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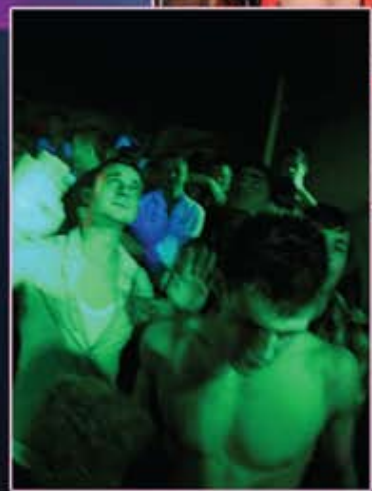
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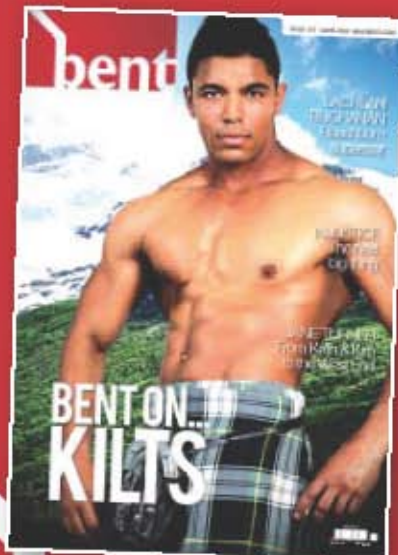


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EDITOR'S WORDS

I was watching a DVD the other day and I was pleasantly surprised... it finished and I was in a great mood. Often the problem with gay DVDs in particular is that they leave me quite depressed. Someone is hurt, someone dies, someone is an arsehole or the storyline is just too contrived to be anything but annoying but not this one... at the end I looked at my partner and we both had huge smiles on our faces. The Big Gay Musical was the cause of this feel good factor. It's all about an Off Broadway musical comedy production of 'Adam and Steve - Just the way God made 'em' full of singing and dancing and hunky boys with wings and nice shorts. Well, it was more than that. The lyrics to the songs were exceptionally well written and I kept thinking, perhaps, when the

Pope comes to visit the UK, instead of throwing a huge pot of piss at him for his anti-gay comments I'll just throw a copy of the DVD and hope that he watches it. It really is galling to think that there is often more truth in something as easily disposable as a musical comedy... than in an entire religious ethos.

I have to admit I was quite pissed off that the Pope was coming to the UK, but, and I've given this absolutely no thought at all, it is one of the penalties of living in a country that values free speech. I get angry at a world dominated by various religions that do not value everyone, who need to look down on someone else and whose logic for doing so is totally illogical. I hate governments hell-bent on suppression rather than support

and where even worse, they have a menial working class... and intend to keep it that way.

We are very lucky here in the UK that we don't have a lot of what other countries have no option but to endure. In Malawi, two young men have been sent to trial for the crime of loving each other... a sicker sign of a corrupt and controlling government would be hard to find. We take many things for granted, and I'm sure we are positive that it couldn't happen here but we must never get complacent because as sure as the Pope's... a Catholic, there are people who do want to take away all the freedoms you have or hope to get.

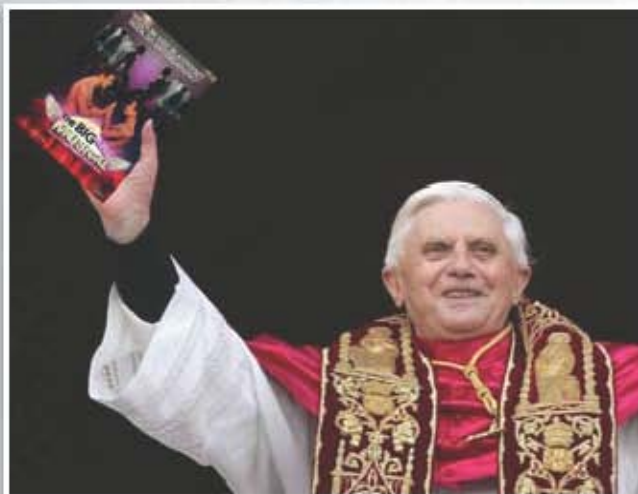
Meanwhile, the 'Some People Are Gay! Get Over It!' campaign launched

nearly three years ago to help tackle homophobic bullying seems to be gaining a bit more momentum. More schools, colleges and universities appear to be getting the message by signing up to receive... and display... posters and leaflets for this campaign with this simple but not earth shattering by-line. Contact Stonewall if you want more info or need posters to display yourself. www.stonewall.org.uk/getoverit

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WHO ISH THAT MAN

Matt Smith, the current Doctor Who is to play gay writer Christopher Isherwood in a new drama about the man's life. Isherwood wrote *A Single Man*, which was recently made into a very successful film starring Colin Firth and *Goodbye to Berlin* another of his novels that was adapted for the stage and film to become... *Cabaret*. Also co-starring alongside Matt is Douglas Booth, the talented 17 year-old we saw recently taking the lead role of Boy George in BBC2's drama *Worried About The Boy*. No date has yet been given for transmission of the drama: *Christopher And His Kind*.



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Langside Hall, Glasgow, from 1st June - 12th June Tel: 0141 5524267

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GAY SALORS CELEBRATE

Gay and lesbian sailing group, the Sailing and Cruising Association, is launching a year of events to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the club.

Highlights of the 30th anniversary special events calendar include special charters in the Mediterranean and the Hebrides, participation in the Suffolk, London and Brighton Gay Prides, the south coast Summer Treasure Hunt, Cowes Week and Bank Holiday sailing rallies to Studland Bay (Dorset) and Honfleur (Normandy). On a competitive level, five teams from the club, The Gay UK Sailing Team (GUST), will be representing the UK at the international Gay Games in Cologne. The anniversary year will culminate in January 2011 with an SCA contingent aboard Cunard's new Queen Elizabeth for her maiden trans-Atlantic voyage.

The Sailing & Cruising Association promotes boating, including for novices, among gays and lesbians, their families and friends. Members often crew on each other's boats and also join together to charter boats at home and abroad. The Association encourages members to train for safe boating, and is affiliated to boating's governing body the Royal Yachting Association. See more at www.gaysailing.org.uk



MANCHESTER PRIDE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The organisers of Manchester Pride are calling for volunteers to help out at this year's festival, which takes place between Friday 20th - Monday 30th August.

They are looking for people from all backgrounds to help showcase Manchester to festival goers arriving in the city from across the UK and around the world. Volunteers will learn new skills, meet lots of great people and have fun whilst helping to deliver a world-class event. Opportunities that are available include big weekend crew, promotions assistants, parade stewards and parade collectors.

Jackie Crozier, festival director of Manchester Pride, said: "Our volunteers are an integral part of the festival and without them it wouldn't be the success that it is. It'd be like to take this opportunity to thank all those fantastic individuals who have helped out in the past and to encourage others to volunteer for Pride 2010!"

Amy Cross, a Manchester Pride volunteer, said: "I started volunteering for Manchester Pride in 2008 and I absolutely love it. Not only has it helped boost my confidence but I have met friends for life, learned new skills and improved my CV. I'm really excited about the experience and new friends that this year will bring and I can't wait to get started!"

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QUENTIN HARRIS OFFERS UP HIS SAC·RI·FICE

"Sometimes you have to do things that are 'in your face' just to get people's attention."

"It's good to give people what they're not expecting, as Grace Jones once told me!"

Quentin Harris is inimitable, a talented, outspoken, over the top and fabulous personality, the kind of guy that you want to hang around with at parties, he gets your attention in a good way and it's no wonder that Grace Jones gave him that advice.

Expertly bridging the musical roots of his Detroit upbringing with his New York state of creativity and it's so obviously apparent, it's in his genes. Look out world, Quentin Harris is here, he's in your face and he's got a brand new album.

This month sees the release of his sophomore album, "Sac·ri·fice", the follow-up to "No Politics", a collection that encompasses Harris' widescreen house vista. "It has taken me two years to make "Sac·ri·fice" he confides. "There was a year of frustration because of writers block and also, I was hearing a lot of records that I felt were copying my sounds. I was challenged with trying to come up with something new without alienating my fan base."

It's no secret that Quentin is passionate and unconventional, to the point that he goes to the extreme. Just look at his album teaser video, a live film of him getting his torso tattooed with the name of the album. The result was then photographed and used as the album cover. When questioned about his reasoning, he explains;

"I had to make many sacrifices while making the album and that's why I decided to call it that. Also, I tattooed myself in order to portray sacrificing myself for my art. Not everyone would get a tattoo put on their body like that and for me, it's a form of art and it's an expression."

The project is indeed close to Quentin's heart. He wrote and produced the album with a host of highly respected vocalists, with whom he shares the writing credits. "If I had to describe "Sac·ri·fice" sonically, I would say that it sounds like the album Prince, Murk and I would

make together, if such a dream session should ever happen." It was these pair ups that brought many dimensions to the album, like the stunning track and lead single he recorded with Inaya Day. "Do The Right Thing" takes its influence from the aforementioned Murk sound, a sound directed at the dance floor with a refined production sound that makes it listenable anywhere.

"Sac·ri·fice" includes a song with dance music legend Ultra Nate, who incidentally is a close friend and inspiration to Quentin. "Give it 2 U" is a powerful track, strategically built for the dance floor and sung in Ultra's unique style. It incorporates an epic 20 piece string arrangement that gives it a larger than life feel.

Happy with the success of his past collaborations with Jason Walker ("Can't Stop") and Cordell ("Traveling"), Quentin decided to work with both of them again for "Sac·ri·fice". "Why Me" co-written with Cordell, is a slower, R & B style track which talks about a personal reflection on life when it's not going as well as he would like. As well, he recorded two songs with Jason this time. There's the remake of "Circles" made famous in the 80's by Atlantic Starr and there's also "Home", co-written with Jason. "Home" is especially poignant, illustrating the feeling of home sickness and loneliness that Quentin sometimes feels as a result of spending countless hours away from home and travelling all over the world to meet his DJing obligations. He loves all of the opportunities, but sometimes, he misses "Home."

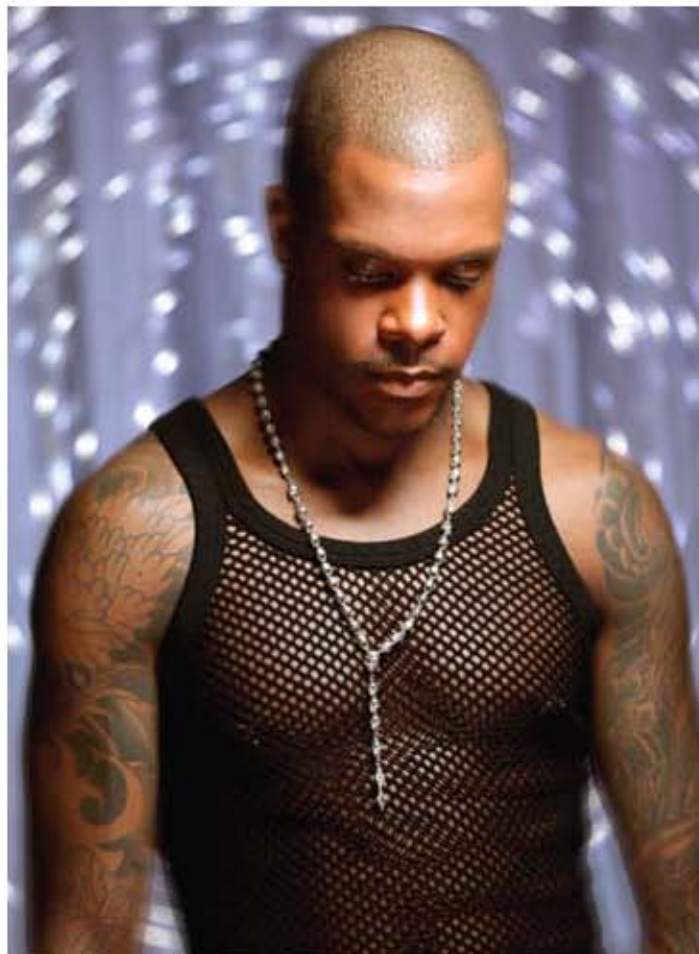
In addition to the awesome "Apologize" with house music legend, Aaron Carl, there are also contributions from some new artists; a spoken-word song called "Paradise" with an artist named Koffee, the first spoken word track that Quentin has ever produced, a new song with Georgia Cee called "Don't U Worry" and two songs from 21 year old Drew Vision, a remake of the classic, "Baby Gets High" and the splendid title track, "Sacrifice." Quentin chose to specifically work with more male vocalists on this project, as he does not feel that they get a fair shake of the stick. "Statistically, female vocalists sell more records because you can put them in a dress, you can put make-up on them, you can dye their hair and you can put them in big

costumes. You can't do those things with the males and as a result, the amount of different environments that you can use to showcase and sell them is limited". The lovers of Quentin's deep house tracks won't be disappointed because "Silence" surely satisfies and also, if you search deep enough, you might just find a special surprise. Harris' success has been built on the rare ability to straddle genres effortlessly, with productions that gracefully sit between the soulful end of the Shelter (the famous New York club) and the tougher sound that many European audiences demand. Danny

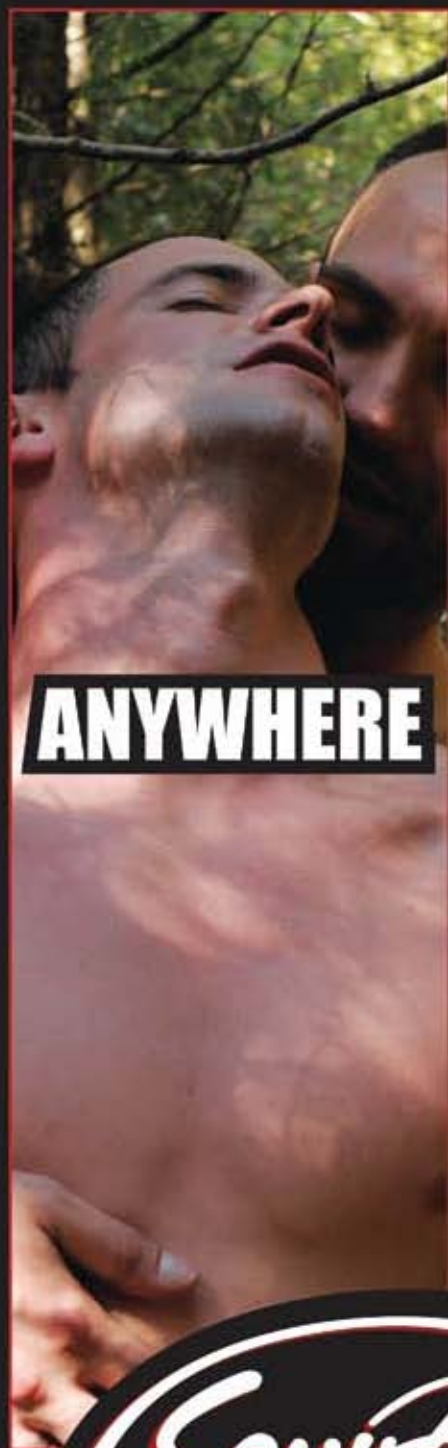
Tenaglia called it "Hard and Soul" and Quentin surely lives up to it.

Ultimately, this album portrays Quentin Harris, the international DJ and Producer in a much more touching and real context. These are great songs, fit for the dance floor as well as a great listen anywhere else, with some amazing collaborations. A fusion of styles, sexily presented, it's definitely not what people are expecting.

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Hustling at the Hustlaball

Photos and words by Darrell Hirst

Last month, at the invite of promoter Alex Erfan, I went to my first ever Hustlaball ... it has been going for a few years here in the UK, so... what the hell had I been waiting for? The Renaissance Room in Vauxhall London hosted the sexiest event I have ever had the pleasure to experience. The place was not only buzzing with a horde of sexy punters but the plethora of porn stars meant there was wall to wall porn, which guaranteed the 'specialist areas' were busy all night long.

The organisers had spared no expense in bringing in over 50 of the world's top porn kings from the studios of Alphamale, Bel Ami, Colt, Lucas Entertainment, rentboy.com ... amongst others... so a gathering of over 50 of the hunkiest hunks performed live on stage throughout the night. The likes of sexy and super new star DeAngelo Jackson from Flavaworks, Aaron Cage, Bruno Knight, Ryan Raz... as well as former Bent cover stars Michael Lucas and Dillon Buck, together with music from top international DJs, made for an atmosphere throbbing with excitement, fun, depravity, and seedy desire... the dress code could have been a condom and lube.

The stars were approachable and keen to meet their adoring public... the public wanted to show the stars just how much they were adored. Anything went... and everything did. I can't wait for the next one... or I could go to the one that is being planned for New York. www.hustlaball.com





THE GHOST

The Ghost are two young Danish musicians who have fast become renowned in their native Faroe Islands music scene: Filip Mortensen (21yrs) on vocals and Urbanus Olsen (22yrs) on electronics. By experimenting with different synth sounds, guitars riffs and some seriously catchy beats they've created a thought provoking album which will soon have your feet moving and your mind wandering.

They play a curious and compelling mix of vintage electro-pop and indie rock, hinting at their proclaimed influences, The Flaming Lips and The Strokes, while also drawing some comparisons to the likes of Passion Pit (and perhaps just a dash of Mika).

The band first came to Rob da Bank's attention at The Iceland Airwaves Festival where their live performance, on-stage

charisma and energy blew him away - he knew there and then that he had to sign them to his Sunday Best record label. They also caught the attention of the NME who returned to the UK proclaiming the band as 'One's to Watch'.

Lyrically the album poses questions about life, love and direction, as Filip explains: "The album title represents what most of the songs are about - we are all just kids at the end of the day, no one wants to be taught, but everyone wants to teach. Everyone is searching for something, we are never satisfied - we are all War Kids in search of an answer."

With their catchy electro-pop feel-good tunes, The Ghost have created a much needed album for summer time and the festival season. Go Let's Go!

Album - War Kids
out: 21st June



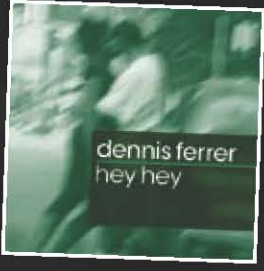
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TRACK REVIEW TOP TRACKS OF THE MONTH



KID MASSIVE & JOLLY
- *Pride, A Deeper Love*
(Caballero Recordings)

Finally a new version of the C&C Music Factory classic that's worth shouting about. Teaming up with Hungarian newcomer Jolly, Kid Massive carves out a driving tech-tinged winner that builds up to an epic high, before the piano drops and the beautifully resung vocals kick in. And it's the vocal update from Elliotte N'Dure that really makes this stand out from the crowd. Expect to hear this played at all the big Pride events over the summer.



DENNIS FERRER
- *Hey Hey* (Defected Records)

Originally released in November last year, this never received the attention it deserved, so it's been repackaged with new remixes. And thanks to the huge buzz it received this year's Winter Music Conference in Miami, it's sure to be a major hit. The original borrows a lot from Donna Summer's I Feel Love, with a vocal that's a cross between rough and ready punk and soulful house. Sounds awful on paper, but trust me it works.



