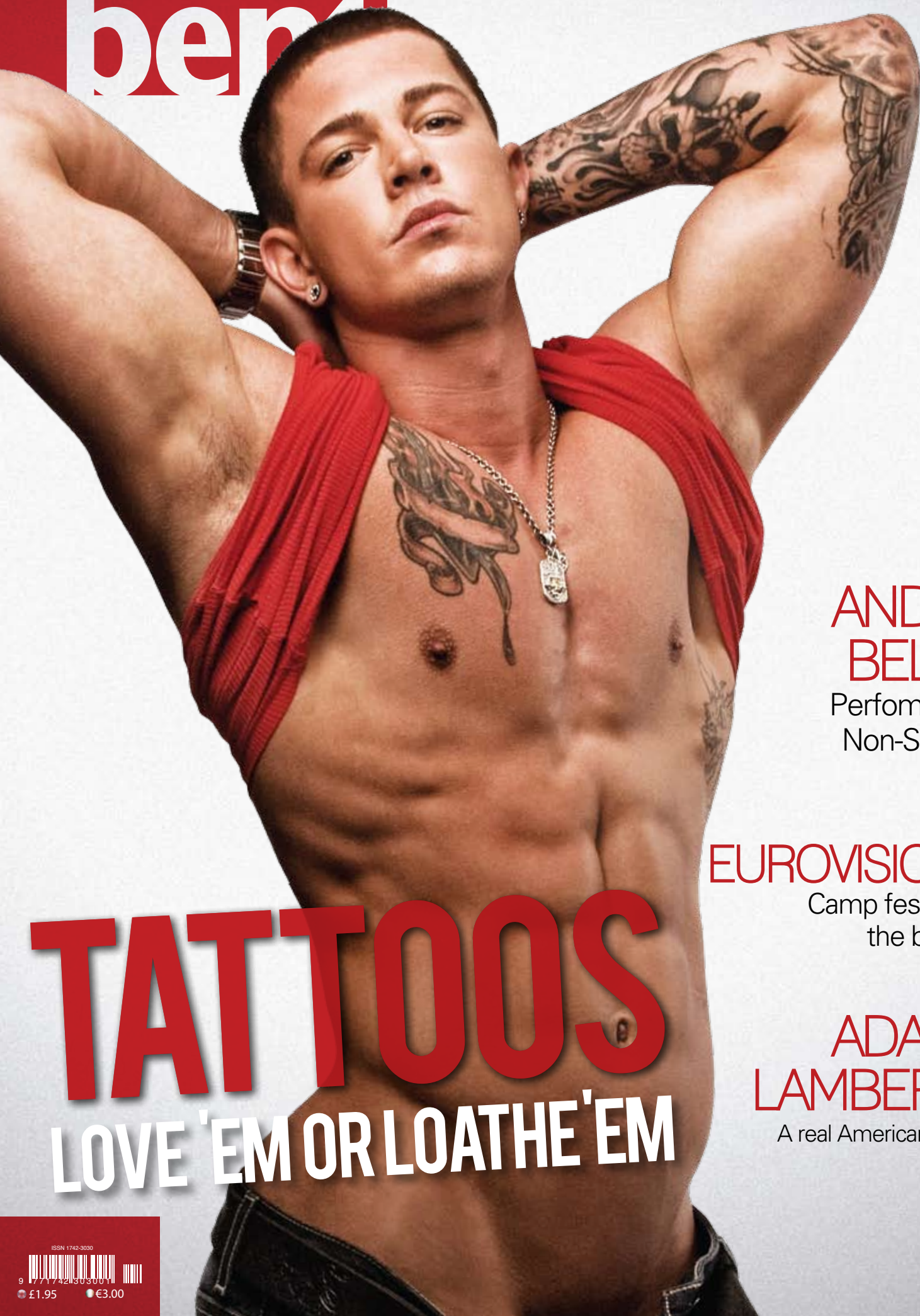


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MANCUNIA LAUNCHES IN THE GAY VILLAGE

When gay superclub Essential closed two months ago it created a bit of a vacuum in Manchester's thriving Gay Village. All the old favourite haunts were still there - Cruz, AXM, Poptastic they all have their own crowd - but where would everyone visiting The Village go now the flagship gay venue had closed?

That question was well and truly answered when Mancunia opened its doors a few weeks back. It's in the old Essential venue so it's obviously as big as the old club but the place has been brought bang up to date with a state-of-the-art sound system and lasers and futuristic décor that's as 3D as the latest Hollywood blockbuster!!

The biggest change to the venue is that courtesy of a great big hole on the middle floor, you can now see what's going on downstairs - this floor, formerly "The Main Arena" in Essential, is now "The Pop Arena" playing pop and party anthems. The big Manchester DJ's playing the upfront vocal house that Essential was known for are still in attendance but they are now upstairs in a fantastic new room called "The Dance Studio"

Former owner of Essential Nigel Martin-Smith is still involved with the new club and a lot of the staff and deejays from Essential are still working in Mancunia and this has resulted in some people in The Gay Village claiming that the whole thing is just a publicity stunt. Nigel had this to say "When I first announced that I was selling Essential I had every intention of doing just that. Then the customers demanded a closing party and 2000 people turned up and I was blown away. Just as I realised how many people still loved the place the buyer started haggling about the price so I told him to sod off! A brand new company was formed and I took on a partner as I haven't got

as much time to spend on the new venue. Obviously some of the staff and entertainers from Essential have been retained because they're the best in The Village! We've spent a huge amount of money doing it up and I know some people are moaning but I really don't know what the problem is. Whether it's Essential or Mancunia the fact is we are investing in The Village and giving everyone a new safe place to go clubbing once again".

Mancunia has launched a new Friday night called "Hotpants" featuring muscle boy dancers and male strippers in The Pop Arena and Old Skool classics in The Studio. As a special launch offer they are doing buy one get one free on all drinks between 11pm - 1am and admission is just £3.

Saturday events at Mancunia vary from week to week. Expect big name visiting deejays and club brands. Admission on Saturdays is now £5 before 12 and £8 after and the buy one get one free drinks offers is from 11pm to midnight



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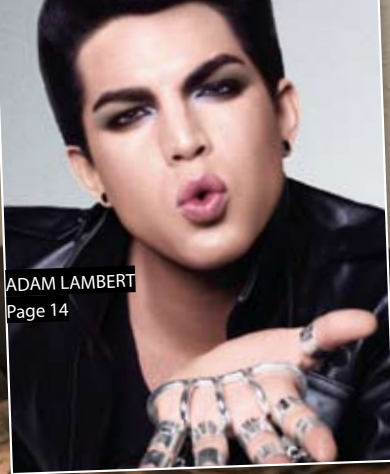
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EDITOR'S WORDS

I know I should be angry with the Pope's right hand 'hench'man Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, claiming that the Catholic Church's paedophilia problem is down to us gays... but I'm not. What do you expect from an organization which has turned a blind eye to these criminal going-on for centuries? Whereas before, the church's word was sacrosanct, now they are being scrutinised and they desperately need a scapegoat. The Cardinal is only saying what the rest of the world is thinking... right? Well no actually. A group of UK bishops issued a rebuttal to his comments. Father Marcus Stock, general secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "There is no empirical data which concludes that sexual orientation is connected to child sexual abuse. The consensus among researchers is that the sexual abuse of children is not a question of sexual 'orientation', whether heterosexual or homosexual, but of a disordered attraction or 'fixation.'" In other words - Hey... the nut job in the papal frock - you're wrong.

The church - and I'm happy to include most religions in this - is corrupt. They rely on the stupid and gullible to follow their doctrine blindly (see various religious spoutings from many African bishops in recent years) no sense, no thought process, just blind hate... and the desire for some kind of power over other more vulnerable people (does this ring any bells Catholic Church?). But, while we're filling you with that hate, spite and misinformation, we'll also pick your pockets (sorry, we'll pass the hat round in celebration of God's love) in the process.

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Meanwhile, talking of God's love, apparently homophobic B&B owners have the backing of Tory shadow home secretary Chris Grayling who has suggested that they should have the right to bar gay couples and said this was "endorsed by David Cameron". Surely, not the man who has so passionately fought for the gay vote? So much for the Equality Act... as I think I've said before... some are more equal than others!

Just goes to show doesn't it, while the gay community calls for equality for all, the church calls for 'special' exclusions. What a turn around that is. OK, I know all that is very depressing but here are a few positives to finish on. Rugby star Gareth Thomas, at the recent Stonewall Fundraiser said: "Only six months ago I didn't believe I had the strength to be openly gay. Now I have. We only have one life and I need to live it. All my achievements on the rugby field fade into insignificance compared to coming out."



While after years of denial (and possibly one of the worst kept secrets in show business), singer, and father of twins, Ricky Martin has finally admitted that all those rumours were true. He posted a message on his website which said: "I am proud to say that I am a fortunate homosexual man. I am very blessed to be who I am." You can see his latest video for My Skin Talks, on YouTube, where we see our boy naked save for computer-generated tattoos and a strategically-placed shadow. The video shows the Puerto Rican singer waking up and coming to life as message such as "find yourself" and "change your life" appear on his skin.



The fabulous Scissor Sisters are set to return with a new album next month and have enlisted Lord Of The Rings star Sir Ian McKellen to add some magic to their upcoming album. His Sir-ship has recorded a monologue for the band, which will be used in a song on their new album Night Work. I just can't wait to see them all touring together... I wonder who'd get top billing?

Hugs *Gordon*

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From his window on one of the most colourful street corners in the world, Clayton sat and blogged about the real life characters that passed through his doors. Characters range from the aging 'polari speaking' Leslie, Sue and Maggie from the brothel upstairs, Angela the feisty transsexual, the bizarre 'Thongman' and Chico the campest queen on the street. Although writing about prostitutes, street cleaners, bag ladies, rude boys and shoplifters, everyone is written about with humour and sensitivity. The blog then became a highly successful column in the *London Paper*.

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VISSEN

[A CONFESSION]

Congratulations to those who spotted our April Fools joke in last month's edition of Bent.

'Vissen', that star of the US Party Circuit, was just a figment of our erotic fiction writer Les Lea's fevered imagination. Sorry to all those who just couldn't wait for this superstar of the decks to make his UK debut.

However, we'd like to thank Barnsley born and bred Kyle Dobson for going along with the subterfuge by allowing us to use his image to compliment the piece. Twenty-two year old Kyle, who went to Barnsley College, is a DJ playing at Bar Loco and Static in his home city and has also found his niche in the world of acting.

Soon to be seen playing the part of resistance fighter, Jack Anderson in a new TV series called 'Parallels', a futuristic story post a 3rd World War, which commences production in August. Kyle lists his interests as the stage, TV, film... and admits to being a bit of a gym bunny.

Bent predicts big things for this good-looking, fun-loving Yorkshire talent



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Studies for a Portrait

This is the story of three men who have shaped the life and work of a fourth, and a reflection on the power of modern art and the legacy of an artist. Internationally-acclaimed American artist Julian Barker, whose fame ranks alongside that of Andy Warhol and Francis Bacon, has just months to live. Ravaged with pancreatic cancer, he retreats to his East Hampton beach house to prepare for artistic immortality. Julian is cared for by

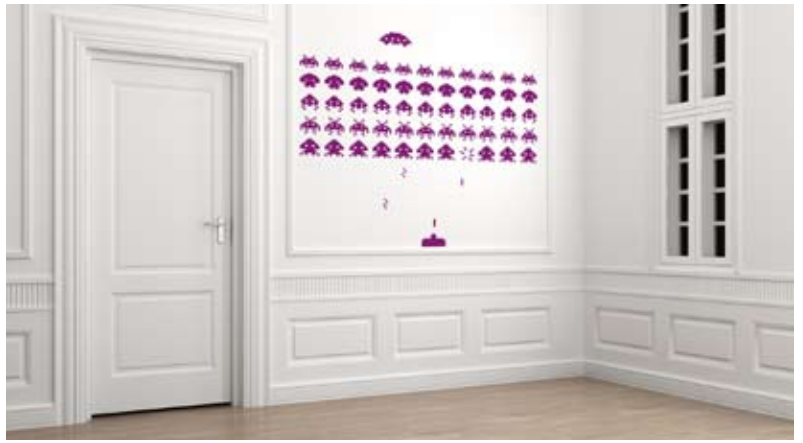
his younger partner and business manager Chad, who is set to inherit his multi-million dollar estate and his priceless iconic paintings. The peace is interrupted by Julian's former lover, who is determined to stake his claim and further complicated by the arrival of Chad's own boyfriend, a seemingly naïve 23-year old model. With Julian's death imminent, each man jockeys for position and control.

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They're not specifically looking for 'gay' subject matter although previous winners have included Mike Thorn's portraits of large hairy men, Kobi Israel's photos of beautiful boys and the celebration of the female body by Veronique Maria.

One of last years finalists Pierre-Yves Monnerville - a French Caribbean photographer based in Brighton, focusing on dramatic male nude studies, revealing their sensual lines and curves where the models are barely recognizable and viewer is drawn to the play of light and dark. www.photo-monnerville.com

Deadline for submissions: 10am on Thu 10 Jun
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Birmingham Pride Ball

For many the Birmingham Pride Ball signals the start of the year's fundraising events around the UK and this year the organisers kicked off in style. Over 1000 guests from the LGBT community watched headliner Boy George thrill the audience, who were glad to see the boy back on top form, and giving the enthusiastic crowd a superb performance of both Culture Club and solo hits. As well as providing top class entertainment; boy bands, X Factor finalists and West End stars, the evening is an opportunity to present awards to some of the movers and shakers who work in the LGBT organisations, clubs and bars that provide so much across the Midlands

This year's superbly staged event raised a staggering £25,624. Try not to miss next year's event which is scheduled for Friday 25th March. www.birminghampride.com



Pride announces parade

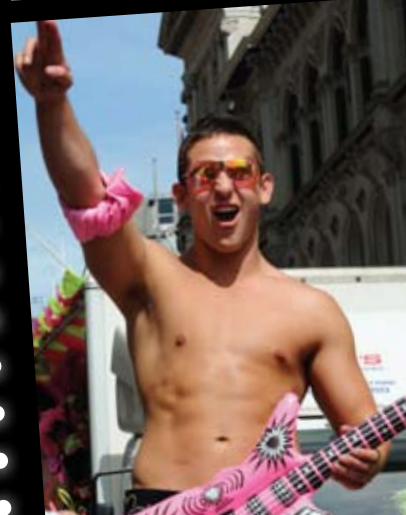
Birmingham's annual Pride weekend has been announced with the promise of a bigger and more colourful parade through the city this year.

The event, which last year attracted more than 90,000, is the UK's biggest free gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community festival.

This year the parade starts a weekend of celebrations in and around Birmingham's gay village on 29th&30th May

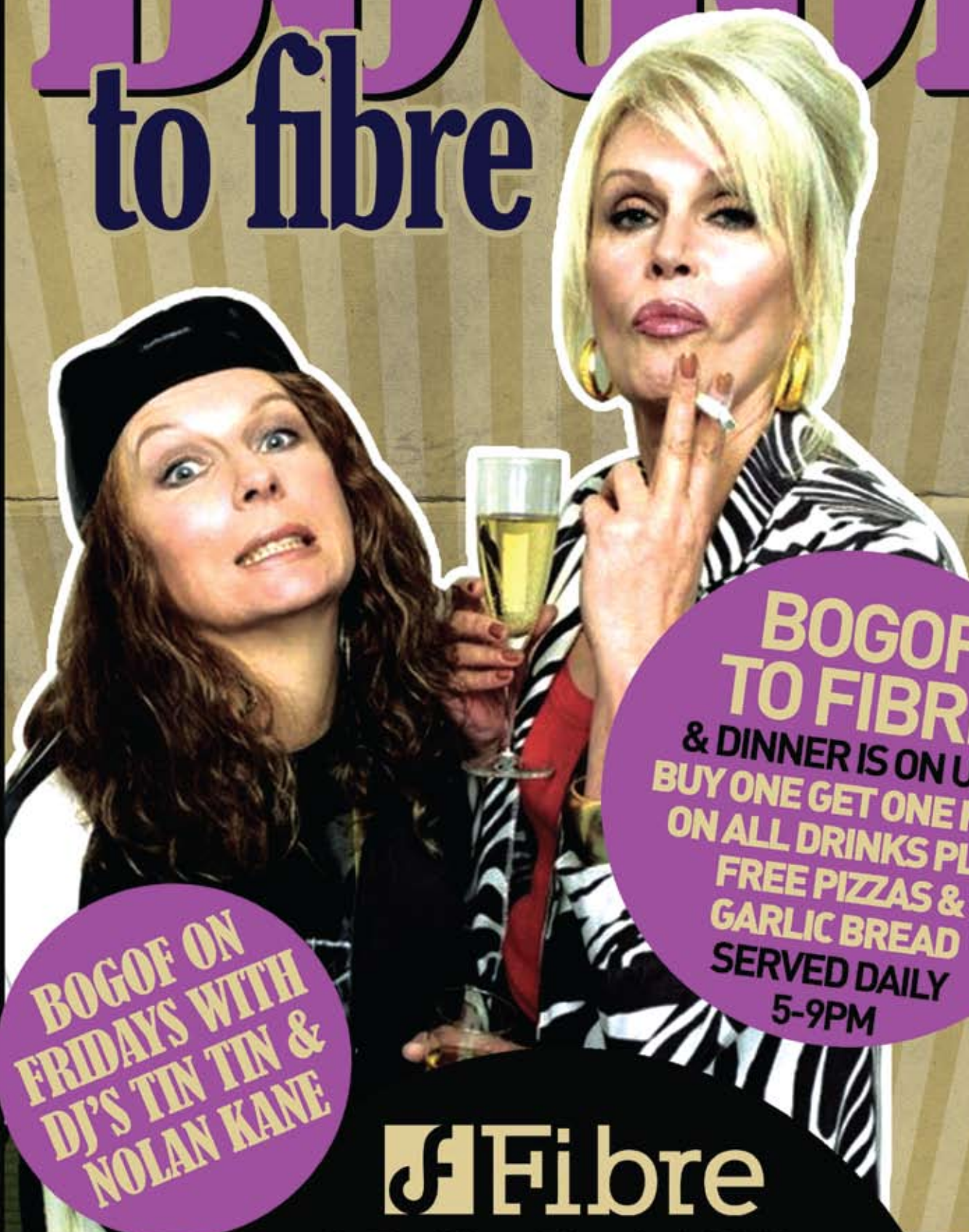
It will be launched from Victoria Square at 1pm on 29th May followed by a official civic send-off. There is also a bigger main stage than last year when Pixie Lott starred as well as X Factor's Diana Vickers and SClub. Entertainment also featured a village square, cabaret marquee, hundreds of stalls, bars, dance tent and fun fair.

Birmingham Pride for 2010 is theme Equality Through the Decades and is being supported by Birmingham-based GB Training Ltd, Birmingham City Council, The Nightingale and clubs, bars and businesses in the village area. www.birminghampride.com



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Adam Lambert

— For Your Entertainment

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Why did he fail to capture that elusive winners tag? It could have been because of an interview he did where he quite happily explained that he was gay. Eeek! Whereas, in the UK when Will Young came out it didn't make any difference, in the US it was thought that his coming out, and images of him kissing his boyfriend that were widely circulated, might have had a disastrous effect on the population's desire to vote for him.

