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CHRIS FITCHEW



LA VOIX



The Wig Party presents the **Masked Ball** this October, raising vital funds for **National AIDS Trust**! Simply get your ticket, get a mask on and get down to Café de Paris for what will be a stunning night of entertainment featuring music by Brent Nicholls, Paul Heron and Rob Sykes, as well as some truly wild entertainment. Hosts **Chris Fitchew** and **La Voix** share their pick of pop culture's finest masked moments...

The choreography, the styling, the costume, the singing, the energy, the drama and the campness on that amazing staircase made the Masquerade Ball scene from **Phantom** movie one to remember.

Patrick Bateman in **American Psycho** was the original metropolitan man that happened to offer a lot of amazing beauty and style tips all whilst scaring the shit out of you. I still use the frozen eye masque to this day...

I remember seeing some dick reporter try and touch **Lady Gaga's** fabulous white masque and she totally put him in his place. Gaga at her Divalicious finest! Reporter: "Can I touch your mask?!"
Gaga: "No. Can I touch *your* face?!"

The mask from **V for Vendetta**! I love the film, the concept and I love the mask!

I know it became a farce and we got immune to the scariness of it, and I don't care what anyone says, BUT the first time you see the **Scream** mask when he's chasing Drew Barrymore through the house its bloody terrifying!



The mask from the **SAW** films with the red eyes! My God, pure horror to me.

Being a musical theatre fan, I'm going to put the iconic **Phantom of the Opera** mask here! (I'm singing the dramatic music in my head as I type...)

Can I put in **make-up**? Trust me it's a mask! No one wants to see La Voix on a morning before the slap goes on, and I mean a lot of make-up!

A childhood favourite, **Mrs Doubtfire**. I was intrigued by that film and the scene where Robin Williams has also the different transformations done, and sings Barbra. Such a great film! "Hellooooo dears!"

Oh god there's so many and I only have one choice left! I'm going with **Jack Pumpkinhead** from Return to OZ. "MOMMY!" Such a great film! Oh, I'm off to watch it now for old times sake!

SEE YOU ALL AT THE BALL, WHAT'S YOUR MASK GOING TO BE?

The Masked Ball is at Café de Paris
(3-4 Coventry Street, Leicester Square, London,
W1D 6BL) on Sunday 27th October.



Tickets from www.wigparty.org/maskedball



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IRISH HEART, LONDON HOME



THIS WEEK the Mind Yourself London-Irish LGBT group launches, which inspired us at QX to find out more about the Irish men and boys living in the English capital. From a gay Roman Catholic priest to the owner of Ku Bar to a sometime gogo dancer in East Bloc, we've rounded up as varied as possible a group of amiably lilting voices to speak to us here. They tell us what it was like growing up gay in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland (still part of the UK), why they came to London to live and how they think attitudes have progressed in their place of birth today...

By Patrick Cash



Gary Henshaw

49, owner of Ku Bar

Born in Malahide, County Dublin, Republic of Ireland

I grew up in a small town in Malahide which is about twelve miles from Dublin city centre but it may as well have been a thousand miles for the difference it made. It was very Catholic, very conservative. I was, as far as I was concerned, the only gay in the world, I had no exposure to other gay people whatsoever. I was born in the 60s, and so it was really the late 70s/80s when I began to realize I was gay and explore my sexuality.

I came out to my Mum when I was twenty and then, with difficulty, to my Dad. They weren't too pleased, but now they've come round full circle. At the time there just weren't any other gay people, it's as simple as that, we just didn't know anyone who was gay.

I left Ireland to find a gay lifestyle where it was more acceptable and spent a year in Copenhagen which was very, very liberal. Guys holding hands and kissing. It completely opened my eyes to how comfortable you could be being gay because in Dublin it was very behind closed doors and hidden. I popped into London for a month in 1990 and I've never left it, so I'm here twenty-three years now. I don't think I ever decided to settle; London gets you rather than you get London. It's a fantastic city, it's full of opportunities, I do love London.

I travel back to Ireland regularly though, I see my family and friends, I've watched it develop and it has come on in leaps and bounds. I love going to Gay Pride in Dublin because when I see the number of gay people, it's nothing like when my generation was around. Dublin now is a very liberal city and Ireland's a liberal country with its laws and the whole reaction to gay people over there now has completely changed. There's nobody who I wouldn't be out to in Ireland anymore and everybody knows.

Ku Bar is at 30 Lisle Street, WC2H 7BA and in Soho at 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB

Terry Stewart



61, Mind Yourself

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland before moving to Donegal and Dublin in the Republic of Ireland

To be honest it was difficult being heterosexual in Ireland, so homosexuality was definitely a ticket to hell. The guilt was piled on and it was very difficult maintaining ones

sanity, in total isolation and with no one to turn to.

I left for London in 1975 because I wanted a much more open and free life. My family were glad to see the back of me as I was becoming a bit of an embarrassment to them. That is not to say that they were not a loving family. It was the power of the Church which pushed them down that road. The Catholic Church didn't just rule in the Chapel, they controlled every aspect of life within the community. Rev Paisley was also running a campaign called 'Save Ulster from Sodomy'.

I did experience some anti-Irish prejudice here, but on the whole I found England a very open and welcoming country. Yes there was racism and all sorts of prejudice, but it was possible to challenge it and make a difference. I love this country and I love its people, who come from all corners of the globe. And that is why I have made it my home.

I also love Ireland: the culture, music and everything about it. I eventually went to my father's funeral and it was a second coming out. All my family took the opportunity to openly express their love of me and my sexuality. My nephews and nieces all talked about their 'Gay Uncle Terry' in the most positive ways. Yes, Ireland has changed for the better, but that is not to say that some young men and women are still not suffering.



Emmett Garvin

24, Doctor

*Born in County Limerick, Republic of Ireland
Emmett currently lives in Ireland after having
experienced living in London.*

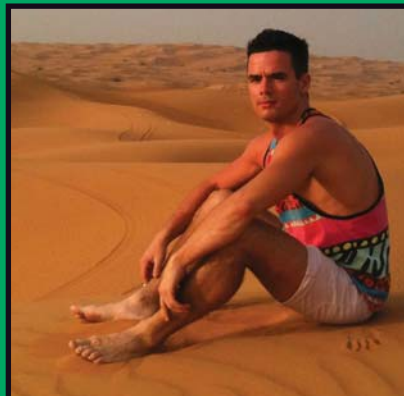
I regret to say I am involved in a court case at the moment due to a homophobic incident that occurred in January this year. My boyfriend at the time and I had been entering a shop that belongs to a well-known chain of supermarkets, when we were called "faggots" by security for kissing in the shop, and told to leave. This, as well as being hurtful and embarrassing, was very surprising, considering the location was Dublin city centre and within walking distance to the gay clubs.

Attitudes are always progressing favourably towards the LGBT community in Ireland, however. I experienced this first-hand from the overwhelming amount of support I received after that incident from the public, colleagues, friends, and family. That alone was very special to me because after that incident, I had felt guilty and ashamed for being gay for the first time since I came out.

The gay community generally in Ireland could do with a bit of expansion and investment! Granted, there is a big population difference between our LGBT community and that of London's, but in my experience as a naive young gay guy, it certainly feels more "semi-interesting fashion statement" than sensational statement of sexuality to tell people you are gay in London compared to here! That said, the voice of the Irish LGBT community is louder than ever before, and to be honest, it's an exciting time to be a member of this community when so many positive changes are occurring.



**We always
fly the Pride
flag when
we are in
residence**



Conan O'Neill

27, Head of Operations

Born in Derry, Northern Ireland

It was difficult growing up gay... I always wanted to wear a dress but my dad told me he already had two daughters and to get to work on the farm. No, seriously, I knew I was gay from a very young age (probably since I was 10 or even younger) but didn't feel I had an opening to come out and be myself. I'm from a part of the country where everyone is staunchly Catholic and being rural, it's a little backwards. I didn't know anyone gay growing up so didn't have a role model or anyone I felt I could confide in and didn't 'come out' to my family until I had moved to London.

I knew from a young age London offered the freedom I needed to be myself as well as providing other opportunities that wouldn't necessarily have been within grasp in Derry! I can't really draw any comparisons. I didn't experience 'gay life' in Ireland as I remained in the closet until I left. I understand Belfast and Dublin have their own scenes but have yet to experience these. I love the gay scene in London (if a little crazy at times) and have made many good friends along the way.

I don't go back as often as I should, but I feel attitudes are changing slowly. I think religion and the 'Catholic ideal' that gets instilled into you at school has a lot to answer for. Also, I feel it doesn't help that people (like myself) move away and therefore fail to confront the change needed for more positive steps or just to be role models for other gay people growing up. Ireland will always be my home, but unless things change significantly I can't see myself moving back anytime soon.'

*Conan hosts at Kris di Angelis's night War
and models for Circa Bar in Soho.*



Martin Butcher

23, Photographer & Soho Bartender

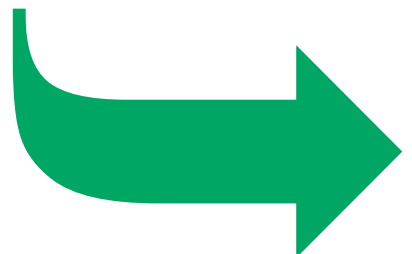
*Born in Dungiven, County Derry,
Northern Ireland*

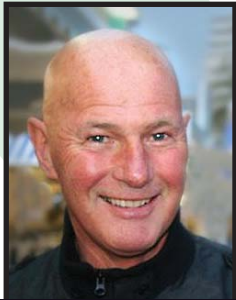
I was raised on a farm in the middle of the countryside and didn't really have many gay influences growing up. It was only when I entered secondary school did I hear the term 'gay'. High school is when I started to realise about myself, but I didn't have any trouble at school. Some boys in my school got heavily bullied for being gay and for them school was torture. I got a very smooth ride and I'm not really sure why, I seemed to bypass the name calling and daily prodding.

I entered high school being very good friends with the 'jocks', as we had all grown up with each other and went to primary school together, so I guess in a way they just never had a problem with me being gay. But for a lot of people growing up gay in Ireland is still very taboo. I think this is determined by your environment, i.e. larger cities vs small towns, how much religion dominates your community and but mostly the views of your own family and how they see it.

There is a small gay scene back home, but it doesn't compare to London. I have only really been out on the scene back home a handful of times. London's is so diverse with people from across the globe, and for me that makes it so much more fun. I have found that the scene at home is very cliquey and they notice a 'new gay' instantly, at least in London if you want to go out and not see anyone you know, you can. London caters to every guy's preference and type, from what you find attractive to where you want to party.

But Ireland has come a long way since I lived there. I can go to a straight club and kiss a guy and aside from a few shocked faces nothing is said or done. I think Ireland's younger generation isn't being brought up with the same stigmas or attitudes towards the LGBT community.





Bernárd Lynch

66, Roman Catholic Priest

Born in Ennis, County Clare, Republic of Ireland

Growing up "gay" in Ireland was impossible! Everything sexual was sin. There were no words for the feelings of attraction I had for other boys. So I tried to bury them. Eventually, at the age of seventeen I decided to enter the monastery as there was no way I could even imagine getting married to a woman.

I was sent to New York in 1975 for further studies and it was there I found my gay soul. I came to London in 1992 and continued working as a priest with gay men dying of HIV/AIDS at CARA and London Lighthouse.

Ireland has no metropolis and so the gay scene even in Dublin is small. Yet, things have changed radically. Senator David Norris - the first out gay politician in Europe - and others have done Trojan work to move the country into the 21st century.

My husband Billy and I have had a holiday home on the Atlantic coast for over twenty years. We are totally out and accepted in this most rural and remote part of Ireland. We always fly the Pride flag when we are in residence. I could imagine living in Ireland now and celebrating the freedom I and so many of my co-patriots had to find by leaving the land of our birth.

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‘Growing up “gay” in Ireland in Ireland was impossible! Everything sexual was sin.’

‘John’

Mid-sixties

Born in Dublin, Republic of Ireland

I never heard the word of anybody being gay. Not even on building sites, no one would say ‘I met someone who was gay’, that word was never used. In the 1970s I went to a place in South George Street in Dublin, there was a pub and it was known for people who didn’t conform to normal behaviour. Then I went across the road where there was swimming baths, and in there were all these guys, nude. One of the blokes had the horn and two blokes in the corner were shagging each other, and that was in 1972!, but I just looked.

I didn’t grow up gay in Ireland, I lived a full heterosexual life. I dared to imagine it and then I felt guilty and if a woman even thought for one moment that I could even be attracted to a man then she wouldn’t want to know me. Everything used to rest upon if you don’t get a way with women then you’ve had it. People used to say at twenty years of age, if you don’t get married soon you’ll be left on the shelf.

I began to think in 2006 that I could be bisexual, not because I fell in love with a man, it’s just I would go to places that are gay, saunas and the like, for sex, just for that reason alone. Now, if something goes wrong I can go to a sauna and say hello ‘John or Bill’ and if they’re there the next week they are and if they’re not they’re not. And I can meet someone on the Internet and you’re not depending on the mercy of a woman that she has to like you. I don’t feel I have to fit in or anything like that, I’m independent and I’m not screwed up.



Darren Kruse

23, Blog Editor

Born in Wexford, Republic of Ireland

Growing up gay in Ireland, I was lucky enough to have a lot of support from my family so any difficulties that I encountered were made much easier with their support.

In Ireland, you know most of the people on the gay scene in the whole country. There’s an anonymity to the gay community here, which I enjoy. I feel the attitude towards gay people in London and in Berlin is so much further ahead than when I go back to Ireland.

Despite me feeling that it might be a little bit behind, it still may have progressed a lot.

I could definitely imagine going back to live in Ireland. It will be after I’ve started my family and reached a certain point in my career, but I would love to return there some day. It’s home.

Daniel McCamphill

43, Writer & Producer, Disturbance Production Company

Born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland

It was pretty crap growing up gay in Ireland. A fair bit of verbal abuse, fistfights, isolation. The sectarian nature of society in the North of Ireland at that time meant that the churches were significant. I was brought up Catholic, meaning lots of self-hatred, but in a fundamentalist Protestant town, meaning lots of hatred from others. Meeting my mate Paul, who was my age and gay also, was a major breakthrough.

I came to London to go to university. There was no choice to be made. I went through the UCAS guide applying to colleges with London in the title. I had been over once before and had gone clubbing in Heaven and I just knew I had to get back to London. That was where I was meant to be.

London is full of choice, which in practice means that you cherry-pick what suits you. I have my own gay friends and a few venues I go to, but most of the scene I can live without. It’s like London theatre - most people love that it’s there but only go to see a play once or twice a year. Likewise with the scene, I don’t go out as much as I used to but it’s reassuring to know I can. Of far greater importance I think is the concentration of LGBT people living here. That sense that you can walk down the streets with a partner holding hands.



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THE INFORMER

THE WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHERE, WHEN OF GAY LONDON...



