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GET TESTED!



National HIV Testing Week 22nd-29th November

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National HIV Testing Week

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A few weeks ago, the team at QX met with Terrence Higgins Trust to discuss the promotion of National HIV Testing week. THT asked whether we would give the campaign a huge push by including it on the cover of the magazine. There was no question that we would do this. Beyond the clubs, bars, wigs and muscled torsos, we like to think we also have a conscience here at QX Towers that extends beyond concern for Miley Cyrus' mental health.

So, we racked our brains for a front cover concept that would adequately represent THT's goals: to get the message out there that not only could *knowing your status save your life*, but it would also help to *drive down the rates of new infections*. Getting every gay and bisexual man in the UK to have an HIV test seems like a gargantuan task. But as THT's campaign message says, it's actually rather simple when broken down: it starts with each of us taking responsibility for our health and knowing our status.

And so, our cover adopted a rather simple approach: I emailed as many DJs, performers, drag queens and scene people that I had in my address book and asked if they'd lend their face to the message: *London's Gay Scene says 'GET TESTED!'*

It was wonderfully inspiring to see how many replied with a resounding 'YES' to being part of that unified voice. I am immensely grateful to those that responded for showing their belief that the gay scene is still very much a community that is not afraid to show love and concern to its fellow sistas. Whether you are HIV 'negative' or HIV 'positive', if you know your status or you don't, this is an issue that affects all of us.

It's simple: GET TESTED!

Cliff Joannou
Editor



GET TESTED!

Last year, THT and HIV Prevention England launched **National HIV Testing Week** to huge success. This year, the campaign has gone Europe-wide. As **World AIDS Day** (1st December) approaches they are appealing to every gay and bisexual man to get tested for HIV! Why? Well, here's just some reasons...

- There are currently an estimated **8,000** gay and bi men in Britain who have HIV but don't know it yet, around half of them in London.
- Undiagnosed HIV is driving the UK epidemic, as **someone with undiagnosed infection is far more likely to pass it on** than someone who has tested and is on treatment.
- If someone has HIV they can now expect a **normal lifespan**, so long as they **test early** and **start treatment** before the virus damages their immune system.
- Last year, around 100,000 gay and bi men took an HIV test in the UK. To halve undiagnosed HIV and slash new infections on the scene, THT is calling on the community to get this figure up to 250,000 in the next 12 months.
- Modern tests are **quick, free** and **confidential** – you can even test through the post.

Get involved at www.startswithme.org.uk. Find your nearest testing service, find out when your next test is due, order a postal test kit, and show your support in the fight against HIV.

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How Typhoon Haiyan hit home for Lady Imelda

Philippines Typhoon: Special Report By Jason Reid



On November 8th the world watched as one of the strongest recorded storms ever to make landfall bore down on the Philippines. The category five typhoon, with winds of up to 235mph, destroyed 70 to 80 percent of structures in its path, creating 20 foot waves, killing and displacing many thousands and affecting millions, leaving many areas with no electricity, water, food or contact with the outside world. One of the worst affected areas was the City of Tacloban, in the province of Leyte. It is estimated that at least four thousand people lost their lives there, with that figure rising continuously. On the morning that the storm hit, Miguel Diaz, also known as cabaret artist **LADY IMELDA**, who was born in Tacloban, could only watch and hope that his family were safe...



I personally want to thank the people and charities of this country for their help

Miguel spent twenty-nine years of his life in Tacloban before moving to the UK, leaving his family and loved ones behind. To most Filipinos, typhoons are a commonplace occurrence. Nothing out of the ordinary. Just something you ride out. Miguel believes that the ferocity of this particular storm just wasn't apparent, "I think the officials and government knew that the storm would be bad, but what they didn't expect were the water surges. We have tsunami drills back home, so if we're told to evacuate we do. But there wasn't any, and I think that may be why so many died. This storm was a whole different level. It was utter chaos. For me, watching, it was so worrying, because people there were totally cut off and unaware of the impact Haiyan was having."

With the only information coming from Western media reports, which some criticised as lacklustre in parts, Miguel watched on. He told me: "Personally, I think the coverage here was fantastic. You will get some sensationalist reporting but on the whole it's been very good."

As the reports worsened on Friday morning his mind turned instantly to the well-being of his parents and family; he even made an appeal through Facebook, posting their pictures and names. For four days he heard nothing. "From Friday until Tuesday I was in a total daze. I felt like I was there amongst

it all," he says. "There was just a silence. A silence where I was waiting for something to happen. A noise. A voice. Anything. When I got a text on Tuesday saying they were alive, I was relieved beyond belief.

"I now know that they've travelled to another part of the country, as their home was destroyed, but I still haven't spoke to them. They made a sixteen hour journey, which ordinarily would take four hours; most of the roads were impassable, and strewn with dead bodies and animals that have been left there in the hope that the lorries will take them away."

The international aid effort that started to pour in from nations around the world is something that Miguel is very thankful for: "It's just incredible. A real human gesture in generosity and compassion, especially from the UK. I personally want to thank the people and charities of this country for their help. We have no ties with the UK yet the country's charities were on standby even before the storm."

As the aid now starts to filter in from

the US, Australia, the EU, the Vatican – 75 million Catholics live in the Philippines – the question of whether it will all get to those affected areas and people has raised its head. Miguel explains, "We have a long history of problematic governing. To be quite frank, I have to say it's shit. Take it from me, it's

worse than Mickey Mouse politics. Corruption is rife and endemic. But having spoken directly to charity workers, they've told me that they're not working with the government, all aid is going straight to the DEC [Disasters Emergency Committee] and it's being divided out where it's needed. These people know what they're doing, having dealt with disasters all over the world.

"There's also the problem of looting, but you know, this is a human reaction, these people are desperate.

They would kill for anything. Just imagine being in a place with corpses and chaos everywhere. It's impossible to. I only hope that they can now begin to rebuild and move forward. It's so comforting to me, having spent half of my life here and half there, to know that so many people care. You guys saved it for us."

Please let me know if you are all ok!



Cescencia Diaz & Miguel Diaz Snr.
My Mum and Dad

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John Anthony Diaz
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And All My Relatives And Friends

To make a donation to the Philippines disaster appeal please visit: www.dec.org.uk

A close-up photograph of a man's face and shoulder, wearing a vibrant blue short-sleeved shirt with a subtle, repeating pattern of small dark motifs. The man has a light beard and is looking slightly off-camera with a serious expression. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting, possibly a beach or rocky shore.

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20 years of Dreams

Gabrielle is back in the music biz after a few years out of the spotlight. She returns to celebrate 20 years since her No.1 hit 'Dreams' and to add to her 10million+ record sales with a new compilation album and single. This weekend she's headlining **G-A-Y @ Heaven...**

"I don't remember making music and having this much fun."

Was it a shock returning to the music industry? Had you forgotten how it all was?

No, I remembered. That's why I had a long break! [Laughs] No, not really, it's great. It's a new time, different people and I'm really enjoying it.

Was it quite flattering for Naughty Boy to ask you to feature on his album, alongside a group of more contemporary artists?

It was an honour, because it's such a different genre from myself, but I'm so pleased to be a part of it. Naughty Boy is so hot right now and he's a lovely guy, so grown up. It's interesting, different and totally out there.

You say you stopped making music because it stopped being fun...

A lot of my original team and record label team changed, and I kinda felt like I was on my own. On my last album I didn't really even have an A&R person. There was someone who was supposed to be A&R, but they didn't have a clue what I was doing. I had a song and I was like 'it's retro', and he was like 'no, retro isn't happening now.' I thought 'are you serious, have you heard of Amy Winehouse?' Her albums were huge and totally retro, and I have some twat telling me it's not happening. I didn't have anyone understanding me or championing me. I thought maybe I shouldn't do this any more. I'd had more success than I could ever have dreamed off. From the first album, things just got better and better. It was bigger than my wildest

dreams, plus I'm a mum so everything fell into place for me to take time out. But music is so great right now and I have this opportunity to work with so many great producers. I don't remember making music and having this much fun.

Have you found that BBC Radio 1 is more focused on who's popular as opposed to just playing good music?

Radio 1 has always been that way. I could never get played. I think they make the rules up as they go along. They know who they want to promote, they refuse to play Robbie Williams, and I think he's a king still. But I do think that there are so many other stations catering to other people. Times are changing and rather than waste your breath moaning about the old days, just accept it and find other stations.

Looking back at your success, do you remember ever checking your bank balance and thinking, 'Shit, I made it'?

[Laughs] In terms of what puts a smile on your face, it didn't take a lot when I first started out. To be honest, making music changed my life, but I didn't make it to have a cushy life. If all I was ever gonna do was sing in pubs, then that was fine, I just loved that people gave me the opportunity to sing. I sang in nightclubs, then on stage and eventually on records.

When did you realise that your success was off the scale?

You just gotta take it in your stride and not believe the hype. Cause one minute they love you, the next they might not care. I never fully immersed myself in the music

industry; I could go away and be normal. I just love making music. You'll see me do promo, but then I'll disappear. I've never wanted to do the celebrity thing, but I don't knock anyone who loves it, because I'm there first in line buying my copy of OK! magazine for the gossip, I'm just happy cause I'm not in it.

You're performing at G-A-Y this weekend...

I've done G-A-Y before, but at a different venue. It's at Heaven now, so I'm excited to perform at the new place. I love G-A-Y gigs though, I just think they're fun, the atmosphere is amazing, the audiences are fabulous, I love the ride. I'm really excited about it.

Will you be doing a mix of old and new material?

Mostly old songs. I'm looking forward to performing the single and playing songs that people know like 'Out of Reach' and 'Dreams'. I'm gonna have a ball there. I haven't been there since about 2007.

Will we see you twerking on stage?

Oh, hell no! You'd have to pay me a lot to do that stuff. You need to be watching Miley. I love that twerking thing she does, I just think everyone got too used to seeing her young and now we're seeing her as a woman being sexual and we're like 'Oh what is she doing?' But she hasn't lost her mind honey, no one says that when Rihanna goes and does her thing. Didn't even [Lady] Gaga get naked at G-A-Y? No ones carting her off to the nutty house. But, no, there'll be no twerking from Gab!



Gabrielle is at **G-A-Y @ Heaven (Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG)** on Saturday 23rd November, 10.30pm-5am. Discount wristbands available from **G-A-Y Bar**.

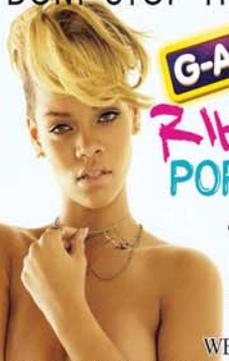


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The Hope Theatre, 207 Upper Street, Islington, N1 1RL
Runs to 30th November, 7.30pm. Tickets £12-14.
www.thehopetheatre.com

The first play of this double act, **Sandpit Avenue**, follows Gwilliam, a young soldier from a small West Country town, as he's thrown on to the front line in Afghanistan, with his best friend, Tim. In their hometown

other battles are being fought. As Tim loses grip on his mental health, Gwilliam must face a secret that he harbours. Meanwhile, **The League of St George** is set in 1976 Essex and sees skinhead Adam living a double life, torn between his morals and the racism dictated by the League. Both plays deal with some harrowing issues, with the second offering some sensitive humour.

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Gay's the Word, 66 Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, WC1N 1AB
Thursday 28th November, 7pm. £2
www.gaystheword.co.uk

As the nights begin to draw in, Gay's the Word bookshop warmly invites you to an evening of poetry with two uniquely brilliant poets. Over from New York and coming to London especially for this reading, **Alex Dimitrov** will read from his 'vital' debut collection, *Begging for It*, whereas **Maureen Duffy**, soon to celebrate her 80th birthday, will be reading from her latest 'philosophical and powerful' collection, *Environmental Studies*. Complimentary refreshments provided.

