full time klub kid **Louie Banks** and part time carbohydrate **Jacqui Potato**. Plus a whole cast of model slash DJs slash "visual merchandisers", lol.



Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB.
 9pm – 5am. Free before 11pm, £7 after.

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Saturday 26th March

BABEZ It's Easter!

Lady Lloyd

In the office we were debating what Easter's actually, like, about. And we agreed it's basically about avin' an egg, then goin' out and getting FUCKED! And that's exactly what you can do at popstastic pop tart extravaganza BABEZ! We've put babez in caps because when you say it you have to shout it. BABEZ! And this is a special Easter edition. There's gonna be eggy electropop and rabbity realness, all night, wall-to-wall, all for you, YES! Our very own pop princesa **Dom Top** is gonna be DJing all the hits (well, all Britney's hits), as well as **Unlucky Bitches**, **Jason James** and **Lady Lloyd**. Who is a slag. Unmissable babes!

Babez

East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN.
11pm – 6am. £5 before midnight, £10 after.

Saturday 26th March

XXL Resurrection

Ooh look, those XXL bears are resurrecting too! A hairy, hedonistic pop EXPERIENCE! That's what XXL is, with a gorgeous amalgamation of strobe lights, friendly burly men in Timbaland boots and chequered shirts ("lumbersexual", word du jour innit) and lots of gorgy drinks! Hooray! Celebrate your Easter in gyrating STYLE. Well. In some sort of style anyway. With a DJ set from the inimitable **Wayne G.**



Pulse Nightclub, 1 Invicta Plaza, SE1 9UF.
10pm – 6am. £15 entry, £8 for members.

Saturday 26th March

Lady Olé

It's the opening night of sexy, fiery, faggy Spanish night Lady Olé this Saturday! Spanish vibes, and then their dresscode is Geisha! So it's a Japanese/Spanish fusion, as far as we can see. That's so London isn't it. It's not enough to have a gay club night. So it has to be a Spanish gay club night. And that's still not enough, so it has to be a Japanese/Spanish fusion gay club night. Exhausting. Love it! Lady Olé celebrates Spanish dance, kitsch and queer culture, so it's bound to be a kaleidoscope of light and sound. Gorgeous! With DJs **Alejandro Asencio** and **Soy Larga DJ**.



The Archway Tavern, 1 Archway Close, N19 3TD.
10pm – 4am. £8 entry.

Alejandro Asencio

Sunday 27th March

Beyond

Like Jesus, rise again from your desert tomb! Or at least, from your sofa. And go down to Vauxhall for a special Easter edition of premier clubbing experience, Beyond! Its reputation really does precede it. It's acting as the after party for Papa Don't Preach, so we all know what THAT means – lots of gorgeous olive-skinned gentlemen. With sets from scene stalwart DJs **Gonzalo**, **Per QX**, **Maze & Masters**, and more.

BEYOND

Fire Nightclub, South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT.
5am – 2pm.



Gonzalo



Per QX

Sunday 27th March

Glory Barn Dance

YEEE-HAW! It's a rip-roaring hoedown and ball bustin' cowgirl cabaret carcrash of haybales and hedonism at the Glory! Christ. That sentence wore us out. *Leans against wall, lights cigarette*. Yeeeh so The Glory are having a barn dance. Does exactly what it says on the tin really. Hay bales. Country music. Feat **Miss Craig**, dressed as some hellish interpretation of Dolly Parton probably. Dolly Parton at a chemsex. Also one of our new faves **Shesus** is gonna be there with her Sistas. And our new favourite drag name **CONCERTINA TURNER!** SCREAM!

GLORY

The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS.
From 4pm. Free entry.

Sunday 27th March

Chapter 10

CHAPTER 10

Bloc, Unit 3, Autumn Yard, E3 2TT.
11pm – 6am. General admission £16.

Fancy a super-edgy warehouse rave? WELL. You're in luck! And this isn't one of those sad crappy warehouse raves that students try to put on, where you just end up sitting around smoking weed for five hours and then a community police officer shows up and tells you to buzz off. NO. This is a proper one. With proper DJs. Like **Dan Beaumont** and **Charlie Porter**. And it's being hosted by **A Man To Pet**, who's like Lindsay Lohan crossed with a Greek athlete. So. Chuck on your best galaxy print baseball jacket and skip down to Hackney Wick.



A Man To Pet

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easter



Sunday 27th March

Brüt Bank Holiday

The burly Brüt boys are doing a massive Easter bash at gorgeously grimy venue The Steel Yard. It'll be the usual melee of men and monochrome, and they've really pulled the stops out on the DJ front: **Tom Stephan, Ross Jones and The Meat Boys** are just some of the acts who'll be spinning throughout the night. Brüt is a great night if the more camp stuff isn't for you. This is proper musky manly fare! Still fun, friendly and non-judgy though. You'll have a blast!

The Steel Yard, EC4R 3UL. 10pm – 6am. Tickets £15.

BRÜT
BEARDS BLOKED CUBS HUNKS

Sunday 27th March

Fitladz presents East End Boyz

It's those cheeky Fitladz lads again! They're descending on East Bloc on Bank Holiday Sunday for one of their sexy cruisey parties! As it's Easter, we were going to liken cruising East Bloc's hallowed halls to a sort of Easter egg hunt, but we thought best not. Anyway, it's a big bash, with beats, boys and booze from 10pm 'til 7! Which is perfect! By the time you get out the shops will be open so you can buy yourself a nice t-shirt on Brick Lane or something. Then pop home on the overground. PERFECT. Anyway throughout the night they'll be having sexy scally performances quality music and, obvs, fit boys innit.



East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 11pm – 7am. £5 before midnight, £10 after.



Sunday 27th March

Sunday Mass



Virgin Xtravaganza

Bloc Bar, 18 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9NX.

5pm – 3am.

Showtime 7pm. Free entry.

MAAAAASS KWEEN. Sip from **Virgin Xtravaganza's** holy cup (or at least sip a pint) at her weekly pilgrimage to Bloc Bar. Now is totes the right time of year for Virgin's irreverent brand of religious musings. Hopefully she'll do another rendition of one of her hits, Virgin In The Bible (to the tune of Genie In A Bottle by Christina Aguilera). So get on your knees and PRAY this Sunday, with a gorgeous mix of blasphemy and beer. Lolz.

Sunday 27th March

Sunday Social

Well, someone was BOUND to use the word "Eggstravaganza". It's surprising we got this far without it really. But here it is...THE VAUXHALL TAVERN'S EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA BANK HOLIDAY! It's a special edition of their weekly Sunday social, and because it's a bank holiday, it's bound to be a frolicking, glitter-shitting mess! Which is just how we like our Sunday evenings, thank you very much. They've got international cabaret sensation **La Voix** performing, with DJ sets from **Simon Le Vans** and special guest **Tim Condran** from Cahill!

La Voix

SUNDAY SOCIAL
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The Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm – 3am.
£4 members, £5 general admission.

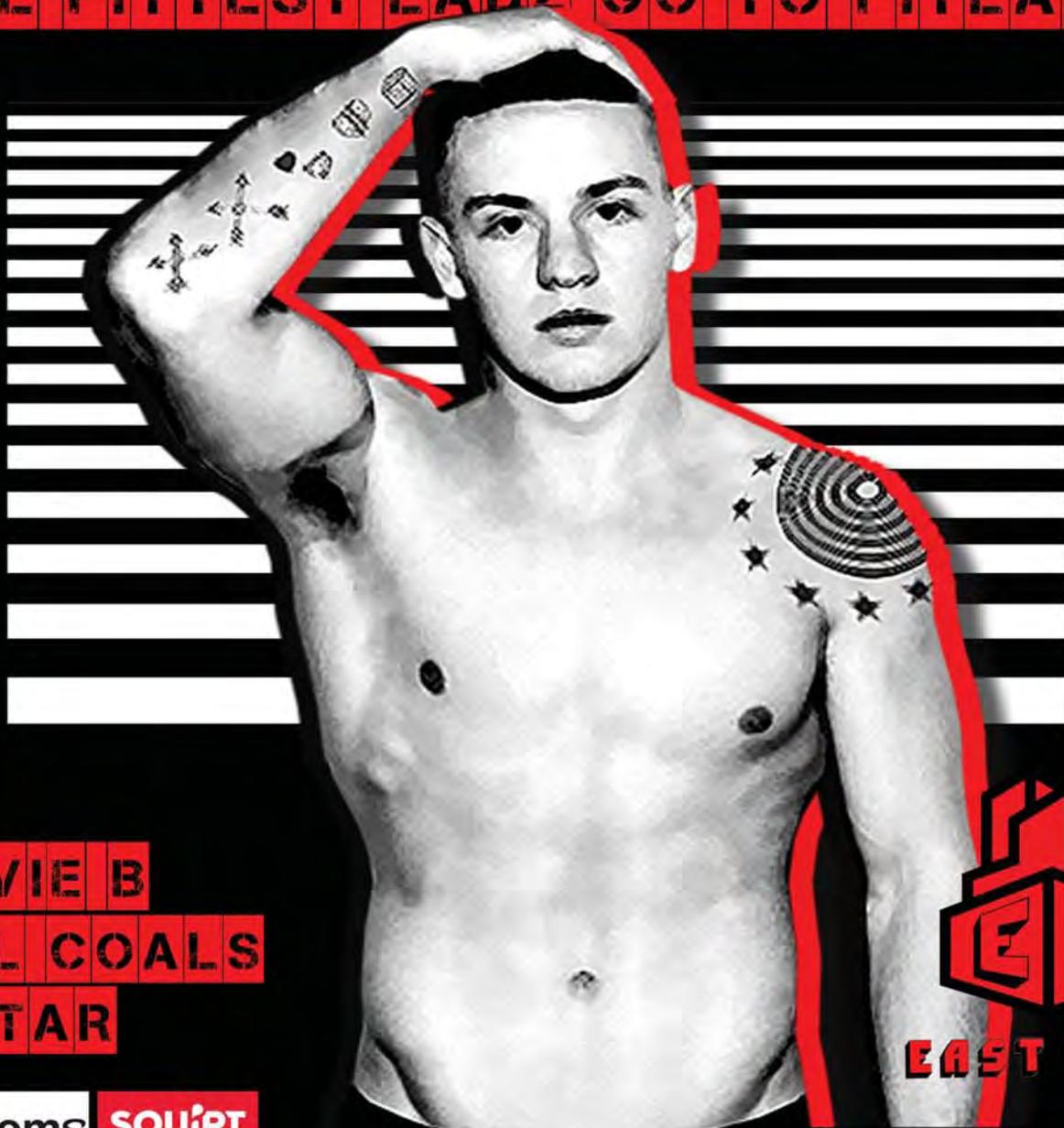
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A:M

As One

Easter Weekend

Yes! As One Easter! It's set to be the biggest party this side of Lindsay Lohan's bed. A paradise. A paragon. It'll be like Ibiza, but what the fuck would you know, you've never been to Ibiza.