The London Gay Men's Chorus and London Gay Big Band present the Halloween Ball at Hackney Empire

Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1ET

Friday 1st November, 7.30pm & Saturday 2nd November, 3.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £10-£30. www.hackneyempire.co.uk

Bringing together two of the biggest groups of musical gays going, London Gay Men's Chorus and London Gay Big Band, 'The Halloween Ball' will be hosted by the incomparable La Voix. Expect a spectacular show featuring spooky faves like Thriller, Bat Out Of Hell, Mack the Knife and Rocky Horror Picture Show. There'll be dance

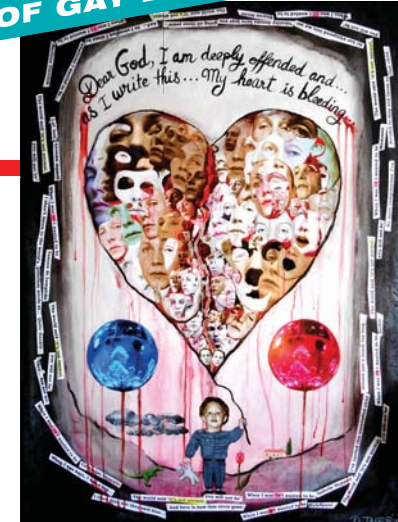
numbers and fancy dress aplenty, plus audience members are encouraged to come in costume, so throw your Frank N Furter drag on and shimmy over! But maybe get a cab through Hackney.



OLIVIER'S ART

www.olivier.blogspot.co.uk

The Borough Barista, 15 Charles II Street, SW1Y 4QU



Olivier Tafforin's solo exhibition launched last week and we can't wait to see what he's got to offer. He describes himself as a retrorandomist and uses the medium of photography, performance and paint. We got a preview of some of the pieces and it looks great. Check out the website for more information.

BOOKS ON THE BANK

POLARI LGBT LITERARY SALON - WITH JONATHAN HARVEY

Tuesday 22nd October, 7.45pm-10pm

Level 5, Function Room, Royal Festival Hall,

Southbank Centre, SE1 8XX

www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Polari is back on October 22nd and they have Jonathan Harvey, of Coronation Street and Beautiful Thing fame, reading from his latest novel, 'The Confusion of Karen Carpenter'. He'll also be joined by Diriya Osman, Robyn Vinten, Floozie Foster and Lyn Guest de Swarte. What's more, tickets are just £5!



REMEMBER ADRELLA

'ADRELLA IN HAVANA'

Saturday 19th October, 9pm-late

Angels, 201-203 Wardour Street, Soho W1F 8ZH

Adrella was a huge icon on the gay scene, a wonderful friend and mentor, who passed away from cancer after living with HIV for 28 years. In Adrella's memory her dear friend will be cycling around Cuba to raise funds for the MADTrust. This night at Angels club in Soho will be a fundraising event to promote the charity cycle ride. The charity helps people with HIV and AIDS who've worked in the entertainment industry. VIP tickets are £25, which includes canapés, cocktails, cabaret and a raffle from 9pm, or normal tickets are £10, which give you entry at 10.30pm and access to a second raffle. The dress code is smart/casual or, if you're feeling glam, cocktail dresses and evening dress. Open until 2am





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GREEN CARNATION PRIZE FOR LGBT WRITING

The following have been announced in the 2013 longlist for the Green Carnation Prize for LGBT Writing:

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| • Gob's Grief | Chris Adrian (<i>Granta Books</i>) |
| • Five Star Billionaire | Tash Aw (<i>4th Estate</i>) |
| • Maggie & Me | Damian Barr (<i>Bloomsbury</i>) |
| • Environmental Studies | Maureen Duffy (<i>Enitharmon</i>) |
| • Fallen Land | Patrick Flannery (<i>Atlantic Books</i>) |
| • Black Bread White Beer | Niven Govinden (<i>The Friday Project</i>) |
| • The Sea Inside | Philip Hoare (<i>4th Estate</i>) |
| • May We Be Forgiven | A. M. Homes (<i>Granta</i>) |
| • The Kills | Richard House (<i>Picador</i>) |
| • Fanny & Stella | Neil McKenna (<i>Faber and Faber</i>) |
| • Almost English | Charlotte Mendelson (<i>Mantle Books</i>) |
| • Far From The Tree | Andrew Solomon (<i>Chatto & Windus</i>) |

The shortlist will be released on 5th November, with the winner being announced on the 16th



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The LSGO launch their 2013-14 season by celebrating the birth of composer Benjamin Britten with a concert. It will include Arvo Pärt's intensely moving 'Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten', as well as Britten's intensely dramatic 'Sinfonia da Requiem' and ever-popular 'Young Person's Guide To the Orchestra', narrated by BBC Radio 3's Petroc Trelawny. LSGO are one of the UK's oldest LGBT orchestras and always put on amazing performances. They're a joy to watch.



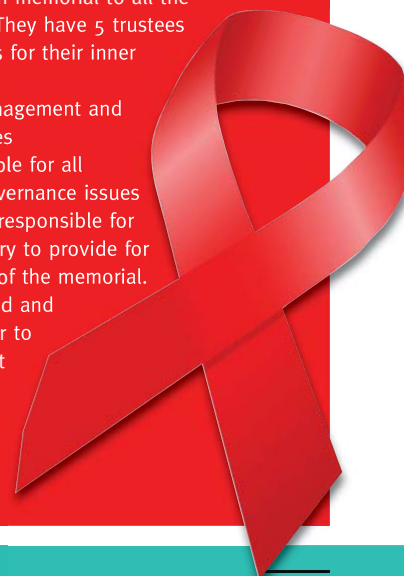
IT'S GOOD TO GIVE!

AIDS MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN VACANCIES

The AIDS Memorial Campaign is a voluntary organisation that are campaigning for a permanent London memorial to all the people we've lost to HIV and AIDS. They have 5 trustees but are looking for some key officers for their inner team. They're looking for:

- A Treasurer – who will provide management and oversight for all finance-related issues
- A Secretary – who will be responsible for all board related administration and governance issues
- Fundraising Director – who will be responsible for co-ordinating all fundraising necessary to provide for the commissioning and endowment of the memorial.
- They're also looking for a skilled and enthusiastic volunteer Finance Officer to act as their book-keeper and support the new Treasurer.

Email gpltodd@msn.com if you're interested in any of the above positions.



CLUB NEWS



19/10/13: BODY TALK

Now, any master of seduction knows that body language is a large part of it so why not let your hips say it all at the Autumn edition of Body Talk. **CVNT TRAXX** will be their guest DJ this month alongside residents **Alejandro Asencio** and **Tristan Reed**. Although perhaps don't fully relax, as who knows what part of your body will be popping up to say hello.



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

19/10/13: WIG OUT

Wig Out's monthly takeover of Vauxhall's legendary venue, The Eagle, takes place on Saturday 19th. Amazing DJs from Popstarz, Wig Out and Songs of Praise will be churning out the pop classics all night. Expect some great bar deals, so you can get extra drunks whilst unashamedly enjoying unadulterated, cheesy-as-fuck pop music. The last event was supposed to be a one-off, but it was so popular that they've come back, on a monthly basis.

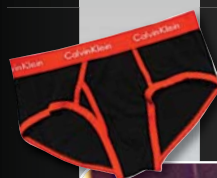
Eagle, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall SE11 5QY. 9pm-3am. £3 before 11pm/£6 after.



19/10/13: MICHAEL BOLTON @ G-A-Y

Michael Bolton has nine number one singles, eight top 10 albums and has won multiple Grammy awards for his singing/songwriting. As a classic crooner he's rather dashing to look at, too! Those younger readers out there may be thinking that he was a bit before their time, but his latest album features duets with the likes of Leona Lewis, Kelly Rowland and Delta Goodrum. He'll be performing new material alongside some of his classics hits no doubt. Get down there and chuck yer boxers (or knickers) at him and see if you can nab yourself this Grammy award winning singing silver fox! Plus, **X Factor**'s first act to be voted off, **Lorna Simpson**, performs live!

Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. £4 wristband from G-A-Y Bar.



MARK AMES
PRESENTS



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Pulse, No. 1 Invicta Plaza, Southbank, SE1 9UF. 10pm-6am. Members £8, guests £15.

**19/10/13: X FACTOR FINALISTS @ G-A-Y**

True to fashion, like every year, the acts voted off X Factor will be supporting the main performers each Saturday at Heaven. Starting with **Lorna Simpson**

Simpson the first act to be voted off making an appearance this weekend, on

Saturday 19th. You can expect them to sing your favourite numbers from auditions as well as probably a couple tracks just for you lot! Who are you waiting to see? We can't wait for Tamera!



Lorna Simpson

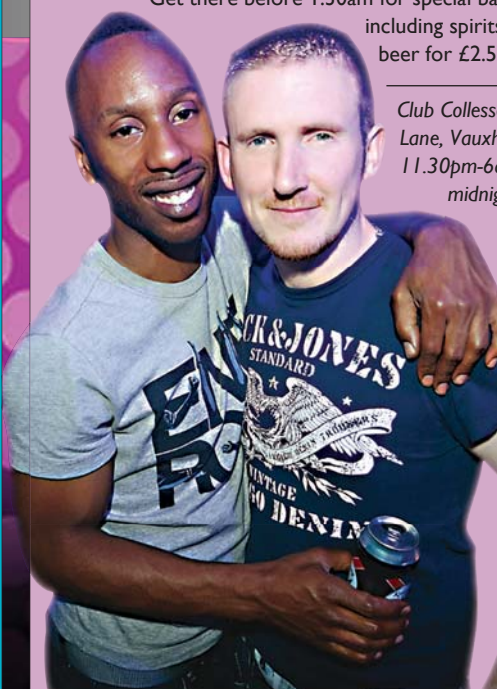
Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. £4 wristband from G-A-Y Bar.

**19/10/13: BOOTYLICIOUS**

Bootylicious welcomes back 'Sunday Happy Day' club to host one of the Colosseum rooms when they slam down in Vauxhall for their monthly take over. Bootylicious is the main place to go for R'n'B, dancehall and hip-hop beats. The edgiest of London's urban scene get together and werk out on the dance floor, to tunes spun out by DJs including **Chillz**, **Jeffrey Hinton** and **Biggy C**.

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19/10/13: HANDSOME

Attention fitties! Looking for a sweaty basement to grind with tasty totty? Then we're sure you've all heard of Handsome by now! It's the Shoreditch shakedown that plays pumpin' US house from the likes of **Dave Kendrick**, **Fidel** and **Sasa** in the main room, with **Jamie Bull** and **Bayo Furlong** in the side room. Also, **Mistamaker** will be on hand to drop some R&B tunes for those of you that can handle the swag. **Andrew Moore** and **Jacqui Potato** on hosting duties.

East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £7 b4 midnight, £10 after.



Jim Stanton



James Hillard



Severino



Luke Howard

20/10/13: HORSE MEAT DISCO '10TH BIRTHDAY'

A decade on and what started as a little basement party in Soho has grown into one of the coolest gay clubs to come out of London, celebrated by DJs, promoters, artists, performers, festivals and more across the world. With regular residencies in New York and Berlin, headlining slots at Glastonbury, visits from the world's biggest DJ names and more jewels to its deserving crown than Queen Lizzie has in the Tower of London, this week Horse Meat Disco throws a party to mark its tenth birthday by tipping its hat to the one key ingredient that made it so damn fantastic: the music! DJ sets come courtesy of the four main residents **Jim Stanton**, **James Hillard**, **Severino** and **Luke Howard**. Don't miss it.

Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall SE1 1 5QY. 8pm-4am. £6.

21/10/13: POPCORN - LOVE SEX MOTION

If you shamelessly have yet experience the wonder of one of promoter Chris Selby's stage productions Popcorn, then more fool you! We recommend you rectify that IMMEDIATELY and book next Tuesday off work when Popcorn gets sexy on Monday 21st with a naughty party teasingly, tentatively titled 'Love Sex Motion'. It comes with an R18 rating and features hot disc jock action from **Zach Burns**, **Jamie Hammond**, **Adam Turner**, **DMS** and **T-Rex**. Main floor stage show action from 1.30am.



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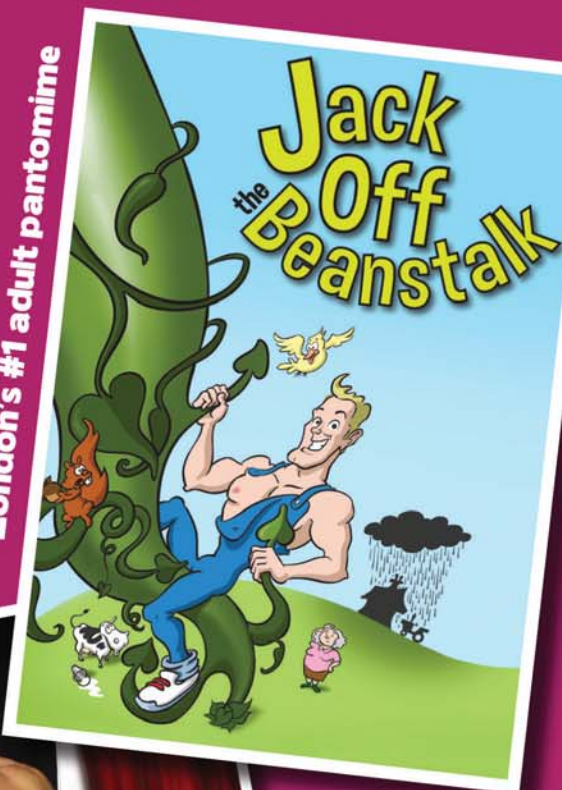
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GREG LOWE'S VOGUE FABRICS TOP 10



1. "This Is Not For You (Aaron Hedges Remix ft. Lady Blacktronika)" Kenneth Scott (Geno Records)

Beautiful and warm synthy house with sexy vocals and slick percussion. Bump and grind.

2. "Birds and Bees" Phil Kieran & Green Velvet (Phil Kieran Recordings)

The usual Green Velvet madness - really gets everyone's tits out.

3. "I Need Some" Ferdinand Dressig (Katermukke)

Spacious tech house with great sampling. If Martin Hannett had produced house, it would sound like this.

4. "Chromogenic (Alland Byallo Remix)" Danielle Nicole (NOSI Music)

Perfect bridge between house and techno. Hard percussion but warm synths let you lose yourself.

5. "Coming Up for Air" Aaron Hedges (District of Corruption)

Deep dark and dubby techno. Beautiful percussion and exquisite production. Like floating through a factory.

6. "Jack Ya (Kris Wadsworth Murdered this Vocal Mix)" Rafael Kakudo (Vibe Me)

Signature Wadsworth. Dirty tech house with modern production, but retro vibes. This is one to pump to.

7. "Don't Stop the Beat (Tiefschwarz Remix)" Mama (Congaloid Records)

Soulful vocals, icy percussion and sound effects. Feels futuristic.

8. "Sick Liar (dOP remix)" Elle, P Iftah (Souvenir Plus)

dOP are slick as ever. Wonky, crazy, sharp. Techy voodoo ceremony vibes.

9. "Locke" Dewalta (Vakant)

Percussion heavy, trippy, and precise. Definitely a main room track at the deepest hours.

10. "Re-Set (Hannes Fischer Remix)" Alex Barck ft. Pete Josef (Sonar Kollektiv)

Perhaps one of the most beautiful closing records ever. Warm, happy, yet a hint of yearning.

Tell us about yourself in one juicy sentence...

I'm Greg Lowe, 1/3 of Zigzag Sontag (along with Craig Campbell and Greg Spencer), a Sunday afternoon be-yourself party in Hackney with Berlin vibes and a lot of love. By day I'm saving the world with a job in climate change and sustainability.

What kind of music do you play?