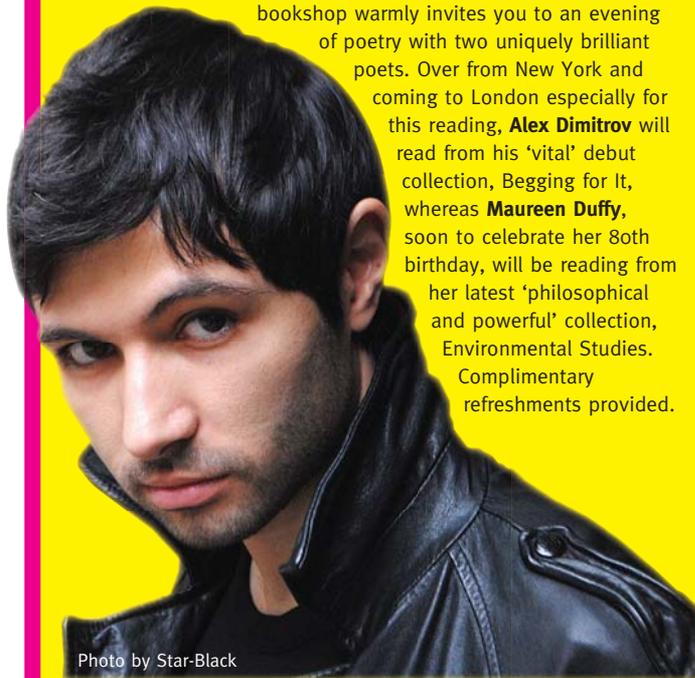


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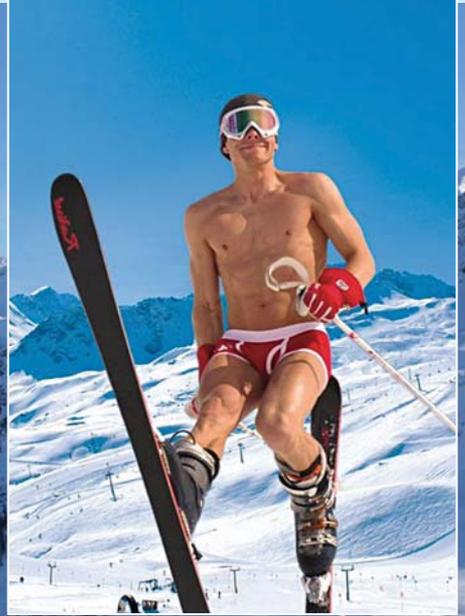
NAKED BOYS READING: PROJECTIONS

Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB
Thursday 28th November, 8pm (doors 7.30pm). £5 advance, limited £7 OTD
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Naked Boys Reading teams up with Little Joe Magazine to bring you an evening celebrating British filmmaker and artist **Derek Jarman**, with readings of his writings and screenings of rare films. From the garden to the stage, the boys are going to share selected gems from Jarman's wealth of work, curated by Little Joe's editor **Sam Ashby**. Boys reading are **Rowland Byass**, **Brian Mullin**, **Will Yates** and **Zia Almos**, hosted by the inimitable **Sharon Husbands** with **The Duchess of Pork** in charge of the decks!





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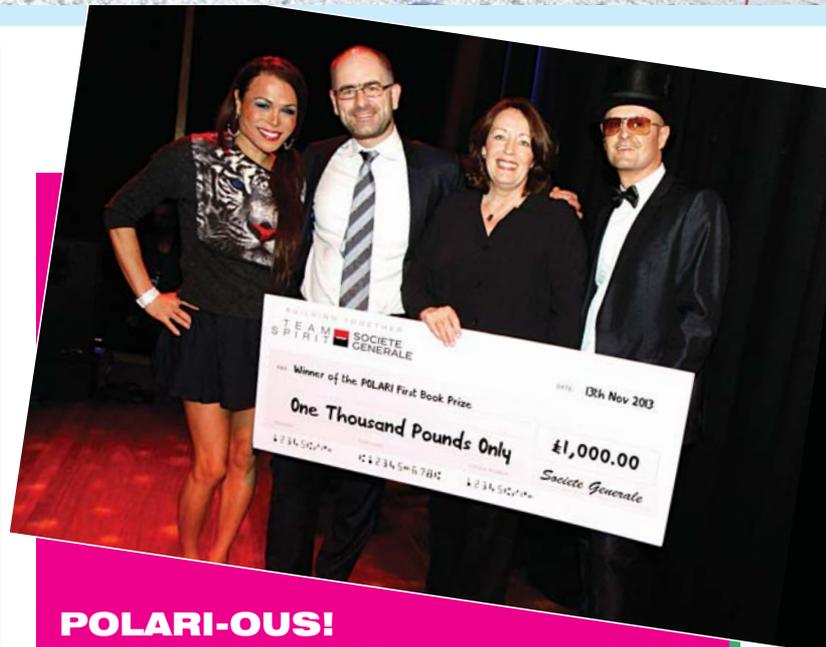
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'Halbwelt Kultur' bills itself as an alternative to the glut of pantos and family Christmas shows that promise to inundate you at the turn of December. Representing the heyday of cabaret, it focuses on the lives of seven women who were crucial cultural and political figures during the time of the Weimar Republic but who were later to be labelled as degenerates by the Nazi regime and either exiled, imprisoned or killed by them. The international film star Marlene Dietrich, the infamous cross-dresser Claire Waldoff, the cabaret legend Blandine Ebinger, dancer and performance artist Anita Berber, socialist revolutionary Rosa Luxemburg and avant-garde performer Valeska Gert comprise a cast of women who embody a moment of gay emancipation and an extraordinary cultural and sexual freedom, just before the nightmarish oppression that was to follow...



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Author of 'The Murder Wall', Mari Hannah, has been named the winner of the The Polari First Book Prize 2013. She was presented with a cheque for £1,000 by Vincent Francois, Chair of the UK LGBT Network. The Polari First Book Prize is for a first book that explores the LGBT experience and is now in its third year. Paul Burston, chair of the judges, said: "The Polari First Book Prize isn't only for literary fiction, but for books which explore the LGBT experience. Some of those books may be literary, others may be commercial... This year's winning book features a lesbian detective operating in a tough milieu traditionally dominated by men. It's thrilling, entertaining and a hugely promising debut."

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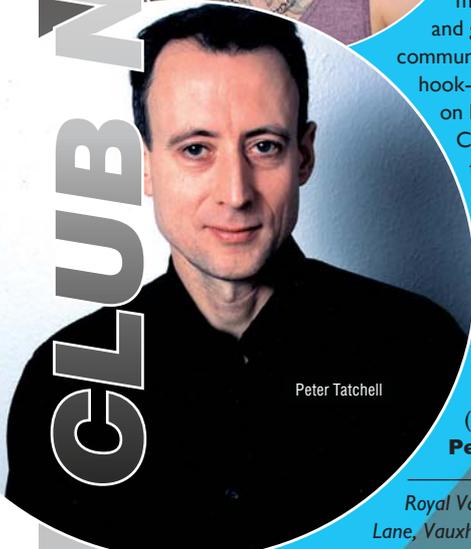


Alex Palumbo

21/11/13: CHEMSEX- Danger in our bedrooms, our lives, our communities

'Chem fun?' We don't doubt that you've seen this at least a few times on your Grindr screens, but how much damage is getting high and getting laid doing you and our community? Saunas, sex parties and hook-ups are frequently spurred on by the use of Mephedrone, Crystal Meph and GBL meaning that amongst the deaths, harm to health and spread of STI's, being able to have sober sex at all is only a minor worry. A panel discuss the effects it's having on gay men, with **Fat Tony, Alex Palumbo, David Stuart** (Antidote), **Mark Ford** (Sweatbox) and special guest **Peter Tatchell**.

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 7pm-10pm. £5.



Peter Tatchell



21/11/13: G-A-Y PORN IDOL 'RIHANNA'

We're loving what Porn Idol is doing lately, theming each week with a different artist. This week we're expecting a lot of batty men batty shaking. Are you gonna get the judges 'Hard'? Or will it be more a case of 'S.O.S.'? There's only one way to find out. If you wanna get the crowd horned-up, then perhaps don't attempt to recreate the 'Pour it Up' video; a hairy crack twerking with £5 notes hanging out your waistband isn't likely to bag you the cash... But at Porn Idol, you never know!

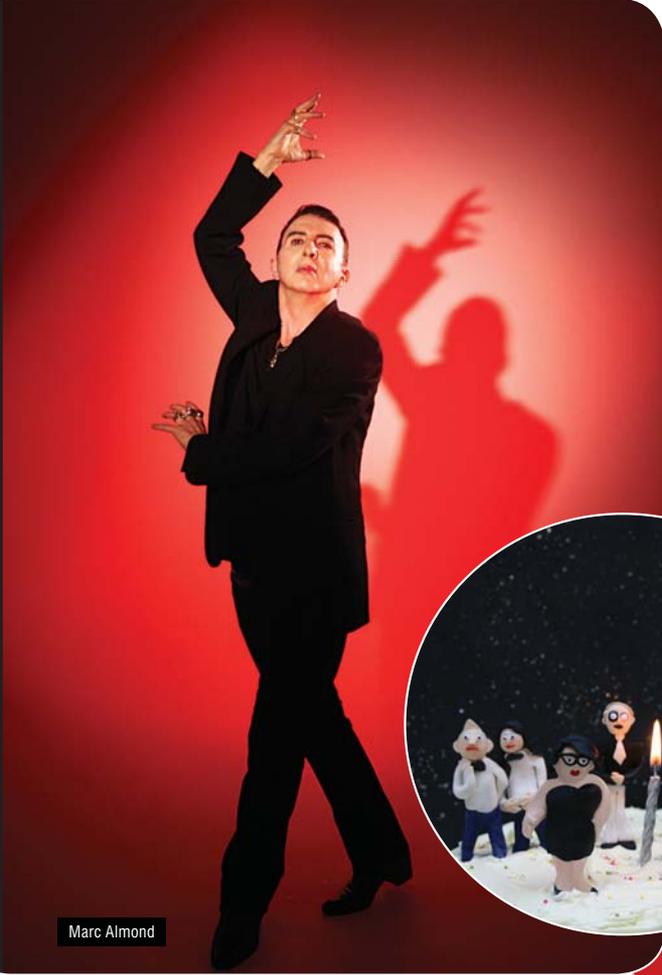
Heaven, Under the Arches, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG. 10pm-5am. Free with flyer from G-A-Y Bar.



22/11/13: DUCKIE'S 18TH BIRTHDAY

Where cabaret meets clubbing, Duckie has been a pioneer for performance art with an edge for 18 years now, and what better way to celebrate than with another spectacular show. Hosted by **Amy Lamé**, you're never quite sure what you'll get with Duckie - but you can certainly expect to be entertained. Readers Wives will be spinning the sounds, while performers include **Marc Almond, Marisa Carnesky** and **Anna Frisch** among others. Get your tickets now, this is gonna be a banger.

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She'll be celebrating 20 years on the music scene and proving that 'Dreams' can come true. There's no doubt that her latest album - a compilation of her biggest hits will do well. This month she'll be taking to the infamous G-A-Y stage, serving 'Sunshine' on vocals. **Gabrielle** was one of our favourite female vocalists of the 90s so we can't wait to hear her new material, too.

PLUS: X Factor cutie **Sam Callahan** performs!

Check out our interview with Gabrielle, page 6.

Heaven, Villiers Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 6NG. 10.30pm-5am. £4 wristband from G-A-Y Bar.



23/11/13: XXL 'RETROSPECTIVE'

All the usual mischief and mayhem will ensure under the cavernous arches of Southbank where bears let their (chest) hair down. Dancing in a horny, sweaty sea of topless men to a Madonna remix is what being gay is all about, right?

Christian M, Alex Logan, Joe Egg and **Mark Ames** provide the uplifting house and retro vibes, so can Daddies dance their disco tits off until the wee hours.

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

23/11/13: THEMENWHOFELL2EARTH
3rd Birthday



It's been three years already since TheMenWhoFell2Earth landed on our planet and they're going to celebrate with a night that's out of this world. Alongside the duo, **Jim Stanton** will be dropping by to lay down some disco delights, while **Daisy Confused** will be spinning in their usual transient fashion. Also in tow is **Ollywood** and the **Bother** boys. Now, anyone know where we can get some rocket fuel?

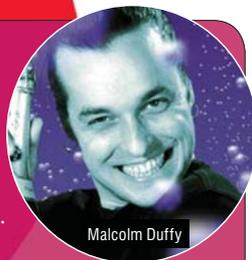
East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN.
11pm-6am. £6 conc, £10 otherwise.

23/11/13: BENDER

It'll be the last Bender of 2013, so they're gonna make it a good one. And who doesn't love a good bender? Unless, you're talking about his cock, of course. Those old school ravers will remember **Malcolm Duffy** from his Sunday sets at Turnmills (*raises hand*), who will play alongside **Cathal**. Upstairs **Gideon**, **Glyn Famous** and **C*nt Mix Won't Mix** will send Bender out with a bang. And who doesn't love a bender that bangs?



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It's a real melting pot of people and musical styles, but its roots are in underground black music. It's a club for gay people and all good homosapians where you can be free. No attitude, no door policy, dress up to get down... dress down to get on up. Come as you are.

What's on at the next event?

We have the ultra stylish female duo Lou & Nova. Lou is the synth queen and sultry chanteuse in Tomorrow's World. Nova is a stylist by day and has worked with La Roux, Gossip and Hercules & Love Affair. These girls know their tunes and are great fun in the DJ booth. Plus, we are bringing my Manchester comrades Luke Unabomber and Will Tramp to bring some of that Northern charm we're famed for.