In case you've been living under a rock (or in Harlow) and have never heard of As One, we'll break them down for you: As One are clubland leviathans! Scene stalwarts! Nightlife connoisseurs! And this FIVE DAY PARTY FESTIVAL they're putting on is in association with Orange Nation, who are experts in dastardly debauchery. Seriously, they have a PhD in it from Vauxhall University. Imagine Vauxhall University, lol. Drawers and drawers full of poppers. Constant fugginess. Lessons by Mikele.

The point IS, this weekend is going to be fucking epic. Orange and As One, have birthed nine bangin' bank holiday parties over five glorious homosexual haunts of hedonism (by "homosexual haunts of hedonism" we mean "gay clubs" btw).

FIRST, YES, we've got...WE Party! WE parties are iconic. Known for men who are hot on an ancient Grecian scale, and the biggest glitter cannons in London. That's on Thursday 25th March at The Coronet, from 11pm. Get there early to avoid queueing in a sea of muscled torsos (or, actually, get there late, because that sounds quite appealing).

THEN, it's over to Protocol for A:M's Good Friday Special. As the name suggests, A:M runs into the wee hours. It's TWELVE HOURS LONG. Don't tell your mum. Just have another vodka Red Bull and be done with it. That's from 11pm (UNTIL 11PM SCREAM) on Friday 26th.

NEXT on Saturday 26th, it's scorchingly lascivious latin party Papa at Orange Nation go-to, FIRE. Fire's awesome! A fun smoking smoking area and chilled vibes. It's a bit of a labyrinth though, don't get lost!

Right, we're onto day 4 now *draws breath*. It's BEYOND. Res-erect (giggle) at Fire. Yes, it's at the same venue, so no need negotiating buses or Ubers in various states inebriation. Just sip your drink and saunter on through. The soundsystem is fucking insane. Seriously, you'll be shellshocked for a week (in a good way). That's Sunday 27th. From 5am. Yeah. Hardcore.

FINALLY (nearly there, bottle of water, top-up your Oyster, change your shirt) on MONDAY it's Orange Nation's namesake, Orange and it's back to Fire again for that one. This is the last hurrah, with DJs Fat Tony, Zach Burns, Jamie Head, Tom Frankel and more.

Well, that's that. Good luck and god speed.



Orange and As One, have birthed nine bangin' bank holiday parties over five glorious homosexual haunts of hedonism



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Chapter 10



Prosumer

Well, strike a light! It's Chapter 10 again, ain't it? The big gay dance party in a warehouse that's a right good laugh.

Okay, enough inexplicable Eliza Doolittle impersonations, let's get down to business. This time the Tanners (we just made that up) are bringing you one of Europe's best-known house DJs, Prosumer! He's German! He lives in Edinburgh! He makes really great apple pies! Seriously, we're not even joking, he's got his own special recipe, for which he recommends 'Boskoop' apples. So there you go.

Anyway, the legendary DJ/baker will be throwing down some of his finest tracks from his release on labels like Playhouse, OstGut Ton and Hotflush on Easter Sunday, accompanied by Superstore's Dan Beaumont and the lovely Charlie Porter. Oh, brace yourselves, that A Man to Pet is on hosting duties too. Last time we saw her she was dressed up as the sun (like, the planet not the tabloid) and demanding drinks tickets because she was "thirsty".

So basically this one's gonna be a bit of a banger. Pack some sunglasses, get your Uber sorted in advance. You're really going to need both for the return trip at 6am. BOSKOO!



Dan Beaumont

A Man To Pet

CHAPTER 10

Chapter 10 is on Sunday 27th March at Bloc.
(Unit 3, Autumn Yard, E3 2TT), 11pm – 6am.
Advance tickets £18.

HAPPY SUNDAYS

Promoter Steven Artis is revolutionizing Sundays on the scene.



Steven Artis

We LOVE a Sunday night out. Actually, we love any night out. But we particularly love Sunday nights out. It's sunglasses and sangria vibes. It's a nice little bonus to the weekend. Like, you're sat at home, watching The People Vs OJ Simpson or something, and you're a bit hungover from the night before, and you're just startin to think "I've got work in the mornin', should probs get mah beauty sleep."

THEN THE PHONE RINGS. It's Hilton, your Jamaican friend you met

in the smoking area of Fire in 2011. "Aren't you coming out mate?!" he shouts, over a bustling background sound of Charli XCX and sexual fluidity. You are confused. But it's a Sunday? He laughs his rich molasses laugh. "Sundays are the new Saturday. Get with it mate." He hangs up. You order an Uber.

That's what's gonna happen when it all kicks off this week. Yes, Orange, London's original number one Sunday night dance destination, has a new promoter. Steven Artis will be revolutionizing Sunday nights with a rip-roaring, star-studded, super party!

He's now at the helm of this iconic Orange Nation event, so prepare yourself for a new sound, a new look, a new vibe, a new Orange – the future is bright, and it tastes fresh!

Steven is bringing in some new monthly residents, Mattias Dabo and Alex Georgiou, to DJ alongside himself. But don't worry, everyone's favourite DJs are still going to be there – Zach Burns, Miswhite, Hifi Sean and Fat Tony.

Orange is going to be recharged for a new generation with three rooms refreshed and rebranded, with a cool new look, new decor and new sound. And there's going to be 100% fresh vocal house and disco in the boombox disco room.

The new Orange will be every Sunday from 11pm till 7am on Monday morning and entry will be just £1 before 1am with lots of 2-4-1 drinks offers. Industry workers get in for free and can also reserve a table on production of a pay-slip.



ORANGE

Orange is every Sunday night/Monday morning at Fire,
(39 Parry Street, SW8 1RT). 11pm – 7am. £1 before 1am.

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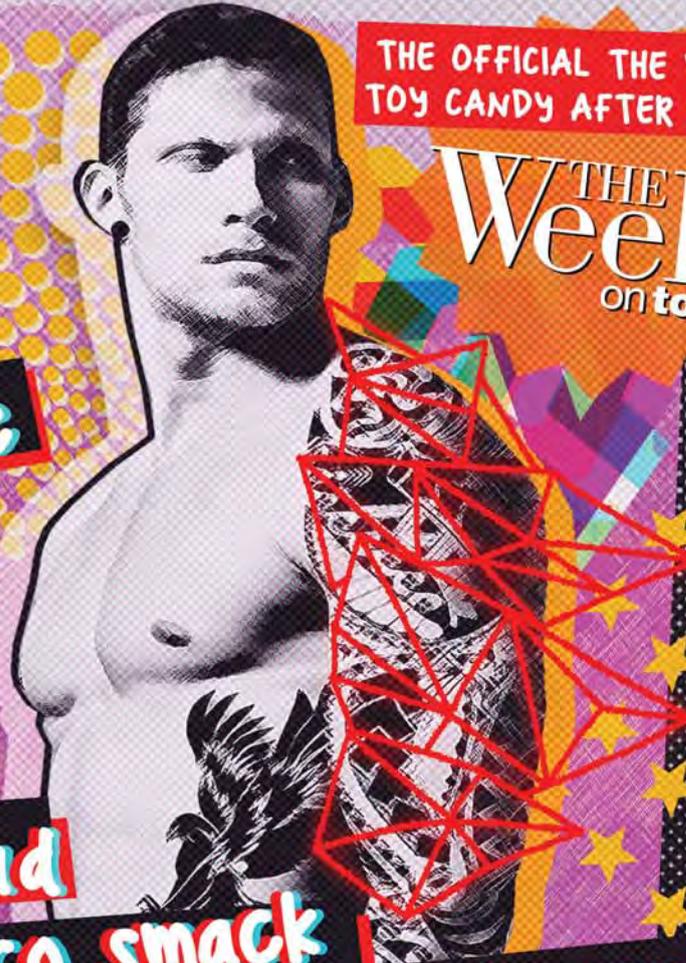
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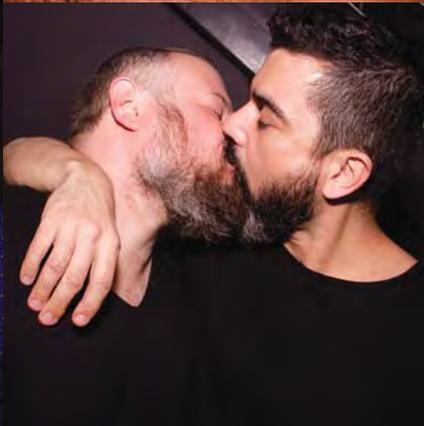
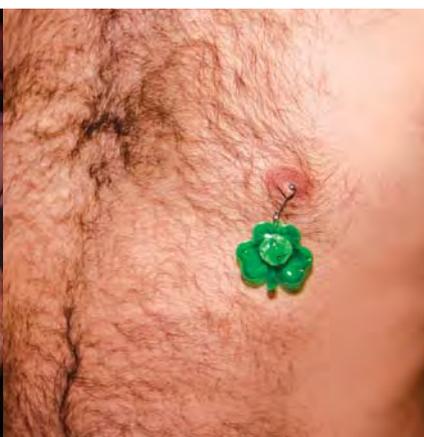


