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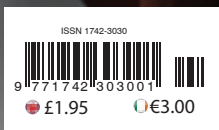
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Birmingham will be turning pink over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend as an anticipated 100,000 visitors descend in the city for the annual free Pride festival which takes place in the Gay Village around Hurst Street.

A celebration of the city's gay community and culture, the event also brings a significant economic and tourism benefit to the city with thousands of visitors descending on the city from throughout the UK. The two-day event features over 100 acts, including well-known music and television personalities and DJ's. The event starts with the return of the Pride Carnival Parade on Saturday 28th May at noon in Victoria Square, in the city centre, with floats, feathers and sequins. This year's parade theme is 'One Love – One World – One Community'.

The Nightingale Stage highlights include performances from Eurovision's Katrina (of the Waves), Scooch and Josh Dubovie. Other artists confirmed include 80's sensation Sonia and Hazel Dean, 90's dance chart-toppers Baby D and Rozalla, together with S Club's Jo O'Meara. Boy bands will also be a part of the line-up including Inju5tice, FTW, and Boy Banned which are all set to be big crowd pleasers. The event also highlights over 30 of the UK's top drag acts performing in the Cabaret Marquee, including Sandra, Laquisha Jonz, Vicky Jackson, and Cassidy Connors who featured in the hit West End musical "Priscilla Queen of the Desert." The event also features a Dance Arena with high profile DJ's including Radio 1's Judge Jules topping the bill with

over 25 DJ's over the weekend. Some of the headline acts being presented in the gay bars and clubs over the Pride celebrations include The Freemasons, Ruth Lorenzo, Mutya Buena, The Sharp Boys and many more.

A fun fair will be providing the thrills and spills, while a Community Village Green will present a spectrum of community focused events including the Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra. There will also be plenty of market stalls, and for those who want to party on into the night, the area's gay bars and clubs will be continuing the fun and entertainment. The free festival will offer a whole range of family friendly fun to the entire lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and their friends.

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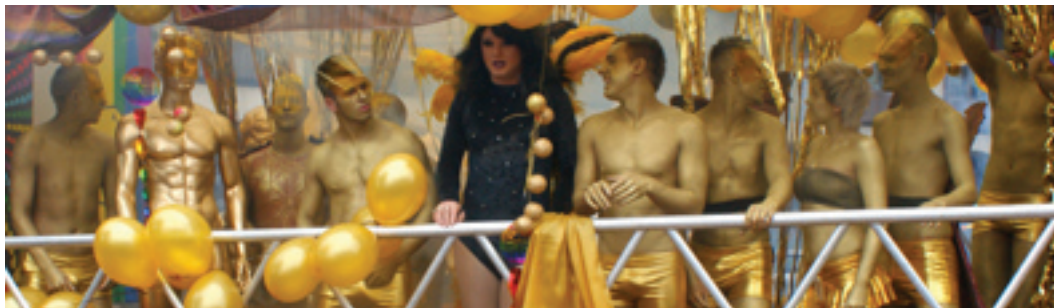
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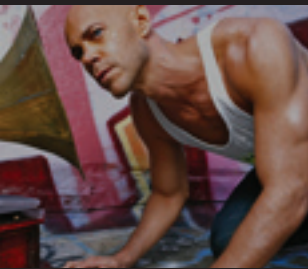


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Death. Death isn't something most people want to dwell upon but when it strikes close to home suddenly all manner of thoughts run through your mind. Questions are asked for which there are no answers. Recriminations suddenly rear their head where there aren't any and you search your own memory banks to see if there was anything you could have done to prevent the tragedy. The pain of losing someone close is very real and the way of dealing with that pain is very different for all concerned. Some are just too numb to do or even say much at all, where others launch themselves into frenzied activity, keeping busy until that final goodbye.

Please excuse a bit of indulgence on this occasion because earlier this month my colleague and friend, Darrell Hirst, the Advertising Executive for Bent, died. He died from a sudden and massive stroke at the age of only 49 and has left the entire company much worse for the loss of such a loved and hard-working member of the team.

Darrell was a really good guy. He could be relied upon to help out in any way he could. He was never one to sit around and ask someone else to do something he could do for himself and even if you'd just had a disagreement over something, he'd still be the first to volunteer to take you to pick your car up or drive

you to the station. He was also happy to be gay. He encouraged everyone to enjoy themselves and be who they wanted to be and not what anyone else thought they should be. He was a keen supporter of Leeds Pride and participated in many aspects that helped make it a success.

Death is an awful thing to have to think about but Darrell had thought about it. Typically, he wanted his organs to be donated – his doctrine being, if you can help somebody – why wouldn't you? Shortly after they turned off the life support machine his organs were being given to help in two lifesaving operations. Perhaps such generosity of spirit is catching - www.organdonation.nhs.uk

Recently he'd attended a couple of funerals himself and absolutely hated what he saw as the lack of celebration... it all seemed so cold and dire and he didn't want that. Indeed, in a conversation he had with his best friend he said he wanted singing and dancing and his coffin carried by six, hunky, young, bare-chested muscular guys. His friends and colleagues at Bent wanted to carry out that last wish and so... I add this memorable image and wish our friend Goodbye.

Darrell, you've only recently gone but you are already badly... and sadly missed.



Darrell Hirst
1962 - 2011
RIP

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Warhol and the Diva

25 June – 25 September - Exhibition at The Lowry, Salford Quays

This newly curated exhibition by The Lowry presents an unprecedented collection of some of Andy Warhol's most iconic works, focusing on the most alluring Divas of his time. As well as showing the stars he admired, the exhibition will focus on Warhol's transformation into his own glamorous alter ego, within his self-portrait in drag photographs. The term Diva, meaning 'Goddess' was originally attributed to the 'prima donna' or first lady of opera (an art form Warhol had the greatest respect for), whose voice and inimitable talent could not be done without. They were revered characters, often with inflated egos and irritable temperaments. Today, the term Diva is used far more readily within the spheres of popular

and entertainment culture to describe any powerful, glamorous, tempestuous and often egotistical male and female performers. Catapulted into stardom by their voice, their temperament or both, these characters are identified as true icons and are admired and adored as such. The selection of silkscreen, Polaroid and film works within this exhibition will bring to life the essence of The Diva as we know it today, showcasing some of the world's most iconic performance figures of the 20th century immortalized by Warhol for generations to come.

The exhibition presents some of Warhol's most instantly recognisable subjects, including Marilyn Monroe, Liza Minnelli, Mick Jagger and Debbie Harry, alongside some rarely exhibited works such as Pia Zadora and Jane Fonda.

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AFTERSHOCK @ Sub101

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Aftershock Residents on rotation include: Nik Denton, Gregg Holden, Ross Homson & DJ Dusty and they will be joined on a regular basis by some of the UK's finest DJ talents from some of the biggest clubbing brands starting with DJ Zack Hadley on Saturday 14th May.

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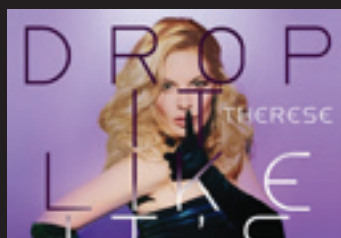
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DANCE TRAX

With Jason Guy

It seems as if everyone is waiting until the end of the month in Manchester to go out again... and it's no wonder if you were at Sankeys on Easter Sunday for Federation – quite simply the best gay clubbing event the city has seen in months! And you can do it all again on the 29th May. Find out more at www.clubfederation.com. As usual, you can download my monthly podcast - simply search for 'Jason Guy' in iTunes or download directly from www.jasonguy.podomatic.com. If you'd like to see your track, club, or event featured here, contact me at jason@bent.com.



Therese
Drop It Like It's Hot (Pewit Music)

This has been a huge track for me for months, but a new set of remixes means it deserves a mention once again. Quite simply, the reaction this gets every time it's played are amazing... and this massive club hit just got bigger thanks to the Wideboys mixes. They take the original and turn it into a chunky, electro-tinged piece of chunky house – big fat betas and a massive breakdown. I dropped this (pun intended) for the first time at Federation at Sankeys over Easter and it was the loudest crowd cheer I've heard in months. Hot indeed!



K-Klass featuring Bobbi
Right And Exact (Stealth Records)

Manchester based K-Klass originally formed after meeting at The Hacienda during the 80s, and over 2 decades later 2 of the original members (Paul Roberts and Russell Morgan) are still at the forefront of UK house music. Now on Stealth, this is a superb cover version of Chrissy Ward's (also known Crystal Waters!) 1995 hit. Available in 2 mixes; the more tech house/minimal version from Sands, or the progressive version from Johnstar. Another track I first road tested at Sankeys to great effect.



James Talk
One For Me (Azuli)

Destined to be one of the biggest records of the summer, James Talk & Ridney's latest release on the revived Azuli label adds further weight to the label's timely return. 'One for Me' features the powerfully soulful vocals of Max C, singer on Axwell's all-conquering 'I Found U', as well as everything else you'd want from a summer anthem; soaring chords, pounding drums and a gloriously epic breakdown. Already heavily supported by Tong and is highlighted as one of the standout releases from the Miami winter conference.



Mory Kante vs Loverush UK!
Yeke Yeke 2011 (Loverush Digital)

Originally released back in 1987, this was the first African single to sell over a million copies. It's been remixed many times over the years and 2011 seems certain to return it back into the charts. The full package includes remixes from the likes of Robbie Rivera, Solarstone and Bluestone. I'm torn between 2 mixes... the Deep Throbbing version by Solarstone who make this a tribal-esque late night offering, or the more upbeat, tech house affair from Bluestone and already receiving huge support from Annie Nightingale, Judge Jules and Steve Smart.