I play mostly techno and tech-house with some deep house thrown in too. Musically open minded, but very focused on production quality. Heavily influenced by Berlin and Detroit.

And what can we expect from your set at Vogue Fabrics?

Expect some quirky and deep house with tech vibes. Whether my sets are dark or pop, playfulness is always there. Can't take anything too seriously.

VOGUE FABRICS

Greg Lowe will be playing at Tall Gay Agenda on Friday October 18th (10pm-3am, £3 for 6'3" or taller, £5 for admirers), at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB



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G-A-Y

**G-A-Y PRESENTS
THE SATURDAYS AND
IGGY AZALEA
12/10/13
Heaven, Villiers Street,
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MY, MY. When we saw the roster for this week's G-A-Y performers, we were more stunned than Regina George asking to "try Sears". Not one, not two, but *three* acts took to the stage this Saturday to wow a packed out venue, that had a queue trailing all the way onto Charing Cross Road. Charlie Brown opened one of the biggest nights the club has seen in a while, and he was closely followed by The Saturdays who were one short this time around.

Although Frankie wasn't present because of her current condition (that's pregnant, not bladdered backstage), the girls proved they were still able to serve up 'Disco Love' as a foursome. We actually haven't enjoyed a foursome as much since that time we got drunk on tequila at Gran Canaria Pride. The girls performed a succession of their recent hits including '30 Days', 'Gentlemen' and 'What About Us' while backing dancers in go-go shorts showed more leg than they did.

Iggy Azalea then took to the stage in a sleek white jumpsuit that clung to her curves in all the right places (though with a body like that, we can't imagine she has any wrong ones). True to her style, Iggy took Miley to college in how to twerk - and she didn't need to do it hanging off the crotch of a one-hit wonder either. She made the crowd 'Work' and 'Bounce' to all of her hits, and they certainly went wild as she grabbed her 'Pussy' (we do the same after eight pornstar martini's). Then she laid down her latest track 'Change Your Life' that had everybody seriously living. An amazing line-up that we'd certainly welcome more of - who can say 'no' to a such a star-studded Saturday?



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THE NIGHT BEGAN with a horde of people entering the Ewer Street Car Park, as soon as HotWired opened. Dressed in their day time outfits they entered the dressing room and emerged in a variety of rubber and leather. Glistening, and with some bums, chests and even the odd meat and two veg on show, they bounded off to the different areas of the club - the chill area, the dance floor and the playroom. The place was HUGE and well done to the Hotwired team for filling it every year! The chill out area, at one point, saw a group of rubber enthusiasts tied in a circle before receiving a good paddling between the legs. The dance floor was wall to wall in leather and rubber covered hotties to get our rubber-clad orifices squeaking to the beats. Then onto the playroom where some different kind of beats were going on. It would be more aptly titled the play labyrinth and this dungeon of epic proportions was filled with an array of horny equipment and even a car, it is a car park after all - and we mustn't forget the white van with mattress in the back, which was complete with white van man 'presenting' himself when we happened to peer inside. The playroom crowd were up for it, enthusiastic and most definitely enjoying themselves.

The Hotwired crowd not only seemed one of the friendliest we've encountered at such a big event, they also know how to have the most fun, in so many senses of the word. Throw in the fact they also LOVE dressing up and you've listed most of our favourite things - QX will see you next year!



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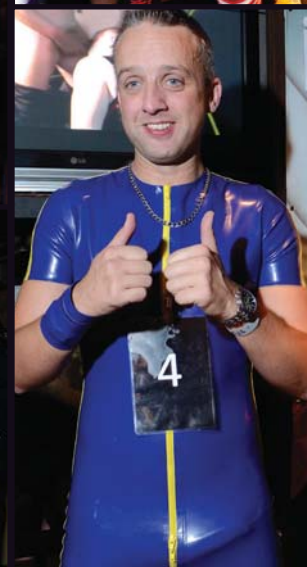
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WORDS BY
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FETISH FANATICS were out in force as QX Club News hit Vauxhall's world famous fetish 'n' cruise joint for a spectacular Hoist Classic vs Sweat session taking in a hotly contested Mr Hoist Rubber 2013 competition last Friday. Featuring all those horny Hoist happenings we know and love, the highlight of the night was undoubtedly the near-gladiatorial battle to seize the Mr Hoist

Rubber sash that saw eleven rubber lovin' gents lining up in front of a rampant crowd in the hope of clinching a first prize of £500 and the chance to represent the UK at Mr International Rubber in Chicago. Sponsored by Invisible Rubber and RoB, hosts Larry Latex and Frankie channelled Judith Chalmers at her perma-tanned best, cajoling the guys into revealing their wildest sexual exploits, from shagging in a submarine to being tied down in a range of yoga positions. Meanwhile, it was up to the frantic throng to decide on a winner as the clapometer went wild for a nail biting final with hairy hunk, John from Vauxhall wrestling victory from worthy runners up Chris and Mikey. Congratulations John, we wish you all the best in Chicago. With the onstage exploits over, there were still hours of steamy shenanigans to come amidst two throbbing arches as the antics continued through 'til late. Hoist Classic vs Sweat is back at The Hoist this Friday!



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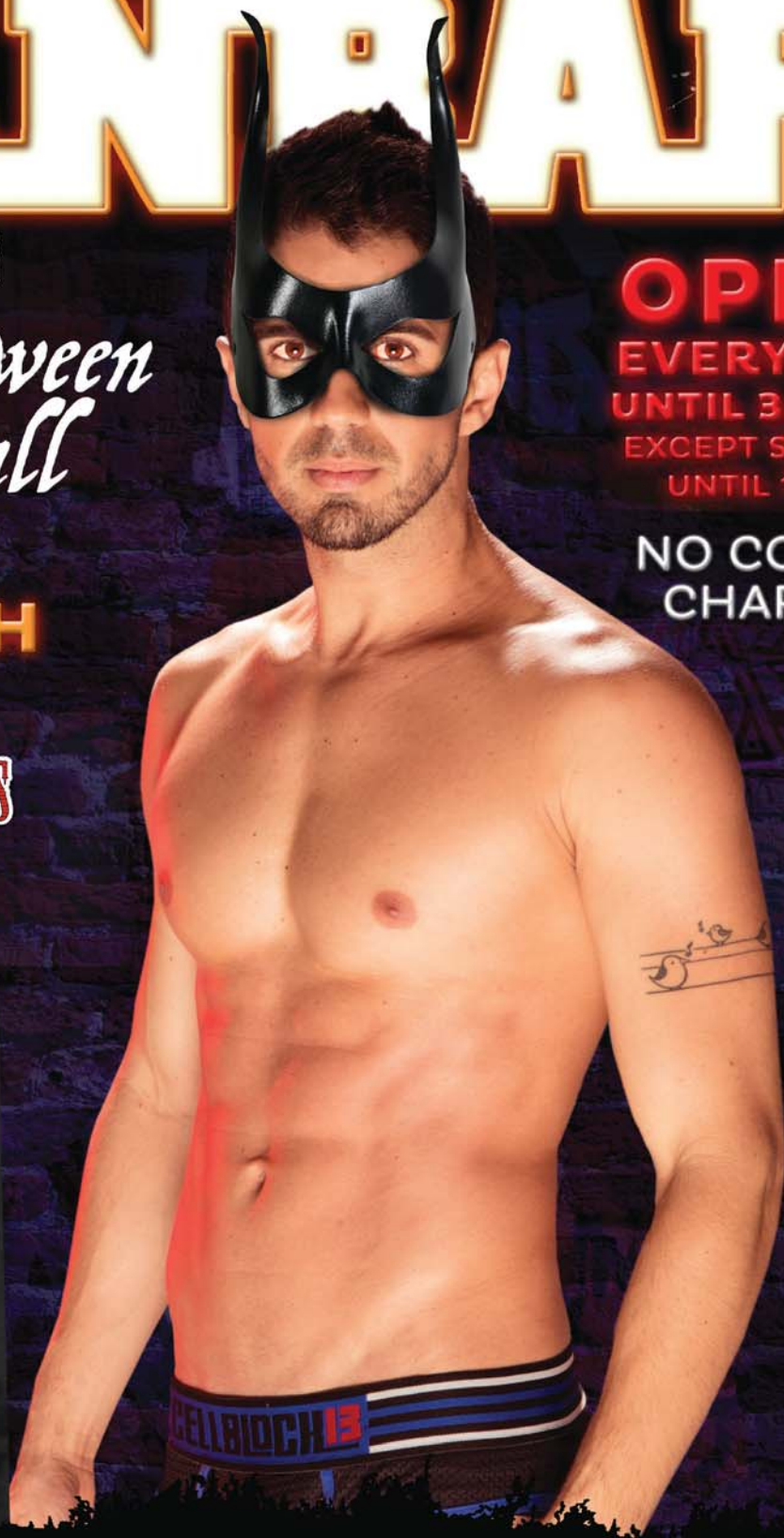
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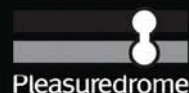
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AFTER A TAXING taxi ride across London (let's just say we were no Carrie Bradshaw at hailing a cab), we arrived at our favourite meal of the month; and we're not talking about the whipped cream we licked off that Grindr meet. This month was the promo for Mr. Dish where tasty talent competed for a £250 cash prize and VIP membership for a year. As standard with Tom Stephan's sexy serving, East Bloc was more rammed than Sienna Miller at the turn of the millennium. After donning our Dish tops (in a totally fetch way, not at all "groupie" like), we were ready to get immersed in another night of hot and sweaty hedonism. Jacqui Potato and Cathal O'Brien cooked up a storm in the piping hot tapas room - we actually couldn't enter it without sweating like a pregnant nun - but what better reason to lose some clothes, right? Franx di Crystal and Ray Noir laid down the tracks for a sizzling side dish while Borja Pena and Tom himself sent the main room into overload. Now, we're not sure *who* will win the Mr. Dish contest, but if the boys that frequent there regularly are anything to go by we'll be dripping like Katie Price when she sees dollar signs. We're already counting down the days until next month's event, the Mr. Dish final, or as we call it - 'Who can bed Mr. Dish'... if we haven't already.



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HORSE MEAT DISCO



10 YEARS
SUN 20 OCT 2013



James Hillard



Jim Stanton

Horse Meat Disco's

Top 10 Mane Moments



From Glastonbury to Bestival, via Berlin, NYC and every other major city and festival on the planet, **Horse Meat Disco** is without doubt the UK's most successful international gay club brand of the past ten years.

James Hillard – who created the brand alongside **Jim Stanton** – spoke to Cliff Joannou to share the secret of its immense success...

1) Beginning

10 years ago the embryo that would become Horse Meat Disco was fertilised in a Chinatown basement as a Thursday night party which sought to bring back disco for the gays. Hardly rocket science, but it marked quite a move away from the standard gay club fare. One of the first people through the doors would go on to form Herclues and Love Affair. Since then, a steady stream of the fabulous would become family, and although we got booted out of the venue when new owners took over, it would end up being the best thing that could have happened to us.

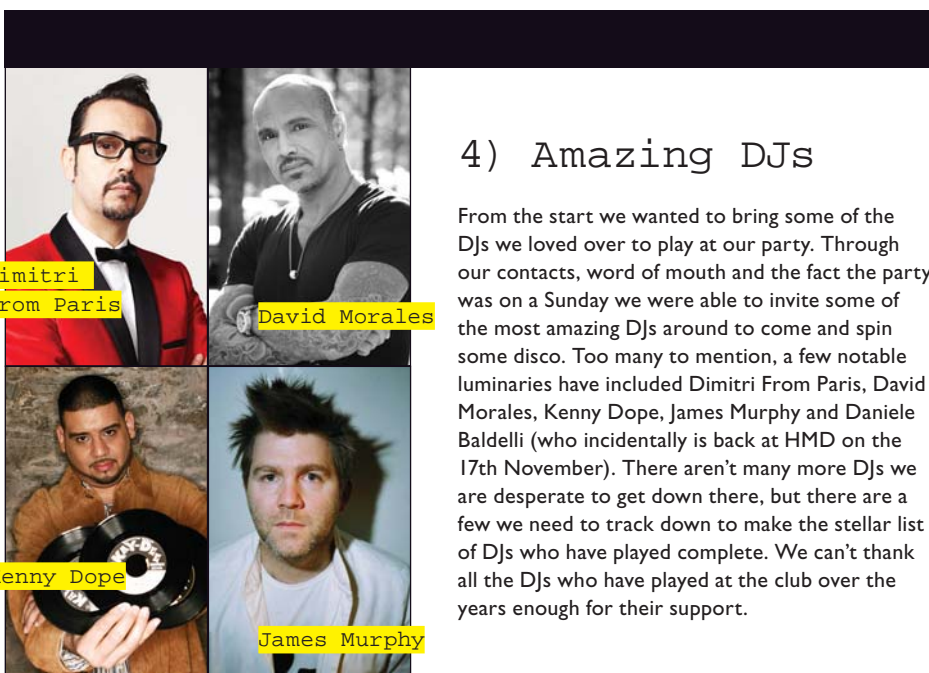
2) 1st NYD at the Eagle London

When new owners took over the Chinatown venue where HMD started we were told we could stay as long as we changed the name and the artwork. We jogged on blowing raspberries all the way to Vauxhall. Jim and I had always loved what was then called 'Dukes' with its mental dub soundsystem and knackered pub feel and thought it would be the best place to throw what we thought would be a one-off New Year's Day party. It was immense, cementing in the minds of people some of the tunes that would go on to define the club. It was just too amazing not to do again. The love on that dancefloor that day was instantly addictive and a monster was born and a spiritual home found. Soon after, the club got new owners in Mark Oakley, Ian Cullen and Paul Wilde, and the family grew. Their support over the years has been an intrinsic part of the club's success and we love them and miss Paul greatly.



3) Vogue Balls

One of the events at Horse Meat Disco that caused both excitement and trepidation is Vauxhall is Gurning. Our homage to the Vogue Balls popularised in the gay conscience thanks to the seminal documentary Paris is Burning. Luke casually mentioned it one night at the club and seeing as none of us are shy of a bit of dragging up (or a lot for that matter) we set about putting on what was pretty much the first 'Ball to be staged in London for quite some time. Over the years there have been some quite amazing looks, legends created and future legend's dreams shattered. We were also lucky one year to have Strictly Come Dancing's Craig Revel Horwood as a Judge, but the real stars are all the legendary children who turned it out, fell over and got wasted at every 'Ball. We salute you!



Dimitri From Paris

David Morales

Kenny Dope

James Murphy

4) Amazing DJs

From the start we wanted to bring some of the DJs we loved over to play at our party. Through our contacts, word of mouth and the fact the party was on a Sunday we were able to invite some of the most amazing DJs around to come and spin some disco. Too many to mention, a few notable luminaries have included Dimitri From Paris, David Morales, Kenny Dope, James Murphy and Daniele Baldelli (who incidentally is back at HMD on the 17th November). There aren't many more DJs we are desperate to get down there, but there are a few we need to track down to make the stellar list of DJs who have played complete. We can't thank all the DJs who have played at the club over the years enough for their support.



5) Bank Holidays

Queues around the block and instant party from as soon as the doors open, Bank Holidays at Horse Meat Disco are awesome! As long as you can get in, that is. Before the days of aircon it was a sweaty seething mass of bodies grooving to disco. Actually... it still is! Giving a lot of people who just can't make a Sunday party the chance to come and experience the party, Bank Holidays are quite an intense affair and one where we like to bung up the bunting which ultimately ends up on the heads of the crowd. (What is it with gays and putting decorations on their heads?)