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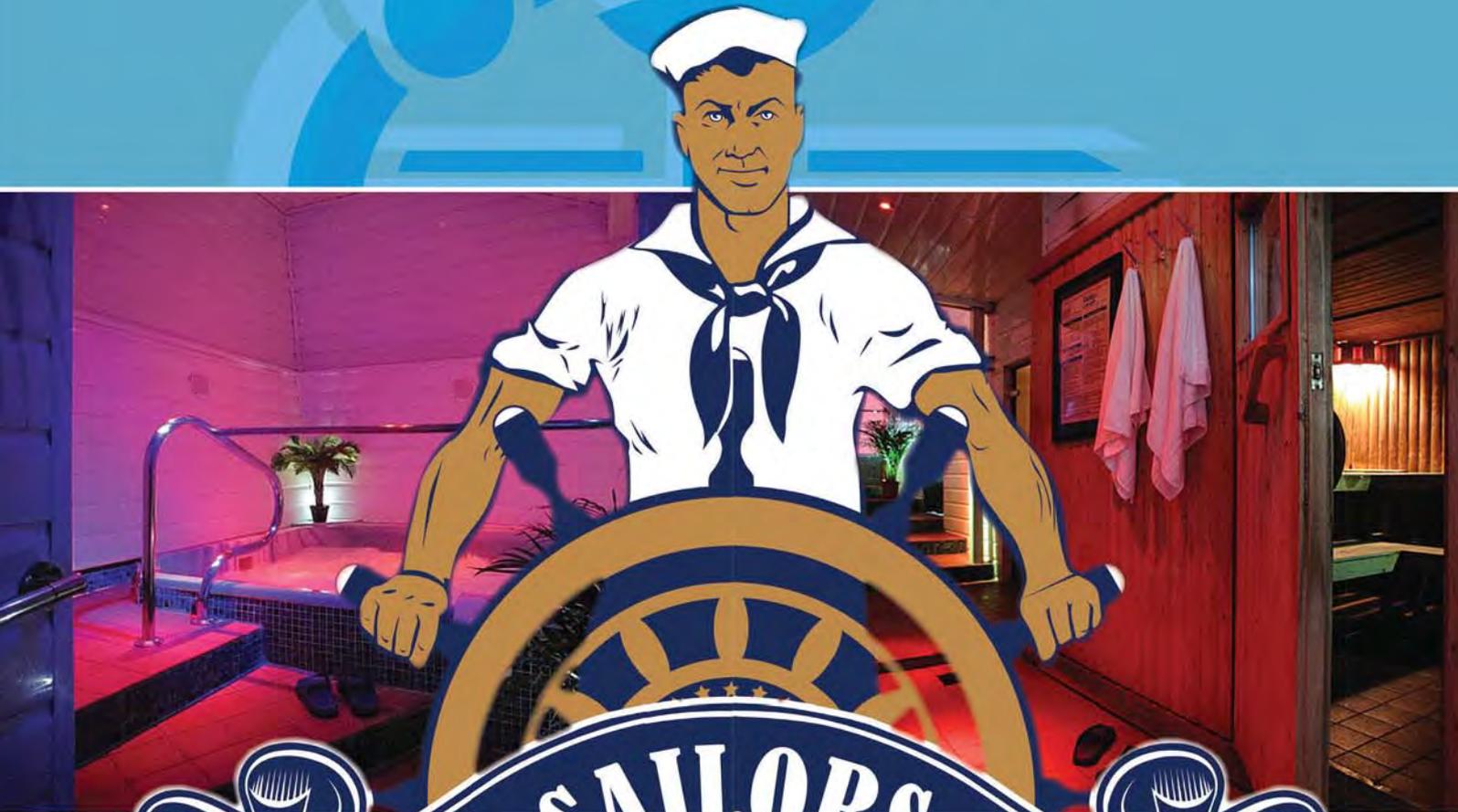
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"From 10pm to 7am, XXL is guaranteed to be a set of non-stop experiences."

XXL is the jewel in Southwark's crown, and by jewel we mean blinding diamond. It would explain why so many guys from all across this city head in a rush for the stone cave-like arenas that make up the massive club Pulse - as soon as the clock strikes Saturday night - hoping to get their hands on some treasure chests. Last Saturday was no different! From one massive space to another - the chill out arenas, the Deep House heavy main floor and what I like to call the 'R'n'B-Meets-General-Golden-Jams Room', there's more guys that you can count - gyrating, just hanging... or just getting started. From 10pm to 7am, XXL is guaranteed to be a set of non-stop experiences that you won't stop talking about for weeks afterwards...even if you've gone back for a top up in between. Let's face it, by now it seems we've all had a top-up or two - and for the rare few who haven't, what are you waiting for?



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QX hit the sassy streets of London's glitzy Kingsland Road for the launch of spanking new klub nite, Awful, at Dalston Superstore last weekend. Taking in two twisted floors of booming basement jams and pop licks from yesteryear, superstar scene bitches, Jonbenet Blonde and Little Jimmy Johnson, drew in a rampant horde of party freakz for extravagant antics into the small hours. High kicking delights saw Jimmy 'n' JonB working the decks with irony-laden retro smashes that had the mirthsome multitudes giving it up for bubble-butt bar-top dancing aplenty at ground level. Downstairs and the posse shoehorned themselves onto the bijou dancefloor for 'nuff mashed up beats from Josh You Are and Maze & Masters, getting cool kids slo-mo-stomping in their stillies like strange animals in a wind tunnel. Elsewhere, gossip-mongering guys and gals tumbled onto the luxe smoking terrace, complete with a queen's-eye view of the passing trade, as night turned into morning at one the most happening joints in our fab city. Lazertitz rocks the Easter weekend at Dalston Superstore this Saturday. Don't miss house, techno and dirty electro from Hannah Holland, Bica, Cathal and guests!



"Two twisted floors of booming basement jams and pop licks from yesteryear."



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Words Chris John
 Photos by Mark Storey



“Five fantastic years on the scene with a dazzling ‘High Five’ anniversary bash.”

QX joined the block-rockin’ birthday crowds on City Road as Shoreditch LGBT landmark, East Bloc, celebrated five fantastic years on the scene with a dazzling ‘High Five’ anniversary bash last weekend. Featuring two rip-roarin’ rooms of gorgeous guys ‘n’ girls plus a dizzying array of DJ sounds, an all-star cast at the decks kept those beats pounding through ‘til morning at one of the hottest basement hangouts in town. Highlights amidst the laser beams saw the likes of Andrew Moore joining Tom Stephan, Louis Chatten, Guy Williams and Ben Jamin on the wheels of steel for jaw-dropping grooves that had the masses going wild. Top class thrills featured no end of

sweaty euphoria in the main room with enough earth-shattering beats to keep even the most voracious of club queens strutting beneath the mirror balls. Elsewhere there was more to explore with pouty posing in the tiny room 2 and tittle-tattle on the banquettes as the disco throng made it a night to remember. Meanwhile, QX headed back into the fray ‘til way past our bedtimes for a birthday blowout to keep the multitudes coming back for more!



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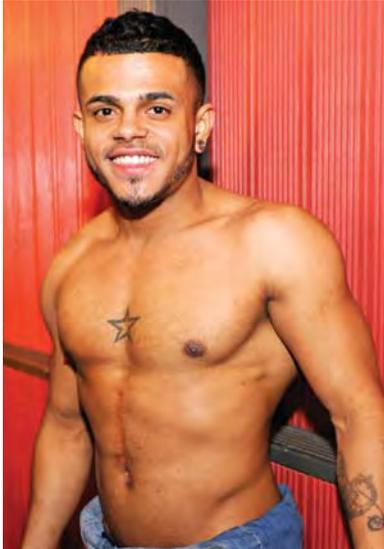
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Words and Photos
by ChrisJepson.com



The week before Easter is generally a bit of a non-event in London Clubland as everyone is saving themselves for the celebrations that always accompany any resurrection! But one club that is always rocking the rafters is A:M at Protocol. For more than 14 years A:M has been at the forefront of the Friday night/Saturday morning club scene and is London's longest running afterhours party. With its ability to constantly reinvent itself by pushing boundaries to maintain an enviable reputation for always being fresh and current, at A:M it's all about the music. Last weekend the prolific producer and international superstar DJ Tom Stephan lit up the decks in the A:M Turbocharged room, along with birthday boy Gonzalo, while over in the A:M House arch butch bear Chris Brogan was flexing his DJ muscles and keeping the d-floor packed. Promoter Louise Port was working her earpiece to within an inch of its life and once again proved she is the perfect host and ring master for the erratic and eclectic.

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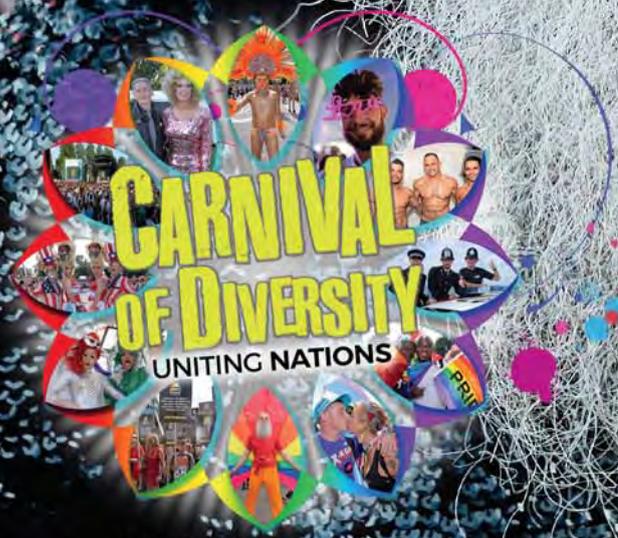


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Nightly Night Night
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Vauxhall Tavern, 372
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Words by Jason Reid
Photos by LUXXXER



HIYA CATH! A few weeks ago the Vauxhall Tavern put the choice for their upcoming cinema night to an audience vote on social media, and out of nowhere the cult, dark BBC3 comedy Nighty Night won by a landslide. If you've never seen this genius series, written by and starring Julia Davis, it can best be described as a west country Basic Instinct with a shedload of beautifully delivered and fabulously inappropriate gags. Jill Tyrell, a 'widow' in her mid 20's who has a lust for life and a flexible spine is the main character. Nighty Night is a favourite amongst the LGBT community, as the RVT found out. It was initially planned to be an open door event but such was the demand it had to be made (free) ticketed. The tickets were all snapped up within fifteen minutes of being released. Over 150 devotees gathered to watch series one and raise money for the charity Rethink Mental Illness. Quotes from the show were all over the grade two listed RVT: 'filled the bowl twice over' on the toilet door had us howling! DJ Stephanie Von Clitz was on hand with the throwback tunes and the odd 'HUG FOR JILL' on the mic. It's a testament to the greatness of the show and quick planning from the venue that everyone was transfixed throughout. And a little birdie tells us HRH Julia Davis found out about it. Speaking in an interview with The Independent on Sunday she said, 'I love that Jill is a gay icon. Mark Gatiss sent me a photo the other day showing that there was going to be a Nighty Night Night at the Vauxhall Tavern and I think that's great.' Following the success of the event the Vauxhall Tavern now have a further two Nighty Night Nights planned. It would be AMAZING if there was a 'special' guest too, wouldn't it? And a Twix for dipping'.



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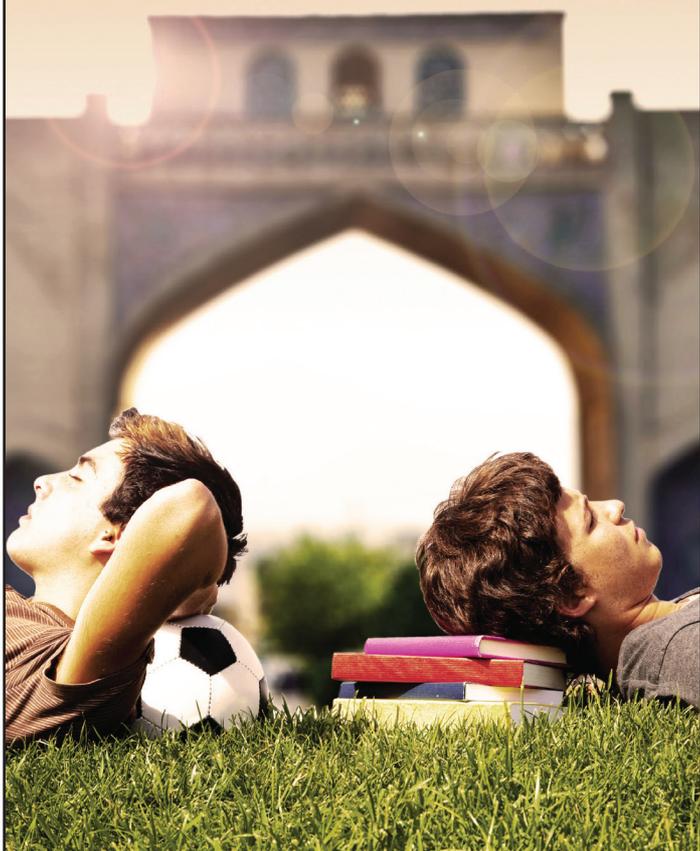
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No seriously it's lovely. It's got a chilled vibe, and possibly the only beer garden in Soho. It especially comes into its own in the summer. The noon Sunday sun warms the flagstones as vines climb characterful brick walls and glamorous, cosmopolitan clientele sip and chat and show each other purchases from Selfridges.