Homoelectric is at Dalston Superstore (117 Kingsland High, Street, E8 2PB) on Saturday 30th November.

HOMOELECTRIC CLUB TOP 10

1. 'Finder'

Ninetoos

Jam-packed with congas and steel drums. Sounds odd but it works.

2. 'Outstanding'

Terrance Parker

Further proof that the 90s are back. A straight-up piano anthem.

3. 'Jump The Gun'

The Three Degrees

Yes, you read that correctly, THE THREE DEGREES. I recently bought this in a charity shop for £2. It's produced by Giorgio Moroder, and it's become an end of the night disco belter.

4. 'Take Me Higher'

Art OfTones

Sounds like 90s US house with a great big bumpy bassline.

5. 'Connect'

The Swiss

Is it disco? Is it rave? It's both!

6. 'Got A Feeling' (Bontam Remix)

Josh Butler

Full on deep house anthem. Always gets everyone going.

7. 'One For The Money'

Sleeque

Another oldie from the 80s. Sounds like early house, complete with wailing diva vocals.

8 'Bring You'

Piers Kirwan

Moody garage groover. Sounds great at 3am.

9. 'Photomaton'

(Kartell Remix)

Jabberwocky

A catchy nu disco number. Great in a warm-up set.

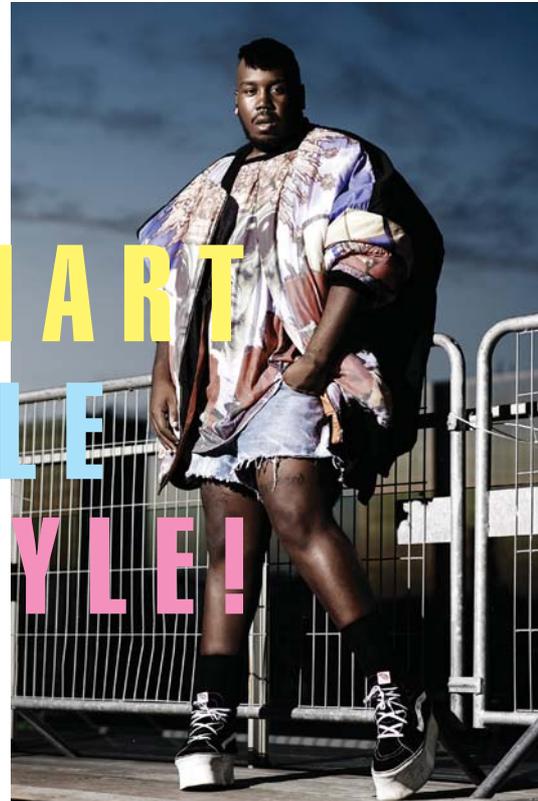
10. 'Through The

Night'

Blue Moderne

I discovered this on a recent mixtape from Aeroplane. It's from 1986 massive 80s drums and a bassline to match.

SMART SMILE STYLE!



THIS SATURDAY Dalston Superstore welcomes French rapper, producer and DJ **Kiddy Smile** to perform a live PA at hot night Bender! The breakthrough artist has been gathering acclaim since the release of his track Worthy Of Your Love last year and is set to go on to be a big star. **Rachael Williams** caught up with him ahead of the party...

You have a great sense of style! Tell us what you're planning to wear to Bender?

I have been a KTZ whore for a VERY long time, so I guess since it's a London based clothing line, I will have to drop by the store to get something fabulous to wear to Bender! I really like how Kokon To Zai captures the urban vibe and mixes it with edgy patterns and prints.

Who are your style icons and fashion inspirations?

I have an obsession with Walter Van Beirendonck, he's my hero: the man manages to capture the rough sensibility of men and yet make it very powerful using colours and shapes. When it comes to my inspiration, style-wise it is more of a mix between urban and chic, with a sexy twist and a retro sense.

In your opinion, what room is there these days for queer people of colour in dance music?

I don't think music has colour, but if I look around I would say there is a lot of room for us right now. People like Azealia Banks and Azari & Ill have opened a wider window for the breakthrough artists like me. But let's thanks people like Hercules & Love Affair for reclaiming dance music for queer people, mixing gender and racial limits.

What's one record that was an early influence on your vocal style?

Jungle Brothers and TH Crew had a real take on how I sound. I loved so much how Jungle Brothers got their vocals together rapping, but on the edge of singing but not really. As for TH Crew, I fell in love with the churchy vocals they had on I Can't Do It Alone. That was the moment that I knew I will work my vocals to tend on gospel influences.

And finally, what does 2014 have in store for Kiddy Smile?

I'm going to release another EP very soon, so more tour dates. If you see my name around, come on and say hi.



Read the full interview on www.dalstonsuperstore.com
Bender is at Dalston Superstore, (117 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB) on Saturday 23rd November from 10pm-3am, £5.

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WORDS BY
YAF BROWN
PHOTOS BY
CHRIS JEPSON

IT WAS TWEE, bespectacled Teesside girl, Abi Alton's turn to strum her swansong from the X Factor in Heaven's main stage spotlight last Saturday – the latest to be spat out from the current season's vicious cycle. Alton emerged - guitar aloft - all auburn hair and print mini-dress, to take the mic in the centre of an acoustic set-up. Soft-voiced and slight in her movements, Alton performed lilting ballad versions of Kylie's 'Cant Get You Out Of My Head', Jessie J's 'Price Tag' and Whitney's 'Dance With Somebody'. Unflawed, yet perhaps slightly overwhelmed, Alton's swift and sweet exit following her set cleared the stage for its remarkably confident overtaking by songstress-on-the-upswing Ellie Goulding! And why not? The sprightly Brit blonde has enjoyed a great year of chart success – and it certainly seemed like Goulding was all geared up for a spot of celebration, striding on flanked by her three sequined backing singers and band of merry men! The - at moments - surprisingly Beyoncé-esque opening to her set saw Ellie rotating her hips and wielding her shaggy mane in ways the whooping crowd of men clearly hadn't realised she was capable of; a sight hard to miss in her studded black bra-top and barely there leather shorts. What followed was an enjoyable, high-octane exercise in catchy pop entertainment, with 'Anything Can Happen', 'I Need Your Love' and 'Starry Eyed' amongst the songs eliciting a healthy response from a thoroughly involved audience. At one point Ellie even took the bongos for an instrumental dancebreak, pounding away in a melee of flashing lights and flying hair; of course the gays sent up an encouraging roar at that! A summary of Goulding's Saturday night turn? Good fun! Who could ask for more come the weekend?



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WORDS BY
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QX CLUB NEWS hit popular hotspot Pulse as rampant rubberbists joined latex-lovers and elastic enthusiasts for a monumental 'XXL Rubber' bash last weekend. Featuring all the supersized XXL action we know and love, with a tantalising rubbery kink, a night of outsize

antics saw the crew packing in a near-capacity crowd for no end of hairy hi-jinks that had us practically busting out of our physique-huggin' skin suits with excitement. Larger-than-life highlights included top DJ dude, Christian M slamming down a sensational soundtrack of commercial dance tracks in the main room for a sea of hirsute homos stomping the boards into the dawn. Next door, disco daddy, Joe Egg, set the dancefloor on fire with a sugar-sweet cocktail of expertly mixed jukebox thrills from the past to the present. Elsewhere, there was no end of neoprene-naughtiness in the XXL darkroom, whilst the ever-inviting lounge terrace saw a sociable throng catching some chill time before heading back into the fray. Meanwhile, there was still plenty more to look forward to at the decks from the likes of Alex Logan and Mark Ames as the masses kept the party rockin' through 'til 7am. Get ready for a blast from the past this Saturday as the capital's biggest weekly bears bash throws a storming 'XXL Retro' blowout!



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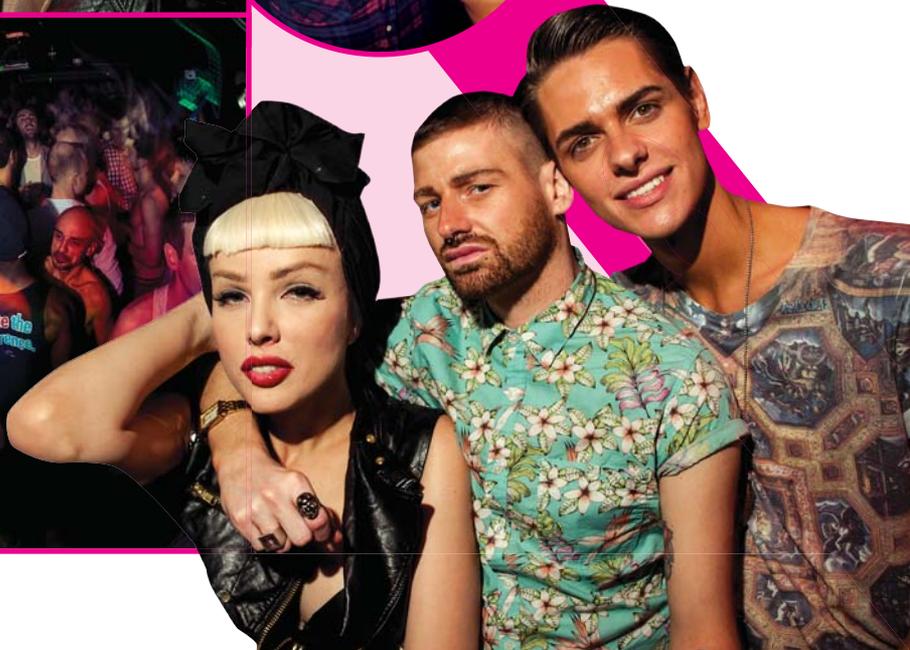
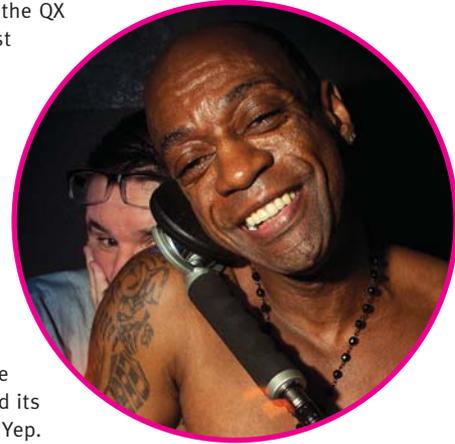
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ANTHONY GILÉT
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DOS FOTOS

LAST SATURDAY the QX team took to East London, for not one, but *two* birthdays. The first being that of our Editorial Assistant Darren Palfrey, and the second of the night itself. Had it really only been a year since Handsome reared its attractive head? Yep.

To host the night, they'd recruited the beautiful Johanna Londinium and Andrew Moore (thank God Scotland didn't want him, eh?).

The night began quite tamely, with the wildest thing going off before midnight being some of the Shoreditch "fashion" choices - but sure enough - this was just the calm before the storm. Johnny Kalifornia laid down the commercial tunes for pussy-popping pop lovers, while Mistamaker and Lawrence Arbus served up old school Hip-Hop in the side room. Naturally, we took our resident spot under the fan (budget wind machine).

In the main room, there was no chance of cooling down though with guest DJ Robert Owens and Dave Kendrick hotting things up with house beats. When it came time to leave we were clinging to the door frame like Brooke Shields to the shreds of a career. There's no doubt we'll be back for the December instalment.



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THE INFAMOUS GutterSlut crew descended upon Bethnal Green last weekend, commandeered a straight male strip club, kicked out the strippers and invited a host of East London's most startling party-starters to take over the poles for the night. When QX arrived the place was heaving over each floor with people partying to gay London's funnest beats and atmosphere until Jonny Woo suddenly descended in a flurry of magnificence, sliding down a pole from the second floor. As the risqué entertainment got under way upon the stage, more extravagantly dressed drag queens slipped from floor to floor from the poles, like fabulous Kamikazi transvestites. Upstairs groups of gyrating gays had taken over the stripclub booths, whilst unsuspecting boys and men were being invited to cavort with a lascivious beauty in big boots and a bigger wig – and a dune buggy. Up one more floor to the secret harem room, and we suddenly found ourselves in the midst of the Arabian desert with layers of real sand hefted in to the floor! GutterSlut is one of East London's most popular parties both because of their fun, anything-goes attitude and their inventive approach to the clubbing landscape – GutterBall brought all this brilliantly to the fore, and more! Till next year!