6) Amazing artwork

One of the things that has set us apart from many of our club peers has been our artwork. For that we only have one person to thank. Our designer from day one has been Adrian Fillary. What a stroke of genius putting that extra leg on that well-known stallion! Since then he has gone on to define with such panache Horse Meat Disco's identity. Instantly recognisable and original, some flyers have appeared in art shows around the world!



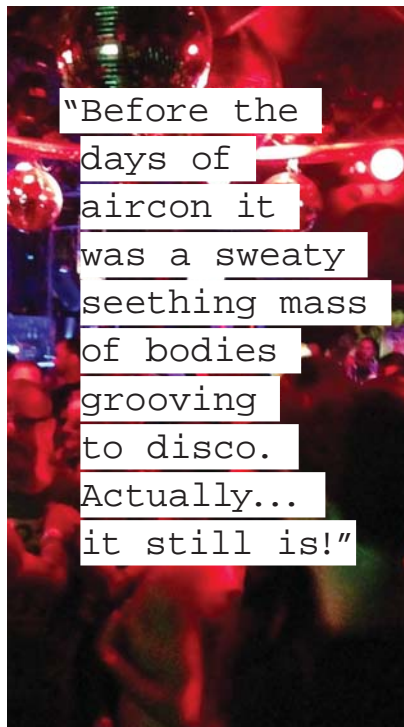
After 7 years of amazing parties it seemed like a good idea to put out a compilation of some of our favourite records.

Strut records, where I once interned many years ago, got in touch to say they would love to put out our compilation, and the series began. Being quite old school it was pretty damn cool having our names on a slice of vinyl. If I have to pick out one tune that defines HMD it has to be Sherryl Lee Ralph 'In The Evening'. Loved by those who knew it and those who were new to it, it is the one record that is always requested when we go off and tour! Not a bad record to asked for I'm sure you will all agree.



8) Glastonbury and the NYC Downlow

One of my personal highlights of the last 10 years has been Horse Meat Disco's involvement with the NYC Downlow, especially at the Glastonbury Festival. Hands down it is THE best club in the world and we're proud to be associated with Gideon Berger and Steve Gallagher's beast. The positive effect of the NYC Downlow in terms of acceptance of the LGBT community is immeasurable and quite frankly it's the best party you are ever going to go to! From the performers, to the DJs, the builders and everyone else involved with it, for as long as she may live, the NYC Downlow is always the highlight of my year!



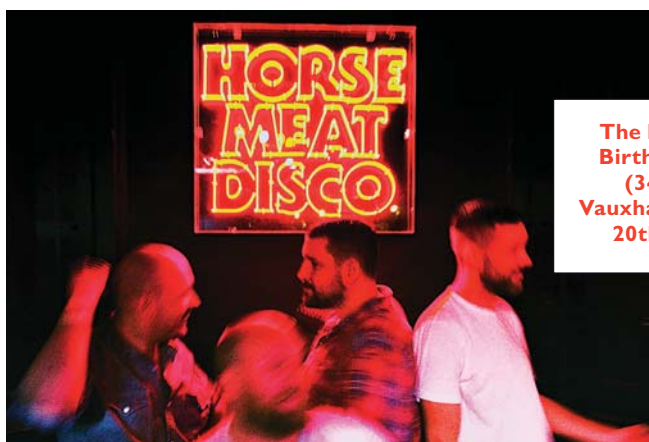
9) Residencies in Berlin and NYC

These last 10 years have been incredible, especially when we think about all the places that we have DJed in and the family has grown. The last few years have seen us cement ourselves into the club landscape of two of the most important nightlife centres in the world. Our holiday parties in New York either at Cielo or recently opened Output are packing them in every time and as you would expect in New York it's an amazing crowd. One of the things that is so beautiful about the music is the cross-section of people who come and New York as a true world city never disappoints. The sound systems in both clubs are a total dream to play on and make the music really come alive! In Berlin, we've now settled into our bi-monthly residency at the wicked Prince Charles club in Kreuzberg, and as you would expect it's a very sexy crowd who just don't know when to stop! All three residencies are totally different but always very HMD!

7) Compilation series

10) Rinse FM radio show

This year we began our weekly radio show on Rinse FM. Every Sunday 1-3pm, it's a chance for us to play some of our favourite tunes that we can't play in clubs. It's a real honour to be on the schedule of what to many is a station more associated with dubstep and music of a more urban persuasion. Right from the start, the support we have got from the station has been fantastic and spurs us on to do the best shows we can. Even if sometimes I forget the names of records and technical hitches feature quite regularly. Tune in every Sunday for two hours of soul, 2 step, gospel, boogie and disco.



The Horse Meat Disco 10th Birthday is at Eagle London (349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY) on Sunday 20th October, 8pm-4am.

Full Service

IT WAS THE CLUB BRAND that redefined midweek nights in Soho, and raided Facebook with a million polished profile pics. Whether you are kickin' the weekend off early, or just treating yourself to a cheeky night of bangin' club tunes, every bitch in town has been to **Room Service** at least once.

In just three short years the club has evolved into a record label, a series of online video promos via the Sextape series, and regular parties in Paris, Amsterdam, NYC, Tel Aviv, Sydney and three more locations opening by the end of the year! This week, Room Service celebrates its third birthday, and to commemorate it, here are 10 things that Room Service delivers without fail...



1. The club introduced the porn star hosts concept. **Francois Sagat** is always a popular main attraction.



2. Jodie, Rupaul's Drag Race's **Detox** and the Harsh's BFF **Jonathan Ross**. Expect the unexpected at this joint.



3. Secret guest DJ slots from the likes of **Jake Shears**.



4. Gym, Tan, Laundry, Room Service...



5. Hot tattooed hipster boys.



6. Crazy tranny madness usually ensues in the club's backroom.



7. The best underground house music producers DJ at the party and drop heavy releases on the **Room Service** record label.



8. You can often expect **Alan Carr** to be running around causing trouble.



9. Resident porno stud **Issac Jones** usually wears something small and entertaining.



10. Hot 'twunks' - twink/hunk hybrids.



THE ROOM SERVICE 3RD BIRTHDAY is at Miabella (12-13 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DJ) on Thursday 17th October. www.facebook.com/roomserviceclub



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Celebrating 10 tempestuous years of **Gay Bingo!** Jonny Woo, Ma Butcher and **Jon Sizzle** are bringing the numerical madness to its zenith with a calamitous conflagration of number crunching craziness, drag outrageousness and comedy gold at the Hackney Empire. Oh yes, you're nobody unless you've been 69'd by la Woo! They share their memories of the wildest moments of the past decade...

John Sizzle

Ma Butcher once threw a tray of cat food over the first two rows of the Soho Theatre in a fit of pique. An unscripted slice of physical theatre.

Graham Norton chatted me up at the bar in Shoreditch House and bought me a bottle of shandy booze. I was dressed as Kate Bush. IDNSHC!

Jonny Woo once peed on me when we were doing an S&M hair salon routine - don't ask! We were never asked back to the Tea Bar.

I vaguely remember the day after Stephen Gately died us three doing a Boyzone tribute to 'Words'. I was Steve and got crowd surfed out of The Green in Islington wearing angel wings. We were nothing if not topical.

Ma Butcher

Night of a Thousand Lizas at ICA - where Gay Bingo and friends put on a fully lip-synched tribute to the one and only Ms Minnelli that whisked through their entire 'Liza With a Z' show ending with 'Ring Them Bells' - exploding tranny pyramid finale!

Memories At Soho Theatre - A disco-ed up version of the Elaine Paige classic, me dressed as a slutty cat and a tin or two of Whiskers can only lead to no good. Complaints ensued!

Grease Puppet Finale - The ending number from Grease acted out by puppets of us three made by John Sizzle complete with Ferris Wheel, Fair Ground and flying car....



Jonny Woo

Antoine De Caune's visit to film some of his French TV show at our Bingo on Corbet Place was pretty amazing. He is definitely a TV hero and was totally gorgeous and charming.

My come-back show after a sudden illness was an incredible moment, again at Corbet Place. Performing Liza's Back by Ms Minnelli was ridiculous but met with a rapturous cheer.

I will always love a certain Halloween at Tea Bar when I stripped slowly throughout the evening and then covered myself in blood and danced about like a mad woman. Everyone got off with each other too.

Totally randomly, me and Ma did a Gay Bingo for some lad's 21st birthday in Manchester. His mum booked it on seeing us at Selfridges without knowing what we were doing. I turned up in a see-through body suit with boxing glove tits. They hadn't actually seen the bingo, but his mum and sister were first to get 69'd. They turned up in Edinburgh three years later to see my show.

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Topsie Redfern with Jason Reid

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Comptons is launching a new piano night on Thursday 17th named 'Around the Candelabra' hosted by tinkly fingered **Lee Reed** and the right honourable Comptons guvnor himself **Neil**. There'll be piano from 7.30-10pm with the bar open from 6pm, and a real cocktail list with each drink going for a steal at £6.95. You can request your favourite songs for the

Neil

pianist to play, anything from Britney to Brahms, and you'll receive table service all night with complimentary bar snacks. Everything you've wanted for a bit of Soho class on a Thursday!

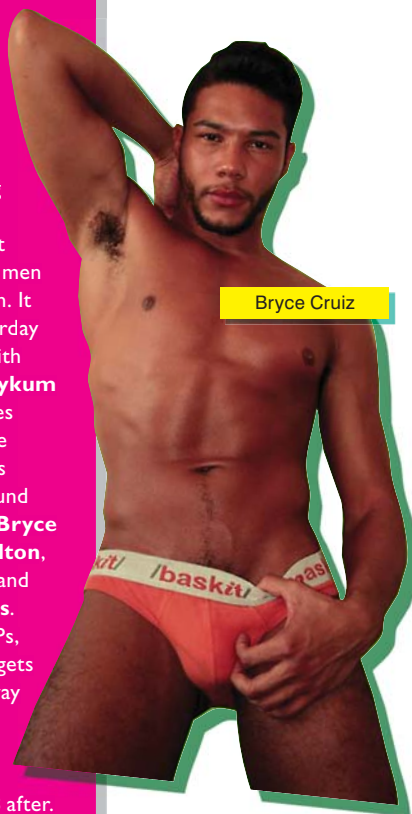


Jivin Julie

THE BLACK CAP

171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY

Salt II is the hottest new guys' night in Camden Town, with the Black Cap swiftly becoming a mecca for the hippest and most in-the-know gay men of North London. It kicks off on Saturday 18th October with DJs **Miles** and **Lykum** and performances from some of the sexiest pornstars and dancers around today, including **Bryce Cruz**, **Jake Bolton**, **Neil Brodrick** and **Marco Sessions**. 9pm start for VIPs, and the evening gets properly underway at 10pm, not closing till late, £6 before midnight, and £8 after.



Bryce Cruz

OLD SHIP

17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW

The Old Ship is a traditional style pub that gets pretty busy (so get there early!) with friendly staff, a good range of beers and a fun atmosphere with a friendly crowd and even a pool room. Plus on the weekends they have a top cabaret act, and on Saturday 19th it's the turn of the hilarious **Miss Jason** who'll be making you chuckle with her homage to the eternal power of camp.



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Drag With No Name

TWO BREWERS

114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ

On Friday 18th at The Two Brewers don't miss The Drag With No Name parading around the boards for your entertainment with entry free before 10pm and £5 after, then both the cabaret bar and the club bar open till 4am. Saturday 20th has a special mystery guest hit the stage, with everything open till 4 again, whilst Sunday's legendary 'Power of Three', with three of most wicked, acid-tongued drag queens giving you belly laughs all evening, is free before 8pm and £4 after.

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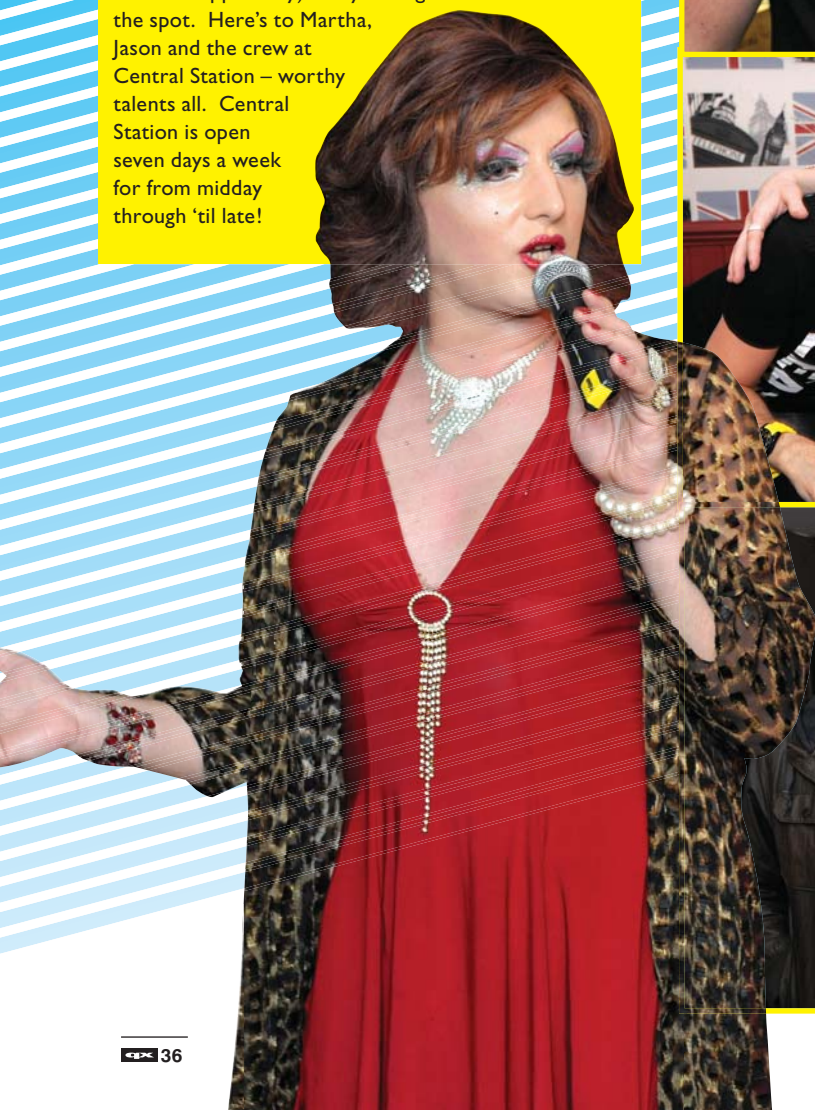
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WORDS BY CHRIS JOHN

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QX HEADED OVER to one of the most welcoming bars in town for a cosy night of intimate antics as Central Station packed in the punters for top class DJ action and world-beating cabaret last weekend. Featuring the inestimable talents of DJ Jason Prince and Drag Idol 2013 winner, Martha D'Arthur, the sociable Saturday night session saw a crowd of regulars and those from farther afield making a bee line for the King's Cross landmark, long-renowned for its friendly atmosphere and eminently affordable drinks prices, not to mention the stonking 'Underground' fetish nightclub space downstairs. Suffice to say, an evening at this bent boozer always leaves us wanting to come back again. Highlights saw Jason whipping up the throng with a dazzling array of pop gems at the decks before handing over to the ever-glam Martha and her 'jukebox' stage show, in which we, the audience, got to choose the songs from a wide-ranging repertoire of power ballads and cabaret classics. Top marks go to Martha for her vocal talents with the likes of 'Just Haven't Met You Yet', 'Drag Queens are Forever', 'Defying Gravity' and 'Wind Beneath My Wings' (it's all about panty liners and farts apparently) really hitting the spot. Here's to Martha, Jason and the crew at Central Station – worthy talents all. Central Station is open seven days a week for from midday through 'til late!