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Federation Manchester

With Easter Sunday's blockbuster Federation launch at Sankeys the team are back again for yet another monster of an event on Spring Bank Holiday Sunday 29th May, For those that didn't make it or didn't get a ticket before they sold out, Sankeys lived up to its nomination as best club in the world voted last year by readers of Mixmag. The Fed team certainly knows how to throw a good party.

£12 on sale until 8pm on the day of the event from:

Manchester: Clone Zone, Taurus, Manto, Velvet, Village Off License and Spar (Oxford Road/Piccadilly Approach & Piccadilly Gardens)

Leeds: Fibre

On Line: Ticketweb.co.uk and Sankeys.info

This time around the main room's upfront chunky house will be delivered by Federation's headlining trio Gregg Holden, Jason Guy and Nik Denton for those that love their music full throttle! In room two, Federation Classics will offer 'the hands in the air' blend of big room tracks and anthems from the days of Blank Canvas in Leeds and The Ritz in Manchester by DJs Marc Leaf and Dylan Jeffers – this was a huge hit at the launch so check it out. Over in the bar Trafford Lovething plays a cool mix of New York style Electronic Disco.

Or pay more on the door Sankey's Disco Bus: Save your energy for the dance-floor and jump on the free Disco Bus which will leave from outside Chorlton Street (outside the old Bar Risa / Opposite Churchill's) every 30 minutes from 11pm until 2am. Just hop on, it's Free.

Federation Manchester @ Sankeys, Beehive Mills, Radium Street, Manchester M4 6AY

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The launch sold out so make sure you got your tickets early. Tickets are

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Liza Minnelli Tour

In these days of manufactured artists the term 'superstar' is all too often bestowed upon those whose 'star' has barely ascended. The term can truly only be used when talking about a handful of entertainers. Liza Minnelli is one of those entertainers.

The concerts will include many of Liza's showstoppers such as Cabaret, Maybe This Time, New York New York – arguably her very own signature tune – all written especially for her by the legendary

Broadway song writing partnership of John Kander and Fred Ebb (Chicago, Cabaret.), a selection of her best loved songs and Liza will also be introducing songs from her brand new album, Confessions, which is a collection of classic standards interpreted as only she can - intimate, warm, heartfelt and deeply personal.

Commented Liza from her home in New York City: "I'm so excited to be performing in Britain again; it's my

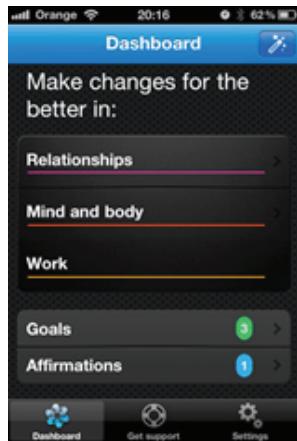
second home. It's always thrilling to play there live especially with this new concert. I call it the Confessions tour, named after my new album and innermost memories. I can't wait to see and thank my British audiences again."

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The Gay Life app will be available for download from the iTunes store from 1st June 2011 and costs just £2.99.

Gaydar No.1

Gaydar.co.uk has been named 2010's number one Gay and Lesbian Lifestyle website in the latest Experian Hitwise UK Top 10 Awards programme. The annual awards recognise excellence in online performance through public popularity. The results are based on the internet usage of more than eight million UK users, with winners receiving the greatest market share of visits throughout 2010 in their online industry.

As well as claiming the top spot, Gaydar has secured two other places in the top 10: 4th place for GaydarNation.com, the popular site of GaydarRadio, and 7th for GaydarGirls.com, the female version of the gay dating site. The results demonstrate the strength of the Gaydar brand and how since launching 10 years ago it has become an established part of the internet for thousands of web users.

Pink Wedding

Pink Weddings Magazine is a fun, informative, brand new gay wedding magazine for those wanting to plan the perfect civil partnership. Launched at the Designer Civil Partnership Show in London, this is your handbag/manbag sized guide to the latest news, ideas and advice for planning your big day.

It showcases the most innovative and exciting ideas for your civil partnership, reviews the latest trends from suppliers and venues, and gives advice on suggested etiquette and legal requirements that are now in place, both in the UK and abroad.

The magazine is available to read free, online here at: www.pinkweddingsmagazine.com every quarter. Or why not treat yourself to a glossy printed copy for just £2.99 including UK postage.

Put it on the Slate

ASUS launch the Eee Slate EP121 – a handy slate computer which combines the freedom of a tablet with the functionality of a notebook.

With Windows 7 Home Premium and a range of input options including a Bluetooth keyboard and Wacom Digitaliser, the Eee Slate EP121 is an intuitive, easy-to-use option for a range of uses from home entertainment to learning

in the classroom, through to working on the move to presenting at the office. It is also the first tablet to feature a full-power Dual Core Intel Core i processor, providing a wealth of power and performance to ensure a smooth, responsive environment for the multi-tasking users who demand it.



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BOY OH BOY!

Poptastic celebrated its 15th Birthday last month with an extra special event held at The Ritz in Manchester.

I must admit, I hadn't been back to The Ritz since I was a judge at the last Mr Gay UK there a few years back, and I had forgotten how massive the venue was. But it was great to be there again, especially to toast a night I'd been a fan of since I first hit the gay bars a decade ago.

Boy George, of course, was the highlight of the night. Hitting the stage at midnight, he gave a set of hits past and present, joined by an excellent band and female vocalist who performed a couple of her own solos. George had a captive audience, and it's clear to see that despite the fickle hand of fame, he was in full command—an entertainer through and through.

The crowd was an eclectic mix, with the regulars providing a strong presence, which was an especially nice touch. For anything as important as a birthday, it's nice to see the people who've come across the life of the clubbing brand getting together to celebrate. There was a lack of



Photos by: Poptastic/Nathan Cox



both tourists and students chasing cheap drinks offers, which made the event that much better in my opinion.

If this 15th birthday is anything to go by, Poptastic will only get bigger and better by the time of its 20th.

Inside Crunch and Rewarding Loyalty

In late 2008, new kids on the block took on the challenge of 10 Canal Street, an address where many businesses over the years had failed, and created Crunch. The venue was in a good spot, slap bang in the centre of the gay village community, centrally on Canal Street, where everyone passes by. The challenge was to make them stop passing by and to come in. A lot said Crunch would fail as did others before it, but now it is one of the busiest bars in the village.

General Manager Oliver says: "We knew it would be difficult to turn it around. It was most definitely a challenge, but we are good marketers. The most difficult challenge was to get people to see we weren't the same as those before... we are new and plan to do something new. We are inventive and plan to break the mould."

Crunch's philosophy is one of everyone is invited, we don't care what you look like, how old you are, what your interests are,

as long as you can behave yourself and respect everyone else, you are more than welcome.

In 2009, Crunch underwent a £500,000 refurbishment to relay out the venue which brought about UpperCrunch, a premium "VIP" bar lounge and; UnderCrunch, the basement dance bar with a stage.

Oliver says: "At Crunch we love lights, we have tons of them, if it flashes we have it."

Customer Loyalty...

A new Crunch Advantage Members Points Card (or the CAMP Card for short) offers huge advantages to our customers. The new card is funky and attractive, a card that anyone would be happy to hold in their wallet. They have learned over 2 years what customers want from a card, and what they want is simple basic functionality, so that's what the new card has.



Dave says:

"Customers love the points concept. As staff it is sometimes quite funny to watch a group argue of whose card is going to be used in a round, as everyone is so very keen to get their points balance up. Another common thing we hear customers tell us (usually just before payday) is that they are skint but thank god for their points."

For the launch month May, they make it even more exciting as it's TRIPLE points all month. Generally you get 10% of your purchase back on everything you purchase; that's 10 points per £1. But in May it's 30%. You can save up your points for special events such as Pride or spend them as you go. 1 point equals 1 penny, so they build up pretty fast.

The New Crunch Card is FREE to anyone from our LGBT community.





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The Eagle

The Eagle is a friendly bar combining industrial edge with Victorian plushness. The Eagle is a mixed, adult crowd with a variety of punters from trendy twenty-somethings to kinky leather daddies. Mondays are for bears and their admirers. You can also expect retro cruising with Hanky Tuesdays, black kit on

Black Wednesdays, the best disco on Thursdays and the best contemporary music over the weekend. Taking up the rear is Black Eagle, the raunchier side of the venue. Expect onstage entertainment, dark recesses and the monthly event HellBent for all you fetish lovers out there.

Chruchill's

The recently revamped and refurbished Churchill's is looking better than ever! With modernised fixtures and fittings, camp pop and hilarious drag acts, this traditional pub has been granted a new lease of life. Always popular with the locals, Churchill's now boasts the décor to match its customers' personalities,

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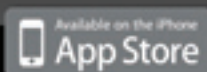
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Peytonly Obvious



OK, so he may once have been a presenter on 'Queer Eye For A Straight Guy, UK' (then it was Peyton the food and wine expert) but that is all behind him now.

This shaven headed hunk has dropped any memory of that particular show and in the process has become the voice-of-choice for so many record producers who want vocals that will set the dance floors alight. He has had hit records via Ministry of Sound and Hed Kandi, proving just what the brand leaders think of him and his talent, so we sent Ryan Houston to find out a little bit more about what first got him interested in the music industry and his forthcoming collaborations.