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QX SCALED the dizzy heights of London's fashionable Eastside as the hipsters hit Kingsland Road for a Little Gay Brother Presents 'The Back House' spectacular at Dalston Superstore last weekend. Taking its cue from Dolly Parton's cinematic smash, 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas', a night of risqué raunch and riotous ructions saw the Superstore superstars getting all 'Southern workin gal' on our funky asses for a block rockin blowout that had us partying into the small hours. (Bubble-



permed) highlights included Dolly and Burt Reynolds lookalikes leading the hoedown at ground level with popstastic back up from dazzling deck master Neil Prince. Downstairs, we could hardly tear our gaze away from hairy hunk DJ Chris Camplin, showing off his manly torso and spinning a barrage of bitchin' beats that had the dancefloor erupting in a rave-o-matic frenzy. Back up top, the sweaty shenanigans switched to 'Dirty Dancing'-style gyrating atop the bar as the busy bonanza continued through 'til super-late. Check out the Dalston Superstore antics this Saturday when Trade legend Malcolm Duffy hijacks the laser basement for the last 'Bender' bash of the year!

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No One-Trick Pony!

Is it a club? Is it a magazine? **Ponystep** is both, and it's back at East Bloc on Saturday 30th November for a one-off party! Princess Julia caught up with its creator **Richard Mortimer** and found out what makes him and Ponystep tick...

How did Ponystep start?

Ponystep started as a natural progression from my time in clubs. BoomBox had become such a massive club internationally, and the expectations week on week became so high, that I wanted to do something completely different. The magazine began online before eventually making it to print. About a year after closing BoomBox and starting [Ponystep] magazine, people were hounding me to do the club again, so I did, but I took it to Paris!

What was your inspiration then and how has the concept of a club night gone into the making of your magazine Ponystep?

I guess my inspiration has always been the same. My vision of people, regardless of fame, remains unblurred. I think the whole thing is a beautiful unbroken circle, with the young creatives aspiring to be like the super established, and the established looking to borrow ideas from the young. It's how it's always been, and I think that Ponystep strives to include all the people we love, regardless of whether they are considered cool or not!

What have been the most memorable moments of ponystep, both the club and the mag?

In terms of the magazine, I guess confirming Elvira was a biggie for me. I had been a huge fan since I was a kid. She had this typically queeny LA agent who was a nightmare. It took about 9 months of persevering, but I got her in the end!

Club high points... There are too many! I guess Beth Ditto performing on my birthday and bringing me on stage to sing happy birthday to me was nice. And last year's NYE party with MKS who gave their first ever performance together in over 10 years was quite amazing.

You've done a few projects based around the club, a book, can you tell us about them?

The book came about around halfway through BoomBox. I knew what we were doing felt very special and I wanted to document it. I approached our resident photographer, Alastair Allan about it and he loved the idea. I then approached lots of friends of the club to see if they would be involved. We ended up with some great people: Wolfgang Tillmans, Katie Grand, Paul Flynn, Fran Burns, Katharine Hamnett etc... The book was a hit and sold out immediately! CD collaborations with supercool French record label Kitsuné followed!

Image is very important to you, what are the key elements you consider?

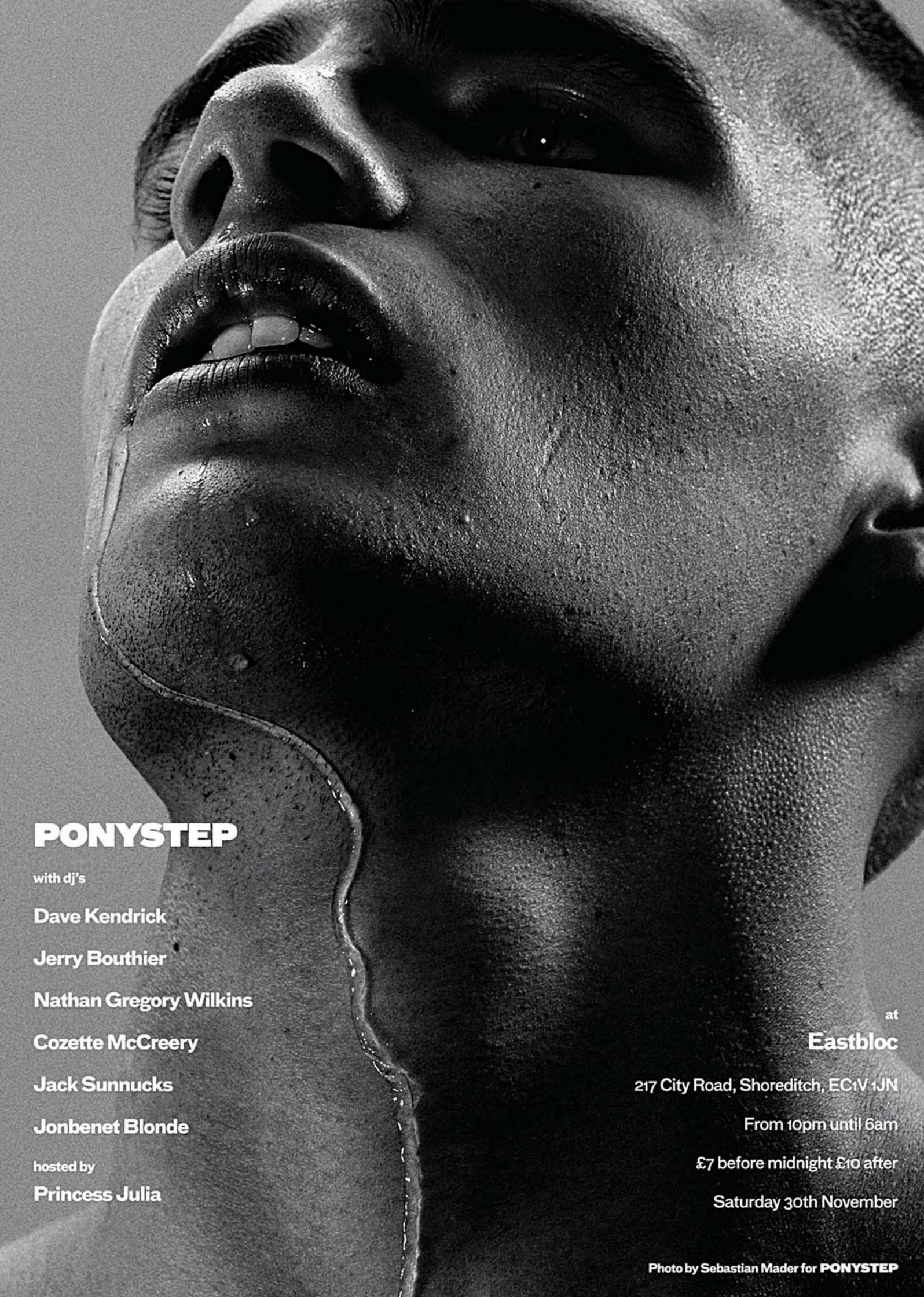
In terms of design I like things to look clean. Clean, graphic and colourful!

Musically, what appeals to your sensibilities as a DJ and clubber?

This is where it gets tricky. In my heart, pop music is where my loyalties lie, but you don't really want to play that in a club. I guess I have a pocket full of DJs I love to work with and trust them to do their thing, without turning it into Trade!

Ponystep is at East Bloc (217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN) on Saturday 30th November.





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WEIGHTS

TheMenWhoFell2Earth have been entertaining the crowds of East London for three whole years now of true interstellar party action on the dance floor. For their third birthday event they're welcoming back Mr **Jim Stanton** of Horse Meat Disco. The boys caught up with Jim to find out what we can expect from his set at their night!

What's new, Jim? Another hugely busy year for Horse Meat, how's it been?

It's been a brilliant year with all four of us HMD guys scaling the globe but it's now winter and we're home, snuggling up and making some music together. HMD reaching ten years is a heck of a milestone.

We're only at birthday three and in today's world even that seems like a while. What do you think the secret of longevity with a club is?

We never had a secret really, I've always said we just wanted to make a club that respects people's intelligence musically. We started HMD primarily to satiate our own need to hear good music that we like, not what is fashionable or sent out on promos or whatever. I think the key is to trust your own taste in music, don't follow trends and be unique - you're never alone!

You DJ at parties all around the world, does London's slightly left-of-centre gay scene stand out to you for any good reasons?

Anywhere it should be learning from? London is really healthy in terms of the scene - key players like Dan Beaumont [Dalston Superstore/DanceTunnel] are really giving it and offering people something fresh. East London innovates, with diversity and the mainstream hand-in-hand, there's a lot to be excited about here. Outside of London we're celebrating five years of monthly parties with the excellent TAPE Crew in Berlin - now happening at Prince Charles club, Kreuzberg. I think that has to be our biggest party experience outside of London. It's always packed with a super hot crowd with this amazing energy I think only exists in Berlin. New York has been so good to us over the years now, with regular parties produced by handsome party supremo Josh Wood. We DJ there on USA Bank Holiday Sundays at Cielo and the incredible new OUTPUT club in Brooklyn. New York is still red hot! Those two are probably our stand-out parties, but seriously I'm always blown away by most of the parties we play everywhere from Birmingham to Tokyo, the disco music legacy is so relevant right now.

What have been the big records for you this year? Who should everybody have their eyes on in 2014?

Well, apart from stunning disco records like

Todd Terje's 'Stranbar' tearing up floors everywhere, this year's musical peak for me is about the emergent slow techno disco sound pioneered by producers like Andrew Weatherall and Daniel Avery. It's something that's been bubbling through for some time now. It's groovy, dark and erotic - how late night music in clubs for adults should be.

How does what people will hear you play on a Saturday night at East Bloc differ from what they'd hear at the Eagle on a Sunday?

Well, I'm kind of tapping into that sound I just described above, keeping it slow and chuggy as it takes some time to adjust to it, but when it hits you're hooked.

But there's always room for a bit of Cheryl Lynn on the peak time dance floor!

We keep hearing talk of original Horse Meat Disco material hitting our turntables soon - anything you can tell us yet?

Yes, we're finally getting our ideas out musically: me, James, Luke and Severino have been crafting our sound over the past three years and feel confident now we've got something exciting to hear. I think people will be surprised with what we have done, it's definitely not what you would expect from us. It looks likely for a Spring release for the first HMD EP and we've also just cleared the licensing for HMD IV which looks set for the same time.

Will Horse Meat be writing a Morrissey-style autobiography?

Mark Oakley [Eagle London House Mother and gaffer] is your man for that one, he is the first stop repository for all of the escapades that have gone on in that venue. It's mind-bending how many stories have happened there - it would be rude not to get it down in a book.

Sum up TheMenWhoFell2Earth in a sentence.

The men who were never really of this earth: unique, talented, groovy motherfuckers.

“ I think the key is to trust your own taste in music, don't follow trends and be unique! ”



TheMenWhoFell2Earth 3rd Birthday is at East Bloc (217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN) on Saturday 23rd November, 11pm-6am.

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BAR OF THE WEEK

TED'S PLACE

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Ted's Place is a secluded boudoir of intimacy, always welcoming atmosphere and some saucy opportunities with manly men and/or titillating trannies all week round! On Mondays get yourself along for the **Cruise Night** (7pm-12am, £3) where you can kick-start your week with likeminded guys and have a drink or two in their relaxed and friendly club, and maybe find a pair of 'healing hands' in the cruise/dark-room to forget the Monday blues. Tuesdays is **Underwear Night** (7pm-12am, £4) when guys are invited to strip down to their sexiest boxers and briefs. Wednesdays Ted takes off for a mid-week break when the bar is closed, but they're back with a bang on Thursday nights for their famed **TV/TS Party Night** (7pm-2am, £5) where transvestites and transsexuals are invited to enjoy themselves in a safe and relaxed ambience, with their gentleman friend admirers. Friday night sees the return of **Cruise Night** (7pm-2am, £5) to get the horny men and boys in the mood for the weekend, and pop by on Sunday night for another **TV/TS/Gay Chill-Out**, from 7pm-2am, £5 entry, although £3 before 10pm. So that's your week sorted at Ted's!

TEDS PLACE



BAR TITANIA

75 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 7PY

It's looking like ultra-fun times at Bar Titania this week, one of Soho's most resplendent venues to enjoy strong new musical and cabaret talent. On Thurs 21st look out for original singer-songwriter **Alex Meli** performing his new stuff from 8pm, on keyboards and vocals. And afterwards, showcase your own musical talent if you wish at the openmic! Friday 22nd sees sultry soul singer **Chris Royal** wowing the post-work crowd getting ready for the weekend and on Sunday 24th don't miss busker-turned-extraordinary-performer **Andrea Gorse** from 7pm. Also on Thursday and Fridays from 6-8pm make sure you can take advantage of their 'Aperitivo' offer where you can enjoy a plate of Italian nibbles with selected drinks...