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ALL RHODES LEAD TO HELL.

Halloween has always been a very special time of the year for the **DRAMA QUEENS**, as it was at this time, in 2009, that the troupe formed. That initial show: 'Drag Me To Hell' was the first of what would become an annual celebration of all things theatrically ghoulish.

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THIS YEAR THEY'VE DECIDED TO construct a totally new show, rather than use favourite scenes from previous successful Halloween shows. Going along the theme of a Victorian styled gothic horror show, choosing 1888, the year of Jack the Ripper, as their starting point.

'To Hell in a Handbag' promises to reflect a time when entertainment from the music halls presented a Victorian lifestyle seen through rose tinted glasses. The reality being that this was one of London's darkest times, when the city experienced great wealth and great poverty side-by-side. A time when the streets were strewn with vagabond beggars, pick pockets, thieves and knife-wielding gangs. If you add in travelling freakshow fairs where potions, poisons and heroin were available for all kinds of ailments, and when opium dens, seedy gentlemen clubs and male brothels were all commonplace, then you have the general gist of what they're aiming for. The show will transform the club bar of The Two Brewers into a place of theatre where Creative Director Spike Rhodes hopes to scare the bejesus out of audience members. Or, at least, raise a few goose bumps.

A director for over thirty years and the creator of several Drama Queens' Halloween shows, if anyone knows what key eerie elements are essential it's Spike.



PROPS - Be careful with stage blood. It gets bloody everywhere! It sticks to your hands; it's slippery on stage; stains the skin and generally never goes the way you want it to. In Sweeney Todd we had a tube effect for the blood to spurt out over a white sheet when the performers neck was 'slashed'. It worked well sometimes but was very hit and miss. When the tube came off the pump unit, under the pressure, the artist was soaked in blood. But sometimes there was no blood effect as far as the audience was concerned because it was all over the performer underneath. I felt very sorry for the cast members covered in it!

THE PLOT - A storyline is the beating heart of any show. I take an idea and then build on it, playing with concepts and genres, whilst mixing things up to make the production multi-layered. So, be brave, add in a few twists and off the wall elements as those are the things that will always grab the audiences' attention. It will also make your production unique and memorable. Never play safe and easy.

THE CAST - The cast must be excited and totally committed to any production. We're lucky to have group of very talented performers who are just that. I do find that those who are 'possessed by the devil' to be great artists, with wonderful stage technique. Being able to projectile vomit, levitate and head-spin on cue night after night is stunning

to watch. Mrs Moore is currently teaching our possessed artists to tap dance on the ceiling whilst spinning a sequined crucifix. I've not seen the result but look out for 'Exorcist the Musical' coming soon.

THE MUSIC - A very important element as it sets the mood for any horror, causing fear instantly. Take, for example, The Omen and Psycho scores - they instantly give you the goose bumps. But for me, personally, the opening bars of EastEnders scares the shit out of me...

THE WARDROBE - Try and make your performers use their own old clothes if there's going to be blood. You really don't want to be cleaning all those outfits after the show now do you?

AVOID AT ALL COST -

Do not use real animal offal on stage. As tempting as it may sound, in an aim to achieve a more authentic and realistic effect, it's never a good idea. I was once in a production where the director insisted on using liver, kidney, intestine and pigs blood from the local abattoir. It was for a disembowelling scene and it had been packed into the actors fake stomach. However, under the heat of the stage lights the smell was just too intense. And before it was even ripped from his stomach, two members of the cast had passed out, with the rest of us slipping on the bloody mess on the stage after it was released. The poor audience turned blue. And we could smell it on our skin for weeks too. SAY NO TO OFFAL!

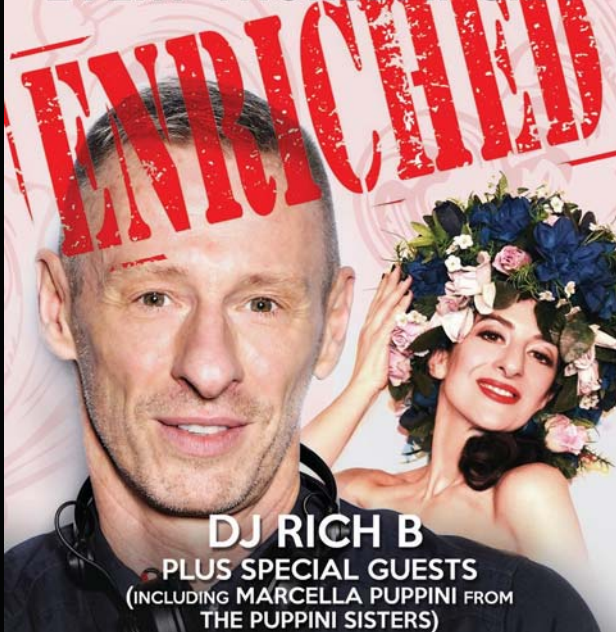
TWO BREWERS

'To Hell in a Handbag' is at The Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7WJ on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October. Doors open 6pm, show 7.45pm, curtain 10pm. Advance tickets Friday £10, Saturday £12.

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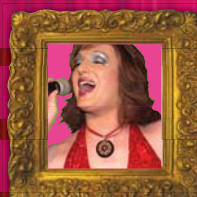
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Q&A Q&A Q&A



DESPITE ITS SUCCESSES off Broadway in 2004, it's taken eight years for London to see this rock musical by John Hartmere (lyrics and book) and Damon Inrabartolo (music and book), enjoying a sell-out run at the Union Theatre earlier this year.

Now at the Greenwich Theatre, the first impression is one of West End grandeur and gloss, thanks to David Shield's set, making you oblivious to the fact that this started life on the fringe. The

large space betwixt Shield's gothic arches and bare stone walls, gives ample room for the large cast of no less than 15 to pack a punch and ooze octane, especially given Richard Jones' unstoppable choreography.

The only problem is the musical's book. It rattles through teenage angst clichés, and crams more adolescent cataclysms into two hours than a whole season of *One Tree Hill*. Because of this, the characters have little time to really

open up in depth, as they deserve to. Closet boy is closeted. Fat girl is fat, but has feelings. Slutty girl is a slut, but has feelings. And the only major black part is, of course, the sassy soul sista.

On the contrary, Hartmere's lyrics are poetic and intelligent, catching glimpses of passion and power despite shallow roles and a mediocre neo-nineties rock score. Even though you can't quite get a good grasp of the characters, you get a powerful insight into youth

issues during certain numbers.

If its teenage kicks don't quite leave a mark, the portrayal of the struggle between faith, sexuality, and religion is bold and surprising. And even as the show barrels towards an inevitable ending, it remains intense, intelligent, and forceful. Combine this with knock-out vocal performances from Michael Vinsen, Jodie Steele, and Molly Stewart, this is certainly worth your time.

FILM OF THE WEEK



CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (12)

Paul Greengrass, the filmmaker behind the unbearably nail-biting *United 93*, ratchets the suspense even further with this seafaring thriller based

on a true story. With documentary realism and a ripping performance from Tom Hanks (yes really!) as captain of a ship hijacked by Somali pirates, this film grabs hold and never lets us go. The final hour is so intense that you may forget to breathe. It's that good.

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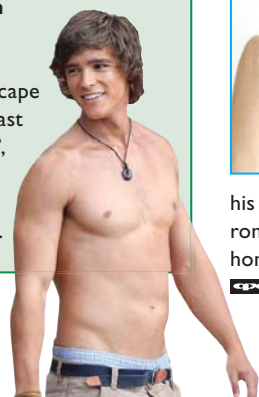
GEORGEOUS DRAMA

From Japan, **LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON** is the simple but deeply charming story of parents who discover that their son was swapped at birth. This complex film taps into realistic comedy and soaring emotion without ever being sappy.



IN THE WORKS

Toga alert! Former Home & Away hunk **Brenton Thwaites** will play a young thief in 'Gods Of Egypt', opposite **Gerard Butler** and **Nikolaj Coster-Waldau** • And more-seasoned hunk **Sean Bean** will play an ex-fighter trying to escape his dodgy past in 'Any Day', co-starring **Eva Longoria**.



DVD OF THE WEEK



BEHIND THE CANDELABRA (15)

Packed with extras, the unmissable gay movie of the year is out on DVD. Michael Douglas is astonishing as flamboyantly queeny pianist Liberace, who publicly denied his homosexuality right to

his death from AIDs in 1987. This expertly made biopic traces his rocky romance with Scott Thorson, an equally revelatory Matt Damon. Camp, honest and often very, very funny, watch it with a group of friends. (EOne)

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OFFBEAT ROMANCES

The late James Gandolfini makes an unusual romantic foil for comic genius Julia Louis-Dreyfus (*Veep*), but **ENOUGH SAID** is a rare rom-com that's intelligent and funny • From Belgium, **THE BROKEN CIRCLE BREAKDOWN** uses evocative bluegrass music to bring its emotional love story to life. Earthy characters and fiendishly clever editing help too.



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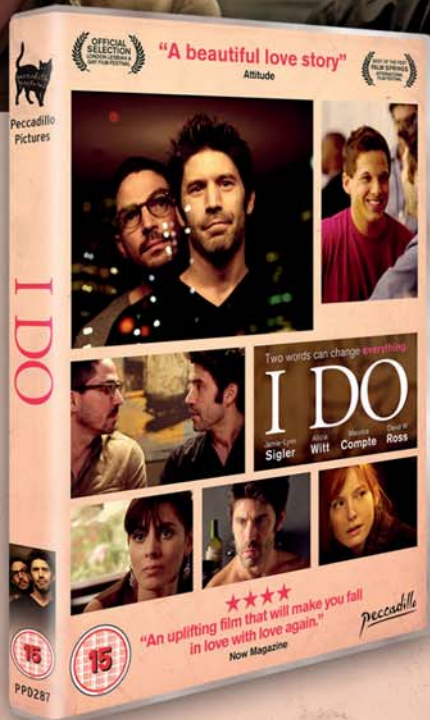
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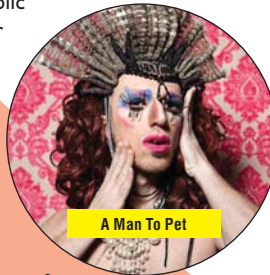
REVOLTAGE

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PRINCESS JULIA



Who's been down The George & Dragon (2 Hackney Road, London, E2 7NS) lately? We've had a refurb with a luxury DJ booth settled firmly in the eaves and due to public demand this time of year we're screening the **X Factor** live and direct on Saturdays for its duration. I'm on mic duties and this season it's with great joy we will be featuring **A Man To Pet** dropping in for impromptu 'live' renditions of her favourite songs... Be warned she only knows the chorus! From 6pm - midnight, with something different going on 7 days a week.



A Man To Pet

Up the road this weekend at Dalston Superstore (117 Kingsland Road, Hackney, E8 2PB) we're on for **Twat Boutique** on Friday 18th with **Hannah Holland, Sulk, Mdmx, Bisoux** and **Poppyklav**. **Body Talk** is on Saturday 19th with **Cvnt Traxx, Rokk, Alejandro Asencio**, and **Tristan Reed**.



Dave Kendrick

Handsome is back on Saturday 19th at East Bloc, (217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN) with a fabulous line up **Sasa, Dave Kendrick, Fidel, Jamie Bull, Essex Bitches** and **Mistamaker** playing across the spectrum of dance music. On 'til a whopping 6am, Handsome is fast becoming a night not to miss if you're

over in East London.

What's all this about then? There's somebody for everyone... If you've got a penchant for beardy boys or indeed are one yourself then get to **Hot Fuzz** which returns to the Royal Vauxhall Tavern (372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY) on Friday 18th. Special guest DJ for the evening **Severino** joins residents **Cactushead** and **Silverhook...** 10pm 'til 4am, for a night of fabulosity.



Severino

Over at Vogue Fabrics (66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB) it's all about **Tall Gay Agenda**, on 18th and yes, you guessed it an evening for towering gays and their admirers. **TGA** from New York City hosts some fabulous nights and is in town for one night only, tall DJs **Dan Beaumont, Nic Fischer** and **Greg Lowe** spin the heady beats.

www.tallgayagenda.org

*Note for your diaries, **David Hoyle's Heavenly Voices** continues apace at the RVT and on Thursday 24th October fab band **The Priscillas** play a short live set around

9pm. Mixing it up with social rhetoric and music, David Hoyle presses buttons that others dare not push!



David Hoyle

HI DE HI POP PICKERS.

POP

BY DUSTY O



Let us start with a name you will probably be aware of if you like a bit of West End Wendy and a good old show. The young man I am talking about is **Ryan Molloy**. Ryan plays Frankie Valli in the smash hit musical 'Jersey Boys' and is currently the longest serving Frankie in the world according to his PR. It seems only natural that Ryan's choice of a single should be something retro and he has chosen the rather amazing Fourseasons classic 'Turn on the Night'. However, what we have here is something increasingly rare, a good cover that has managed to keep what was good about the original but reinvent it into an upbeat and rather cool pop song that has even incorporated a bit of urban into its makeup in the form of a rap. Ryan seems to have it all: good looks, a great voice and a joie de vivre that even brought him on to my own Trannyshack stage once for a rather unusual number that will not be spoken of in a public place! I love him and I love this. Give it a blast. It is out as we speak.

X Factor is back on the box, so it is hardly surprising that they have wheeled out last year's winner with his latest offering. **James Arthur**, the one with the bad teeth who looked a bit like an old dustbin man. The song is called 'You're Nobody Until Somebody Loves You'. This

does not cut the mustard with me at all. It is as if they didn't quite know what to do with him so dug about for an old Robbie Williams track and added a few more rocky sounding bits and plonked a rather average vocal on the top. This is fooling no one really. James has piled on the pounds and had his hair done for the video but the song is just rather dull and I don't get who it is aimed at as he is neither cred nor boy band, and let's face it that is what sells most careers these days. Lame.

I hate to say it but **Union J** tick all the boxes to sell a zillion units. They are cute, styled to appeal to the teeny bops and the baby fags and do not really have to do much to get the fanny's twitching. They have not really done ANYTHING with 'Beautiful Life' which is a formulaic and rather ploddingly boring boy band sample. It has the high chorus, the catch line and the refrain. It is quite simply boy band colour by numbers and it will sell by the million. What a sad world we live in. However, the video is very easy on the eye and it is all just harmless fun. You will not remember it in two years let alone ten but it is not hurting anyone so enough said by me!