This summer is going to be full-on with new releases and lots of travel. I have a new single coming out in May with Kid Massive called A Little Louder, which I will be promoting all over the world, including Ibiza where I'm going to base myself for the latter part of the season. Also, I have a big release coming out with Russian superstar DJ Kolya called 'How To Love' which is going to be taking me to Russia even more than I already go now.

What first got you interested in the music industry?

I first got into music because my dad is a Pentecostal preacher and I grew up singing in the church. If I hadn't had that outlet, who knows if I would have ended up becoming a professional singer? I was too scared to sing in school, for the very same reasons those kids in Glee are always getting punished for wanting to sing. Thankfully, I had gospel music and the church really nurtured my love for music and singing.

You've just performed in America at The White Party (America's largest gay dance music festival), with the likes of Robyn, Natalia Kills and Wynter Gordon – were you looking forward to it?

It was absolutely amazing, but not so much for meeting big stars . . . that's not really something that excites me. I just loved the energy of the crowd, and the production, and getting to hang out with my friends Wayne G,

Pagano, James and Russell from the Freemasons, Bobby Blanco, etc. . . those are the real stars that made my weekend truly spectacular. I did get a picture with Charo however, which was quite exciting. She's 60, and looks AMAZING! So now I'm convalescing for a few days in New York!

What would you say has been the best part of your career so far?

The best (and worst) part of my career is the travel. It's the part that sometimes kills me, and it's the part that makes it all worth it. Obviously not every trip is going to be a life-changing experience, as often it's just work and lots of sitting in airports and on planes. But then, sometimes I have the chance to really make dear friends in certain cities where I go often, and those friends have become like family to me. When I'm in places like Sydney, Cairo, Prague, Moscow, or Ibiza . . . it's like I'm returning to yet another home in the world. That's the best part of what I do! It's all about the people!

Where is there left to go for you?

Well, I haven't sung in Uganda yet. I recently saw a very disturbing documentary about the persecution of gays in Uganda which has been weighing heavy on my mind ever since. The Ugandan government wants to pass legislation for the death penalty to all gays. It's heartbreaking and terrifying. I've been fantasising about

singing Promised Land there . . . my brothers my sisters . . . one day we will be free!!!

You're a guy that's got yourself around (in the country sense) where has been the best place you've lived?

I loved living in New York City, and I do love living in London . . . although I've now been in London for fourteen years and the only way I survive it is to leave often. Every year I base myself in Sydney for January and February, and honestly . . . if it weren't so far away from the rest of the world, I think that's probably where I'd choose to live.

What would your advice be to others who want to be the next Peyton?

My advice to anyone wanting to be me would be . . . well, don't be! Be yourself! However, if you wanna be an artist or a performer or whatever, you gotta have the stamina to keep on going and never take your foot off the accelerator! There are more downs than ups, and you have to be willing to weather the valleys in order to occasionally reach those mountain tops. It's exhausting . . . but if you really want it, it's worth it! Otherwise, get yourself a good job that you enjoy, and have a reasonably normal life! There's a lot to be said for having a body clock that actually works. Mine stopped ticking to any one time zone a long time ago!

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YASMIN
Finish Line
8th May

Yasmin supported ugliest-man-in-pop-ever Example, but we won't hold that against her. New single 'Finish Line' harkens back to the best of 90s trip-hop. Yasmin threads cool pop beats, reminiscent of pioneers Portishead and Massive Attack, with contemporary flourishes and candid lyricism. The team behind this record have worked with Dizzee Rascal, Tinie Tempah, Lily Allen and Devlin, and she was spotted by no less than Pharrell Williams—guaranteeing that this is a top-notch pop track with style.



BLUE
I Can
2nd May

This is both a 10th anniversary come back single and the official UK entry for the Eurovision Song Contest for the boys who have had, in their illustrious career, a host of hits. For the Euro contest this is a superior entry, for the UK chart it should do OK but to my ears it sounds like a strain on all concerned. I think they were going for an anthem but it just appears all a bit desperate. Do we really need a reformed Blue? Some say yes... I'll reserve judgement.



J. MAJIK & WICKAMAN
In Pieces
22nd May

Never ones far away from the mixing deck for the likes of Deadmau5 and Above & Beyond these guys have given drum&bass a profile that others envy. Vocalist and songwriter Dee Freer provides the vocal talent on this track, which is destined for the airwaves courtesy of the likes of Annie Nightingale and Zane Lowe... meanwhile, this should be filling the dance floors with no trouble at all.



ZOE BADWI
Freefallin'
29th May

This infectious little ditty was a huge hit in Australia last summer and is all set to repeat that success with its UK release. With the soaring vocals and classic club beats this will be both a radio hit and one to get the boys up and shaking their bits around on the dance floor and at any of the up-coming Pride events.



DARREN BAILIE & SWAY
Amnesia'
4th May

'Amnesia' sees Darren Bailie ramp up the energy and team up with hip-hop lyricist Sway. The result is an anthemic crazed electro monster. Remix highlights include TwiceNice's electro-tinged edit and Manuel Baccano's Germanic dub mix. This is full-fat clubbing goodness, and we can't get enough.

In for a Shock

Russian sensation Shockolady is set to bring her unique blend of electro rock and jazz combo to the club circuit here in the UK. The pop electro songstress will be promoting her new single ROCK IN MY BED coming off the back of her UK Club Chart success track WHAT'S THE F...FASHION. After supporting the JEDWARD Tour last year Shockolady's ravenous audience appeal means she is back to give her new-found UK fans more. With her Russian influence and critics tipping

her as 'Aguilera meets Prodigy' fusion, Shockolady will take her unique sound and unleash countless powerful gigs across the country this Spring. "I am very excited about coming back into the UK. It feels like my second home and my fans here are truly special!" gushes Shockolady.

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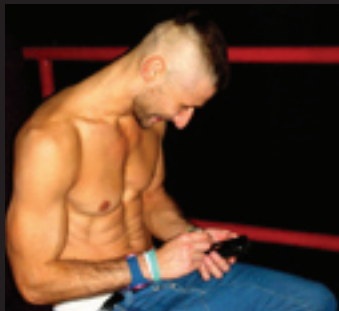


IN FLAGRANTI
Worse for Wear
2nd May

In Flagranti's third album sees the duo turn away from the porn chic of their earlier work to instead knock up an inspired album from the detritus of yesteryear. Old but glittery things (specifically, elements from 70s and 80s NYC) are retrieved and renovated to produce a very adult yet playful dirty disco album. There are swaggering basslines and rundown electro excess ('Hallow Discourses'), and the taste of cheap vino, gutters and arcades ('Prelude to Chaos'). But the band also leaves behind sleaze in the latter half of the album to embrace a more space age sound with flickers of vintage sass.

SOPHIE BARKER
Seagull
9th May

Sophie Barker is probably best recognised as one of Zero 7's vocalists, appearing on album Simple Things' breakaway hit 'In the Waiting Line'. However she's also provided vocals for The Egg, Groove Armada, Grooverider, Robin Guthrie (Cocteau Twins) and Muki. Her sophomore solo album (discounting one album for kids), sees Barker more plaintive than before, with a stripped back aesthetic and light production. There are Motown licks, hints of Joni Mitchell and encroaching trip hop elements that reveal a soulful but independent singer/songwriter hitting her stride.



KISSY SELL OUT
Wild Romance
6th May

Sophomore album Wild Romance marks a blistering return. Ballistic club bangers sit beside radio-friendly electro belters. You'll probably remember him from his iconic reworking of Mark Ronson's cover of The Smiths' 'Stop Me' a few years back. 'Wild in the Warehouse' is a big fat club song, while 'Homesick' is pop with the lyrical waxings of close friend Oh Snap. After over a hundred shows at Radio One, Kissy Sell Out is part of the establishment, but with Wild Romance he's anything but run-of-the-mill.

SOUND OF THE CITY
Dan Ghenacia's Paris
16th May

Recorded in a rustic country house in northern Germany, this is being touted as 'Ezio in a nutshell'. Indeed, it seems the essence of Ezio's musical legacy is distilled into fruit juice concentrate here: nourishing, refreshing and sharp. Rock, folk and stripped back piano ballads combine to create a subtle, well-considered album that typifies everything the Cambridge duo stand for.

Kylie Minogue's sold-out Aphrodite – Les Folies tour makes its television premiere on Sky, as the multi-million selling artist bursts onto TV screens across the UK in a 90minute show on the Sky 3D channel.

Kylie – Aphrodite-Les Folies captures Kylie's final date at London's O2 Arena, and will give fans the chance to experience the Princess of Pop's show-stopping performance from the comfort of their own living room. The Aphrodite-Les Folies show has astounded thousands of concertgoers across the globe with its elaborate costumes from Dolce & Gabbana, heart-shaped stage with over a million moving parts enabling her dancers to float above the audience.

Kylie said "I'm so proud of this tour, everyone has pulled out the stops to give my fans a truly unique concert experience. So I'm excited we have been able to use the power of 3D TV to give audiences at home the chance to get a front row experience."

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SPIKE ME TENDER

In the past people bought love potions from witch doctors and gave them to the objects of their affections. Often these would be placebos. Occasionally they'd be the equivalent of Medieval viagra. In A Midsummer Night's Dream, the pansy is used in a love potion that causes all manner of havoc. Recently I discovered a very different pansy trying to make a love potion of his own.

Now, let's be clear here, everyone's got a friend who's claimed to be spiked. Usually it's code for 'I can't handle my drink'. Or else they don't want to admit to the bouncers carrying them out of the nightclub that they've been glugging drain cleaner all night. Whether I'm too gone to notice, or I don't hang in those kinds of places, I'd never seen it happen firsthand. Until now.