Chris Royal

G-A-Y BAR

30 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UR

G-A-Y is raising money for the Elton John AIDS Foundation, with their current total £219,941.06 and their target aim £250,000. So on World AIDS Day why don't you help them get further to that total, and maybe win £1,000 for yourself in the

process by getting HIV tested in the basement? Knowing your status can save your life, so professionals from 56 Dean Street will be doing the finger-prick test from 2-9pm on Sunday 1st December for World AIDS Day. And for every person tested G-A-Y will donate £10 to the Elton John AIDS Foundation.



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Thursday 21st November at Hounslow's finest gay bar, the great Windsor Castle, sees **Cookie's Karaoke** taking over the salacious happenings for an evening of camp shenanigans, enjoyable drinks and happy warblings! Then on Friday 22nd don't miss top drag queen, Miss **Topsie**

Redfern warming the cockles of your soul and getting your laughter box worked over with her drag cabaret extraordinaire. And Saturday 23rd is former Drag Idol winner **Martha D'Arthur** treading the boards – you never know what's gonna happen with her act, so it's worth a trip out to Hounslow to experience the unexpected!



Martha D'Arthur



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WORDS AND PHOTOS BY CHRIS JEPSON



BORN ON A BEACH in Goa, D.R.A.G. (Dressed As A Girl) is a cult film in the making taking its name from the Shakespearian stage direction for cross dressing, and in the tradition of such classics as *Paris Is Burning* and *The Cockettes* pulls off the wigs, wipes off the mascara and unveils the real people

behind the much hyped and talked about alternative drag scene in East London. Starring beloved icons such as Jonny Woo, Holestar, Scottee, Pia et al, the 4 year shoot has seen boob-a-thons, hospital wards, discos, emotional reunions, messed up make-up, passed out drag queens, ambulances and more sparkle than Liberace at a Cher concert. Now in the final few furlongs of post production, the team last week launched their fundraising Kickstarter campaign at Manbar with an evening of dirty disco, tranny talent and general shenanigans in heels that left us bruised and knickerless in a Soho backstreet some eight hours later. Chrissy Darling force-fed us shots, gunvor Chris Amos was celebrating his birthday with more hot boys than a Bel Ami reunion and the scorching gogos were throwing fire around like it was November 5th all over again. A good night all round I think you'll agree.

If you want to be a part of British film history, head over to their Kickstarter page and donate some silver: bit.ly/d-r-a-g



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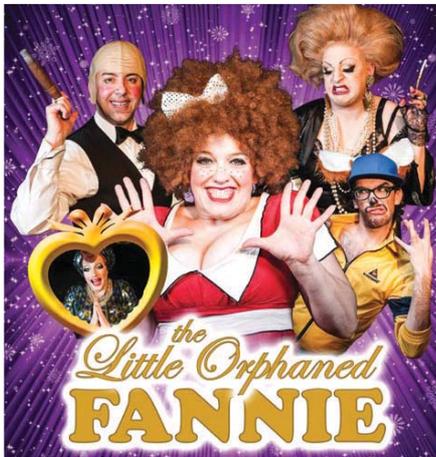
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CHRISTMAS CAMPERY CAPERS

THAT season is almost upon us again, and there are a multitude of amazing shows and parties on the horizon. This week, Jason Reid previews some of the top pantos, shows and seasonal shindigs that our clever cabaret artists will be showcasing...



The Little Orphaned Fannie

RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY
4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 27th, 30th December, 8pm
£12/ £25 show and meal
www.rvt.org

The notorious RVT Panto returns for its seventh year with what's being billed as its most spectacular adventure to date. Join little orphaned Fannie as she attempts to get her hands on Daddy's Big Bucks, boo the villainous Ms P'st Hagan, (Myra Dubois), slap away the advances of Randy the Fox and wonder at the powers of Genie of the Locket (Ginger Johnson). This show is brimming over with panto classics brought up to date for your adult years. (See our review on page 38.)

Myra Dubois

So, why is this going to be the most spectacular RVT panto yet?

We've gone all out this year! We have pyrotechnics (party poppers), actual scenery (imagine!) and choreography. The things my legs have to do during my solo number. Even Bonnie Langford would blush!

How would you sum up your character, Ms P'st Hagan?

She's the villain of the piece, the scheming alcoholic matron of the orphanage intent on bagging herself J.R. BigBucks and his fortune. **It was written by Gareth Joyner, what's he like to work with?**

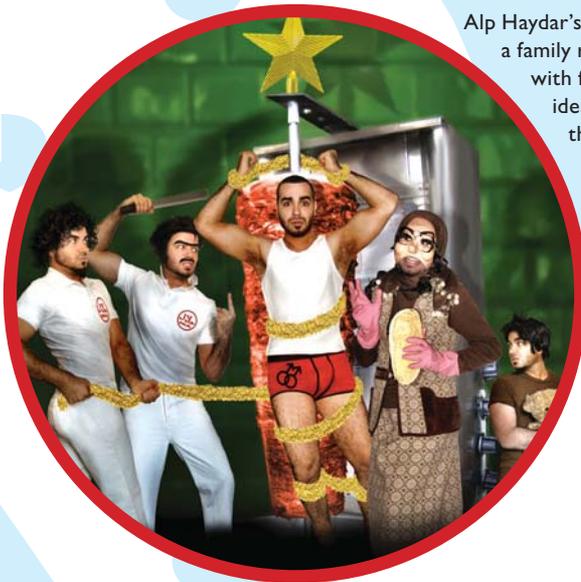
He's an absolute joy to work with. Handsome, extremely witty (which shines through the script) and overbearingly modest. A genuine talent, I see a lot of myself in him.

What elements make for the perfect panto in your opinion?

You need everything you remember from your childhood plus booze. All the hissing and booing, all the cheering and singing, crying out 'It's behind you', chanting 'Oh no it isn't'.

Alp Haydar's Christmas Kebab

Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H ONE
Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th December, 7.30pm. £5 standing, £10 sitting
www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8738520149



Alp Haydar's one man, multifaceted show is set in a family run Turkish kebab shop at Christmas, with four brothers who have their own ideas on how they will celebrate. Then there's their evil, crazed mother, Sharia Law. This unusual schizophrenic pantomime provides a touching commentary on the disenfranchised at Christmas, the bridges that are burnt and the new bonds that are forged when secrets are brought into the open. Dark and dirty with songs, comedy and video work from this two-time London Cabaret Award winner.

The Shinky Shonky Christmas Caper

The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY
Friday 13th December, 9pm-4am
£4 before midnight, £5 after

Showbiz multi-tasker Boogaloo Stu is joined by Albert Twatlock, Princess Knickers and special guests for all manner of Christmas campy and multicoloured madness at The Black Cap this Yuletide. For one-night only there'll be a plethora of festive beats and smutty sing-alongs. All served up, of course, in the most garish of garbs with accompanying crazy competitions and party games that you'll want to re-enact again and again with Great Aunt Joan come Christmas day.

Boogaloo Stu

"I can't wait for our Christmas Caper. There'll be a blizzard of office party anthems, mince pies, smutty seasonal badges and enough booze to sink a ship. Princess Knickers and I are currently planning our own version of the Nativity for the midnight cabaret."



Boogaloo Stu

“Seriously, go and see this”
- *The Metro*



“Not your regular drag artist”
- *The Evening Standard*

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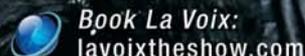
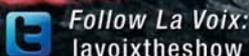


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**Dick! Comes Again:
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Who doesn't love a bit of dick? We know we do – as much as we can get our grubby, glitter-stained hands on too. After its highly successful run last year, Dick! is back, starring legendary international DJ/club host extraordinaire Miss Dusty 'O', playing S'HoHo' sex club owner, Sofonda Cox, backed by a talented cast of West End Wendys and written once again by Stuart Saint. Prepare to be taken on a camp carnal romp through London town. Will Dick, Alice, Fairy Bell-End and the infamous cat, Dave the Pussy be able to save the day?

Dusty O
What's different in 'Dick!' this time round?

Well there are four new amazing cast members, several new songs, a new plot and tons of new jokes. It's faster and fresher but still retains its x-rated billing and "Carry On" slapstick British style.

How would you sum up your character, Sofonda Cox?

Think Bernard Manning dressed as Marlene Dietrich. She is glamorous yet caustic, high maintenance and extremely jaded with her lot in life, vulgar and self-obsessed with an opinion on everyone and everything.

It's an arduous schedule of shows, what's your secret to surviving the course?

I stop drinking for the eight week run; I eat healthy; I sleep whenever I can and I behave myself. Some days we have three shows a day and it's not fair to the audience to not give it 100%, so I am sobriety itself. I honestly thought the amount of shows would kill me last year but I sailed through it and the bonus was I lost nearly two stone which meant I could fit into loads of my old couture clothes again.

Camp (On The Estate)
Dick Collins Hall, Redhill Street,
NW1 4DJ
11th - 14th December, 7.30pm
£15 or £8 if you live in Camden
social housing
www.roundhouse.org.uk

Scottie invites you to knock back a sherry this Christmas, with a few of his friends, on his council estate. Starring Jonny Woo, Bourgeois & Maurice, Bryony Kimmings, Dickie Beau, Josephine Shaker, Donald Choi and in-house dance troupe Japan's People. Plus Mr Glanville on the piano! Expect a mix of camp clichés, bolshi barmaids and limp wrists. Suitable for Mums and snowball drinkers.

Scottie
"I was born on a council estate up the road from the council estate I currently live on. Estate life is pretty much all I know. I've always wanted to celebrate council estates somehow and never knew how to do it justice until late August when Camden council posted a pamphlet through my door. The fold out explained what would happen to the estate when the inevitable High Speed 2 (HS2) bulldozers were given permission to commence work. It explained that around two hundred social homes will be destroyed, three open spaces built upon, the closure of the local police station and the demolition of the Dick Collins Hall. Camp (on the Estate) is a the last hurrah in my local social club."



Camp (NYE)
Assembly Hall, Shoreditch Town
Hall, 380 Old Street, EC1V 9LT
Tues 31st December, 9pm - 3am.
£15 £20.
www.shoreditchtownhall.com

New Year's Eve usually starts off with a civilised flute of champagne with some close friends and ends up with us scooping vomit off the bathroom floor with a dustpan and brush whilst clutching a box of fried chicken and two litres of water! It's ALL glamour here at QX.

This year Scottie invites us all to a special edition of his now infamous, variety showcase featuring some of the world's leading show offs: OAP rap artiste Ida Barr, New York chanteuse Lady Rizo, all girl Motown dance troupe The Actionettes, the finest disco dancers in stilettos Legs and Coq, Newcastle's answer to Edith Piaf Ginger Johnson, T-r-a-n-n-y, Mzz Kimberly, Hamburger Queen winner, Ashleigh P Owen and in-house dance troupe Japan's People. Annnnnnd, if that wasn't quite enough, Celebrity Big Brother star Lauren Harries will be DJ-ing. (I KNOW!?) alongside Jodie Harsh and Bourgeois and Maurice.

**Bourgeois & Maurice and Sink The
Pink: Santamental**
Lime Wharf, Vyner Street, E2 9DJ
Friday 20th December, 7pm - 3am
£15
www.santamental.co.uk

Celebrated cabaret duo Bourgeois and Maurice join forces with eccentric club brand Sink the Pink for an unmissable night of Christmas revelry at Hackney's most exciting new gallery-cum-bar-cum-performance-cum-party warehouse, Lime Wharf (that's a lot cum!) Highlights will include a Fortune Telling Elf, The 12 Gays of Christmas Tranny Choir and lots of prosecco on tap... Oh, and a real log fire and Christmas songs. Naturally. This heaven sent collaboration will make sure Christmas is celebrated just as Jesus would've wanted - a joyous proclamation of anarchy and great outfits



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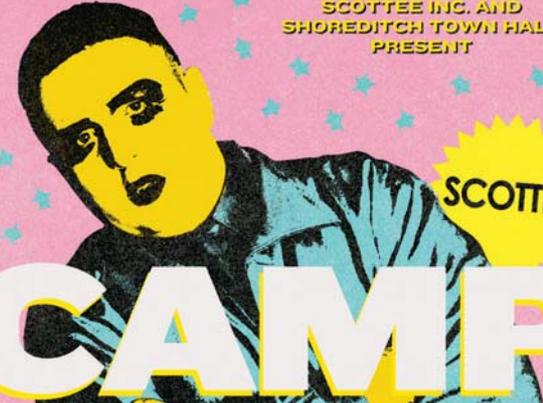


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Arch 17, Miles Street, SW8 1RZ
29th November - 5th January
Tues - Sat at 7.30pm; plus Sat
matinee at 3.30pm and Sun shows at
2pm & 6pm. £12-£18.
www.abovethestag.com

Above the Stag offer up their annual inimitable slice of adult panto kitsch from their new home in Vauxhall. Jack Off the Beanstalk follows the life of Jack Trott and his mother who are poor dairy farmers, forced to sell their beloved cow Kylie for a handful of magic beans. Written by John Bradfield and Martin Hooper, the creators of the last four pantos, and starring Chris Clynes as Jack, there'll be cross-dressing, romance, sweet-throwing, silliness and songs, and then some...