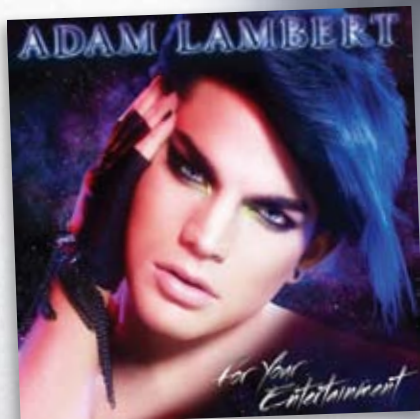
Adam himself seemed to take it very philosophically and not be too perturbed about how things turned out. A natural performer, Adam had been on the stage since the age of ten and had sang and toured in various plays and musicals in the US and in Europe. His decision to appear on American Idol apparently came after he spent a few days at a festival enjoying the effects of those naughty, psychedelic mushrooms one reads about. Having gained his position on the show he set about choosing and interpreting songs in his own unique way. In the final, when he sang one of Queen's classic numbers alongside Brian May playing guitar, such was the power he brought to the song, it was rumoured he was being lined up to front the band.

At the American Music Awards he performed the title track of his new album "For Your Entertainment" and courted controversy. The performance showed Lambert kissing a male keyboardist, grinding a dancer's head against his pelvis, and grabbing the

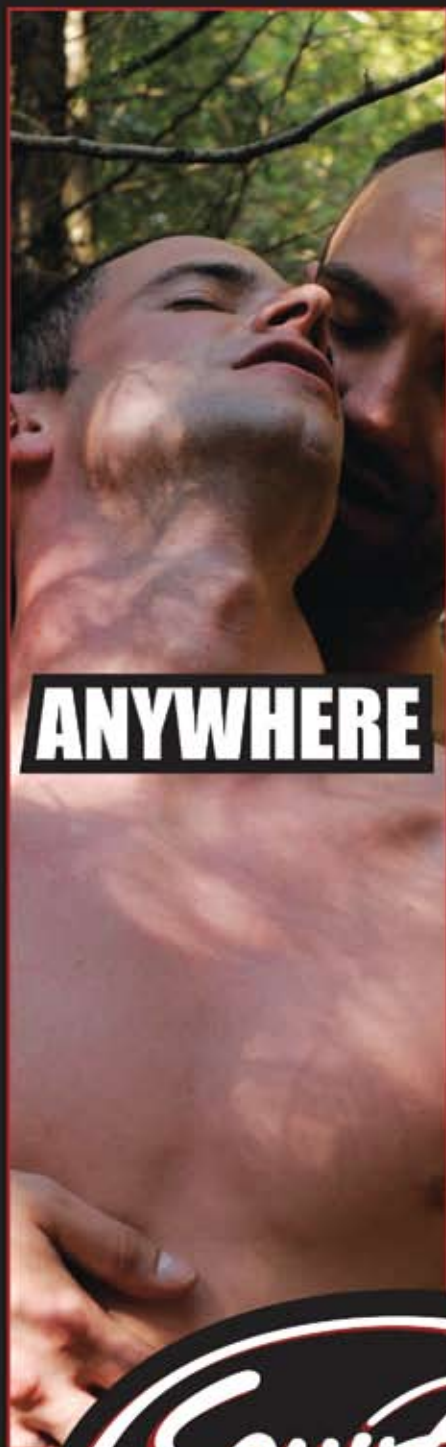
crotch of another. The conservative viewer's groups were incandescent with rage branding him immoral and perverse. Lambert told Rolling Stone magazine, "Female performers have been doing this for years—pushing the envelope about sexuality—and the minute a man does it, everybody freaks out."

Thankfully, we can now experience what all the fuss is about with the UK release this month of his album. With his out-of-this-world vocal range and unique musical style, Adam Lambert is the ultra-glam, rock superstar that will have us all hooked. The record garnered contributions from such innovative artists as Lady Gaga, P!nk, Muse, Justin Hawkins (formerly of The Darkness) and Rivers Cuomo of Weezer. Brilliantly produced and a rock/pop mix that shows off his incredible vocals... it is a clever, classic debut album and one that should see the same success here as it has already achieved in the States.

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TAKING TO THE STREETS



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D'relle has been dancing and teaching Street Dance as well as other dance styles since the age of 13. He has taught choreography for many successful crews and since deciding dance was the path he wanted to take he has worked with a long list of famous choreographers, dancers and artists including Lavelle Smith Jr (Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson and Beyonce), Kimberlee Jay (Nike, Madonna) as well as Jamelia and Chris Brown. However, despite D'relle's success one question Bent wanted to ask was: "Does being gay in a supposedly 'macho' world of

'attitude'.. have an impact on other people's response to the way you dance?

I think years ago when I first came out it did, a gay dancer in this hip-hop culture wasn't really heard of. However, I didn't let it stop what I had to do, I just made sure I was still a strong contender and can represent as a dancer. Making people think about my talent first. Nowadays there is more tolerance because there is a large LBG community in the dance scene whether people want to admit it or not... it's there.

What do you think of the up-surge in street dance?

I think it's great that dance is now being taken seriously by the world and more people are discovering a passion for the art.

Who do you think is responsible for it?

Street Dance has always been seen as a big thing in places like Sweden, Paris and America. It was only a matter of time before the UK saw how much people were actually waiting for it to become big over here.

Some of the UK troops are brilliant and

innovative but are we lagging behind other countries?

There are UK troops such as Plague, Flawless, Definitives, A.G, Boy Blue and Unity that I believe have moved us closer to other countries if not surpassed some of them.

What did you do before you became a street dancer?

My answer is always the same. There was no 'Before'. When I discovered dance it was like running in an open space and feeling unrestricted and free. It was the way I dealt with a lot of things in my life, through dance and choreography.

D'relle is now currently working on his new two crews, a mixed troupe and the other all girls. He will be competing with some of the members from his crew in NYC this year.

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The movie and soundtrack for Street Dance 3D is released 21st May



COMPETITION TIME
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To accompany this ground breaking film, UMTV is releasing an equally epic soundtrack with hits from Cheryl Cole-Fight For This Love, N-Dubz- Strong Again and Pixie Lott. The album features songs taken from the film as well as a whole host of associated hits. In addition the album compiles tracks from some of Britain's hottest urban acts at the moment including hits from Chipmunk & Ironik, truly highlighting British talent across the board. Furthermore making his long awaited come-back, soul star, Craig



David features on the soundtrack with an up tempo remix of One More Lie. The StreetDance 3D soundtrack promises to provide hours of listening entertainment for everyone, no matter their age. Out: 24th May - Label: UMTV To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this brilliant album, just answer this simple question:

What was the name of the dance troupe who won Britain's Got Talent?



IN A TRANCE

Dave Pearce is one of the UK's most in demand DJs and has sold over 1 million albums in the UK. Known for his euphoric style of uplifting trance with the odd trademark anthem thrown in Pearce is one of the true pioneers of trance, helping break what have become some of the biggest selling and best loved Trance Anthems. His legendary BBC Radio 1 Dance Anthems and Drivetime shows became the soundtrack to a generation. He gave artists like Tiesto their first guest slots on the station and helped champion the genre through his Euphoria and Gatecrasher residencies in Ibiza and his Delirium club nights at Ministry Of Sound in London and free beach parties across the UK. His Nulife record label scored numerous hits including the worldwide smash Ian Van Dahl 'Castles in the Sky'. He has amassed a loyal worldwide following for his weekly I-tunes podcast "Trancecast" and continues to support new talent giving the next generation of trance producers their first break during his Bedroom Producer slot featured in his weekly BBC 6 music Show.

This year sees Dave Pearce playing the Gatecrasher outdoor stage at Coloursfest in Glasgow, a full UK

album tour and summer shows in Europe including Athens, Mallorca, Tenerife, Corfu, Rhodes and Zante. In the last 12 months Pearce has presented the top 100 Dance Anthems on MTV, created an album series The Dance Years for Ministry Of Sound and presented numerous shows for specialist music station BBC 6 Music including specials with Moby, Groove Armada, Calvin Harris, Pet Shop Boys and many more. New Years Eve saw him take Dance music to BBC Radio 2 where he also wrote and presented a series on Disco.

Dave has had prolific career in the media and music industry. He has been a pioneer and innovator in both music and broadcasting, presented radio shows on both sides of the Atlantic, hosted TV shows, written for national newspapers, compiled an award winning movie soundtrack, achieved sales of over 1 million compilation albums in the UK, created one of the UK's most successful dance labels - Nulife - and hosted one of Ibiza's most popular club nights.

Out Now: Dave Pearce
Trance Anthem 2010
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DAVE PEARCE TRANCE ANTHEMS 2010

Last year's album reached no 2 in the charts and sold over 150,000 copies in the UK alone. The new album looks set to be even bigger with an awesome array of dancefloor classics on CD1 and CD2 from the likes of Tiesto, Armin Van Burren, Ferry Corsten, Motorcycle, Faithless and many more. CD3 represents trance in 2010 with a stella selection of nutrance from the likes of Rank 1 vs Jochen Miller, Marcel Woods and also features an exclusive pre release track from Pearce himself.

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fabulous 3CD Trance Anthem collection, just answer this simple question:

What is the name of Dave's successful dance label - Nulife or Oldwife?



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REVIEW MUSIC
By Jason Guy

I've uploaded my latest free podcast to www.jasonguy.podomatic.com so grab it now. You can catch me playing for Federation in Manchester and Blackpool this month, alongside my residency at Fibre in Leeds. And good news for the clubbers of Manchester... Freakshow is returning very soon (have you missed it as much as I have?)... more information in this issue of Bent. If you'd like to see your track, club, or event featured in Bent please contact jason@bent.com.

TRACK REVIEW TOP TRACKS OF THE MONTH

1.

EDEI - In My Bed Remixes (Label TBC)
The first time I had this track, just one word came to mind... Freakshow. If you're pining for the Manchester club night as much as I am, then good news - it's back as from June this year and expect this to be played at the re-launch night! High-powered, super-charged, feel-good house with the catchiest, feel-good lyrics going. The track is taken from Londoner Edei's first album (she's even borrowed Mary J. Blige's backing vocalists don't you know!). Both the more commercial Dave Aude, and the more techy Full Intention mixes do the trick for me!

2.

SUZANNE PALMER - Big Love (Star 69 Records)
Yes... the vocal is back. Known to most as Pete Heller's Big Love, originally a huge hit back in the late 90s, New York based Peter Rauhofer drags the track screaming into 2010. This street-smart update, re-sung by diva Suzanne Palmer, gives it a new lease of life and a cool set of New York-styled mixes. Etienne Osborne & Peter Brown lead the charge, with equally addictive creations from Muzzaik and Peter Rauhofer adding further weight to a track that was on many WMC Miami playlists. Altogether now - "I've been saving my loving..."

3.

LOVERUSH UK! FT SHELLEY HARLAND - Different World 2010 (Loverush Digital)
Loverush UK! follow up their UK no.1 club anthem, 'Give Me Love', with 'Different World', another superb slice of progressive vocal trance, designed to seriously move the dancefloor. This time they team up with Shelley Harland, the voice behind Delerium. First seeing the light of day on Loverush Digital, the guys behind the track agreed this catchy, feel good tune deserved another shot and began planning a new dancefloor assault. The 2010 mix from Loverush UK! breathes new life into the track with a beautifully produced song and has already been crowned Gaydar-Radio's Big Tune Of The Week. The remix package is on its way. Too

4. **DJ ORTZY & MARK M FT. ARIA**
PARTY IN MIAMI

ARIA, MARK M, DJ ORTZY - Party In Miami (Tiger Records)
"Party in Miami, with the straights and the gays." If you haven't heard these vocals recently where have you been hiding - not Vauxhall, that's for sure! Another huge hit from this year's Miami Winter Music Conference, it's funky, progressive techno (if such a genre exists this month - probably not - it's a real ball ache trying to pigeon hole tracks into genres), with instrumental, keyboard stabs throughout, and a killer breakdown that just screams out 'hands in the air!' Summer is officially here!

5. **PAUL HARRIS, MICHAEL GRAY, JON PEARN FT AMANDA WILSON**
PHONETIC RECORDINGS

PAUL HARRIS, MICHAEL GRAY, JON PEARN FT AMANDA WILSON (Phonetic Recordings)
With the heavyweights of Paul Harris (Dirty Vegas), Michael Gray (Full Intention) Jon Pearn (Bodyrox) & Amanda Wilson (Freemasons vocalist) how could this track fail! Mixes by Hook N Sling and Daley Padley feature on this release. Having previously delivered an Anthem remix for Phonetic on Martijn ten Velden's 'I Wish You Would', Hook N Sling deliver one of their finest remixes to date. A quality slice of underground House Music that has been blowing dancefloors away. My preference is still for the chunky, original mix with its church organ stabs and progressive, rolling beats.

ALBUMS

▷ **MOCK & TOOF**

Tuning Echos **Out: 24th May**

Dig beneath the crust of commercial dance and you discover rich veins of talent in very unusual guises. One such guise is Mock & Toof, who've already drawn the attention of big-name producers such as Zero 7, Hot Chip, Groove Armada and Holy Ghost! Lyrics are provided by Gavin Gordon and Pollyester across this all-over-the-place album of exhilarating dance.



SINGLES



▷ **FOOL'S GOLD**

Nadine **Out: 24th May**

Fool's Gold are following up their UK tour with the release of their next single, 'Nadine'. This is a strange blend of 'Regatta'-era Police, early US R&B and Ethiopian soul. A strange mix, yes, but it has made Ghostbuster Bill Murray a fan and we quite liked it too.



▷ **MINISTRY OF SOUND CLUB PRESENTS**

Style of Eye **Out: 17th May**

This second compilation from the Ministry of Sound Club series perfectly encapsulates Saturday nights on the dancefloor at one of the best venues in the world. The first disc comprises a full DJ set by Style of Eye (AKA Linus Eklow), while the other is a mix of his very best productions and mixes. This is a souped-up, sexy and kick-ass, and just what you'd expect from Ministry of Sound.



▷ **FUGATIVE**

Crush **Out: 10th May**

We've already said before we think Fugative is way too cute, and apparently of legal age too, but we couldn't really give enough of a toss about his music. Get Virgin-on-Demand, turn down the volume and watch him on repeat. That way you can stick some decent music on in the background.



▷ **HANNAH**

I Believe in You **Out: 3rd May**

Although this song is written by Steve Booker (the man behind Duffy's 'Mercy'), it doesn't have quite the same appeal as his most famous work. Actually, no; it's not his fault. The fault lies with Hannah who, as the name suggests, is just a little bit on the bland side. However, with all the Madonna-esque mixes... Gaydar-radio will love this.



▷ **LIGHTS**

The Listening **Out: 17th May**

Synth-pop outfit Lights have recently been nominated for a Juno Award in Canada and hit the Top 10 in both the Canadian album and the Billboard Heatseekers charts. Full of hits such as 'Drive My Soul', 'February Air' and 'Ice', this album is set to cause a stir this side of the Atlantic too.



▷ **PEARLAND THE PUPPETS**

Because I Do **Out: 3rd May**

Music-loving ex-shopgirl and primary school teacher Katie Sutherland (AKA Pearl) turned her proficiency for woodwind and the piano to more lofty goals, bought herself a guitar and went the whole Sandi Thom way on MySpace. She ditched her degree and hired a band, the Puppets, and now she's touring with Alphabeat. All we can say at this point is she's definitely got that Kate Nash/Sandi Thom/Lily Allen MySpace sound going on, but that her ringing, Celtic cadences are a nice touch and for some reason, we actually quite like her.



▷ **HURTS**

Better than Love **Out: 24th May**

Modern disco seems to be the name of the game, and now music obsessive Breakbot gives it a whirl in this decidedly un-Valentine's love song. Ifane from Outlines offers the vocals and Siriusmo and La Funk Mob offer colourful, vibrant remixes to push up the rhythm.



▷ **DEAD LIKE HARRY**

Know the Joy of Good Living **Out: 3rd May**

I have to admit, on second listen this isn't a bad album at all. Great harmony, easy listening rock with a pop bent (just love that word) and from a Sheffield based band. They sound more American than Yorkshire but the tracks are classy, well produced and have a feel that should have them headlining every outdoor festival... going on just about dusk. Tasty, tempting and quite a treat.



▷ **MIKA VS RED ONE**

Kick-Ass **Out: 3rd**

Kick-Ass is a good film. A very good film. But Mika... well, he's a bit of a prick. And a bit of a Ricky Martin. Come out and admit to the world what we already know and maybe we'll lighten up on you. Oh, and you're not Freddie Mercury, you're not big and you're not clever. We're so over it.



CELINE DION

Having sold more than 200 million albums around the world, Celine Dion is one of the most immediately recognized, widely respected and successful performers in pop music history. During her spectacular career Celine has been honored with over 1000 awards.

Taking Chances World Tour: The Concert, a CD/DVD of live performances from Celine's record-breaking world tour and Celine: Through the Eyes of the World, a home edition of the acclaimed feature film, newly expanded for its DVD and Blu-ray Disc release, will be released on 10th May..

Produced during the Canadian superstar's 2008-2009 Taking Chances World Tour (the second highest-grossing ever for a solo artist), the DVD opens a window into the real life, both on-stage and off, of the best-selling female recording artist of all time.

Director Stéphane Laporte and team enjoyed unprecedented access to the decade's top performer as she played concerts in five continents, 25 countries and 93 cities, selling more than three million tickets during her first major tour in nine years.

"This was an amazing world tour, but there's a lot more than just concert footage on this film," said Celine. "I let the cameras follow me everywhere. There are a lot of ups and downs, and it's very personal.... It's definitely the most intimate journey that I've ever shared with my fans."

Clocking in at three hours, the home version of Celine: Through the Eyes of the World includes an additional hour's worth of footage not seen in the film's limited theatrical run in February 2010.



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DANCE PARTY 2010

the phenomenal success of dancing shows on television, showcasing some fine talent, dancing is 2010's hottest trend.

Out: 17th May - Label: UMTV



With dance mania already sweeping the nation, there's only one album you need to satisfy all your dancing needs. This album is full of all the hottest dance tracks from the last year. Following the huge success of the previous Dance albums, this one is sure to be a triumph. With tracks from N'Dubz, Black Eyed Peas and Cheryl Cole, you will not be able to resist that dance floor! Of course no dance album would be complete without the dramatic leading lady of pop herself, Lady Gaga. Following

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic 2CD collection of dance hits just answer this simple question:

Who featured with Lady Gaga on the hit Telephone?

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NEEDED 'FREQ-Y PEOPLE'

Australian band 'Frequent People' needs your help!! A forthcoming single, 'Superhero', taken from their eponymous debut album, means that Frequent People need 'Freq-y People'!! People with extraordinary habits or behaviours. You know the sort of thing... people who can contort their bodies into odd shapes, someone who can fit through the head of a tennis racket, people who defy logic by being able to do the seemingly impossible and anyone with a party trick or oddity that they show off to

others. Any kind of unusual habit or behaviour!

Freq-y People need to film their unusual 'super-power' and send in the video. They can do it by email or they can upload their video to the 'Freq-y People' group on Facebook

The best videos will be used as part of the promotional video for 'Superhero' - showing ordinary people with their freq-y superpowers - and ALL videos sent to us will be available for viewing on the Freq-y People Youtube channel

Meanwhile, so you know what all the fuss is about - adjust your frequency and prepare to immerse yourself in the brave new musical world of Frequent People.

An innovative collective of musicians, producers, DJs and video artists that draw members from Melbourne, New York, London, Hong Kong and Abu Dhabi - Frequent People shatter genres and expectations at every turn with their unique fusion of 'Power Pop' blending, rock and pop melodies with cutting edge electronica.