Till next time
Dustina xxxxxxxx



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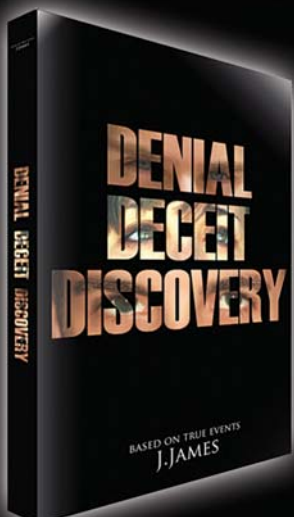

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Met Police Commissioner warns against 'complacency' in tackling gay hate crime



LONDON'S MOST SENIOR police officer has commented on new homophobic crime research by saying there should be "no complacency" in tackling the problem in London. Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan Howe (pictured) said: "I welcome the latest research by Stonewall and the opportunity to host the launch of their publication at New Scotland Yard.

"The MPS has made improvements in recent years, however there is no

place for complacency and we must continuously strive to enhance the service that LGBT Londoners expect and deserve. We look forward to maintaining our engagement with Stonewall to reduce the harm caused by hate crime and increase the confidence of victims."

A YouGov poll commissioned by Stonewall and released at the weekend showed that one in six gay or bisexual people in the UK has been the victim of homophobic hate crime or abuse in the past three years. Compared to other types of hate crime, such as racism, the proportion of homophobic incidents are on the rise. 9% of all UK hate crimes in 2009 were homophobic, rising to 10% in 2010 and 11% in 2011.

UN tells China: Don't ban HIV positive people from accessing saunas and bathhouses



THE UNITED NATIONS' HIV agency has urged China to drop proposals banning people who are HIV positive from accessing spas and public bathhouses. China's State Council has published a draft law on its website calling on venues to prominently display

signs prohibiting "people with sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS and infectious skin diseases" from using the facilities.

Hedia Belhad, from UNAIDS, criticised the move and said it would undermine efforts to tackle China's HIV epidemic. HIV prevention campaigners in the UK have long argued that restricting gay and bisexual men from accessing male saunas is simply a counter-productive move. Rather than trying to stigmatise clients of such venues – UK policy is based on working with saunas in helping those most at risk with condom use, testing, and general HIV awareness.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury: The Church of England has been 'appallingly violent' towards gays

THE FORMER ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury has accused the Church of England of an "appallingly violent" attitude towards gay people. Writing in the Cambridge student paper The Tab, Dr Rowan Williams said: "The Church has to put its hands up and say our attitude towards gay people has at times been appallingly violent. Even now it can be unconsciously patronising and demeaning."

When asked "On the issue of homosexuality and gay marriage, do you consider your own views and those of the Church as being out of touch with the views of your students at Cambridge, and do you think that's a problem?"

Dr Williams replied: "I think it is quite a problem. This is the one area where there is the deepest sense of the Church being out of step with what the rest of the culture take for granted. I think it's quite difficult for some people outside of the Church to recognise that there is something in the matter of several thousand years of assumption, reflection and ethical practice here which isn't likely to be overturned in a moment."

Australian airline apologises for 'I am gay' sticker on passenger's luggage

AUSTRALIAN BUDGET AIRLINE Jetstar has apologised to a passenger who pulled his suitcase from a baggage carousel to find the message "I am gay" written on it with stickers. The bag was first on the carousel and the imagery of the words was large enough for other passengers to see.

"We are taking this matter very seriously and we have contacted the passenger to apologise for any distress caused," a Jetstar spokesperson said. Twitter user @aaronpp posted the picture on Sunday. "Utterly disgusted to find my luggage front and centre on the @JetstarAirways luggage carousel looking like this," he wrote. "'I am gay' was not emblazoned across my luggage as a celebration. It was used as a pejorative. It was used to humiliate. It was used as a slur."

'In an ideal society we would punish homosexuals', says Islamic cleric in BBC interview



THE CHAIRMAN OF the Islamic Centre in Luton believes gay people would be punished in an ideal world of Britain resembling an Islamic state. Abdul Qadeer Baksh (pictured) made the remarks last Wednesday during a radio interview on BBC Three Counties alongside the former English Defence League leader Tommy Robinson.

Mr Baksh stated "In an ideal society" there would be "punishments for homosexuals". Whilst stressing that it was unlikely Britain would ever adopt Sharia law, he indicated that his personal preference would be to live in a society that followed the code – with no acceptance of homosexuality.

"When I say 'ideal society' I mean Islamic society, not a Western secular society like we live in here." He continued: "Every moderate Muslim holds this view as well." Mr Baksh added: "[Britain] is far from an Islamic state".

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Spot



Alternative clinic is a modern beauty clinic that combines the cutting edge with the traditional, offering a range of services that include pain-free IPL hair removal and an acupuncture based Beijing facial. Being the vain creatures that we are at QX towers, always wanting to look our best on a night out, we got in touch with **Lemma** from Alternatives to find out what they're offering and how we can cling on to our youthful good looks...

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some very generous packages.

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What advice do you have for us to keep our skin looking young?

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THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Room Service 3rd Birthday at Miabella, 12-13 Greek Street, Soho, W1D 4DJ. 10pm-3am. Don't you dare miss this fiercely social, sexy club spot, playing edgy and upfront house. Expect hot gogo eye candy and hosted by fab scene faces. Get snapped by the legendary resident papper! TONIGHT: The RS gang celebrate three years of mid-week clubbing tunes and tomfoolery.

G-A-Y Porn Idol at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-4am. FREE entry flyers from G-A-Y Bar. The return of London's biggest amateur strip night as contestants of all shapes, sizes and looks take part to win £100. Final winner wins £1,000. Think you have what it takes to win? Simply text 07789 553 868 to take part!

Boy Trouble at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Old Street, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-4am. FREE. A new Thursday experience for East London gays as East Bloc opens its doors for an early weekend house explosion of double-drop pop, Italo house, and anything else.

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

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. The legendary Tasty Tim and guests spin the pop sounds and floor fillers.

Vibe at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 11pm-4am. Weekly night of urban sounds from Maximus Crown, Elliot Cocks and Dayne Harper.

Gigolo at The Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am. £5 conc, £8 others. Midweek soiree for sluts with attitude at Soho's famous Shadow Lounge. Hot happenings as porn stars provide the eye candy.

BARS & CABARET

Around the Candelabra at Comptons, 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. Lee Reed tinkles his ivories for a Soho sing-along (8-10pm) in one of Old Compton Street's oldest and classiest venues with complementary bar food.

Demon's Karaoke at BJ's White Swan,

556 Commercial Road, E14. 9pm-3am. FREE. Sing-along to your fave hits.

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Long running popular central London cabaret pub with Kevin Walsh.

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

Flaunt at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 10pm-3am.

New night 'Flaunt' is where you get to flaunt it with the handsome, rugged men of Soho, with sexy dancers and DJ Nick Shepherdson on the decks.

David Hoyle's Heavenly Voices at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11. Doors £7. Show 8.30pm. £10. David Hoyle brings his sharp and smart insight to the RVT. Can culture create revolution? David dissects the universe! TONIGHT: Guest Joe Black.

Enriched at Rupert Street, 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm. New weekly dance session from Rich B with Marcella Puppini of the Puppini Sisters.

Titty Idol - Quarter Finals at Bar Titania, 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. 4pm-11.30pm. Up and coming cabaret stars and wannabe performers compete from 6.30pm. Hosted by David Stinson.

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

Molly Moggs at 2 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4TA. 8.30pm. FREE. Big laughs and song from Jeff Kristian.

Bette's Boozy Thursdays at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. Midday-11pm. Bette Rinse begins the weekend early at this legendary Soho pub (from 9pm).

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

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

Queerly Out Classic at Escape Bar, 8-10 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0SU. 9pm-3am. Classic pop gay student night in the heart of Soho.

The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. Open till late. Party

rocking gay pub up in the North of London, gives you premier cabaret and entertainment all weekend with DJ Miles and Silver Summers tonight.

Windsor Castle, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3ET. Open till late. Great gay bar near Heathrow invites you to party and drink till the small hours with the hot boys. TONIGHT: Karaoke from Cookie.

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Therapy at Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 11.30pm-3am.

The ultimate team of gay scene DJs rotates every Friday for your listening and dancing pleasure with Paul Heron, Miswhite, Adam Turner and Douh Silva plus VIP host Elektra Paris.

Super Electric Party Machine at East Bloc, 217-219 City Road, EC1V 1JN. 10pm-6am. £5. The freshest, hottest talent playing the best new music with DJ Larry Tee and guests at this hot-ass East London basement club spot.

Fitladz at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP.

10pm-8am. £6 members, £8 guests. The club session for horny lads with hot grooves from the DJs and an extended cruise space. TONIGHT: Nearox room takeover.

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

Twat Boutique at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland Road, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 11pm/£3 after. The Twats return for another one-off Friday of fun! Expect all the usual girl heat action and more.

Spunk - Hombre at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 8pm-3.30am. FREE. Manbar DJs play commercial dance for a crowd of uperit blokes and butch boys 'til late. Resident DJs Little Rob and Amox. Plus, pole dancing beauties. TONIGHT: Day of the Dead Masked Ball Pre-Party.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm, £5 after.

Pop perfection and hot floor fillers as Ku's hot 3 spin the tunes in its downstairs basement club spot.

Tonker at Eagle London, 349

Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11. 9pm-3am. FREE b4 10pm, £6 after. Big bear bar boozing, cruise and tunes has disco, house & soul, then sexier vibes to the early hours for hot daddies, bears, cubs and their admirers.

Hot Fuzz at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11. 10pm-4am, £5. The dance party for beardy boys and their friends.

The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. Open till late. The official sponsorship party for the Kings Cross Steelers hits Camden, hosted by Rose Garden, followed by cabaret from Topside Redfern with DJ Chris Reardon.

BARS & CABARET

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am. £5 after 10pm. London's legendary cabaret and club bar. TONIGHT: Cabaret from The Drag With No Name.

BJ's White Swan at 556 Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14 7JD. 9pm-4am. FREE entry before 10.30pm/£5 after. Popular East London pub.

Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10.30pm, £5 after. Cabaret and DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Divina de Campo.

Silver Service at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. 9.15pm-3am. Silver Summers serves up her unique brand of cabaret with munchable mash-ups, sizzling show tunes and an eclectic pinch of pop. TONIGHT: 'Dish of the Day' is Mitzi Macintosh.

Club Delicious at West 5, South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. 9pm-late. Crazy fun times at West 5 with DJs and special acts on stage, come join in the non-stop party! TONIGHT: Entertainment from Mandy Gap with DJ Steffy and piano from Vanity Von Glow.

Bottom's Faerie Friday at Bar Titania at 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. Dancers from 8pm. Sumptuously decked-out new gay venue features top DJs and sexy dancers. TONIGHT: Fantastic soul singer Chris Royal croons to the crowds from 8pm.

Ku Bar Frith Street, 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open till 12am. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across three floors for that perfect Soho warmup drinking session and a little dance with downstairs DJs

Weekend Warm-Up at the Duke of Wellington, 77 Wardour Street, Soho,

W1D 6QA. Open till 12am. Free entry. Get ready for another great weekend by kicking things off at the venerable Duke, with DJ Gordon John.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. The grand dame of Soho. DJ Dave Young from 9pm.

Sauna Bar at 29 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2H 9BA. 11.30am-2am. £16. £5 off entry with QX advert. The only licensed gay sauna in the West End, open 'til super late every weekend.

Discipline at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot watches Munroe Bergdorf and friends werq the floor!

Frankie's Fun-Filled Friday at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. Midday-Midnight. The popular Soho bar spins out floor fillers from DJ Frankie Fantastique.

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. After a complete overhaul Soho's sexy bar is ready to shine again!

Windsor Castle, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3ET. Open till 2am. £3 10-11pm, £5 after. Great gay bar near Heathrow invites you to party and drink till the small hours with the hot boys and DJ Sam.

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1. 2pm-12am. Soho's largest outdoor space, with balcony overlooking central courtyard. A smoker's paradise! Great house music. Sister bar to the Edge.

Camp as Hits at The City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. 10pm-3am. Venerable institution of the gay scene rocks out some pop classics for an evening of fun with DJ Almighty.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 5pm-1am. Funky Clapham dance bar with a special guest DJ tonight!

The Victoria at 186 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17. Open 'til 3am. Lively East End pub features karaoke every Friday!

Kraximo by Paola Revenioti by George & Dragon, 2 Hackney Road, E2 7NS. 8pm-midnight. Free. Greek transgender prostitute artist Paola Revenioti has her opening night of her first UK exhibition, curated by Konstantinos Menelaou of The Queer Archive with special thanks to White Cubicle's curator Paul Sammut. DJs include The Sugarlow Boys and a special performance by A Man to Pet.

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

G-A-Y presents Michael Bolton + the first act voted off X Factor at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG.

10pm-5am. Discount wristbands from G-A-Y Bar. The palace of pop and quite possibly the world's most famous gay club packs out this cavernous venue. TONIGHT: Legendary US singer Michael Bolton brings his powerhouse vocals to G-A-Y. Plus, X Factor's Lorna Simpson proves that she didn't deserve to leave the show.

XXL 'Full Moon' at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF. 10pm-7am. £8 members, £15 guests.

4 huge arenas, a mega cruise space and chill space. Plus, big tunes from resident DJs Christian M, Alex Logan, Joe Egg and Mark Ames. TONIGHT: Full Moon special! No bare arses on show (except in the dark room, maybe) but plenty of wolves on the prowl!

Handsome at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Old Street, EC1V 1JN. 10.30pm-6am. £7 b4 midnight, £10 after.

Delivers what the title suggests... hot, handsome fellas after a good time on the dancefloor with DJs Sasa, Dave Kendrick and Fidel delivering the main floor tunes. Jamie Bull and Bayo Furlong in the Fun Room and Mistamaker in the R'n'B Room.

Bootylicious at Club Colosseum, 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, SW8 5NQ. 11.30pm-6am. £6/10 b4 12am, £8/13 after. The monthly urban extravaganza that blasts out the hot beats with classic R'n'B, dancehall and more in the main room, and soulful and sun drenched house with a twist of disco from Sunday Happy Day in Room 2.

Wig Out at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY. FREE b4 9pm, £3 b4 11pm, £6 after. David O, lady Lloyd and Tommy Turntables play a heady mix of pop from the 60s to today. Come shake yer tail feather at the insanely sociable Vauxhall club spot.

Hombre at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 8pm-3.30am. FREE. Manbar DJs play commercial dance for a crowd of uperit blokes and butch boys 'til late. With DJ Little Rob and Amox plus pole dancing beauties.

Body Talk at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after. Rokk's rockin' night of hot tunes returns featuring special guest DJ and producer CVNT TRAXXX from Manchester where he runs the vogue-obsessed night Tranarchy. Tristan Reed and Alejandro Ascencio bring the original house, Kentucky fried funk and slippery soul tunes.

Pop-Up Gay Lounge #3 at Eight Club, 1 Change Alley, EC3V 3ND. 8pm-3am. £15. Return of the pop up disco and sophisticated social spot for gays that prefer to party away from the usual hectic scene spots.

Duckie at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Authentic London club/entertainment nighter. Hosted by Amy Lamé, record

players Readers Wives.

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

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

Inferno at The Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am.

Everything goes on Saturday nights when Andrew Elmore spins the greatest hits of the week and the hosts are at their cheekiest. Dancers, shot boys and hot boys all around, a 5 hour non-stop party!

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramillies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. £16. 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

The Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-4am.

FREE b4 10pm, £6 after. Cabaret and clubbing 'til late at the famous venue.

Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE before 10.30pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Lizzy Drip.