Chris Clynes (Jack)

How are the cast settling in to their new home and how are rehearsals going?

The theatre is being built around us which is exciting, and it is coming together beautifully. It has plenty of space, yet keeps an intimate theatre feel. Rehearsals are such fun, the cast are fantastically funny and the kettle is always on, so we feel very at home.

How would you sum up your character, Jack?

A decent Northern gay lad looking for love in hilarious circumstances.

As it's an adult panto, what's your favourite filthy line from the show?

There's so many good ones but for now I'll go with Fleshcreep's line: "I'm looking for a security guard by the way, so if you think you can handle my back entrance with a light but insistent touch drop me a line."

In your opinion, what makes a panto a great panto?

It must honour the traditions of panto, but also be clever, current and genuinely funny for it to be relevant.



Rose Garden



Mrs Moore



Tanya Hyde

The Drama Queens

presents
The Bitches Of Oz
Two Brewers, 114
Clapham High
Street, SW4 7UJ
12th-19th January,
(various times). £10-£20
www.thedramaqueens.co

Renowned cabaret stars Rose Garden (who played 'Sinderella' in last year's

successful Drama Queens panto), Mrs Moore and Tanya Hyde, as well as the rest of the Drama Queens company, come together for this manic mash-up of all things OZ throughout December and January. Expect the unusual, expect it to be rude, and expect it to be the usual high standard of drag theatrical performance that we've come to expect from this talented troupe.

Sorry I'm a Lady 'Festive Edition'

Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB
Monday 2nd - Saturday 7th December, £8
(£5 concessions). 8pm for 8.30pm.
Saturday matinee show
3pm for 3.30pm.
www.voguefabricsdalston.com

Post feminist and cult queer icon Holestar returns to Vogue Fabrics with a tinsel infused festive version of Sorry I'm a Lady, where she celebrates ten years of international entertaining, showing off and gender bending with a special festive edition of her first one woman show. Exploring her unconventional showgirl biography, the full length show covers her time in the British Army, mental health issues, as a professional dominatrix, artist, pop star, DJ and writer through song, storytelling and humour.



Holestar

And The Alternative Christmas Show

Dark Fabrics Cabaret

Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB
Sunday 15th December, doors 7pm, show 7.30pm. £5
www.facebook.com/DarkFabricsCabaret &
www.voguefabricsdalston.com

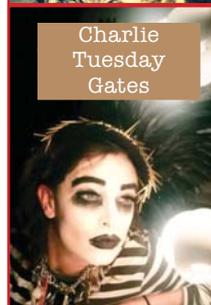
Dark Fabrics Cabaret is bringing the black glamour of traditional fin-de-siècle cabaret back to the dark streets of Dalston this December. Singers, mimes, shadow puppetry, comedy, pole-dancing, drag and clowning are all descending upon Vogue Fabrics for one special night of performance. Hosted by **Patricia Primarché**, the hard-drinking, straight-talking, (not) straight, cheap drag queen, acts will include exceptional and unique approaches to contemporary subjects and theatrical storytelling from **Silk Worm, Jack Cole, The Dark Doctor Lock, Luke & Harry, Lady Nina** and **Charlie Tuesday Gates**. Greeted by a veiled fortune-teller at the door, you'll be given a tarot card in exchange for your five pounds of yore, which might just entail that you're involved in the action during the night. Choose from a normal drink at Vogue's well-stocked bar or dare to take a cup of 'Whatever the Fuck's in the Teapot'. It's going to be an exotic ride...



Jack Cole



Lady Nina



Charlie Tuesday Gates



Tim Lock



Silk Worm



Luke & Harry

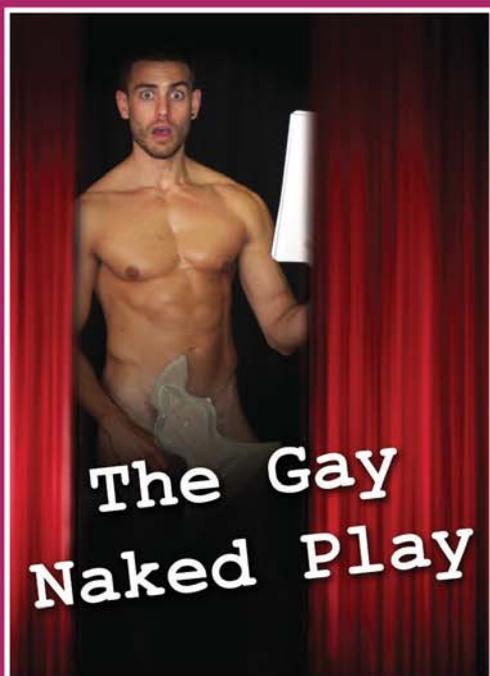
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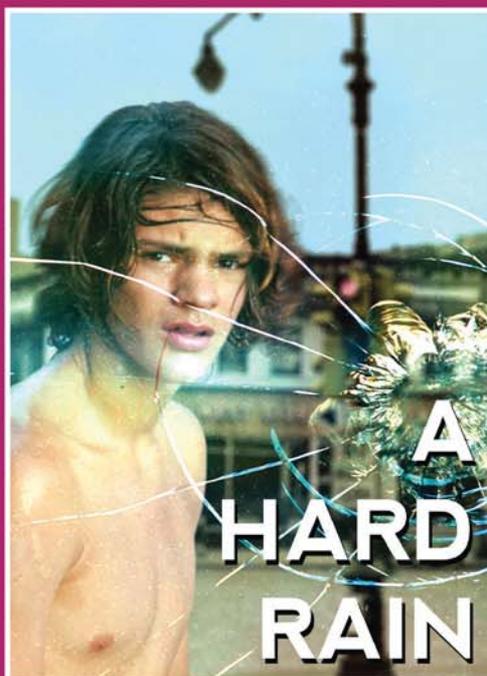
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ARTS BITCHING

PANTOMIME SEASON is upon us (oh yes, it is) and there's a wealth of C-list celebrities making innuendos to crowds of braying children all across London. However, for those who want a something a little less veiled and a lot more fun, then you certainly couldn't do worse than head to The Royal Vauxhall Tavern where the story of everyone's favourite parentless ginger is also nicely

parodied with raunchy aplomb. Combining drag stalwarts Myra Dubois and The Divine Miss Em with performance artists Harry Clayton-Wright and Ginger Johnson, and actor Andrew Truluck, result in a riotous pan-Atlantic romp that's as sensational as it is shocking. Double-entendres are reduced to single ones, the puns are terrible, and there's splatterings of adult naughtiness ranging from gay porn, over-sized prosthetic genitalia, and even a slab of raw meat.

Yet amazingly, despite the x-rated fun to be had, at its heart is a really decent panto. All the expected audience participation skits are there, and the songs, from Abba, to Howard Goodall, to seasonal staples, are well-picked and performed excellently from the entire cast, with some nice little choreography, too. In fact, if you



took out the overtly adult humour, you'd still be left with an incredibly solid panto.

There are, however, just a few jokes that push the boundaries of sensibilities and good taste too far, even for an adult pant. As these are clearly done in an attempt of good humour, they don't overly offend, but don't quite make for

excellent comedy. Thankfully, the rest of the show is uproarious and often hilarious, including a rendition of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes' like you've never sung before. Out-rightly one of the dirtiest and funniest pantos to launch the season, and is worth seeing just for Harry Clayton-Wright's furry leotard alone!

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SCREEN TEST BY JACK LEGER

IN THE WORKS

Robert Pattinson is joining **Benedict Cumberbatch** in *Lost City Of Z*, the true story of Amazon explorer Percy Fawcett • And muscle-heads **Gerard Butler** and **Vin Diesel** are lined up to play the title roles in a film version of the mercenary/killer videogame *Kane & Lynch*.



FILM OF THE WEEK



BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOUR (18)
Winner of the top award at Cannes, this French drama is being called the "lesbian movie" for its explicit girl-on-girl sex, but it's much more than that. It's the staggeringly well-made story of a 15-year-old (Adele Exarchopoulos) who takes her first voyage into the complexities of love with Emma (Lea Seydoux). Even at three hours, there isn't a wasted moment. You'll be surprised how resonant and involving it is.

BACK IN ACTION

Everything ramps up significantly for **THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE**, a genuinely thrilling sequel that outdoes the original. Not only does Jennifer Lawrence have both Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth after her, but new hunk Sam Claflin (as Finnick) is also hanging around. What's a girl to do?

DVD OF THE WEEK



MONSTER PIES (15)
If you can see past the low budget and inexperienced filmmaker, there's a warm, involving drama in this Australian movie about two gay teens (Tristan Barr and Lucas Linehan) in the 1980s who struggle to come out to themselves and those around them. The first half is like a cheeky rom-com, which is much better than the melodrama that follows. But the boys are cute. (TLA)

MOB MOVIES

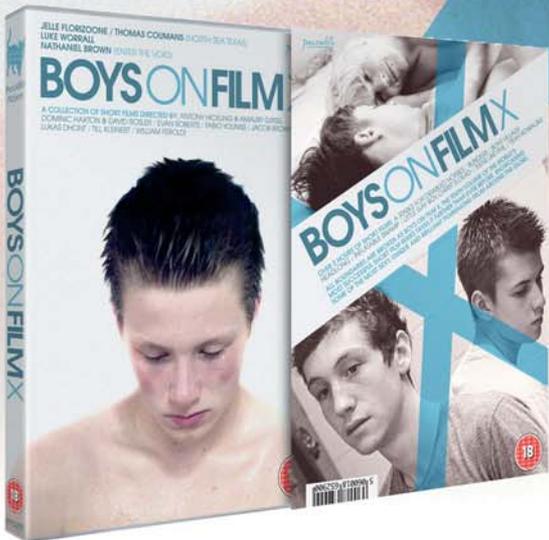


Robert De Niro and Michelle Pfeiffer lead the cast in **THE FAMILY**, a mob comedy-thriller set in France that's neither funny nor thrilling • And **VENDETTA** isn't much better. It's standard London crime action, but it at least stars the watchable Danny Dyer.

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Jonbenet Blonde

Talking art and culture **International Women Love To Travel And Enjoy Culture at Vogue Fabrics** (66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB) on Saturday 23rd brings together the international talents of **Jonbenet Blonde, Julian Smith aka Jacqui Potato, Daniel Stevie, Nicks Sallstrom**



Michael Clark Dance Company



Jacqui Potato

and **Max Allen** for night of enlightenment! 10 till 4am... I will be attending! Meanwhile down at **Dalston Superstore** (Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB) we're looking forward to **Bender** on the 23rd, up and downstairs the night throbs with the pulsating vibes of **Gideon, Glyn Famous, C*nt Mix Won't Mix** plus extra special guest DJ **Malcolm Duffy** the original DJ from Trade and joining him is **Cathal**. Planned PA from Parisian beat boy **Kiddy Smile** on the bar! **TheMenWhoFellToEarth** celebrate their 3rd birthday this Saturday 23rd at East Bloc (217 City Road, EC1V 1JN) with special guest, resident Horsemeat Disco DJ **Jim Stanton**. Joining the all-star line up is **Daisy Confused... James Philips** from Sink The Pink, and of course resident DJs from **TheMenWhoFellToEarth**. On till 6am.

WHAT INDIE DID NEXT
BY PATRICK CASH



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'Y.B.G.' - DJ ROKK & DEAN ATTA

DJ ROKK is a London based DJ/producer and resident DJ at the Dalston Superstore night 'Body Talk'. Dean Atta is a young gay poet, often to be found performing on the spoken word scene in London and Brighton. When Atta sent his spoken word album to ROKK, the poetic track that really stood out for the DJ was 'Young, Black and Gay' which he listened to on repeat. Feeling that it was deserving of a wider audience, he decided to put it to music.

Thus, 'Y.B.G.' was produced. An infectious, stylishly insidious beat leads into Atta's heavily vocoded words. 'My people are many and few,' states a deep, strange,

powerful voice, 'subdivisions of me and you / substantial people sometimes called subhuman / negroes, faggots and all that use them.' Through a series of builds the track rises to the chorus: 'Don't think your rights came over night.'

As this mantra is repeated with the syllables etched to their backing beats the meaning of the words is laden yet further by their music. It's an intriguing, and wonderful experience. What ROKK has produced here with the intelligence and vitality of Atta's words, is a track that you could hear out in a club, or even in the background on the radio. Then suddenly the lyrics might strike a chord in your brain, you might listen to it more

intimately and find a message of even more substance amongst the eminently listenable style.