The brainchild of Natski and long-time multi-instrumentalist collaborator Chass Guthrie, Frequent People have produced a ground-breaking album that bounds through the realms of contemporary pop.

Following in the footsteps of fellow Australian musical pioneers 'Empire of the Sun' Frequent People have built an entire philosophy around their unique approach to producing music and are as much an underground movement or a secret society as a pop band.

www.frequentpeople.com





IT'S ALL NON- STOP FOR ANDY

He's one half of Britpop's legendary duos, Erasure and, together with keyboard player Vince Clarke has produced over 13 successful albums and achieved well over 30 hit singles. Andy Bell, the man with one of the most iconic singing voices in music, has now branched out to produce his second solo album... *Non-Stop*... and what a belter it is. A lavish, lustrous, sumptuous collection of deluxe dance-pop, seductive electro anthems and gold-plated disco grooves... Bent wondered why the need for new horizons?

It all started really back in 2007, when we were out in America on the first True Colors Tour as Erasure... it was put together by Cindi Lauper; it's a charity she has over there for Human Rights... and we were trying to get Obama elected. We'd been doing Erasure for 21 years, touring, and albums and I said to Vince: "I really hope you don't mind but I'd like a break from Erasure for a couple of years or so" and he said fine. I wanted to do some work with other people, Stephen Haig, John Collier, Pascal Gabriel... do some stuff from scratch. With all the writing and production it took about a year in total.

You sound a bit different on these tracks...

I just needed to have a breather and see what else was going on. Spread my wings, live my life a little. This is like a different character that people don't know me as. I wouldn't say I'm a club kid, but I do love hearing remixes and club tunes. The album is quite robotic, quite tongue in cheek, lots of synths and glamorous disco. I can't get Madonna out of my head, and I sort of feel like: if she can do that why can't I?

Will you be taking this on the road?

I'm doing a few gigs. I'm doing a big one for Mencap at the O2 but it's an 80s thing so, I won't be doing any new songs, they want Erasure material. I am doing some DJing where they want me to do some PAs as well, one in Gran Canaria, 6 weeks in America in June and July but if anything comes up, I'm willing to do them.

The DJing... that is something about your life I wasn't aware of...

Well, it isn't really a main thing but (he laughs) I can't do anything else apart from music. However, we are doing a new Erasure album, which will be out next year. We were going to tour this year but with this album (*Non-Stop*) we thought it might all be a bit much really.

Is this going down the Boy George route with DJing as another talent?

Not really because music has always been my hobby. When I'm not Erasuring or doing solo stuff, I'm always looking out for like dance tunes, buying stuff on iTunes and things... I've got a huge record collection. I used to go to all the 'electro nights' like 'Nag Nag Nag' and 'The Cock'... places like that, so I thought it would be really nice to be able to play this kind of music. I got a few gigs playing around London, a few pubs and things, then I got a DJ agent in New York and played some gigs over there... so it's a hobby really... that pays my air fare.

One track on your album 'Touch' talks about your reluctance to appear on reality shows, what have you been asked to do?

Big Brother and *Celebrity in the Jungle* (ha-ha) which I just wouldn't be able to do at all.

Were you insulted at being asked?

Not really... but the thing is though... it is so hard to get on the TV anyway now. We're lucky to get a Graham Norton or *Loose Women* and things like that but otherwise, unless you are on one of those shows you can't get on to anything else. They are wanting you to

make a fool of yourself before they'll have you on anything else and I just think, well, I don't want to do that. To me the music is more important.

Ahhh but I could see you on Masterchef...

That would be Vince, he's really an amazing cook. I've only ever made Vince dinner once, and that was in the early days of Erasure and it was a disaster, we didn't eat until after midnight. Never again.

How do you feel about the Simon Cowell approach to talent?

He's on to a winning formula and I quite admire the guy but for me it's just a bit formulaic, which I'm not saying I wouldn't go on if I was a new young singer, but it is a bit like a turnstile.

With Erasure you are known for your outlandish outfits... do you still enjoy the 'frocking up' aspect of performing?

Well, not so much the frocking up but one thing I'd like to do is... look like an Amsterdam hooker in her window.

You did a musical a while back is there a chance of you doing any more? I could see you as Dorothy in the new TV production of Over the Rainbow?

(Laughs) Thanks! Well, I would love to do a musical. I have a friend in New York who says he'd love me to do anything but it is just time, at the moment I'm too busy but I'd love to. I'm totally open to the idea though not necessarily Chicago.

Is that because it has been done to death by 'pop' stars?

Yes, but I wouldn't mind being in Phantom of the Opera... so when that comes on the TV... looking for a new lead... maybe I'll go up for that one.

Back in 2004 you publicly announced you were HIV+ how is your health these days?

In general I'm OK. When I'm on tour... if there are any bugs going round, usually it's the crew that gets it but then, I'm bound to get it. People don't realise it's hard singing when you've got the flu but because of all the insurance and letting people down, you can't cancel it. You have to do it, which often compounds the problem. We've done about 750 gigs and only postponed about 6 or 7. So that's not bad going really.

There's a single being released prior to the album, what can you tell me about this first piece of new material people will hear from you?

Call On Me is going to be the next single, which I'm really pleased about. It's a really simple song, and the backing vocal riff was inspired by Diana Ross singing 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough'. It's really about my friends in New York, they're from the East Village. When I see them we just go and hang out in some of the more grimy bars.

From the album I can see 'Subject/Object' being one of the gay boys favourite shouting out the words across the dancefloor.

(Laughs) You may well be correct but maybe DHDQ - aka Debbie Harry Drag Queen - a high-camp homage to the empress of New Wave New York and her armies of imitators, I was on the True Colors tour with Debbie and she's lovely. She loves the drag queens as well... to me, nobody's ever copied her because they can't, she's the queen of all of them.

Prepare to have your ears kissed, your heart stirred and your mind blown.

Single: Call on me released 31st May - Mute

Album: Non-Stop released 7th June - Mute

Pics: Phil Sharp

ANDY BELL
non-stop

BODY BAG

The humble plastic carrier bag is soooooo last century darling... not to mention, bad for the environment. That's why Anatomicals (the company that only wants you for your body) have launched a fashionable and collectable line-up of re-usable tote bags (£1 each), so you can do your bit for the planet, as well as carry your wares in style. www.anatomicals.net



LIZA

This hysterical, clever and multi-award winning - part parody, part loving tribute to the one and only Liza Minnelli is more than an evening of mere impersonation, Rick Skye portrays Liza with wit, style and a pair of unquestionably alluring legs. Parodies of such songs as "Mein Herr", "Sara Lee" and "Don't tell Mama" provide a roller coaster ride of hilarity and enjoyment that includes a "new" Charles Aznavour song, a "Happy Endings" production number, a tribute to "one" of her famous parents Judy Garland.

20th, 21st&22nd May
London New Players Theatre
The Arches, Villiers Street, London
www.newplayerstheatre.com 020 7478 0135

28th&29th May
Bournemouth, Cumberland Hotel - 01202 298 350

30th May
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BENT BITES



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EUROVISION

SONG CONTEST

By Alex Wiggan

The world needs a bit of cheese. Fact! Without it then we'd all be a pretty miserable bunch of ageing queens and far too concerned with the latest economic crisis or what we plan to cook the other half for his tea. Thankfully there has always been Eurovision (or at least since the 50s), which is the cheesiest piece of cheese this side of a wedge of Brie. Some love it. A lot just don't get it. But for those who do, then it's the greatest form of entertainment ever to involve a variety of people wearing ridiculous costumes and trying to win points by singing songs that no one understands! Many have taken on the challenge for the UK,



and for every Katrina and the Waves, there's been a Daz Sampson. But that has never stopped us. You see winning isn't everything. Winning Eurovision isn't everything. Sometimes it's better to give it a go and create a bit of attention whilst we're at it; even if the odds are stacked against us. We may not always have the best tunes, we may not always have the catchiest lyrics and we may not always understand the idea of tactical voting, but that's because we're more concerned with having fun and trying our best. For this reason Black Lace, Samantha Janus, Love City Groove, Precious and Nicki French are all champions. Yes, champions! They may not have won Eurovision, but let's be honest, Eurovision isn't about taking the top spot, it's about believing you might take the top spot! It's about turning up, having a crack at it and giving the folks at home something to

talk about. That's why for years now we've tuned in time and time again to see what our country has to offer, even if we have sometimes had to witness a deadly defeat.

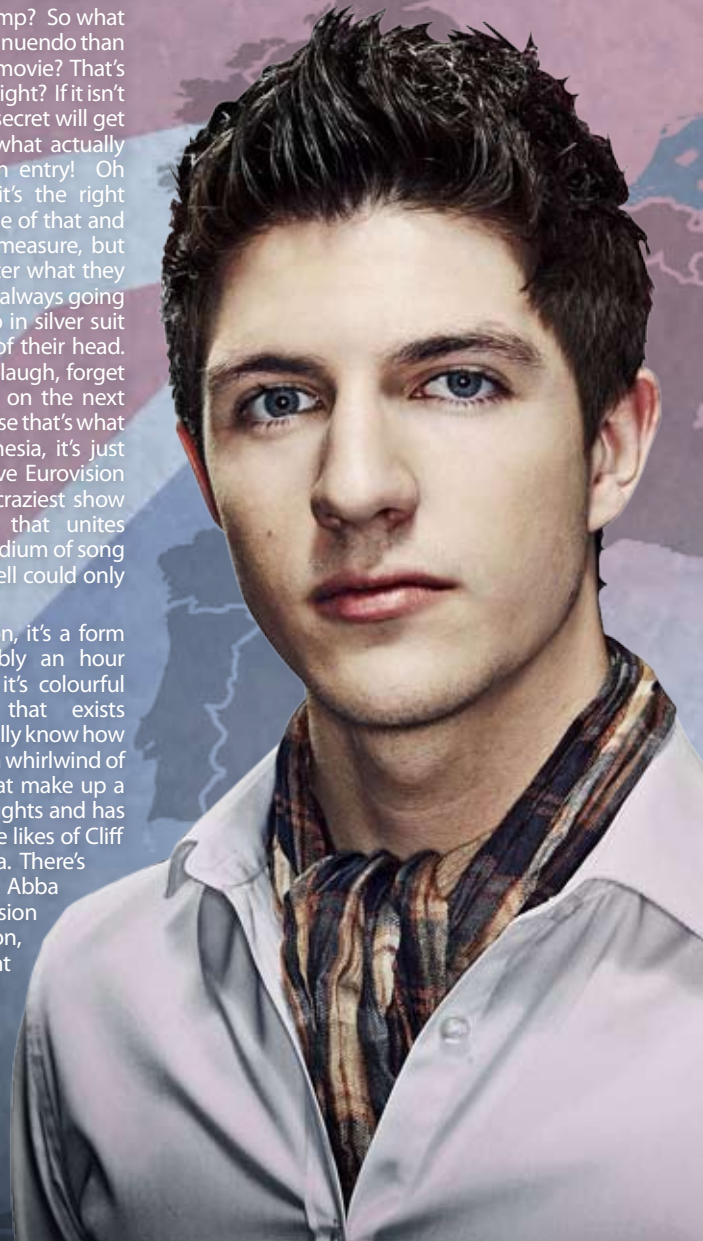
But a defeat has never stopped us for long, because where else are we going to find such good wholesome skirt ripping action on Saturday night? Yes we've all seen Cheryl Baker losing part of her costume at the hands of her fellow Bucks Fizzers, and we've all cheered every time. Sure there have been times where we've been outraged by a lack of points, like when Scooch were given a pitiful 19 after their marvellous performance of 'Flying the flag', but it hasn't deterred us. We may have cried out for just a little bit more, but we still turned up the following year with our heads held high. So what if it was camp? So what if there was more sexual innuendo than a night in with a Carry On movie? That's what Eurovision is about, right? If it isn't then maybe one day the secret will get out that no one knows what actually makes a good Eurovision entry! Oh experts can claim that it's the right dash of this with a sprinkle of that and a few sequins for good measure, but we all know that no matter what they come up with some one's always going to beat us by dressing up in silver suit with a star stuck on top of their head. Thing is, what we'll do is laugh, forget about it, and then cheer on the next Eurovision hopeful, because that's what we do. It isn't Euro-amnesia, it's just understanding that to love Eurovision is to accept that it's the craziest show on television and one that unites countries through the medium of song in a way that Simon Cowell could only dream of.

Eurovision is an institution, it's a form of expression, it's possibly an hour too long in length, but it's colourful imaginative nonsense that exists because no one would really know how to stop it if they tried. It's a whirlwind of all the bits and pieces that make up a collection of strange thoughts and has been held together by the likes of Cliff Richards, Gina G and Sonia. There's also no forgetting that Abba have been on Eurovision and so has Celine Dion, which has got to count for something when you really think about it. Try to describe Eurovision

to someone who has never seen it and chances are you'd struggle to really capture everything that needs to be said. What is best is to just embrace all that's on offer, and let them figure it out for themselves. While you're at it, tell them to keep their fingers crossed that this could be our year and then prepare to accept that something may scupper that hope. Whatever the result, whatever the lack of points thrown our way from the same countries, we won't care, because for one night we might just do it and even if we don't, there's always next year!

Eurovision Song Contest – Semi-finals on 25th and 27th May, BBC Three

Eurovision Song Contest – Final on 29th May, BBC One/BBC HD



TEN FACTS ABOUT EUROVISION

1. Eurovision was the idea of Marcel Besancon the Swiss head of the new European Broadcasting Union (EBU) back in 1956

2. The 'la la la' trade mark of many Eurovision entries is the result of the first winner, Lys Assia of Switzerland, forgetting her words on her reprise of the winning song.

3. The first UK entry into the song contest 'All' by Patricia Bredin (1957) at 1'50" remains the shortest song ever heard in the competition's history.

4. 1958 produced the most successful song from the competition even though it didn't actually win. Italy's 'Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu' rated only third but was renamed 'Volare' and hit the top spot in the US Billboard charts and went on to become a worldwide success.

5. In 1968 Spain won the contest with a song that consisted of the repeated lyric 'La, la, la' pipping the UK's Cliff Richard's 'Congratulations' into second place. Since then many conspiracy theories concerning Spain's dictator Franco who it was claimed had somehow nobbled the judges.

6. In 1969 four songs won giving the organisers a bit of a nervous breakdown. The following year the rules were changed and it was decreed that should the scores be even again, the song with the highest rating individual scores would win the competition.



7. In 1988 French/Canadian songstress Celine Dion won the contest with 'Ne Partez Pas Sans Moi' representing Switzerland.

8. Transsexual Dana International won for Israel in 1998 with her heartfelt song 'Diva'. The conservative religious leaders of the country were horrified that such a person should represent the nation and the following year when she accidentally tripped and fell on her entry onto the stage, many thought it was an assassination attempt.

9. Only 17 countries have scored 'nul points' (or zero to me and you) although some have managed this feat on more than one occasion. In 2003, the UK joined that not-so-happy band when Jemini's 'Cry Baby' didn't impress... anyone.

10. The Eurovision throws up all styles of music from heavy metal to ballads and folk music to the campiest of camp disco. It remains, for many gay fans, the highlight of the year... topping even the latest Madonna or Lady GaGa release.

THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST – THE OFFICIAL HISTORY

By John Kennedy O'Connor

Just in time to revise so that you can astound all your friends at the upcoming Eurovision party, the official history with more facts, figures and feuds, than you can shake a stick at.

This is an up-dated version of the book so you'll know everything right up to Oslo... and you can fill in the what happened next yourself. For those who are complete ESC nutters... a brilliant source of enjoyment for the rest of the year as well.

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DIAGNOSING THE DOCTOR

By Alex Wiggan

Lots of boys have a fear of going to the doctors. Although they have no such hang ups about whipping their bits out to a fella they met in a club after necking a bottle of WKD, going to see a professional is a whole other matter. It's a shame then that the average medical professional isn't a time-travelling eccentric with a habit of picking up companions on his travels. You see if he was then chances are his surgery would be chock-a-block, because one such Doctor has amassed a pretty big

think and whether suited and booted or awash with a multi-coloured ensemble he has managed to reflect all the different facets of a bloke, meaning that there's always going to be one version of him that floats a boy's boat. There's the grumpy yet groomed gent, the childlike dandy, and even the sporting one who borders on dressing like a lesbian. Whatever the era he's constantly been reinventing himself to move with the times and in doing so he's had to fight some demons and monsters to move on with his life. Ok so he's had some times where he's fallen out of fashion with a few people and had to take a break from the spotlight, but after a bit of time away from all the attention he was able to get back out there bigger and better than before.

He's also had to deal with bitchy comments from his acid tongued rival the Master, who has been on the scene almost as long as he has, yet hasn't managed to do it with as much grace. People always seem to go along with what the Master has said, but no one really seems to like him that much and this has caused him to constantly compete with the Doctor on many occasions. The simple answer would have been for the two of them to sit down in a room together and have a civilised chat over a bottle of Lambrini, but boys will be boys after all and so it's been

handbags at dawn for years. Thing is we all know they secretly like each other and the dispute probably escalated after a misunderstanding involving one too many cocktails and who got to hold the Doctor's Sonic Screwdriver. Oh and let's not even go into what's bugging queen Davros and his army of metallic bitches.

Over the years the Doctor has bumped into a few gay icons such as Kate O'Mara, Barbara Windsor and of course housewives favourite John Barrowman and even now that he's had another little makeover the chances are it won't be long before he bumps into a few more. One day his adventurous escapades will come to an end and he may even settle down, but the memories of all the wild nights and fun times spent burning the candle at both ends will remain forever. For now though let him be the star of Saturday nights and be happy that he's flying the flag for all the guys out there who like their men in all different shapes and sizes (and bow ties). The Doctor might not be able to cure that thing growing on your 'special area', but he'll at least understand your need to go out and have a good time.



gay following, and it's not hard to see why. Ok, he might not have a PHD, but somehow putting your life in his hands would always seem the right thing to do. Maybe it's because David Tennant was so damn foxy or because Matt Smith looks like he shops in Topman? Or maybe it's simply because the concept of Doctor Who is so amazingly gay!

Since hitting screens in 1963 the Doctor has had more facelifts than an ageing scene queen and despite his advancing years still manages to get out and about on a Saturday night and attract a fair bit of attention. He's single, doesn't like to be tied down, has been around the block and back a few times, is friends with Kylie and gets on well with girls, but only as mates. After all who wouldn't want a Fag Hag like Donna Noble helping you prop up the bar in the early hours of the morning? Ok, so the Doctor did seem to have a thing for Rose Tyler, but he never really got it on with her, so that little episode can be chalked up to him being a bit 'confused'. We've all been there at one time in our lives, and when he realised he couldn't be the one to make her happy he at least gave her a double of himself to keep her occupied and off the streets. What a trooper!

The Doctor dresses how he feels comfortable despite what others may

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THE TATTOO TABOO

Why is it that some gay men simply cannot get enough of tattoos and why do others feel the need to have them to define their masculinity? Why do some men only date men with tattoos and why do others avoid them at all costs? Simon Savidge went to meet up with tattoo virgins, tattoo addicts and tattooists to discuss the great ink debate.

I have one friend who has been telling me forever that I should "...go and get some ink done", as if it's a kind of gay initiation rite that I simply have to partake in. True, there are many gay men I have known, and dated that have been tattooed but is it really a gay thing? Do we all think that inked skin is the sexiest thing ever?

According to some men that is precisely how they think.

