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Pleasuredrome
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Witness at The Camden Fringe



An exciting and challenging new play is premiering at the Camden Fringe Festival in a couple of weeks' time. Written by Philip Hawthorne, the plot centres around an assistant care home manageress, who takes the house residents to a New Year's Eve party. Via subjects such as social structure and societal control, Witness addresses the trappings of the entrenched conventions of sex, religion, authority and culture.

Witness is part of the Camden Fringe Festival, at the Etcetera Theatre (above The Oxford Arms), 265 Camden High Street, NW1 7BU. Showing from Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th August at 12 noon daily. Tickets £14

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Queer Spirit



Queer Spirit is, as the name suggests, a spiritual society helping LGBTQI people explore themselves. It's for introspection and reflection, as well as healing and personal development. And in today's mess of a world, we certainly need a bit of that! Their ethos has an environmental aspect too, with emphasis on protection of the earth and respect for nature.

They're having a special Summer Festival from Wednesday 17th – Sunday 21st August. To find out more, go to queerspirit.net

NHS PrEP decision still up in the air

At the time of writing (late Tuesday afternoon), this is an ongoing news story and things may well have changed by the time of publication. But as it stands, the debate on the NHS' legalization of PrEP is still ongoing. In a landmark case, the National AIDs Trust won their court case, and the NHS was told they had the right to provide PrEP. But in yet another u-turn, the NHS are now saying they have no obligation to provide it, and it's an expenditure they can't afford. We'll see what happens, but while this continues, more people are put at risk, and the NHS and the government are liable. Legalise PrEP now.

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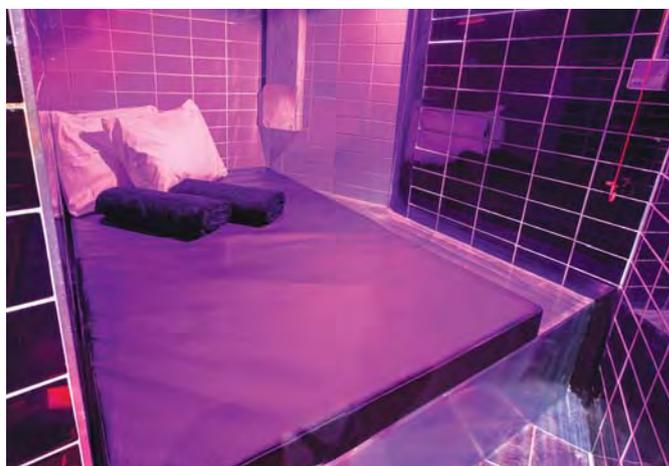
Pleasuredrome

We sent cabaret kween and sauna connoisseur Jason Reid to our fave London sauna Pleasuredrome. He tested out their new deluxe pods, and get a lovely sensual massage! OoOoh!



Pleasuredrome ticks all of these boxes. As well as two shower areas, the maze-like setup is perfect for exploring the myriad of sections. The design is modern and fresh, the lighting mirrors the mood, and the facilities are constantly being updated. Those facilities include: a four-hundred locker changing room, cinema, London's largest gay spa pool, two steam rooms, two saunas, loads of private rooms, dark rooms, and a lounge and cafe area that sells (wait for it) alcohol 24/7.

The latest addition to that list of facilities is the deluxe pods: private rooms that can be rented for between two and eight hours. All pods have controllable lighting, power points for charging (SO essential), pillows and luxury towels, and a 32-inch flat screen TV with wifi and hundreds of channels - including porn, obvs. The pods are spacious and perfect for group play or even an overnight stay if you don't want to shell out for a central London hotel after a night up west.



Saunas have been an integral part of the gay scene and LGBT culture for many years now, and I for one have always been a fan. You've probably heard this before but it's worth repeating: in the 70s, Bette Midler and everyone's favourite crooner Barry Manilow would perform to groups of semi-naked gays in the bath-houses (you say sneakers, I say trainers) of New York.

Here in the UK, I personally think saunas get a bad rap, which I would put down to how quintessentially British we are about sex. There's an unspoken rule that we should maintain that stiff upper lip bullshit (yawn). In an age when more and more young gays are spending their nights glued to some stranger's carpet in a random zone 3 flat, frantically messaging people on Grindr, I say it's high time we started loving saunas as much as we do those little orange messages.

My favourite sauna, and the biggest in London, is Pleasuredrome, Waterloo, which is seconds away from all the major transport links. I've visited many times but it was nice to pop along again recently, in daylight for once. There's a few essential elements that go into making a good sauna: amenities, hygiene, lighting, music and atmosphere.

After I'd explored almost every nook and cranny it was time to wind down with a full body massage. Professional masseurs offer a 50 minute session for £45 in a totally private massage suite with your own choice of mood music and oils. Just what I needed after a stressful week of gallivanting around the scene.

Chatting to the adorable bar tender and a few amorous punters was nice, too, as the atmosphere in some saunas can be drier than the Gobi desert. Of course if that's not your thing you can easily bypass the bar and just snake in and out of the play areas.

Pleasuredrome sets the benchmark for modern gay saunas. Day or night, weekday or weekend, the doors are always open for a few hours of escapism.

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Why are gay characters still not allowed in action movies?

With two gay kisses cut from Hollywood blockbusters in the last month, Dylan Jones questions the continuing inequalities in the movie industry.



Mitch Hauer as Maxxie in *Skins*

We're allowed in music videos. We're allowed in TV soaps. We're SOMETIMES allowed in adverts. We're allowed to be Jennifer Lopez's basic best friend in shit romcoms. But gay men are still not allowed in action movies. Or, come to think of it, horror movies. Imagine if gays were in horror movies! That'd be amazing. It'd be worth it for the screams alone.

But it's insane isn't it, that in 2016, this is still an alien concept. Now, I'm really quite young, younger than you probably *tosses hair* but even I grew up in a world where gay men in the media were rarely anything other than spangly-suited chat show hosts. Which is fine, Graham Norton's great! But it'd be nice to have a bit more variety. Sadly, we can't all grow up to sit on a sofa with a glass of wine, chatting with Thandie Newton about mindfulness and Miu Miu (although that is probably where my career trajectory is going). What if we want to be secret agents? What if we want to be assassins?

What if we want to shoot aliens?

I didn't have gay men to look up to in action movies when I was younger, so naturally I idolized the women instead. Angelina Jolie in *Tomb Raider*! Keira Knightley in *Pirates of the Caribbean*! I once kicked a bully at school, then followed it up with the line "You like pain? Try wearing a corset!" Oh and perhaps most notably, Julianne Moore in *The Lost World*. That scene where she's trapped on the pane of glass over a cliff, hyperventilating as spidery cracks creep from her fingers! Iconic.

Just as I was entering adolescence, television at least, started waking up to the importance of giving gay men less stereotypical roles. *Skins* was brilliant. The beautiful Mitch Hauer as Maxxie was that rare thing – a gay character who was painted as stable, pleasant and fun; he also managed to get through the whole series without overdosing, getting raped or dying of AIDs, all of which are often

If Jason Statham suddenly threw down his gun and started getting off with Jamie Foxx (hot!), they'd have to start thinking. The cogs in their brains would have to start moving. And they don't want that!



Star Trek: Beyond



Tarzan

the fate of gay characters in mainstream TV shows. It also helped that he was fucking hot. He made being gay cool, and made it much easier for me to come out at school. I probably have Maxxie to thank for a few drunken kisses with straight boys at post GCSE house parties.

John Barrowman in *Torchwood* is another good example of an assertive, stable gay character. TV has woken up to it, and continues to deliver with shows like *Looking*, *Cucumber* and the brilliant *Sense8*. But back then, and still now, there's a notable absence of representation in Hollywood.

There have been whispers of it in the last couple of years. We all clutched our metaphorical pearls at that brief but sexy gay allusion in *Skyfall* didn't we! Javier Bardem's hand sliding up Daniel Craig's leg. But AGAIN, it says something that we were so excited at a mere blink-and-you-miss-it hint. That shouldn't be the case, it should be the norm!

You'd think things would have improved with time, but two gay kisses have been cut from two major blockbusters just in the last month - one from Disney's *Tarzan* reboot, and one from JJ Abrams' *Star Trek: Beyond*. In *Tarzan*, antagonist Christoph Waltz kisses Alexander Skarsgård's *Tarzan* while he's unconscious, but the scene was cut at the last minute before release. Director David Yates said "We loved it at the time, but we pared it back because it was almost too much." Oh? Too much? Well I'm so sorry David. Sorry that us kissing someone is too much. Sometimes I think endlessly being exposed to Jessica Alba's bulging bosom

is a bit fucking much, but that doesn't get cut from movies does it. I wonder why. He went on to say "early test audiences were perplexed by it."

JJ Abrams hasn't provided any explanation as to why to gay kiss in *Star Trek* was cut. The actor who plays gay character Zulu has given some very diplomatic but ultimately useless statements on it, saying "There was a kiss that I think is not there anymore...It wasn't like a make-out session." Right. Erm...why was it cut though?



Skyfall

With both, it's actually not difficult to work out why. It's that most volatile and controlling of combinations - fear and money. The vast majority of people who work in Hollywood are not homophobic. They're artistic, creative people, who have probably been around gay men all their lives, or ARE gay men themselves. That's the other thing - statistically, one in ten men are gay. And it's probably fair to say that that proportion is MUCH higher among actors and creatives. Probably at least 50%. So 50% of Hollywood actors are gay. It's fairly

common knowledge that Will Smith and Kevin Spacey (ALLEGEDLY) are. So why isn't more being done?

The answer is, that whilst Hollywood itself probably isn't homophobic, the majority of the population still is. Or perhaps not homophobic. Perhaps just unimaginative. A gay kiss in an action movie would unsettle the babbling obese masses, not because they're necessarily all homophobic, but just because it's different and unexpected. They hate

anything different. It's why we voted Brexit, why nobody buys Peaches' music and why the CEO of Primark is a billionaire. Anything imaginative or unexpected is DANGEROUS and CHALLENGING.