But, in what's fast becoming the oldest story in the world, it's under threat from developers. The words "luxury flats" haven't actually been said yet, but we can hazard a guess that that's what's on the cards. Or worse, Pizza Express.

They're not going without a fight though! Which hopefully means they won't be going at all! They're applying to become a listed building. The Vauxhall Tavern tried this tactic and won, and now they're doing better than ever. To do this, they need your help in proving their worthiness, so message Historic England on Grindr and ask if they want to go there for a vodka.

We're kidding, that would probably hinder rather than help (depends how the vodka went really). However what WOULD help, is sharing information and memories of The Yard's early days. This helps cement its status as a pillar of the community, and a valued, essential space.

The Yard's owner Andy Jones says:

"Any information you have about The Yard's early days is so vital to helping us get this building listing and preserved for future generations to enjoy."

"Getting the Listing Application granted would mark and celebrate 57 Rupert Street's, architectural and historic interest. Special care and consideration would therefore be brought to the planning system so that its future is protected."

Share your stories and thoughts on why The Yard is special to you on the LGBT Pride of Place Map. It's best to emphasise its best assets, like the open courtyard and its wonderful, friendly clientele. Do to this, visit <http://mapme.com/prideofplace>.



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SHESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR

"Sometimes death is the only option. Just make sure that on your way out you make a serious fuss!"

Drag king cabaret star Shesus & her dancing nun-like nymphs, the Sistas, are staging a full-on "multiple-resurrection" party at the Glory this Easter weekend. We caught up with her holiness to get the goss' on all things Sheezy...

Shesus! So lovely to see you again, how have the last few millennia been for you?

Hello love, it's been so tiring, exhausted I am, all this healing has taken it right out of me. I've come back for some intensive psychotherapy and to pass the baton back to you lot. I've died enough for your sins, it's time for you to kill yourselves off a bit - pass the Kool-Aid mother bitches.

Tell me about the 'Sistas', you seem to have a somewhat unorthodox relationship...

Sista Pauline Hollywood and Sista Mary Berry - darlings aren't they? Genuine Sistas. Twins in fact. Delightful. We have an intimate relationship. Our love is very touching I find and they also double up as bodyguards, tough birds underneath those robes.

We hear you've got a multiple-resurrection show planned, could you give us a sneaky scoop or what to expect?

'Self Service - A Resurrection Story' is the full title. There's gunna be a finger food buffet - a proper one, non of this M&S nonsense. The service is all about self-love, serving yourself and the audience is gunna die. Like a proper decent death. All of 'em. There are three ticket prices - semi, full and multiple resurrection, so everyone will ultimately get what they deserve (aka - what they paid for).

What are your ultimate Calvary style tips? How do you make dragging a cross look so chic?

I'll drag anything me. What one should've learnt from my cross couture, is that the bigger the accessory, the smaller one looks, so my main tip is stop fanning about, stretch your boundaries and go bigger than big.

When turning water into wine, what do you normally opt for? Shiraz? Merlot?

Wine is so last millennium, chica. I'm much more of a kale-based green smoothie/almond milk matcha latte kinda bitch.

What's your afterlife philosophy?

After life! Pah. No such thing. This ain't some merry-go-round you can get off. Until you sort your shit, fully, like properly sort it, there is no 'after'. It's at this point it only seems right to quote Lenny Kravitz - 'it ain't over till it's over' - trust Lenny, he's never dropped a ball.

What do your famous "private blessings" entail exactly?

The Sistas are renowned for having very strong blowing abilities to clear dark matter. Then the blessing begins when I bring in the light, obvs, moving on to a full chakra realignment working with the cosmic interconnectivity of our multidimensional light-transmuting gluten-free biodynamic frequencies, I normally collide and journey beyond simple duality to align with a certified organic, post-Shamanic crystalline Gaia-vortex of fair-trade unified love. Then a good rub down and that's about it, good to go.

What does the future hold for Shesus and the Sistas?

First off, deal with our complex mental health disorders. Then, go where the wind blows. We'll do anything for travel expenses, a bag of crisps and the chance of a moments adoration from an audience to cleanse our warped egos and waning self-esteem.

Finally; do you believe in God?

No.

Shesus & the Sistas "Self-Service" is on Friday 25th March at The Glory (281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS), 8pm. Tickets available at www.shesus.eventbrite.co.uk

(Deluxe seats come with a "slightly better buffet", a private blessing from Shesus herself, and water which may or may not turn into wine.)

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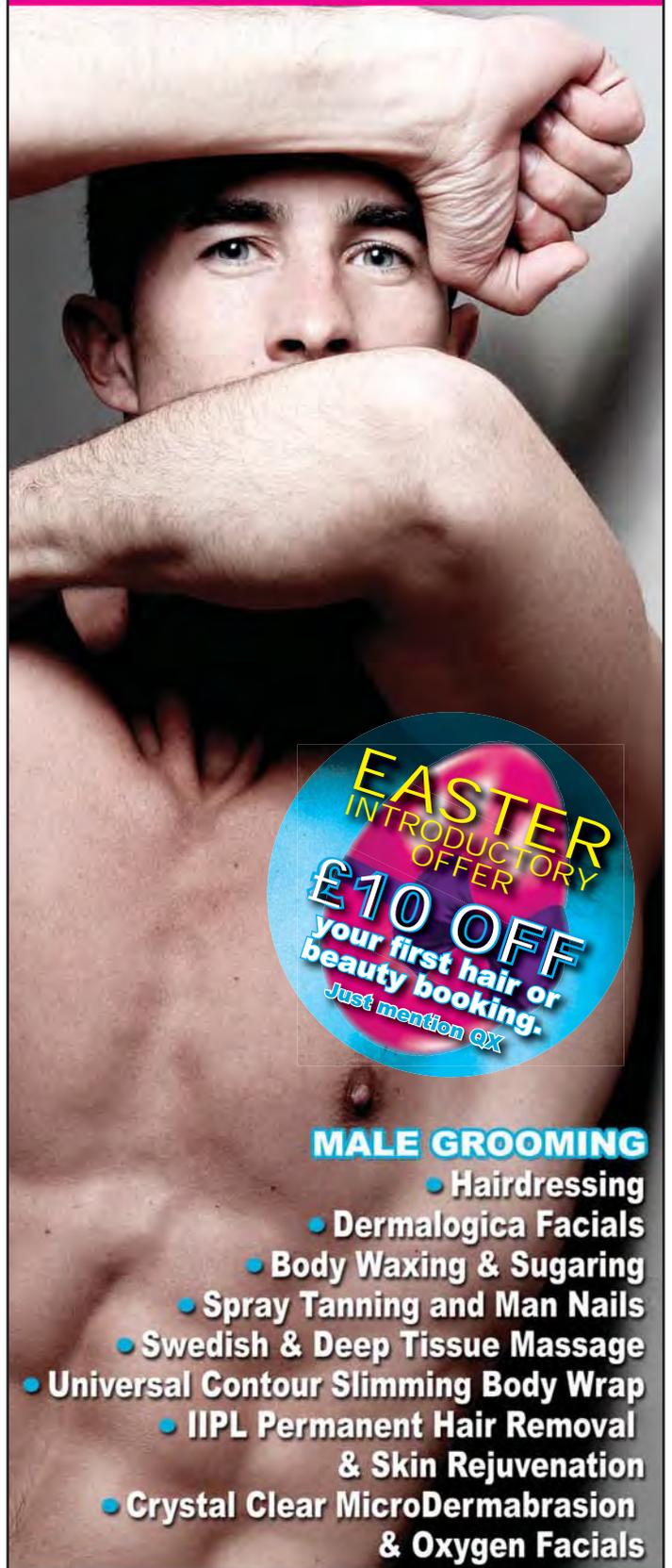
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Ku Bar

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SOOO, Ku Bar will not be disappointing for its Easter celebrations! Their theme this year is The Garden of Adam & Steve. All those homophobes from school will be turning in their metaphorical graves. IT'S ADAM AND STEVE, NOT ADAM AND EVE. Apparently it's going to involve Easter giveaways, Garden of Eden cocktails and...vine leaves. We don't even think we should risk imagining the Ku bar staff wearing vine leaves because we've got work to do today and we wouldn't be able to concentrate. Ku's Easter shindig is from Friday 25th – Sunday 27th March, open 'til 3am all three nights! Hooray!



Miss Jason

Old Ship

17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW

Limehouse's Old Ship is a right hoot! They've got beer AND water on tap. They've got fun, friendly clientele. They've also got beer mats and banisters and things, like a proper old school pub innit! Limehouse is cool too. It can be accessed via the DLR, which is like some sort of dystopic elevated version of the tube. This Easter weekend, you can see star (well, guest star) of Birds Of A Feather, Dave Lynn, on Saturday 26th from 8pm. And at the same time on Sunday 27th it's the inimitable, immovable, imbibed Miss Jason! CAMP DEARS.



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Counter's got amorous, ambient lighting, gorgeous polite staff and a slight twist of debauched Hell's Kitchen vibe. This Easter weekend enjoy your delicious mouthwatering delights with a side order of outrageous cabaret! Yes, on Good Friday they're pulling out all the stops with some of our crazy old city's most salacious, sassy, sexy cabaret stars. There's gonna be Ivy Paige, who's like the illegitimate lovechild of Jessica Rabbit and Mae West (not sure how that would work – in vitro?). As well as country kween Dusty Limits, sexy Phil In Gud and QX fave Virgin Xtravaganza. Friday March 26th from 9pm – 12am. Yes, yes, yes!



The Bridge

8 Voltaire Road, Clapham, SW4 6DH

The Bridge is a gorgeous, modern little bar nestled under a railway arch in trendy Clapham, just a stone's throw away from the station! Easter weekend marks the launch of their new weekend brunch menu! Gorgeous eggs benedict and things! That's on Sunday, AND they're open until 2:30am, with super sexy DJ Alex spinning wall-to-wall hits. We're fans of wall-to-wall anything. Wall-to-wall drinks. Wall-to-wall fashion. Wall-to-wall DICK. Sorry. Anyway, Bridge Bar, perfect for a chilled cocktail or a raucous bank holiday bash!