For Dan, a committed lover of this particular body fashion. "I wouldn't date someone w h o

hadn't been inked". He didn't say why particularly other than it was a turn off. Meanwhile, there are lots of fetishists that will only date someone whose body glistens with images, words or designs, so I suppose he's not going to go without. There has been a rather large increase in 'homemade' tattoos, which mixes pain and disfigurement and seems to take it too far and I'm sure that not every gay man on earth will drop their pants at the sight of a rather crude tattoo... for Malcolm it's a bit of a turn off: "They believe I should be impressed that they are a 'work of art... yer sure!". Some people are dedicated about them, but I suspect most get tattooed as a fashion, and will regret them in the future but won't be able to eradicate them. Occasionally you get a nice distinctive one, but usually they're just generic and ugly. I find the whole idea of covering your skin with designs bizarre - it seems to be making claims - "I'm edgy" - and that by implication, those without are banal and unadventurous. Personally I prefer people that express their personality through their words and actions rather than telegraphing it through inked-on designs. It's as if having invested money and pain in getting one, they feel obliged to keep the thing on show. I'm aware how prim and sanctimonious that sounds but let's be honest... it's not always individual, often it's just a bit ugly. And what about when you start to sag? I have a mate who is now in his late 50s. When he was young he had a nice tattoo of a dolphin etched onto his bum cheek. For many years he was very happy with it but now, as his ass sags, he complains it looks more like a beached whale.

Some folks choice of tattoos leaves a lot to be desired. I was once dating a guy and we got naked for the first time where I discovered that he had Snow Whites and the Seven Dwarfs happily 'Hi-Hoing' up his legs... and that was that game over. It was the first and last time we ever got naked together, I just couldn't stand the thought of his love of Disney going to such extremes. Interestingly enough, Disney characters are some of the most popular tattoos that British public request.

Some think that having your name tattooed on their person is the height of dedication, love and romance, in reality, according to a gay tattooist I met, its not as easy as you might think to have someone's name engraved on you permanently. "Some of us refuse to tattoo partner's names unless they have been married for about 20 years and we may actually ask you for proof. I am not joking." He goes on with the reasoning for this. "There is a saying in the tattoo business that if you get someone's name tattooed on you, you will shortly split up. We call it 'the curse of the needle.'" (Ask Cheryl and Ashley Cole if this is true)

There is another reason to avoid some of those magical foreign symbols and words - you don't always know what they mean. How many times have we heard of the guy with a wonderful tattoo in Persian or

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Chinese, thinking it was the name of their partner or some other magical symbol... only to find out later it actually means 'Toilet' or 'Dumbass' in the original language? I suppose this type of thing can be just 'urban legend' but it does make you wonder.

The popularity in people getting tattoos is on the increase. Pop fashion, sexy footballers and the plethora of really artistic tattoos has seen the upsurge in 'walking art' hit an all time high. For some a tattoo has other



connotations: The numbers etched on prisoners in the concentration camps, the membership tattoo of many criminal groups, not forgetting the simple prejudice of people who are frightened by 'difference'.

I suppose in some cultures tattoos are very masculine and indeed part of the way of

saying who you are, having said that I am far too much of a big girl to have had it done myself. Having your skin indelibly stamped is a huge decision and one that shouldn't be at the whim of fashion. However, I have to admit that some of the images I have seen are fantastic... though obviously not on me... and I must applaud the sheer artistry and talent of those tattooists. Some of the big 'ideas' can take many months to complete and some areas of the body are more sensitive than others... you might like to check on your pain threshold before deciding where the needle starts its work. Some tattoos are just plain strange. Denny in Liverpool said; "I met a guy who had 'fuck' tattooed on his bottom lip and wanted me to bite on it. I was not unduly surprised when he said he was unemployed." I have heard that they can be quite addictive. I remember Marc Almond once saying that he just started with a small tattoo but now, in some ways, he uses his body as a canvas - adding ideas and images as and when.

Then I wonder... is there a competitive element to body tattoos? Paul, who admits to loving the idea of a 'nice Celtic Cross' but is now having second thoughts says: "I know someone with a tattoo of an upside crucifix made out of cocks on his leg. How do you top that or know where to start, and where does it all end?" At what point does the image stop being just an image but the major part of your personality? How extreme is extreme? Some of the facial tattoos are just plain scary but is the reason for this a complete sublimation of who you are... creating someone... or something... completely new?



Tattoos - A Scarred History

From people with tattoos on every body part, to digital tattoos powered by your blood, this controversial feature documentary will take you on a visually stunning, and to some, disturbing journey into the world of tattoos. With the help from a sociologist, psychotherapist, bishop and a host of celebrities, including David Carradine, Jason Mewes, Brad Dourif, and many more as a young woman (Sousila) tries to discover why tattoos have become such a large part of modern western society. Watch in awe at the artistry and extreme measures people go to, to be different.

'Tattoos: A Scarred History' is a must see visual treat, regardless of whether you love or hate tattoos!

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To stand a chance of winning this 'disturbing' DVD just answer this simple question:
What liquid do tattooists use to make the image on a person's body?



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BENT'S TOP FIVE TATTOOED MEN WE WOULD 'DO'

DAVID BECKHAM

He may sound like he's a bit soft but with all these tattoos you know he's a tough nut deep down and we wouldn't mind seeing our name dedicated on Beck Pecks.

SHIFTY SHELLSHOCK

You are probably all thinking 'who?' But the leader of Crazy Town and their one hit 'Butterfly (sugar baby)' spent most of the video half naked and covered in tattoos and we liked, we liked it a lot.

ROBBIE WILLIAMS

We wonder if Robbie has any secret tattoos anywhere and would quite like to go on a mission to find out. We like the lion the most and would quite like those tattooed arms wrapped around us of a night thank you very much.

JOHNNY DEPP

As Captain Jack Sparrow, he took tattoos to a new level and it was still sexy, in real life he has some about him which only adds to the rocky foppish look that we all love. A gent with a dark side.

WENTWORTH MILLER

(covered in tattoos in Prison Break)

Ok so he doesn't actually have any tattoos on him that we can see, and believe us we have had a good old look. But what about when he was covered in tattoos (the map to the prison) as Michael Scofield in Prison Break, come on that was a hot look.



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SHINY SHINY

There are a lot of independent makers of underwear and sportswear out there and one of Bent's favourites is Markus who we discovered on eBay. His shiny plastic and ripstop nylon shorts, trackie bottoms and underwear has the team getting all slinky and... kinky. Slipping into all that glossiness makes our bits perk up in the knowledge that when on vacation...we look original and feel... fantastic!

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Bum-Chums “bum-lovin’ pants”



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Craig and Gareth are very proud of the fact that their company has sourced everything here in the UK. The fabric, the elastic, the machinery, the work force and their own designs are all waving the flag for home-grown talent and expertise.

As both entrepreneurs enthuse; “We keep the prices at a fair level and we have plans for new ideas and some really eye-catching designs. We'd like to bring out a new collection twice a year and at the moment we are working on a swimwear range. However, if you are looking for something different... you will find some of our more unexpected and daring creations on our site; from our 'retro' pants to our 'Celestial' bum-huggers it's all there where the flamboyant and extrovert will find their perfect pants for pulling, playing, posing...!

www.bum-chums.com



we go; always playing catch up. So, isn't it about time we gave our bums some TLC... and a damn good buffing?" These are the thoughts of the two men behind (oops) the creation of new pants company bum-chums, Craig and Gareth, who seem ready for the Pride and festival season with a glossy, sparkling and very shiny range of fabulously fitting and attention-grabbing undies.

Here at Bent, like magpies, we just love anything shiny. We covet, collect and cling to any fashion that makes our butts look different, attracts attention and gives us any excuse to wander around in just our underwear - the Bent offices are very free and easy.

The idea of bum-chums came about after Craig, as a penniless student, suddenly found Christmas approaching and he had no money to buy presents. He found some fabric, turned his hand to a skill his mum had taught him as a kid, and got on a sewing machine and produced the only thing he thought he could do quickly... an original pair of undies for his family and friends. They were an instant success and more orders from friends of family and friends of friends eventually led him to his best mate, and finance guru Gareth, to think about setting up a company to market this increasingly popular idea.

Bum-chums was formed and, even with the general downturn in the economy, their underwear seems to retain its edge in appealing to the gay and the exhibitionists in us all (don't try and deny it... you can't wait to feel that sensual metallic fabric make your bits gleam and bulge can you?).



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TERRY GEORGE: TELLIN' STORIES



A TOUCH TOO MUCH?

Recently I had friends from London and Brighton staying with me in Yorkshire, so I took them out for a day in the historic city of York.

One of the couples is young and very much in love. They're relationship is still new and they couldn't stop holding hands and kissing in public. Hardly anyone in York paid them attention. I saw one or two people nudging each other and pointing. A young guy said to an old guy; 'Did you see that? They were kissing. That's what it's all about these days.'

When we came to Leeds it was a different story though. Lots of people were pointing and I was shocked that a city as cosmopolitan as Leeds doesn't appear to be as open and accepting as in other places.

With all the TV soaps and their constant gay storylines, you'd think that a couple of boys holding hands (as girls don't seem to attract the same horror) would create much of a stir at all. Is it because it is such a rare thing to happen? Is it just the sheer novelty of the occasion that attracts the whispers and the pointing. Maybe, but often from these whispers there is a more sinister undertone that is very disquieting.

I know a gay couple who have been partners for over 33 years and, unless under very gay circumstances, never hold hands in the street. They might kiss hello or goodbye in the car, but as for public displays of affection, it's a definite no-no. When I ask them why, they point to the fact that they don't need any trouble at their age.

It got me thinking about how more gay people should be expressing their love and friendship of each other and we should have an official day for holding hands.



When I looked into it further, I discovered there's already an international hand holding day which starts in January and runs throughout the year (www.adayinhand.com). On this day, week, month or year, same-sex couples and friends all over the world are encouraged to hold hands in public to support the visibility of LGBT people.

Also, Sshh! Saturdays, which occur on the last Saturday of every month is a way of encouraging and inspiring LGBT people to take responsibility for their equality and live their lives without fear or restraint. Sshh! Saturdays in major Western cities will, it is hoped, become regarded as an important time when numerous same-sex couples can feel confident in holding hands and being themselves.

Celebrities Brian Paddick and Boy George, author Paul Burston, MEP Michael Cashman, (the original Eastender gay boy) and activists Peter Tatchell & Cleve Jones (Harvey Milk's aide) have already endorsed the campaign.

Last Valentine's Day, students in Oxford formed a same-sex chain around the Radcliffe Camera, in celebration of friendship and gay rights. Instead of a boy-girl line, the participants held hands in boy-boy, girl-girl formation. But I know what you're saying, it's easy for students, they have nothing to lose. That might be so, but we can't rely on Outrage and Stonewall or a few students to do all the work for us... sometimes, even in a small way, we need express our own feelings... and to feel less oppressed in our own country.

If you feel the same way, why not join the Kiss-In for Global Queer Freedom, which takes place at 2pm on Sunday 9 May, in Piccadilly Circus, London. They need hundreds of couples to join in.

This will be a re-enactment of the iconic OutRage! Kiss-In from the eighties and celebrates the 20th anniversary of the queer rights group OutRage! It was originally staged to protest against the arrest of same-sex couples for kissing and cuddling, and shamed and embarrassed the Metropolitan Police into ceasing to arrest LGBT couples for displays of affection.

This time the Kiss-In is focused on demanding freedom and human rights for LGBT people worldwide, especially in countries like Jamaica, Iran, Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia but it is also good for all of us to be visible.

For more information contact OutRage! 0208 240 0222.

Give us a Kiss!



LIVING IN THE GAYTRIX

74% Of Gay And Bisexual Men Would Refuse A Straight Pill

Borrowing the concept from the science fiction film *The Matrix*, over 2,500 gay and bisexual men were given the choice: Take the blue pill, the story ends, and you wake up heterosexual. Or take the red pill and you remain in *The Gaytrix*. The statistics revealed that 3 in 4 of those surveyed would refuse to take a pill to change their sexuality.

In a recent survey conducted by the free gay dating website ManCentral.com, members were asked if they would take a pill to change their sexual orientation.

Whilst 26% of those surveyed admitted that they would take a 'straight pill', if such a pill existed, almost three times as many men (74%) had no desire to alter their sexual preference and chose to reject any such 'cure'.

Considering the improved attitudes towards homosexuality in today's society, it may be assumed that younger males would be less inclined to covet heterosexuality than those who grew up in a less accepting social climates. However, males aged between 18 and 24 were the most likely to take a pill to change their orientation (37%), this gradually fell to just 13% of those aged 51 to 60.

Consequently, it seems that for the majority of gay and bisexual men, society bears little impact on the individual, whilst self-acceptance develops with age. On the other hand, younger males are more likely to feel anxious to conform to the norm, which may contribute to the higher percentage of 18-24 year olds willing to take a straight pill.

The survey also found that:

16% of openly gay and bisexual men admitted they would take a pill to change the sexual preference, whilst more than double the amount (38%) of closeted men would accept the altering drug.

Gay men were the most likely to refuse a 'cure' with 79% unwilling to change their sexuality; compared to 66% of bisexual men and 54% of bi-curious males.

Though 1 in 4 of the men surveyed would take a pill to become straight, the research highlights that the majority of gay, bisexual and bi-curious men have no desire to leave *The Gaytrix*. www.ManCentral.com



METHADRONE – THE CHANGE IN THE LAW

A big hit in clubs across the UK and regarded by many as safe because until recently it was seen as a 'legal high'.

The main derivative of Cathinone, a naturally occurring stimulant found in the khat plant and cathinones is the name given to a group of drugs that are 'cousins' of amphetamine-like compounds that include amphetamine itself (speed), cocaine and MDMA (ecstasy). These cathinone derivatives were previously sold online and in headshops as so called 'legal highs'. Cathinone derivatives include a variety of chemical compounds with slang names including:

Mephedrone. (aka 4-MMC; 4-methylmethcathinone and MCAT). A stimulant drug with effects similar to amphetamines (speed) and MDMA (ecstasy) producing euphoria, alertness, talkativeness and feelings of empathy. It can also cause anxiety and paranoid states and risk overstimulating the heart and circulation, and overstimulating the nervous system to cause fits. Evidence suggests that mephedrone may cause death.

From the 16th April 2010, the entire 'family' of cathinone derivatives became controlled as Class B drugs. This means they are illegal to possess, give away or sell. Possession can get you up to five years in jail. Supplying someone else, including your friends, can get you up to fourteen years in jail and an unlimited fine.

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GAY SEX FOR THE CLUELESS

Most gay guys think they know everything there is to know about sex...but actually is there a lot more to learn? The latest issue of FS magazine from GMFA, the gay men's health charity, gives you a wealth of information if you are clueless about sex, and some handy pointers if you're not.

The article will help you get clued up about your cock, sucking, fucking, your arse, STIs and HIV, GU clinics, and sex, drugs and alcohol. There's a whole host of information that most of us were never told about in school, including:

- > Your cock contains some of the most sensitive areas of your body. That's why it's so much fun to fool around with.

- > STIs like HIV can get into your body through your cock. The areas that let viruses in are the opening you wee through, your foreskin and the head.

- > Catching HIV from sucking cock is relatively rare. However, both partners can catch gonorrhoea, syphilis, herpes or Chlamydia from blow-jobs.

- > The lining of your arse is like a sponge that soaks up liquid, including spunk if you get fucked without a condom and the guy cums inside you. That's why the arse is so vulnerable to infections like HIV.

- > The route up your arse is not a straight line – there is a bend in it. That's why certain sexual positions feel better than others.

There's also a vox pop of gay guys talking about their first experiences of gay sex and where they got their gay sex education from. To read the full article, 'Gay Sex for the clueless', as well as other features including 'How to have a winning relationship' and 'Six ways to improve your social life', look out for your copy of FS, issue 117. It's available for free in gay venues and GUM clinics across the UK or can be downloaded at www.gmfa.org.uk/fsnation



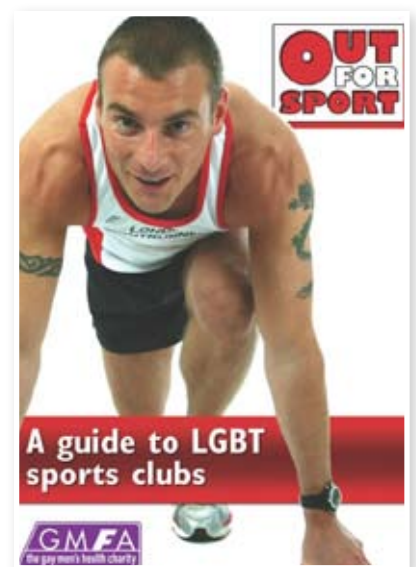
TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Have you ever wondered if there is anything more interesting to do than spend time in that bar, club, or on that website? Do you fancy playing a sport in a fun, sociable group with other gay, bisexual or transgender men and women? If so, then GMFA's new guide to LGBT sports, social and activity clubs is for you.

The 'Out For Sport & Out For Fun' booklet from GMFA, the gay men's health charity, hits the scene this week and includes details of LGBT sports clubs and activity groups across London. As well as updating details for established clubs, it includes lots of new ones that have been set up since GMFA last published its guide in 2006. GMFA has also relaunched an online version at www.gmfa.org.uk/theguide, which now includes listings of groups across the UK.

Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes at GMFA, says: "The gay scene can be great for socialising with other gay men and lesbians but it's by no means the only option. There are so many other ways to meet like-minded people and we want to encourage men and women to get out there and try something a bit different. So, whether you already have an interest or a sport, or you'd like to try a new one, give it a go!"

If none of the groups listed take your fancy, GMFA will even help you set up a new one yourself. Just email them at gmfa@gmfa.org.uk to get a copy of their guide to setting up and running a successful social group or sports club.



WALK FOR LIFE

On Sunday 6th June, HIV and AIDS charity Crusaid will host its annual Walk for Life event in Potters Fields Park, London. A highlight of the summer fundraising calendar, this event is Europe's largest fundraising walk for HIV and AIDS. Walkers will embark on a 10k walk around the capital taking in many of the city's iconic sites such as St Paul's Cathedral and the London Eye in a bid to raise money for people affected by HIV and AIDS living in poverty. Over 3,000 people registered for Crusaid's Walk for Life last year, and this year once again promises to be a fun-filled and action-

packed day for everyone involved as the event celebrates its 21st birthday. In true party style, walkers are encouraged to join in the fun and 'walk the walk' in their finest fancy dress to mark the special occasion. There will also be an after-walk party extravaganza with a medley of live entertainment, food, drink and a few celebrity faces to add to the excitement of the day.

The Walk kicks off at 10am – 6pm and there is a £10 registration fee (free for under 15s and unwaged participants)

For more information: www.walkforlife.co.uk



GYM... IT'S A TONIC

At last, the sun is back again. No more snow! Instead, warm temperatures and guys wearing shorts and tank-tops once more. Hurray! As a result, the streets and marketplaces become a cat-walk and at last you can check what sort of guy you're taking home before you get to the point of a guy dropping his thick winter coat in your bedroom. I'm not alone in having these sort of bad experiences during the colder months, I'm quite sure ...

The other week I had a show in Munich with our StaxusOnTour crew once again; and, thanks to my new sports car, I arrived in the city a little bit earlier than usual. Almost unbelievably, I started at just 6°C in Prague, and arrived, just a few hours later, in Munich to find it was 25°C! Consequently, I immediately changed into my shorts, a tank-top and my new summer sneakers and went straight to Viktualienmarkt. Here I met some of my friends from Munich and we enjoyed a few beers together. It was just great - Friday afternoon, the sun streaming down and everyone in a relaxed and happy mood. Needless to say, I was a little bit worse for wear when I returned to my hotel; and so I needed a short nap before I prepared myself for our PopParty Porn Edition.