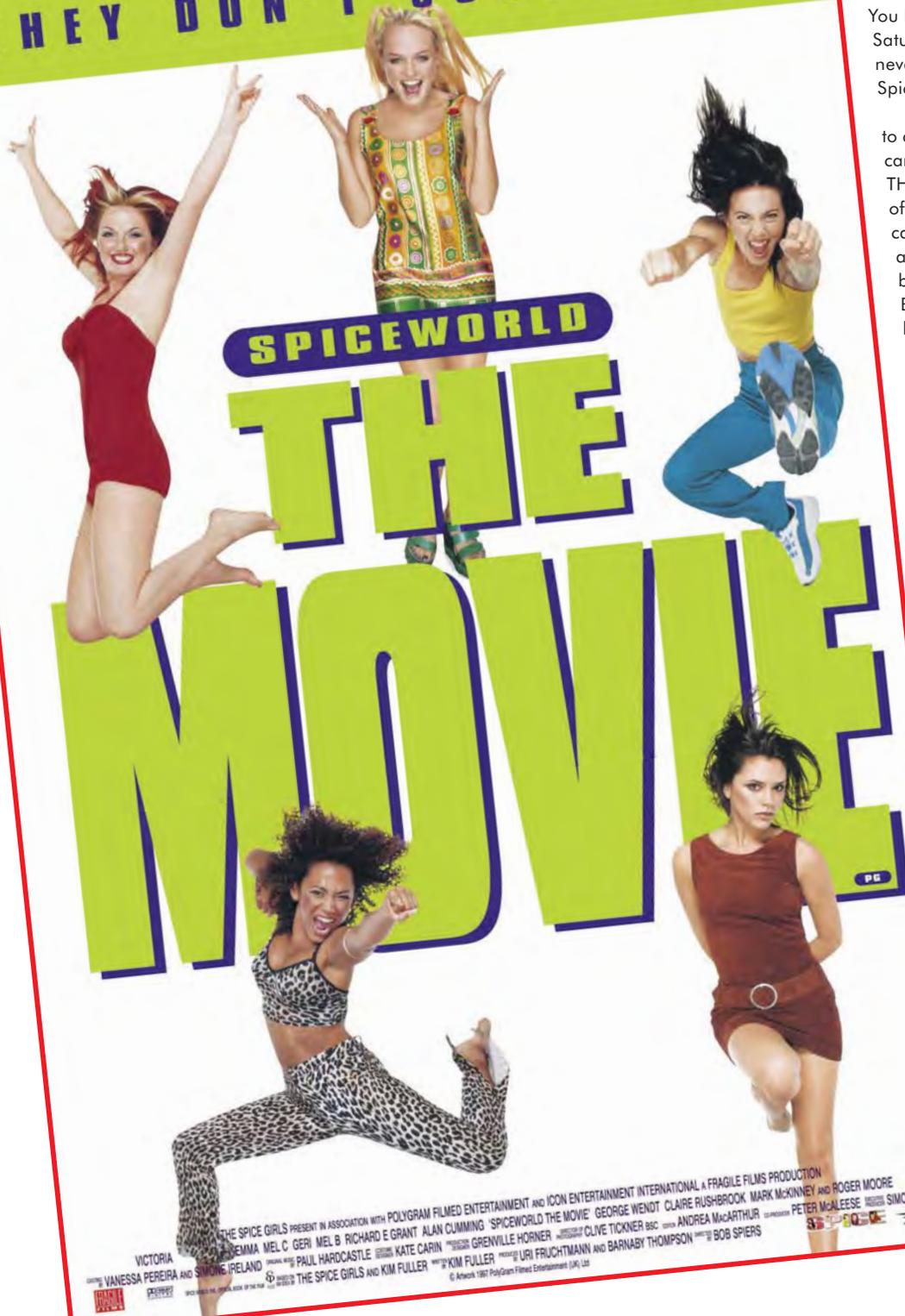
All they want is Jason Statham somersaulting over a flaming lorry to a Nickelback soundtrack. Chuck in a couple of explosions, a pout from Megan Fox, and a supersize tub of popcorn. Done. If Jason Statham suddenly threw down his gun and started getting off with Jamie Foxx (hot!), they'd have to start thinking. The cogs in their brains would have to start moving. And they don't want

that! They want to blindly pay their money and then switch off for two hours. Which, in today's mess of a world, is fair enough really.

But maybe if the general population WERE challenged, WERE forced to think, we wouldn't be in the awful state we're in now. Movies are art, and the very function of art is to challenge societal constructs and provoke thought. And I'm sorry, but *Fast & Furious 8* just doesn't fit that bill. We need to change things. And there's no reason we can't. Let's get the ball rolling. Right. Has anyone got Kevin Spacey's number?

Spice Up Your Night!

THEY DON'T JUST SING!



You know it, I know it, The Saturdays (RIP) know it; there will never be another girl band like the Spice Girls.

For one thing, no other band to create a movie as gloriously camp and naff as SPICEWORLD THE MOVIE. It is a hot sensation of crap acting, mad outfits and cameos. It features a bus chase, and alien landing, a baby being born, Bob Hoskins, Michael Barrymore and Geri Halliwell's burgeoning acting talents.

WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT SPICEWORLD YOU ASK? Well, on Friday 5th August, the £1 Cinema Club at The Grand celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the fabulous five's debut album with Spiceworld being shown on The Grand's gigantic HD screen.

But wait; what screening of this seminal film would be complete without a Zig-Ah-Zig-Ah dance competition, prizes for the best dressed Sporty, Posh, Scary & Ginger and, of course, the number one Spice Girls tribute act in the UK - 'Wannabe' - making an appearance? No screening would be complete, that's what. NONE. Thankfully, the Grand have got them all for your spicy pleasures.

To top it all off, it's followed by The Grand's 90s vs 00s club night - which is free for all Spiceworld moviegoers!

What are you waiting for? Say you'll be there!

£1 Cinema Club: Spice World is on Friday 5th August at The Grand (21-25 St John's Hill, SW11 1TT), 7:30 - 10:30pm / £1 + free entry to club night). Book at www.claphamgrand.com

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Vauxhall club night A:M is kind of the definition of exciting, debauched clubbing. The sort you'd dream about when you were fourteen and getting ID'd buying Lambrini from Tesco Metro. It's got everything you'd want in a club night: a totes amaze soundsystem, a head-spinningly energetic vibe, and undeniably fuckable clientele. They've got some iconic scene DJs on rotation too, including **Fat Tony, Miswhite** and **Richard Jones**.



Friday 5th August

A:M

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Protocol, 6A South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP.
11pm – 11am. £4 with a flyer/
AD before 1am.

Friday 5th August

The Lipsinkers



"Camp, cult and glorious!" says The Times! Yes it's that time again! Every first Friday of the month, a loose-lipped, sequin-spattered extravaganza descends on the iconic RVT in the form of lip-synching troupe, The Lipsinkers! It's all a bit mad and a bit surreal, but y'know what...there's nothing wrong with being a bit mad and a bit surreal! If there were, we'd be out of the job, that's for fuckin' sure. So, The Lipsinkers will be sip-synching, as the name suggests, to new skits and classic hits!



The Royal Vauxhall Tavern,
372 Kennington Lane,
SE11 5HY. 9pm – 4am.
Tickets £8/£6

The Witches of Bushwick are coming to London for BUSHWIG at The Glory! Bushwick is an area of Brooklyn, which is a bit like Haggerston where The Glory is, but without a Tesco. It's an NYC takeover, with the cream of NYC's alt drag crop, clopping down the traveller at Heathrow and into our loving tie-dye-clad arms. They are; **Horrorchata, Merrie Cherry, Untitled Queen, Chris of Hur** and **Cybil War**. One of our freelancers Mark just spent three months with them in New York. Apparently they're talented, beautiful, and utterly unhinged. THAT'S WHAT WE LIKE TO HEAR.



THE GLORY

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

Saturday 6th August

Bushwig
– NYC
Takeover!

Untitled Queen



Horrorchata

XXL is a Saturday night mega hairy beary high-octane clubbing EXPERIENCE. That enough adjectives for ya? No? Well HERE'S SOME MORE: It's breathtaking! It's electrifying! It's EXHAUSTING! Usually exhausting is used in a negative fashion, but we're reappropriating it to be a positive one! Because if you're not exhausted after a decent Saturday night clubbing, YOU'RE NOT DOING IT RIGHT! So go down to XXL and dance the night away with the bears! It's one of the many amazing things about London, so if you don't go, what's the point in paying your extortionate rent?!



Saturday 6th August

XXL



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

Saturday 6th August

Les Poppeurs

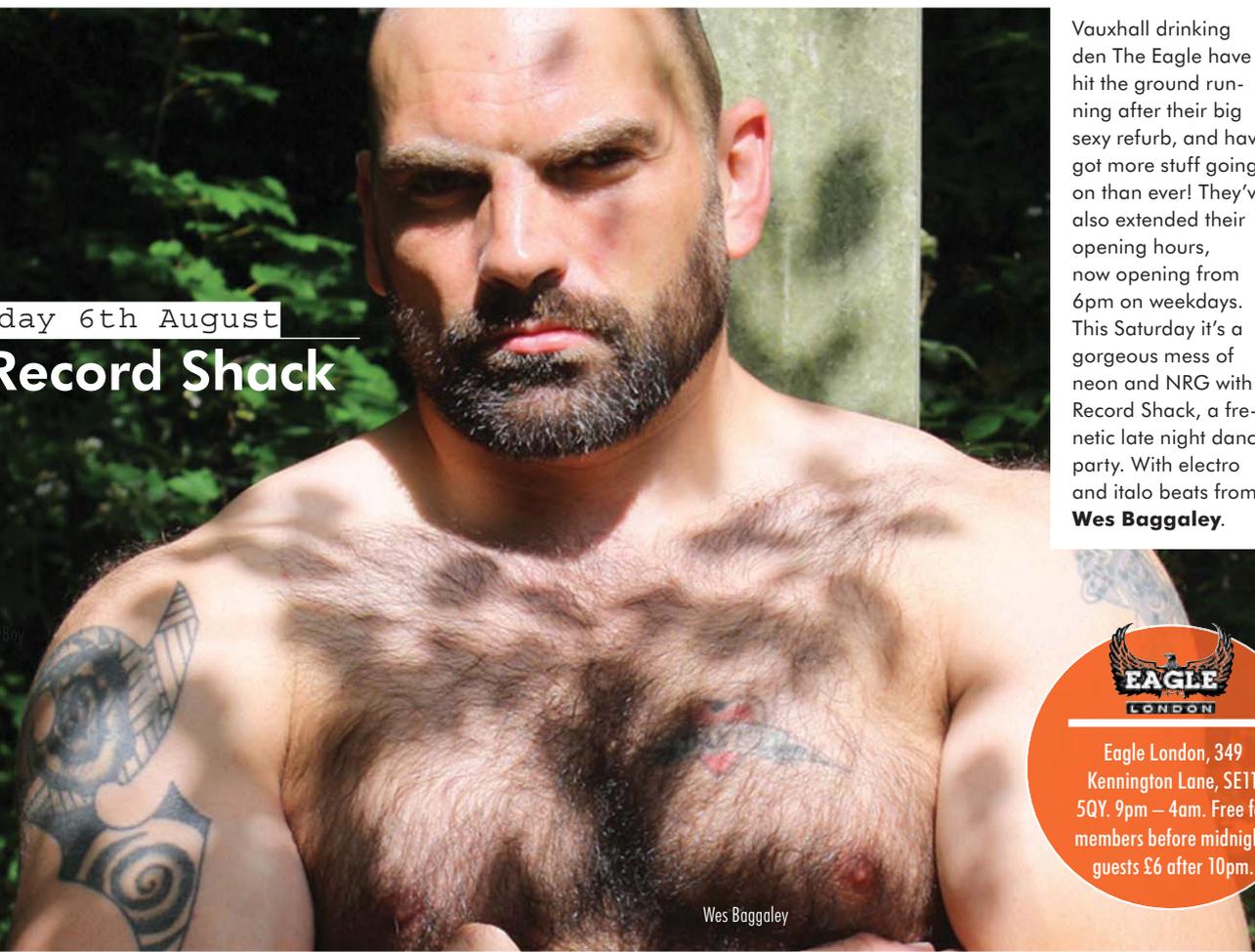


Uscrew your lids and loosen your...belts? Because it's LES POPPEURS at Dalston Superstore! The aml admirers are purveyors of gorgegy grimy beats and cute camp boys! Both of which we love, obvs. On their event info, they say they play "handbaggy house". Ha! Love it. Wish we'd thought of that. They'll have East London scene faves **Jonjo Jury** and **Terry Vietheer** DJing, as well as Les Poppeurs co-founder **Whitney Weiss**.



Dalston Superstore,
117 Kingsland High Street,
E8 2PB. 9pm – 3am.
Free before 10pm, £5 after.