I was in my favourite Mancunian haunt, slugging it up with a pervert named V and a whore called J. It was when ex-shag S popped up, a few stones heavier and now without hair that the commotion occurred. According to V, his drink was spiked by S. Naturally I hate to see good drugs go to waste and took a swig—and lo and behold, it was indeed spiked with ecstasy. I drank the lot anyway and continued on my merry way. It seemed like the gentlemanly thing to do—to make sure no one else drank it by mistake.

But the next day it started to bug me that this had happened in the first place. I knew S. Or I thought I did. V claimed to have seen him drop the pill into his drink while they were talking. There's

sharing the love and there's date rape—and it seemed S had been planning to have his wicked way regardless of consent. Why else would he bother? Unless it was a new marketing campaign by drug dealers—to get clubbers hooked for free so they come back for more? Only, that wouldn't make much sense if the clubbers in question didn't know what they'd taken.

So it had to be about date rape, right? Not exactly the love potion of old, but I guess it was intended to have a similar (although more sordid) effect. Skip the date and hop right into bed.

Sure, nothing had happened. But what if it had?

I told V to ring the police. He said he didn't think he could without evidence. I said, 'What if it happens again?' What if it's already happened?

Maybe it's just me, but wouldn't the fact you have to drug someone to get them to sleep with you a bit of a turn-off? Isn't half the fun of pulling a hot guy the feeling of being desired? Perhaps of the chase and the challenge, followed by an eventual payoff?

I never thought of myself as particularly romantic, but I guess I must be if the norm now is to spike each other for a quick non-consensual bum in the toilets and a long stretch in prison.

Next time, leave the drugs and give me the pansies instead.



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By Lee Hudson

It seems to me that people either **love Eurovision** (for one reason or another) or absolutely **hate it**. It's a show that brings out **bile** and **fun** in equal measure.

Being described as '...a waste of licence fee payer's money', while still attracting an audience of millions. Indeed, the type of viewing figures that most other shows would kill their granny to achieve.

Gay boys love this annual event for his campness, outrageousness as well as loving the spectacular glitter-fest that signifies the staging of the final. Over past years the UK entry has not done very well, to put it mildly, producing a stream of forgettable songs and an equally forgettable army of performers. Actually, that's not true. The public may have forgotten them but the one thing that they can rely on, in their otherwise

obscure career, is a pay-packet from the punters at just about any gay club... we love a bit of Euro nostalgia.

After the BBC's disastrous show to find our Euro entry last year, when Pete Waterman appeared to dust down something that had fallen behind his mixing desk back in the 1980s, the broadcaster has come up with a new way of choosing the song. The BBC have realised that the public just simply cannot be trusted, but neither can they, as they seem incapable of producing a worthwhile 'Song for Europe' show (why they never asked the Eurovision Fan Club to come up with a format is beyond me) so this time they have dumped any notion of looking for a

song and performer with the viewers help... and settled for Blue.

Yes, the boyband who disbanded several years ago and who between them in recent years haven't troubled the charts that much as individual acts. However, despite the band's former manager claiming it was 'reckless insanity' Blue have insisted that they do not view competing in the Eurovision Song Contest as "career suicide".

The good news is, having heard just about all the other songs by the rest of the competing countries, the Blue song "I Can" isn't half bad and is head and shoulders above just about all other contenders. However, it isn't

just Blue making a come back – Israel have decided to send their secret weapon, and world famous Diva, Dana International to represent that country. Other entries include last year's winner Lena for Germany, and, god forbid, Jedward for Ireland.

Since Terry Wogan left the mic, people thought that the competition would lose many of its fans who just loved the often crippling funny comments the jovial Irishman imparted to some lacklustre competitor. Thankfully he left the job in the more than capable hands of funnyman Graham Norton to provide the wit and to put a perspective on the proceedings. I remember, a few years ago when Graham, not as well known as he is now, was a presenter on the final of the televised Mr Gay UK competition saying to me just how surprised he was that the lads took it all so seriously. He was of the opinion that this type of thing should be fun for everyone... viewers and contestants alike... and the same could be said for the Eurovision Song Contest. Just chill and enjoy the show.

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and surf hard. And as these aren't just any 'out of towners' they'll be sure to attract attention, stir things up and make one hell of an impact. Macho it may be but Dom – the gay one – looks set to explore his sexuality where-ever he needs to. And with all the boys destined

for Cornwall's Gay Pride float, we can but hope that all those tight tummies and bulging biceps will be appreciated by the enthusiastic crowd.

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LGBT Beach Sports Day

Now in its second year Manchester's City Beach "Castlesands" will play host to a sports day for the North West's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans (LGBT) Community. Organised by Outdoor Lads, the UK's largest outdoor activities charity and Pride Sports, the UK's only LGBT sports development organisation, this event aims to celebrate and promote LGBT sports in the North West.

Organisers are calling on LGBT sports teams, groups and charities to enter teams of between 5 and 10 people to compete in a number of events including: Tag Rugby, Volleyball, 5-a-side Football and Tennis. None-competitors are also welcome

to attend and enjoy this unique atmosphere complemented by a beach bar and barbeque.

The competition will start at noon on Saturday 21st May and will be followed by a beach party starting at 5pm. The sports day will form part of 6 weeks of activities as part of Castlesands, 120 tons of washed sand on Manchester's iconic Castlefield Arena.

Teams looking to register or to gain further information should contact Chris Knight at OutdoorLads on: chris.knight@outdoorlads.com. www.outdoorlads.com www.pridesports.org

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And the fun doesn't end when the sunsets; 'Camp Central' throws open its doors and is the place to party and chill-out on an evening with good food, drinks and entertainment.



This is the biggest annual event on the OutdoorLads calendar and is known by members as the event to attend. It's perfect for people who have never tried OutdoorLads before and would like to have a go at something different and make new friends.

www.outdoorlads.com

Rugby League charter for action

Following the lead of the Sheffield Eagles - all 14 Engage Super League clubs recently showed their support for the government's 'Tackling Homophobia and Transphobia in Sport' campaign by signing The Charter for Action, which aims to make sport a welcoming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

The charter sets out to promote qualities such as fairness and equality, respect and dignity within all aspects of the sporting environment, from fans to players, so that



all sports can be free of homophobic or transphobic abuse. The clubs have joined the sport's governing body, the RFL, by signing the charter and showing their commitment to help eradicate discrimination at all levels of the game.



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top 10

Gayest Hetro Relationships

Many hetero men display homoerotic qualities in their relationships with each other. But which are the gayest hetero friendships of them all?

10. Paul & Barry Chuckle – I know these two would have us believe they're brothers, but there's something very queer about all that 'To you, to me' business. Sounds like a bit of flip-flop bed action to me.

9. Dave Lister & Arnold Rimmer – They claim to despise each other, fight all the time, constantly put each other down, but when it comes to it, neither can live without the other. Even after Lister went three million years into deep space, Rimmer came back from the dead to be with him. And remember that episode where Lister dreams of Rimmer giving him a snog?

8. Matt Damon & Ben Affleck – They were in *Good Will Hunting* together, they were in *Dogma* together, and they were in bed together. Well, maybe not the last one, but certainly the first two. It's only a matter of time before they reveal all that passionate, legs-in-the-air love they've been making over the years. Awww.

7. Mr Miyagi & The Karate Kid – Mr Miyagi enjoys watching the Karate Kid do chores for him. He especially loves to watch him break out into a sweat. He gets him to wash his car, paint his fence, and get all BDSM with the other boys. Someone likes their chickens!

6. Joe Pesci & Daniel Stern – Do you remember the first two *Home Alone* films (they were the good ones with Macaulay Culkin)? Pesci and Stern are called the Wet Bandits. We can only imagine they're into water sports. What's more, they're always together and have spent some time cooped up in prison together. My bet is that Stern likes to be bossed around.

5. Edward Norton & Brad Pitt – In *Fight Club* poor Edward Norton is so far back in the closet he creates his own imaginary friend, who looks a helluva lot like Brad Pitt. Gay? Of course! And the only way he can get that sweaty, bruised Pitt out of his head is to unload a pistol in his mouth. Dirty queer.

4. Simon Pegg & Nick Frost – They were best friends in *Spaced*. They were best friends in *Shaun of the Dead*. They were best friends in *Hot Fuzz*. They were best mates in *Paul*.

In fact it seems the two of them can barely manage to be apart. They regularly call each other 'babe' and other such terms of endearment, and there's a recurring gag that they might be gay (particularly in Paul). Wouldn't it just be beautiful if they were?

3. Tim Robbins & Morgan Freeman – In *The Shawshank Redemption* these two seem to fall in love at first sight. This is that subtle kind of love which only the keen-eyed would notice. But isn't it sweet that they decide to escape together and end up living on a beach happily ever after? That's a real scene of gay hetero love.

2. Jake Gyllenhaal & Heath Ledger – Nothing breaks a gay man's heart like the sight of two straight men pretending to be straight, based on a novel written by a straight woman. Especially when they're as beautiful as Gyllenhaal and Ledger in *Brokeback Mountain*. Matt Damon had originally been asked to star alongside Joaquin Phoenix in an adaptation to be helmed by Gus Van Sant, but after appearing in a 'gay movie' (*The Talented Mr. Ripley*) and a 'cowboy movie' (*All the Pretty Horses*) he didn't want his next film to be a 'gay cowboy movie'. Phoenix would've been interesting, but Damon not so much. And his loss is our gain.