LEGGZ FT STEPH
- *La La La That Song Again* (Discopolis)

Again, on paper this sounds awful. It's got 'la la la' in the title and Steph the vocalist apparently came 4th on BBC 1's "Over The Rainbow" competition. First unleashed last summer, it's back with a new set of mixes and just screams out to be played in the sun. New mixes come from Ted Nilsson who delivers a slamming peak time funky mix, whilst Tony Crobaro goes brings us a deep and dirty mix. However, my choice is the charging Hot Rats remix with it's hand in the air, progressive touch.



MARK KNIGHT
- *Bullets Vol 1* (Toolroom Records)

Everyone has their guilty pleasure record right and I'm going to admit to mine... It's One Night in Bangkok by Murray Head (yes - the one from the Chess musical). Anyway, there is a point to this. I'd never have thought it possible to sample this 1984 hit and actually get away with something credible, but Mark Knight has done just that with 'Devil Walking' from his Bullets vol 1 EP. This is a sublime piece of tech house, that just oozes quality. The reactions from the first few times I've played it have been immense.



MOBY
- *Wait For Me - The Remixes* (Little Idiot)

It's rare I feel an album is worthy of a review, but this recent release from Moby hasn't left my iPod playlist in the last few weeks. The album consists of reworked versions of tracks from the critically acclaimed 'Wait For Me', released through Moby's label 'Little Idiot' last year, but this time with some of dance music's biggest names on remix duty, like Tiesto and Carl Cox. But, it's the Laidback Luke remix that grabbed my attention here with one of his finest productions to date... a techy, melancholic remix with the catchiest piano melody for months.

ALBUMS

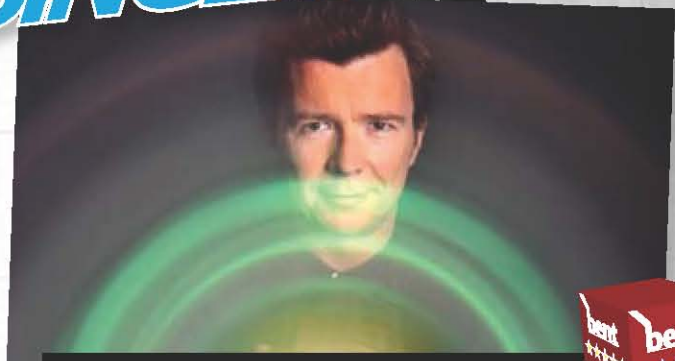
▶ EXAMPLE

Won't Go Quietly **Out: 30th June**

Example has notoriously been described as the ugliest man in the world by a certain Galaxy DJ, but yet even they can't stop playing his records. We agree that while he is infuriatingly moronic, music-wise, and yes indeed very ugly, his tunes just won't get out of your head. We've considered lobotomies, earplugs and decapitation, but it just won't work. Maybe we need to just succumb and let ourselves like this.



SINGLES



▶ RICK ASTLEY

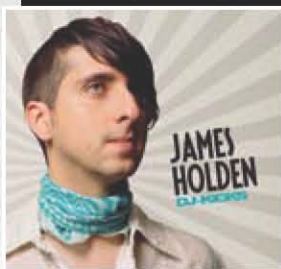
Lights Out **Out: 7th June**

'Lights Out' has been available as a download since 28th April, but is now available to buy in CD. Supported by a special guest appearance on Peter Kay's MEN-based 'Tour that Doesn't Tour', this track has already been getting heavy support from radio stations and fans alike. Production comes from Andrew Frampton of The Script, Leona and Natasha Bedingfield, which is enough indication of where this single lies musically, if you've been living under a rock and aren't already familiar with Astley's output. This is an infectious pop song with the underlying 80s tints you really want from a retro crooner like Astley.

▶ JAMES HOLDEN

DJ-Kicks **Out: 7th June**

Techno-psychedelic meets progressive electro in this album, from the man who's remixed everyone from Madonna to Depeche Mode to Britney Spears. Despite his pop associations, however, Holden is known among the more cerebral connoisseurs of dance as a free spirit with a great ear for a tune and a talent for mixing and layering sounds into something surprisingly original.



▶ CHRISTOPHER KEDRAS

Full Spectrum **Out: 30th June**

LA-based DJ and producer Chris Kedras unleashes an eclectically tasty debut with a blend of soulful house, funk, jazz and quirky beats. Collaborators on the album include Adam Zimmon, Tiago D'Errico, Marconi De Moraes and Nelson Rios meaning this is a veritable who's who of musicians from around the world.



▶ MR FLASH

Blood, Sweat and Tears **Out: 28th June**

Hip hop and disco make very good bedfellows in Mr Flash's music. He makes a welcome change from sloppy Daft Punk-lite plagiarism and teeth-grindingly compulsive pop-dance, and continues to search for the perfect beat. This six-track 'mini-album' (or EP for the oldies) is a brilliant slice of dance loveliness that DJ Shadow could have made if he was into mushrooms.



▶ ROBBIE RIVERA FT FAST EDDIE

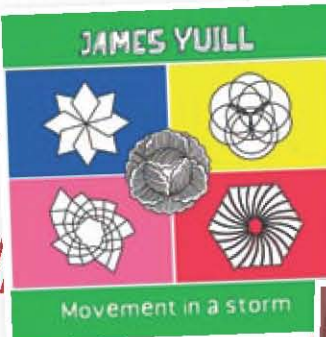
Let me sip my drink **Out: 28th June**

Fast Eddie, of 90s acid and hip house fame, adds the vocals in this guaranteed party smash. Dave Dresden, Axwell and Kid Massive have all been lauding this one, and the remixes by Chuckie, Mastiksoul, Hoxton Whores, Dero and Rivera himself make this single one not to miss.

▶ MOCK & TOOF

Suppress your Feelings **Out: 7th June**

This double A-side offers two experimental pop tracks for your dubbing delectation. Off-kilter, disco-fuelled house grooves seethe through the commercial facade of these tracks. It's no wonder, then, that the likes of Zero 7, Holy Ghost!, Groove Armada and Hot Chip have been calling for their remix services.



▶ JAMES YUILL

On Your Own **Out: 14th June**

This kickass electro-pop gem has the intimate, tender lyrical vibe Yuill is known for, but ramps up the energy with souped-up production and a new musical direction. This reflects his changing live sets, which now burst alive with in-your-face technicolour visuals and spicy spastic lighting.

▶ PLANT MUSIC

Scion CD Sampler V.29 **Out: 7th June**

This album is a showcase of Plant Music's top DJing talent. Loose Shus kicks off with pulsing synths, funky riffs and sharp beats that have helped define a new generation of disco pioneers. The Glass mix disco with yacht rock pianos and a big chorus, before giving way to a dancefloor synth madness. Clubfeet are indie electro with bite and Eli Escobar's moody house 'Oslo' is a wonderful ode to one of his favourite clubbing destinations. With more DJs than the scope of this review allows, we'd well recommend this compilation.



▶ MISSING ANDY

The Way We're Made **Out: 21st June**

Missing Andy apparently live to ignite debate, filling their songs with questions about terrorism, the treatment of war heroes and politics. Mark Richardson from Skunk Anansie and Feeder said, 'You're the most feared support band in the country', when commenting on their musical prowess. 'The Way We're Made' is a powerful rock track with urban sensibilities and a nostalgic look on working class Britain in a Billy Elliott-meets-Buddha kinda way. Luckily, they look more Billy Elliott than Buddha.



UH-OH IT'S KYRAH

Now female singers are only allowed a single name, let Bent introduce the latest US import, self-confessed drama queen and shameless glamour puss Kyrah.

She describes herself as being a bit of a dominatrix bitch (which I'm sure we can all identify with), though the video to accompany her debut single shows more of a slutty bit of trailer trash... on the way up, we can not deny the song is very catchy. With a whole host of irresistible hooks, cheeky synth stabs and a chorus so infectious you'll struggle to concentrate on anything else in your life, we reckon this is going to be a huge dancefloor hit.

Previously employed as a Go-Go dancer, cocktail waitress, secretary and a nanny Kyrah was prepared to work almost anywhere in order to fuel her obsession with music, but it wasn't all hard grafting for the 24 year old singer/songwriter. Upon her arrival in LA Kyrah dived head first into the realms of the glitzy Hollywood club scene, "We'd just stand at the ropes and give off the attitude that we were supposed to be there and it worked! In two years I got to meet so many people and basically became a name that everyone knew on the circuit", says Kyrah whilst explaining how she got friendly and partied with the likes of Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton.

Debut single Uh-Oh out 28th June
www.myspace.com/kyrahofficial



ALY & FILA - Rising Sun

Egypt's trance partners Aly & Fila's debut album 'Rising Sun' is the result of their life-long passion for the genre and all its treasures. The guys have joined forces with talented vocalists and producers including Tiff Lacey, Sue McLaren, Josie, Denise Rivera and Bjorn Akesson. Aly & Fila's characteristic sound of uplifting and euphoric trance is encapsulated perfectly through every single track on 'Rising Sun'. One disc of pure energy, get ready and watch the scene's most exciting duo propel their way further into dancedom.
 Label: Future Sound of Egypt Recordings/Armada Music
www.alyandfila.com

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic CD just answer this simple question:
What is the capital of Egypt?



DESTINATION DANCE

The chart smashing Big Tunes is back with the album of the summer, this is Destination Dance! Get ready for the ultimate collection of everyone's favourite holiday clubbing tunes, guaranteed to bring the sound of the best nights out abroad back home. Relive the sun, the sea, the songs that made that trip unforgettable! These 3 sundrenched CDs are packed with all the anthems from the perfect holiday night out. With 60 ultimate feel good floor fillers Destination Dance truly is the complete package!
 Out: 7th June - Dance Nation

To be in with a chance to win this mighty fine 3CD collection just answer this simple question:
Which dance troupe won last year's Britain's Got Talent: Diversity or University?



TIESTO - Magical Journey

The Hits Collection 1998-2008 presented over two CDs, - disc one features 15 huge classics including Adagio For Strings, Lethal Industry, Love Comes Again and Suburban Train, amongst others, making Magikal Journey the definitive collection for all Tiësto and electronic music fans alike. Alongside these are two previously unreleased Tiësto tracks, Goldrush and Magikal Circus. As a further bonus, disc two features 11 brand new remixes from Laidback Luke, Richard Durand, Spencer & Hill, Sean Tyas and Airbase PLUS three brand new & exclusive Tiësto remixes of tracks In The Dark, In My Memory and Just Be. Label: Nebula www.tiesto.com

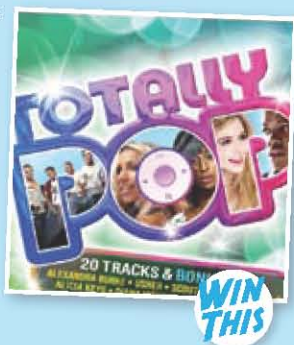
To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic CD just answer this simple question: **Tiesto was born in which country - Germany, Netherlands or the UK?**



TOTALLY POP

Totally Pop includes some of the most exciting tracks you simply won't find on any other compilation album. Featuring tracks from Scouting For Girls with their number one hit This Ain't a Love Song, Alexandra Burke with Broken Heels, and of course the super sweet JLS boys with One Shot. This unmissable album is armed and ready to explode with pop goodness. Of course no pop album would be complete without the queen of pop herself Britney Spears, the super sultry Shakira and the talented Alicia Keys. What more can you ask for?
 Out: 14th June - Label: Sony Music

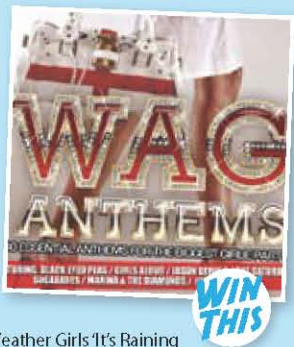
To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic CD just answer this simple question:
Complete this Jedward song title - Under _____?



WAG ANTHEMS

Some of us may not be into football or the World Cup but we all love a camp WAG party and WAG Anthems hits the shelves amid World Cup madness to show the guys what they are missing back home. Featuring some of the biggest girlie Anthems of all time, WAG Anthems is designed as a 2 nail-varnished finger salute to the World Cup testosterone frenzy, veritable proof that you and the girls (and quite a few party boys) don't need to score a goal (just to score) to have a celebratory dance!
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To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic CD just answer this simple question: **In which country is this year's World Cup taking place?**





SISTERS ARE DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES

The album 'Earth vs The Pipettes' is out now. thepipettes.org

The Pipettes last graced our airwaves with the wonder of 'Pull Shapes' (which makes you want to dance your pants right off) back in 2006. Now years later the girls are back... though they look slightly different. Simon Savidge went to meet sisters Gwenno and Ani and investigate.

What is it with girl bands and falling out?

G: Ha (giggles) you are already trying to catch us out... we didn't fall out honestly. Mind you actually if you look at the number of line up changes we have gone through since the time that Pipettes began we make the Sugababes look stable. (Laughs)

Would either of you have wanted to become the Sugababe?

Both: NO!

A: We are The Pipettes, I would much rather be in this group. Well the money as a Sugababe might be nice I guess. I am sure the girls are lovely, I have never met them, but I have only just become a Pipette.

G: Having been put into a girl group replacing a member already I don't think I could do it again. It's hard joining a manufactured band without the other members having already bonding together pre-you. Jade's stunning though isn't she. I think they will make it work... maybe.

So just what the heck happened in Pipette Camp it's all change?

G: Well in some ways it really has and then in other ways it really hasn't. I guess because the boys in the group didn't do the PR or video's etc as much... everyone is seeing that the line up in terms of a group has changed... and yes it has. Basically after the end of the last album's campaign Rose and Rebecca decided that they wanted to go and do something else. We didn't exactly fall out I just think we all wanted different things creatively. But now we have a lovely new member...

A: That would be me I take it? (Laughs)

G: Funnily enough it would!

So you weren't pulling each other's hair out and having catfights, which make for fabulous pop music drama?

G: No (laughs) though that would have been fabulous. Maybe not at the time but could have been one of those things you looked back on in later years and thought 'wow, we fought in polka dots...'

A: The polka dots have gone too! Shocking isn't it?

Did you ever think of changing the name of the group?

A: We talked about it on and off and came up with some shockers but we knew we wanted to carry on singing the old songs and that wouldn't have worked. We would have become like a Pipettes cover band. I already find it

weird enough I get to sing the songs I used to watch the girls singing as I was actually a huge Pipettes fan, and not just because my sister was in them.

You have gone for a rather different sound on the new album, what made you move to disco?

G: Like I mentioned before we had already sort of decided that we wanted to do something that had a disco feel and also had a certain butter-spaceness' about it.

A: Think Barbarella.

G: Exactly, a lot of people have said we planned it as the 80's have come back but we started writing this album two and a half years ago. Actually it's a bugger this because this happened with album one. Who was singing sixties girl band sounds for the noughties first, the Pipettes or Winehouse? (Laughs) I will say no more.

So tell us more about the new album? It's something that the gays can boogie to isn't it?

Both: DEFINITELY

G: We are both so excited about this album. It's a party album that evokes disco of the past and then makes it more current. There's no real ballads. Well you think a song is a ballad and then the disco ball appears suddenly.

A: It's one hundred percent an album to listen to before you go out or dance around your hand bag when you get in.

How did you get Martin Rushent to come out of hiding (a legendary producer of The Human League's 'Dare') and work on this album?

A: If we say we were trying to work with anyone and then Martin came along that sounds wrong doesn't it? Almost desperate (laughs).

G: Thank god he did though. He was great. He was instantly keen and saw there was potential and so that was it. Without him this album wouldn't be anywhere near as good or as near to how we envisaged it in our pop heads.

A: Don't say that! Martin already thinks he's great. (Laughs) If you work with Martin you have to understand that Martin is God, end of!

Is it nice working with your sister or can those doses to you wind you up the most? Which pop duo would you like to be most like?

A: We know when to stop winding each other up, which I think is really important. We also don't sulk with each other. We might not speak for a bit but no sulking. You laugh more than anything and just egg the other on.

G: As for duos... Hmmm...

Both: Bananarama!!!!

G: And look at them they are still going, getting people on the dance floors and looking amazing. Yeah that's what we want.



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THE JUSTICE OF INJUSTICE

Bent is a keen supporter of boybands. We love every aspect of these glittering youthful creations and always look forward to the day when they pass over into pop credibility. Not all such confections have the necessary singing and dancing staying power but that is simply the injustice of an ever changing and fickle pop world. However, some look like they'll be around for more than that 15 minutes... let's have a look at the latest band tipped to be the UK's next hit boyband, InJustice.

InJustice are the brainchild of legendary record producer and songwriter Ian Levine who has worked solely on this project for the last year. His previous accolades include the production of hits songs for Take That and Blue. You could say writing and producing for boybands is in his blood!

Harry, Chris, Luke, Matt and Kyle all replied to a MUSTHAVEIT Productions advert in The Stage Magazine and after being handpicked out of the many hopefuls, InJustice were born. From day one it has been clear the boys have all the right qualities to fulfil their pop star potential with big voices and the moves to match.

MEET THE GUYS:



Matt - 20, his relentless energy, street demeanour and infectious liveliness makes Matt one of a kind, in addition Matt's incredible break dancing skills are always a show stopper.

Tell us a secret:

I won a comedy award in panto!

Which male star would you like to date:

Michael Buble, he's got an amazing voice or Bart Simpson

Favourite brand of undies: I don't really mind, no pants though, only boxers.



Chris - 21, prides himself on his cheeky smile, brooding eyes and unintentional hilarity. Chris grew up always performing and is most at home when performing on the stage.

Tell us a secret:

I was Mr Wales!

Which male star would you like to date? Alan Carr because he's sexy haha... Leonardo DiCaprio..... maybe

Favourite brand of undies: I've got some nice Calvin pants oooo and some Spiderman ones



Luke - 21, describes himself as a bit of a geek, since graduating from Nottingham University, having studied business and marketing Luke returned to his true calling of being on stage.

Tell us a secret:

I've got a Business Degree!

Which male star would you like to date? If I had to, emm maybe that dude from Twilight, not Robert Pattinson, the other one, his physique is unreal, I'm aiming to look like that!

Pyjamas or in the buff? When I was at Uni the buff, but when I'm back home my comfy PJs. I don't want my mom walking in my room in the morning, and seeing my thing!



Kyle - 17, as the baby of the group Kyle's party animal antics keep the energy of the group sky high. With an Italian heritage, Kyle's olive skin and dark hair really attract the girls... and boys.

Tell us a secret: I went on a world challenge to Romeo for 5 weeks

Which male star would you like to date? James Corden because he's hilarious

Favourite brand of undies: I like Diesel ones



Harry - 19, his fitness regime and down to earth manner keeps a reign over the boys. In addition Harry brings his preppy style and ambitious attitude to the group.