Saturday 6th August
Record Shack



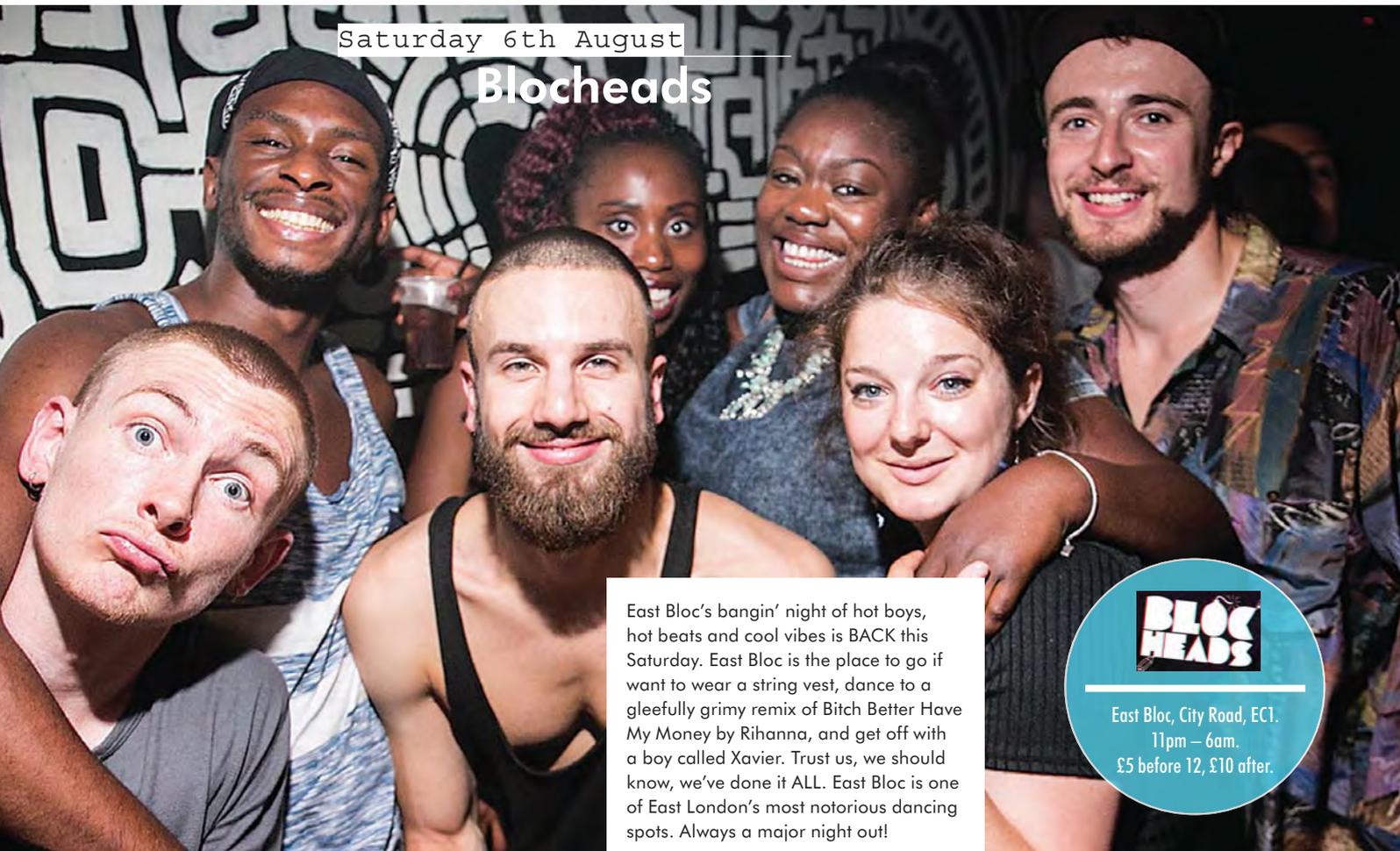
Wes Baggaley

Vauxhall drinking den The Eagle have hit the ground running after their big sexy refurb, and have got more stuff going on than ever! They've also extended their opening hours, now opening from 6pm on weekdays. This Saturday it's a gorgeous mess of neon and NRG with Record Shack, a frenetic late night dance party. With electro and italo beats from **Wes Baggaley**.



Eagle London, 349
Kennington Lane, SE11
5QY. 9pm – 4am. Free for
members before midnight,
guests £6 after 10pm.

Saturday 6th August
Blocheads



East Bloc's bangin' night of hot boys, hot beats and cool vibes is BACK this Saturday. East Bloc is the place to go if you want to wear a string vest, dance to a gleefully grimy remix of Bitch Better Have My Money by Rihanna, and get off with a boy called Xavier. Trust us, we should know, we've done it ALL. East Bloc is one of East London's most notorious dancing spots. Always a major night out!



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In a SPECIAL EDITION of our weekly Club News section, it's our guide to club nights at Brighton Pride! It's the UK's biggest Pride, it's this weekend, and it's only half an hour away! GO!

At the amazing art deco venue Patterns, two major gay parties team up to bring you an even MORE major seaside pride party! Brighton Pride's official after party, don't-aknow! Queer Nation is an amaze house night with 25 years of experience under its studded belt, while Handsome is a red hot London night, all clandestine gritty feels and fierce pop sensibilities. Of course with great nights come great DJs and they'll be there in abundance on Saturday. There'll be **Guy Williams**, **Dave Kendrick** and more!



Guy Williams

Saturday 6th August

Handsome/ Queer Nation Official After Party



Patterns, 10 Marine Parade,
Brighton, BN2 1TL.
9pm.

Saturday 6th August

Brut Brighton Pride

Hairy clubbing leviathans Brut are bringing their sexy underground vibes to Brighton Pride! If you've been to Brut, you'll know it's notorious for having one of the hottest, horniest crowds around. The perfect place to go if you fancy christening your chintzy seaside b&b with some HOT GAY ACTION. Yes! There'll be sets from the best Brut DJs, including **Louis Lennon**, bass bear **Ross Jones**, and a bunch of others.



Louis Lennon



Concorde 2, Madeira Drive,
Brighton, BN2.
10:30pm - 4am.

Jeffrey Hinton



Sunday 7th August

Sunday Sundae Pride Reunion Party



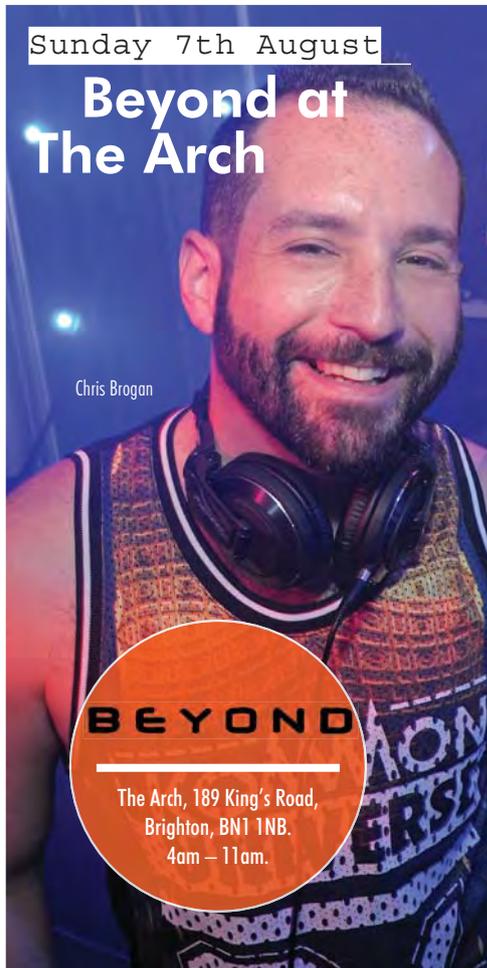
Patterns, 10 Marine Parade,
Brighton, BN2 1TL.
3pm - 3am.

It's an ice-cool, cherry-topped scoop of fun with the Sunday Sundae party! It's THE party to be seen at! Who knows, Carly Rae might be there bustin' some moves and calling you maybe! Sunday Sundae was a much-loved Brighton Sunday night party, and now it's BACK for pride at lovely Patterns. If you went for the official pride party on Saturday, go again, it's great! As well as all that, there's a host of major DJs, including one of our fave London exports **Jeffrey Hinton**, as well as **Mikalís**, **Chris Pullin** and **Freddie Dimanche**. It also lasts for TWELVE HOURS *Demi Lovato voice* don't tell your mother.

Sunday 7th August

Beyond at The Arch

Chris Brogan



The Arch, 189 King's Road,
Brighton, BN1 1NB.
4am - 11am.

Vauxhall hive of hedonism Beyond is skyrocketing its way to the seaside for pride weekend! Yes! Hot boy dancing spot, vodka red bulls, bangin' beats, all yer fuckin' faves! And Brighton venue, The Arch, is the ideal temporary home for it! Exposed brick and urban chic vibes. If you know us, you'll know we LOVE a bit of bare brick. That's bare BRICK, not what you inevitably misread it as. Psssh. There are DJ sets from **Kid Massive**, **Gonzalo** and **Chris Brogan**, and a show from Archangel. We've never seen Archangel before, but we're guessing his show will involve hotpants and angel wings. HOORAY.

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Chelsea Attonley

1983 - 2016

Chelsea Attonley had big hair, big boobs and an even bigger heart. She was known both on the London scene and nationally, as a hilarious and unignorable personality, who stood by her principles and expressed her views with conviction.

Following her sudden death on Friday, some of the gay scene's best-known names and faces pay tribute to her below.

Chelsea performed at our charity launch in remembrance of Steffan Whitfield in August 2013 at The Wayout Club and was an amazing supporter of Cancer is a Drag - a very special lady!

Alan Bugg, Founder of Cancer is a Drag

I'm so sorry to hear such bad news. Chelsea was a lovely personality and when I photographed her she was always so bubbly and full of fun. RIP Chelsea X

Ricky Dixon, Photographer

I first met Chelsea standing at the side of the stage in Sackville Gardens where I was performing for Sparkle - the trans-pride event she hosted for many years. Seconds before

I went on, she very sternly reminded me that this was a family event and in the interests of public decency, swearing was strictly prohibited. It seems ridiculous now, but at the time I thought her an almost matronly entity chiding me for my potty mouth! Little did I know the hilarious Chelsea was actually in equal parts a generous, sensational and savvy character who knew better than most that life was not to be taken too seriously.

Upon experiencing some exposure (good and bad) in the national media after her frequently controversial breast augmentation, Chelsea shared with me her wise thoughts on life in the public eye: "no press is no press." That's how I'll remember her - laughing away and being camp. <3

Vanity Von Glow, Performer



She was my best friend of 12 years, we spoke everyday about everything and nothing. I feel lost without her and will miss her forever!

Joel Ryder, Photographer

Chelsea was a unique person, no matter what she was going through. If you felt down, then BOOM, she made you feel better in an instant. I'll miss her, I'll miss our chats, and I'll miss that wicked sense of humour. RIP my sweet angel. Xx
Jacquire Gilmartin

Chelsea was an absolute sweetheart. I'm so, so sad to hear about her passing. It takes so much strength to transition, let alone talk about it publicly, Chelsea was always vocal about her journey and its difficulties, we should remember her for that bravery. Rest in power sister. Xxx
Munroe Bergdorf, Model

I met Chelsea about three years ago at a mutual friend's birthday party and was struck by her unique blend of effervescence (she was the heart and soul of the party) and strong political convictions which were always well considered and thought provoking. Like everyone else she had her own set of life issues but always dealt with them with class and an admirable uncompromising zeal; she was truly unique and will be greatly missed. Be at peace baby.
Much Tutu Love xxx
Son Of A Tutu, Performer

I first met Chelsea as 'Miss Malibu' when she was the fierce host of the Sleazesisters club night 'Revolution'. We hit it off instantly and she soon became the co host of my early Klubkidz parties. Her catchphrase 'stay fabulous' was a motto she lived her life by and she was instantly loved by everyone who met her. 100% Glamorous and truly fabulous, the scene has lost a star - 'stay fabulous in Heaven Chelsea'
Jason Prince, DJ

Chelsea planned to have her birthday party this Thursday 4th at The Light Lounge. Meaningfully, it will now serve as her remembrance celebration. So if you'd like to raise a glass to her, head down to The Light Lounge, 1 Newport Place, WC2H 7JR, at 8pm on Thursday.