The excellent video for this track is worth watching on its own accord, but what is additionally exciting about 'Y.B.G.' is that this may pave the way for more collaborations of this kind. Dance as a genre is intelligent and commands some great musical minds in its production. Therefore it deserves more from its lyricism than simply inane platitudes about searching for 'love' and sex. Spoken word deserves to be listened to more, outside its sometime prison of mother poetry. Here, we have the start of an innovative blend.

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THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Chem-Sex: Danger in our Bedrooms, our Lives, our Communities – a panel discussion at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. Doors 7pm. Discussion from 7.45pm. The dangers of Chem-Sex (as highlighted by QX in our cover last week) are becoming more evident on the gay scene. From slamming to unprotected sex and the rise of HIV infections, our community faces a crisis. A panel discussion with Fat Tony, David Stuart of Antidote, and others raises the issue and asks what do we do now?



Fat Tony

Flaunt at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. Open 'til 3.30am. FREE. Singing legend Lonnie Gordon and DJ Nick Shepherdson present a fresh and energised set of disco tunes that will keep our sexy gogo dancers moving until you drool.

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! TONIGHT: Rihanna theme, looking for rude boys or only girl in the world!

Vibe at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 11pm-4am. Weekly night of urban sounds from DJs Nastee and Robski, with PopVibe in the bar and the upstairs SexVibe cruise room.

Coco Latté presents Century Sessions at Century, 61-63 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 6LQ. 10pm-2.30am. £7 members, £12 others (all profits go to THT). Return of the club that brought us many happy nights over a decade ago with a new series of charity events. It all kicks off with Danny Rampling, Ilona Rampling and Katie Smiles on the decks.

Ku at Ku Bar Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2. 6pm-3am. FREE. The

legendary Tasty Tim and guests spin the pop sounds and floor fillers.

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.

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.

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

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.

Fagz at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 8pm-midnight. £4. A night of punk/rock/electro with live music from Alexis Joshua and Spanking Machine. DJs Matthew William Stradling and Dr Kemp.

Coco Latté at Century Club, 61-63 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 6LQ. 10pm-2am. £7 members, £12 others. Event headlined by DJ Danny Rampling with proceeds going to the Terrence Higgins Trust, supported by Ilona Rampling and Katie Smiles. Plus gorgeous Margaret hosting.

Meth Lab at Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 10pm-2am. £3 entry. The Black Cap's sexy new club night, hosted by star of the cabaret scene Meth continues from strength to strength, with DJ Miles playing tonight.

BARS & CABARET

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 and nice drinks. TONIGHT: Cookie's Karaoke.

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.

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.

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.

Enriched at Rupert Street, 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. From 8pm. New weekly dance session from Rich B. **Bar Titania**, 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. 6pm-11pm. Sumptuous Soho gay bar invites you to sample what they've got to offer on a Thursday evening. TONIGHT: Aperitivo from 6-8pm where you can get Italian nibbles with selected drinks, and original singer-songwriter Alex Meli performs from 8pm, followed by an open-mic.

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.

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 Baga Chipz.

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. Middy-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!

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FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Duckie 18th Birthday at Electric Brixton, Townhall Parade, Brixton, SW2 1RJ. 9pm-3am. £18 advance, or on the door if you're lucky.

The original alternative club is an adult now! Uh-oh! Celebrating a monumental 18th birthday in massive style by taking over the Electric in Brixton. Live action from Marc Almond, English Chamber Choir, Marisa Carnesky and so much more!



Marc Almond

Phreaka at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £5. New York DJs Sparber and Lina return with special guests Jacqui Potato and Max Allen. Get sweaty, topless and begging for more!

Abattoir at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland Road, Dalston, E8 2PB. 9pm-3am. FREE b4 11pm/£5 after. RUFUS&Bambi brings her cult night to the laser basement for some pumping techno and house.

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.

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.

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.

Spunk at Manbar, 79 Charing

Cross Road, Soho, WC2H ONE. 8pm-3.30am. FREE. Manbar DJs play commercial dance for a crowd of upferit blokes and butch boys 'til late. Resident DJs Rob C, Nick Shepherdson, Little Rob and Amox. Plus, pole dancing beauties.

Meat 11 at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 10pm-late. £3 b4 11pm/£5 after. Horny lads mag Meat returns with its latest edition and more sexilicious sounds for the launch party. Wes db spins the tunes playing an obscure mix of 80s, classic pop, electro, disco and house.

Therapy at Shadow Lounge, 5 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F ORF. 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.

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.

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.

BARS & CABARET

Ku Bar Frith Street, 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open 'til 3am. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across three floors for that perfect Soho warmup drinking session and a little dance with downstairs DJs. TONIGHT: All floors open 'til 3am!

The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 10pm-3am. £4 after 10pm, £5 after 12am. Party rocking gay pub up in the North of London, gives you premier cabaret and entertainment all weekend. TONIGHT: DJ Chris Reardon spins the tunes.

Central Station at 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE b4 10pm, £5 after. Cabaret and DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Danni Dee.

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

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 Titti la Camp.

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: Cabaret from Lola Lasagne, plus piano from Ian Parker.

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

TONIGHT: Myra DuBois presents with Kelly Wilde from 9pm.



Kelly wilde

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. Soho's sexy bar is ready to shine again with weekly DJ sets to get you in the weekend mood!

The Windsor Castle at 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. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Topsy Redfern.

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

The Duke of Wellington at 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. TONIGHT: Weekend Warm-Up.

The Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 12am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, with a huge outdoor terrace.

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 8pm-3am. FREE b4 10.30pm. Four floors of fun! Open extra late with top tunes from the DJs spinning top 40, pop, funky house and more. 'Looney Tunes' from 11pm, in the Paparazzi Lounge, playing radio edits, guilty pleasures and club classics. Plus House Knights with DJ Nikos T.

Comptons of Soho at 51-53 Old

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

The City of Quebec at 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.

Bar Titania at 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H ONE. 4pm-late. Aperitivo opens the evening for Italian nibbles from 6-8pm, then it's fun 'til late at this sumptuous Soho bar. TONIGHT: Fabulous soul singer Chris Royal croons from 8pm.

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

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

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.

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.

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

G-A-Y presents Gabrielle 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: British soul singer Gabrielle takes centre stage. Plus, Sam Callahan, the latest X Factor contestant voted-off.

XXL 'Retrospective' 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: The biggest hits of yesteryear mixed with the hot tunes of now.

TheMenWhoFell2Earth 3rd Birthday at East Bloc, 217 City Road, Shoreditch, EC1V 1JN. 11pm-6am. £6/10. A simple recipe: simply stunning tunes from guest DJ Jim Stanton (main floor) and Daisy Confused (Room 2) coupled with that TheMenWhoFell2Earth magic and you have a smashing third birthday lined-up!

Bender at Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB.

9pm-4am. Free b4 10pm, £5 after. It's the last Bender of the year and it's gonna go out with a bang! Trade legend Malcolm Duffy is in the laser basement with Cathal. Upstairs, Gideon from the NYC Downblow joins DJ Can't Mix W*n't Mix with a PA by French rapper Kiddy Smile. Hot.

4 Blondes 1 Cup at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, Dalston, N16 7XB. 10pm-3am. £5. Back from their spiritual awakening world trip of charity do-goodying and slumming it across Europe, Jacqui Potato, Jonbenet Blonde, Daniel Sodomystrom and Max's Kansas City take over Vogue Fabrics.

R18 at Eagle London, 349

Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY.

9pm-4am. FREE all night in leather, rubber, sports kit, jocks or boots only, £8 others. The monthly night for the hornier club buggers out there. Packed full of sexed-up shenanigans with DJ Astroboy and Eduardo Herrera in the mix. Dress horny for the randy boys! Hosted by Dolan Wolf.



Dolan Wolf

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!

Hombre at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 8pm-3.30am. FREE. Manbar DJs play commercial dance for a crowd of upferit blokes and butch boys 'til late. With guest DJs plus pole dancing beauties. Official Beyond pre-party.

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. TONIGHT: All floors open until 3am!

Sweatbox Foam Party at 1-2 Ramilies Street, Soho, W1F 7LN. 24 hours. £16. Unwind and release some tension after a stressful week with the all the fun of the foam at Sweatbox's original weekly party.

Duckie at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5HY. 9pm-2am. £6. Authentic London club/entertainment night. 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.

King's Cross Steelers Calendar Party at The Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. 8pm-3am. Legendary north London late night club, bar and cabaret spot. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Sandra and Rose Garden with DJ Miles playing.

Beyond (after-hours) at Area, Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 3am (Sunday morning)-midday. Mammoth mash-up explodes across Area with big main floor upfront house and edgier sounds in the Chapel Bar.

BARS & CABARET

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

Central Station at 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, N1 9SD. Open 'til 4am. FREE before 10pm. Cabaret then DJs 'til late. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Topping & Butch.

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: Jodie Harsh plays again!

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 and music from DJ Rob. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Martha D'Arthur.

BJ's White Swan at 556 Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14 7JD. 9pm-4am. £5 b4 12am/£7 after. FREE in Halloween costume. 100% funky house and club classics in the mix.

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: Cabaret from Lady Imelda.

Circa at 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 4am. Soho's intimate but packed-out bar/club spot with

the most amazing DJ booth in town! TONIGHT: Now open 'til 4am!

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 Yard at 57 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 7PL. Open till 12am. FREE. Renowned as one of Soho's most unique and popular destination venues, this Halloween the venue will be specially decorated and staff suited and booted to match!

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. 'Looney Tunes' from 11pm, in the Paparazzi Lounge, playing radio edits, guilty pleasures and club classics. Plus House Knights with DJ Chris Brogan.

The Old Ship at 17 Barnes Street, Limehouse, E14 7NW. 9pm-late. Local gay bar in East London's Limehouse. TONIGHT: Special Winter Show from Sandra at 9.30pm, with DJ Stevie Tee.

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!

Ku Bar at Ku Bar, 30 Lisle Street, Chinatown, WC2H 7BA. 6pm-3am.

One of London's hottest gay bars and clubs, with the hottest boys both behind the bar and in front of it, stretching over three floors. TONIGHT: X Factor screened live and Ku's VJs mix videos across the screens.

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!

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 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. **Guilty Pleasures** at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. All the big pop hits from the Pop Tarts on a Saturday night at this legendary Soho pub spot.

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. **Bar Titania** at 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. 4pm-12am. Commercial tunes, house, pop and even a dash of disco, at this enjoyable, friendly Soho bar, with a bit of glitz.

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 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.

Ku Bar Frith Street, 25 Frith Street, WC1D 5LB. Open 'til 3am. Ku Bar's little brother stretches across three floors for that perfect Soho warmup drinking session and a cheeky dance with downstairs DJs. TONIGHT: X Factor screened live.

Kazbar at 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 4pm-3am. Free entry. Funky Clapham bar with stylish swish. TONIGHT: DJ Mark Norton 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.

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Horse Meat Disco 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.

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.

Pure Disco Foundation at Kazbar, 50 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UL. 5pm-9pm. Clapham gets dancing every Sunday with this new weekly session hosted by UK soul house diva Angie Brown. Featuring DJ Edu Gantous.

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. Long-running and hugely popular afternoon/

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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, upferit guys and that notorious extended cruise space.

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 Titti La Camp.



Titti La Camp

The Quebec at 12 Old Quebec Street, Marble Arch, W1H 7AF. Legendary gay boozier near Marble Arch features weekly cabaret. TONIGHT: Cabaret from Rose Garden.

Baganation St at Black Cap, 171 Camden High Street, NW1 7JY. Open till late. Baga Chipz, star of the cabaret scene, treats the crowds of Camden to some funny antics and big voiced belters. TONIGHT: Everything's in aid of the Amy Winehouse Foundation!

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.

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.

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!

Ku Bar Lisle Street at 30 Lisle Street, Leicester Square, WC2H 7BA. 10pm-midnight. 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! TONIGHT: All floors open 'til midnight!

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.

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!

The Edge at 11 Soho Square, Soho, W1D 3QE. 2pm-3am. Soho's multi-floored gay wonder, which every gay man of London needs to visit at least once!

Halfway 2 Heaven at 7 Duncannon Street, Charing Cross, WC2N 4JF. Long running popular Central London cabaret pub. DJ David Robson from 3.30pm with CK Sunday, followed by Mrs Moore.

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

Bar Titania, 75 Charing Cross Road, WC2H 0NE. Bar opens 12pm. Glittering new regency-style bar invites you to wind down the weekend in style. TONIGHT: Andrea Gorse sings jazz, soul and cabaret from 7pm.

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. Chic, newly refurbished Soho bar with ambient beats and brilliant drinks.

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

Chipz for Tea at The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4UD. 5pm-10.30pm. Baga 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!