1. Terence Stamp & Bill Hunter – Terence Stamp's performance as Bernadette Basinger in *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* is one of the best portrayals of a trans woman in popular cinema. What's more, her on-screen relationship with the gentle-mannered mechanic Bob (Bill Hunter) is one of the most affecting LGBT romances to hit the big screen. Stamp plays excellent bad guys, but the sight of him in full drag gave him a vulnerability and strength that won him a Seattle International Film Festival Award for Best Actor. When Bernadette stays behind to be with Bob at the end of the film, it breaks our hearts every time. You go, girl!

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Pink Jack!

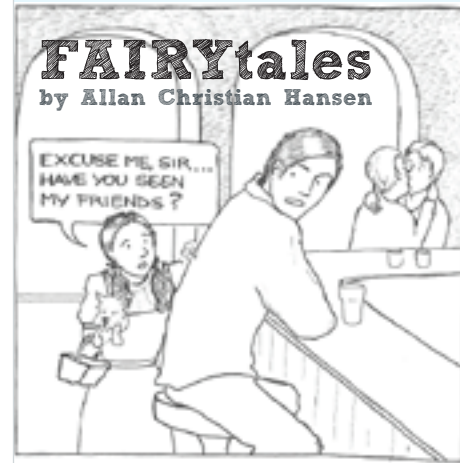
The Rainbow Flag is for many a universal rallying point of all things gay. We see it everywhere and it has become the customer to march behind it at just about every Pride event there is. However, celebrating its 5th birthday this year is the iconic, and totally British Pink Jack, created by London based photographic artist David Gwinnutt.

Talking about his design Gwinnutt explains, "The concept was inspired by Soho in the nineties when London led the world in fashion and the arts and we had the world's best gay scene. I felt an enormous sense of pride for my country and the British gay scene – Cool Britannia ruled and we no longer needed to look to America for our identity. As an artist I wanted to create something that

represented my feelings - the Pink Jack is a symbol of that pride."

Since Gwinnutt first carried the flag at Europride five years ago the symbol has been taken to the very heart of the gay community; Ex Prime Minister Gordon Brown's wife Sarah Brown carried one at Gay Pride, Alan Cumming hangs one in his dressing room at every theatre he goes to, even the Last Night of the Proms is now awash with the Pink Jack. The proud flag has become a symbol which represents the achievements and contributions of the British gay community.

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Adam Ant on Tour

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Well with bands reforming, releasing new singles or touring the hits - nostalgia for the icons of that decade takes another leap forward as Prince Charming himself takes to the road. We now know that he ain't no 'Goody Two Shoes' anymore but Adam Ant has announced his first full UK tour in over 15 years to the delight of his many fans. So dust off your sexy highway man suit, and get the whore... sorry... war paint ready as he and his brand new band - 'The Good, The Mad and The Lovely Posse' - mesmerise the fans by playing a greatest hits set.

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Stuart Warwick

Every now and then a track you've simply stumbled across, by an artist you've never heard of, makes you sit up and listen and wonder why it never achieved a large and appreciative audience. Of course there will be those from Brighton, and those lucky enough to have caught the man live, who already know about the terrific talent that is Stuart Warwick.

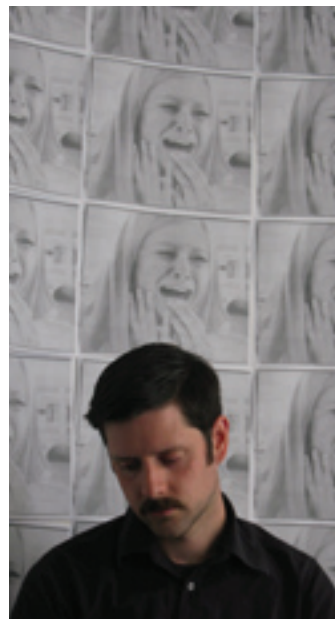
The song that attracted my interest was actually on a video of some dancers interpreting one of Stuart's tracks from his Ordeal album called 'Ex Gay'. Hell, I loved everything about it. The lamenting vocals, the brilliant lyrics, the overall poignancy of a subject I feel strongly about myself but never had the ability to put it into words. It's a lament about gays who feel that they can be made straight by aversion therapy, and as the

lyrics say "aversion therapy wont tame a lion" is so true... so true.

Armed with a piano and plaintive vocals you might suspect a show to be more for those wanting to cut themselves but that isn't the case. His lyrics are inspired and telling and it's the subdued singing that makes you cling to every word.

What else is there to say about this talent? Well, he's from Brighton, he used to record under the name of 'Jacob's Stories', he has a husband and he's constantly touring so, if you get a chance, get along to see him.

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Stephen De Martin

'One Voice' Australian-born Stephen De Martin shot to fame as one of '4 Poofs And A Piano' the harmony quartet that, for nine years, were a weekly fixture as resident house band on award-winning BBC1 show 'Friday Night with Jonathan Ross'. As one of the 4 Poofs, Stephen has been watched by millions, sharing the stage and performing with huge stars including Joan Collins, Robbie Williams, Elton John and Kylie Minogue. Not ones to rest on their laurels, the Four Poofs went on a sell-out UK tour last year, playing to sell-out audiences at the Edinburgh Festival and Glastonbury and garnering accolades from the illustrious likes of Elton John, Jonathan Ross and Alan Carr. 'One Voice' is Stephen's long awaited debut solo album and features a delightful mix of musical theatre and pop covers including Kelly Clarkson, Neil Sedaka, Peter Allen, Barry Manilow.

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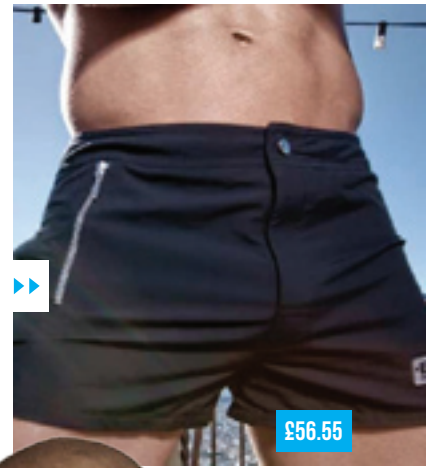
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The Happiest Hooker



by Mark Gray

I think the USA has come up with one competition we wouldn't mind seeing on our screens here in the UK and would guess could make a nice change from Britain's Got Talent or the X-Factor.

Rentboy.com's International Escort Awards Show, better known as "The Hookies," hosted by the inimitable Leslie Jordan (Beverly Leslie, Karen's nemesis in Will & Grace) were recently held in New York City. Some of the biggest names in the adult industry competed for people's choice awards celebrating all aspects of the oldest profession. Statuettes were given for Biggest Cock, Best Daddy, and Best Ass. The top prize was for the title of Mr. International Escort 2011 and the super endowed Rafael Alencar proved to be the big weiner ... uh... winner.

Of course it's nice to be nominated, but the win is what really counts, right? Everyone who is in a contest secretly hopes to win.

What does the win mean for your career?

Winning means the recognition of the community. I feel very honored to have been selected the best of the best in my industry.

Who did you thank in your speech?

All the cock suckers who voted to me. All the guys who I have fucked and all those who I haven't yet but will get to one day.

Will you be raising your rate now that you are the top hooker in the world?

I can't do that. My rate is already more than average and it's not fair for my regulars. I want to keep my clients happy.

How much do you make on a typical night?

Depends how horny the guys are. My phone rings off the hook every night.

Isn't that kinda crazy? Did you imagine as a child that you would one day be the top hooker in all the world?

As a baby, I sucked my thumb better than the other babies in the neighborhood.

Will you go around wearing your International Escort of the Year sash?

I was in Washington DC last week and took pictures in front of the White House wearing the sash.

What's the biggest misconception about escorting?

People assume they can't afford me, but they're wrong, they can. Call me, you'll see.

Is there a shady element to the business?

It can be as shady and dirty as you want it to be. Or, you can wear a suit and tie and keep it all professional. I'm into it all.

What do you do on a typical date?

Whatever it takes to fulfill me client's special fantasy.

Are most dates out in public or behind closed doors and under the sheets?

Behind closed doors. Many of my clients are married or famous so discretion is important.





Do you have regulars?

Sure, I have a lot of regulars.

What keeps your regulars coming back?

They come back for the cock they can't find anywhere else.

Have you ever experienced something close to a fatal attraction?

Unfortunately, yes. Some clients forget that our time together is a business arrangement.

When do you know when a customer is becoming a stalker?

I figure it out in time. If they wallpaper their bedroom with my face, I take that as a clue. On the other hand, when they have my picture as screen saver, I am flattered.

Have you ever walked out on a date?

No, I've been lucky. I avoid trouble by screening guys over the phone. I only walk out after I have worn them out good.

Is hooking an easy gig?

It is for me. I am getting paid to be myself.

You also dabble in porn.

I've done over one hundred movies.

What came first, escorting or porn?

Porn. I started escorting because so many guys were contacting me to act out the fantasies I was doing in the movies. I decided, hell, I'll put an ad up on Rentboy and start making dreams come true.

Which job do you prefer?

Both are hot. I'm like most Americans, working two jobs to get by.

Which job pays the bills?

I do porn for fun. Escorting is part of my life. It's like drinking water for me. I drink overtime.

What other jobs have you held?

I graduated university with a degree in dentistry which, I know, sounds crazy. Can you imagine me drilling your teeth? I also majored in journalism. Basically, I am a nerd who likes to fuck.

How long can a rentboy career last?