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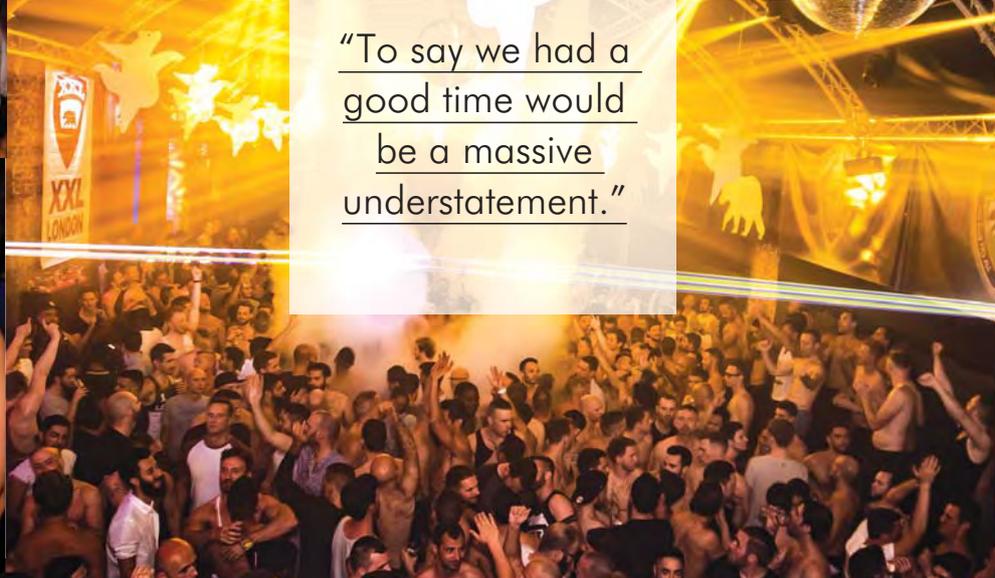
Words by James Egan
Photos by Joel Ryder



On a hot and steamy Saturday night last weekend, we brought our very own band of bears to XXL for a night out in our favourite South Bank superclub. To say we had a good time would be a massive understatement. The place was rammed from wall to wall with gorgeous and fun-loving guys of all shapes and sizes, proving again that whilst it's often imitated, XXL's attitude-free brand of partying is never replicated. Every room was chock-a-block with happy bears, otters, rugby lads and daddies enjoying the hottest pop remixes, as they moved their bodies on the podiums and stages under swathes of white drapes and hanging polar bears. As we were celebrating a much-belated birthday party, the XXL boys even provided us with a complimentary bottle of bubbly! Can't fault 'em, these guys know how to do it up right. Stumbling home at 7am was definitely well worth it.



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“Party until well into the afternoon.”

After the launch of Dirty Disko on Saturday night, Beyond Enterprise was awash with intrepid explorers seeking out new experiences, and with the dance floor as rammed as it was, I’m sure they found some! The Lounge away team consisted of Gonzalo and D’Johnny while on the bridge in the main room first officer Fat Tony was joined by the irrepressible Pagano for a voyage to the limits of aural pleasure. Lycra clad aliens in visors overran the stage at one point throwing shapes that were clearly not of this world, but the capacity crowd of voyagers were undeterred and continued with the party until well into the afternoon, Beyond space and time, as it should be.



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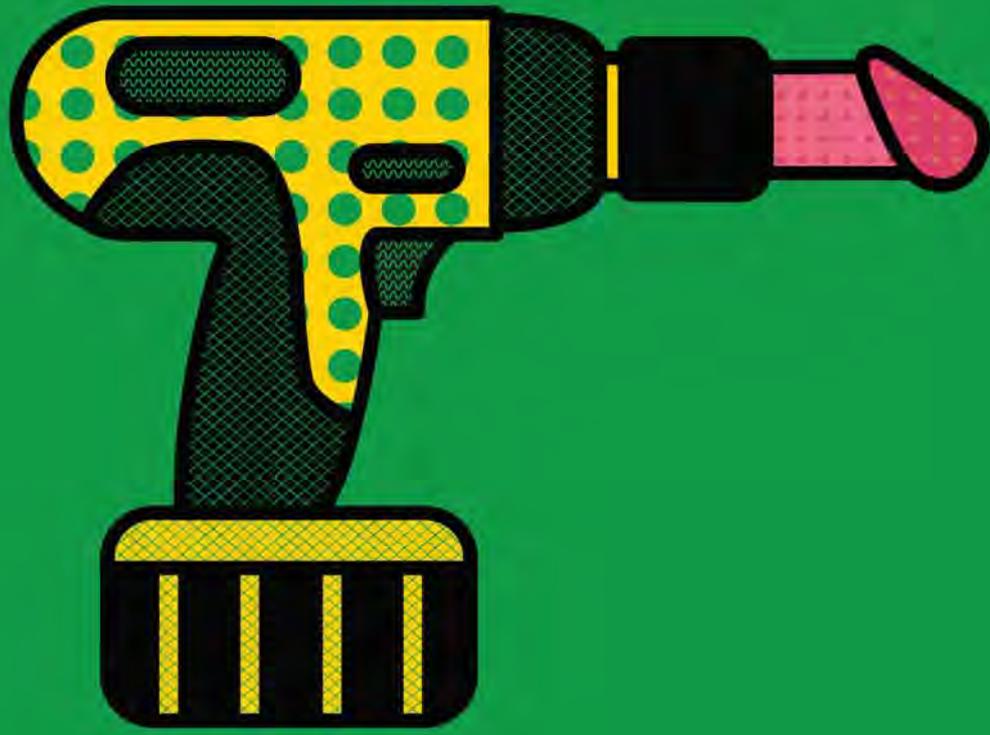
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“Possibly the
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Everybody's favourite pop party, Carpet Burn, returned to Eagle London last weekend with the mother of all shindigs. Super-cutie Lee Thomas opened proceedings with a roll-call of mononymous celebrities... Madonna, Whitney, Kylie et al as well as much Spice Girls mayhem. There was even a brief appearance by the home grown Spice Bears showing us how to 'move

it, shake it'. The Men Who Fell To Earth's Tony and Dan took over deck responsibilities with a DJ style that reminded me of a couple of lads on a school outing, but with tracks by The Hood Internet, George Michael, Sia and Davon Williams, their set was anything but academic. Carpet Burn, Where The Streets Have No Name, is possibly the most social clubbing experience in London... mates, drinks and great music.



Dalston Superstore

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FRIDAYS

5TH: LAGASTA PRESENTS: ΓΚΑΡΑΖ

Athenian tastemakers LaGaSta bring you Cut Copy's frontman Bobby Boomerang & Knightlife (Cutters Records) as well as Superstore favourites Nic Fisher, Fannar & Wes Baggley for a drivetime special!

12TH: AWFUL

Drag monster Jonbenet Blonde & everybody's favourite carbohydrate Jacqui Potato are back for their TERRIBLE party feat. Josh You Are and The Lovely Jonjo in the laser basement. Waterproofs recommended!

19TH: MINCE

Mince is your brand new homosexual disco freak out at Superstore! Bring your affectedly dainty, heavy femme dance movements down to the laser-cave for a romantic rendezvous with Ruf Dug & special guests!

26TH: SPIN CYCLE

Spin Cycle brings you three DJs rotating across two floors with a mix of house, disco, techno, classics, guilty pleasures & general spun out jams. Wax Wings, Coco Cole & Anna Wall are ready to get you dancing!

SATURDAYS

6TH: LES POPPEURS

Prepare for hot DJ threeway b2b2b action in the lazer basement from London legends Jonjo Jury, Terry Vietheer and Whitney Weiss while Violet, Elles & Rachael have you sashaying & shimmying in the bar! Part proceeds to Albert Kennedy Trust.

13TH: DISCOSODOMA

Notorious gay partystarters Discosodoma are thrilled to welcome Berlin's Paramida (Love On The Rocks) for their next instalment plus a slew of special guests for seductive summer shenanigans all night long!

20TH: PUMP

Neil Prince and David Oh & Johnny Kalifornia take to the basement alongside special guest Matt Bogard for heaving house, while Tom Of Swindon and Karl from Scandipop keep the pop hits spinning upstairs!

27TH: TUSK

London legends Giles Smith (Secretsundaze) & Jim Stanton (Horse Meat Disco) join residents James Bailie, Chris Camplin and Ant C for top-quality house, techno, disco and acid over two floors.

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DIRTY DISKO

Dirty Disko at
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Words and Photos by
ChrisJepson.com



After a nomadic past that has seen appearances across London, Dirty Disko returned to Vauxhall on Saturday night and it's new home at Fire. Taking up residency in everyone's favourite illuminated fantasy, The Lightbox, dj/promoter Steven Artis was joined by party princess MisWhite for a journey through house, while over in The Temple Mattias Dabo and Michel Mizrahi kept the room packed till closing. Hostess Deborah Ombres, a Dirty Disko old hand, was seen pressing flesh with almost every hottie in the club (lucky bitch), reeling them in with her cheap but effective "Suck my... DIRTY DISKO" chat-up lines. we could all learn a thing or too from her! Dirty Disko is back... and it's fabulous!



"Dirty Disko is back... and it's fabulous!"



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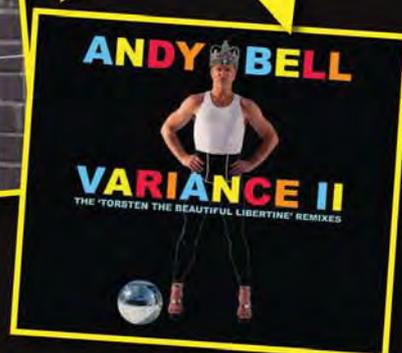
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It felt like the night all the leather bears had been waiting for, and boy had they waited for BRÜT to finally invite them along in black only! Rubber & leather, harnesses & boots: they brought it all, and they got a free shot at the bar for doing so! Dave the Bear and Andreas were two of the hottest hairiest gogo cubs you ever saw- popping up on bars and stages around the club turning jockstrap bulges from oranges into grapefruits everywhere you looked! Meanwhile the music raged on from disco, dance and grooving remixes in Vault 2, to disgustingly sexy and bassy house vibes in Vault 1. Resident photographer Victor Hensel-Coe had his light stand with him to capture some moistening portraits of the men in attendance that night- find more on the BRÜT London facebook. For now that's all from the bears, cubs 'n' hunks of London, until next time, stay BRÜTISH!



“Rubber & leather,
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Remember when YouTube was full of really fucking bizarre shit like Shoes by Kelly and God Warrior? Instead of now which is all VEVO and makeup tutorials by teenage girls that need a good slap? We've compiled a list of our favourite hits from the days when you'd lose three hours watching this rubbish and then realise you'd wandered into that weird part of the internet again. We miss them.

BAD ASS STRIPPER - JENTINA



Described in the comments as "an even less classy version of Cher Lloyd", Jentina Chapman is a lean, mean rapping machine. Despite having a voice that sounds like she needs a new Ventolin in her inhaler asap, she's gonna flip you on your back and your stack... of fifty dollah billzzzzz. So, so terrible. We love it. We love her rhythm-free 'moves', we love her New Look clearance sale style, we love the high-end editing of her video. We do wonder whether she actually knows what an Escalade is though. Corsa looks more up her street, in all honesty. SHAKEY SHAKE-SHAKEY SHAKE!

<https://youtu.be/C9b8WRouPBw>

SLICE ME NICE - LADY LLOYD



We love Lady Lloyd. Like, we think we're actually a bit obsessed with her. She can do no wrong in our eyes. Except, well, *this*. "I'm like a cake that wants to be baked" Yeah, well you'd probably enjoy this a whole lot more if you were completely fucking baked. Lloyd won't even perform this anymore. Well, actually she will, but only if the price is right. Same as most things with Lloyd really. LOVE YOU!