Tell us a secret: I do karate

Which male star would you like to date? Arnold Schwarzeneger, because he's awesome

Favourite brand of undies: Aussiebums

OK boys... who's the most camp?

Em, we wouldn't say any of us are camp really, although we all have our moments now and again haha.....

The guys have been busy recording their first studio album *Worlds Most Wanted* and gearing up for the release of their first single *Long Long Way* in July... expect to be seeing a lot of these guys at Pride events this summer.

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SHE'S NICE, DIFFERENT, UNUSUAL!



You will of course know Jane Turner from the legendary and wonderful Aussie comedy 'Kath and Kim' but we sent Simon Savidge to watch her performing in her UK debut role in the West End playing a host of characters in the comedy/drama 'Holding The Man'. Later he caught up with the star to chat about the new play, gays and just what's happened to 'Kath and Kim'?

There are a few people that I get nervous about and arriving at a very swish central London hotel (these places unnerve me at the best of times) and then finding there are pseudonyms and all sorts of go through before I meet Jane I start to fret a little. It's all because I am a ridiculously big Kath and Kim fan and sometimes you worry that the people behind the 'uuumour' might not be so nice. With Jane I needn't have worried. She soon comes down and leads me to the 'lounge' where we order some rather snazzy coffees. She's warm, friendly and makes you laugh within a few minutes.

We aren't here to talk about Kath and Kim today, though I am determined to at some point during our tatter, but rather the wonderful play 'Holding The Man' that Jane is starring in on the West End at the moment. It's a play that has some personal history attached to it for her. "I knew both Tim and John who this play is based on and the people who it touched. It's a very important story to tell and one that I think never loses its importance. Mind you," she chuckles, "if it had been a crappy play I wouldn't have gone into it at all. I think knowing them as I did, and even playing a few of the people I knew, adds something to it for me and hopefully the audience."

Holding The Man is a hard hitting play though and isn't just comedy in fact one of the hardest things for me way that Tim, who might or might not, though is rather likely to have given his long term partner and love of his life HIV has no remorse. "I think that's one thing a lot of people have found hard to be honest. But the fact Tim wrote the book, on which the play is based, so openly, warts and all, means it has that impact. He always said he wanted to live the life of a Fast Queen and he did. He was devastated when John passed away and that really was when the remorse hit him and the play seems, to me, to be a confession and one that doesn't hold back. You have the light and the dark. That was part of what attracted me to the show... the diversity of the roles.



I am playing 13 different characters, oh fourteen actually if you count the demanding role of puppeteer's not her giggle "some of its hilarious and some of its very emotional for an actor it's a dream because you get to do a bit of everything and I was slightly worried about being typecast as varying forms of Kath for eternity!"

The play is very, very gay. ... "I know, I let my fourteen year old daughter come and see it, she really wanted to, and afterwards I said 'I am so sorry darling' as it is quite graphic. She wasn't bothered, which

shows hope for future generations' laughs "though she has watched the Saw series of films so a little bit of full on gay sex discussion isn't going to bother her is it? The audience is gay, gay, gay which I love though I wouldn't mind a few straight admirers popping by!"

Kath and Kim was embraced by the gay market and I wonder if Jane did the show in honour of her gay following, she is after all a bit of a gay icon in the UK "Am I really? I don't tend to think Kath and Kim was that big here. It's nice to know gays love it as they are a great audience; they get the whole camp sensibility of it. I didn't really do this show for that reason though, I did it because I thought the story was important and the show was great. The fact it has a big gay message and the audience - which is mainly gay - seems to love it is a double bonus. I have always had gay friends and love them all dearly, though you can all get a bit much on occasion" laughs "I love playing gay parts in fact me and Gina always loved playing Drag Queens when we did Fast Forward. I love the gay parts in this show being a Spanish lover, and getting my bum out, and being an old queeny professor and dancing like a crazy person. I have taught myself a new dance for that part especially I am calling it the Horse Hoof, I might use it on Dancing With the Stars one day... it's quite unusual!"

At the last word we look at each other "You're going to say it aren't you?" she laughs and I can't help it, those three words splutter out of my mouth... Nice, different, unusual. "Those words will haunt me forever, you might see them on my epitaph." I suggest maybe the one word 'Tizzy' at which she laughs "I haven't used that one in ages!" She adopts the accent "That's tizzy, tizzy... ooh hang on I just became Pru."

I decide it's now or never... let's talk Kath and Kim, is it coming back? "Well I am going to be honest and sadly say it's very unlikely. It's not that we don't enjoy it, we both do and actually Gina and I are itching to get back working together, we just think it's worked its course and you should end on a high. We might do a farewell something" Could that involve a musical? "Ha, you never know, Gina has a great voice and I can pull some moves. I think maybe we could do a few spin offs with some of the lesser Kath and Kim characters and maybe some sketch shows again like Big Girls Blouse. Who knows, it's a scary and exciting rollercoaster, a bit like this play!"

HOLDING THE MAN

Holding the Man became one of the most successful Australian stage productions in the last few years breaking several box office records. It looks at what it was like to grow up gay in Australia of the 1970s and indeed is based on the memoir of Timothy Conigrave. From being the gay boy in an all-male school in Melbourne up until the AIDS epidemic hit in the mid to late 1980s we follow Tim as he, and those around him, come to terms with his sexuality and the effects it has on his life. It is also a rather beautiful and unlikely (though nothing is stranger than real life) love story between the openly gay kid at school and the captain of the football team and how over fifteen years the relationship between Tim and John develops including the separations, the discriminations, the temptations, the jealousies and the losses.

Before I arrived at the theatre I had an inkling that I might laugh quite a bit at 'Holding The Man' I wasn't expecting to be reduced to tears in the first half from laughter (a sleeping bag scene has to be seen to be believed) and then to tears in the second half for the emotional punch that a twist in this tale leaves the audience with. What's more the two leads Guy Edmonds and Matt Zeremes play this so wonderfully you wouldn't believe they aren't a couple in real life (and they aren't) the relationship between them blossoms and touches the audience in a way you don't get in many plays be they the West End or anywhere.

The rest of the cast are marvellous too, in particular Jane Turner and Simon Burke who play about ten characters each from the parents of both the boys to doctors, students, Spanish lovers... you name it they play it. Jane Turner's portrayal of Tim's mother is incredibly moving, when she is not being brilliantly funny, and will leave you feeling quite emotionally wrung out. It might occasionally be so honest it becomes uncomfortable but that is where you learn from a play like this, and believe me you will go away thinking about this show for weeks to come.

Holding The Man is on at the Trafalgar Studios in London until the 3rd of July. To get tickets and find out more you can visit www.holdingtheman.co.uk



FRESH MEAT

'Fresh Meat' is a brand-new darkly comedic play that taps into the themes of the hunger of love and loneliness and the desperation it can drive us to. The idea for the play was inspired by the true story a few years ago of a young man in Germany who offered himself to be eaten by a cannibal as a way of committing suicide.

Young suicidal gay man Lenny discovers an alternative way to die when he offers himself to be eaten by a married pair of gay cannibals - Alex and Theo. But as Lenny ingratiates himself into Alex and Theo's lives in preparation for his unusual death, he instead falls in love with Theo and finally finds a reason to carry on living. But taking himself off the menu is not going to be easy...

Courtyard Theatre in Hoxton, London
8th June - 4th July.
Box office www.ticketweb.co.uk
0844 477 1000



WOLFBOY

Two teenagers share an intimate adventure in a boy's home. Bernie has attempted suicide and David is a street hustler who may or may not have the powers of a wolf.

Wolfboy is adapted from the play by Brad Fraser ('Love & Human Remains') by Russell Labey and Leon Paris. The original play is famous for a 1984 production in Toronto starring a then unknown Keanu Reeves. A version of this production premiered at the 2009 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, also starring Paul Holowaty and Gregg Lowe.

There is currently an upsurge in interest in all things vampiric or lycanthropic in films/books/TW/plays. But if 'Twilight' is your average boy(wampire)-meets-girl story then

Wolfboy is your less average boy(werewolf)-meets-boy story. Of course we all know werewolves don't exist. And people have to grow up. And stories must end. And as this one does we move further from fantasy to the cold reality of the corruptive devastation that is wrought by child abuse and neglect. Brad Fraser's writing is honest, visceral, and often controversial, and this musical retelling is no less uncompromising.

Paul Holowaty is best known as 'Hollyoaks' bad boy Steven Macintosh, 'Mack!'. He achieved pin-up status and was the featured Torso of the Week in Heat magazine. An earlier role as 12-year-old schoolboy Neil Feams on 'Coronation Street', saw him getting fellow classmate Sarah Louise Platt (Tina O'Brian) pregnant.

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Blauer, although the brand built its name as a tech outwear brand, enters its first summer season in the UK by introducing a cool and contemporary collection of motorbike-bomber jackets, distinctive footwear, cotton tees, shorts and equips the sporty and modern man with authentic but unique pieces without losing sight of comfort and style. £305 - Jacket | £115 - Shorts www.redalagency.co.uk

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Pyjama Survey

According to a recent survey by Jockey International of more than 3,000 men and women, British adults are now spending more time in their pyjamas. Their conclusions were that almost 60 per cent of us say we slip into our PJs as soon as we get home from work.

Modelling himself on Playboy's Hugh Hefner, who is well known for his silk robes and pyjama style of living, the Bent editor is very keen on a similar image. However, we've told him that bunny slippers and pink and blue cotton flannelette doesn't carry the same gravitas... but he will insist. Meanwhile, we here at Bent wondered if that recent survey was true for us gayers... and if not, what do we like to slip into at bed time... (oooah!)?

So, in conjunction with those lovely people at ManCentral.com we asked their members a few pertinent questions. Here's how it broke down:

What do you normally wear in bed?

A Smile = 44%
Underwear = 31%
Shorts and T-shirt = 14%
Pyjamas = 6%
Other = 5%

And Why? (for those who answered Pyjamas or Shorts and T-shirt)

Because they are comfortable = 63%
Because I always have = 29%
Other = 7%
Because it reminds me of when I was young = 1%
Because my partner insists I do = 0%

When do you normally put on your pyjamas or sleepwear?

When I'm going to bed = 63%
After a bath or shower = 17%
I'd wear them all day if I could = 9%
The moment I get home from work = 8%
Other = 3%

Age breakdowns

18-24 year olds are the most likely to wear Pyjamas or Underwear
25-30 year olds are the most likely to wear 'Other' to bed
51-60 year olds are the most likely to wear a smile to bed
61+ year olds are the most likely to wear Shorts and a T-shirt to bed

You can find more about the survey and more about Man Central at www.ManCentral.com



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The Pyjama Store has searched the World to bring you the best men's nightwear available, the brands showcased have been carefully hand-picked and only the finest quality pyjamas make The Pyjama Store cut.

Piero Galante is one of these select brands, their pyjamas are made in Scotland, using the finest quality materials. They aim to shatter the misconceptions on the perceived design of traditional pyjamas by creating a contemporary yet comfortable collection of beautifully crafted men's brushed cotton pyjamas soft to the touch and cosy. Piero Galante sets have vibrantly printed tops with co-ordinating plain pair of bottoms.

For those who like to have a little night-time luxury the new Pyjama Store is offering Bent readers a chance to win a set of their rather nice Piero Galante pjs worth £99. www.thepyjamastore.com

To be in with a chance of winning this luxurious prize, just answer this simple question:
In which country are Piero Galante pyjamas made?



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BENT ON... KILTS

By Les Lea

A hot guy in a kilt is still a hot guy whether he is in a kilt or not... and there would be those who would argue that... out of a kilt is even better. I disagree. There is something quite magical about the kilt. The imagery, the history, the masculinity... yes all these and many more reasons add up to why the kilt is one of the premier pieces of clothing that gets us gays into a fantasyland of possibilities.



It has to be said that a kilt can make even the drabest of men look interesting. Take the number of guys who simply cannot wait to hire a kilt for a wedding or some formal function or other, in an attempt to make them seem more than just a 'boring suit'... and all that entails. They want to be blessed, even if it's for only the time of wearing the kilt, to be perceived as a 'macho real man'... a bit of a rebel.

Some may argue that a kilt is just a skirt (and by association it must therefore be womanly) but few, if any of the millions of guys, and not just gay boys, who have adopted this image, see it as a subtle way of cross-dressing. Historically, the image of battling gladiators, fearsome Greek soldiers of antiquity and the Roman centurion, all give this short tunic more than a hint of respectability and manliness.

The full dress kilt is a work of art. The amount of woven material, the heaviness of the fabric, the number of pleats, the way it hangs tightly around the midriff falling tantalisingly to the knee (mmmm), not forgetting of course the absolute myriad of different coloured tartans, mean it is a constantly changing public spectacle that everyone can enjoy. In some ways the kilt keeps on developing. They now make them in a variety of fabrics, some that work... some unfortunately that simply do not. Despite the occasional fashion designer attempting to make it into a male mini-skirt, the authenticity of 'the real thing' has maintained its stature as one of the most masculine and desirable items of clothing.

I'm not sure if it will ever replace underwear as a gay boy's favourite fetish but the numbers who now adopt this particular look for Pride and other

gay social events has been on a steady increase for several years.

On a recent trip to Scotland, Dumfries to be precise, I was looking in various shop windows and I came across a kilt provider. Now where I'm from in Yorkshire, the scene depicted in the window display would have been of a cutesy wedding, with little page boys dressed like the groom, all wearing matching tartan kilts. In the Dumfries window, the model wore a superb blue, grey and green tartan kilt with a rugby shirt, rugby socks and trainers. Nothing formal or celebratory... just one hot image of the kilt used in a day to day situation by a guy going about his business... on this occasion... a sports fan; the heavy pleating at the back of the kilt adding a certain sexiness to his rump, while the leather sporran added an assured emphasis to his groin.

I have to say that "What does a man wear under his kilt?" doesn't really interest me that much (sorry, it does interest me... but not in the same way as some people's obsession). I like the idea of some hunk, tossing a caber or throwing a hammer at the Highland Games, spinning around with kilt flying and seeing a pair of matching tartan undies, now that to me would be quite a turn on. However, I can also see the delight if he is wearing nothing but a determined grimace as the swirling kilt reveals a hairy arse and not inconsiderable appendage. I am also aware that certain Scottish regiments prohibit the wearing of under garments, (and one has to wonder at the sexual proclivities of the brigadier who came up with that rule?) so that can give an extra frisson of interest when the troops, in full ceremonial garb are on parade or marching through your town. A battalion of fit young guys in kilts at 'attention' now that might well cause some heavy perspiring!

Model: Danny
Photographer: Mark Hawkins
Kilt supplied by Moss Bros
Underwear from bum-chums.com





SOMETIMES IT'S JUST BETTER TO STAY IN BED!

Maybe you know the feeling. There are days you just want to forget. Days when everything goes wrong and you wish you'd just stayed in your warm, cosy bed instead. Well, not only have I had a few of those days recently, I've had a few of those kinds of weeks. It's just not been my month – or, to be a little blunt about it, the last month has been pretty shit!

It all started with my plans for a holiday. I'd planned to enjoy two nice, pleasant weeks with my friend on Gran Canaria, taking advantage of a nice finca near Maspalomas, which a friend had allowed us to use whilst he was away and which was only 20 minutes by car to a gay beach and the Jumbo Centre. A quiet and intimate location, with its own pool, that sounded just perfect for some personal time. Sadly, the volcano in Iceland put paid to all these plans!

Since we weren't able to fly anyway, we decided at the last minute to jump into the car and drive to some island in the North Sea – the name of which, I'm afraid, I can't remember! But instead of enjoying a gay beach, 25 degrees and cute twinks in tight shorts, we found ourselves in a family location... in the cold and wet.

Credit where credit's due, however – we had a nice apartment with an open fireplace and a direct view of the open sea. But when you've looked forward to the sun of Gran Canaria, a German island just doesn't seem quite the same. In short, it was disappointing. I wanted to jet-ski, paraglide, swim in the ocean. Above all I wanted a bit of adrenaline. However, what I got was a family holiday, with cold, rainy weather. As such, we only stayed there for a week, before going back to work. After all, sex in front of the fireplace is something we can have at home. What we'd been looking forward to was having sex in the dunes or at the beach – not to mention enjoying hot sunny days rather than damp miserable weather.

Then, in the following two weekends I had some more 'STAXUS on Tour' shows – this time in clubs that we haven't been to before. I always enjoy these shows, as you probably know. It's fun to spend some time with my colleagues in the best clubs in Europe, getting free drinks and staying in the finest hotels. Plus it's great to have contact with my fans, with whom I can talk and party.

For these two particular dates we'd been booked for soft-core shows; that included dancing, stripping and some kissing, but

definitely no wanking, sucking or shagging. As you'd expect from a professional outfit, everything is arranged beforehand, with a clear programme for the performance and hotel rooms booked by the club owners. On this occasion, however, a lot of things seemed to go wrong. When we arrived at the hotel we were told that they didn't have any bookings for us, so we immediately called the club owner and he told us that he'd changed the reservations and that we now had a new hotel. As a result, instead of enjoying a 4-star hotel, we now had 2-star accommodation, which meant two single rooms instead of two doubles. Also the rooms were without an en-suite bathroom, which meant taking a cold shower on the floor below (the hot water didn't work!) The glamorous life of a porn star.

It's just not fair! I can only assume that some of these club owners think we are just some stupid young porn actors from the Czech Republic and as such can just treat us like shit! Not surprisingly, there was a rather heated discussion with the club owner after we found out – exactly the sort of thing you want to avoid after driving 700kms across Europe to get to the venue. But at the end of the day, what can you do? After all, what's the alternative? To cancel the whole gig and drive back home, without being paid, and leaving a load of disappointed fans waiting for us? Or to cancel the club for breach of contract? No, you simply have to make the most of a bad situation and get on with the show, though one thing is for sure: we shall never, ever have another show in that club or indeed do a show that's been organised by that guy!

To be honest, 99% of all our shows are really great fun and go without the slightest hitch, which is the reason why I like them so much. And why not? I get to attend great venues, have fun with my work-mates, have sex on stage (depending on the booking) and meet all my fans. What's more, as the icing on the cake, I get paid for it all! What more could I possibly ask for?

I really hope that I can do some shows in the UK pretty soon. Indeed I'm already in contact with several clubs and venues. Let's see what we can work out together over the next few weeks. I so much look forward to come to UK again – I always have a real licking... sorry... liking for British guys.

Kiss
Johan

Please feel free to follow my holidays with the latest blog entries and photos on my site:
Johan-Volny.com

PEP

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PEP must be taken within 72 hours of possible HIV exposure. The faster you start PEP the more effective it is.

PEP should be available from sexual health clinics and A&E departments.

On occasion people do experience side effects.

PEP is not a cure for HIV

There is no guarantee that it will prevent HIV transmission.

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TERRY GEORGE: TELLIN' STORIES

Will be back next month!



IS THE SEX YOU HAVE THE SEX YOU WANT?

Do you want more confidence in your life, including your sex life? GMFA, the gay men's health charity, has announced the return of its 'Building Your Confidence' course, which will run in 12 cities across the UK this summer. On this one day course, you will learn practical skills to help build your confidence. It will help you talk to the men you like, say yes to the sex you want and no to the sex you don't, and be in control of condom use to ensure sex is as safe as you want it to be.