Depends how good you are. It's not the escort who stops working. It is the clients who stop calling. My phones ring all the time, so I don't think I'm going anywhere anytime soon.

What's the best thing about being a rentboy?

The money is great but I also enjoy meeting new people. My clients are my best friends.

Worst thing?

I like the word "prostitute" and generally, I think of it as a compliment, but I don't like when people call me "prostitute" as an insult.

What's your message to haters?

I used to fuck for free like you, but I got smarter.

What did you do with the HOOKIE AWARD? Where is it now?

My sister asked if she could display it on her shelf to show off to the rest of the family and friends. That's where it is.

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Chavophilia – When did the humble chav become the ultimate gay fantasy?



By Darrel Moore

We all know what a chav is don't we? They hang around brightly lit shops at night, sporting baseball and 'tracky bottoms' which they tuck into their off-white socks.

They hunt in packs, looking for unsuspecting victims to intimidate into buying them a bottle of cider and they always punctuate their sentences with 'init'. Am I stereotyping?

To me, these little walking ASBOS are about as sexy as a mouth full of used tampons. But what is it about this breed of social rejects that some gay men find such a turn-on? It's a

big fetish apparently. But where does this 'chavophilia' come from? Doesn't anyone want a nice guy anymore, or is everyone just looking for a dirty shag?

Let's face it - chavs hardly have the best life prospects. As far as the good-on-paper guys go, chavs don't even earn the right to pick up the pencil. [At the risk of generalising] They're all on speed, they don't work so you'd have to support them and their habit, and probably their pit-bull terrier called Ripper.

I find it hard to believe that anyone could have a meaningful and equal relationship with one. Or maybe it's actually pseudo-chavs that gay men are after - gay men who pretend to be chavs but are actually middle-class men with good jobs and nice homes that just have a thing for scallies? After all isn't that the crux of it? Isn't the biggest gay man's fantasy the straight man, plain and simple? Jocks, army guys, chavs - anyone will do.

I recently signed up to Fitlads, a dating website for gay men that is second only to the ultimate power that is Gaydar. The design symbol for this site is the silhouette of a chav in a cap slouching to one side. I was surprised to find that most of the men on there had a thing for 'scallies' in 'trackies' and chavs in general. A lot of them had dressed up in their very own chav-wear for the sake of the picture in order to pull a chav-loving chav for themselves. Perhaps there's a bit of a fantasy going on where they want to do the guy who bullied them at school. Hell I do - but I wouldn't want to date him,

he'd steal my TV before I could say 'amphetamines'.

Maybe I'm being a bit too optimistic but I thought that guys signed up to these websites looking for someone to have a relationship with - not just for an elaborate and well-acted fantasy-shag.

You just have to look at some of the sex-lines you can call now. It's all - me mate rubs his dirty socks in me face and sucks me scally dong! I'm all for a bit of fantasy but my idea of sexy isn't a skinny little twat that smells of stale piss and dog and has walked straight of the set of Shameless. Call me old-fashioned, but I like nice guys.

Maybe I'm biased because I have actually been out with a chav. And yes, he was on speed - but he was also a schizophrenic who stole from me, which to be fair, may have tainted my view on the whole deal. Is it possible to get a nice, friendly chav who helps out Mrs. Smith from over the road with carrying her shopping without mugging her senseless?

I read the profile of one guy who actually wrote "I don't like gay c*nts". Has it got to the point where gay men actually have to stop being gay to attract other gay men? Is the gay population becoming less tolerant with itself than the straight?

Having a preference to the type of guys you like is one thing, but as a gay man surely he should have learnt a bit of tolerance. Believe it or not there is a wide diversity of personality types - even within the gay community.

It's for this reason that I urge you, good gay fellows, to abandon your chavy ways. Don't look to the scallies to get your ya-ya's. Be yourselves and don't allow the scourge of Britain to hold your sexual attention. They don't deserve it. They'd call you a fag and piss on your face as soon as look at you. Oh, you want them to? Well, fair do's mate.



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THE RETURN OF THE COMPETITION

I've finally given way to public pressure. No, not to set up a home for 'wayward young men' (although that does sound like a good idea) but to bring back the Mr Gay UK competition.

The contest has been on a 2 year hiatus because I thought that fewer people were interested in it these days but it would appear that I may have been wrong. Everywhere I go if it's not the first question, it is invariably the second: "When's the next Mr Gay UK Final?" I have been getting a constant stream of e-mails asking the same question and from venues eager to hold a heat. Even some of the celebrities that were on past judging panels have asked if they can be involved again and excitedly tell me what a terrific time they had watching the lads parade around in their

underwear. Over the years we've had pop stars, movie stars, sporting icons, fashion designers, soap stars and TV personalities all eager to be on that panel and enjoying what I've always thought of as a 'fun' competition and an enjoyable night out.

The Mr Gay UK competition has always been one of my favourite parts of all the things I do as a businessman. It was what helped get the company established and certainly generated a lot of interest in all things gay as well as publicity for whoever managed to win the title. Organising those first few heats back in 1993 when we took the contest out to the wider public was very hectic. Everyone seemed scared to enter so myself, and the team, would go around trying to talk various members of the audience into entering. Getting



them to take their trousers off and parade around in the underpants was even trickier...but I have my ways. Now it's slightly easier as people know the concept and love the idea of being crowned Mr Gay UK. Even after the recent break in it being held I still get TV companies and various other media calling me up asking if I have a current winner who could appear on some TV show or news programme. They seem very disappointed that there isn't any new holder of the title they can call on to represent the gay community.

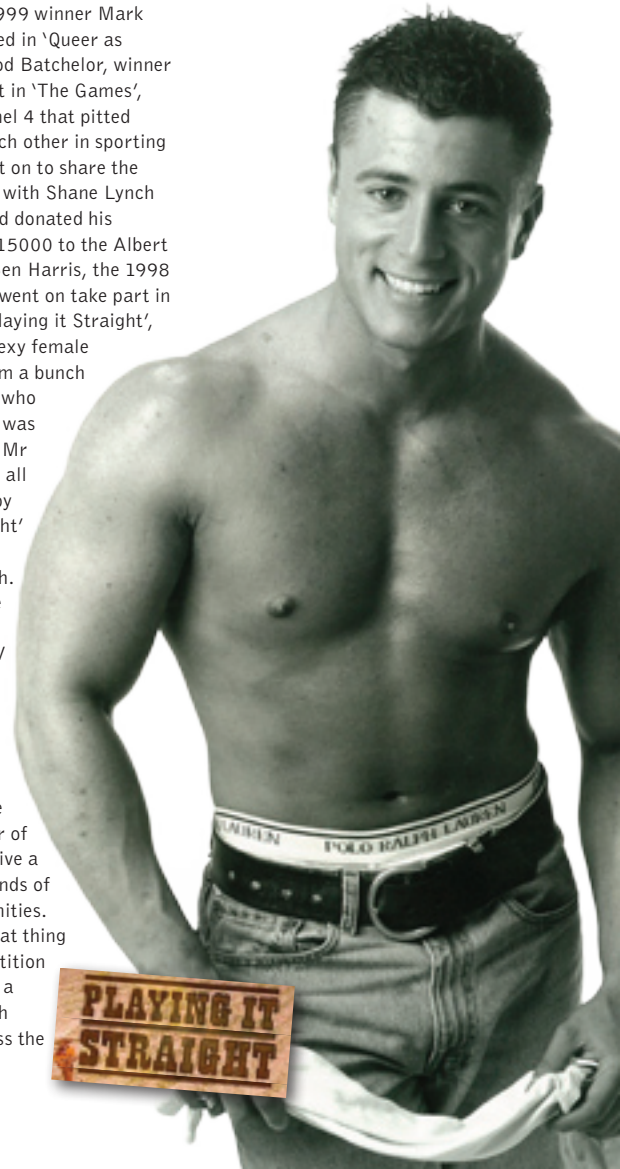
That was one of the best things for the winner of the title; almost immediately they became a celebrity themselves and a spokesman for a group of gay people who had very little opportunity to speak their own mind. The 1999 winner Mark Ledsham appeared in 'Queer as Folk', while Jarrod Batchelor, winner in 2003 took part in 'The Games', a series on Channel 4 that pitted celebs against each other in sporting contests. He went on to share the victor's accolade with Shane Lynch from Boyzone and donated his winner's fee of £15000 to the Albert Kennedy Trust. Ben Harris, the 1998 title holder later went on to take part in a series called 'Playing it Straight', a show where a sexy female had to decide from a bunch of hunky suitors, who was gay and who was straight. Former Mr Gay UK Ben beat all the competition by 'Playing it Straight' and walked off with a pile of cash. I can't guarantee that everyone gets their own TV show, although with all the gay celebs appearing at peak-time viewing on our screens I suppose it is only a matter of time, but it can give a platform to all kinds of brilliant opportunities. Of course the great thing about this competition is that it really is a nationwide search with venues across the UK holding their

own heats so ensuring they have their own representative taking part in the final. That means, your mate, or your boyfriend, or partner, or the barman you've simply lusted after for the past few weeks could be the next Mr Gay UK. We plan to hold the Grand Final online in conjunction with a major social networking site, with the winner being given the opportunity to represent the UK in the prestigious Mr Gay Europe competition.

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Hamburg – Sexy City



“ By this time our cocks were only half-hard, but he still didn't even flinch ”

Of all the cities in Germany, Hamburg is my favourite. Berlin's great for shopping and partying, but if you're looking for a place to live then Hamburg's the place for me; the lovely harbour, the fabulous people and its relaxed and understated atmosphere.