The day after - Easter Saturday - I was in the hotel gym, but to be honest the thought of all those delicious Easter Eggs full of chocolate was making things just a little too stressful. I know, everyone says that the Easter period is for making a bit of a pig of yourself, but the trouble is that whenever I see sweets or chocolate... pretty much nobody can stop me! Indeed, it took me the best part of two months after Christmas to get back to my regular weight of 64 kgs, and now I've added another few kilos again because of Easter. No doubt about it, hard training's what I need to knock my six-pack, legs and arms into shape for the summer!

After the gym I went with my friend to a gay sauna and to be honest I didn't really feel too comfortable being there. Of course it was fun, but I actually prefer private saunas. Gay saunas - especially the place where I went - was not really for taking a sauna but for having sex! Indeed, in almost every corner and cubicle there were guys

sucking and fucking each other. What's more, they all seemed to be moaning so loud that I thought I must be on the set of some cheap Russian gay porn movie! As such, our plans for a relaxed afternoon and some intimate cuddling were most definitely ruined. Instead, we had to make do with watching the activities going on all around us - although in fairness that was arguably even more interesting! Indeed, I must confess that there were some really cute twinks in that sauna that day and I actually became quite horny myself and had a real urge for a short sharp fuck. As it was, however, I was there with a friend and had to control myself - although horny thoughts (not to mention hand-jobs!) are surely always allowed, aren't they ...?

Did I tell you that I'd booked a short holiday - 2 weeks in the (hopefully) sunny Canaries. As a result, by the time you read these words in Bent magazine I shall be sitting with my ass on a beach and my hands on a cold beer ... or (even better) on some cute twink in the dunes! Oh yes, life can be very hard sometimes!

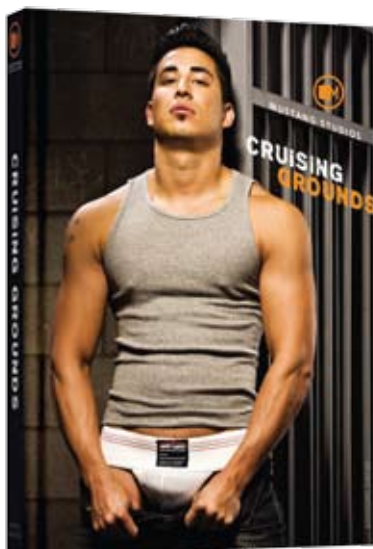
The island in question - and we all know which one I'm talking about - is just perfect for a vacation. Just jump onto the next southbound plane and 4 hours later you're there enjoying the African sun. Okay, so it's not exactly the cheapest place there is, but sometimes you just need a short break to recharge your batteries.

I always combine my holidays with a little bit of work, so I'm planning to do a nice photo-shoot or two on the beaches, and maybe 2 or 3 scenes for my site. As such, no-one can say that I'm a lazy bitch on my holidays! What's more, outdoor shoots are always fun - though I just hope we'll be able to find some quiet places. I remember last time, about six months ago, when we had about 30 to 40 people standing around our set, watching me wank and fuck, culminating in a round of applause after the cum-shot! It's almost comical, but even in the loneliest sand-dunes on the island you will always find some gays out cruising for action!

See you soon!
Kiss Johan



Please feel free to follow my holidays with the latest blog entries and photos on my site:
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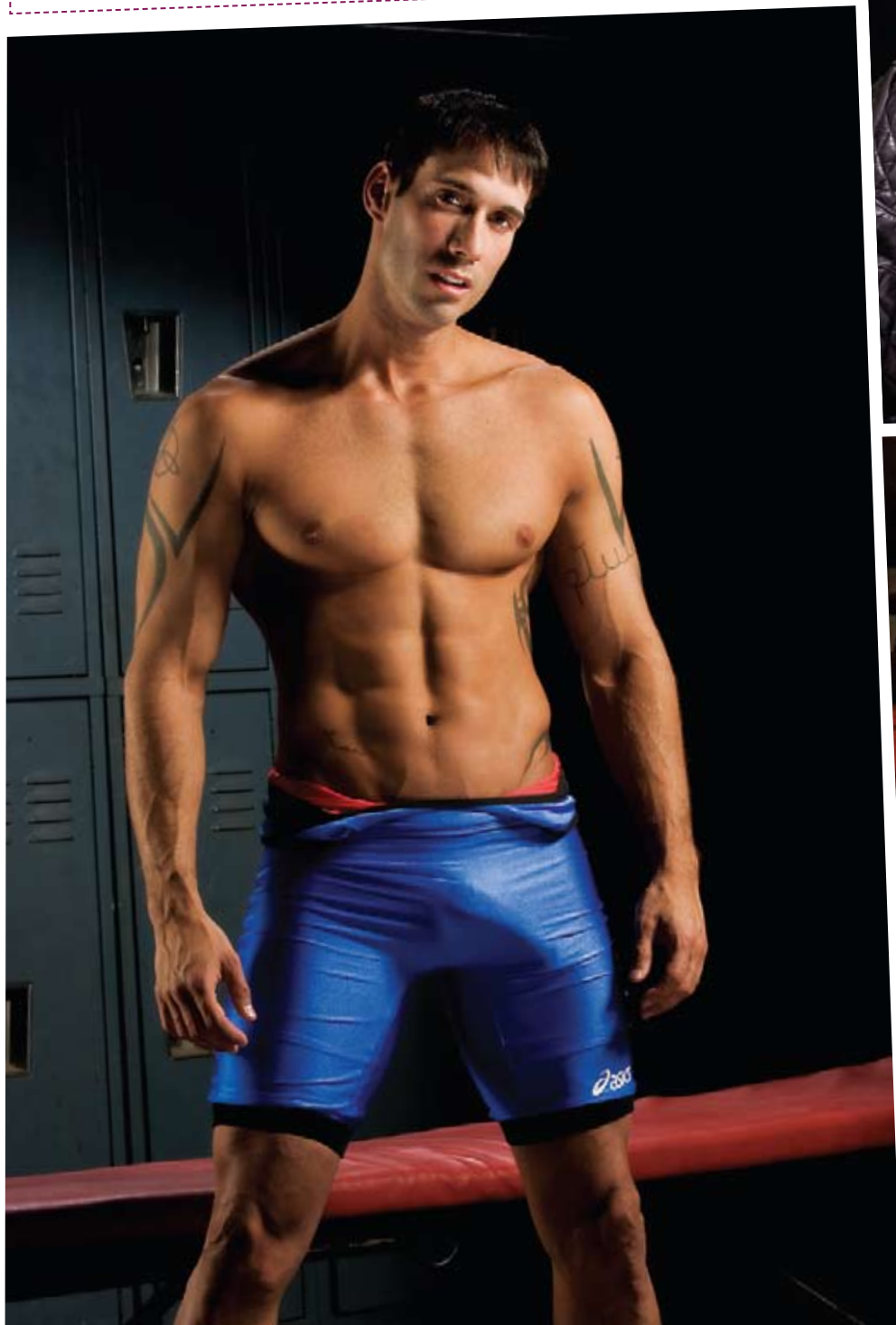
► *CRUISING GROUNDS*

Mustang

Mustang is not about immaculate dream guys, it's about rough, muscled machos, who look as if they wouldn't mind if you'd grab them in the crotch with both hands.

Explicit, bawdy and dirty — but also with plenty of lust for an opulent performance Falcon — stands for hard and hunky men; for muscles and loads of testosterone. It's the perfect alternative for everybody who isn't into shaved, spic and span guys.

£29.99 – Bruno Gmunder



▶ **THE TWO STRAIGHT GUYS**

By Nade Wright

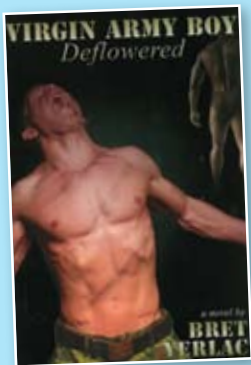
When two wives are out of town, the kids are gone, the stools at the café are really, really close together, the beer is flowing and two straight guys start getting horny – things start changing. So, on one unexpected weekend together, they start doing stuff that neither men had done before... and it made them view life, and each other, a little differently. **£12.99 – Nazca Plains Corp**



◀ **VIRGIN ARMY BOY DEFLOWERED**

By Bret Yerlac

Michael Wood was still a virgin at 20. He was in doubt about his sinful desires and hoped that a spell in the army would cure him of these irreligious thoughts and desires. Enter Staff Sergeant Axel Wood, a big muscled black guy that kept a lustful eye on the new private. It might take him a while but he's determined to coax the handsome blue-eyed blond into his private room... and see what develops. **£12.99 – Nazca Plains Corp**



▶ **STEVE MCQUEEN, KING OF COOL – TALES OF A LURID LIFE**

By Darwin Porter

The drama of Steve McQueen's life far surpassed those that unravelled on-screen. His mother, a prostitute, seduced him as part of an Oedipal fling. He'd been brutally molested by some of her customers, endured gang rape at school and worked as a porn performer and escort to the rich. He had an A-list of lovers both male and female as he lived his life at top speed. **£21.99 – Blood Moon Productions**



◀ **OBSESSIONS**

Edited by Christopher Trevor

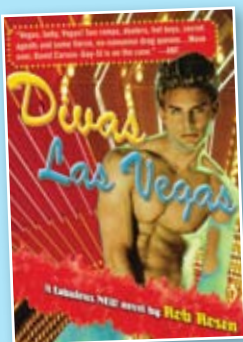
With this collection of various authors the editor has pooled together an amazing selection of the erotic and wild fantasies. Guys put through their most challenging, sexy and horny situations... guaranteed to give you an early arousal from the first story on. **£12.99 – Nazca Plains Corp**



▶ **DIVAS LAS VEGAS**

By Rob Rosen

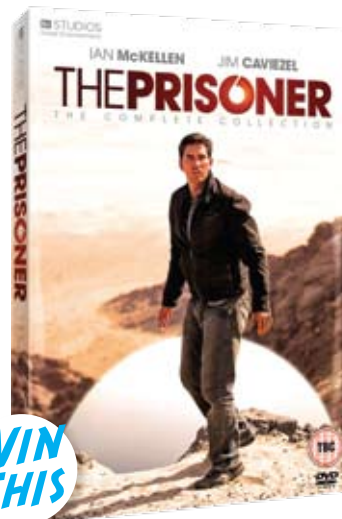
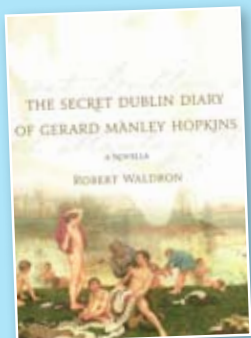
Touching on all aspects of popular gay culture, this 'buddy story' involves rare antiques, a yard sale and an adventure filled road trip. So jump in the car and join our heroes as they head off to Las Vegas in this hilarious, touching and compulsively readable page-turner. **£10.99 – Cleis Press**



◀ **THE SECRET DUBLIN DIARY OF GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS**

By Robert Waldron

The last sonnets of Gerald Manley Hopkins, known as 'the terrible' sonnets due to their implicit despair, have long intrigued readers and critics alike. However, this bold and imaginative novella offers a possible insight into the mind of the poet as he struggled with his devout faith, doubt and suppressed homosexuality. **£10.99 – Brandon**



WIN THIS

THE PRISONER

Internationally acclaimed actors Ian McKellen and Jim Caviezel star in the reinvention of the 1960s TV classic cult thriller, *The Prisoner*. The six one-hour episodes tell the story of a man who finds himself trapped in a mysterious and surreal place known as The Village, with no memory of how he arrived there. As he frantically explores his environment, he discovers that its inhabitants are identified by number instead of by name and have no memory of a prior existence or outside civilization. Not knowing who to trust, Number Six is driven by the desperate need to discover the truth behind The Village and, more importantly, how he can survive and escape to his previous life.

Out 3rd May - £24.99 - ITV studios Home Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning the complete series of *The Prisoner* just answer this simple question: **What Number is The Prisoner?**



WIN THIS

SHERLOCK HOLMES

A storm is gathering, a threat unlike anything that Holmes has ever confronted. After a string of ritualistic murders, Holmes and Watson arrive just in time to save the latest victim and uncover the killer: Lord Blackwood. As he approaches his scheduled hanging, Blackwood warns Holmes that death has no power over him, and when that prediction comes true, London and Scotland Yard are left confounded. But to Holmes, the game is afoot. Racing to stop Blackwood's deadly plot, Holmes and Watson plunge into a world of the dark arts and new technologies, where logic is sometimes the best crime-fighting weapon.

Out: 17th May - Blu-ray & DVD - Warner Home Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of *Sherlock Holmes*, just answer this simple question: **On which famous street in London did Sherlock Holmes have premises – Baker Street or Regent Street?**



WIN THIS

SHAMELESS SERIES 7

The Gallaghers, The Maguires and the rest of the unruly, roguish residents of The Chatsworth Estate have once again opened their doors to the public.

Frank Gallagher begins a fervent romance with local Librarian Libby, as her passion for romantic literature wakes in Frank something that has been dormant for so long – before her mum Patty arrives and threatens to put a spanner in the works.

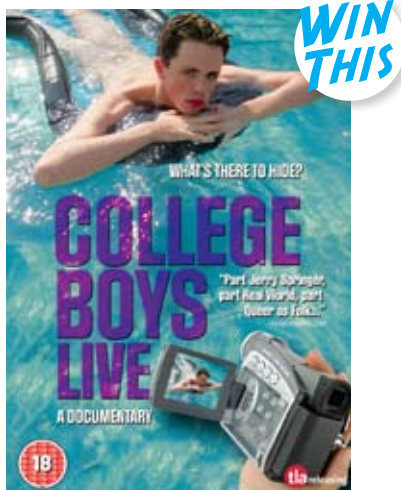
Meanwhile, the Maguire family are preparing to welcome a new addition to the clan, a baby son for Karen and Jamie but baby Connor's arrival doesn't mean Joe Pritchard will loosen his hold on Karen, who soon discovers that motherhood brings on some unwanted Jackson family traits.

The 16 part series sees the welcome return of the charmingly chaotic families and their outrageous activities in and around the Manchester estate that they call home. Scams, sex and a few new arrivals add to the outlandish mix of characters – domestic life will never be the same again.

Out: 17th May - Series 7 £34.99 Series 1-7 box set £99.99 - 4DVD

To be in with a chance of winning the complete Series 7 of Shameless just answer this simple question:

What is the name of Karen and Jamie's baby in Shameless?



WIN THIS

COLLEGE BOYS LIVE

Prepare yourself for the ultimate voyeur experience as a group of young, hot jocks put themselves under the spotlight in College Boys Live. The intimate and provocative documentary follows the goings-on of a group of gay exhibitionists as every aspect of their lives is captured by one of 32 hidden cameras for the paying customers at controversial website Collegeboyslive.com. Set in and around a sprawling house in a quiet Florida suburb the attention-hungry twinks soon find themselves in a bitter battle with their conservative neighbours while trying to deal with the daily dramas of being internet sex stars..

Out: 10th May - £14.99 - TLA Releasing

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question:

How many hidden cameras are there at the College house?



WIN THIS

TRUE BLOOD - THE COMPLETE 2ND SERIES

It would seem that the world just cannot get enough of those pesky Vampires... and the folks down in Bon Temps continue to stir up trouble, sex and blood for all its inhabitants.

Cleverly written, brilliantly acted and with enough twists to put the world's best roller coaster to shame, the second series of True Blood - feasts on those more timid than the rest. After making a shocking discovery, Sookie, Bill and Sam must form the last line of defence against a plan that raises this award-winning series to bloody new heights. Clothes fall to the floor almost as often as blood splatters the walls in the show that blends supernatural horror, sex, and mystery with just a little bit of social commentary thrown in for good measure.

Out: 17th May - DVD and BluRay - HBO Home Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning the complete 2nd Series of True Blood just answer this simple question:

What is the name of the town where it all takes place?



WIN THIS

NOWHERE BOY

The film chronicles the early life of John Lennon in a biopic that has received rave reviews and awards. Taking Lennon's life from 1955 as its starting point, when he was a rebellious 15-year-old living in stifling suburbia with his Aunt Mimi and his emotional relationship with his estranged mother Nowhere Boy delves into the early days of his music career and ends with his departure for Hamburg with fellow Beatles, Paul McCartney and George Harrison.

Out: 10th May - DVD and BluRay - Icon Home Ents

To be in with a chance of winning Nowhere Boy, just answer this simple question:

In which British city were the Beatles formed?



WIN THIS

44 INCH CHEST

Set against a seedy East End gangster backdrop, Colin is in agony, shattered by the bombshell of his wife's infidelity with a young French waiter. His motley crew of friends – foul mouthed Old Man Peanut intelligent, wealthy and gay Meredith, Archie who lives at home with mum, and Mal – kidnap Loverboy and stash him in a wardrobe in a dilapidated old house. They assemble a kangaroo court so that Colin can restore his manhood with revenge. A very bumpy night ensues for Loverboy whose life is at stake as Colin wrestles with heartbreak, anger, madness, love and gargantuan self-pity as his friends unleash a tirade of accusations to urge him on to bloody violence.

Out: 10th May - Available on DVD - BluRay - Momentum Pictures

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of 44 Inch Chest, just answer this simple question:

Which of these is the name of notorious East End gangsters - The Simpsons or The Krays?



WIN THIS

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Follows Max, an adventurous boy who feels misunderstood at home, as he escapes to where the Wild Things are. Max lands on an island where he meets mysterious and strange creatures whose emotions are as wild and unpredictable as their actions and who are desperately longing for a leader to guide them, just as Max longs for a kingdom to rule. When Max is crowned king, he promises to create a place where everyone will be happy. Take your family on a magical journey together this half-term

Out: 24th May - Available on DVD and BluRay - Warner Home Video

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD, just answer this simple question:

What is a baby lion called?



SEX AND THE CITY 2

Out: 28th May
After the huge international success of the first feature, film director-writer Michael Patrick King re-teams with his four leading ladies - Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon and Kristin Davis. In this sequel each of the girls is having a difficult time dealing with their latest female issue (menopause,

married life, children etc.) so they do what any responsible rich adult does - go on holiday. It's in Abu Dhabi where Carrie bumps into old flame Aiden leading to more relationship angst. The camp factor is turned up full volume with a gay wedding and plenty of cameo appearances including Liza Minelli, Miley Cyrus, Heidi Klum and Mariah Carey.

▼ IRON MAN 2

Out: 30th April

After confessing his identity as Iron Man to the world, Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) comes under fire from the United States Government who demand he hand over the powerful weapon that is the Iron Man suit.

As the Government attempts to create a duplicate suit with the assistance of Stark's rival, Justin Hammer (Sam Rockwell), Tony's long time friend Jim Rhodes (Don Cheadle) is put centre stage in the conflict. Meanwhile, a mysterious and dangerous foe emerges in Ivan Vanko (Mickey Rourke), who creates an alternate and powerful persona known as Whiplash in order to exact revenge on the Stark family once and for all... it isn't long before he unites with Hammer in an effort to destroy Iron Man. With the arrival of his shady new assistant (Scarlett Johansson), and persistent recruitment attempts from S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), Stark needs all the help he can get in order to overcome the obstacles.