The course has had a big impact on many of the men who have attended:

"It's made me more likely to get out there and not stay at home. I'm also more aware of the risks of HIV and STIs."

"I gained a great deal from the course and feel more confident and settled in my life and can act and deliver myself with confidence."

"It left me feeling more confident and assertive, especially with regards to my sex life."

"Opened my eyes to other possibilities and recognise my good points as positives, and build on them. I've been on my own now for 6 years and have needed to change. Attending the course has helped me develop a new outlook towards relationships."

The course will take a look at the different ways that confidence can affect our lives, in a fun and friendly group. You'll learn about building your confidence in a variety of situations, whether with friends, at work or with sexual partners. Plus, there'll be plenty of tips that you can put into action after the course, to make for a happier, more confident you.

All of GMFA's courses and workshops are free of charge to participants but places are limited and must be booked in advance. To book a place, go to www.gmfa.org.uk/national or call 020 7738 3712 the course is funded by CHAPS.

The 'Building Your Confidence' course takes place on a Saturday from 10am to 5pm. The dates for 2010 are:

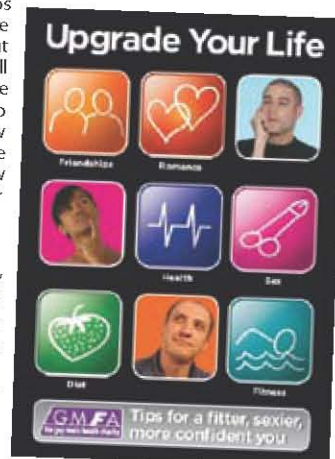
- 12 June: Bradford, Leicester, London
- 19 June: Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Plymouth, Sheffield
- 26 June: Birmingham, Brighton, Newcastle, Southampton

WANT TO UPGRADE YOUR LIFE?

Do you want to improve your health but are not sure where to start? Maybe you want to eat better, drink less, or rethink your friendships or relationships? Maybe you feel like you need more control over your sex life, or you want to improve your sexual safety? If so, then look out for the new booklet, 'Upgrade Your Life' from GMFA, the gay men's health charity. It hits the scene this month and contains lots of practical advice for looking after your health.

'Upgrade Your Life' includes chapters on keeping fit, eating well, controlling drugs and alcohol, quitting smoking, maintaining sexual health, relationships and friendships. There are lots of ideas about how you can make small changes that will make a big difference. It also includes advice on how to come up with some personal goals and how to keep track of your progress.

'Upgrade Your Life' is funded by the Pan London HIV Prevention Programme and is available to download from the GMFA website at www.gmfa.org.uk/upgrade.



SPLIT / SECOND

Format: Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Windows PC

Turbo charged cars, collapsing buildings, exploding bridges, this game has it all. Every race feels like you're the star of a Hollywood blockbuster where the special effects department has gone totally wild.

The game is made up of 12 episodes. Each episode plays like a reality TV show where a commentator introduces the stage and you participate in a series of destruction-packed challenges broadcast live for entertainment. As you drift your car around corners, get big air off ramps or have a really close shave, your power meter will climb. With enough power you get the options to unleash mayhem on your fellow competitors, everything from exploding buses, swinging cranes with massive loads or toppling ferry boats on to the track. This game is littered with hazards so the mayhem seems relentless as you throw your car around the courses at high speeds.

There are various types of challenges, the first being a traditional race where you go head-to-head with 8 competitors. Other modes include elimination (which we were particular fond of); in this mode every 20 seconds the person in last position instantly explodes until there is only one car left on the road. Survival mode pits you against vehicles such as a military helicopter as it fires missiles at your car while you see how long you can last. As you progress through the challenges each episode offers an elite race which by completing, allows you to progress to the next episode. As you complete the challenges you earn credits which in-turn unlock bigger, stronger and faster cars for you to race.

Split/Second is a whole load of fun. It's fast, furious and the two to four minute action-packed challenges will always keep you coming back for more.





It's all about TIME MANAGEMENT

I've been thinking a lot about time lately. Maybe because it seems like I have less of it every week to do the things that I really want to do and accomplish goals much quicker. Maybe because I want to free more up to spend with my 2 dogs Raffi and Stella. Maybe because lack of time is the biggest reason I get from fitness clients and the people I train on why they are not reaching their fitness goals. Goals I know they are capable of triumphing over.

Like the many friends, family, fitness clients around me I seem to hear the lack of time excuse way too much and I seem to use it way too much myself. We have 24 X 7 or 168 hours a week and what we do with it, and how we manage it everyday, has a lot to do with the quality we can squeeze out of life... and where we end up years down the road. So, I am challenging myself, and I would challenge you, to minimize the "lack of time excuse", especially when it comes to exercise. Kind of a stupid excuse nowadays anyway. After all, who doesn't lack time? We are all on an even playing field in this area. Mobile phones, palm pilots, the Internet and all of this new technology available at our finger tips and we still can't seem to free up more time. Generally, I see many people over committing to their exercise plan and instead of trying to just keep getting on base many are eager to try to knock the ball out of the park every time.

This month/week outlaw the "I don't have time" excuse when it comes to exercise and the other things in your life that are important to you but you don't spend enough time doing. Spend this week mapping out your fitness like you do your job and the rest of your life. Put it down on paper and execute it. Don't over commit yourself to time robbing events or things that you don't get much out of and make sure you fit your exercise in. I have found that you come out way ahead on this deal because your brain and body seems to work much better when you do and you feel much better about yourself after you knock down each workout. When your week is over reflect on what worked and what you need to fine-tune and then reset for the next week. A few weeks of that and you will be surprised where it can take you.

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www.jarrettjames.co.uk
www.jarrettjamesbootcamp.co.uk

AIMING TO GET MEN MORE ACTIVE!

This year, the annual National Men's Health Week 14th-20th June, organised by the Men's Health Forum, will encourage men and boys to be more physically active. From relieving stress and anxiety to losing weight and reducing the risk of cancer, heart disease and diabetes, physical activity has lots going for it. It can even improve male sexual performance!

Men's Health Week 2010 aims to do two vital

things: first, encouraging more men to become more active including (but not only) through sport; and second, encouraging sports stadiums and similar venues to deliver health services and health campaigns for men.

Men's Health Week coincides with the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, and crosses over with National Bike Week, these major events are a great opportunity to engage men and encourage them to get more active and healthy. Male participation in physical activity starts to fall sharply in early middle-age while the risks of becoming obese and developing diabetes and/or cardiovascular disease rise correspondingly.

The government hopes to get two million more people active by 2012 and to help with this, Men's Health Week will be tackling the couch potato culture by encouraging men to get walking, jogging, gardening, swimming, playing sport... in short, moving more and being more active.

Men wishing to start on the road to becoming more physically active should visit www.maleshealth.co.uk



KEEPING IT GREEN

Green People delivers ten organic 'power-packed' products to meet every man's grooming needs. You won't find any aggravating chemicals here as it's made with certified organic formulations and fairly traded ingredients, plus an innovative new age reversal formula in moisturisers no.4 Skin Guard SPF15 and no.7 Active Fix for younger looking skin! Organic Homme is created exclusively to meet the everyday grooming needs of men and combines powerful organic and natural actives chosen for their soothing and calming properties - it's just like organic food for the skin! Range starts from around £8

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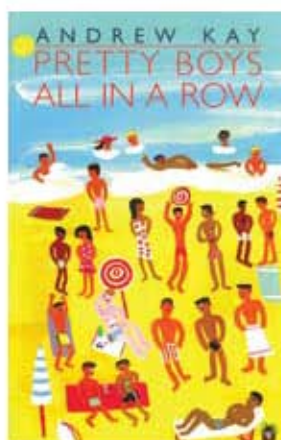


BEFORE THE GAME

By Domenico Cennamo

Sporty, sporty, sportsmen... these pictures jumpstart a movie in the viewer's head—a movie that is as sexy as it is touching. Before the Game is the name of the picture and it shows us the private moments of young sportsmen shortly before they are ready to go out on the field. Cennamo takes his photos calmly and without voyeurism. He doesn't ask his models to strike a pose; he simply watches them, waiting for the perfect moment to press the button. His works are magical portraits of the moment—sensitive and inartificial, aesthetic and erotic.

£34.99 – Bruno Gmunder



PRETTY BOYS ALL IN A ROW

By Andrew Kay

Summer 1981 and hedonism rules on the sun-baked island of Ibiza. The streets and bars are overflowing and on the beaches there's a seemingly endless parade of beautiful bronzed Adonises. Philip, though, is pasty and pale and plain to boot. Why on earth, he wonders, has he come to this gay paradise when he can barely pluck up the courage even to uncover his body? Then Philip meets Terry and everything changes. Terry is sixty-something, with a shocking predilection for orange shell suits and plastic flip-flops, but also a bottomless purse and a generous heart. Under Terry's tutelage, Philip begins to discover a whole new self and his transformation from ugly duckling to gorgeous butterfly begins.

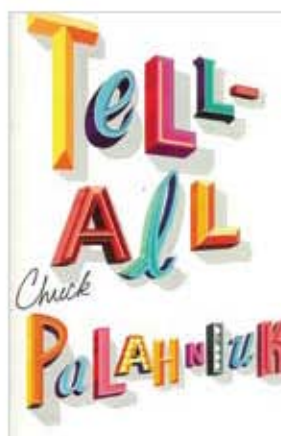
£9.99 – Book Guild Publishing



EX-GAY NO WAY: SURVIVAL AND RECOVERY FROM RELIGIOUS ABUSE

Jallen Rix, a young Southern Baptist, joined an ex-gay ministry when he discovered his same-sex attractions. Although the ministry did not make him heterosexual, it did manage to destroy any sense of stability and self-esteem. Ex-Gay No Way is Dr. Rix's journey through the ex-gay world and what he did in the aftermath to reintegrate positive sexuality with healthy spirituality. Further, he demonstrates that the tactics used in these oppressive environments are many of the same damaging schemes used everywhere in power-abusive religious organizations today.

£10.99 – Findhorn Press



TELL-ALL

By Chuck Palahniuk

Our narrator is Hazie Coogan, who for decades has tended to the outsized needs of Katherine 'Miss Kathie' Kenton, a star of the wattage of Elizabeth Taylor and the emotional torment of Judy Garland. When a gentleman caller worms his way into Miss Kathie's heart and boudoir, Hazie discovers he's already written his celebrity tell-all memoir which foretells the star's death in a forth-coming film. A great humorous poke at celebrity... and those who feast on it.

£12.99 – Jonathan Cape



SUBS DELIVERANCE

Erotic tales by Anthony Thomas

Out of the blue, while being thoroughly misused, our boy meets Karl, a supposedly heterosexual young man just seeking a quick release. However, the gods have different ideas and over the next few weeks will connect on the physical, emotional and mental plains... settling on a life as master and slave?

£12.99 – Nazca Plains Corp



SURF'S UP IN NEWCASTLE

Don't be fooled by the title, this is Newcastle Australia and is the home of a bunch of teens with surfing attitude. Leading the cast is home-grown talent Iachlan Buchanan, who you may have seen in *Home and Away* and teen surfing drama series *Blue Water High*, plays Jesse, a talented surfer, who is saddled with a belligerent older half-brother, a former surfing star, and a younger gay brother, who causes him constant embarrassment. The 2008 movie gets its DVD release this month and Bent couldn't wait pull on the boardies and take to the waves with its star.

Can you remember how you got the part in Newcastle?

Yes, I came across an open casting call on the internet for this surfing movie called *Newcastle*, and it sounded cool so I just casually submitted my details, and within ten minutes I got a call from the Casting Director saying, "Please call the director, you look perfect". So I did that, and put a couple of auditions down on tape before going to Sydney to audition with the other cast members, and then was offered the role.

How did you feel about your character?

The character was similar to a couple of people I know, and easy to relate to in some aspects, but I certainly felt challenged about playing such an angry, visceral teenager as I'm quite the opposite. But as an actor I like to be challenged so it was something I was keen to embrace.

Relationships in the movie get a bit edgy... did you mind any of the scenes?

Oh you think so? Haha. Some of the scenes were a bit nerve-wracking to perform, it's not easy to do them in front of a bunch of people, but after getting into the swing of things the sex/nudity scenes became more of a laugh and just another challenge. It's certainly made me less fearful in other projects.

You appeared in Oz teen series *Blue Water High* as a surfer... what was that like?

It was a dream job. My job was to do the two things I love most - surfing and acting, so everyday was a joy to be on that show. Playing a surfer who was much more gentle and laid-back after playing Jesse in *Newcastle*, was certainly a nice change.

Are you a good surfer and would you prefer the beachbum lifestyle?

I'm not a pro, but I've been surfing since I was 12 and am pretty confident. The most important thing for me is that I have fun while doing it, and yes, in many ways I would prefer the beachbum lifestyle, but I think it could get boring after a while so it's nice to mix things up a little.

Have you had any frightening or unforgettable experiences whilst surfing?

Many. From almost drowning numerous times to sharing waves with huge sharks, you enter the surf knowing that you're taking a risk - it's all part of the thrill! Also, I lost my board shorts once when I got dumped by a huge wave...that sucked.

Is appearing in *Home and Away* or *Neighbours* part of a rite of passage for Australian actors?

Apparently so! The soaps are the biggest shows in the country, and there aren't multitudes of actors in Australia so everyone is bound to appear on the shows at some time. They certainly are a leg-up in the industry not just in Australia, but around the world. It's incredible how many former H&A and *Neighbours* people are out here and doing quite well in the US (where I'm living now).

Where do you like to hang out on a day off?

As I'm currently living in LA, on days off I like to hang at the beach or go hiking or chill with friends. Fairly similar if I was in Australia. The clubbing scene down there can be pretty awesome, depending on where you live. Sydney is certainly the place for it - it never closes down basically. But Aussies, being so closely related to the Brits, know how to party so there are cool places everywhere. It can get pretty epic sometimes...

Which do you prefer: baggy shorts or Speedos?

Haha uhh...quite a difference there. I wouldn't choose either as a first preference to be honest - something in between. I have done the occasional surf in Speedos with some mates as a joke before though. Freaks the tourists out.

OK but which is your favourite brand of underwear?

I don't wear any.....Joking. I'm gonna say Diesel. But nothing ever beats free-balling!

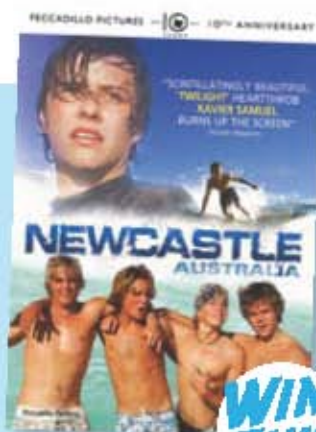
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Newcastle, Australia: 17-year-old Jesse and his brothers live in the small port town and surfing hot-spot that is Newcastle. Rising surf star Jesse spends time chasing waves and girls, all the while living in the shadow of older brother Victor, who insists he compete and win at the town's annual surfing competition. Younger brother and emo teen Fergus, in the meantime, has a major crush on Jesse's surf buddy Andy. When Jesse, Fergus and their beach bum friends go on a camping trip out on the dunes, confrontations arise and the youngsters are forced to come to terms with burgeoning emotions, life-changing decisions and a surf duel they didn't see coming.

Featuring a host of hot up and coming stars, music from established indie bands The Cloud Room and The Lemurs, and stunning cinematography, *Newcastle* is the perfect antidote should you feel that summer just doesn't last long enough... **Out: 24th May - £14.99 - Peccadillo Pics**

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this excellent DVD just answer this simple question: **What is Jesse's emo younger brother called?**



WIN THIS



ALL RIGHT JACK

Jack Wrangler was born John Robert Stillman in Beverly Hills, California. His father was Hollywood film and television producer Robert Stillman, who directed such films as *Champion*, *Boots and Saddles*, *Second Chorus* and *Home of the Brave* and produced television series such as *Bonanza*. His mother, Ruth Clark Stillman, was a former dancer in Busby Berkeley musicals. At the age of 9 he was acting in a TV series and he said he was 10 years-old when he knew he was gay.

Even though he wasn't bad as an actor he found work in LA very hard to come by so, upped and moved to New York to pursue his dream. He worked as a model, bartender and go-go boy to make ends meet and it was while working as a go-go dancer that he came up with the name 'Wrangler' after the name on his jeans. One of his first roles was in *Special Friends*, one of the first gay-themed plays by a gay playwright. He played a former prostitute from Arkansas who becomes a bad go-go dancer in California, in a role which required extensive nudity. It was after seeing the



posters of a semi-naked Wrangler that he was approached by the head of a pioneering adult film studio and offered his first gay porn role... Eyes of a Stranger, one of the first gay hardcore porn films to be commercially released in the US. Wrangler performed in gay pornographic films for several reasons. First he saw them as culturally subversive and politically liberating:

"At the time we were all trying to find out who the hell we were as individuals, what we wanted specifically on our own terms, who we wanted to be, what our potentials were, what our differences were, what made us unique... And I think that's why the XXX-rated films were important, because it was like, Oh, my God, there are other people who like the same things as me, like leather, or being blown on a pool table. [Laughs] It was a start—literally stripping ourselves naked and trying to begin from there."

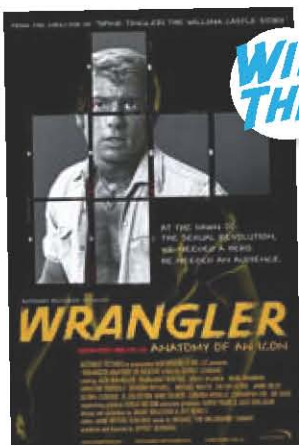
During his adult-film career, Wrangler appeared in 47 films but he was more than just a pretty face, great body and who had a dick that everyone loved to see. He was an actor, a playwright, a theatrical producer, director and became involved in gay activism. Wrangler died in 2009, at the age of 62 from complications from emphysema caused by almost 40 years of cigarette smoking.

WRANGLER: ANATOMY OF AN ICON

With piercing blue eyes, unruly blond hair, a chiselled physique and cocky swagger, Jack Wrangler was the king of '70s gay porn. Forging a gay sexual revolution, he wasn't the typical object of homoerotic desire but an intelligent, full-bodied, self-confident stud. Exulted for his 80-plus adult films, the openly gay superstar even conquered the straight adult world and legitimate theatre. And off-screen his life was equally sensational – at 33 he married 55-year-old songstress Margaret Whiting. Packed with rare footage, celebrity interviews, and witty commentary by Wrangler himself, this is an unfiltered portrait of an iconoclast who broke all the rules.

£14.99 - tlareleasing

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question:
How old was Jack when he died?



THE END OF LOVE

Ming is an attractive young gay man living a hedonistic yet precarious life of drugs and partying in Hong Kong. After an overdose, his secret identity as a male prostitute is revealed to his partner, who is furious and ends the relationship. Ming is transferred to a Christian rehabilitation camp. While in the camp, he works hard and comes clean with both his

addiction and also comes to terms with his past and himself. On his release, Ming is determined to live a "good" life – but the past does have a most unpleasant habit of coming back to haunt you...