The Sex Shells

The Glory

281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS

Kingsland Road has never been the same again since The Glory opened. You can't swing a Tesco carrier bag without knocking over a drag queen these days. Cyclists whizz up from the canal and suddenly explode into a shower of sequins. Unsurprisingly, The Glory kids are having a right old hoolie for Easter. Kicking things off on Saturday 26th are those crafty comedic crustaceans...The Sex Shells! With the loquaciously lascivious Le Strange, the dastardly damsel Dom Top and the campy crone Calum Mac. It's sexy! It's shelly! It's...THE SEX SHELLS. From 8pm sharp, £5 entry, batteries not included.

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Words by Jason Prince
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"To my delight the ever-youthful and stunningly gorgeous Lady Lloyd is holding court."

Saturday night in Soho and walking through the hustle and bustle of Old Compton Street and Chinatown I arrive at one of London's longest running gay bar brands 'Ku'. Memories of my misspent youth come flooding back to me as I enter the venue that has had

several guises over the years. Greeted by a very friendly door man I head into the ground floor level bar which is packed wall to wall with the young 'it' crowd and Soho scene queens. The first thing that I notice as a red blooded gay man is just how many gorgeous bar staff there are serving the ever-flowing queue of weekend drinkers. Each bar man, or should I say bar boy, is topless and handsome and even at peak times you still get served very quickly. International DJ Rodrigo Tacredi is playing house but with a strong commercial feel and drops the best dance chart number ones of the past decade into his set with floor fillers such as 'Put Your Hands Up For Detroit'. I head down stairs to Ku Klub and to my delight the ever-youthful and stunningly gorgeous Lady Lloyd is holding court. With her glamour model looks the drag DJ plays a more current and trendy set than I have heard her play before with chart dance mixes and cool R'n'B pop. Then just time for one more drink before drink before I head out! Ku bar has managed to stay on top by constantly developing and keeping up with the times, always attracting new, young partygoers. No night out in Soho is complete without a drink or two in Ku!



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Baga's World

Queen of elegance and cabaret juggernaut Baga Chipz works harder than a chancellor of the exchequer trying to avoid the press. But when she's not putting out her cigarette on Lady Lloyd or singing songs from way before she was born at the Admiral Duncan, what does she get up to? This week Jason Reid takes a sneak, exclusive peek into Baga's World...



Food

We love a Bernard Matthews roast with dinosaur shapes in our house. You get plenty of Iceland bonus points. Mr Chipz (my fella, not the little yellow bastard from catchphrase) always gives the kids (Donna Ann, Rowan and Ebola) a few bags of crisps or a quid for the chippy whilst I'm in bed signing autographs for the fans. I then get out me pit and put their tea on: Turkey Twizzlers with Smiley Faces and a side of Bombay Mix to be cultural. I order a Chinese for myself. Everyday. Old habits die hard.

Morning Routine

I wake up around 4pm, have a fag in bed followed by a cigarette, wipe me self down with a Johnson's Baby Wipe then go to the bog to unleash last night's gin.

Exercise

There's nowt better than a good old shag! I do like a fitness video too though. Princess Jade Goody's Dance and Step is a belter; and I always walk to the shop three times a day for me fags.

Drink

Gin. And lots of it. I like a nice jägerbomb or sambucca when the mood takes me. Panda Pops for the kids. All those E numbers and sugar gets them through the day

Clothes

Anything Liz McDonald from Corrie would wear. Like I've been vomited on by a leopard. Band of Gold chic if I'm working a late on the lane. The punters like it, so who am I to deprive them of that basic human right. I'm a woman who likes to please.

Music

When the kids fuck off in the daytime to play in the street, I mince around me coffee room listening to the greatest hits of Jane McDonald. I love that woman. The Diana of the north! I pop on a bit of Cilla Black, Hilda Baker and Arthur Mullard at the end of the night when I'm on me own int' back yard with a fag on and a large gin, like a young (and alive) Lynn Perrie.

Film

Schindler's list, to cheer the kids up; Rita, Sue and Bob too for shits and giggles, and Summer Holiday for our Cliff! Ohhhhhh that man, what an absolute dream boat! He can do me up the love chuff any day.

Going out

When I'm not down the bingo I'm always in the Admiral Duncan, dear. They can't get enough of me! Always a standing ovation (they don't have chairs). This Easter weekend I will be flaunting me elegance at The White Swan and The Two Brewers, too.

Telly

Being in the public eye, I don't really get to mix with the 'normal' people so I like to watch Location, Location, Location to see where the peasants live. I also watch The Antiques Roadshow to see how much Sandra's worth these days. Oh, and Corrie of course. It's like a religion to me. Worshipping at the high altar of Gail McIntrye four times a week.



Literature

Just Julie by Julie Goodyear is my personal fave. Some of me other favourites are Still Standing by the nation's sweetheart, Kerry Katona, Doctor's Orders by Harold Shipman, and I do like to look at the pictures in those brochures you see in the clap clinic.

Easter

We don't really do Easter or Easter eggs in our house, mostly due to the fact that two of my kids are still in nappies, which costs a bastard fortune considering I now have to pay for them to nappy their kids as well. Oxtail soup was a fave of mine...NOT ANYMORE!

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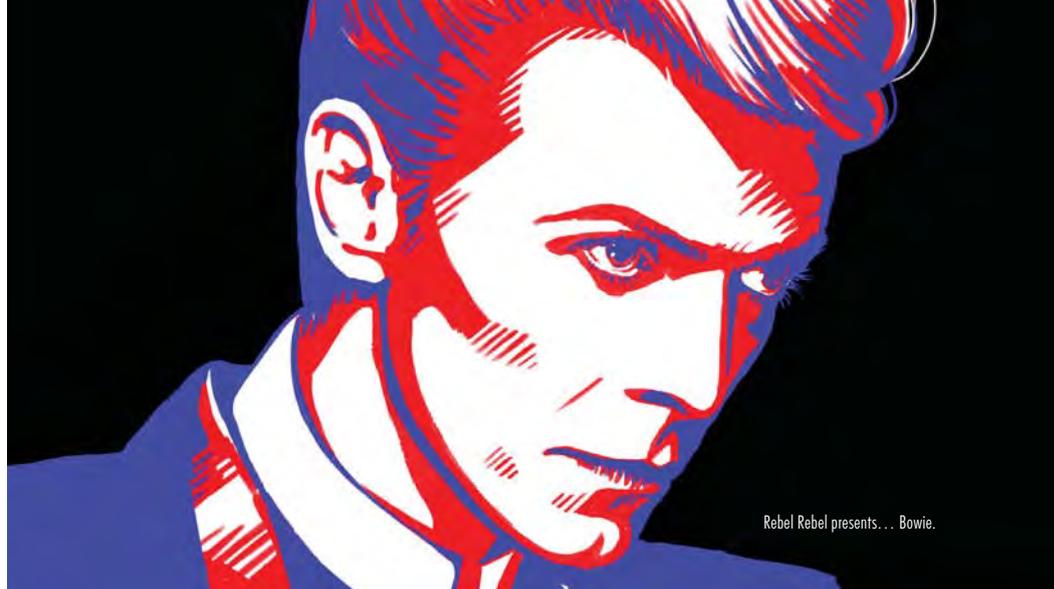
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Blimey, Easter weekend already! Any excuse to go hell for leather and cram in as much as possible... what I mean is live life to the full, and let me tell you there's a lot of living to do. This weekend starts with **Rebel Rebel presents... Bowie** on Thursday 24th at The Phoenix in the West End. If anyone knows how to throw a Bowie-inspired evening then this lot do. It's a charity event, £6 gets you in and will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support. Rebel Rebel resident DJs are joined by **Horse Meat Disco's Jim Stanton** plus record producer **Tris Penna**. 10pm-3am.

That **Virgin Xtravaganzah** will not be resting on her laurels



on Friday 25th, she is putting on a show at the Bethnal Green Working Men's Club with a star studded line up at **Virgin's Ascension Xtravaganzah!** Prepare to live again with performances from **A Man To Pet, Crystal Beth, Felicity Furore** and **Maxi Moore**, DJing from **Holestar** and of course Virgin Xtravaganzah imparting her own words of wisdom. 8:30pm 'til late.

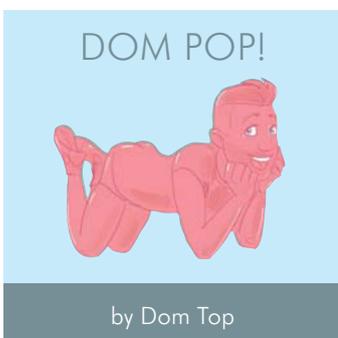
Over at the Dalston Superstore, **WUT? CLUB: Easter Friday Extravaganza** is on Friday

25th where a whole host of club celebs get together for a night of everything... **Attack Attack Attack** DJs with special guests **Jacqui Potato, Louie Banks, Lewis G Burton** and **Bumfun**. Action all night, 10pm-5am.

Saturday 26th **East Bloc** say **BABEZ, It's Easter;** they're carrying on with a pop spectacular in Blocs hallowed depths. DJs **UN-Lucky Bitches, Dom Top, Lady Lloyd** and an extra room with **Jason James**. On 'til 6am. OMG! And let us not forget that **Savage** at **Metropolis** is now

on Fridays and Saturdays, with hedonistic nights not to be missed! I just can't!

Coming up is the **Pet Shop Boys Album Launch Party** at **The Glory** on Friday 1st April celebrating the PSB's latest amazing long player SUPER... There will be shows, PSB giveaways, posters, collectibles, music all night long, more shows, more PSB classics from **John Sizzle, A Man To Pet, Holestar** and **Camplin + Vietheer** DJing in the downstairs disco! Really, really excited!



I feel like someone needs to sit **Gwen Stefani** down and have a word. We've had three singles in a row from her upcoming album "This is What the Truth Feels Like" and Dom Pop ain't feeling it.