<https://youtu.be/KtKmAkJ6kDE>



OH BOY - SHARDINAY



When a girl is called Shardinay, you know the music is going to be good. When you find out she spells it phonetically, it's bound to be even better. Our favourite cheap wine-cum "UK female urban sensation" didn't disappoint with her, um, diss track? We have no idea what this is supposed to be. It's hard to follow the lyrics to this one amid the insane, melody-free production, the bizarre rap section by someone who actually says "oh my days" and a 'dance 'break' that looks like it was filmed in Sainburys Whitechapel's underground car park and choreographed by Christopher Reeve (RIP). Apparently the choreo was actually by someone called Tipsey. She's also one of the 'featured' 'dancers' alongside Trina, Angie & Georgina. So there you go.

<https://youtu.be/Z5tF9Cqamig>

YES BITCH



K Rizz has discovered the holy grail of the internet - she made a music video so shite, that everyone thought it was ironic and she gained critical acclaim. Following the cult success of 'Yes Bitch' (lol), she's been featured in Dazed, i-D, Vice and Pitchfork, and she's got a recording contract, and tens of thousands of hits on Spotify. Yes bitch! Perhaps her penchant for pink cowboy hats helped, they're very in right now. Just ask Chema Diaz. Also, the video for Yes Bitch is fucking iconic. At one point she just lies down on a glass dining table in a ball gown, looking like an estate agent on MDMA. The sheer audacity of it is mind blowing. Here's to you, K Rizz. We take off our pink cowboy hats to you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtiFgw-Tn4g>



3 SECOND RULE - LISA GAIL ALLRED

Just so we're all clear, this is the OFFICIAL video from the ONE AND ONLY Lisa Gail Allred, okay? No imposters here, this is legit Lisa Gail musical pleasure. The comments on this little number are a real treats, from LG herself haggling with people about the price of a sign, to important tips like "three seconds is the longest you should ever sit on a cactus" from Jonas Clark. This is just a very helpful song all round. Lisa's full of info about how to keep a man. You should believe her too! She's got eight cowboys all devoted to her! Well, until the 2 hours are up and she's paid them their ten dollar fee and let them have a blow on her straight husband's pickle. CRAIGLIST WHORES! Oh well, can't blame a girl for trying. And we love her belted white blouse, Mask of Zorro eye makeup and crispy Betty Spaghetti hair. Livin' La Lisa Loca!

<https://youtu.be/bH1JThQKe4>

FLY AWAY - MAEVE HUGHES

The dancing. The bustier. The rap section. More hand movement than Mariah Carey on mephedrone. There's a lot going on in this video. Maeve is on the beach. Maeve goes through a gate. Maeve investigates a lighthouse. The video was shot on the cliffs of Gayhead, if that means anything to you besides eliciting a childish snigger. Maeve's got some stunning outfits though and an equally stunning voice. Really, quite stunning. Gokh-Bi System's "emcee" Mamadou adds a little African feel to proceedings. Funny sidebar: "Mamading" means sucking off an entire room of men, in Spanish. Dunno what made us think of that.

<https://youtu.be/RjuKY94Nffs>



CASHPOINT DRAMA - JIN JIN



If you need a good laugh, have a watch of Cashpoint Drama. Let's be honest, Cashpoint Drama is the best name for a song EVER. Isn't it. IT IS. And we can all identify with it. It's all about that feeling when you're at the cash machine and someone's stood a bit too close behind you and you're like "AHH THEY'RE LOOKING AT MY PIN." Yeah, that. It also contains the line "You're way too close, so get in line! I'm checkin' mah account, in mah own damn time!" We love the singer Jin Jin. She looks like she'd be a right laugh on a night out at Dalston Superstore. Or maybe she's a homophobe. You never know. But she's wearing zebra print heels, so probably not.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rr4efN7NDRO>



FIVE SECONDS - TARA PALMER- TOMKINSON

This is an introspective ballad from Tara Palmer-Tomkinson. No, you're not having an aneurism, you actually just read that. It's an ill-advised attempt at a solo career, that happened a few years ago, between her appearance on the Comic Relief Edition of Fame Academy, and eleventh holiday to Colombia (we'll let you draw your own conclusions from that one). In the video, she swings on a swing, tries on some hats, poses for a photo with a horse (?) and drapes herself all over some hairy muscle queen who she probably picked up floating in the Thames outside Vauxhall Station. The whole thing looks like a GCSE Media Studies project based on Smack the Pony and it's hilarious.

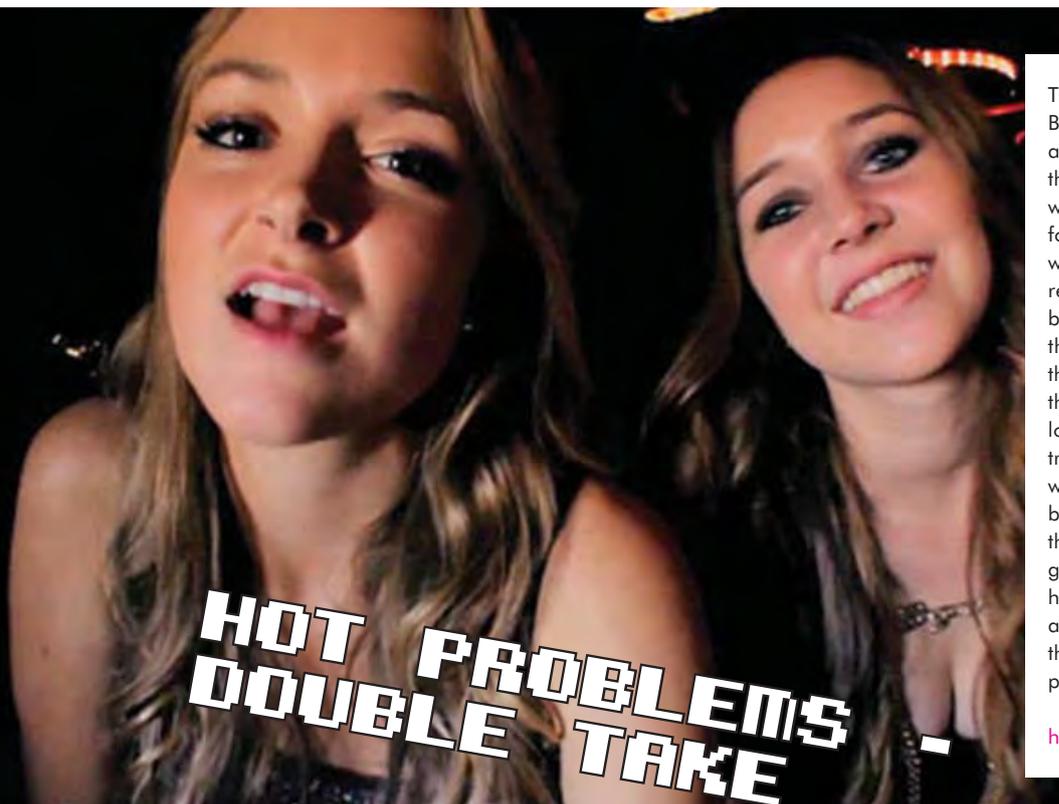
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IT DID OUR - DO ASTER - DO CHERYL TOMKINSON

Dear Christ. Fresh from the high-octane working men's clubs of Hatfield, it's karaoke queen and part time Aldi employee, Cheryl Aster! Next to this, Tara Palmer Tomkinson could be nominated for a Grammy. It just shows, everything's relative. We actually feel a bit bad making fun of this, because it's clear that Cheryl has no idea how terrible she is. It's fine to make fun of people who have their own confident knowing wink to their ridiculous, but making fun of people who are genuinely trying is just a bit bleak. So we'll leave it there.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HuyQg7zPi0>



HOT PROBLEMS DOUBLE TAKE

The description for this video says "Old Bailey Productions did not create any of the audio or lyrics for this video. We produced the video as a favour". We can't imagine why the production company responsible for bringing this abortion to term would want to disassociate themselves from it. It really has got it all. Well, if 'all' means two butt-faced teens warbling about how great they are in the back of a rental limo. One of them looks a bit like Kristen Schaal minus the comedic charm. The other one just looks like a cunt. Anyway, it's wonderful. A true tribute to American teen narcissism. It would actually make a pretty good satire, but we get the feeling that's a concept these two treats wouldn't quite be able to get their heads around. Hot girls really do have problems. Especially when they're not actually that hot and completely dead in the head. Enjoy your furore to post-surgery painkillers, girls!

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MIRANDA MOMENTS!

Last week we published our second piece of Sex and the City-related "journalism". Someone on Facebook became so enraged that they claimed we were reducing gay men to nothing more than stereotypes and that we had nothing to our own personalities except "being gay".

While he may have been completely correct, it was SUCH a Miranda thing to say, so in honour of that angry little man, we've put together our favourite Miranda Hobbes moments. Hopefully he'll enjoy this one a bit more.

Miranda's Peek-a-Boob with her Neighbour

A classic Miranda moment if ever there was one. Miranda built up a bit of a sexual tet-a-tet with a hot neighbour who lived opposite her. Basically they flash each other across the street, to some sexy sax music and Miranda even showed her BOOB! Then she bumps into him in the supermarket and she introduces herself, then he goes "Oh, you're the chick who lives above that guy I've been cruising." She runs away without even buying cat food. Oh Miranda.

I DON'T WANNA DO THAT

Miranda and rimming. Yes, they go there. For the record, Miranda, if you're reading this (we know she's a fictional character but just humour us), we would TOTALLY have rimmed that guy. He had a great arse. Anyway, to her credit, he doesn't actually ask her, he just shoves it in her face halfway through sex and she screams "I DON'T WANNA DO THAT", then tries to cover it up by giving him such a fastidious massage that we're surprised she didn't break his back. Oh Miranda.

Dirty Talkin'

On the advice of the gals (mainly Samantha, obv), Miranda tries out a bit of dirty talk in the bedroom with her latest sexual tryst. But she gets carried away and it all gets a bit weird. She ends up saying shit like "A BIG. HARD. ROCK." And then she sort of screeches "A SAUSAGE!"

"Miranda shade is the best kind of shade."

Choking on her Chinese Dinner

Miranda gets to live every single person's nightmare death scenario; choking on food alone in her new giant flat and dying without anyone to find them for weeks. Thankfully, she manages to Heimlich herself on a box of shit she's moving into her apartment, but it shakes her up enough to start overfeeding the cat, just in case it eats her corpse's face. Cats really are nasty little fuckers aren't they?

Bra Shopping with Lucille

We talked about it last week, but it needs to be mentioned again purely for the line "I'M NOT BEING FRESH, DEAR, I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S BEST" and Miranda asking Lucille to take her hands off her tits.

Hiding under the bed from Debbie

So Miranda's just hanging out, doing her own thing, having a chat with Magda, watching Jules and Mimi, y'know. Then Steve and his girlfriend Debbie just SHOW UP out of NOWHERE! So, naturally, instead of saying hi to them and being a normal person, Miranda hides under the bed. It's quite a low bed, so she has to pull herself under it and it's hilarious. She sees Debbie's feet and has to throw a baby toy out for her to pick up. We like it when she's bitching about her to the gals later on and she says she's only seen her shoes and nails and they're "both acrylic." Miranda shade is the best kind of shade.

The OverEater that Over Ate Her

BON APPETIT!