Out: 7th June - £15.99 - Network Releasing

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

What is the capital of China??



EATING OUT BOX SET

Join the fabulous Rebekah Kochan as she leads the audience through three hilarious misadventures laden with mistaken identities, sexual shenanigans and, of course, gratuitous nudity! Whether it's setting up her seemingly incompatible gay friends, trying to turn a straight man gay or extricating hot guys from the ex-gay movement, each Eating Out chapter is packed to

the brim with laugh-out loud moments and sexy set-ups. Containing all three films, the Eating Out trilogy helps set the benchmark for modern gay screwball comedy and is an essential set in any self-respecting homo's collection.

Out: 7th June - £29.99 - tlareleasing

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

How many Eating Out movies have been made?



A SINGLE MAN

Set in Los Angeles in 1962, at the height of the Cuban missile crisis, this award winning Tom Ford movie, is the story of George Falconer, a 52 year old British college professor (Colin Firth) who is struggling to find meaning to his life after the death of his long time partner. George dwells on the past and cannot see his future as we follow him through a single day, where a series of events and encounters, ultimately leads him to decide if there is a

meaning to life after all. A young student of George's, Kenny (Nicholas Hoult), who is coming to terms with his true nature, senses a kindred spirit in George and pursues his attentions.
Out: 7th June - DVD & BluRay - Icon Home Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question:
Nicholas Hoult starred in which UK TV show - Shameless or Skins?



WIN THIS

BEAR

Perhaps not really the kind of 'bear' you'd expect in these pages but nonetheless, one that would make you scream should it get to grips with you. An idyllic trip into bear country turns into a nightmare when the mini-van carrying two brothers and their partners suddenly blows a tyre on a mountain road and rouses the attentions of one of the inhabiting Grizzly population.

Defiantly one of the brothers pulls out a gun and kills the curious creature.

Big mistake!

As they battle against the surprisingly cunning and intelligent beast's mate, secrets between the brothers and their own mates begin to emerge. **Out: 28th June - £15.99 - Metrodome**

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question: **In gay terms is a 'bear' hairy or shaved?**



WIN THIS

RESURRECTING THE STREET WALKER

Whilst documenting his life as a lowly intern, James Parker uncovers the long forgotten film, 'The Street Walker'. Desperate to make a mark on the film industry and to prove his ever-doubting parents wrong, James endeavours to complete the unfinished horror movie, resulting in a murderous obsession. Unbeknown to those around him James declines so far in to the fantasy world of Street Walker that he is unable to untangle himself from the mystery he uncovers whilst resurrecting the film relic. For James, there is only one way out, and for

some there is no escape...

Out: 28th June - £12.99 - Kaleidoscope Home Entertainment

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

Complete the title of this film - A Street Car Named D_____?



WIN THIS

WELCOME TO LA LA LAND

Award-winning actor and comic provocateur Marc Wootton (My New Best Friend, Gavin & Stacey, High Spirits with Shirley Ghostman) stars in La La Land, a new series about three wannabes seeking fame and fortune in Los Angeles.

Marc plays Brendan Allen, a documentary filmmaker with zero talent and even less integrity, set on a quest to become the next Morgan Spurlock; Shirley Ghostman, a disgraced medium willing to lie, cheat and even drug his way to becoming America's next psychic superstar; and Gary Garner, an East-London taxi driver using the inheritance from his late porn-star mother to forge a new career as an action star in the mould of his hero Jason Statham.

Out 14th June - £19.99 - ITV Studios Home Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question: **LA stands for which American city?**



WIN THIS

WINTER IN WARTIME

January 1945. Nazi occupied Holland lies under a blanket of snow.

A young man, Michiel, defiant in his hatred for the Nazis, inadvertently receives a map detailing the hiding place of a crashed RAF pilot and sets off to prove his worth.

He finds the pilot, Jack, badly injured, but the situation becomes more desperate when a dead Nazi trooper is found and the hunt for the killer commences. Unaware of the terrible consequences that await his family, Michiel decides to help Jack escape, undertaking a perilous journey that could cost him everything he has ever known.

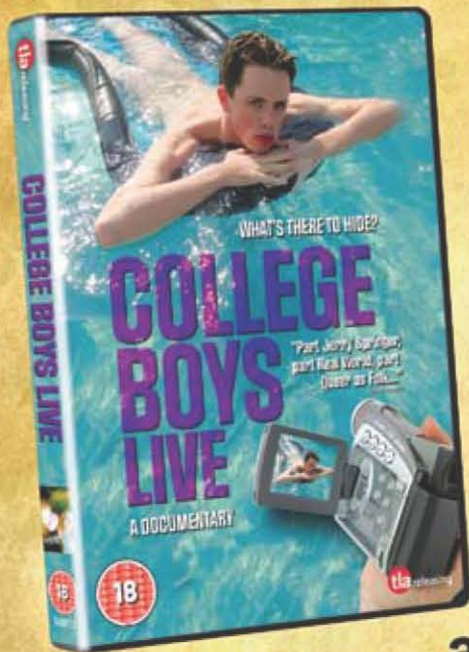
In the darkest days of the coldest winter, a hero will be made.

Out Now - DVD & BluRay - Kaleidoscope Home Ents

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question: **World War II lasted from 1939 to: 1944, 1945 or 1946?**

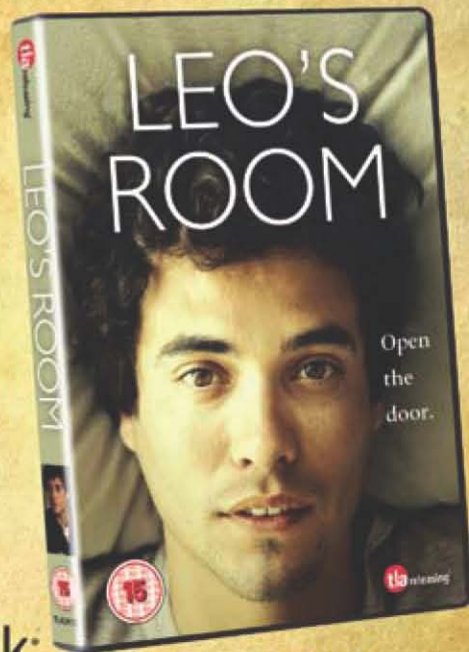
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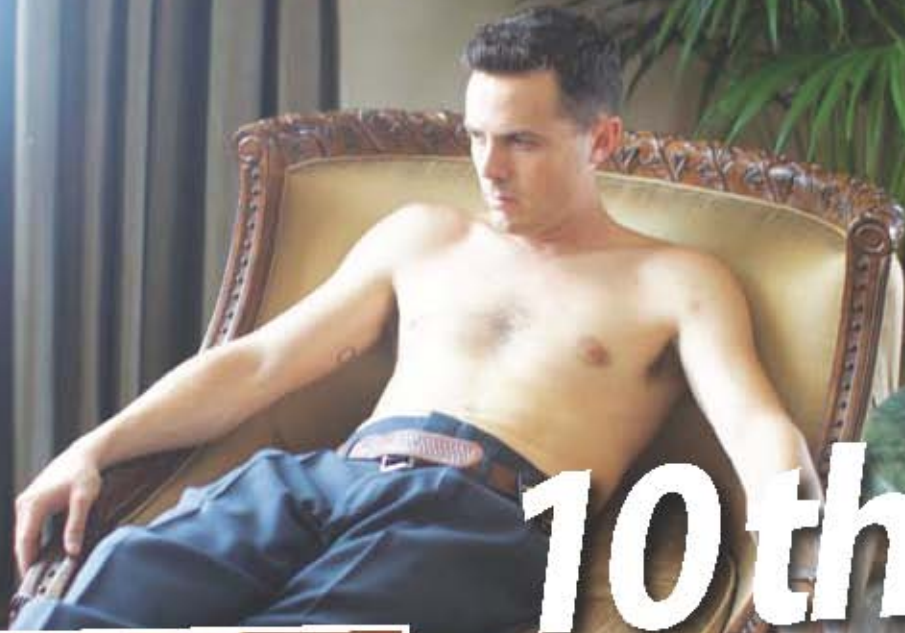
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10 things you never knew about Casey Affleck



▶ **THE BROTHERS BLOOM**

Out 4th June

Academy Award winners Rachel Weisz (*The Constant Gardener*) and Adrien Brody (*The Pianist*), join hottie Mark Ruffalo (*Zodiac*) in *The Brothers Bloom*, a globe-trotting comedy about the last great adventure of the world's best con men. The brothers have perfected the art of swindling fortunes through years of fraternal teamwork. Now they've decided to take on one last spectacular job — luring a beautiful and eccentric heiress into an elaborate plot that takes them around the world. With some romance thrown in, you have a very enjoyable, quirky, smart film worthy of the price of popcorn and a ticket.

▶ **GET HIM TO THE GREEK**

Out 25 June

Get Him to the Greek reunites Jonah Hill and Russell Brand with *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* director Nicholas Stoller in the story of a record company intern with two days to drag an uncooperative rock legend British rocker Aldous Snow (Brand) to Hollywood for a comeback concert. As the countdown to the concert begins, intern Aaron Green (Hill) must navigate a minefield of London drug smuggles, New York City brawls and Vegas lap dances to deliver his charge safe and, sort of, sound. He may have to coax, lie to, enable and party with Aldous, but Aaron will get him to the Greek.

Cute, sexy Casey Affleck plays a very bad boy in this month's *The Killer Inside Me* out 4th June which also stars Kate Hudson and Jessica Alba.

1. Younger brother of actor Ben Affleck.
2. Attended Columbia University, majoring in Physics. During this time he lived with his grandma in Manhattan.
3. Currently lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Summer Phoenix, and sons, Indiana August and Atticus.
4. Best friends with Joaquin Phoenix.
5. Is of Scottish-Irish descent.
6. In the March issue of *Nylon Magazine*,

Casey Affleck admits to being ashamed of two movies in his career: *Drowning Mona* (2000) and *Soul Survivors* (2001).

7. Is a vegan.
8. Appeared with brother Ben Affleck in the movies *Chasing Amy* (1997), *Good Will Hunting* (1997) and *200 Cigarettes* (1999).
9. His older brother, Ben Affleck, and his wife's older brother, River Phoenix, have both played versions of characters played by Harrison Ford. Ben Affleck played Jack Ryan in *The Sum of All Fears* (2002), and River Phoenix played the young Indy in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989).
10. Brother-in-law of Jennifer Garner, Joaquin Phoenix, River Phoenix, Rain Phoenix and Liberty Phoenix.



MOVIE
BUZZ



Producer Michael Bay has decided not to pick up Megan Fox for Transformers 3 and is now searching for a replacement love interest. Brit Bond girl Gemma Arterton (Clash of the Titans) is the front runner.

Flight of the Conchords star Jemaine Clement is to play one of the villains in Men in Black 3. The film is ramping up as Will Smith recently signed on to reprise his role as the alien-chasing government agent. Tommy Lee Jones will also be back as Agent Kay but in an undefined capacity as most of the film takes place in 1969, with Josh Brolin playing a young Kay.

The Taylor Lautner vehicle decided to help determine the young actor's star power Abduction has just added Alfred Molina to the cast. Molina joins Lautner and Lily Collins in the John Singleton directed featured centred on a teen who realizes he was kidnapped as a child, and is forced to run for his life after he reaches out to find his real parents. Molina will play a dogged CIA agent who is one step behind, determined to bring the teenager in alive.

With news David Fincher is set to direct a remake of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea for Walt Disney Pictures, 20th Century Fox has thrown their hat in the ring as well with news Ridley and Tony Scott are set to put into production their own remake.

Adrien Brody has joined the ensemble cast of Woody Allen's next film Midnight in Paris, a romantic comedy about a family travelling to the French capital for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better. Brody joins previously cast Owen Wilson, Marion Cotillard, Rachel McAdams, Kathy Bates, Michael Sheen, Tom Hiddleston, Kurt Fuller and Frances first lady Carla Bruni-Sarlozy.

Walt Disney Pictures has revealed that Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides will be filmed in Disney Digital 3D. Rob Marshall (Nine) is directing for a 2011 release.

Sam Worthington's blockbuster streak continues as he's grabbed yet another potential franchise leading role as Allan Quatermain, the hero of King Solomon's Mines, a Victorian adventure novel by H. Rider Haggard, and its sequel, Allan Quatermain.

▲ **KILLERS**

Out: 18th June

Spencer Aimes (Ashton Kutcher) is just your average, undercover, government-hired super-assassin accustomed to a life of exotic European locales, flashy sports cars and even flashier women. But when he meets Jen Kornfeldt (Katherine Heigl), a beautiful, fun-loving computer tech recovering from a bad break-up, he finds true love...and happily trades international

intrigue for domestic bliss. Three years later, Spencer and Jen are still enjoying a picture-perfect marriage - that is, until the morning after Spencer's 30th birthday. That's when Spencer and Jen learn he's the target of a multi-million dollar hit. Even worse, the hired killers have been stalking the happy couple for years, and could be anyone: friends, neighbours, the grocery store clerk, even that crabby old guy shuffling across the street. Killers is a hilarious, unpredictable action comedy about love, marriage and serious firepower.



▲ **MAC GRUBER**

Out: 18th June

Will Forte brings Saturday Night Live's clueless soldier of fortune to the big screen in the hilarious action comedy MacGruber. In the 10 years since his fiancée was killed, special op MacGruber has sworn off a life of fighting crime with his bare hands. But when he learns that his country needs him to find a nuclear warhead that's been stolen by his sworn enemy, Dieter Von Cunth (Val Kilmer), MacGruber figures he's the only one tough enough for the job. Assembling an elite team of experts-Lt. Dixon Piper (Ryan Phillippe) and Vicki St. Elmo (Kristen Wiig) - MacGruber will navigate an army of assassins to hunt down Cunth and bring him to justice. His methods may be unorthodox. His crime scenes may get messy. But if you want the world saved right, you call in MacGruber.

▶ **LETTERS TO JULIET**

Out: 9th June

A unashamedly romantic film you will need to bring out your inner woman to cope with. When a young American (Amanda Seyfried) travels to the city of Verona, home of the star-crossed lover Juliet Capulet of Romeo and Juliet fame, she joins a group of volunteers who respond to letters to Juliet seeking advice about love. After answering one letter dated from 1957, she inspires its author (Vanessa Redgrave) to travel to Italy in search of her long-lost love, which sets off a chain of events that will bring a love into both their lives unlike anything they have ever imagined. So bad, it's good, with laugh out loud corny moments.





Gay Malta?

Last year Bent took a trip to Malta to see for itself if the image of the place had changed from its older, more conservative visitor to a younger, more exuberant crowd. It had. Hosting its own Malta MusicWeek and MTV shows, plus inviting some of the world's top DJs to the island, the perception of this all-year-round destination, set in the middle of the Mediterranean, means that this Hot little island is definitely Cool!

You simply cannot avoid the history of the place... and in all honesty, to miss out on any of it would be a travesty. Malta and its neighbouring islands have been inhabited for over 6000 years and on Gozo you can find a temple that pre-dates Stonehenge. There are many archaeological sites and buildings that leave you wondering at the brilliance of ancient man. Meanwhile, in Malta's capital Valletta, and indeed

scattered around the entire islands, the work of the Knights Hospitallers can only be stared at in wonder and amazement. Such grand architectural plans for towns, castles, harbours and walled settlements, which were conceived and built in just a few decades, shows a culture and a belief that would defy many of today's city planners.

A trip to the capital would not be complete without a visit to St John's Co-Cathedral. Now before you complain about being dragged around a damn church let me explain. The church is a splendid baroque work of art, a masterpiece in belief and houses some pretty brilliant works of art... perhaps none more important than that of the artist Caravaggio. His superb use of light and his detail, particularly with the musculature and movement of the male body, makes him a firm favourite with gay art aficionados and in The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, housed in the cathedral, we see a superb example of his epic and often, homoerotic work.

That neatly brings me to Gay Malta.

The island is very catholic. On the Pope's recent visit just about every member of the population turned out to greet him. To many gays this would be enough to put you off any possible chance of visiting a country that is so immersed in its religion but let me tell you, that intense Catholicism doesn't necessarily transfer to any intolerance. The Knights from the Crusades who eventually set up their base in Malta were an all male closed order. They had to be noblemen and single - albeit with a sense of unbelievable religious fervour - and gave themselves over to the protection of Christian pilgrims. Perhaps we at Bent just believe what suits us but that all sounds so bloody gay to us. Indeed, the many local gay men we met seemed to be just about as out as you can get. The scene is not awash with gay bars and clubs because, as the locals say, "we all mix", happy to do their drinking anywhere that suits them. There are a couple of local gay bars, like **Tom Bar**, (No. 1 Crucifix Hill, Floriana Tel: +356 21 250 780) just up from the popular Waterfront development in Floriana; the longest established gay bar in the city, which plays videos and welcomes a diverse crowd. At weekends they open up the top floor P Lounge when a whole new set of party people arrive. While over in Paceville, the noisy and younger part of St Julian's Bay and the main area for nightlife, you can find **Klozet**, (Ball Street, Paceville Tel: +356 79324333) which has a clubbier, youthful audience who like their music played LOUD.
<http://gaymalta.com>

Frank Micallef, the manager of **Hugo's Tapas Bar**, along with his partners, have around 12 themed events throughout the year (Halloween, White Fever etc etc) aimed mainly at a gay crowd who love to party. These attract the most gorgeous locals as well as island visitors and have become quite the hippest and outrageous occasions for those who like to dress up... and be seen!

The main gay beach is on Gnejna Bay, which makes up one of the three beaches on the west coast of the island, Golden Bay and Ghajn Tuffieha Bay being the other two. It seems that again everyone just gets on and mixes but, historically, for a more gay area, the right hand side of Gnejna beach is where the boys tend to congregate. Meanwhile, just along the coast from St Julian's Bay, the small beach at St George's Bay had its fair share of lads in brightly coloured baggy shorts, happily splashing around in the blue sea or lying out enjoying the sun.



Things to see and do in Malta

The capital Valletta is just one non-stop historical documentary. Proud of its colourful and enigmatic past, the restoration programme on some of the older buildings is bringing the city back to life.

A walk around the Three Cities; Cospicua, Senglea and Vittoriosa whose narrow winding streets offer a variety of restaurants, small museums, shops and a chance to see where local people live their lives.

Mdina – Malta's first capital in the centre of the island; fortified walls and baroque architecture.

The Waterfront in the Grand Harbour where the visiting cruise ships dock is a delight at any time of the day but in the evening, all the restaurants become busy and the area is a vibrant and fun place to be... especially if you catch the fabulous Fireworks Festival.

Take a harbour cruise in a traditional Maltese boat.

Hop on a local bus... with the island being so small it won't take too long to reach your destination. However, some of these ancient yellow vehicles will soon no longer be part of the Malta transport network as directives from the EU say that their carbon emissions are too high.