▲ EYES WIDE OPEN

Out: 14th May

Homosexuality in the Orthodox community is the subject of this dark and disturbing Israeli film. Aaron Fleishman (Zohar Shtrauss) is a father of four who takes over the family kosher butcher shop following the death of his father. Aaron's observant world is turned upside down with the arrival of a young Yeshiva student Ezri (Ran Danker). When Aaron and

Ezri begin spending time together, Aaron is quickly ostracised within the Orthodox community. Confronted by Rabbi Vaisben (Tzahi Grad), Aaron declares he was dead before meeting Ezri. We see how quickly social control turns violent and ugly in the Orthodox community when Ezri is forced to leave. It has a strong cast and delivers a powerful message in a country divided by debates about the growing influence of the Orthodox Jewish community.

MOVIE BUZZ

It's rumoured that Marvel Studios is in talks for Joss Whedon to direct The Avengers! The film will bring together Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) together for one incredible flick. The film is fast tracked and could be out as soon as May of 2012.

A film about the life of Jackie-O is in the works with Darren Aronofsky as the director and his fiancée,

Rachel Weisz, playing Miz Jackie herself. The flick would look at the iconic First Lady's life in the days following her husband's, President Kennedy, assassination.

Samuel L Jackson and hunky Kellan Lutz have signed on to star in the underground fighting thriller Fury about a drifter who finds himself forced into the savage world of a modern gladiatorial arena, where men fight to the death for

the entertainment of the online masses. Zac Efron is looking to further his acting credibility and set to co-produce a remake of Snabba Cash (Easy Money), the acclaimed Swedish film. The thriller follows three interconnected storylines involving drugs and organized crime, with the main character a young man (Efron) who hopes to strike it rich quickly by becoming a runner for a coke dealer.



▲ **ROBIN HOOD**

Out: 14th May

Russell Crowe stars as the legendary Robin Hood. This version of the story chronicles the life of the expert archer, previously interested only in self-preservation, from his service in King Richard's army against the French. Upon Richard's death, Robin travels to Nottingham, a town suffering from

the corruption of a despotic sheriff and crippling taxation, where he falls for the spirited widow Lady Marion (Cate Blanchett), a woman sceptical of the identity and motivations of this crusader from the forest. Hoping to earn the hand of Maid Marion and salvage the village, Robin assembles a gang whose lethal mercenary skills are matched only by its appetite for life. Together, they begin preying on the indulgent upper class to correct injustices under the sheriff.



▲ **PRINCE OF PERSIA**

Out: 21st May

Walt Disney launches a new mega blockbuster franchise to rival its own Pirates of the Caribbean, so expect games, rides, merchandising aplenty. Set in medieval Persia, Jake Gyllenhaal stars as an adventurous prince who teams up with rival princess Tamina (Gemma Arterton) to stop an angry ruler

from unleashing a sandstorm that could destroy the world. However, he is tricked by a dying Vizier to unleash the Sands of Time that turns out to destroy a kingdom and transforms its populace into ferocious demons. In his effort to save his own kingdom and redeem his fatal mistake, it's up to the prince and the princess to return the sands to the hourglass by using the Dagger of Time, which also gives him a limited control over the flow of time. Has the potential to be the biggest film of summer.



▲ **HOT TUB TIME MACHINE**

Out: 7th May

This year's The Hangover, Hot Tub Time Machine follows a group of best friends who've become bored with their adult lives: Adam (John Cusack) has been dumped by his girlfriend; Lou (Rob Corddry) is a party guy who can't find the party; Nick's (Craig Robinson) wife controls his every move; and video game-obsessed Jacob (Clark Duke) won't leave his basement. After a crazy night of drinking in a ski resort hot tub, the men wake up, heads pounding, in the year 1986. This is their chance to kick some past and change their futures – one will find a new love life, one will learn to stand up for himself with the ladies, one will find his mojo, and one will make sure he still exists! Is very funny.

David Cronenberg's next film A Dangerous Method is based on the play by Christopher Hampton and is about the conflict between Freud (Viggo Mortensen) and his pupil Jung (Michael Fassbender). Keira Knightley will play Sabina, a disturbed young woman brought to see Jung by her father after which Jung and Sabina have an affair.

TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALEX O'LOUGHLIN

Aussie hunk Alex O'Loughlin stars as the romantic lead opposite Jennifer Lopez in this month's romcom the Back-up Plan.

1. The Australian actor was born in August 1976.
2. Got his USA break starring in the acclaimed TV series Moonlight as a vampire private investigator.
3. Was a candidate for the role of James Bond which eventually went to Daniel Craig.
4. Graduated from the National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney in 2002.
5. Enjoys riding motorcycles, rock climbing, music and playing his guitar.
6. As a kid he was a fan of the heavy-metal band Iron Maiden.
7. Born in the city of Canberra but grew up in Sydney. From the age of 10 he went back and forth from the two cities. Has a sister, who is one year younger than he.
8. Has signed on to play Detective Steve McGarrett in the new remake of Hawaii Five-O.
9. Was room-mates with Jonathan Rhys Meyers in New York City during the filming of August Rush (2007). The two play brothers in the movie.

10. In 2005, Alex was nominated for The Australian Film Institute's Best Lead Actor in Television for his role in Mary Bryant.





HELLO SAILOR: Royal Caribbean Cruises

Adrian Gillan enjoys the big cruise experience aboard gay-wooing Royal Caribbean International's amazing Brilliance of the Seas.

90,000 tonnes; 300 metres long; 2,500 guests! Royal Caribbean International's 13-deck mid-size Radiance-class ship, Brilliance of the Seas, is jaw-dropping enough even pre-sailing - viewed from the port - its balcony windows and glass-clad central atrium dazzling in the sun.

Moreover, Royal Caribbean have definitely got the big-ship experience down to a very fine art - one might almost say science, but that would scarce credit the genuine warmth and enthusiasm emanating from all staff and crew. You enjoy seamless airport pick-up and luggage-drop, plus swift transfer and light refreshments, even before the hassle-free gangway check-in and boarding of your ship!

And what a ship! Even if you are lucky enough to be on a longer cruise, there's no shortage of onboard attractions, pastimes, entertainments and culinary delights to fill your days and nights between ports - such variety, you can sample numerous new experiences each day yet still have countless more in store.

After our early rise and flights to Barcelona for our Mediterranean sailing, my partner and I would have, normally, been only too glad to rest for a while on the firm double bed in our sizeable stateroom with big balcony. However - scanning the listings sheet of daily events and dining options, that would be placed in our cabin each and every day by our extremely helpful cabin steward - we could hardly contain our excitement and just had to get stuck in to our first grand tour of this mighty ship.

We were to spend the next few days enjoying some of the finest cuisine we've ever tasted, afloat or ashore, both in the main two-level Minstrel Dining Room and in speciality restaurants like the laid-back New York-style Chops Grill (try their signature Mississippi Mud Pie desert); or superb Italian, Portofino. Indeed, we were never allowed to get peckish at any time throughout the voyage, with the quality and quantity of fine, freshly prepared food pretty much constantly available - at the more informal Windjammer Cafe, from breakfast onwards; or at sundry other eating-points.

And when we weren't eating, we were just relaxing. The light, warm and humid Solarium deck was a particular favourite - with its colonial Raj-style décor, sun-loungers, indoor pool and roll-back glass roof; and its easy access to both the main outdoor pool area and indoor Fitness Centre and Day Spa, the latter with its gender-segregating saunas and stream areas plus other treatments. Treat being the operative word: go on, treat yourself to a 2-hour-long full-body massage and mud-wrap!

The captain - who had a very sexy voice, which he used to effortlessly update us every day on the tannoy, in countless languages - steered a steady course, avoiding the roughest waters and following the sun where possible. The shore excursions were all impeccably organised - Valetta in Malta proving an especial highlight - and injected a nice rhythm to punctuate an otherwise ship-bound life.

By day, the more active can try their hand at rock climbing (trust your rope-puller to make light work of it), table tennis or mini-golf; play traditional card or board games in the Calcutta Card Club; shoot pool in the Bombay Billiard Club, complete with Harry Potter-esque self-levelling tables; purchase a Rembrandt or Picasso print in the Art Gallery, or via auction; buy photos taken of yourselves, quite possibly on the evening of the formal dinner; or peruse the tempting shopping mall, flashing Video Arcade or fluttering Casino Royale. Alternatively, one can sit with a, doubtless ship-themed, novel in the Library; take in a recent release in the cute little cinema, screening all day long; or sip coffee in lower Latté-Tudes or the upper Seaview Café.

By night, the ship takes on a warm, animated glow and, apart from eating, guests can savour one of several West End-standard shows in Brilliance's large and comfortable Pacifica Theatre. Or they can drink and chat at any of the numerous onboard drinking holes, such as the self-evidently named Champagne Bar; the vast and lofty Lobby Bar in the main 9-story central atrium; the smoke-smelling, ahoy-mateys Schooner Bar; the Scoreboard Sports Bar or - our favourite - the duo of joints in the rear-end Colony Club, namely the Jakarta Lounge and Singapore Sling's. You can even dance the night away up in the Starquest disco and adjoining Viking Crown Lounge, complete with revolving bar!

Any gay guests, whether couples or singles, can rest assured that Royal Caribbean have a zero-tolerance or intolerance, amongst both guests and staff, the latter clearly having undergone extensive training to make all feel utterly welcome - from cabin and dinner arrangements to every aspect of ship-life. This means, primarily, that you can just mix in with all other guests and be yourselves; and, in the unlikely event you encounter any difficulties, simply report it and know it will be dealt with immediately.

Although integration is the order of the day, many gay couples and singles do hook up with each other to socialise. A nightly gay drinks area was informally advertised on our ship. And singles - whether gay or straight - also have their own social events and group dining options available, should they want them.

For sailings direct from the UK, try Independence of the Seas, which will be based out of Southampton from 25 April 2010 onwards. For more information, special deals or to book these or any other Royal Caribbean International cruises, visit: www.royalcaribbean.co.uk



Photos: Richard Kent



Legends, Brighton – Reopens

After the recent fire the whole south coast gay scene and the summer influx of gay visitors will be pleased to know that Brighton's NO.1 gay venue, Legends Bar & the Basement Club has now reopened. The lovely people at Legends have spent countless hours and lots of cash creating a whole new look

for both venues. Legends has undergone a complete redecoration with new floor, new stage area, décor and seating both inside and outside on the terrace. The Basement Club has been redesigned to give a darker feel with added new lighting and a host of other changes.

A few additions to the DJ line-up plus a new slicker feel makes Legends & the Basement club look better than ever. Legends & The Basement Club really are a revolution in late night venues. Isn't it about time you joined the revolution?

The Basement Club at Legends is a stylish gay

nightclub, sumptuously designed to create a space that is both dazzling and intimate.

Throughout the week a selection of great DJs hit the decks culminating in two great weekend nights, New on Friday's 'Celebration', a night of pure pop and classic remixes, with legendary hostess Dolly Rocket. Then ignite your nightlife with 'Ignition' on Saturdays with a heady mix of house and chart tracks.

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Europe's Top 10 Gay Friendly Hotels

TripAdvisor®, the world's largest and most popular travel community, has announced its top ten gay and lesbian-friendly hotels in Europe, based on TripAdvisor editors and travellers. Following the recent sad news of a Berkshire B&B turning away a gay couple, you can be sure of a warm welcome at any of these hotels.

1. COLSON HOUSE, BRIGHTON, ENGLAND

Colson House is a uniquely themed boutique hotel dedicated to the big screen - all hotel rooms are named after movie icons. Located in the heart of Brighton's vibrant gay scene, the owners, Mark and Eamon, go the extra mile to make your stay memorable. As one TripAdvisor traveller said, "I stayed here with my partner and had a lovely time. We stayed in the Judy Garland room, which was tastefully decorated and not OTT at all."



2. HOTEL SEJOUR BEAUBOURG, PARIS, FRANCE

The Hôtel Séjour Beaubourg is located in the very centre of Paris, only a few steps from the Centre Georges Pompidou and within walking distance of the Louvre and Notre Dame. The Séjour Beaubourg offers comfortable rooms featuring bright and modern design and free Wi-Fi.

3. HOTEL AXEL, BARCELONA, SPAIN

This design hotel is close to the exclusive boutiques on Passeig de Gràcia and boasts a swimming pool, gym and sauna. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "I spent a week with my husband and it was great, fantastic environment for gay or straight couples and for singles. Perfect location and very close to the centre of the city."

4. HOTEL CA' DOGARESSA, VENICE, ITALY

In a picturesque corner in the heart of Venice, Hotel Ca' Dogaresa overlooks Canale di Cannaregio. Its traditional Venetian rooms boast period furniture, rich fabrics and precious marbles.



5. CLARION HOTEL PRAGUE OLD TOWN, PRAGUE

This modern property is the only four-star hotel in Prague that has membership of the IGLTA (International Gay, Lesbian, Transgender Association). The hotel is located in the city centre, close to the river Vltava and within easy walking distance of the tourist sites of the Old Town.

6. TY ROSA, CARDIFF, WALES

Ty Rosa, Welsh for 'pink house', offers a warm welcome to all, whatever your sexual orientation. A 15-minute walk from Cardiff city centre, this charming, gay-run, boutique guest house with free Wi-Fi offers stylish rooms and an excellent breakfast.

7. HOTEL DEUTSCHE EICHE, MUNICH, GERMANY

The Deutsche Eiche (German Oak) is one of Munich's oldest meeting places for gay and lesbian visitors with a reputation for attracting creative and arty types. Less than 700 feet from the Viktualienmarkt, the hotel welcomes everyone. The trendy Glockenbach district, the Marienplatz and the banks of the Isar River are just a few steps away. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "A great gay/lesbian hotel. Good food, great location, nice and spacious rooms, cheap, very friendly staff and an extraordinary gay sauna."

8. THE GOLDEN BEAR, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

The Golden Bear claims to have been the first gay hotel in Amsterdam, founded shortly after the Second World War. The hotel is located in two historic buildings dating back to 1737 and is situated in the very centre of the city close to all the main attractions. As one TripAdvisor traveller said, "I would really recommend this place to anyone looking to spend some quality time in old Amsterdam, whether gay or straight."

9. LOS ALMENDROS, PLAYA DES INGLES, GRAN CANARIA

Los Almendros is a complex of private bungalows designed exclusively for gay and lesbian travellers. The hotel is located in the most gay-friendly part of the island, in the middle of Playa del Inglés and just a few minutes walk from the Jumbo shopping centre where you can find wonderful restaurants and gay bars.

10. HOTEL SACHSENHOF, BERLIN, GERMANY

Hotel Sachsenhof is one of Berlin's oldest buildings dating back to emperor times. Else Lasker Schüler wrote her famous poems here and the building was the setting for Erich Kästner's story "Emil und die Detektive". Famous sights such as the Ku Damm are easy to reach within a few minutes. As one recent TripAdvisor traveller explains, "Friendly and extremely helpful staff. Leather and fetish wear no problem and as two gay guys travelling, we felt very at ease and the location is excellent."



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There's advice on ways you can surf the web overseas without running up a huge bill, as well as information on new rules which will come into force this summer.

The rules mean that from July all mobile operators will have to introduce a cut-off mechanism once your mobile internet bill reaches 50 Euros - or around £40 a month - while you're travelling in the European Union.

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FAIL TO SUCCEED

must continually remind yourself each day that you appreciate your efforts. Remember to be your number one fan.

Be aware. When you catch yourself heading toward doing something that may potential derail you, like going out for a night of drinking with your friends or supersizing your lunch, recognize that your actual awareness of that very moment is an important step in your overall journey forward. The fact that you recognized you are "trying" not to slip up is just as an important step as appreciating when you don't. It is perfectly acceptable to acknowledge that it's hard to change. Change doesn't happen overnight, and it will take time. Fortunately, given time, you will grow stronger and more able to deal with situations that can throw you off your goal.

Set yourself up for success. Create opportunities for doing something good, so that you can acknowledge your positive actions. Incorporate these smaller achievements into your overall plan for success.

Reflect, and then move forward. When you stumble, don't spend time agonizing over it and beating yourself up (Hmm, easy to say I know) Determine what you could have done better, but also don't forget to focus on what you did right, and then move forward with a plan to do even better. As you learn to retrain your approach to success, you will find many more opportunities to create positive behaviours and bring positive people into your life. As you also start to change the way you look at your failures, you will gain a new and more powerful outlook that will remove the stigma of guilt and shame. Failure is not an end-all, life-defining event. The opportunity to move forward is always there. Believe, as I do, that great things are possible for your life and you will succeed!

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To fail is much more valuable than to have success. Yes, you heard me. It is not a typo.

I strongly believe that our failures are invaluable tools for ultimately achieving and getting with success. At first, you might not agree with this statement, but think about it. When you have experienced failure, do you crawl and hide in a corner and give up, or do you get up, brush yourself off, and try again, even more determined than before? It may take a few tries to get up, but you will in the end, believe me.

Many of us use our temporary setbacks as learning experiences, and as motivators that drive us to try repeatedly until we succeed. We choose to see these setbacks, as nothing more than bumps in the roads, and that is what you need to do as well. How do you go about flipping the switch and changing the way you draw energy and motivation from a failure or a setback? Start by changing how you view failure. Do not view it as the opposite of success, but as a step to success. Eliminate focusing on what you fail to accomplish because all that will do is feed negative thoughts and actions. Instead, create a plan that emphasizes, and more importantly rewards, positive behaviour and achievement.

Here are a few suggestions for ways to focus on the positive, handle the possible failures you may experience along the way, and celebrate the successes. Celebrate by writing it down. When you accomplish something good, whether it is small or big, take a few minutes to journal about it. This is a great way to review your achievements, especially when you are struggling.

Don't always assume the worst. When you stray from your nutrition plan or miss a workout or two, don't jump to the conclusion that you have failed. Accept that you will need time to build a fitness routine or create a meal plan that will fit your lifestyle. It won't happen overnight. Create an internal dialogue with yourself that acknowledges this fact and keeps you positively focused on moving forward. You



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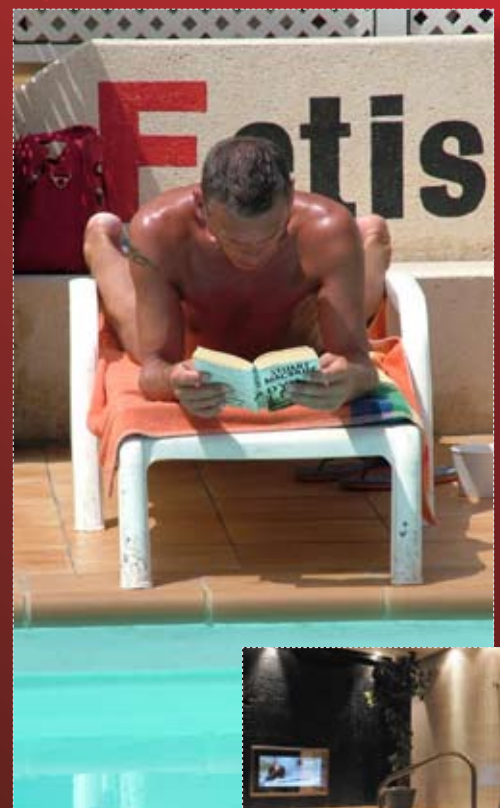
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Meanwhile, back in the UK we have two other fantastic sauna club opportunities for you top enjoy.

Last bank holiday at Basement Manchester was Glory Hole Disco, we hired a fantastic sound system and had DJ Spook from Cruz 101 plus a blast from the past, Terry Gold. Glory Hole disco was a fabulous success and will be returning on the next two bank holidays with our special guest DJs to keep the party atmosphere pumping.