When They Try on the Wedding Dresses and Carrie Freaks out

Ohhhh my god, talk about a gross overreaction. Carrie's doomed wedding to Aiden was on the horizon, so Miranda cajoles her into trying on hideous dresses at a nasty bridal shop she walks past on the way to work. So far, so fun. Of course after they've lied their way into the fitting rooms (claiming that they are having a joint wedding to two Wall Street-types and they are definitely NOT lesbians, no siree) Carrie decides she's running low on PURE DRAMA and starts to have some kind of bitch fit while Miranda's chuckling away. Carrie then makes a PREGNANT WOMAN tear her out of a buttoned corset. Miranda's face is actually pretty hilarious, like when something serious happens but you can't stop laughing at it because it's so insane. Then Carrie breaks out in hives and they have to BUY the dress and stuff it in a dumpster behind Tasti D-Lite. I bet the cunt made Miranda pay for it too.

THE BRACES

Miranda is a tongue-thruster. Yet another high-brow, important, feminist storyline for Sex & The City. This whole episode was so weird. Carrie played Twister with Bono, for Christ's sake. Samantha had to deal with three fourteen-year-old sluts (refer to QX issue 1116) and Miranda went on a date with an actually really cute guy, then got spinach stuck in her teeth. DISASTER. In the end she got the braces taken off because she felt ugly. So, the feminist lesson is; if something is good for your health but makes you look ugly, get rid of it immediately, because being hot matters more. ▶

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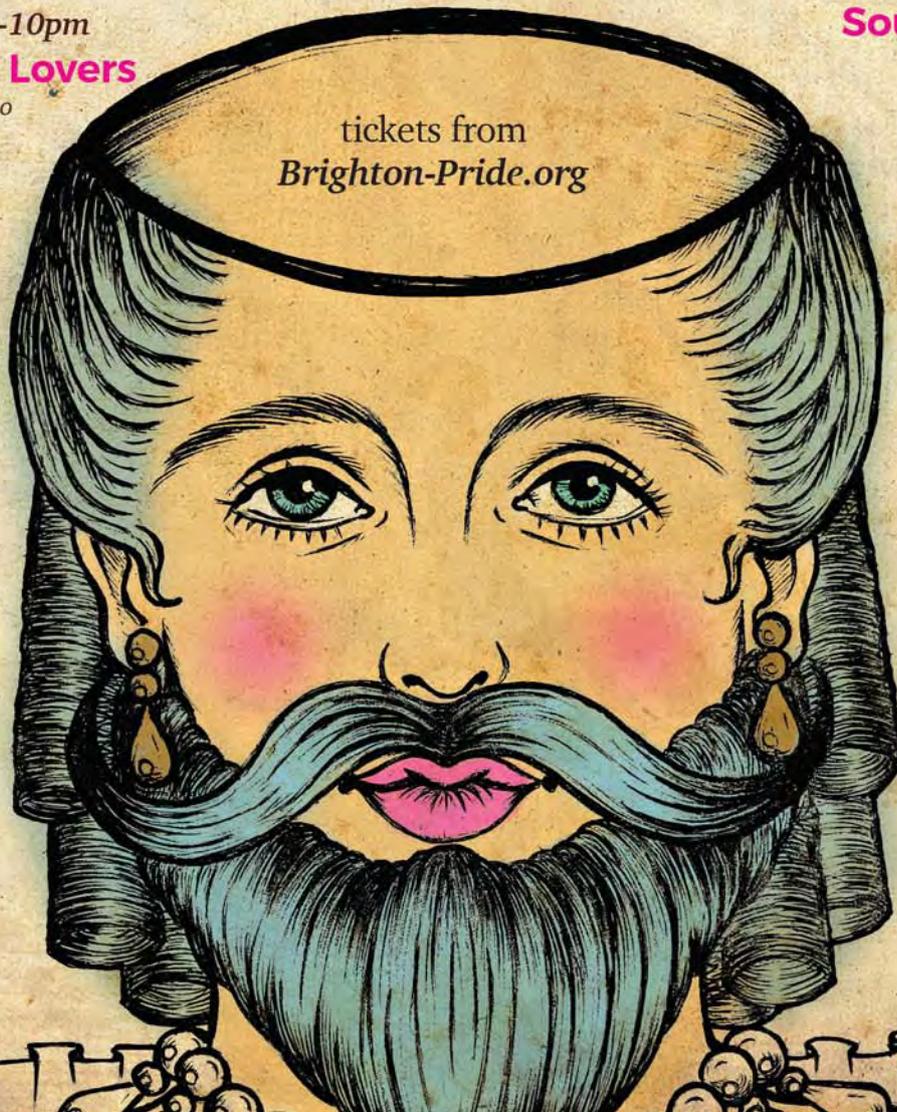
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The Sexual Sandwich

More quality storylines for Randy. SIGH. Miranda decides she’s being sexually harassed by a man dressed in a giant sandwich outfit shouting “eat me!” at people. Then she starts thinking on it and idea of slipping between those buns starts buttering her up a little (see Carrie? Anybody could write your fucking column. ANYBODY.) She even goes so far as to demand that the sandwich man takes off his mask, which he does to reveal a reasonably cute dude beneath. But Miranda changes her mind; she just wanted that baguette up her bap. We get it, love, it’s like the Stormtroopers; once the mask is off, it’s just not sexy anymore.

Sex in the Alleyway

To paraphrase Lucille Bluth, we don’t care for Job. Okay, we do. We love Arrested Development, so it was nice to see Will Arnett pop up on SATC. But surprise, because Miranda decides to go out with him, he had to be defective in some way, and that deficiency involved loudly shooting his squirtle into Miranda as his shocked parents looked on in horror. Arrested development indeed.

Down the Shitter

Ugh, this was foul. She’s dating this “cartoonist” that looks like a potato in a pair of spectacles who decides to TAKE A FUCKING SHIT WITH THE DOOR WIDE OPEN. In her house. With a cat in the room with him. Repugnant. To make matters worse, it’s not even a quiet unloading into the bay. He’s shooting turd torpedoes out of his browned blowhole and it’s echoing around the room. Vile. See a doctor, you pig. Miranda isn’t about to let that stink invade her apartment, so she slams the door on him and his dirty dumps for GOOD.

ASSHOLE.

It was another utterly ridiculous plotline, this time about Miranda going on a date with some guy Carrie previously dated and whom she claims is an ‘asshole’. That she met at her own previous date’s funeral. Jesus. Anyway, to prove her wrong about the guy being s shitty sphincter, Miranda invites Carrie on their date and all hell breaks loose. As it turns out, the guy IS an asshole (and Carrie is still a cunt, but that’s neither here nor there) and starts laying into everybody in sight. It’s all worth it though just to see Miranda scream “because you’re an ASSHOLE!!!!!!” in the middle of a quiet restaurant. You tell ‘em babe, don’t take that shit!

Detective Stevens

Ever got yourself too pissed on a date? Yes you bloody well have, stop lying to us. In this instalment in the Humiliations of Ms. Hobbes series, Miranda gets taken out by a FUCKING FIT policeman. Of course everyone in the restaurant is watching them thinking MIS-MATCH, so Red decides to hit the bottle hard to stave off insecurity. Just like all of you though, she gets herself totally leathered, whips him with his own belt and declares that she’s “no Mena Suvari” (what?!?) but she’s great in bed. She then wakes up twelve hours later to an empty bed, a new Alice Cooper-inspired makeup look and a monster hangover. Oh, and a note from her date telling her she’s a wino and needs to get. The. HELP. I mean that’s a typical Saturday morning for a QX Staffer, really. Oh Miranda, you truly are one of us!

Get off my STOOP.

Technically it’s Carrie’s moment, but we fucking HATE Carrie and she will never have her own ‘moments’ list so we’re including it. It’s actually quite a sweet moment as two old friends confide in each other about their anxieties and observe passersby on a night out (“Three dates, dinner and a movie” “Yeah, I hate them”). It sort of makes their friendship that bit more realistic, since most of the time we can’t understand why ANY of those woman hang out with Carrie. We love Miranda’s blunt admission that she got bored babysitting and let her niece fall on her head (something we’d probably do too) and Carrie’s delivery of “gedd... off... my... STOOP!”. Oh and this is the episode where Carrie gets DRUNK AT VOGUE, so that’s happy memory too. “I spilled...”

“Tit Soup”

This is Miranda’s description of the pool at the Playboy mansion. We have tried to shoehorn this term into every single conversation since. “What do you fancy for lunch?” TIT SOUP!

There’s Something about Randy

Miranda and Carrie attend a “workshop” in someone’s flat where some old hag jerks off her elderly husband. Who then promptly blows his egg mayo load over Miranda’s hair. Oh, babe, we’ve been there. Seriously. It happened in a bedsit in Whitechapel on Sunday morning around 6:55am. Just remember to rinse it out before you get on the Overground otherwise you’ll get some looks.

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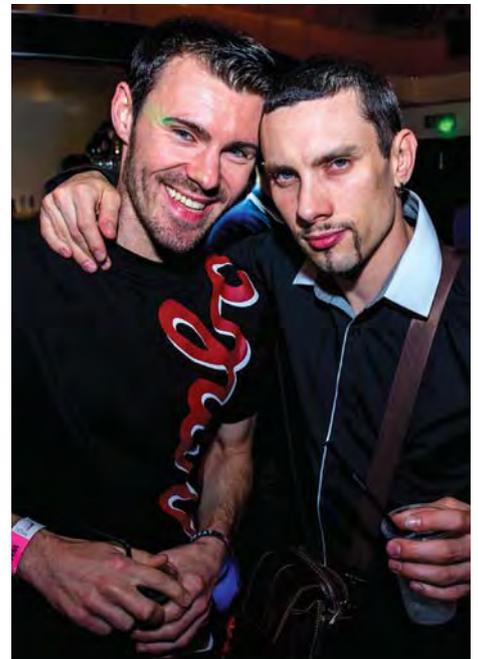
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Miss Penny

Old Ship
17 Barnes Street, E14 7NW

This Saturday 6th August they've got Miss Penny on stage at the Old Ship. She's cheap as chips, but worth her weight in gold. She's a proper brass with a silver tongue. She's...A DRAG QUEEN! Sorry, we were running out of cash-related puns. Anyway, she'll be strutting around the Ship and generally being good value for money, so go and slip a little Penny into your Saturday slot.



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Myra's Roast
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The Royal Vauxhall Tavern,
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Words by Dylan Jones
Photos by Joel Ryder



As you MIGHT have heard, we did a comedy roast of cabaret legend and silver-tongued siren Myra DuBois at the RVT. It was in aid of HIV charity Terrence Higgins Trust. Which of course she wasted no time in making a joke about. "If you've got HIV, just reach into the buckets and take the money back" she said, within approximately two minutes of being on stage "it's your money anyway."

The audience screamed and we were off. It was hosted by the relentlessly energetic, always funny Ginger Johnson, and the roasters were Holestar, Mrs Moore, Mary Mac and Lola Lasagne. They were all hilarious in their various nuanced (actually, not so nuanced) ways, but my personal favourite was Mrs Moore. It was the first time I'd seen her. She's bloody mad isn't she! I like my comedy with a serving of dark unhinged insanity, and she certainly fits that bill.

Anyway, DESPITE vitriol and insults being chucked left right and centre it was, like all roasts, ultimately meant in good nature. And we raised over £2400! How about that! So raise a triple gin and tonic to us, to THT, to Myra and, most importantly, to those who the money was raised for.