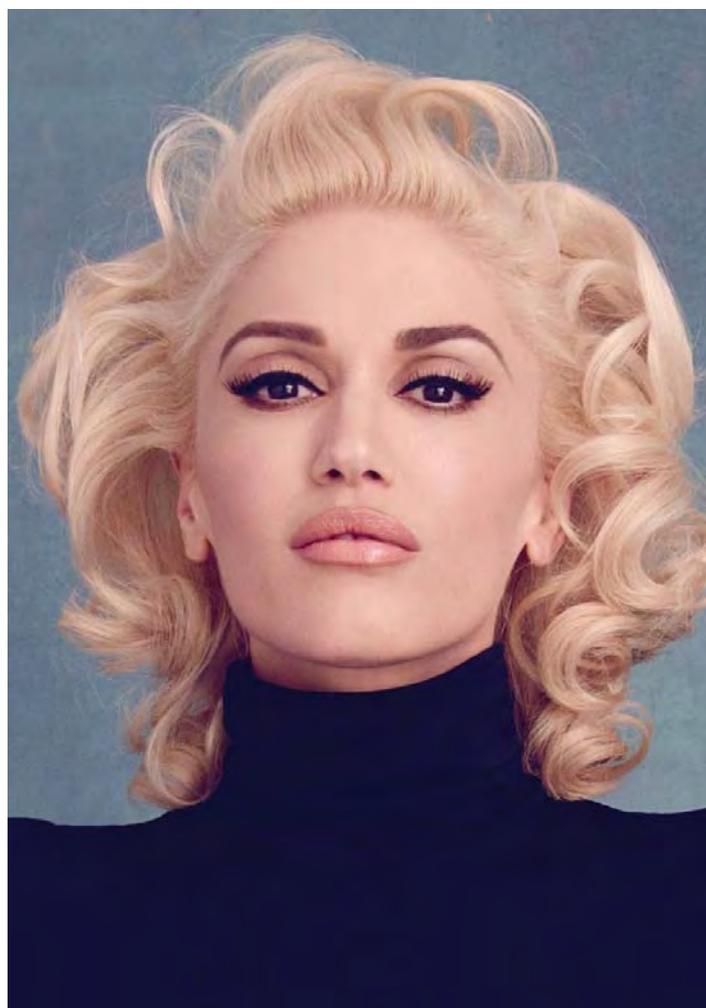
"Used to Love You" was alright, for a musical moan about her ex, that is. Although using one long "reaction shot" as a music video was somewhat misguided, considering her face's.... shall we say, mobility status. ProTip: trying to emote is usually easier when you have full control of your facial faculties, Gwennie darling. Anyway then we got "Make Me Like You", which not even filming a live video for at the Whothefuckremembers Music Awards could save.

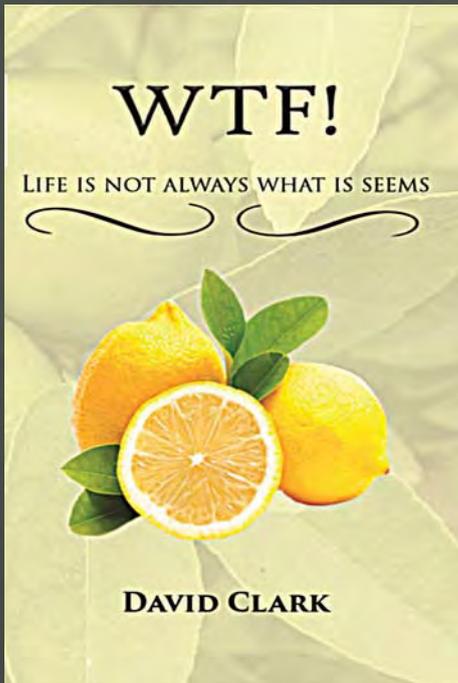
Now we have the cheerfully-titled 'Misery'. Well, that sounds rosy. What could it be about?

Being a rich girl on a pirate ship? Being a super hot female? **BLOWING YA MIND?**

No. Of course it's not. It's about bloody **Gavin Rossdale** again. Look, cari, I know that getting dicked over by your has-been husband and slutty nanny (slanny?) that tries to Single White Female you must be traumatic, but this is not the Gwen Stefani we signed on for. I feel like this material would have been more appropriate for the No Doubt reunion. Gwen could have been all 'Don't Speak' with the boys again and got all the angst out of her system, freeing her up to then give us a solo album full of POP DELIGHTS and HOT SENSATIONS. Remember 'Bubble Pop Electric'? Remember 'Cool'? 'What You Waiting For?' REMEMBER 'WIND IT BLOODY UP'? Sorry we're getting worked up, but that's because we know how good you can be Gwendolyn!

Give the Harajuku girls a buzz, go back to Japan, start some fights at school, shit some B-A-N-A-N-AS. Do anything that will bring us the weird, wonderful candy-coated pop of Love Angel Music Baby and The Sweet Escape. Because quite frankly, if this is what your current truth sounds like babe, we probably don't want to hear it.





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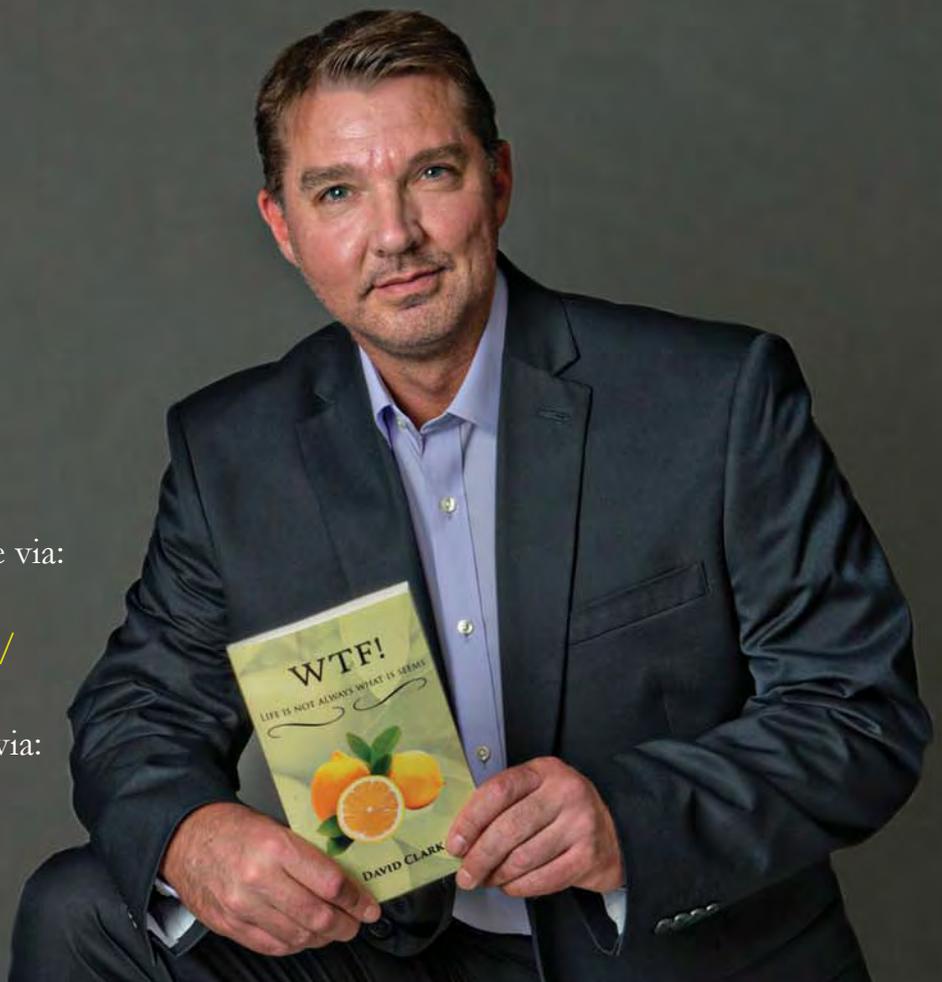
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Jacqui Potato



Vanity Von Glow

Holly Revell's Transformations

Holly Revell has established herself not only as a talented and insightful photographer, but also a prominent figure on the scene. As well as working for QX Magazine on a regular basis, she has a host of projects, installations and concepts of her own.

The latest of these is Transformations at Lime Wharf. Holly handpicked some of the London scene's best known drag and cabaret faces, and used them as sparkling subjects, for a gorgeous exhibition in honour of gender and the transformative power of drag.

Each photo has an image of the artist before and after their transformation, captured seemingly in the same shot. It makes for some emotive imagery, capturing the performers' relationships with their stage personas. In a speech she gave on the collection, Holly said she wanted to capture the raw, sometimes shy backstage presence that people don't often see.

The exhibition also focuses on time, and the intricacies of

photography's relationship with time. Each shoot with each subject was timed in its exposure, with the longest at 1258 seconds, and the shortest at 245 seconds.

Some of the performers on show include Jacqui Potato, David Hoyle, Vanity Von Glow, Le Gateaux Chocolat, John Sizzle, A Man To Pet and Holestarr.

Holly said it was important to develop a special relationship with her subjects. The shoots were done in safe, casual environments, often with a bottle or two of wine, and a sense of fun is certainly visible in the photos.

A massive amount of love has gone into this exhibition, and god knows, love is what we all need right now. So skip down to Lime Wharf and take a peek!

Transformations runs until 1st April at Lime Wharf, Vyner Street, E2 9DJ, weekdays from 11am – 5pm.

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THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
CLUBS & EVENTS**Bloheads Vs Dirty Disko at East Bloc:**

217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11am-6am, £5 b4 12am, £8 after. Kick off Easter Weekend at East Bloc with double house sounds in the main room and R&B in the bar.

WE Showboys at The Coronet: 28 New Kent Road, SE1 6YJ. 11pm-7am. Red hot clubnight from the WE party gang and AS ONE. With DJs Binomo, Steve Pitron, Chris Brogan and more.

Rebel Rebel at The Phoenix: Cavendish Square, W1. 10pm-3am. Tickets from £6. A Bowie special of the Central London queer night, with DJs Jim Stanton and Tris Penna.

Gravity Afterhours at Fire: 39 Parry Street, London SW8 1RT. 1am-8am (Thursday night/Friday morning). Gravity is set to shake the clubbing rules once again, giving Thursday nights a new lease of life.

Clam Jam at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 7pm-2:30am. Free. The Premiere Thursday night for lesbians and their gay boyfriends.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at G-A-Y Heavens: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Amateur strip night with £100 prize money! To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk TONIGHT: Guest Judge Lady C.

Little John's Easter Cracker at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Free b4 9pm, £5 after. A super-duper Easter package with a monster 5 hour vinyl DJ set from Little John, plus free shots and fried chicken!

HardUp Thursdays at [Sweatbox]: 1-2 Ramillies House, Soho, W1F 7LN. Open 24 hours. Free for under

25's at the sauna in the heart of London!

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Butch, Please at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 8pm-12am. £5. A night for lesbians and their friends of all genders.

Room Service at Club 49: 49 Greek Street, Soho, W1D. 10pm-3am. Don't you dare miss this fiercely social, sexy club spot, playing edgy and upfront house. Expect hot gogo eye candy and hosted by fab scene faces.

BARS & CABARET

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

Official Room Service Pre-Party at Circa: 62 Friith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Thursday's are the new Friday's at Soho's intimate bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho.

G-A-Y Bar: 30 Old Compton Street. 12pm-2am. Free entry. Popular pop music bar with non-stop hits on the screens and a fun, flirty atmosphere.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heavens: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular

central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh. Showtime at 8pm.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm, £7 after.

Popular South London cabaret/club spot. TONIGHT: Miss Penny
Candy at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-2am. Snap cackling pop & chart with Heidi Lisicious and the gorgeous gogo boys.

West 5: Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Ealing's hugely popular club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: DJ Steve James

GOOD FRIDAY 25TH MARCH
CLUBS & EVENTS

Le Cock at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-6am. £5 b4 1am, then £8. House, disco, pop and Italo mash-up with Martyn Fitzgerald and Guy Williams.