Now in its 9th year and just as popular as ever we welcome the return of the Great British Bear Bash at the sauna on Saturday afternoon 1st May

Basement Leeds have teamed up with local sexy store Nice'n'Naughty, buy any DVD in store and use your receipt to get £3 discount on entry. Watch out for our delightful Basement bois who will be out and about in the city with vouchers at Backdoor Disco and Federation and all the bars.



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Sunday 2nd May, Doors open at 23:00; Door Tax: £6
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BEST OF TWO

Federation are celebrating 7 years at the forefront of Manchester gay clubbing, with not one but two huge birthday spectacular events in May at the Ritz.

Bank Holiday Sunday 2nd May Federation present Street Tuff

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Bank Holiday Sunday 30th May Federation presents Planet Fed.

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Both events will feature the Federation faithful most loved DJ line up Gregg Holden, Jason Guy & Nik Denton.

Both events are £12 Advance tickets available from ticketweb.co.uk, Clone Zone, The Village Off License, Spirit, Manto, Velvet, Taurus, Spar (Oxford Rd and Piccadilly) in Manchester & Fibre in Leeds or more on the door.

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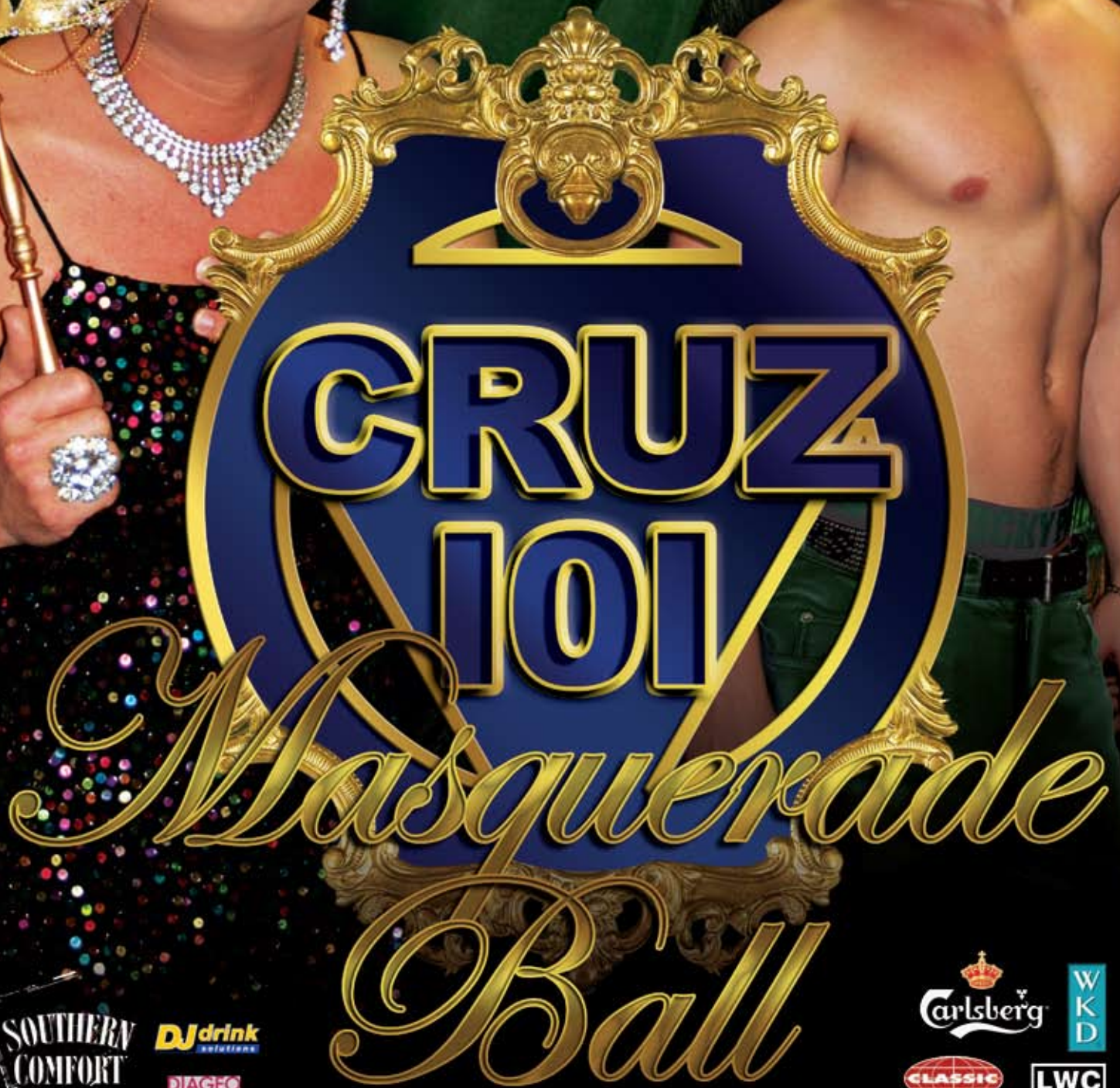
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So, the longest running and most favourite venue in Manchester is 18 years old and to celebrate the club is hosting a weekend of spectacular parties (remember yours?) from Friday 28th - Monday 31st May. Host to celebrities for 18 years, Cruz has selected great entertainment over the weekend from DJ's Almighty Donald, Darren Leasley, Deano, Little Miss Natalie, Rob James, Spook & Tony Woof and live entertainment from Alison Jear - I just wanna f*cking dance!, Kym Mazelle - No More Tears (Enough is Enough) and X-Factor stars Same Difference. As you'd expect there'll be amazing drink offers all weekend including our premium spirit range and Bull-Bar cocktail offers.

For full details of each night check out our website at www.cruz101.com.

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Where else would you want to spend your Sunday mornings?

RECREATION - CARRY ON UP THE CONGO

The Queen of clubs is back in full swing and this bank holiday Recreation returns to her thrown as the official after party for the legendary Federation @ The Ritz. From 3am on 3rd May @ Spirit/Audio Recreation will be banging its congo drums until the early hours of Monday Morning. As well as the huge DJ line up that includes Nik Denton, Gregg Holden, Andy Mac and Darren Bewsher, the venue will be fully decked out to include entertainment by queen Recreation herself and her hunky congo boys.

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SUNDAY 2ND MAY

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DJ Kostello 3pm-9pm warming us up with a BBQ on our gorgeous sun terrace

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Meet our Carnival Queen for trannie treat giveaways!



PRIDE WEEKEND AT FLAMINGO

Friday kicks off the party with Fomo - The Arena is transformed into a giant bubble bath as loads of sexy, sweaty revellers in Speedos, shorts and just about anything lather-it-up on the dance floor for the massive Ibiza foam party. Our resident squad of luscious go-go dancers entertain the masses all through the night. These boys give their all, their bodies pulsating in mesmerizing dances, gyrating with a relentless energy to the innovative mixes of resident DJ Tim Coulton.

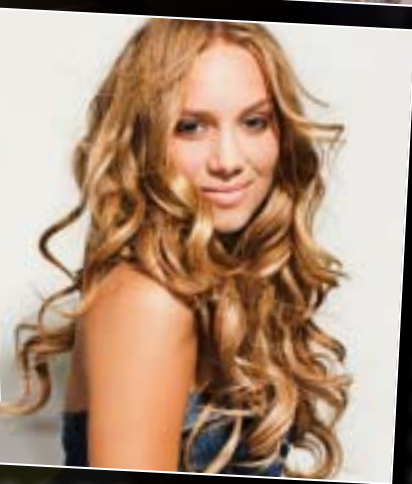
Saturday presents Fierce where the one and only Agnes make her debut at the Flamingo, performing her now legendary anthems 'Release Me', 'I Need You', 'On and On' and debuting her brand new release. Featuring our army of go-go boys, entertainers and fire eaters to keep the crowd entertained, the resident DJ's make sure that the beats will be fierce, the mix will be bold, and the crowd eclectic.

Sunday Sanctuary sees Irene McGarvie spinning a true marathon set working the crowd into a frenzy, distilling infectious rhythms, soulful vocals and timeless classics taking revellers on an exhilarating dance marathon into the early hours. Live pa from Alison Limerick performing her top ten hits 'Where Love Lives' and 'Make it on my Own' www.flamingoonline.co.uk

AGNES

When Agnes's clubbing anthem 'Release Me' became a huge European hit in 2009, spending ten weeks in the UK top 20, it was a breath of fresh air: shiny, happy, glam-sexy euro-disco was back. With the noughties behind us, and eighties style, fashion and music thoroughly rinsed out, is it too early to talk about a nineties revival? The Swedish pop singer who rose to fame as the winner of Idol 2005 the second season of the Swedish Idol series, has since gone on to be one of Sweden's and Europe's most popular and best-selling female singers, selling over 180,000 albums in her home country alone. In mid-2009 she became the first Idol contestant to receive an international launch, with the singles from her third album 'Dance Love Pop' being released in 35 countries worldwide. Her first international single, 'Release Me', has sold over 700,000 copies worldwide to date. Agnes recently signed to a mega-deal with A&M/Interscope Records in the US by Ron Fair. He's the man behind Black Eyed Peas' and Pussycat Dolls' success, and he also launched Christina Aguilera's career. With Agnes's follow-up singles 'I Need You Now' and 'On And On' storming the charts in Europe, with 'Release Me' firing on all cylinders across the Atlantic - reaching No1 on the US Billboard Dance Chart - the future for Agnes is as golden as one of her slinky catsuits.

Catch her at an exclusive performance at Flamingo, Blackpool on Saturday 15th May, for Pride weekend, before her sell out American tour.



FEDERATION.

FEDERATION BLACKPOOL

After what have been the 2 biggest and best Federation events in Blackpool they have decided to move monthly dates, still at the Flamingo the north's biggest and best gay venue, but now Federation will now host the 1st Saturday in every month starting from Saturday 1st May.

Promoter Gareth Chapman said "Federation has grown so much in the last few months in Blackpool but we felt that it was a difficult date for our customers to remember being on the 3rd Saturday of the month and it usually falls at that time in the month when people's money is limited, so I'm sure the date change will work for everyone. Our new date will launch Saturday May 1st on the Bank Holiday Weekend so the date is perfect."



Friday 30th April

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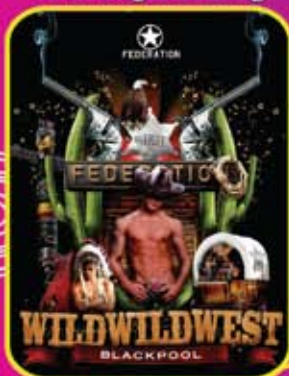
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PRIDE AT THE MARDI GRAS

The Mardi Gras has lots lined up for you over May with two bank holiday weekends full of top acts and entertainment, the All Day Charity event and Blackpool Pride. Along with others, special guests Toyah and Nathan Moore from Brother Beyond will be performing over the first Bank Holiday commencing on 30th April.

The Mardi Gras continues to support the charity HEAL Body Positive and on Monday 3rd May The Mardi Gras has its All Day Charity event, there will be auctions and raffles and the event is hosted by the fabulous Miss Stella Artois who will be joined by 18 cabaret acts throughout the day including Diane Lee Carol, Joanna Shorrock, Brad Lee Scott, Chelsea Stevens and many more.

Blackpool Pride weekend kicks off on 14th May and the Mardi Gras is pleased to welcome back Kylie Mania the ultimate Kylie Tribute show on Friday. There will be top cabaret and male strippers over the weekend with Stella Artois as your hostess and DJ Keiron and Captain Ginger on the decks. Don't forget Stella's Sunday service from 2.30pm on the 16th May.

Kym Mazelle is appearing at The Mardi Gras on the last Bank Holiday in May and there are other top acts including Vicki Moran and Jaymi.

For full listings of events happening in May check out the Mardi Gras Website at www.themardigrasblackpool.com

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Friday 14th May - Monday 17th May



Blackpool PRIDE



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Saturday 15th May

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Joanna Shorrocks



Toyah

Saturday 1st May
(Afternoon)

Double Impact (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger

(Evening)

Claire (Vocalist)

NATHAN MOORE
(from Brother Beyond)

with DJ Keiron
and Stella Artois

Admission £3 from 9pm

Cheap drinks noon until 7pm

Open until 3am



Double Impact



Stella Artois



Nathan Moore

Sunday 2nd May
(Afternoon)

Stella Artois 2:30pm until 7pm

Fresh (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger

(Evening)

Chelsea Stevens (Vocalist)
Maurice Malone (Vocalist)
Staxx (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger

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Open until 3am



Chelsea Stevens



Maurice Malone

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MONDAY 3rd May
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Nikki Miller

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Hayden

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Mark Clegg

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+

Staxx (Male Stripper)

Your hostess for the day

Stella Artois

with DJ Captain Ginger



Diane Lee Carol



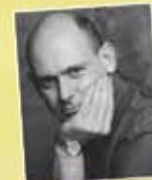
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GRAS



PRIDE Weekend

**Friday 14th May
(Afternoon)**

**Cage (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger**

(Evening)

**Zara (Vocalist)
James Reay (Vocalist)**

KYLIE MANIA

**The Ultimate Kylie Tribute Show
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Cheap drinks noon until 7pm
Open until 4am**

**Saturday 15th May
open 11am
(Afternoon)**

**Joanna Shorrock (Vocalist)
Extreme (Male Stripper)
Vicki Moran (Vocalist)
with DJ Captain Ginger**

(Evening)

Sharon Wallace (Vocalist)

with DJ Keiron and Stella Artois

**Admission £3 from 8pm
Cheap drinks noon until 7pm
Open until 4am**

**Sunday 16th May
(Afternoon)**

**Stella Artois 2:30pm until 7pm
Starr (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger**

(Evening)

**Hayden (Vocalist)
Nikki Miller (Vocalist)
Steven Hayles (Vocalist)
Diane Lee Carol (Vocalist)
Brad Leigh Scott (Vocalist)
Jo Summers (Vocalist)
Angel (Male Stripper)
with DJ Keiron**

**FREE Admission
Cheap drinks noon until close
Open until 4am**

BANK HOLIDAY Weekend

**Friday 28th May
Ryan Knight (Vocalist)**

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**(hits include 'Searching for the Golden Eye'
& 'Young Hearts')**

with DJ Captain Ginger and Stella Artois

**Admission £3 from 9pm
Cheap drinks noon until close
Open until 3am**

**Saturday 29th May
(Afternoon)**

**Inferno (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger
(Evening)**

**Vicki Moran (Vocalist)
Jaymi (Vocalist)
with DJ Keiron and Stella Artois**

**Admission £3 from 8pm
Cheap drinks noon until 7pm
Open until 3am**

**Sunday 30th May
(Afternoon)**

**Stella Artois 2:30pm until 7pm
Cage (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger**

(Evening)

**Jane Harvey (Vocalist) - 8pm
Brad Leigh Scott (Vocalist)
Hustler (Male Stripper)
with DJ Keiron**

**FREE Admission
Cheap drinks noon until close
Open until 3am**

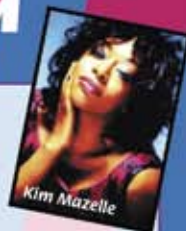
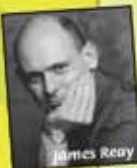
**Monday 31st May
(Afternoon)**

**Matthew Shaw (Vocalist)
Angel (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger**

(Evening)

**Merci (Vocal Duo)
Romeo (Male Stripper)**

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Those naughty, naughty boys in Nottingham are at it again! Not content with having the city's best-loved bar, Propaganda, under their belts than - BAM! - there they go opening a brand new club!

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What these boys seem to have is a knack for, giving us what we want - fun at an affordable price - and they provide it in bucketfuls! Just look what's happening there in the next month; a PA from dance songstress Kelly Llorenna, Ride a Rodeo Cock on 30th April, Beach Party on 2nd May and a sexy, soapy Foam Party on 28th May. Furthermore, Fuel's current offer is not to be sniffed at - Free Entry and Bogof on a whole host of drinks, every Friday and Saturday night.

Next time you're in Notts. - no scrap that! - make a special trip to Notts for the night and visit the Lace Market. You'll love it!

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THE NEW UNION

BEACH BABY BEACH

Nothing says summer more than a hot time frolicking on the beach... well, perhaps not on the beach but the next best thing. The New Union has earmarked Saturday 15th May as the official start of summer in Huddersfield with a fantastic Beach Party and tasty BarBQ. Slip into your sexiest shorts or Speedos (sox down the front an option) and get you bum wiggling to some pretty summery sounds from our fabulous DJ. There will be spot prizes, drinks offers and, if you're brave enough, a fantastic wet t shirt competition.

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SATURDAY

**15th
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WET T-SHIRT COMP, DRINK
OFFERS, SPOT PRIZES



SATURDAY

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We have some exciting changes happening - the main one is that we will be staying open much longer 'til 4am Fridays and 6am Saturdays. We will soon be opening on a Thursday for our JuiceNights, which are destined to be the best mid-week do in the city. Meanwhile, the Terrace Parties are back... bigger and better for May, so check out Facebook for full listings of events - we have some great acts and surprises lined up for the future events. Don't forget our Privilege Membership, which already has over 400 members, not only will there be special discounts and fantastic offers but there will be some great discounts soon to be announced with local retailers.



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CANDY PRIDE

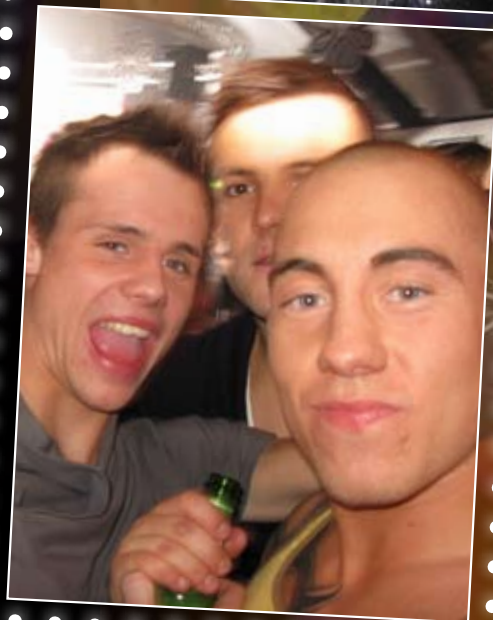
Candy Nightclub and Show Bar in Bradford continues to bring top class entertainment to the city, with a visit on 1st May from everybody's favourite singing Scouser, Sonia. Belting out her hits and no doubt telling a few tales (she used to be Lily Savage's daughter don't you know?) and even perhaps reliving her Eurovision moment... we all love Sonia.

Friday is Candyland with the ever popular £1.50 bottles and £1 shots making your money spread further throughout the weekend with DJ Scott Kelly (Homo,Climax) on the second and fourth Friday of the month plus Candy Resident DJs, Timmy Tease & Marigold Addams will be providing the ultimate in party night fun on both Friday and Saturdays

Bradford Pride Party on 22nd May has a drag and entertainment show, with guest DJ and special drink offers and give-aways. Candy is known for its fun and friendly atmosphere and with the city hosting one of the first of this year's Pride events, they are throwing their doors open to welcome all visitors as well as their fantastic loyal customers. At the end of the month sees a special PA from those Hollyoaks hunky brothers Nick and John Pickard (who are in fact real brothers). Come along and meet them on Saturday 29th May when they will be signing autographs and chatting about the show that made them famous.