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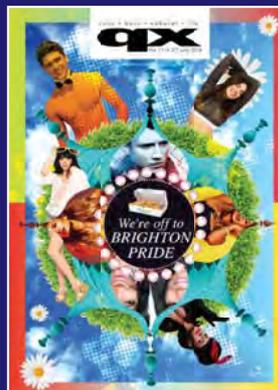
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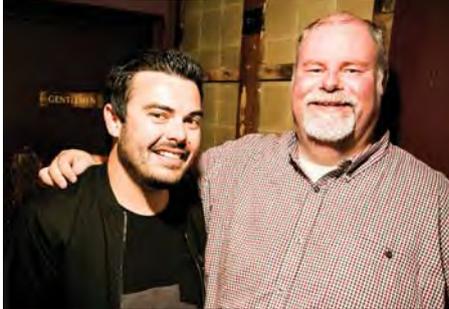
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When I asked Lola Lasagne what British Drag is, she told me it's "Saucy, irreverent, truthful and full of caricatures" and I can tell you Ladies and Gentlemen that's exactly what this kween brought to Central Station on Saturday night!

Between a twisted queer reinvention of the Cabaret classic "Don't tell your mama what you know" and other glam gems from days gone by, we bore witness to amusing and hilarious anecdotes that which ranged from "Lesbian mojito overdose" to the darker "death of a sexual health nurse". Charming and witty, keep an eye out for the drag queen who likes "to have her meat with cheese, but not her man to have cheese on his meat".



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A TWIST OF CRISP!

Sasha Selavie recounts her clandestine encounter with Quentin Crisp

I've got a confession – my dick, always, has been a living hell to me, so no wonder I once tried butchering the little fucker as it slept! Even today, it's still festooned with red-raw razor scars, but somehow, I just couldn't follow through with the killer cut! But hey, don't get me wrong – I adore other queens' dicks, and one now-dead, Holy Grail dick in particular – the throbbing cock of Quentin Crisp!

Okay, call me a sick fuck, but there's a name for my panting pursuit of aged men - gerontophilia. See, I met Quentin many times, and just the thought of his butt – all the sagging crevices and multiple fissures – got my tranny dick sopping wet. Even better, I frantically visualised deep-throating his tiny todger - isn't genius best sucked fresh from the source?

Does that disgust you? Get over it – surely, in our daily, chemsex-cocktail of pissed-on social taboos, aged flesh is just one more, admittedly rare, dish on a sexually diverse menu? And me, I get pig-sick of perfect bubble-butts and undamaged minds – it's the poxy, thrillingly warped and extraordinary defects that are fascinating!

See, most wannabe artists - even the fiercest, Charlie Saatchi mavericks frothing at the mouth on bog-standard coke – are dull as piss and barely worth euthanizing. Okay, maybe it's not their fault – as barely-evolved apes, we come pre-loaded at birth with such limited notions of outrage it's simply laughable.

Look, trawl through the work of even the sickest, artistic psychos – the Chapman Brothers – and there's nothing but the usual, tedious notions of cannibalistic mayhem. God, they're so numbingly predictable - give me a break from the Chapmans' smug, middle-class, deathly-dull atrocity parade. Frankly, 99% of art – gay and straight – is pure shit, so let's shamelessly adore the 1% outlaw, Hell's Angels art that's not!

And doesn't that bring us steaming back to dear, darling, hilariously



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misanthropic Quentin? Far more on the ball than dumb tragedy-in-waiting Oscar Wilde, Quentin slashed through deluded, gay romanticism with the tenacity of a serial killer! Always, like a mincing Sherlock Holmes, he'd ruthlessly expose the sordid, or often merely lame, motives behind his adoring public's lives, hatreds and deepest convictions.

No wonder part of NYC's early 1990s gay community hated Quentin's guts – awkward truths are pure, poster-saint poison! Not for me – as a tranny dominatrix then working in Manhattan, I had to touch base with La Crisp again. Picking my heels over wall-to-wall scum crashed on a sidewalk strewn with used condoms and syringes, I sashayed to our Lower East Side café date. Me, I believe artistic brilliance is infectious, and wouldn't you milk Oscar Wilde's dribbling cock if you could? Christ, shouldn't every worthwhile artist be forced to have sex with aspiring scumbags two days a week? Fuck privacy – raging genius should be a mandatory, public access service!

But – at 11am on a Sunday morning – Quentin's obviously frail health meant even deluded intimacy was impossible. Besides – despite my lust for his flesh – I'd always sensed

Quentin was now irretrievably post-sexual. Worse still, what if I groped an empty ball-bag? I'd heard persistent rumours of his self-diagnosed transsexuality, so maybe, s/he'd had an unpublicised Big Slice?

I couldn't and wouldn't risk it, and face it, aren't some fantasies best left dead on the cutting-room floor, like dying sperm after a wank? But, sheer magic happened – a circle of rough-as-guts truckers flocked to our table, mesmerised by our unmistakably English, hugely effeminate, three-hour bitch-a-thon! No sneers, no jeers, but a cheering, mass ovation. See, genius is a socially transmittable disease – Quentin, no matter how briefly, instantly infected oafs with civility! He's still deeply missed.

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Film Review:

Pedro Almodóvar's *Julieta*

Words by Mark Hamill

Julieta is beautiful: in portrayal, in character and in viewing. By no means is her life plain sailing, fraught with guilt, anguish, longing and loss – all favourites of Almodóvar's to explore.

After the campy, male-centric nonsense of *I'm So Excited*, you'll be glad to know this is Almodóvar back at his best, allowing leading women to tell emotionally intelligent stories with men of less importance. This is pure heartache territory, but perhaps weirdly a joy to watch.

The eponymous *Julieta* is portrayed in her younger years by possibly the most gorgeous woman I have ever clapped eyes on, Adriana Ugarte - there's a distinct whiff of the Alicia Vikander about her. In her stylish older years, Emma Suárez perfectly conveys the emotional ruin that comes with years of loss and guilt, with a reverent beauty. The story folds out through the writing of a letter. After her daughter Antía disappeared 12 years ago, a chance encounter with her childhood friend Bea reminds *Julieta* of the pain she has locked away. In order to assuage this, she writes her daughter a letter to explain.

We're introduced to younger *Julieta* as a classics teacher in the 80s, complete with short spiky blond hair and a penchant for power dressing. She meets fisherman Xoan on a train, who quite frankly, is an absolute ride and I don't blame her for jumping on him there and then. Here, she has her first run-in with guilt, that she could have prevented the suicide of an old man, and that she sleeps with Xoan, whose wife is in a coma.

She goes on to make a life with Xoan and they have a daughter together. Struck again by tragedy and guilt (this poor woman!), she moves back to Madrid, Antía in tow, and suffers a complete mental breakdown. Supported by her daughter, the transition from younger to older *Julieta* is cleverly revealed as her daughter dries her hair with a towel, covering her face, to then reveal an older mother. It's a striking scene, the physical representation of *Julieta* changing from mid-crisis, to post crisis.

Almodóvar's bold use of colour and music heightens this film from difficult to captivating. Many directors and cinematographers try use of bold colour (Let's forget Lindsay Lohan's *I Know Who Killed Me*), but none so deftly and exquisitely as him. He really has the entire package – beautiful, emotional, drama, in a visually and aurally stunning setting.

***Julieta* is set for release in cinemas nationwide on 26th August.**





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Here's some notes for your diaries... first up, regular Thursday night **Synthia** at the **Eagle** over in Vauxhall. The next one is on 11th August. Host and DJ on fire **Wes Bageley**, who celebrates his birthday with special guest **Richard Sen (Emotional Especial/Padded Cell)**, will be playing everything electric, electronic and classic with a futuristic vibe from 8pm - 3am.

Then hot off the press it's the finale last one ever **Dirty Diana (The Resurrection & Closing Party)** at **VFD (Vogue Fabrics)** on Friday 12th August...all star line up including guest the beautiful DJ **Samantha Togni**. Starts at 9pm. Get in early for all the hot action!

Restaurant Review: One Canada Square

By Dylan Jones



Continuing in my trend of bringing off-duty drag queens with me to review restaurants (I took Silver Summers on my last one and we ended up in Bombshell), I decided to take internationally-ignored superstar Vanity Von Glow with me to review the slickly space age One Canada Square!

It's on the bottom floor of the iconic square glass structure, that squats presiding over Canary Wharf like some dystopic, and very expensive sci-fi premonition. If Princess Amidala had stayed in uni halls, they probably would have looked a lot like One Canada Square. She'd have swished down and sat with a glass of crisp pinot, working on her dissertation on the breeding habits of blenjeel sand worms. ANYWAY.

The first thing I noticed about One Canada Square was the lobby

(well, obviously). It's all sliding reflections and shimmering granite surfaces. It's very reminiscent of the lobby Anne Hathaway's always stumbling through in *The Devil Wears Prada*, and it's the ACTUAL lobby from the *Ab Fab* movie! So there ya go.

The staff were lovely, and seemed totally nonplussed by the fact that we were dressed slightly male-escort-chic, because it was baking hot that day and we'd been in the park in our short shorts. We settled in with a wonderful wine recommended by the waiter - a crisp pinot, just like Princess Amidala!

For starters, we both plumped for the pea soup with crème fraiche and black olive. Now, I've always thought pea soup gets a bad rep. It's the go-to dish that everyone ridicules for being unadventurous. I think it's very adventurous! Any dish that's the colour of a nuclear disaster has to be a LITTLE bit adventurous, right? Anyway, this pea soup was, without doubt, THE best pea soup I've ever had. So if you're a pea soup connoisseur, go to One Canada Square and see if you agree with me.

I followed it up with an unusual dish, the scallop and shrimp burger, with thai slaw and chips. It was sort of a compacted terrine of sea creatures, moulded into a burger. I could have described that in a much more appetizing way couldn't I. A mouthwatering amalgamation of crustaceans! It was delicious, if a little disconcerting. It's just a bit weird eating a burger made of lots of little shrimps. Vanity went for the bavette steak, and she said in her usual loquacious Scottish tones, that it was melt-in-the-mouth delicious!

So, One Canada Square was, unsurprisingly, a flawless dining experience. Next time you're in Canary Wharf, head down there. Who knows you might bag yourself an Armani-suited businessman!



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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.

Sing-A-Long-A-Sound of Martha at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 9pm. Sing-A-Long with 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 5-8pm 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 4TH AUGUST
CLUBS & EVENTS

Goldsnap at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm - 2:30am. Free. All-new girls' night with good vibes and good beats.

Lights On at Lightbox: 6A South Lambeth Place SW8 1SP, 10pm - 6am. Gonzalo and resident DJs on rotation

Hard-Up Thursdays at Sweatbox: 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. Under 25s FREE all day, £16 others. Start the weekend early and relieve the pressure with this discounted day for under 25s (ID required) at Soho's only gay sauna.

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.

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

SYNTHIA at Eagle London at 349 Kennington Lane SE11 5QY. 9pm - 3am. Free entry. Thursday night party with synthetic sounds from DJ Wes Baggaley.

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

BARS & CABARET

Nicki French at The Royal Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. Doors 7pm. £12/£15/£17. Eurovision royalty Nicki French is performing at the equally legendary RVT!

Cocktails & Dreams at West 5: Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. Drinks and dancing at Ealing's premier gay establishment!

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm - 11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of Central London. Happy hour 4-8pm daily.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11pm. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs. TONIGHT: Tasty Tim's Thursday Takeover from 8:30pm - big House classics all night!

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Looking for a bargain lunch? COUNTER's Snappy Lunch is £10 for a main and a glass of wine or beer. NEW Spring menu available now.

Circa: 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1. 4pm-4am. Thursdays are the new Fridays 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.

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.

Candy at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 9pm-2am. A night full of all things sweet and tasty! With Heidi Liscious on the decks, joined by gorgeous gogos.

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 5-8pm all week.

Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. Bar open 6pm-2am. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Popular South London cabaret/club spot. TONIGHT: Martha D'Arthur

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

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST
CLUBS & EVENTS

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

The Hoist Brighton: 14-17 Manchester Street, Brighton, BN2 1TF. 9pm - 3am. Adv tickets £10, guests £13. Hoist is coming to Brighton for a seaside edition of their hot cruisey fetish aesthetic!