Twisted at The Hoist: Railway Arches 47B & 47C, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. £12 adv tickets, £15 OTD. Unleash your inner deviant with this sexy, cruisey men only night at notorious den of debauchery The Hoist. With DJs Paul Coals and Eduardo Herrera.

A:M at Protocol: 6a South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. 11pm-11am. £4 b4 1am, £8 b4 6am with QX ADVERT / NUS / Conc, £13 others. The original Saturday morning afterhours beast that continues to light up the weekend.

Wut Club at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free b4 11pm, £7

after. Cutting London club night with Jet Ski Command, Jacqui Potato and Louie Banks.

Savage at Metropolis: Strip Club, 235 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9NN. 11pm-5am. £5. Your late night homo disco now every Friday as well as Saturday.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 10:30pm, £5 after. Pop perfection and hot floor fillers as Ku's hot 3 spin the tunes in its downstairs basement club spot.

MEN INC Good Friday at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10, £5 after. Good Friday with Mark Loverush and Dan Murphy.

Rude Boiz at Fire: South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. Doors 10:30pm, £8. Brand new cruisey club night for horny lads in Vauxhall.

Push The Button at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9:00pm-3am, £8 entry. The Tavern's infamous bubblegum pop night is back with all your fave pop hits from Britney Spears to Billie Piper!

BARS & CABARET

The Convenient Unofficial After Party at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 9pm-3am. £5 before 11pm, £7 after. Post-Drag Race party with Meth and Joe Black & DJ TeTe Bang.

Friday Night Fever at BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall with style and great drinks. TONIGHT: DJ Chillz

Bridge Bar: 8 Voltaire Road, SW4 6DH. Open from 4pm. Free. The end of the working week oasis.

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Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 9pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

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

Shesus & The Sistas at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Show 8pm, adv tickets £10. Drag king sensation group present a special Easter show. Followed by FEMSESH! Show 10pm. Free b4 10pm JOHN SIZZLE leads the way with an aural assault of pop & retro feel-good hits in the bar. TONIGHT: Lazy Susan

Friday Night Live at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. Tickets from £10. With DJ Little John & Sandra.

Ku Bar Soho: 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open till 5am. 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 Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-12am. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

BALL Easter at Two Brewers: 114

Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. FREE b4 10pm, £7 after. Easter Ball hosted by Mary Mac and Lola Lasagne.

Fadoodle at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-2am, Free. Into the Deep in the basement and Funhouse upstairs with Heidi Liscious and the Go Go's.

West 5: South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm, FREE.

The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: DJ Robby Dee and Kara Van Park
The Yard: 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.

**SATURDAY 26TH MARCH
CLUBS & EVENTS**

XXL Resurrection at Pulse: 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 guests, £8 members. Big, bear night that's open to everyone in super club Pulse.

BABEZ at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-6am. £5 before midnight, £10 after. BABEZ is bringing pop back to the Bloc, with DJs Dom Top, Lady Lloyd and Jason James.

Papa Don't Preach at [Fire]: South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. 11pm-7am. Another massive party from AS ONE'S Easter celebrations, featuring special guest DJ Teddy Clarks, powered by SCRUFF.

Lazertitz at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-5:00am. Free b4 10pm/£6 after. The Lazertitz gang are back for an easter blowout blowout! With DJs Hannah Holland and Shaun J Wright.

Duckie at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Duckie's flag ship rock 'n' roll honky tonk.

R&She at [Tipsy]: 20 Stoke Newington, Dalston, N16 7XN. 9pm-3am, Free b4 10pm, £6 after. A night dedicated to the Queens of R&B and Hip Hop from the 90's to present.

Lady Ole at The Archway Tavern: 1 Archway Close, N19 3TD. 10pm-4am. £8 entry. The opening night of the sexy, fiery, faggy Spanish night! With a geisha dresscode and DJs Alejandro Asencio and Soy Larga.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am, FREE b4 10:30pm, £5 after. 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. Weekly Saturday club night from the Sink The Pink crew.

Glitter Bomb at The Shadow Lounge: Brewer Street, Soho, W1G 0RF. 10pm-3am. Let disco do its dance with live entertainment, dancers and DJs.

G-A-Y at Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am. £5 entry wristbands available from G-A-Y Bar, Free entry with Wrist band. TONIGHT: KStewart

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.

BARS & CABARET

Bounce at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 9pm-3am. £5/£8 concessions. Urban World's monthly R&B party with DJs Smoochie & Qu.

Sassy Saturdays at BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall. TONIGHT: All That Jazz! Lady Dia-

mond's last performance in the UK before she returns to her summer residency in Sitges.

Bridge Bar: 8 Voltaire Road, SW8 6DH, 4pm-12am. Free. Snug gay bar in a railway arch, offering cocktails, wines and light meals, plus outdoor seating.

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

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George and Dragon: 2 Blackheath Hill, SE10. 8pm-4am. The friendly Greenwich local.

Sex Shells at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Showtime 7pm, £5 OTD. Gay comedy trio The Sex Shells with their now-notorious sketch show!

Rose Garden's Saturday Market slash Swap Shop at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. Rose Garden and DJ Little John from 4pm. Showtime at 5pm. Followed by **Xanadu** from 8pm, the Camp Disco.

Ku Bar Lisle Street: Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 8pm-12am. One of London's hottest gay bars and clubs, with the hottest boys both behind the bar and in front of it,

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The Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Cabaret: 8.45pm. Free. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse,

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 10pm-4am. Free b4 10, £8 after. Cabaret and clubbing 'til late at the famous venue. TONIGHT: Baga Chipz

House Party! at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-3am. Chunky funky techno in the basement with Paul Heron and snap crackling pop upstairs with Heidi Liscious.

West 5: South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun. TONIGHT: DJ Rob Davis and Lucie Jones

The Yard: 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Midday til Late. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with terrific outdoor space.

**EASTER SUNDAY 27TH MARCH
 CLUBS & EVENTS**

Brut Bank Holiday at The Steel Yard: The Steel Yard, EC4R 3UL. 10pm-6am. £15. Big burly bank holiday bash from the Brut boys. With DJs Tom Stephan, Ross Jones and more.

Fitladz presents East End Boyz at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-7am. £5 b4 12, then £10. The bangin' men-only dance and cruise night is back at East Bloc!

Beyond at Fire: South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. 5am-2pm. The AS ONE Easter festival continues with house/dance giant, Beyond! With DJs Per QX, Maze & Masters, and more.

Toy Candy at The Coronet: 28 New Kent Road, SE1 6TJ. 11pm-7am. Another of AS ONE'S crazy sexy parties, featuring sugar-sweet gogo boys and DJs Matt Bogard, Brazilian House Mafia and more.

Sunday Social at The Vauxhall Taverns: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm-3am. £4 members/£5 non-members. Special bank holiday edition of London's busiest social Sundays. TONIGHT: La Voix and

DJ Tim Condran from Cahill.

Chapter 10 at Bloc: Unit 3, Autumn Yard, E3 2TT. 11pm-6am. £16.

The supercool Hackney rave is back for an Easter edition. With DJs Dan Beaumont and Charlie Porter. Hosted by A Man To Pet.

Horse Meat Disco Easter Sunday at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY, 8pm-4am, £8. Unmissable Bank Holiday edition of the weekly Sunday party with all four resident DJs on rotation.

Power Brunch at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 12pm-4pm Brunch and Bloody Marys to lull you out of your hangover, with Miss Craig and DJ Neil Prince Followed by:

Room Service at Dalston Superstore: 9pm - 5am, Free b4 10, £5 after. Jodie Harsh's glamorous club night returns to Superstore for a Bank Holiday bash.

Bootylicious at Union: 66 Albert Embankment, SE1 7TP. Doors 11pm. £8 entry with flyer or NUS. Queer hiphop and R&B night with DJs Afro Chick, Biggy C & more.

Ku at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-12pm. FREE. Celebrate the day of luuurve with Ku as all venues are transformed into lustful, sexy havens.

BARS & CABARET

Sunday Mass at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-3am, Free. Special Easter edition of Sunday Mass with, Virgin Xtravaganazah, Myra DuBois, Ginger Johnson and more.

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. Vauxhall's new playground. The perfect way to start or end your

night in Vauxhall. TONIGHT: Happy Sunday from 3pm-midnight.

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

Easter Sunday Big Gay Barn Dance at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. From 5pm. Free entry. Big ole' free gay barn dance with queer country music from Jonny Woo, Rudi Douglas and friends.

Circa: 62 Friith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. 4pm-4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 5pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd.

Brunch off Broadway at Counter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The funniest brunch this side of Bleecker Street, piano bar delights.

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CK Sunday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. Another award winning Sunday at Halfway to Heaven! Followed by **An Evening with Mrs Moore & Tanya Hyde** from 7:30pm.

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11.30pm. Open all week for the more social gays around the Kings Cross/Bloomsbury area.

Old Ship: 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 8pm-12am. Cabaret: 8pm. Free. Local gay bar

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The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-11:30pm. Wind down with happy hour at the village between 5-9pm.

West 5 South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. From 8pm The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun. TONIGHT: Carmen Dioxide Karaoke with DJ Steve James

**EASTER MONDAY 28TH MARCH
CLUBS & EVENTS**

Popcorn at G-A-Y 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.

ANTHEM: Old Skool Reunion at The Vauxhall Tavern: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 6pm-12am, £4 members, £5 non members. Dance classics and RVT anthems from DJs Andy Almighty and Sean Sirs.

Hot N' Hairy Easter BBQ at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free b4 10pm to all including Eagle members, guests £5 after 10pm, entry includes free coat check and 1st drink included. If body hair and makes you horny this is the night for you! It's the hottest Monday night fur fetish sexy social. Hosted

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

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-3am. FREE. DJs play the weekend out on a wave of hot pop.

BARS & CABARET

It's A Drag Knock Out! at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-1am, Free. Bloc Bar are on the lookout for the next big drag talent London has to offer with a fierce, furious and fabulous, 8 week knock out competition!

The City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. From 9pm. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

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

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

GLORY FILM at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. 8pm. £5. Special screening of stylish lesbian vampire classic Daughters of Darkness.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

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

Bank Holiday Pride Fundraiser at

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ, 4pm-2am. Free before 7pm. £5 donation after. Pride in London fundraiser hosted by Myra DuBois and La Voix with DJ Demon.

The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-1am. All night happy hour with 50% off cocktails and selected drinks.

**TUESDAY 29TH MARCH
CLUBS & EVENTS**

Bar Wotever at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. From 7pm, show at 8:30pm. £5. Genderbending cabaret, live music and performance at the monumental Vauxhall Tavern.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Disco Spritz at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. Capelas, Donna Leake and Chaka Khan't present a weeknight helping of disco, soul and funk.

Cruise Control at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am, members free, guests £3 after 10pm Cruise spaces to explore with darker, deeper beats to play to.