For a terrific treat take the sea plane from Valletta Harbour over to Gozo or perhaps enjoy an aerial tour of the islands. www.harbourairmalta.com

Once on Gozo visit Ggantija Temples the oldest freestanding structures in the world and wonder (like we did) how such a small island would have the resources and the number of inhabitants necessary in 3500BC to even start to build such an edifice.

There is also the Citadel (the old capital of Gozo) whose impressive battlements offer a superb view around the island. There are also some natural wonders like The Azure Window – an impressive 20 metre high natural arch that spans the sea and land. The Inland Sea – a seduced bathing pool with crystal clear waters and a favourite place for divers from all over the world.

Food is something that the Maltese take great delight in and... make a meal out of !!!

The Terrazzo Restaurant - 102 Spinola Road, Saint Julian's. Great food and views across Spinola Bay. Tel:+356 21 384 939

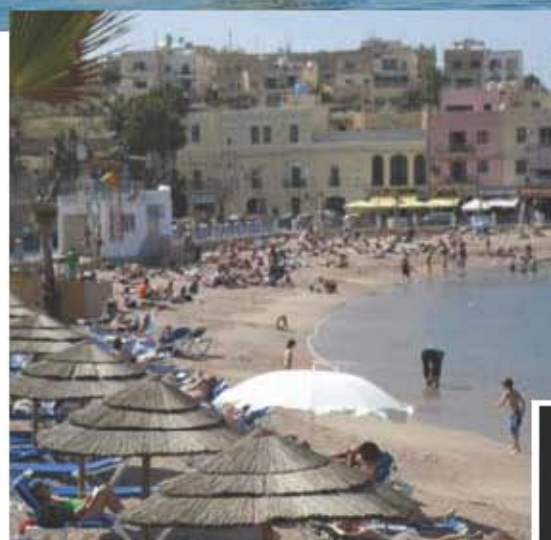
Trattoria A.D. 1530 - part of the Chateaux Xara Palace Hotel in Mdina. Tel:+356 21 450560

Pintonino Restaurant – Vault 15, Valletta Waterfront. Varied menu with fish specialities. Tel:+356 2122 7773

Salini Restaurant - Tigne Point, Sliema. Very up-market and a new concept in tapas eating. Tel:+356 2060 3434

Riviera della Marina Restaurant - Vittoriosa Waterfront; surrounded by luxury yachts the food seems to taste even better. Tel:+356 2180 7230

Zaffiro Restaurant – on the seafront at Xlendi Bay, Gozo – local produce and friendly service.



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Hotel Juliani – a small, gay-friendly boutique hotel in St Julian's Bay with terrific views over Spinola Bay, a rooftop pool and hosting the award winning Zest restaurant. www.hoteljuliani.com

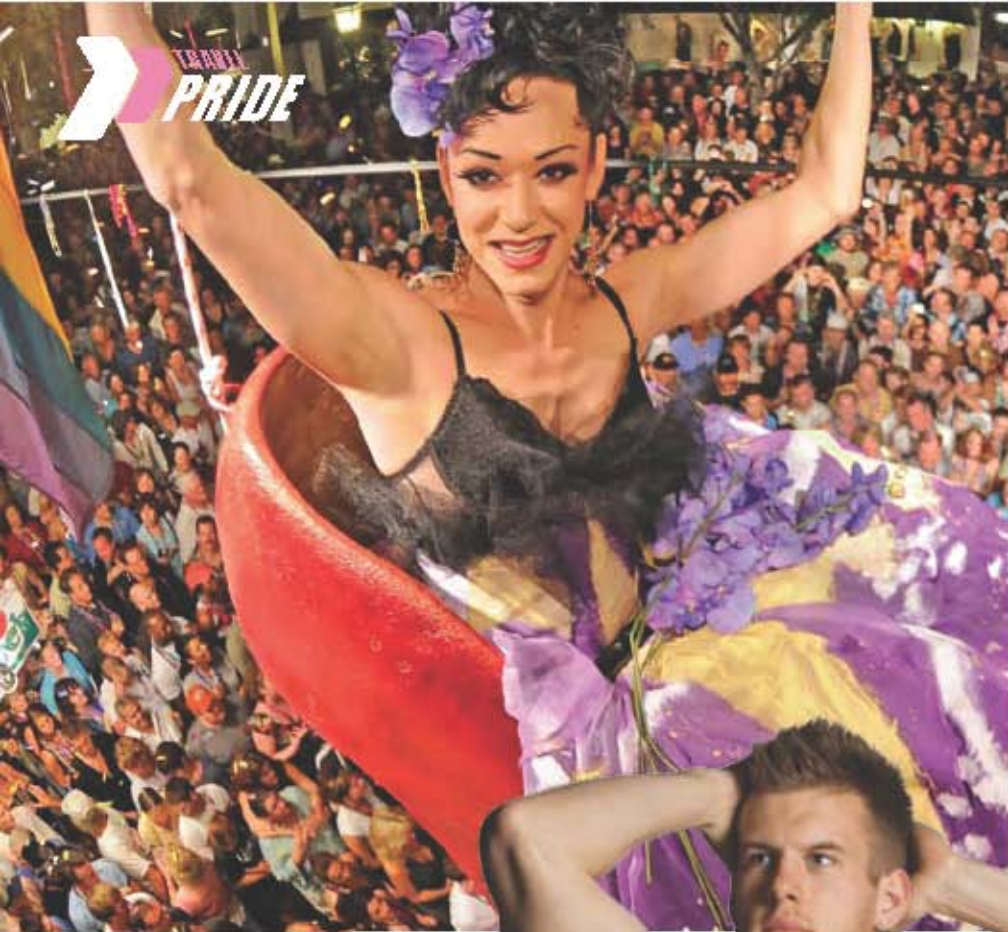
The Cavalieri Hotel, St Julian's Bay – a four star hotel situated in a unique and quiet location on the fringes of the most sought after tourist area in Malta but with impressive views of the Mediterranean from all rooms. <http://cavalierhotel.com.mt>

To **Zarb Coaches** for transporting us easily and confidently around the islands. www.zarbcoaches.com

All the staff at **Malta Tourism Authority** who organised everything with such precision. www.visitmalta.com

Our personal thanks go to our guide and historical spokesman **Dominic Mikalef** for his friendliness, humour and knowledge, which he was happy to distribute in equal amounts to a couple of thickos from Bent.

Thank you!



CELEBRATE PRIDE IN STYLE TOP 5 GETAWAYS

Ahead of the approaching Gay Pride Parade in London in July, Cheapflights UK, the UK's leading flight comparison website, takes a look at the world's top destinations for celebrating the history, diversity, and culture of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) communities. The festivals are truly global in nature and take place on all continents.

CHEAPFLIGHTS UK'S TOP 5 PRIDE PICKS:

Sao Paulo - Brazil's talent for festivity is famous the world over, so it's no surprise that Sao Paulo is officially the world's largest Gay Pride celebration. The Sao Paulo Pride Festival drew 3.1 million visitors in 2009, and expects to see 4 million attendees for 2010's event taking place over four days from 3-7 June. Add to this the fact that an entire month of festivities is also allocated to providing visibility to the LGBT community, encouraging recognition of their rights as citizens and building awareness of sexual diversity in society.

San Francisco - San Francisco's Gay Pride Festival has been known to some as a rite of passage, but to all as the largest pride celebration in the United States. Stroll along Market Street on 26-27 June to experience this year's '40 and Fabulous' theme.

Amsterdam - On the weekend of 5-8 August, Amsterdam will somehow manage to party harder than it does already. Club circuit parties, street parties, and other rocking events all lead up to the ultimate Canal Parade, where spectators and supporters along Prinsengracht watch boats sail along with a swagger.

London - Thinking of pulling a staycation in honour of Pride? Look no further than London during its Festival Fortnight, which takes place from 19 June - 3 July. Forty years after it began, the Gay Liberation Front has encouraged London to rejoice through Oxford and Regent Street, and from Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square, where speakers and performers gather.

New York - The birthplace of Gay Pride celebrates with a full week of activities comprising eclectic and fun events that take place all throughout the city. Beginning with a rally on 19 June and ending with a parade a week later, what happens in between is truly the most exciting and real part of the celebrations, held in a world-class city that some consider to be one of the birthplaces of modern gay rights.

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By Sara Russell

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On Sunday 6th June (8.15pm) back by popular demand is the one and only 'Whore Of Hampstead Heath' Sandra, for another appearance at Brighton's favourite seafront bar. London's favourite drag queen has been insulting audiences with her contemporary routine since the year dot. She's been seen in many guises ranging from "Sandra and Lucia", "The Sandra, Lucia and Millie Turner revue show" and "Twisted Sister" but it took her a long time to go solo and when she did there was just no stopping that bitch! Sandra of course loves the seaside so make sure you give her a warm welcome when she arrives on Sunday 6th June but be warned no one's safe from 'Whore Of Hampstead Heath'!

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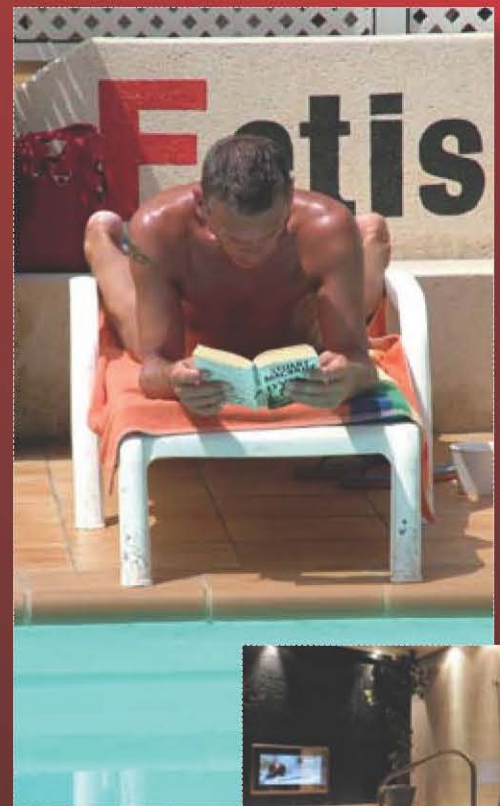
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Last bank holiday at Basement Manchester was Glory Hole Disco, we hired a fantastic sound system and had DJ Spook from Cruz 101 plus a blast from the past, Terry Gold. Glory Hole disco was a fabulous success and will be returning on the next two bank 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

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WHAT'S ON

FREAKSHOW

RETURN OF THE FREAK

Freakshow is back! Manchester's best loved Saturday night 'House' club is returning from Saturday 19th June in a brand new home, this time within the gay village. Promoter Gareth Chapman says "We have listened to people's feedback and the only criticism we ever received was that the club was too far away from the village. When the No1 Club suddenly closed we were inundated with offers from over half a dozen venues within the city but one stood out head and shoulders above the rest."

The new venue for Saturday nights will be above Mancunia with its own,

(warehouse style) entrance on Bloom Street. Pass through the wrought iron gates, up an amazing 'New York' Style metal staircase, past some nesting pigeons and you will find us! The Studio will be Freakshow's very own space exclusively for the night on Saturdays with the full Freakshow team from the old No1 taking over each week - including Pat and Craig on the door, the amazing Freakshow DJ's, Entertainers and Production & Decor that you have come to expect.

Freakshow @ The Studio, Bloom Street Manchester

Saturday 19th June (& Every Saturday), 11pm-5am

Photos: tilllate.com

The Studio

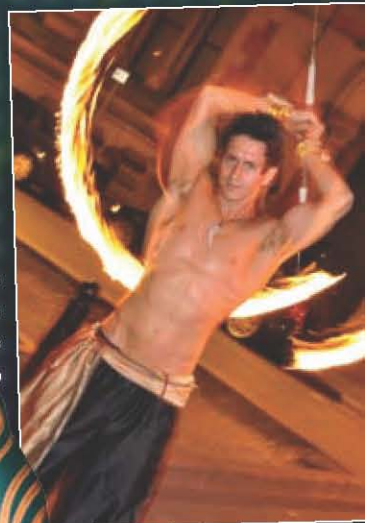
MANY FACETS OF MANCUNIA

Lots of exciting things are happening at MANCUNIA. The club is really two venues in one - The Pop Arena playing pop for the party crowd and THE STUDIO that plays host to dance events for the more serious clubber. It has just been announced that FREAKSHOW will take over The Studio every Saturday from 19th June and Fridays from 11th June will feature a new storming bouncy house night called BOUNCE OFF. Joining residents Darren Goodwin and Aphrodite over the coming months will be some



really big names - watch this space for details. On Saturday 12th June THE STUDIO hosts new night ADONIS with lots of gorgeous muscle boys and a special house music set from ROB TISSERA

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better - you can even get in Mancunia free of charge! For the next few weeks QUEER CAFÉ BAR are holding a very special promotion - spend over £5 at the bar and get VIP entrance into Mancunia on a Friday or spend over £10 and get a ticket for a Saturday - entrance must be before 1am and the management reserve the right to refuse admission.



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GAYDIO READY TO IGNITE THE AIRWAVES

Friday 18th June will see the launch of Greater Manchester's newest radio station, Gaydio. The station will broadcast on 88.4FM and online, making it the country's first FM radio station for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people.

The station already has some impressive presenters lined up – afternoons will be fronted by Galaxy's former breakfast host, Nicksy, and weekday evenings will see Terry Longden (Channel 4's *The Salon*) and Rowetta (X Factor finalist and *Happy Monday's* vocalist) reunited on Gaydio. Nicksy says "Having been on the air in this great city for 10 years, I am looking forward to being part of a truly unique radio station. Manchester is without doubt the Gay Capital of the UK, and it will be a refreshing change being able to talk about things from the gay perspective."

Gaydio has run four pilot broadcasts since 2006 and was initially conceived by Ian Wallace and Toby Whitehouse as a project to run alongside the popular Manchester Pride festival. Since then they successfully applied for a full time licence which will allow the station to broadcast 365 days a year. Gaydio will broadcast a mixture of upbeat music and targeted speech programming 24 hours a day. Business Director Ian Wallace says "There has been a huge interest in Gaydio from both individuals and businesses across the city, and we can't wait to start working with them on the launch of this exciting new station."

www.gaydio.co.uk



Photo: Darrell Hirst

PRIDE HEADLINER

Beverly Knight has been confirmed as a headline act for this year's Manchester Pride festival along with pop icon Belinda Carlise, Canadian electropop group Dragonette, Pineapple Dance Studios star Andrew Stone and Heaven 17 who will be celebrating their 30th anniversary.

Other acts confirmed for the festival include local Mancunians- May68, The Sticks and Sam Gray. Of course, it wouldn't be Pride without Four Poofs & a Piano who will also be performing over The Big Weekend.

Jackie Crozier, festival director of Manchester Pride, said: "We're extremely excited to be welcoming Beverly back for the second time- she's a fantastic performer who really gets the crowd going. It's also great to be adding some local acts to the line-up."

Tickets for the Big Weekend are now on sale and can be purchased at www.manchesterpride.com or at various venues around the city.

Early bird tickets for Manchester Pride's four-day Big Weekend, which runs from Friday 27- Monday 30 August, cost £12.50 plus booking fee and are available until 30 June. From 1 July tickets will cost £17.50 plus booking fee.

For up-to- date information, follow us on Twitter: [@ManchesterPride](https://twitter.com/ManchesterPride)



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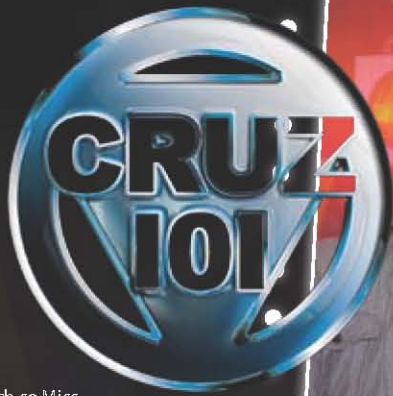
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CRUZ DOWN TO THE CORONA BEACH PARTY

30 degrees in May? Sounds like it's time for the beach so Miss Cara & her beach boys have dug out their shorts & blown up their balls to host the latest in their series of beach parties at Costa Del Cruz! Visit the Beach Hut Cocktail Bar for some fantastic tropical drinks or ogle the Lick Boys modelling their new range of sexy underwear. See www.lickunderwear.com for a sneak preview.

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE BACK2BACK ON THE BEACH

Wear your sexiest beach gear & join Cruz & Poptastic behind the dunes at the busiest Thursday night in the Village where John Hamilton presents 'What's In The Box?' giving you the chance to win £50. John Hamilton plays Poptastic cheesy pop, disco & r'n'b anthems whilst Rob James spins funky & progressive house downstairs in Sub. Members £2 all night. Students free B4 12/£4 after

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE BIG GAY FRIDAY

Miss Cara oils herself up and slips into her bikini, then trolls down to the beach for sun, sea and sambuccal Loads of Corona & beach bum goodies up for grabs while DJ Spook plays pop, disco, dance & r'n'b on the main floor with funky house courtesy of Rob James in Sub.

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CRUZ101 @ 18

Celebrating their 18th birthday along with their 18th Eurovision party Cruz pulled off another Manchester exclusive for the Gay Village with a PA from this year's Eurovision entry Josh Dubovie singing 'That Sounds Good To Me'. Penned by pop supremo Pete Waterman, all hopes are on for a win this year as up to 600 million viewers watch and vote the best song in 2010. A packed out club cheered him on as he covered Pete's 90's hit 'Too Many Broken Hearts' and then spent time after chatting to staff and customers who all wished him good luck in Oslo.



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GET FIT WITH PRIDE

The organisers of Manchester Pride are holding a health awareness day 'Get FIT for Summer' in Sackville Gardens on 19 June from 11am-4pm.

This one day health awareness event will include activities such as a fitness measure test, healthy food tasting, lifestyle stands and games.

Manchester Pride's 'Get FIT for Summer' event aims to achieve the following:

Promote good living and wellbeing within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in Greater Manchester

Combat prejudice and misconceptions within the community about a variety of issues

Increase awareness of the long term effects of alcohol, cigarettes and drugs

Encourage people to take short term action on a health issue, for example, taking an STI test, joining a stop smoking group, booking a cancer screening or picking up healthy living leaflets to read

Jackie Crozier, festival director of Manchester Pride, said: "We're extremely pleased to be holding 'Get FIT for summer' and helping in some way to promote good living and wellbeing within the LGBT community. I would encourage as many people as possible to join in with the various activities on offer, have fun and take action on any health issues they may have.

www.manchesterpride.com

Photos: Darrell Hirst



WILL @TATTON PARK

Boys favourite and one of the UK's brightest stars, Will Young will take to the stage for PARTY! at Tatton Park in association with Francis House Children's Hospice. Loved by fans and critics alike, Will is sure to get the party started as dusk falls over the dazzling lakeside setting.

Set in one of the UK's most picturesque locations, the Tatton Park Picnic Concerts are the highlight of the North West's calendar. This year, the 10,000 concert goers will be able to enjoy a picnic in spectacular surroundings before enjoying an evening of music from the multi-platinum selling pop idol whose chart topping hits include 'Leave Right Now', 'Changes' and the anthemic 'Evergreen'. After this unforgettable performance, the weekend's festivities will end on a high with another breathtaking fireworks display.