Klub Klimax at West 5, South Ealing, Pope's Lane, W5 4NB. The popular West London club, bar and cabaret spot, with added Piano Lounge fun. TONIGHT: Entertainment from Titti la Camp with DJ Shaun and piano from Duncan Day.

BJ's White Swan at 556 Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14 7JD. 9pm-4am. FREE b4 10.30pm. 100% funky house and club classics in the mix.

Salt II at Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 10pm till late (9pm VIPS). Big night in Camden for all the hottest and hippest guys in the North London know with performances from some of the sexiest pornstars and dancers around.

Windsor Castle, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3ET. Open till 2am. £3 from 10-11pm, £5 after. Great gay bar near Heathrow invites you to party and drink till the small hours with the hot boys. TONIGHT: Live music from Ozfest.

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

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 2pm-3am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Open super-late with DJs spinning upfront vocal house, with hot gogo dancers gyrating away as Felicia

Van Cartier exudes fabulousness.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 6HN. 12pm-midnight. The grand dame of Soho pulling in a more blokey crowd. DJ Jo Publik from 9pm.

The George and Dragon at 2 Blackheath Hill, Greenwich, SE10 8DE. 6pm-4am. Free entry. Friendly Greenwich-based boozier with welcoming atmosphere and top cabaret at the weekends.

Poptarts presents Guilty Pleasures at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. All the big pop hits on a Saturday night at this legendary Soho pub spot with Tanya Hyde and Baga Chipz on stage at 10pm as they sing all the hits you love.

Saturday Market + Bears Downstairs at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St, WC2N 4JF. Open 'til 3am. Rose Garden's Saturday Market from 4pm. Bears go down with the gruff guys and Justin Swift from 9pm. TONIGHT: 'Say No To Hate Crime'.

Puck's Extravaganza at Bar Titania, 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. 4pm-12am. Commercial tunes, house, pop and even a dash of disco, with dancers from 8pm, plus Strictly Come Dancing on TV.

Saunabar at 29 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2H 9BA. 11.30am-2am. £16. £5 off entry with QX advert. Unwind after a night of clubbing at the only licensed gay sauna in the West End.

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

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. Kick Saturday night off with sounds from the hottest DJs at this lively Soho bar. TONIGHT: Weekly Beyond pre-party.

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1. 2pm-12am. Soho's largest outdoor space, with balcony overlooking central courtyard. A smoker's paradise! Great house music. Sister bar to the Edge.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. TONIGHT: DJ Paul Morrell on the decks and host Glendora on the floor.

The Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch, with Pick N Mix on the stage at 10pm.

Circa at 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!

The Victoria at 186 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17. Open 'til 3am. Free before 9.30pm, £5 after. Lively East End pub that turns extra flamboyant on the weekends! TONIGHT: Paul's Farewell Party hits the stage with La Voix and

special guests on stage at midnight.

The Big Saturday Night Out at Duke of Wellington, 77 Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QA. Open till 12am. Free. DJs on rotation each Saturday keep this happening pub fresh and party-central!

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Horse Meat Disco - 10th Birthday

at Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 8pm-4am. £6. The HMD gymkhana continues to shake Vauxhall down every week. Residents spin super-disco sounds with weekly guests. TONIGHT: Ten years of sensational disco tunes from the club that's taken over the gay world! All the residents join together for one mighty party.

Sunday School at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE.

3pm-11pm. Free. Enjoy an end to your wonderful weekend with sounds spun by DJ Nick Shepherdson and hilarious onstage entertainment from mistress of the acerbic quip, Miss Myra Dubois!

Kazbar Sunday Lock-in at Kazbar, 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 5pm-late. The party continues at Clapham's popular club-style bar spot with a weekly dance session. DJs spin classic house and massive dance anthems with DJ Chris Brogan.

Hot 2 Trot at East Bloc, 217-219 City Road, EC1V. 10pm-late. FREE b4 midnight/£5 after. A new home for the Sunday night weekly session as Pagano and co. pack their bags and head off to a new home at sexy East Bloc basement. Now featuring Punk'd in Room 2 and HOT Kitsch POP in Room 3.

Fitladz Sunday at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP.

10pm-6am. £7, £5 members. Horny boys get ready for a sporty Sunday scrum. Uplifting tunes, uperit guys and that notorious extended cruise space.

S.L.A.G.S./Chill Out with Charlie Hides TV at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. 2pm-midnight. £8, £5 after 7.30pm. Afternoon/evening clubbing session slot playing anthemic tunes, big remixes and house. Plus, Charlie Hides TV delivers a multi-media cabaret collision from 5.30pm.

BARS & CABARET

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

The Quebec at 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch with cabaret.

Windsor Castle, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3ET. Open till 2am. Great gay bar near Heathrow invites you to party and drink till the small hours with the hot boys. TONIGHT: Karaoke with Lee.

Birdcage at Titty's at Bar Titania, 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. 5pm-10.30pm. Showcase of cabaret and fun at Soho's swanky new bar. TONIGHT: Topsy Redfern takes to the stage, supported by vocalist Andrea Gorse from 7pm.

The George and Dragon at 2 Blackheath Hill, Greenwich, SE10 8DE. 6pm-2am. FREE. Friendly Greenwich based boozier with welcoming atmosphere and top cabaret at the weekends.

StudiO at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Dusty O brings you the campest Sunday night on the block, a little sparkle to the heart

of Soho!

Martha's Special Sunday Roast at Halfway 2 Heaven at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Long running popular central London cabaret pub. Martha D'Arthur and special guests entertain the punters with DJ David Robson from 3.30pm, followed by Tammy Twinkle at 8pm and Miss Jason at 9pm.

The Power of 3 at the Two Brewers, 114 Clapham High Street, Clapham, SW4 7UJ. 5pm-2am. Show 6.30pm. £5 after 8pm, £6 after 9pm. Sunday fun at this legendary south London cabaret spot with not one, not two, but three cabaret stars.

Strictly Sunday at BJ's White Swan, 556 Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14. 6.30pm-3am. Retroclastic tea dance offering everything from ballroom to disco via Latin, Salsa, Jive... and line dancing. Dance lessons 6.30pm-8pm.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-11am. FREE. Lady Lloyd's hit factory hits Ku Bar Lisle Street, with hot boys on the dancefloor, hot tunes in your ears and hot boys behind the bar!

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. La Voix hands out her vol au vents at this chic, newly refurbished Soho bar.

Molly Moggs at 2 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4TA. From 2pm. FREE. Dame Julie Paid entertains the guests at this intimate Soho boozier.

Baggy's Holiday Camp at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. 5pm-10.30pm. Baggy Chipz takes over the Old Compton Street spot for a salacious Sunday sesh (5-10.30pm).

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

with Aaron from 10.30pm. Happy hour all night. TONIGHT: Cookie's Karaoke! **80s Music Night** at Duke of Wellington, 77 Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QA. Open till 11.30pm. Free. Retro fun to round off the weekend with all your best-loved 80s classics.

Baggy's Bit on the Side at Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. Open till late. Baggy Chipz, star of the cabaret scene, treats the crowds of Camden to some funny antics and big voiced belters.

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Popcorn: Love Sex Motion at Heaven, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG. 11pm-5.30am. £4 b4 1am, £5 after, £8 after 2am. FREE with wristbands from G-A-Y Bar b4 1am. Massive mixed mash-up with four rooms of top sounds, from upfront, progressive house to chart hits, via R&B tuneage. Perfect polysexual party to start the week as you mean to go on. TONIGHT: Another adults-only party from the Popcorn crew as things get steamy on stage with a 'Love Sex Motion' theme.

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

Bear Trap at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 8pm-2am. FREE. Weekly beary Monday. Great drink specials with top tunes from Severino and hosted by Nandi Ohh.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30 Lisle Street, WC2. 10pm-3am. FREE. DJs

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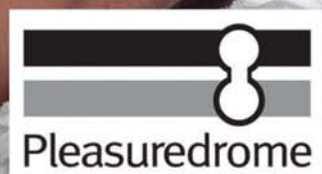
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Windsor Castle, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3ET. Open till 2am. Great gay bar near Heathrow invites you to party and drink till the small hours with the hot boys. TONIGHT: The 'Castle's weekly quiz!

Karaoke at City of Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. From 9pm. FREE. Grab the mic and show the boys what ya can do with your gob! Hosted by Stevie Tee.

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

Star For A Night Karaoke at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. FREE. Queer karaoke with Tanya Hyde (8-11pm).

Backing The Stars at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon St. WC2. 7.30pm. Kevin Walsh gets the pub going with this karaoke weekly. **Give It Some Welly** at Duke of Wellington, 77 Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QA. Open till 12am. Free. Drinks deals extravaganzas at the Duke with £2 selected drinks and DJ Hothouse.

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

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

OMFG at Shadow Lounge, 5-7 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am. £5, free for members. After a two year hiatus Munroe Bergdorf returns to the Shadow Lounge for the relaunch of her signature night, with a posse of London's hottest guys and sexiest T-girls.

Queerly Pop at Escape Bar, 8-10 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0SU. 9pm-3am. Free entry until 10.30pm, then £3 members/£4 with flyers/£5 others. Hosted by KLUBKIDS star Jason Prince and DJ Matt Unique, QueerlyPOP presents London's best pop music and Karaoke entertainment. Great value drinks available all night.

BARS & CABARET

Retro Tuesday at Duke of Wellington, 77 Wardour Street, Soho, W1D 6QA. Open till 12am. Free. Nineties music plus old school games will rev up your Tuesday night.

Tiffany Wells Double Bill at The Quebec, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. The legendary gay pub in the heart of London. Tiffany Wells presents two shows at 9pm and 10pm.

In Bed with Bette at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing

Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 8.45pm.

Join famous cabaret scene queen Bette Rinse for cabaret and fun at this landmark gay venue.

Spotlight at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 4pm-2am.

Duncan Day hosts this weekly talent search, from singers to burlesque artists, comedians to fire eaters (from 10pm).

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

Tuneful Tartan Tuesdays at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. Mary Mac's tarty Tartan weekly at the always fun and friendly boozier in the middle of Old Compton Street.

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Spoken Word London at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB. Doors 8pm, performances 9pm. Free entry. An open-mic night for poetry and performance in Dalston's kitsch basement boudoir club; sign up for a slot 8-9pm, then everything kicks off at 9! Come and speak or come and listen.

MisFits at The Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF.

10pm-3am. Mark-Ashley Dupé delivers a taste the best fresh 'n' creative music and fashion to Shadow for a new weekly night of booty shakin' R'n'B.

Foam Party at Sweatbox, 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. £16. If you can't make the weekend wet fun, why not head down tonight? Relieve the midweek stress! The foam flies at 7, 8 and 9pm.

Ku Klub at Ku Bar Lisle Street, 30

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

XXL at Pulse, 1 Invicta Plaza, South Bank, SE1 9UF. 9pm-3am. Members free, others £3. Midweek, dance, booze and cruise at the world famous club for hunks, chunks, bears and admirers.

Record Box at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 10pm-3am. A night of indie, northern soul, rock 'n' roll, disco, new wave and more classics from DJ HiFi Sean's extensive music collection at this blokey off-Soho bar.

BARS & CABARET

Amateur Strip at White Swan, 556 Commercial Road, E14. 9pm-3am. FREE. This infamous night sees spunky East End totty get totally naked to win big dollar. Hosted by Saucy Sophie.

That's Entertainment at Halfway 2 Heaven, 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. From 8pm. Drop in for a pint as Myra Dubois delivers the laughs at this popular Central London cabaret spot from 8pm. TONIGHT: 'Come Mime With Me' with Mitzi Macintosh.

The Admiral Duncan at 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. Midday-11pm. Weekly cabaret at this legendary Soho pub.

Wednesday Naughties at Central Station, 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross N1 9SD. 10pm. FREE. Sandra's back! With her new weekly residency of sauce, filth and excellent cabaret this will fire up your Wednesday evenings.

Jivin' Julie's Karaoke at Bar Titania, 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. 6pm-11pm. Jivin' Julie gets you all singing and jivin' throughout the fun-packed night.

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19/10/13: VAULT



Saturdays at Vault are fun-filled excitement with some sexy cruise action to keep

you all in the good mood, so head there from 1-7pm for £6 during the day where your entry includes your first free drink and free coat check plus free re-entry! Then in the evening Night Cruise is from 7pm-1am, where your entry is £7, also including all of the above. What more could you want?
Vault, 139-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. 1-7pm (£6) & 7pm-1am (£7).

Your Dirrrty Diary

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

The [Underground Club], 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm) Underwear fun. SPANKZ (6pm-10pm) CP night for rougher, tougher play. Followed by COME TO DADDY (10pm-2am). **[Vault]: Cruise/Stripped** at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1-7pm. £6). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get nude and rude. Strictly naked, except footwear.

[Eagle London] Cruise at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members FREE, guests FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Men-only cruise bar for blokes, bears, and their mates.

Contact at [Barcode], 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-3am. Weekly cruise session, large dark room and horny house beats.

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

The [Underground Club] at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm, £4 entry) Undies only! Then FEET ON FRIDAY

(7pm-midnight) Foot fetish fun night.

Cruise/Dark Room at [Ted's Place], 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £3. Dirty, sexy cruise night.

The [Hoist] at 47c South Lambeth Road, SW8 IRH. 10pm-3am. HOIST CLASSIC vs SWEAT sportswear cruising. TONIGHT: FF Special for fist fanatics.

[Vault]: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1-7pm. £6). NIGHT CRUISE (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise spot minute's from the busy West End. **The [Backstreet]** at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 10pm-3am. FREE in tall boots, members free b4 10.45pm/£4 after, £7 others. Leather/rubber club spot. **Fitladz** at [Barcode], 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 9pm-9am. £8. Get sexy at this cruise and club sesh!

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SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Harder at [Bar Berlin], Arch 47c, South Lambeth Road, SW8. 10pm-4am. Macho, strict and tough dresscode night of leather, rubber, skin, uniform, industrial, or just boots/jocks. Toughest dress code in the world.

[Vault]: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. DAY CRUISE (1pm-7pm. £6) NIGHT CRUISE (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom, re-entry. Dark corners, catch a dirty movie, indulge

your carnal side.

The [Underground Club] at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1-6pm, £4) Best undies for the boys. Then ABC (7pm-midnight) Adult Baby Club for naughty big kids. **[Pleasuredrome]** at Arch 124 Cornwall Road, Waterloo SE1 8XE. Open 24/7. £15, £12 under 25 with ID. FREE towel.

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The [Hoist] at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 IRH. BOYS & SIRS (2pm-7pm) Spanking/CP/punishment event; SBN AFTERDARK (Arch 1) Dresscode naked and live show.

Buff at [MAI Backstreet], Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Naked, wear shorts or underwear.

The Backstreet at [MAI Backstreet], Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 10pm-3am. Free members b4 10.45pm/£4 after, £7 others. Free all night in rubber.

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Chill Out at [Ted's Place], 305a North End Road. 7pm-2am. £3 b4 10pm, £5 after. Mixed/gay crowd of cruisy guys.

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

Buff at [MAI Backstreet], Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 6pm-10pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Stay on for after-party 'til late - arrive before 9.30pm! (Closed 1st Sunday of the month for Lycra night HERO'S)

Fitladz Sunday at [Barcode], 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm-4am. Members FREE, £5 guests. Horny boys after a sporty Sunday

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[Vault]: Underwear/Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. UNDERWEAR (1-7pm. £6). CRUISE (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Just pants b4 7pm, then cruise 'til late.