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

BARS & CABARET

RuPaul's Drag Race Screening at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-1am, Free. Come watch season 8 of RuPaul's Drag Race with performances and larks from Meth.

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.

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

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails all night.

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

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

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

The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-1am. Happy hour until 9pm.

**WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH
CLUBS & EVENTS**

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

#GETLAID at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. members free, under 25's free, guests £3 after 10pm. Where ladz #GetLaid! Try something horny in the cinema, or some exciting cruise areas to explore.

Uncontrollable Urge at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. Superstore's late-night midweek dose of sleaze from.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE.

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BARS & CABARET

Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-1am, Free. Hits and glitz from Tete Bang.

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

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

Comptons of Soho: 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.

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

LIPSYNC1000! at **The Glory:** 281

Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Doors 5pm, show 8pm. Free. It's The Glory's Juggernaut, Drag-ship Contest in which the hunt is on for new drag talent and a give away £1000 to one lucky star.

Sing-A-Long-A-Sound of Martha at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. TONIGHT: Sing-A-Long-A-Sound of Martha D'Arthur and Justin Swift.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

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

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

The Voice of The Village at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-1am. Karaoke with the outrageous Robyn Banks from 9pm. Win a £50 bar tab.

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

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH

CLUBS & EVENTS

Goldsnap at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-2:30am. Free. All-new girls night with all-girl DJ collective GYN.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at G-A-Y Heaven: Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 10pm - 5am. Amateur strip night with £100 prize money! To enter email info@g-a-y.co.uk TONIGHT: Guest Judge Ben DeLa Creme

#KIT at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. Members free, under 25's free in trakies, sports, rugby or footie kit, £5 after 10pm. Eagle's Sports Fetish night.

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-3am. FREE. The party continues 'til late in the Ku basement.

Gravity Afterhours at Fire: 39 Parry Street, London SW8 1RT. 1am-8am (Thursday night/Friday morning). Gravity is set to shake the clubbing rules once again, giving Thursday nights a new lease of life.

Butch, Please at The Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 8pm-12am. £5. A night for lesbians and their friends of all genders.

Room Service at Club 49: 49 Greek Street, Soho, W1D. 10pm-3am. Don't you dare miss this fiercely social, sexy club spot, playing edgy and upfront house. Expect hot gogo eye candy and hosted by fab scene faces.

BARS & CABARET

The Family Fierce at Bloc Bar: 18 Kentish Town Road, Camden, London, NW1 9NX. 5pm-2am, £5. Cabaret from one of London's best performing troupes.

BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 12pm-3pm. The perfect way to start or end your night in Vauxhall.

Official Room Service Pre-Party at Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Thursday's are the new Friday's at Soho's intimate bar/club spot with the most amazing DJ booth in town.

City of Quebec: 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 12pm-3am. The newly refurbished venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-2am. The grand dame of Soho.

G-A-Y Bar: 30 Old Compton Street. 12pm-2am. Free entry. Popular pop music bar with non-stop hits on the screens and a fun, flirty atmosphere.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Popular central London karaoke fun with Kevin Walsh. Showtime at 8pm.

The Light Lounge: 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR. 5pm-11:30pm. Enjoy the Ku Group's newest venue; a boutique cocktail bar. 2-4-1 cocktails 5-7pm all week.

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

Candy at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 5pm-2am. Snap cackling pop & chart with Heidi Liscious and the gorgeous gogo boys.

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



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The Hoist, Arches 47B & 47C, South Lambeth Road SW8 1RH. £12 advance, £15 OTD.

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Saturday 2nd April

MA1 and Ted's Place are joining forces for S.A.S., a night for skinheads, army boys, leather daddies, pups, rubber lovers, sportswears fetishists, scally lads and nude enthusiasts. All under one horny roof to booze'n'cruise with their mates! Plus your entry includes a free drink, fit!

Ted's Place, 305a North End Road, W14 9NS, 7pm- midnight. £9/£7 for MA1 & BGS members. Dress code Applies.

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH

Teds Place: TV/TS Party Night at 305a North End Road, W14 9NS. 7pm-2am. £5. A horny night in the cruisey basement club in West London.

The Underground Club: Pants/Spankz/Come To Daddy at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **Spankz**, 6pm-10pm, £25 b4 7pm & £7 after, CP night for rougher, tougher play. **Come To Daddy**, 10pm-2am, £5, for bears, daddies, big boys, chubs and chasers.

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1-7pm, £8. Followed by **Stripped**, 7pm-1am, £8. Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get nude and rude. Strictly naked, except footwear.

GOOD FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

The Hoist: Twisted at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 10pm-3am. £12 adv, £15 OTD. Cruise party with a difference for anyone into fetish and kink. Followed by **SBN Vs NBN**,

2am-7am. Naked and underwear night for those who like to wear socks and underwear, or go naked! **The Underground Club: Pants/Feet On Friday** at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **Feet On Friday**, 7pm-12am, £6, meet guys into guys' feet, socks and footwear in a private and friendly environment.

Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am, £8. Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise spot minute's from the West End.

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH

The Hoist: Boys & Sirs at South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **Boys & Sirs** at 2pm-7pm, Weekly meet for those into spanking / cp / punishment. **SBN AFTERDARK (Arch 2)** 10pm - 4am, Naked dresscode, free bar shots, hot gogos. Sexy men-only naked night. **Huge Massive Hung Hoist Classic (Arch 1)** 10pm - 4am. Dresscode night;

leather, rubber, skin, uniform and a dark cruise maze. **Gummi (Arch 1)** monthly rubber night, usual GL. 10pm - 4am. **Union: Hard On** at 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm - late, £15 for members and £20 for guests. See box out for more details.

The Backstreet: Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm, £9 members / £10 non-members (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Closed first Saturday of the month.

The Underground Club: Pants/ Adult Baby Club at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4, underwear fun. **Adult Baby Club**, 7pm-11:30pm, £10 for Members & £15 for Non-Members, safe place for ABs, DLs, their daddies, mummies and friends to play.

Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am. £8. Free drink, cloakroom, re-entry. Dark corners, catch a dirty movie, indulge your carnal side.

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SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

The Backstreet: Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm, £9 members/£10 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party.

The Hoist: SBN/NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **SBN**, 2pm-1am, the largest naked party in Europe. **NBN**, 7pm-1am, Boots or trainers with jocks, shorts, underwear or naked if you dare.

Teds Place: Chill Out at 305a North End Road. 7pm-2am, £3 b4 10pm, £5 after, mixed/gay crowd of cruise guys.

The Underground Club: Streams Of Pleasure at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 1pm-11pm. £7. Yellow fun for waterworks fans.

Vault: Underwear/ Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN.

Underwear, 1-7pm, £8. **Cruise**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry, just pants b4 7pm, then cruise 'til late.

Fitladz presents East End Boyz at East Bloc, 217 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-7am. £5 b4 12, £10 after. Hot scuzzy night for young scally boys and their pals!

MONDAY 28TH MARCH

Eagle London: Hot N' Hairy Easter BBQ at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members free, guests free B4 10pm, £5 after. Hosted by Luis Busto & Kurt Bearfest. If body hair and makes you horny this is the night for you! It's the hottest Monday night fur fetish sexy social.

The Hoist: SBN/NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. Party for guys who like wearing bnoots or trainers with jocks, shorts, underwear or naked if you dare.

Teds Place: TV/TS Admirers & Gay at 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight, £3. Night for lovers of trans, drag and gay beauties. Something

for everyone!

The Underground Club: Pants/Butt Naked/Hard Cruz at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm. **Butt Naked**, 6pm-10pm, £5, strip down and get off with like-minded guys. **Hard Cruz**, 10pm-1am, free entry, hard cruising for horny guyz.

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1-7pm, £8. **Stripped**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry, horny cruise session first before naked time (except footwear).

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH

Bunker Bar: Club CP at 217, City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 7pm-11pm, £6 members/ £7 non-members. Spanking and CP party for men, with a big play area, video room, chill zones, private booths, equipment and changing area. Closed first Tuesday of the month.

Eagle London: Cruise

Control at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members free, Guests £3 after 10pm. Darker, Harder and Sexier: get your midweek fix for whatever you're into.

Teds Place: Underwear/ Naked at 305s North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight, £4, strictly underwear only. **The Underground Club: Pants/S.O.P.** at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, the attitude-free afternoon cruise club.

Streams Of Pleasure, 6pm-1am, £8, yellow fun for waterworks fans.

Vault: Frat Party! at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am. £8 after. Cruising session at this horny hot spot. Student Tuesdays; free entry before 7pm with student card.

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH

The Backstreet: Buff at Wentworth Mews, London E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm, £9 members/£10 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny,

naked cruise party.

Eagle London: #GetLaid at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members free, Guests £3 after 10pm. Where ladz #GetLaid! Try something horny in the cinema, or some exciting cruise areas to explore.

The Hoist: Office/ NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **Office**, 9pm-1am, relax, chill and score after work. **NBN**, 9pm-1am, boots or trainers with jocks, shorts or underwear.

The Underground Club: Hard Cruz at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 10pm-1am, free. Men only, hard, up cruise night where you can get it on.

Vault: Cruise/ Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. **Cruise**, 1pm-7pm, £8. Followed by **Underwear**, 7pm-1am, £8, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

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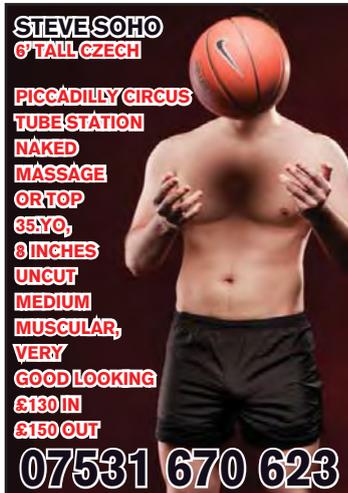


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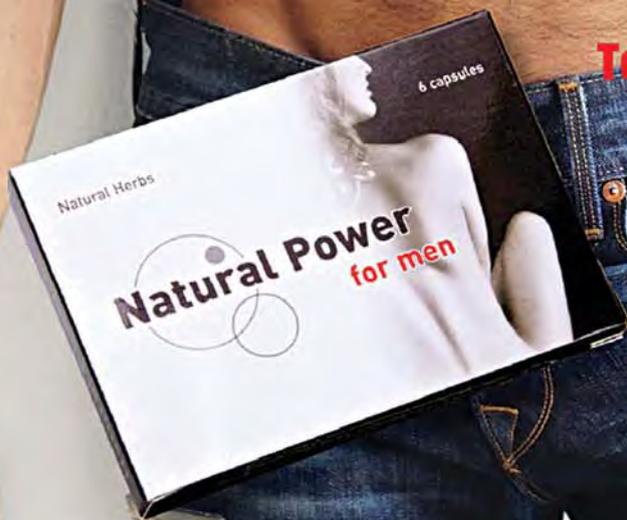
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