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Candy



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SATURDAY MAY 29TH



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SATURDAY MAY 22ND

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BRADFORD PRIDE @ SUN

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FRIDAY 21ST MAY

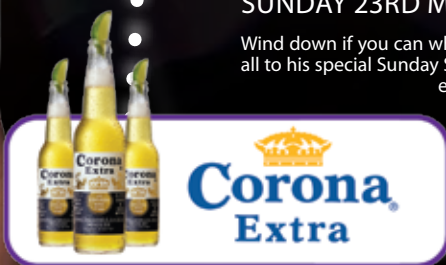
Pride warm up party with Miss Sordid Secret and special guests.

SATURDAY 22ND MAY

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This month also sees the very welcome return of our famous free - Pink Patio Parties. The two Sunday Bank Holidays - on the 2nd and 30th May - will see pumping trax and fantastic cabaret from our very own drag superstars who'll be keeping the party bopping together with some very special guests.

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For further details look us up on Facebook The Viaduct show bar Leeds.

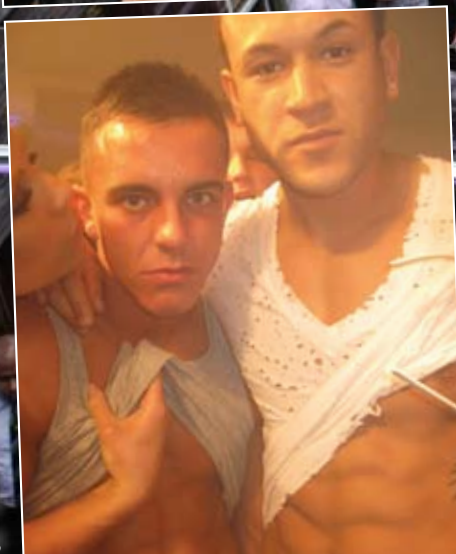
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HOMOGLEE

Homo is gearing up for the summer with a raft of super hot events. April saw Leeds' best week day gay night take on Glee with a special party themed around the hit US TV show. Clubbers turned up dressed all American High school, with plenty of geeks, cheerleaders and jocks in attendance. Even local scene legend, Anna Glypta, donned a Sue Sylvester costume to dish out bile and sporting advice to anyone who got in her way.

At Midnight there was a special fancy dress competition for the best outfits, with winners getting their hands on Glee The Music CDs and DVD boxsets of the first series. Resident DJs Scott Kelly and Karl Lucas even spun some of the show's best tunes into the usual mix of chart topping pop, commercial house and retro.

Expect more high quality unmissable events in the lead up to Summer. In May, Homo will be splashing out with its first ever foam party so make sure you have your designer swim shorts at the ready for a wet night of clubbing mayhem.

To find out what to expect from Homo, check out the pictures here from April's Glee party or go to clubmission.com

Photos: Peter Cryer



AT THE BACK DOOR WITH LADY LLOYD

This May, Superstar DJ Lady Lloyd returns to the Leeds' clubbing circuit to take over the decks at Back Door Disco's First Birthday party. The London 'IT' girl will be mixing until the early hours of the morning with Scott Kelly as West Yorkshire's Biggest Gay night turns one year old on 15th May. Here she talks touring with Ke\$ha, shopping with Lady GaGa and Leeds' night life.

You used to DJ lots in Leeds, are you excited to be coming back?

I love the nightlife in Leeds, I have very fond memories from when I used to play up here. It's great for me because I get to see so many new people. I've seen the London crowds a thousand times so I always look forward to it. Also I'm very excited to get behind the decks at Mission, it's a great club and Back Door Disco is a fab night, I'm really please that I'll be there celebrating the first birthday.

You've been up to loads recently. I heard you went touring with Ke\$ha.

Yeah, we went around the UK doing clubs and TV promo slots. We were the top of the bill at the T4 stars of 2010, which was at Earls Court and in front of 30 thousand people. I was dancing for her with a load of other London faces. We were like her travelling circus, we'd just jump around and roll about the stage whilst she sung.

What's Ke\$ha like?

She's amazing and one of my best friends now, I love her to bits. I took her to the Vivienne Westwood show

and managed to introduce her to Kate Moss which she was quite impressed by. Her image isn't put on at all. We went to hundreds of parties and always ended up drinking Whiskey from the bottle at her hotel until god knows what time.

Weren't you hanging out with Lady GaGa before too?

Yeah, I introduced her onstage at her very first London gig at a gay night I used to do called OMO. Afterwards I took her to the On/Off party during London Fashion Week. She was stuck outside and the door staff weren't letting her in. Can you imagine? She'd only released Just Dance in Australia and she still wasn't big in America so I begged them to let her in and now she's Queen of the World. We went shopping the next day.

What did she buy?

She bought a black plastic pair of fake shoulders that you wear over a dress and they look like hair and she bought me a black pair of Martin Margiela sunglasses.

Who started using the Lady prefix first?

Well I was called Lady Lloyd long before she was known as Lady GaGa. I get a lot of people on Twitter who think I named myself after her, but I didn't.

What have you got coming up for the rest of the year?

Vivienne Westwood is doing a TV show and I've been asked to star in it. We are going to film a pilot soon and it should get picked up by one of the major channels. It's going to be a sort of political chat show type thing and she seems very excited about it.



Backdoor Disco

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IT'S 1ST BIRTHDAY

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First Time

By JL Boon

I was nervous. I know, I know... what was there to be nervous about? People are doing it every day... sometimes more than once a day but I couldn't help myself. The people at work had said it would do me good, hell, even my mother said it wouldn't harm me and seemed very positive about it. She said she had always enjoyed it and looked back on her own first time with fondness, mainly because she came away with a prize she hadn't expected. When your mum starts enthusing about something it really makes you feel that perhaps... you have been missing out on something special. All my young life I'd avoided getting involved thinking, perhaps wrongly, that it was something only older folk did and I was in no hurry to join them. It wasn't something either my mates or myself ever talked about... I suppose it was something you either did or didn't... and I didn't.

It was my first job and I'd just joined a company as a very junior office boy but everyone had been very friendly... very friendly indeed, even the boss had made time for me. He'd sat me down for the induction speech and told me that his was a friendly company and he expected everyone to join in. He believed that a social company made for better working practices... and I have to say, from my very limited experiences, the people at this firm seemed very happy. As he spoke his piercing green eyes never strayed from mine but I felt comforted rather than nervous by his intense interest and vowed to be up for anything he... or the company suggested. He smiled at that and said that he knew he'd made the right choice when he interviewed me. I was flattered and blushed. A few days after my start I was in the staff canteen and everyone was talking about this special outing that the boss had organized for the following Friday night. It wasn't obligatory but everyone was enthusiastic as it was at a new place on the High Street, and, apparently typical of the boss, everything was on him. They told me what the place was and I felt deflated. It

wasn't my scene (not that I had a scene) but I couldn't bring myself to go. I mentioned to one of the women that I'd never done it before and she seemed a little bit shocked. "What never...not even on holiday?" I mumbled my affirmation and said it just wasn't something I was interested in... and perhaps I wouldn't go. She said that the boss would be very disappointed. He was particularly looking forward to me being there and that I should be part of the group and joining in the fun. I didn't see it that way at all but she kept on coaxing me and I heard one or two others mention that they had a virgin in the company. They weren't cruel about my 'status' as I suppose people can be when they get that kind of information but all they said was that they should alter that situation as soon as possible. I couldn't believe the lengths they all went to to make sure my first time would be an enjoyable experience. Even the boss, still staring at me with those beautiful, friendly, smiling green eyes asked me to accompany him. He told me not to worry, it would all be over by 10 that night and I would then still be able to party the night away with my mates if I wanted. I suppose he was correct. We were starting at 7 and it was planned to be over by 10 so that he didn't keep his staff away from family and friends too long. Everyone was so enthusiastic I couldn't say no. So, there I was, stiff with nerves and with my leaking dabbler in my hand as the Master of Ceremonies called out - 2 and 6... Twenty-six. Now that was a stroke of luck, my birth date and the first number marked off on my bingo card. One off and I was already sweating but thankfully I was sat next to the boss and he showed me just what to do. 7 and 6... seventy-six... another number on my card got the dabbing of its life. I was finally relaxing, the staff were all happy and I was sat with the boss who, a few numbers later, pointed out I had got 5 numbers in a line. "LINE" I shouted and I was a bingo virgin no more. Not only that... I'd won £35 pounds losing my virginity. I wondered if it would be the same when I eventually had sex?



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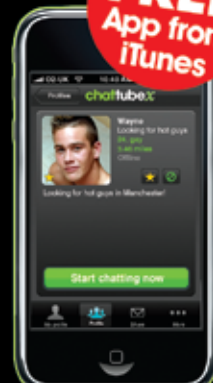


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SIMON SAYS...



Dear Simon

My boyfriend said that he'd had a surprise done for me while he was away in America working. I got really excited thinking of all the things it could be and looked forward to his return. He then built up the suspense even more as he would mention it over the next few weeks and yet not give me any clues. When he came back I learnt that the surprise was that he has had his penis pierced and the surprise is that I really hate it. If I was a top I don't think it would be such an issue but as a bottom it's adding a certain edge to the proceedings that I don't really like. What should I do?
Mike, Essex

Dear Mike,

I really think the best thing to do is be honest. I can imagine your man went through quite some pain and efforts with getting that done, the things people do on work trips eh? It does sound like it was done more for him than it was for you. Maybe he's just getting over enthusiastic and that is what's causing the 'edge' and maybe just ask him to be a little less arduous. I have heard tell that it can add some wonderful sensations for both the top and the bottom, it might just take some practice, but then that could be fun couldn't it?

Dear Simon

I recently moved into a new flat where I live with two other guys and our landlord, we are all gay. We all got very drunk one night and myself and my landlord took 'getting to know each other' to a whole new level with a night of amazing sex. We have repeated this on a few occasions. Now it has become awkward though as he doesn't want any rent, just the benefits and though I am really enjoying it I don't like the fact the

lines have blurred and it's making me feel a bit cheap.
Dan, Birmingham

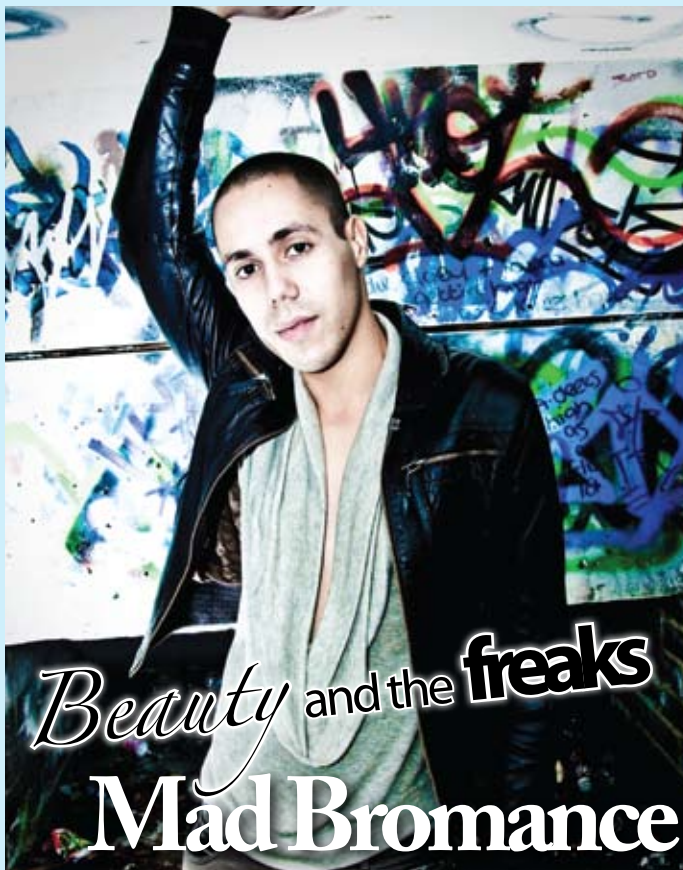
Dear Dan

Oooh this is a bit of a tricky one. I would make sure you carry on paying the rent for various reasons a) you aren't cheap and don't want to be deemed as such b) legally you need to pay your rent, I assume you will have signed a contract and that could get complicated unless he wants to put something in writing that you don't have to pay rent. The other option if you want to keep seeing him is to move elsewhere and see how the relationship goes.

Dear Simon

I have been seeing a new guy for a good few months now and am finally taking him to meet my Mum and Dad. They are both fine with me being gay but I am worried they will take against John because of the age difference. I am 22 and John is 45 (not actually that much younger than my mother) and though I have hinted he might be a bit older I don't think they have twigged by how much. How do I make this all much easier and not a big deal when they meet?
Simon, Glasgow

Dear Simon (how odd that sounds), I don't think I would mention it. I don't mean that you should lie about it but just take him round and let them take him as they find him. If they ask don't tell any fibs just say 'yeah he's 45' like it doesn't matter. If you make a big deal out of it they will too. They might have some concerns but just talk through these with them calmly and hopefully they will get to see why you love him and become big fans themselves. It as after all... your relationship not anyone elses.



Best friendships can be complicated. But complicated is beautiful. There's something about a best friend: a possessiveness, a passion, a closeness, a curiosity. Sometimes the relationship can be so intense it's easy to mistake it for something it's not. Because we rely so much on best friends, it can be easy to think your best friend is your perfect match. Maybe they are, but probably not like that.

This is the problem friends have when relationships seem a distant memory and love is something that only happens to other people. Sometimes we get tangled and can't see things like we should. It can be easy to rely too much on each other and get lost in that reliance. But when you think about it, and allow yourself to look away, is the friendship really what you want it to be? Giving all your love to a best friend, someone you trust and know will never hurt you, can be seductive. But seduction isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Between straight best friends, when the boundary between love and friendship blurs, they call it a bromance. With gay best friends, it can be even trickier. There can be undercurrents of sexuality in

any friendship, usually because of the emotional intimacy, but with gay best friends there's more of a likelihood of something happening. The tangles can get worse. But sometimes the tangles get too tight, to breaking point, and you find yourself set free. Other times you just get sick of not being able to move and take to the tangles like Nicky Clarke in an advert for scissors.

Sometimes it takes sex to simplify things, to clarify them. If in the heat of the moment you find yourself thinking just a little bit too much, actually just going through the motions, then it can straighten out the queerer parts of any friendship. What comes after can go back to basics. Back to the start. You can shake off those too-close-moments of underlying unease and get closer (emotionally closer) than you realised.

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TAURUS (Apr21/May 21)

Be careful what you say to others as someone's in a touchy and temperamental mood these days. As well as this a nosy neighbour might start to annoy you when they can't hide their curiosity about things that don't concern them. Don't reveal any secrets over the weeks ahead. This advice is especially important if you are making plans for the future that your loved-ones don't yet know about. You'd rather tell them yourself than have them hear your news from a relative stranger.



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GEMINI (May22/June21)

Affairs of the heart may not altogether be free of complications. In particular as May begins, misunderstandings seem to easily occur. Burdens related to your relationships will be eased as the weeks wear on. Arguments within the household could actually be a good thing for these will encourage everyone to share ideas which could lead to a deeper understanding of each person's needs and feelings. By the end of May, there will be a growing spirit of harmony within your closest relationships.

CANCER (June22/July23)

You get the chance to demonstrate your creative talents and this puts you in an imaginative and inspiring frame of mind. You could be surprising others with your brilliant ideas and your willingness to roll up your sleeves to show how these might be put into action. Your instincts tell you to anticipate an exciting few weeks ahead. You're ready to take on new challenges and your heightened intuitive powers can be trusted. You are sailing high on the crest of a happy, harmonious and eventful wave.

LEO (July24/Aug23)

A surprise gift from the most unexpected person helps to put you in a cheerful frame of mind. If there was no expense spared and you've been made to feel like a million dollars than you're bound to get the impression life is getting better and better. Then again, even if this was the most simple of gifts such as a bunch of flowers or box of chocolates, it will be the thought or the reason behind the gesture that will mean more to you than diamonds or goals. Relationships, these next few weeks, will get better and better.

VIRGO (Aug24/Sept23)

A friend is full of questions; they want to know your plans, what you think about this and that and how you feel about certain people. You are surprised by such prying and won't be in the mood to appease their inquisitive appetites. Your patience will not be at its best over the weeks ahead. In fact you may have a few choice words to say to someone who just can't take the subtle hint that you'd prefer they kept their questions to themselves and just left you alone.

LIBRA (Sept24/Oct23)

An unexpected invitation could come your way as the consequences of a favour you did for a friend last month. Because this offer may not include anyone but yourself it puts you in something of a dilemma. A close friend or lover may show some disapproval when they feel they should at least have the chance to join you. The decision is very simple: do you go alone or turn down the offer to keep a loved one happy? Simple it may well be but this and similar quandaries over the next few weeks will take the shine off other more positive developments.

SCORPIO (Oct24/Nov22)

There is a positive aura in the air and this is bound to affect your closest relationships. You are feeling happy, confident and mentally in top form. Your high spirits encourage you to rise

above day-to-day problems to find solutions to any hurdles coming your way. Over the weeks ahead you aren't likely to let anything stand in the way of your aims; this could therefore be a good time to give some thought to your long-term future. Your partner too might come up with some ambitious but not unobtainable ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23/Dec21)

You might not share your partner's interests or ideas but you're happy to support and encourage them if that's what they currently desire. These next few weeks, respect and increased understanding in your closest relationships will definitely make them stronger. At all times you are considering other people's feelings and making decisions that are designed to keep them happy. What might surprise you is how your consideration will lead to fruitful emotional rewards.

CAPRICORN (Dec22/Jan20)

Generally, a favourable outlook is on the cards these next few weeks. You are more optimistic because you sense good things are about to happen and you're ready to take action the moment the right chance arises. With you feeling so bright and alert and ready to make the most of all the wonderful opportunities coming your way, you might also expect this to have a positive effect on your closest relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan21/Feb19)

You might feel as if someone is deliberately placing obstacles in your way. You've been finding it hard to get a project off the ground and it's likely to be tough still, over the weeks ahead. Even so, this is your dream and you will find a way to make it happen. Your mental powers are at a high level and this coupled with ample vitality suggests that whatever you put your mind to; you will find effective solutions and see successful results.

PISCES (Feb20/Mar20)

You might not find it as easy as you expected to work as part of a team over the weeks ahead. You want more independence and in many ways you feel the projects you are now working on are a great way to prove what you are capable of. Your career is moving along a constantly improving direction and you are making a firm foundation for future development. Satisfaction will come through being able to exercise a personal skill or talent with no-one else's interference.

ARIES (Mar21/Apr20) There is someone who is close to you who is quick to demonstrate their feelings. You might be charmed by their warmth and enthusiasm and delighted with the surprises they line up for you throughout the weeks ahead. Don't let this become a one-sided affair. As much as you enjoy being pampered. It is important that you respond with equal warmth. A relaxed and enjoyable time is guaranteed as you pursue a favourite leisure activity; the company of like-minded enthusiasts will only make it better.



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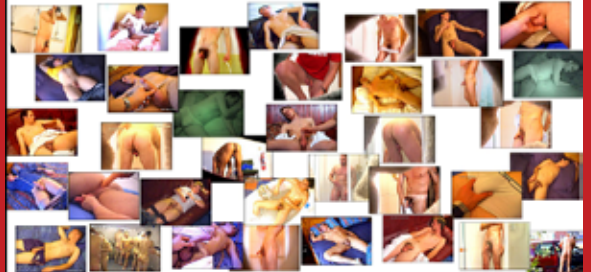
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