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

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER

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

[Vault]: Cruise/Stripped at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. CRUISE (1-7pm. £6). STRIPPED (7pm-1am. £7). Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Horny cruise session first before naked time (except footwear).

Cruise/Dark Room at [Ted's Place], 305a North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £3. For hungry, horny buggers.

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

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Club CP at [East Bloc], 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 8pm-12am. £6. Extra rough play. Play area, video room, chill zones, booths, maze, equipment to use and a changing area.

Underwear/Naked at [Ted's Place], 305s North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £4. Strictly underwear only.

[Vault]: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, W1T 5EN. 1-7pm, £6. 7pm-1am. £7. Cruising session at this horny hot spot.

The [Underground Club] at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. S.O.P. (6pm-1am) Yellow fun for waterworks fans.

[Eagle London] Cruise at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11

5QY. 9pm-2am. Members FREE, guests FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Men-only cruise bar for blokes, bears, and their mates.

Underwear/Naked at [Ted's Place], 305s North End Rd, W14. 7pm-midnight. £4. Strictly underwear only.

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

The [Underground Club] at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI.

UNIFORM (6-10pm, £6 inc coat check) a new monthly night for guys into uniforms, from construction workers to policemen. Then HARD CRUZ (10pm-1am) for men only, hard, up-for-it guys.

[Eagle London] Cruise at 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Members FREE, guests FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. Men-only cruise bar for blokes, bears, and their mates.

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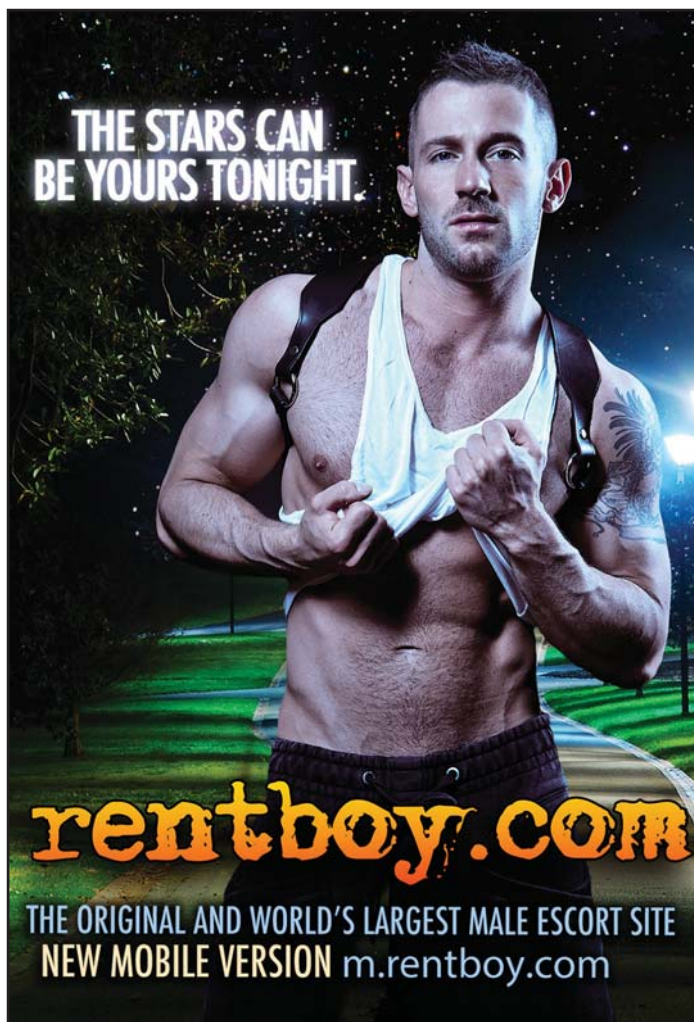
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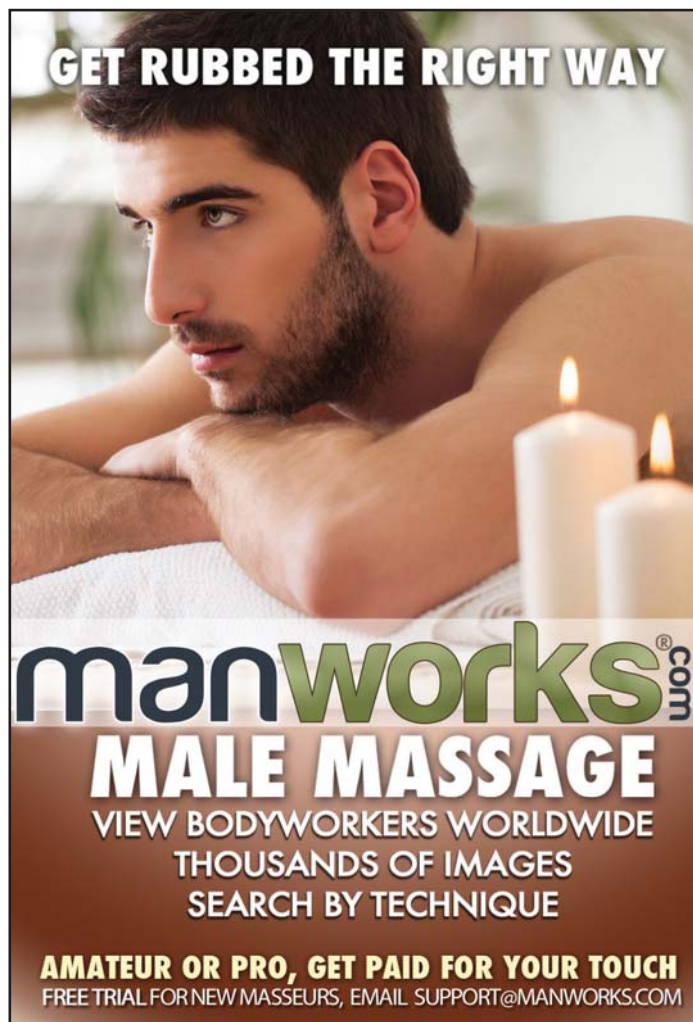
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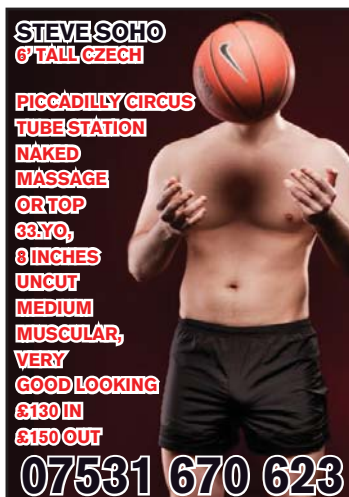
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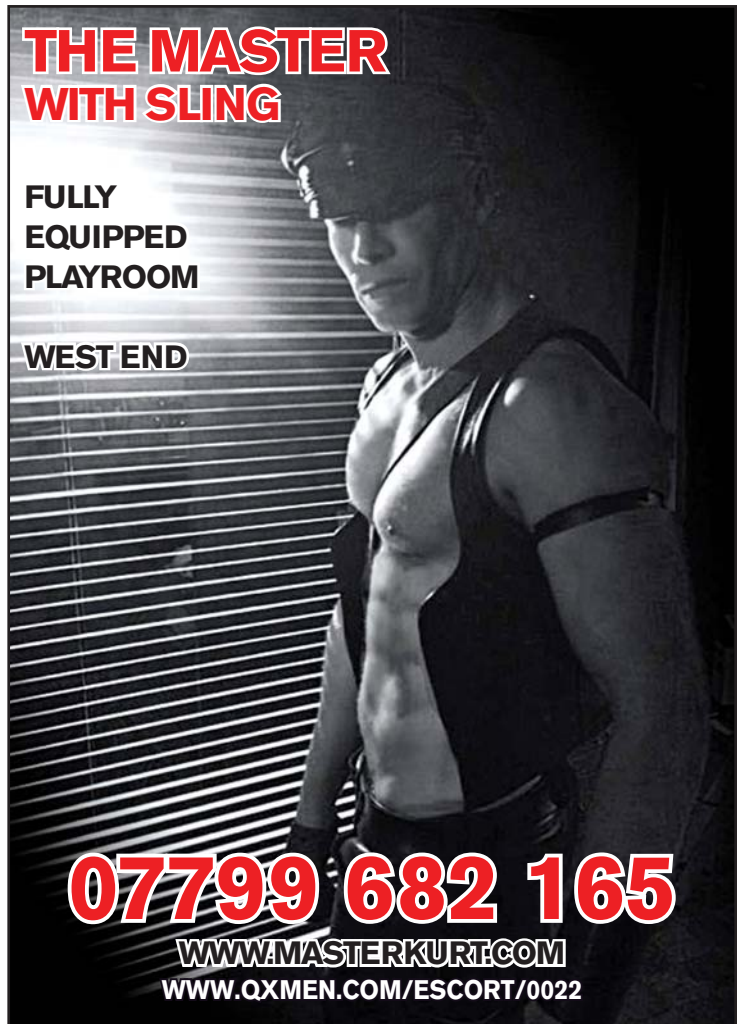


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Drug watch: Cocaine

GAY PEOPLE ARE SEVEN TIMES more likely to use illegal drugs than the general population – but you probably didn't need to be told that!

One of the most popular is cocaine (coke, charlie, etc). It's a powerful but short lasting stimulant and so speeds up your body and your mind.

Made from the leaves of the coca plant, it's grown primarily in South America. Until 2012, Colombia was the world's leading producer of cocaine. Yes, you may recycle and reuse your shopping bags, but every gram of cocaine you snort costs the planet four square metres of rainforest. 300,000 hectares of rainforest are destroyed each year in Colombia to clear land for coca plant cultivation with soil erosion and chemical pollution additional environmental issues.

The cultivation and production of cocaine has a massively damaging effects on the education, health and economy of these countries. There's also gang warfare, hundreds of deaths, high rates of sexually transmitted diseases in the plantation for workers who are provided prostitutes to keep them working. There are few positive outcomes from the manufacturing of cocaine unless you include temporarily providing a job for a struggling family.

And what does it provide you?

* A short lasting high that can make you feel on top of the world, very confident, alert and awake, but that can easily become over-confidence, arrogance and aggression. A rise in your blood pressure and heart beat means cocaine is one of the most common reasons young people with chest pains attend accident and emergency departments. It narrows the blood vessels that supply the heart with blood causing angina type symptoms. Cocaine users have died from overdoses as high doses can raise the body's temperature, cause convulsions, heart attacks or heart failure.

* An eventual come down when your supply is finished can be harsh, leaving you feeling depressed and run down for days. A compulsion to take it again as soon as the effects start to wear off. So whilst cocaine is not likely to be physically addictive it can be difficult to resist the craving for more. A powerful psychological dependence can easily develop that always has a disastrous effect on your social, work and personal life. Help is available from Antidote - www.antidote-lgbt.com

* A desire for sex but no chance of a hard-on. Cocaine narrows the arteries that supply your dick with blood. So whilst you may feel high and horny your equipment will fail. Guys often try Viagra type drugs to combat this but they often don't work and cause their own set of side-effects. Sexual risk taking and drug taking we know go hand in hand.

* A cocktail of drugs can really damage the body. Guys often take cocaine in combination with other drugs. Taking coke especially with alcohol really increases the risk of side-effects. Alcohol and cocaine together can be particularly dangerous. They mix together in the body to produce a toxic chemical, called cocaethylene, which can damage the liver.

* A numb nose. Cocaine is now rarely pure – in fact recent police seizures of 'street' powder cocaine had an average purity of just 32%. A wrap of cocaine powder can be cut with many things, such as sugar or starch. But benzocaine is most common. This is a local anaesthetic which can produce a 'numbing' sensation similar to the effect of cocaine... but no high and an empty wallet!

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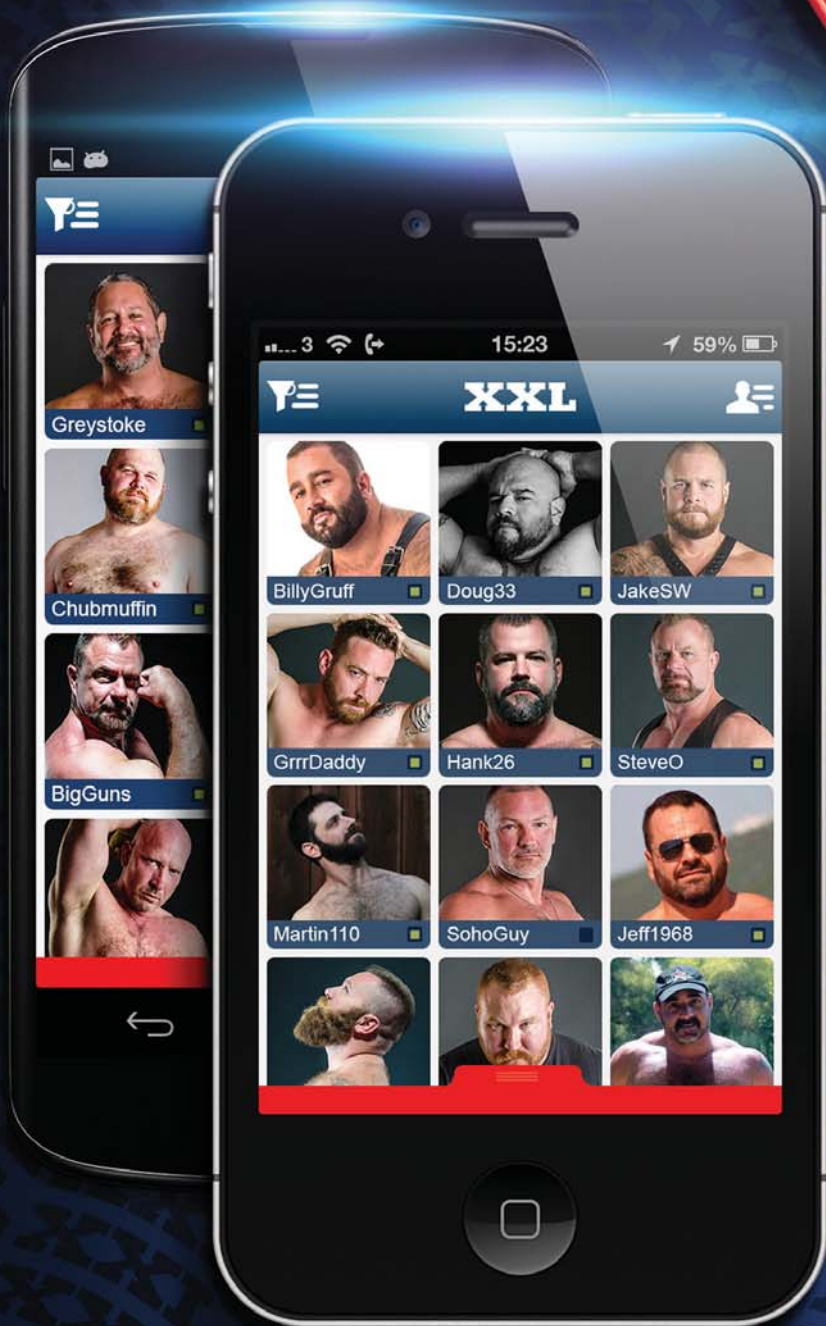


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