Perhaps you have to have been there to really understand what I mean; but there's no doubt in my mind that the best spontaneous sex session I ever had was in the city. I remember a stay at my favourite

hotel there, "East". The rooms are really big, with a huge bath-tub right in the middle – no walls, just a few light transparent curtains. It just so happened this one time that my boyfriend and I had been having some fun in the bathtub when a guy from room-service knocked on the door to serve the meal we'd ordered some time before. That's the one problem with this particular hotel – the room service can take hours! Unfortunately, when ordering the sandwiches, we'd said that the waiter should just enter the room since we planned to go to the hotel's gym for a workout before eating. But having returned from our exercise and now engaging in sport of a very different nature, it wasn't very amusing at all. So it was that the service guy entered the room with his little cart – both my boyfriend and I simply too shocked and embarrassed to tell him to wait outside or to leave! To his credit, however, the attitude of this guy – a cute fellow in his late 20s, though not my type – was distinguished and professional. Just as you'd expect it to be in a five star hotel!

He asked us where he should serve the meal: in front of the TV or next to the bath-tub, in which we were sat with our visibly hard cocks! He prepared and served everything on his little cart without so much as a glance in our direction; before approaching us

again and asking for a signature. By this time our cocks were only half-hard, but he still didn't even flinch as he bent forward to hand me his notebook and pen! Then finally, he left saying: "Thank you, Sirs – and have a pleasant evening. If you need anything else then please don't hesitate to call me."

We distinctly heard him start to laugh once he was back in the hallway. Needless to say, my boyfriend was so embarrassed that he started to wear shades on a permanent basis whilst in the hotel!

Anyway, I now travel to Hamburg at least a few times a year – and what can I say – the city never disappoints! Last month I was in town again, but this time (for reasons previously stated) we selected a new hotel – the Empire Riverside Hotel, between the Reeperbahn and St.Pauli Landungsbrücken. It's not so trendy or hip as "East", but boasts some breathtaking views of the River Elbe, the city and its harbour – especially if you ask for a room on the 16th to 20th floors.

After a long day promoting one of our latest STAXUS movie releases, my boyfriend and I returned to the hotel, where we discovered the hotel's very own rooftop bar on the 21st Floor. There we had several Aperol-Spritz

and Cosmopolitans – I know, very gay, but they're so delicious I just can't help loving them! – and enjoyed the breathtaking view of the lights over one of the biggest harbours in the world.

Soon afterwards we returned to our room – just one floor below the bar – with its high, panoramic windows, spread out over two complete sections of wall, which provided us with unrivalled views of the River Elbe. Feeling as horny as we did, we didn't wait a moment to tear at each other's clothes as soon as the door closed behind us. The ambient light from below gave the room a very romantic touch. Not that we wasted much time checking out the panorama – no, it was straight into hard and some of the horniest sex I've ever had. Pressed against a window on the 20th Floor at two in the morning, overlooking Hamburg's waterfront and the streets of St.Pauli beneath us, feeling slightly drunk – whilst all the time fucking your boyfriend, not to mention being fucked by him in return was sensational! Believe me, I've never experienced anything more energetic in my life.

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Arguably one of the most controversial TV shows of last year was *Spartacus: Blood and Sand*. It took us on a vicious rampage through the Roman Republic where a man's blood was easily spilled and not just in the gladiatorial arena.

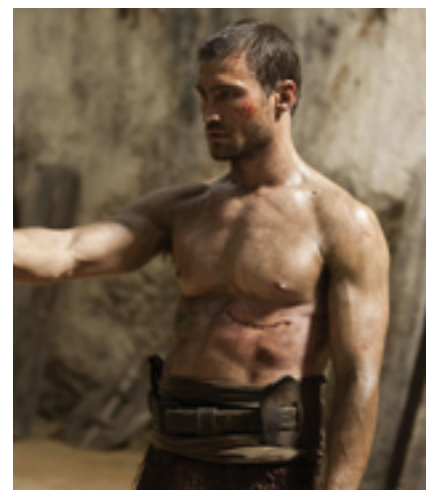
The gory special effects, sex and foul language left certain members of the viewing public in total shock, while others were on a heart-pounding high and some with sticky groins.

Andy Whitfield played Spartacus as he moved from mere captured slave and in to the most feared of all gladiators. His story was a nonstop deluge of blood, thrusting swords, dirt, fear, corruption



and revenge but for the viewer (gay or otherwise), it was also an opportunity to feast their eyes on a plethora of near (and often completely) naked beefcake. The harsh gladiator training school was the scene for some of the most homoerotic views and scenes ever to appear on TV.

Tight fitting, mucky linen jocks hardly covering their hunky, sweaty frames while they battled each other for a place in the games set the tone... and the pause button... on all the action. In the dark and dingy dungeons gay relationships between the gladiators seemed as accepted as the womanising by the master of the house... no one batted an eyelid... taking comfort in the carnage.



The whole package was just sensational and a second series was in the pipeline when its star, Andy Whitfield, contracted an illness that put him out of action. Although the final episode of the show ended in a bloodbath, the clever writers came up with the idea of a prequel to show us how everyone came to be who and why they were in the situation we found them in at the beginning of the series. *Spartacus: Gods of the Arena* is as sexy, rude and deviously written as the first series and makes it even more certain that the franchise has not been finished with. I'm sure we can expect even more from the rampaging gladiators as they take on the might of the Roman elite.

As long as they do it in as little clothing as possible.

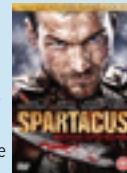


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Spartacus: Blood and Sand

Forced to fight daily for his life under the brutal whip of the trainer and condemned to a life in the brutal world of the arena where blood and death are primetime entertainment, Spartacus must become more than a man and more than a gladiator to survive. He must become a legend.



This gripping depiction of one of history's most brutal eras boasts cutting-edge digital technology, CGI graphics and special effects that take you right into the battle with a captivating blend of history, action, titillation and drama. Packed with 'extras' this collection will take you even deeper into the gladiatorial mire.

Out: 16th May – DVD & Blu-ray – Anchor Bay Home Ents

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

Spartacus was believed to have been a; A, Babylonian. B, Greek. C, Thracian.

Green Hornet

Britt Reid is the son of LA's most prominent and respected media magnate and perfectly happy to maintain a directionless existence on the party scene – until his father mysteriously dies, leaving him his vast media empire. Striking an unlikely friendship with one of his father's more industrious and inventive employees, Kato (Chou), they see their chance to do something meaningful for the first time in their lives: fight crime. Using all his ingenuity and skill, Kato builds the ultimate in advanced retro weaponry, *The Black Beauty*, an indestructible car equal parts firepower and horsepower.

Out: 2nd May – DVD & Blu-ray – Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

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

In painting what colours are mixed together to give green?



Going South

Prepare for a sun-drenched, sexually-charged road trip as the gorgeous and brooding Sam sets off on a revelatory journey in a bid to unravel his troubled past. Sam is soon joined by a pair of hitchhikers – sexually adventurous Lea and her hesitant younger brother Matthieu who both take an instant shine to the mysterious driver. Once Lea's advances are firmly rebuffed she picks up fellow hitchhiker Jeremie, which gives her sibling the perfect opportunity to make his burgeoning feelings clear for Sam. Inevitably Matthieu makes his move and this becomes the catalyst for the revelation of secrets and a tentative but explosive bond between the young travellers.

Out: 2nd May - £15.99 – tla releasing

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What is the direct opposite of the compass point North West?



The Ward

Welcome to North Bend Psychiatric Hospital in 1966, an isolation ward for female offenders with a deadly secret guaranteed to terrify beyond words. Kristen finds herself committed to *The Ward* after setting fire to an abandoned farmhouse. Imprisoned in this terrifying asylum alongside a group of erratically behaved young women, Kristen not only faces overbearing wardens during the day but by night a savage ghostly figure stalks the ward hallway for her next victim to swallow into the darkness.

Out: 16th May - DVD and Blu-ray - Warner Home Video

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'Bedlam' was a famous mental hospital in which country: A, England. B, France. C, Germany.



Men For Sale

Men For Sale provides a mesmerising look into the lives of 11 men – most in the early 20s – as they attempt to explain how they all arrived at the same profession. With a humanistic eye the film uncovers the vulnerabilities of its subjects as they struggle to affirm their masculinity and make sense of their conflicting sexual practices. French with English sub-titles.

Out: 23rd May - £15.32 – Bounty Films



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

What is the capital of Canada?

Taxi Zum Klo

In this revisit to an 80s German classic gay movie we meet Frank Ripplow, who is a bit of a rascal. He's a bearded and shaggy-haired teacher, and he's gay with a very active sex life and an interest in making films. He keeps his personal life and teaching separate, but he sometimes corrects student papers in public toilets as he waits to score. He cruises constantly, and one evening, he meets Bernd. They become lovers. While Bernd is attentive and caring, Frank gets bored and continues his polymorphously perverse ways. For how long will Bernd and Frank tolerate each other's habits, and for how long can Frank keep his sexual orientation out of the classroom? Out: 23 May - £14.99 – Peccadillo Pictures

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

What is the capital of Germany?