A:IM at Protocol: Protocol, 6A South Lambeth Place SW8 1SP, 11pm - 11am. £8.80. £4 with flyer/ad London's most notorious after hours party! With Lee Harris, Hi Fi Sean, Terry Bryan and more!

Lagasta at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free before 11pm, free before 11pm, £5 after. La.Ga.Sta is coming to London for a new curated club night!

The Lipsinkers at The Royal Vauxhall Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm - 4am. Doors 9pm. Tickets £8/£6 OTD. The Lipsinkers are BACK at the RVT with more loose-lipped mayhem!

Men Inc. at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 6pm - 4am. £5, members free before 11pm. The one of the coolest, friendliest gay crowds South of the river, with DJ Lil' John.

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.

Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 8pm-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.

BARS & CABARET

Glory Wotever at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. 8pm-2am. A sit down cabaret show downstairs, followed by a free party across the pub until late!

Funky Friday at BJs White Swan: 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 8pm - 5am. Free entry before 10pm. Friday night clubbing at The Swan with DJ Aaran Bader.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. Super social pub downstairs, chilled club lounge upstairs with DJ Brent Nichols from 9pm.

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New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of London. Happy hour 4-8pm daily.

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.

Friday Night Fever at BackCounter: South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. 5pm - 1am. Happy hour from 5-8pm. Vauxhall's popular Friday Night Fever at BackCOUNTER - a live set with DJ Chillz 8pm-1am. Free entrance.

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

Karaoke at Central Station: 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open from 6pm til 3am or later... FREE The super-friendly Kings Cross bar. DJs 'til late. Hosted by DJ Chris Reardon

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

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. TONIGHT: Lola Lasagne

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.

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.

BackCounter: Arch 50, South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. Happy hour 5-8pm. Vauxhall's popular Friday Night Fever at BackCOUNTER with a live set from DJ Chillz.

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 6TH AUGUST CLUBS & EVENTS

XXL at Pulse: 1 Invicta Plaza, Southwark, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £15 guests, £8 members. A super-furry, super-charged club night for bears and their friends.

Brüt Brighton Pride at Concorde 2: Madeira Drive, Brighton, BN2. 10:30pm - 4am A Brighton edition of sexy hairy club night Brüt! With DJs Louis Lennon, Ross Jones and more.

Handsome/Queer Nation Official Brighton Pride Party at Patterns: 10 Marine Parade, Brighton,

BN2 1TL. 9pm. Two iconic nights team up for Brighton Pride's Official After Party! At gorgeous art deco venue Patterns, with sets from DJs including Guy Williams and Dave Kendrick.

Dirty Disko at Lightbox & Protocol: 6a South Lambeth Place, SW8 1SP. £15. Legendary mixed party is back with resident DJ Alex Georgiou. Joint ticket with Beyond available for £16.50.

Les Poppeurs at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm - 3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after. The supercute amy! disco is back, with Jonjo Jury, Whitney Weiss and more.

Blocheads at East Bloc: 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10pm - 6am. £5 before 12am, £10 after. £5 after 4am. East Bloc's weekly Saturday with Martyn Fitzgerald and DJs on rotation

Record Shack at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm - 4am. Free before 10pm, £6 after. Italo and electro sounds from Wes Baggaley!

Saturday at BJs White Swan: 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 8pm - 5am. Saturday night clubbing

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

Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street: 30 Lisle St, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-5am, 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 wristband. Hefty hits and huge acts at the palace of pop.

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

Ku Bar Lisle Street: Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-3am. One of London's hottest gay bars and clubs.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 5pm-midnight. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. TONIGHT: Miswhite from 9pm.

BUSHWIG NYC Takeover at The Glory: 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. Shows from 9pm. Free entry before 10pm, £5 after. NYC art queens descend on The Glory for a takeover!

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Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Vauxhall's fabulous ALL DAY weekend bottomless brunch. For just £25, select two plates from a tempting three-course menu of delicious and creative dishes and let the prosecco and Bellinis flow freely for 90 minutes.

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm-11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of Central London. Happy hour 4-8pm daily.

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 Wharfdale 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. TONIGHT: Titti La Camp

Rose Garden's Swap Shop/Lipsync

Saturday 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 Soho: 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open till 12am (3am last Friday of the month). Perfect for that Soho warm-up drinking session and cheeky 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 5-8pm all week.

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

House Party at The Village: 81 Wardour Street, W1V 3TG, 9pm-3am. Snap crackling pop upstairs with Heidi Liscious & Robyn Banks, plus chunked up deep tech club vibes in the basement.

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.

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

CLUBS & EVENTS

Sunday Sundae at Patterns: 10 Marine Parade, Brighton, BN2 1TL. 3pm - 3am. Super trendy, super sexy Brighton Pride party that last through the day and into the night!

Beyond at The Arch: 189 King's Road, Brighton, BN1 1NB. 4am - 11am. London export Beyond hits the Brighton Pride celebrations for a high-octane after-party!

Beyond at Fire: South Lambeth Road SW8 1RT, 4am - afternoon (afterhours) £13 with flyer/ad

Don't let your Saturday night stop!

Horse Meat Disco at Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 8pm - 3am. £6. Unbridled Sunday night fun! Disco delights and handsome stallions abound. With James Hillard & Luke Howard.

Power Brunch at Dalston Superstore: 117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. 1pm - 5pm. Heart-throb DJ Neil Prince and drag queen superstar Miss Craig's power ballad request fest brunch is back!

Sunday Social at The Vauxhall Tavern: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 3pm - 12am. £4 members/£5. Weekly Sunday fun at The Vauxhall Tavern, with cabaret and DJs on rotation. TONIGHT: Hilarious Northern witch Myra Dubois takes the stage.

Orange at Fire: South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RT. 11pm - 7am. £1 entry before 1am. £8 til 4am. £13. Orange gives you 100% fresh house. Rotation of superhot DJs every week, including Fat Tony, Zach Burns, D'johnny, Chris Barker, and hosted by Glendora!

BARS & CABARET

3 Of A Kind at BJs White Swan: 556 Commercial Road, E14 7JD. 3pm - 2am. Free entry. New Sunday cabaret fun at The Swan.

New Bloomsbury Set: 76 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AG. 4pm - 11:30pm. Gorgeous cocktail bar in the heart of central London. Happy hour 4pm - 8pm daily.

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Brunch, lunch, dinner or cocktails - the weekend continues.

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

CK Sunday at Halfway 2 Heaven: 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 11pm. Another award winning Sunday at Halfway to Heaven!

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. Open 'til 10:30pm. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd.

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

Power of Three at Two Brewers: 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-2am. FREE b4 8pm, £4 after. South London's legendary club, bar and cabaret spot with Miss Jason, La Voix & Sandra.

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.

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST
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 1 am. Massive mixed mash-up with four rooms of top sounds, from upfront, progressive house to chart hits, via R&B tuneage.

Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY. 6pm - 2am. Free entry. All new Eagle lounge bar! With dancing and drinks offers.

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.

The Big Bingo Show at Vauxhall Tavern: Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 7pm - 12am. Free. Mad bingo with Timberland!

BARS & CABARET

Counter: Arch 50, 7-11 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1SR. Brunch in Vauxhall gets even better! This Bank Holiday Monday get 2 brunch courses and bottomless bellinis for £25. Served from 11am-5pm.

Comptons of Soho: 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-11.30pm. Bar £2.50 from 5pm, with happy hour prices on selected drinks. DJ Alex Eugenio from 8:30pm.

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

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 5-8pm all week.

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

TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST

CLUBS & EVENTS

Bar Wotever at The Vauxhall

Tavern: 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. From 7pm, show at 8:30pm. £5. Gender-bending 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.

Eagle London: 349 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY. 6pm - 2am. Free entry. All new Eagle lounge bar! With dancing and drinks offers.

BARS & CABARET

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

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. TONIGHT: Quiz night, try to win a £60 bar tab if you've got the smarts!

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.

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.

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The Hoist: NBN at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 7pm-midnight, boots or trainers with jocks, shorts or underwear.

The Underground Club: Sweet

Wednesday at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. 1pm-9pm. A club for TVs and t-girls. Followed by **Hard Cruz**, 10pm - 1am, Free entry. 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, free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST

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.

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST

The Hoist Brighton: 14-17 Manchester Street, Brighton, BN2 1TF. 9pm - 3am. Adv tickets £10, guests £13. Hoist is coming to Brighton for a seaside edition of their hot cruisey fetish aesthetic! **Subversion Noir** at **The Hoist** Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 9pm - 4am. Dark, dirty dungeon DJs. Filthy play encouraged. A beautiful mix of genders, sexualities and fetishes. **The Underground Club: Pants/XXX**

Members Club at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4 or £2 b4 2pm, underwear fun. **XXX Members Club**, 6:30pm-11:30pm, £15 inc DVD. Private members club (free membership available) where a group of guys get together to have fun while being filmed. **Vault: Cruise** at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1pm-1am, £8. Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise spot minutes from the West End.

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST

The Hoist: Boys & Sirs/SBN Afterdark/Daddi at South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. **Boys & Sirs** at Arches 47b & 47c, 2pm-7pm, for those into spanking. **SBN Afterdark** at Arch 2, 10pm-4am, naked fun and live sex show. **The Underground Club: Pants/Collared** at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1. **Pants**, 12pm-6pm, £4, underwear fun. **Collared**, 7pm-midnight. Members £5, non-members £10. Ever-popular fetish night with hot kinks and a friendly crowd. **Vault: Cruise** at 139b-143 Whitfield

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midnight. Party for
guys who like wearing
boots or trainers
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underwear or naked
if you dare. **NBN**,
7pm – 1am. For guys
who like to wear their
boots or trainers with
pants, jocks, shorts or
underwear.

**Teds Place: Chill
Out** at 305a North

End Road. 7pm-2am,
£3 b4 10pm, £5
after, mixed/gay
crowd of cruisey
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
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1-7pm, £8. **Cruise**,
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MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

**Teds Place: TV/
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**The Underground
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Naked**, 6pm-10pm,
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off with like-minded
guys. **Hard Cruz**,
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**Vault: Cruise/
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Club: Pants/S.O.P.**
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Road, Kings
Cross, N1. **Pants**,
12pm-6pm, £4 or £2
b4 2pm, the attitude-
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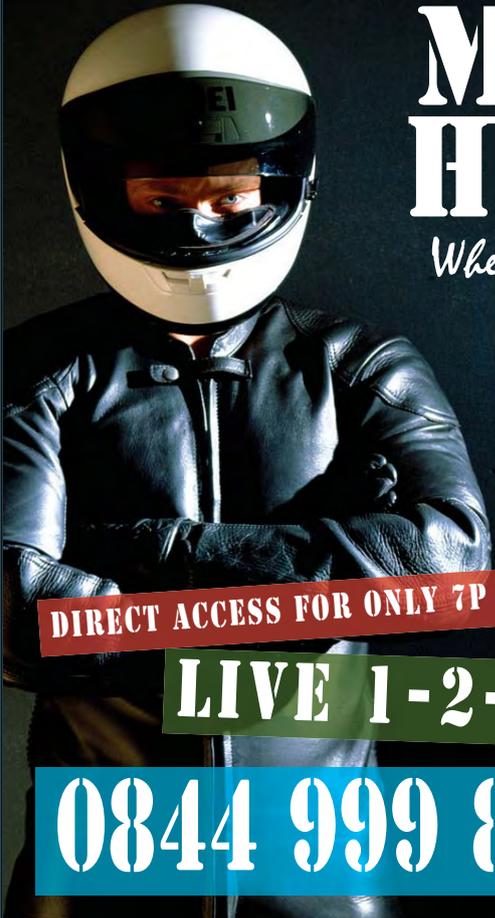
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