Queerly Out Sunday Session at Escape Bar, 8-10 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0SU. 9pm-3am. Classic pop gay student night in the heart of Soho, here for a huge one-off Sunday session!

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Man Health at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 5pm-8.30pm. FREE. Sexual Health Clinic 56 Dean Street provide this free and confidential HIV and sexual health testing clinic.

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

Popcorn 'Geisha' 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: Japan comes to town with a Geisha theme.

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

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

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

The Big Bingo Show at RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11. Doors 7pm. Eyes down 8.30-10.30pm, party 'til midnight. Free entry, £1 per game. Timberlina hosts this madcap night of balls and booze. Hey Baylen plays the tunes.

Desire at Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1. 3am (Tuesday morning) - 11am. Party 'til Tuesday morning with DJs Steven Geller, Alan K, Bruno Nouer and Julia Nouer.

BARS & CABARET

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 all day and DJ Hothouse Club.

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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 from 5pm. TONIGHT: DJs on rotation.

Rupert Street at 50 Rupert Street, Soho, W1D 6DR. The trendy Soho drinking spot celebrates Monday with Bar £2.50!

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

Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £3 after. The renowned Eagle Bar is now open seven days a week, come for an after-work tippie, a cheeky midweek night out with the boys or a night cap and cruise on your way home.

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

OMFG at Shadow Lounge, 5-7 Brewer Street, Soho, W1F 0RF. 10pm-3am. £5, free for members. Munroe Bergdorf returns with her signature night, and 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, presenting a night of pop music and karaoke entertainment.

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

BARS & CABARET

Spotlight at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. 4pm-2am. Topsy Redfern hosts this weekly singing contest (from 10pm).

Man Meets Men at BJ's White Swan, 556 Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14. 8pm-1am. FREE. Cruise chill out night for East London lads.

Cookie Monstar at Molly Moggs, 2 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1D 4TA. 8.30pm. FREE. Song and sinful fun from Cookie.

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.

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.

Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-2am. Free before 10pm, £3 after. The renowned Eagle Bar is now open seven days a week, come for an after-work tippie, a cheeky midweek night out with the boys or a night cap and cruise on your way home.

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

CLUBS & EVENTS

Spoken Word London at Vogue Fabrics, 66 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XB. 8pm-midnight. Free. QX Assistant Editor Pat Cash presents an open mic night of poetry, performance, monologues, singing, rap, soliloquies and anything in-between. Open to all! Arrive b4 9pm to sign up for a spot.

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.

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.

BARS & CABARET

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

Record Box at Manbar, 79 Charing Cross Road, Soho, WC2H 0NE. Open 'til 3.30am. DJ legend Hifi Sean presents an eclectic mix of music with anthems, rare and special, B-side and other gems of musical delight.

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.

Bingo with Martha at West 5, Pope's Lane, South Ealing, W5 4NB. Open from 8pm. FREE. Join in some fabulous bingo fun with Martha at Ealing's biggest gar bar. Happy hour all night long.

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.

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

That's Entertainment at Halfway II 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, followed by DJ David Robson.

Wednesday Naughties at Central Station, 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross N1 9SD. 10pm. FREE. Excellent cabaret to fire up your Wednesday evenings. Hosted by Sandra.



Two Brewers at 114 Clapham High Street, SW4 7UJ. FREE b4 10pm, £3 after. South London's famous bar/club.

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

Detained at Circa, 62 Frith Street, Soho, W1D 3JN. Open 'til 1am. Circa goes all-out with the dance, pop and R'n'B remixes every Wednesday. DJs Attack Attack Attack, Kingsley, Munroe Bergdorf and Kris Di Angelis on rotation.

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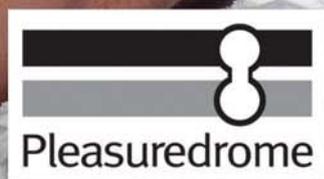
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The Hoist, Railway Arch 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 10pm–3am. Free b4 11pm, £7 after.

23/11/13: HARD ON

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If 'One Night in Paris' didn't exactly float your boat, perhaps the horny French sex

show dirty dance night Hard On has lined up will get your pulse racing. After a new refurb the kinky club returns with polished glory holes (we're sure there's apun in there somewhere), dark room and play space with wet area – getting drenched hasn't been this much fun since we first went on Tidal Wave at Thorpe Park. With **Brent Nicholls** and **Hugo'sland** on the decks, we're sure the beats won't be the only thing pumping. Dress code is leather, skin, sports kit, uniforms and boots. Union, 66 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE11 7TW. 10pm–late. £15 members, £20 guests.



Your Durrty Diary

THURSDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER

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.

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). **SexVibe** at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm–late. £5. Cruise session, dark room and horny house beats while Vibe and PopVibe spin urban and pop tunes downstairs.

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.

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Hoist Black. See box. **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 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/club sesh! Horny lads, hot grooves, plus extended cruise space.

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1–6pm, £4 entry) Undies only! XXX Club (7pm–midnight) Turn up, get filmed, leave

with the DVD!

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

SATURDAY 23RD
NOVEMBER

Hard On. See box.

Club R18. See box.

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.

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

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. PANTS (1–6pm, £4) Best undies for the boys. COLLARED (7pm–midnight) The night for those who like lust on a leash.

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. 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, 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.

Harder at Bar Berlin, Arch 47c, South Lambeth Road, SW8. 10pm–4am. Macho night of leather, rubber, skin, uniform, industrial, or just boots/jocks.

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Pleasuredrome at Arch 124 Cornwall Road,

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

Fitladz Sunday at Barcode, 69 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, SE1 7TP. 10pm–4am. Members FREE, £5 guests. Horny boys after a sporty scrum. Uplifting tunes, upferit guys and cruising.

The Hoist at Arches 47b & 47c, South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8 1RH. S.B.N. (2–7pm) Fully naked cruise club. N.B.N. vs S.E.X. (9pm–1am) Wear what you like, do who ya want.

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)

Vault: Underwear/Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 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.

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

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

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

The 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-

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23/11/13: R18

CLUB R18

If you like sexy men, dark areas and pulsating beats

then you're going to love R18 which returns for more raunchy fun this month with guys who like to play with guys. Eagle London is transformed into a maze of sexy shenanigans where anything and everything goes, and this time around they want to see guys dressed up to get down and dirty, where serious gearheads get rewarded with FREE entry all night if you dress in leather. Deep and sexy beats come courtesy of residents **Astroboy** and **Eduardo Herrera**, plus host for the evening **Dolan Wolf** will be meeting, greeting and getting the action started.

The Eagle London, 349 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11 5QY. 9pm-4am. £8.

26/11/13: CLUB CP

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT CLUB FOR MEN

Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month Club CP invites the men and boys with a penchant

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minded guys. **HARD CRUZ** (10pm-1am, free entry) Hard cruising for horny guyz.

Vault: Cruise/Stripped at Vault, 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 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.

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Club CP. See box.

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.

Vault: Cruise at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 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.

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

The Underground Club at Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, Kings Cross, NI. **UNIFORM** What's your fetish? Cop? Fireman? Doctor? Nurse? **HARD CRUZ** (10pm-1am).

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.

Buff at MAI Backstreet, Wentworth Mews, Mile End, E3 4UA. 7pm-11pm. £8 members/£9 guests (free drink/coat check). Horny, naked cruise party. Heated outdoor 'naked' smokers terrace.

N.B.N. at The Hoist, 47b South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, SW8. 9pm-1am. £8.50. If ya like to strip, but prefer to add some boots or a tasteful accessory rather than go full monty.

Vault: Cruise/Underwear at 139b-143 Whitfield Street, WIT 5EN. **DAY CRUISE** (1-7pm. £6) Then **UNDERWEAR** (7pm-1am. £7) Free drink, cloakroom and re-entry. Get down to your underwear.

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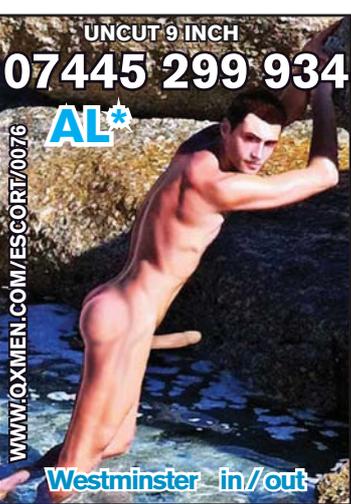
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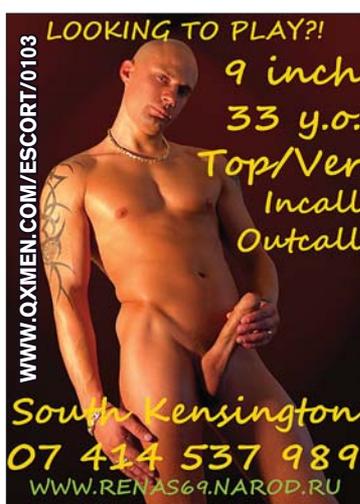
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THIS IS A FUNGAL INFECTION of the skin on the foot.

It's normal to have some fungus on your skin but if the conditions are right they can invade the skin, multiply, and cause infection. The conditions fungi like best are warm, moist and airless areas of skin, such as between the toes.

It's easily picked up and passed on, often in communal showers if you step on tiny flakes of infected skin that have fallen off another person's foot.

The skin between the little toes tends to be affected first. A rash develops that becomes itchy and scaly. The skin may become cracked and sore. Tiny flakes of infected skin may fall off. The rash may spread gradually along the toes if left untreated. In some cases it spreads to the soles. Occasionally, the infection causes a scaling rash on the entire sole and side of the foot. It can also spread to your toenails where it can make them thicker, flaky and discoloured.

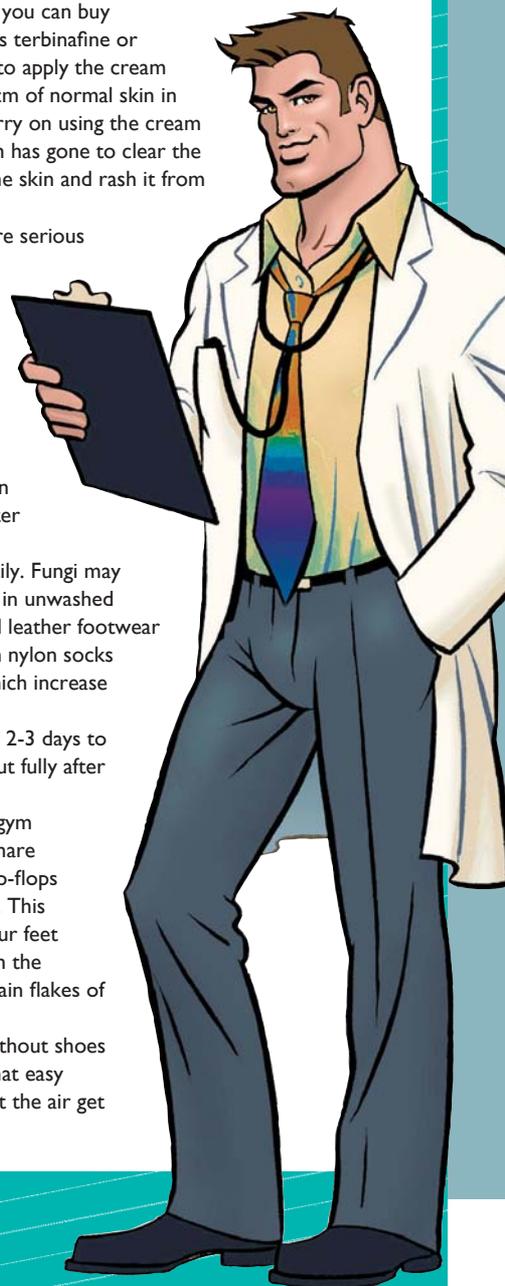
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an antifungal cream that you can buy from pharmacies, such as terbinafine or clotrimazole. You need to apply the cream to the surrounding 4-6 cm of normal skin in addition to the rash. Carry on using the cream for a week after the rash has gone to clear the fungi completely from the skin and rash it from returning.

If your infection is more serious you may need an antifungal tablet. But you would need to see your GP for these.

To prevent developing Athlete's Foot in the first place:

- Wash your feet daily, and dry the skin between your toes thoroughly after washing.
- Change your socks daily. Fungi may multiply in flakes of skin in unwashed socks. Cotton socks and leather footwear are probably better than nylon socks and plastic footwear, which increase sweating.
- Alternate shoes every 2-3 days to allow each pair to dry out fully after being worn.
- When you are in the gym changing room do not share your towel, and wear flip-flops especially in the shower. This prevents the soles of your feet coming into contact with the ground, which may contain flakes of skin from other people.
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