Party! is part of a weekend event which also sees the world famous Halle Fireworks and Light Spectacular return to the scenic lakeside setting on Saturday 31st July. This year the highly anticipated evening will be hosted by Myleene Klass and will feature an awesome firework display set to some of opera's most dramatic music.

Will Young appears on Sunday 1st August - Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire

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11-13th
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28th
June **WORCESTER PRIDE
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10th
July **DERBY GOES PINK**

17th
July **EURO PRIDE - WARSAW, POLAND**

24-31st
July **BELFAST GAY PRIDE**

25th
July **HUDDERSFIELD PINK PICNIC
NORWICH PRIDE**

31st
July **HULL PRIDE
NOTTINGHAM PRIDE**

31st July
- 8th Aug **BRIGHTON & HOVE PRIDE - 7th PARADE**

31st July
- 31st Aug **GAY GAMES VIII - COLOGNE**

1st
Aug **LEEDS PRIDE**

7th
Aug **LIVERPOOL PRIDE**

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Aug **WAKEFIELD PRIDE**

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Aug **STOKE PRIDE
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Aug **PRIDE BRISTOL - 21st PARADE**

21st
Aug **DONCASTER PRIDE**

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28th
Aug **CORNWALL GAY PRIDE - TRURO**

4th
Sep **READING GAY PRIDE**

6-8th
Oct **IRIS PRIZE - LGBT FILM
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Note: More dates to be added also some dates and details may be subject to change please send Bent info on your Pride dates and celebrations.





The first main Gay Pride in the UK took place last month in Blackpool. Since it was instigated back in 2006 it has been seen as the kick-start to the year's ever growing list of Pride events. And was lucky to find the weekend celebrations blessed with sunny weather.

The parade along the promenade attracted the usual hunks on floats and truck driving drag queens all being encouraged on their way by flag waving supporters and amused holiday makers. The location for the main stage moved from the sea front to the car park that used to house the old Flamingo... familiar territory for many and with the pumping music filling the area... it was almost like being back at that groundbreaking club.

The happy atmosphere continued for the rest of the day as the crowd, encouraged by the heat, sweated and swelled and the more daring stripped off to parade bare-chested (some were even cheekier) taking advantage of the array of specialist gay stalls, fun fair and the myriad of entertainment the bars and clubs offered throughout the day.

80's bands like Tight Fit, drag acts, singing stars, DJs, X Factor hopefuls and sexy strippers all made the event a spectacular success. In the evening even more fun was to be had at the various venues as more top acts turned out to keep the enthusiastic crowds entertained.

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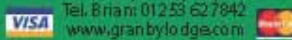
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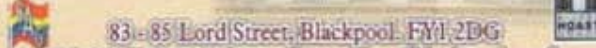
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THE MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS

The Mardi Gras in Blackpool opened its doors back in 1999 and since then has grown from strength to strength and today is a favourite with both locals and visitors alike.

To celebrate The Mardi Gras' 11th Birthday in July they have a great birthday weekend planned which promises to be a great party with top acts and entertainment. The weekend kicks off on Friday 2nd July with Lisa Scott Lee, D Ream will be appearing on Saturday and Hazel Dean on the Sunday.

There will also be cabaret acts including Diane Lee Carol, Lee Brady, Jan Brett, Matthew Shaw and of course the sublime Stella Artois will be entertaining throughout the weekend with DJ's Keiron and Captain Ginger.

Sunday 4th July will also be a special date for the venue's Miss Stella Artois as she will be celebrating 11 years of her fabulous Sunday shows where her live performances take you on a journey of musical theatre classics. Stella has spent most of her life in Musical theatre and has many credits to her name including Billy, Me and My Girl, Les Misérables, Sweeney Todd, West Side Story, Grease and a s the part of Alban in La Cage Aux Folles. If you've not seen Stella's show then go down to The Mardi Gras on Sunday afternoon from 2:30pm where she's sure to keep you entertained.

The team at the Mardi Gras would like to thank all their customers who have supported them over the past 11 years and are looking forward to many many more. www.themardigrasblackpool.com



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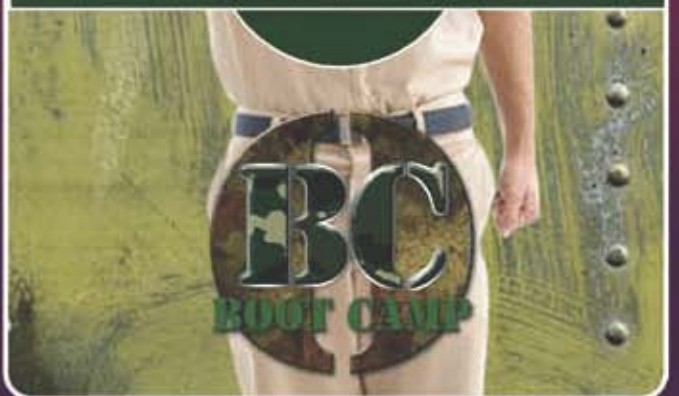
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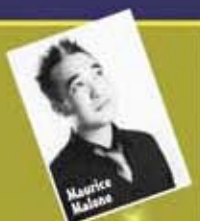
Friday 4th June

Tracey Jordan (Vocalist)
Steven Hayles (Vocalist)
Tyson (Male Stripper)



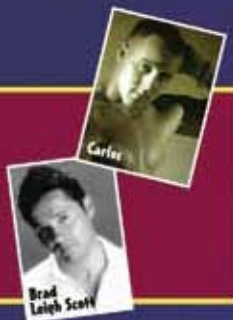
Friday 11th June

Maurice Malone (Vocalist)
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Storm (Male Stripper)



Friday 18th June

Emma Wright (Vocalist)
Brad Leigh Scott (Vocalist)
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Friday 25th June

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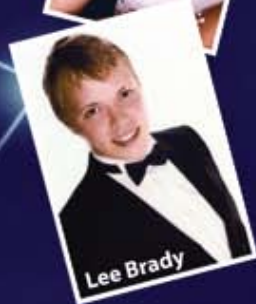
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Friday 2nd July

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Sunday 4th July
(Afternoon)

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(Evening)

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THE HUDDERSFIELD PINK PICNIC

This year's Huddersfield Pink Picnic is on course to be one of - if not the best yet. If the recent good weather continues on into July it will be a day to remember. With just a few t's left to cross and i's to dot the committee are confident that despite the new hurdles they have had to face this year the 24th Huddersfield Pink Picnic will reach a new level. The stage line up this year will be hosted by The Infamous MarkyMark and is going to be even bigger than ever. As you may have read online The Pink Picnic is moving this year to a new location, which is easier to get to and far better equipped to handle the increasing numbers that attend - already in excess of 5000 and growing. The new location is Moor End Farm South Crosland Huddersfield HD4 7BZ. An interactive map which will give you detailed directions from any location in the UK can be found on the Pink Picnic's web site

www.HuddersfieldPinkPicnic.co.uk

In order to comply with the restrictions imposed by West Yorkshire Police this year, taking your own alcohol to The Pink Picnic will not be permitted. This is something the committee fought hard against, but have reluctantly had to accept. However, there will be a beer tent on site so alcohol will be available to purchase on the day at pub prices.



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Sunday 25th July 2010

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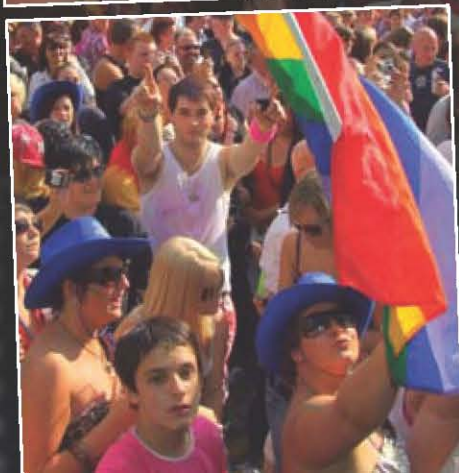
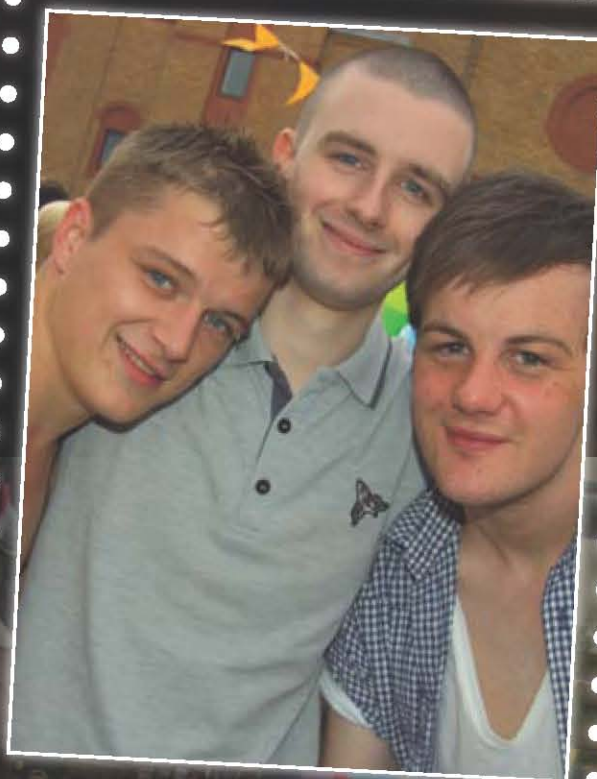
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WAKEFIELD PRIDE 2010 BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNITY

Following the collapse of the 'Pride not Prejudice' organising committee, there was no community event in 2009. The New Union Eatery and Bar on Southgate felt they could not sit back and let Pride not happen... so they stepped in and funded a gay pride event of their own. A new committee has been formed as a result of that event and the newly-united Wakefield Pride (Nu Wakefield Pride) was constituted. The group have adopted the same aims and objective as the Pride not Prejudice committee and will continue to operate with the same ethos in gaining the support and trust of statutory bodies, other community groups and local businesses, with the aim of breaking down the barriers of homophobia and hate crime generally and improving the local economy for the benefit of Wakefield. After listening to feedback about the 2009 event one thing was clear and that was that people preferred having the event on Southgate compared to in the main precinct - a view shared by the police so this year Wakefield Pride on the 8th August will once again be held on Southgate. Plans are well underway to make sure the day is even better than ever. The main event will run from 12:00 till 18:00 with a packed line up of live entertainment on stage and will culminate in the traditional parade through the city streets. Straight after the parade The New Union will then host a massive after party with even more live acts on stage and entertainment inside the bar through till 02:00. Further details can be found on facebook search for "Nu Wakefield Gay Pride Official Facebook Group" you can also check out the new website www.WakefieldPride.net



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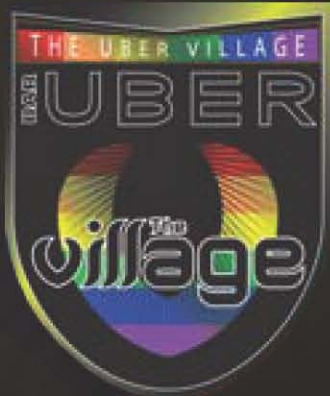
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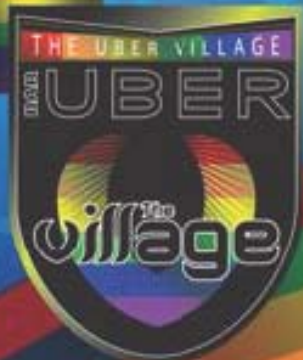
With temperatures knocking 80 degree on the thermometer, Bradford's Big Day in Centenary Square was packed with boys and girls desperate to make the most of the good weather. Bars, stalls, music, displays, help and social groups... not forgetting a very popular climbing wall, all kept the city centre buzzing for its newly improved gay pride. Local and national talent took to the stage with the iconic Barbara Nice having the crowd in stitches with her hilarious act and ex-Eurovision pop princess Sonia headlined with a touch of retro magic and a set of her chart-topping favourites. As the evening progressed the action moved from the Square out to the city's ever growing list of gay venues. More entertainment, themed events and special offers greeted those who wanted the party to continue making this Bradford Pride the most successful yet.

One of the main sponsors of the event was Uber Village who continued to prove their complete commitment to the city's gay scene. The Uber name continues to grow and improve with big names and events each month plus, now the hot weather is on its way, the Terrace Bar for all that alfresco fun. The venue promises more... and more... and more... and with their extended opening hours you can be sure that top class entertainment, drinks promotions and a friendly welcome... will never be far away.

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FOAMY HOMO

June will see Leeds' biggest gay night, Back Door Disco, announce a brand new DJ line up as Drag phenomenon Lady Lloyd goes resident at the club. She took over the decks last month for the night's first birthday, which was rammed to the rafters with the city's hottest boys and girls, out to celebrate a year of top quality dubbing events.

Mission 2 was transformed into a fairytale wonderland with huge birthday cakes, purple disco balls and pink flamingos hanging from the ceiling. The tunes were pumped out until the early hours of the morning and with drinks at just £2.50, everyone was dancing until dawn.

As the night continues to evolve in its second year of being, clubbers can still expect to hear the very best of modern-to-the-minute pop with commercial house. There will also be more big production events, with high end sponsors, top quality give-aways and dress up parties for the most adventurous party goers.

Crack out the swimwear on Monday 7th June, as Homo at Mission 2 throws Leeds' only gay foam party. Expect a night of soaking wet mayhem as the main dance room fills with foam, whilst it blasts out the latest top of the chart tunes. This will be the first of a string of summer events at Leeds best week day gay night. Clubbers in attendance can also take advantage of Mission 2's terrace, where they can enjoy the warm weather between dancing in the hot summer months.

For more info go to www.clubmission.com



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This summer, Mission is turning up the heat with a brand new line-up for Saturday nights starting in June. The biggest brands from across the globe sit alongside some of the biggest club-nights from the UK and Leeds to provide Leeds clubbers with something new, fresh and exciting!



VIVID - THE FIRST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH

The brain child of the colourful good cop, Ray 'Candypants' Chan and the dynamic bad cop Alex 'Habit' Simmons. Two long standing Leeds promoters who aim to harness the values of a true event and incorporate outstanding production and beautiful people with outrageous and expressive themes and of course REAL HOUSE MUSIC.

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Launch Night - Saturday 12th June - 10pm-5am



SPACE IBIZA - THE THIRD SATURDAY

(BI-MONTHLY)

This summer, the world's most awarded dub; Space Ibiza enters its 21st year of life. Home to some of the world's biggest brands and some of the best loved residents on the island, it is with great pleasure that we welcome them to Leeds.

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Launch Night - Saturday 19th June - 11pm-5am



PACHA IBIZA - THE THIRD SATURDAY

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Launch Night - Saturday 17th July - 11pm-5am



BACK2SPACE - THE FOURTH SATURDAY (IN A 5 SATURDAY MONTH)

Back2space is where clubbers come and enjoy a brand of sexy vocal electro and top show production, which will include live pa's, stilt walkers, dancers visual décor and much more. [HYPERLINK "http://www.back2space.com"](http://www.back2space.com) www.back2space.com
Next Date - Saturday 22nd May - 11pm-5am

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X-Factor wannabe and chubby cherub Emma Chawner (from Lorraine Kelly's Big Challenge) takes to the stage for a unique appearance to be filmed for a TV series to be broadcast later in the year. Her fans and family think she is a star, sings like an angel and has the X-Factor, why not come along to support the warbling wonder and judge for yourself?

Meanwhile, topping the bill will be something new and exciting for Leeds and all those who fancy a spot of sequins and a touch of the psychics. Sue Panover is The Psychic Drag Queen that proves that there's life before death as well as after it. Underneath the sequins and feathers lies an extraordinary ability to reach out to the spirit world and link with those who have seemingly gone before us. In her unique style, Sue Panover demonstrates that communication between the two worlds is a reality and that high heels and false lashes are not barriers to this connection - they can only enhance it! Mediumship of the highest order... adding sparkle to the night... meanwhile, just stay away from the lightttttt.....

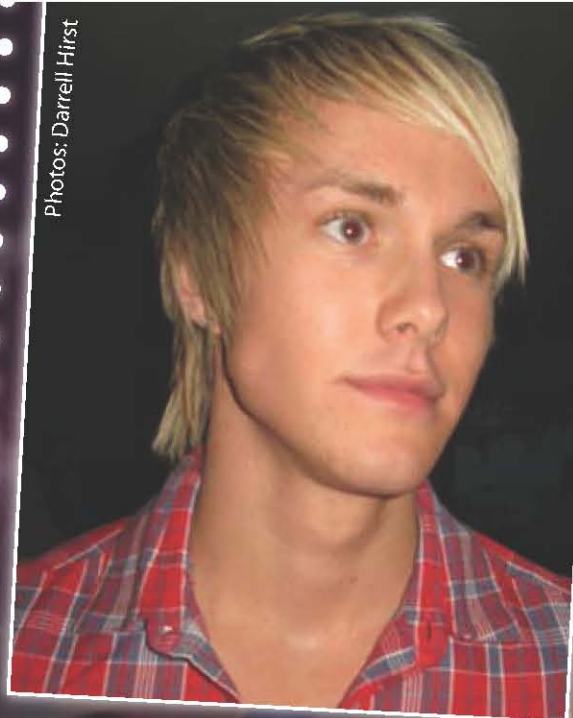
Every Friday night from 4th June The Viaduct Showbar also welcomes the fantastic Miss Orry and her sexy dancers. Star of The Birdcage, Funny Girls, The Black Cap and every drag venue between (and several overseas such is the candescence of this superstar) she'll be bringing her latest show of style, sophistication and imaginative cabaret to the venue where the entertainment just keeps on coming. Joining Miss Orry will be Carla Jackson, Anja Bach and lovely sexy dancing boys.

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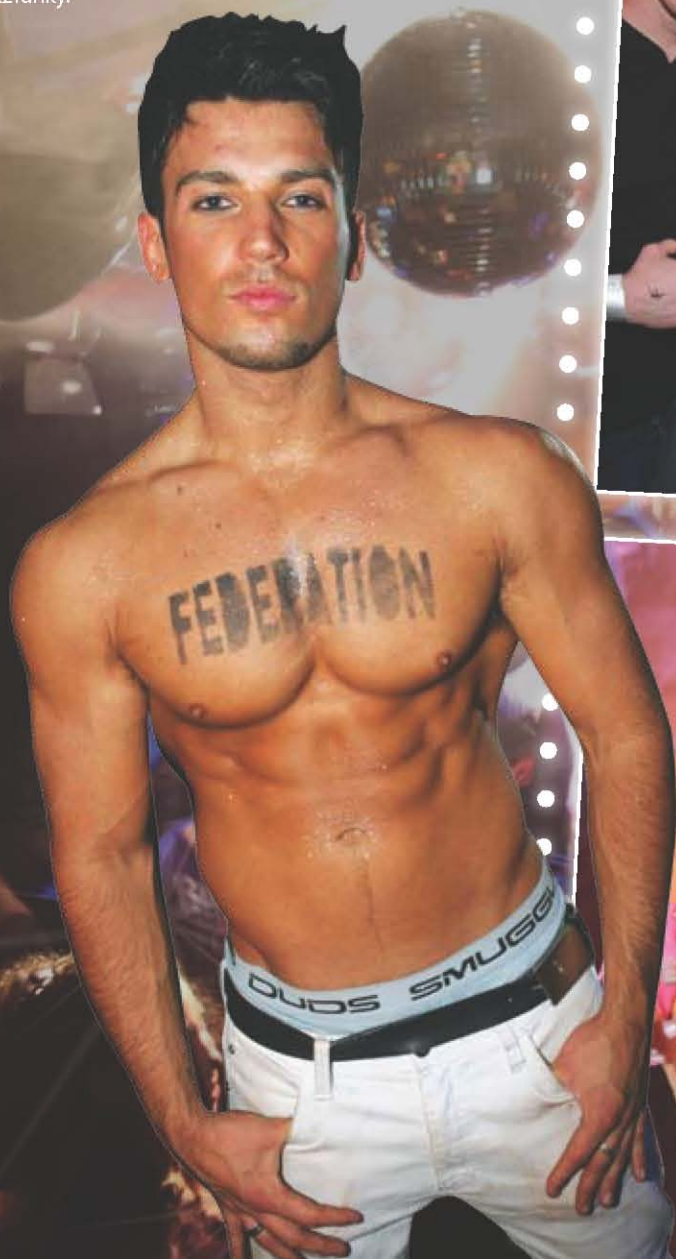
The theme for the first date on Saturday 26th June is 'Hawaii Fed 0' so dress in your favourite, Hawaiian shirts, shorts, flip flops and sunglasses. The main room will feature Federation's trademark 'Turbo Charged House' whilst the Annexe will be providing funky classics from Back2funky.

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By Les Lea



Just home from his basic training the new trooper relaxed on the beach, his short hair, newly defined body and slightly aggressive attitude picking him out as a 'newbie' soldier. He did look unobtainable but as he wasn't even 20, hadn't quite got all the other soldierly moves and postures right yet. He lay out on his side reading a magazine. His khaki vest tight and damp with sweat, his tiny khaki shorts riding up his thigh in a most revealing way, what a fantastic vision and photo opportunity I thought his pose would make so, I clicked away with my digi-cam without him knowing. I got down low and could see just a tiny bit of cock peeking down one leg. God, the weather, the view and the lad himself were all so hot as I continued capturing those erotic images. I got carried away with my close-ups and when I did eventually calm down a little his cock was pushing hard and large down his right thigh and... he was looking fiercely straight at me.

The look on his face told me he was angry but the cock slowly growing in his shorts told me that something was turning him on. I wasn't too sure how to play this embarrassing moment so I just smiled, pointed the camera at him, told him to smile and took a shot of his face. In that 'Kodak' moment I noticed that the anger had gone and he himself almost broke into a grin. "One for 'Soldier' Magazine please" Click. He'd suddenly relaxed so I pushed it further. "One more for 'Hunks On The Beach Quarterly' if you don't mind!" He actually posed and smiled as he showed off his new muscles. Click. The lad almost glowed in the hot sun and I wanted to get to know him better.

As he wiped the sweat from his slowly tanning body I took the opportunity to ask him if he fancied a beer. I expected a short dialogue before I thought he would eventually, though perhaps reluctantly, agree but this lad must have been really thirsty as he jumped at the offer. In the air-conditioned bar across the road from the beach he downed his first ice cold Bud in seconds. I passed him my untouched one and ordered a couple more. He downed that one while we waited but happily settled on his third and took a slow slug from it before coming up for air and telling me how thirsty he was. He needn't have told me, I could see for myself. We exchanged names; he was Brad (and looked remarkably like a certain, though younger, Mr Brad Pitt) and I told him I was Steve, it isn't but I thought

I'd keep the movie-star motif going, having a thing for Steve McQueen when I was a bit younger.

He looked fantastic. His bare arms flexed with new muscles as if he was trying to get use to them, and I knew his stomach was flat as I'd seen it earlier when his vest had rode up a little. He was one spunky guy and had the most amazing brown eyes that I'm sure had kittens all over the world meowing in jealousy. The beer had relaxed him a little and I took my time with the questions that were forming in my head. Having said that, the way he was half sat on the stool at the bar, half on and half off emphasized his crotch and those little khaki shorts left nothing to the imagination. What's a guy to do? I went weak at the knees if I looked into his eyes or drooled uncontrollably if I lowered my gaze. As he tugged at his crotch to rearrange his equipment he saw my reaction. My mind raced to try and find a subject that was fairly neutral.

I was about to ask which battalion he was with and where he was stationed but he preempted all that by asking what I planned on doing with the photographs I'd taken. I stammered "Nothing!" I could see he wasn't convinced. "They're for me and my own, private collection..."

"You got a big 'private' collection?" He sneered in what I hoped was a jockey kind of way.

"Erm... yes... I s'pose... er..." I stammered. "I think I should see if my pictures are good enough to be included," he said pointedly, "don't you?"

I was hoping my nerves wouldn't let me down at this point. "Well if you want to. I live about a mile inland you can come and see for yourself."

Despite the outward bravado I knew the lad was interested in something happening. I wasn't sure what and I wasn't sure it was going to be good for my health but I took a punt on this guy and drove him back to my place. On the trip up into the hills he sprawled out in the passenger seat, showing his bulging crotch and massaging it quite brazenly. He was being a bit of a prick tease and I thought that once I got him inside I'd show him a thing or two.

After a brief look at the photos I displayed on the computer he looked at me, shrugged off his clothes and said "OK... where do you want me?"

His youthful body, recently honed to perfection, was just superb and not surprisingly... I came in my pants immediately.



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- 16 Newsagent gets a shock when a naked 18 y/o walks in to get papers
- 17 Old man & teenage lad rub their c**ks together till they cum (18+)
- 18 I'm a slender teen and I'll try my new swimming trunks on for you (18+)
- 19 Rude scally lad loves c**k. He'd love to get down on his knees (18+)
- 20 Lads swapping their speedos in the local baths (18+)
- 21 Nasty scally lad gets his 7 inch cock out on the bus & gets blowy (18+)
- 22 18 year old chav guy gets his sweaty boner out of the crowded train.
- 23 Scally pissed in a bottle & poured it over his sleepin mates d**k!
- 24 Fit f**king scally lad strips off in the off license (18+)
- 25 Sir got mi mums boyfriend to spank my ass at college (18+)
- 26 I love skinny lads with big fat c**ks (18+)
- 27 Slender bloke with donkey d**k loves whipping his c**k out in public!
- 28 Wet tongue under a guys stinky foreskin for a sweaty cheesy taste!
- 29 I love sucking lads big d**ks n getting my lips round it!
- 30 Sweet hoody points hit rock hard c**k at me in the urinals! (18+)
- 31 Teach me what you want to do with my sweet c**k
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- 33 Shop boy loves going commando at work (18+)
- 34 I love the feel of a lguys smooth shaved c**k & balls
- 35 Was watchin my mate play footy when his dad made a move on me.
- 36 I let two blokes watch me get a boner at the urinals
- 37 Hottest thing I ever saw was two guys pissin down an alley
- 38 Mate, you're my fantasy f**k & I'll tell you everything I wanna do to you
- 39 Rude boy gets his c**k out for a w**k on the bus. (18+)
- 40 Mate get yer hand up the leg of mi footy shorts
- 41 Wrestling with my fit mate gets me c**k rock hard
- 42 Oh yeah! Love a young guys d**k deep in my throat
- 43 Dirty old man fiddled with 18 year old lads hard d**k.
- 44 The Dr pulled my pants down to see my hard c**k
- 45 Uniform off to reveal his hot body and big d**k & balls.
- 46 Oh yeah! It feels good to have it sucked
- 47 After the footy game antics.....
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SIMON SAYS...



Dear Simon

I'm in love with another guy who has a boyfriend, but he kissed me, and told me if he wasn't with his boyfriend he would be with me. This has been going on for a while now, though we have never done more than have the odd snog now and again. However, I have since heard that he has asked his boyfriend to marry him, I'm so hurt and confused. I knew he had a boyfriend but I guess I always thought that we would get together in the end.
George, Edinburgh

and upfront you might be, others do not necessarily think that way. It could just be that he is shy, very busy or it could mean he is married. If the cancellations are many and varied just accept it for what it is... a bit of fun on the phone and that he has no intention of meeting up... it's not what HE wants. That doesn't mean that you can't just be internet friends though. I don't see or talk to some of my best friends as much as I do some of my chat buddies... it's just different kinds of friendships.

Dear George,

If you are going to have dalliances with people who already have partners then you should know the score, and that it is very, very rare they will leave that person for you and you could, and most likely will be, just a bit of excitement and fun. Or you could be being kept as a standby if things go wrong. Either way you seem to be coming of second best and is that what you really want? I think really this is all for the best as now you can pick yourself up, dust yourself down and go and meet someone who only wants to be with you.

Dear Simon

There is a guy that I have been chatting online to for ages. We seem to get on really well and fancy each other and have even gotten a little intimate via the power of Skype once or twice. We actually live quite close however, we don't ever seem to meet up. We have spoken on the phone a few times, text now and again but when it comes to meeting it all goes a little quiet and though we have agreed to meet a few times it always gets cancelled. I don't know if I should just give up or keep trying, what do you suggest?
Dean, Manchester

Dear Dean

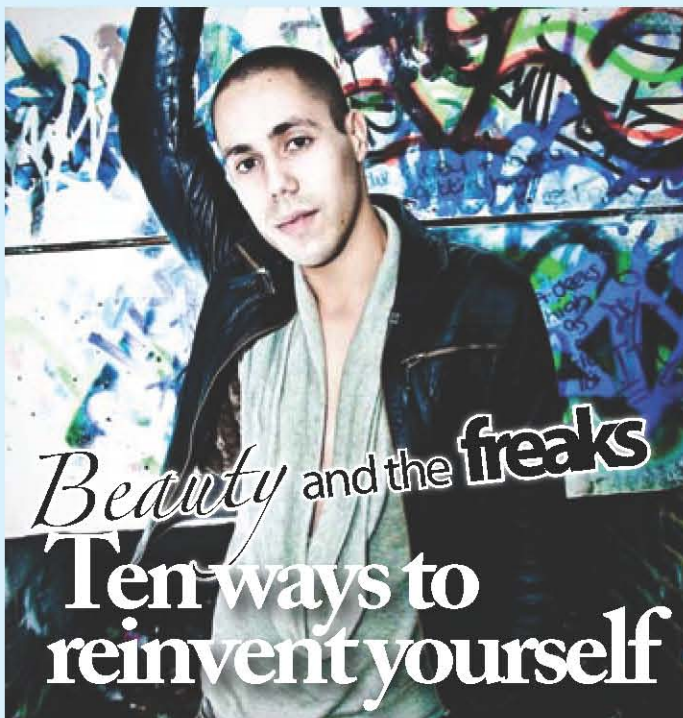
Hmmm, I don't think I would pin your hopes on this being the love of your life if you can't even meet up. Chat lines are indeed a great way of meeting people but remember, no matter how honest

Dear Simon

I started dating a guy a few months ago. I really, really like him and we have been having great fun together getting to know each other. The only thing is that he won't talk about the past and yet I know he has quite a bit of baggage. I always said I wouldn't date someone with baggage and then I met Steve and he is just so great I didn't care. The problem is he shuts up about anything before we met and it feels like he is doesn't trust me or is keeping secrets from me and that's not great foundations for a relationship. I am wondering if this relationship can actually go anywhere, should I just give up?
Chris, Derby

Dear Chris

Baggage can be one of the biggest killers of a relationship but unless you know what that baggage is you'll never know if Steve is the guy for you. Now it might be that in his past he has a shameful secret or he might believe that the past has nothing to do with you... his future and that he's making a new life and doesn't need those memories of his past to interfere. He could believe that it is far too early in your relationship to bother you with his past and he'll open up to you when he feels more secure in the relationship... after all you don't know if he was hurt by someone because he was too open to begin with. Either way you have to decide for yourself what is more important to you... the past or the future.



Sometimes life can be boring. Sometimes you've just dug the hole so deep you can't get back out again. Sometimes you need to leave town, change your wardrobe and reinvent yourself. Well if you do, here are my top ten methods to becoming reborn:

Get a new job. This is the easiest. A change in career often changes the way you see yourself and other people see you. By this I don't mean moving from the checkouts at Netto to the checkouts at Aldi. I mean, packing in a soul-destroying job in admin and becoming an interior designer, or ditching your McBurger uniform and opening a Michelin-starred restaurant. Of course, not everyone has ambition, drive and talent, which brings me to my next suggestion...

Change your appearance. Chop off that fringe that's become your hallmark. Get a tan. Grow some designer stubble. Work out. Swap All Saints for True Religion, or denim for leather, or trousers for kilts. Trust me, it'll work. Think about when they rebrand cereal. The first thing they do is change the packaging. I'm sure you're just as dry and flaky inside, so it's sure to work.

Change gender. Maybe this is part of the above, but it goes further than that. You might become a drag queen, wearing a palm tree as a hat and bog rolls as heels, or you might go the classier route and chop it all off downstairs. At least then you can wear all the Louboutins you want without feeling like a fetishist.

Become a dolphin. Ever see that episode of South Park? No? Moving on then...

Commit identity theft. Make sure you find a millionaire. Take out as many credit cards and loans as you can. Use the money to buy yourself a new passport, a

new home and a new life in LA. Of course, pay for everything in cash so there's no audit trail, and don't blab about your exploits on Twitter.

Fake your own death. This lets you do the above, although no millionaire is needed, but you'll have to stick to spending whatever insurance money you can get hold of, so may have to emigrate a little closer to home instead (but flights to Marbella are pretty cheap these days). Good tip: don't get photographed with loved ones and don't ever stage your disappearance with a canoe.

Find a mad scientist. Then he can play with your DNA and turn you into a lizardman warrior, or Alice from Resident Evil, or the alien-human Ripley clone from Alien: Resurrection, or the Invisible Man. Just try not to end up like Jekyll and Hyde. If you want to show the world your bad side, just let them see you after your latest seventeen hour drinking session, vomiting into the toilets at Cruz 101.

Move cities. This is a bit more costly than buying a new wardrobe, and a bit more realistic than finding a mad scientist, but if you move far enough away so no one will know you, then you can pretend to be whatever you want. All those rumours everyone heard in your hometown will be long behind you... but don't repeat the same mistakes, or you'll soon have to move again.

Kill everyone you know. That way, no one will remember what a See You Next Tuesday you've been.

Steal someone else's face and have it grafted onto your own at some shady plastic surgeon's. It worked for me.

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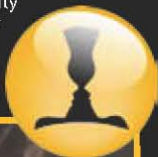
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GEMINI (May 22/June 21)

Appreciation for efforts of the past now come your way. If the work was linked with your career, your boss will want to see a repeat performance! Some challenges are pretty daunting but continuing to push forward is a worthwhile thing to do. If you sense your partner's starting to feel lonely or neglected, aim to make romance a priority over the weeks ahead. After all, you can't sustain a loving relationship if you don't spend quality time together!



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CANCER (June 22/July 23)

Your serious approach to work concerns will inspire others into action. Over the weeks ahead expect to see progress in both new and old business alike. Single? You're likely to meet someone soon who you will know immediately has what it takes to be your best friend. You might also notice an associate taking great interest in one of your passions or hobbies but you won't let their deep admiration go to your head!

LEO (July 24/Aug 23)

Pay attention when discussing anything of a long-term nature and be sure there are no loopholes before continuing. A person who owes you a favour has friends in high places. They might know someone who will help you complete a job you're working on. Over the weeks ahead be ready to deal with the financial side of new projects currently in the planning stages. You also have to give some thought to a proposition put to you by your partner or a dear friend.

VIRGO (Aug 24/Sept 23)

If you need money to finance a future project you might cash in on a past investment. A funding application will be successful. Jupiter's change of sign this June suggests benefits through joint finances and property deals. Also, don't fret if someone close to your heart is forced to spend more time away from you than usual over the weeks ahead. There should be no shortage of friends to help you fill in any empty hours and you will thoroughly enjoy their company.

LIBRA (Sept 24/Oct 23)

Sexy messages delivered in unusual or unexpected ways will rev up your erotic engine. Over the weeks ahead expect to enjoy the undivided attention of your special someone. Trends turn less troublesome if you've been involved in a group or work project that hasn't been going too well. New information will shed new light on the proceedings. If by the end of the month you're keen to make a joint long-term commitment, let your partner know this and the next step is then up to them.

SCORPIO (Oct 24/Nov 22)

Jupiter will soon be changing signs and circumstances as the month begins could lead you to revise your personal values. Your approach to some areas of life is changing. After giving a lot of thought to your commitments, relationships and lifestyle you might feel it's time to make some changes. Your attitude towards your own and a loved one's well-being will reflect this serious mood. Urge others to follow doctor's orders when it comes to looking after their health.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23/Dec 21)

All will go to plan if you are thinking of making some changes in the home. In business, avoid

making serious commitments until you're sure about what you're doing. There is little sense of urgency now and this gives you plenty of time to make up your mind. If you put your imagination into your work you will be happy over the weeks ahead when it would be a shame to waste all your creativity on routine chores!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22/Jan 20)

Co-operative effort will make short work of difficult chores in the home or workplace as the month begins. Increasing harmony will make it easier for you to make amends after a recent misunderstanding. You need more space than usual over the weeks ahead when duty calls. Your partner will be incredibly sensitive to your needs. Single? You could meet a writer, teacher or journalist who will be the ideal person for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21/Feb 19)

Your magnetic personality will be attracting admirers to you like a flower attracts bees. All forms of communication are highlighted over the weeks ahead. Emails, text messages and letters sent or received could lead to some pleasing developments. A legal or financial matter might seem complicated to deal with but you will soon realise there are people in high places who are very much on your side.

PISCES (Feb 20/Mar 20)

Money news will be good in June but you are advised to avoid extravagance. Domestic related expenditures will keep you on your toes. Expect to have to deal with a health issue that involves someone who is quite close to you. Contention with your partner will be resolved more swiftly if you're willing to be open-minded. Single? You're likely to be mixing with someone who is friendly and flirtatious this June!

ARIES (Mar 21/Apr 20)

Everyone has their own priorities so arrangements that are delayed or postponed as June begins won't bother you as much as some people. The weeks ahead will be good if you're thinking about romance, forming a new partnership or getting married. A close relationship that has had its ups and downs will improve a lot. With Jupiter soon to move into your sign promote ideas that might help you achieve long-term dreams.

TAURUS (Apr 21/May 21)

Events going on in the background are likely to be linked with the romantic side of your life. In romance you're looking for honesty and sincerity. Anything less than this will make you feel as if you've been cheated. Emphasis on your family zone in June suggests you will start to get your own way in a private controversy. Start working now on ways to weaken someone else's resolve and by the end of the month you will see some positive developments.



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