Win These

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Film

By Chris Amos



The Pirates Of The Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides captures the fun, adventure and humour that ignited the hit franchise - this time in Disney Digital 3D. Johnny Depp returns to his iconic role of Captain Jack Sparrow in an action-packed adventure. Crossing paths with the enigmatic Angelica (Penelope Cruz), he's not sure if it's love - or if she's a ruthless con

artist who's using him to find the fabled Fountain of Youth. When she forces him aboard the "Queen Anne's Revenge," the ship of the legendary pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane), Jack finds himself on an unexpected adventure in which he doesn't know whom to fear more: Blackbeard or Angelica, with whom he shares a mysterious past. The international

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cast includes franchise vets Geoffrey Rush as the vengeful Captain Hector Barbossa and Kevin R. McNally as Captain Jack's long time comrade Joshamee Gibbs, plus Sam Claflin as a stalwart missionary and Astrid Berges-Frisbey as a mysterious mermaid. Sadly no Orlando Bloom this time.



Priest

Priest, a western-fused post-apocalyptic thriller, is set in an alternate world - one ravaged by centuries of war between man and vampires. The story revolves around a legendary Warrior Priest (Paul Bettany) from the last Vampire War who now lives in obscurity among the other downtrodden human inhabitants in walled-in dystopian cities ruled by the Church. When his niece (Lily Collins) is abducted by a murderous

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pack of vampires, Priest breaks his sacred vows to venture out on an obsessive quest to find her before they turn her into one of them. He is joined on his crusade by his niece's boyfriend (Cam Gigandet), a trigger-fingered young wasteland sheriff, and a former Warrior Priestess (Maggie Q) who possesses otherworldly fighting skills.



Win Win

Tom McCarthy, acclaimed writer/ director of The Station Agent, explores the allegiances and bonds between unlikely characters with a lighter touch in his new film. Struggling attorney Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti), who moonlights as a high school wrestling coach, becomes legal guardian of an elderly client in an attempt to help keep his practice afloat. When the client's teenage grandson runs away from

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home and shows up on his grandfather's doorstep, Mike's family life and his wrestling team are turned upside down. Mike's win-win proposition turns into something much more complicated than he ever bargained for. McCarthy's deft touch balancing drama and comedy, broken hearts and poignant humanity is at play in Win Win.

MOVIE BUZZ

Ian Holm will be returning to the role he played in all three of the Lord of the Rings features and speculation is already leading most to believe he'll be featured in scenes alongside Elijah Wood who's returning as Frodo for the film.

Jeremy Renner is not replacing Matt Damon in the Bourne franchise, instead he'll be playing a character named Martin, an operative from a covert government program that is even more dangerous than the Treadstone brainwashing program that hatched Bourne. This marks Renner's third major franchise role since being nominated for an Oscar for The Hurt Locker as he is starring opposite Tom Cruise in Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol later this year and it is anticipated he may be taking over for the franchise afterward. He is also playing the character of Hawkeye in Marvel's The Avengers feature in 2012, a character Marvel would look to spin-off based on the film's success.

Kate Beckinsale has been offered the role of Lori opposite Colin Farrell in the Len Wiseman-directed Total Recall remake. No big surprise Wiseman would use Beckinsale considering she starred in two Underworld features for the helmer, and, uh, oh yeah... they're married.

Catherine Zeta-Jones is the latest big name to join Rock of Ages. She'll play the wife of the mayor of Los Angeles, an anti-rock villain created specifically for the film. Tom Cruise also stars and will be singing.

Patrick Warburton (Rules of Engagement) will play Mark Wahlberg's sexually confused co-worker in director Seth MacFarlane's teddy bear coming-to-life comedy Ted. Mila Kunis, Giovanni Ribisi, Joel McHale and MacFarlane (as the bear) round out the previously announced supporting cast. It seems only natural since Warburton, like MacFarlane and Kunis, is a long-time member of the "Family Guy" voice cast.



Blitz

Jason Statham heads the cast as the tough, uncompromising and un-PC detective Brant, who is teamed with unlikely partner Sgt Porter Nash played by Paddy Considine (The Bourne Ultimatum) to investigate a series of police murders.

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Aidan Gillen and David Morrissey join the cast as a cop-hating serial killer and hack crime reporter. So if you like seeing Jason beating the crap out of anyone who gets in his way, you are going to like this.



X-Men: First Class

X-Men First Class charts the epic beginning of the X-Men saga, and reveals a secret history of famous global events. Before mutants had revealed themselves to the world, and before Charles Xavier and Erik Lensherr took the names Professor X and Magneto, they were two young men discovering their

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powers for the first time. Not archenemies, they were instead at first the closest of friends, working together with other Mutants (some familiar, some new), to stop Armageddon. In the process, a grave rift between them opened, which began the eternal war between Magneto's Brotherhood and Professor X's X-Men.



Hanna

Award-winning director Joe Wright creates a boldly original suspense thriller with Hanna, starring Academy Award nominee Saoirse Ronan (The Lovely Bones, Atonement) in the title role. Raised by her father (Eric Bana), an ex-CIA man, in the wilds of Finland, Hanna's upbringing and training have been one and the same, all geared to making her the perfect assassin. The turning point in her adolescence is a sharp one;

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sent into the world by her father on a mission, Hanna journeys stealthily across Europe while eluding agents dispatched after her by a ruthless intelligence operative with secrets of her own (Academy Award winner Cate Blanchett). As she nears her ultimate target, Hanna faces startling revelations about her existence and unexpected questions about her humanity.



TEN THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT: ROBERT PATTINSON

- Is an excellent musician and plays both the guitar and piano. He began taking piano lessons at age three, and classical guitar at five.
- Attended Harroddian private school in London.
- He beat 3,000 people to play Edward Cullen in Twilight.
- Supports Arsenal Football Club.
- Learned to drive in a ten hour crash course on the set of Twilight.
- Father is a car salesman.
- Invited an obsessive fan out for dinner when he was having a bad day.
- One sister, Lizzy, 25, had a top ten hit with the band Aurora. The other, Victoria, 27, works in advertising.
- Has said that darts and pool are more his sport, and that he made up that he liked snowboarding and soccer for his Harry Potter audition.
- A distant relative of Vlad the Impaler whom Bram Stoker's Dracula was based on. This is a coincidence because Rob plays Edward Cullen a 100 plus year old Vampire in the Twilight Saga.

This month Robert tests if he can be a box office leading man outside the Twilight franchise starring opposite Reese Witherspoon in the Water For Elephants out 4th May.

Hotels

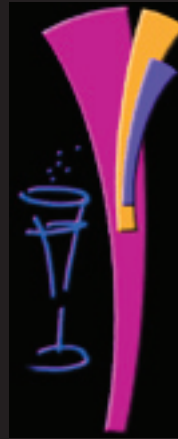
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Blackpool Pride

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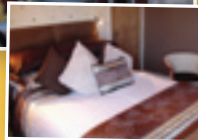
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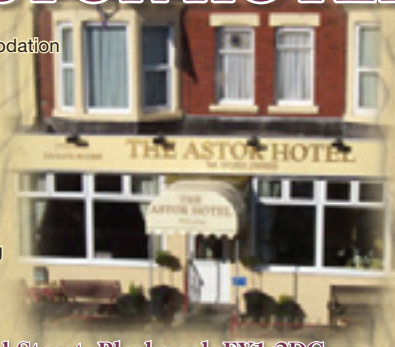
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A Sluts Guide:

To Holiday Heaven

By Beyonce

Tried and tested by four of the biggest slags in Britain (well, three and their rather lacklustre quasi slutty friend), here is the ultimate guide to shagging around in the gay holiday capitals of Europe.



We sent four whores to shag, suck, lick and chase throughout the dark rooms, beaches and hotel rooms the most popular hot spots, just to report back to you. The things we do for our readers!

Not always the most obvious

Look for shopping centres and family eating areas by day that fold away to reveal the dark, dirty excesses of fabulous queer clubbing by night. Enjoy being 'in the know' as you investigate the unseen 'dark rooms', where all the gays gather for frolics, orgies and voyeurism. Drinks are stronger than lighter fuel, and the men are just the same.



Daytime frolics in the Dunes

Have you ever seen the film, Dune? Seen those massive big fat worms in the sand? Well imagine that, attached to gorgeous, bronzed tourists basking amongst soft white hillocks. Ahem. Don't, like us, try to find them after umpteen cocktails by following the 'sounds and smells' of the ocean.

Licky-Licky Sucky-Sucky

This involves you and your friend sandwiching a guy between your lips. Let me explain: one of you gives the guy a blowjob whilst the other rims him. Relatively safer sex with the benefit of having him pinned between the two of you, preventing him from an easy escape and forcing him to enjoy the carnal pleasures of your tongue-tastic mouths!

Working the Dark Rooms

Always carry condoms. That's rule number one. Rule number two, is to stake out a niche or corner in the dark rooms. Spread yourself, pose, wobbly drunkenly but hornily: just make sure you get noticed. Team up if you have to. What we did is took two of us to a room, each occupying a far corner, and then when the boys enter . . .

Hotels

Make sure, if you're sharing a room, you share with someone on a par with yourself in the promiscuity stakes. If one of you is lying beneath two twinks and a bear on one side of the room, and the other is grumpily moaning and huffing in the corner (or watching you all and wanking off), it can cause friction on holiday. So share with a slag and they'll either join in (and you won't mind), or be having their own fun across from you. If you don't like very much sex (what's wrong with you? Is it contagious?), then share with a virgin. Or whatever.

Blag It

If, unlike me, you don't have fabulous connections spanning the globe, you may want to try blagging. Hence, whilst we were on holiday, all my friends changed their names. Steven became Christian, the fashion buyer for Prada. Tom became Harvey, the media magnate. And Ritchie became . . . um, I forgot! (When it came to my turn, we decided I was to be called by the nickname of Beyoncé and I would tell people I was a columnist and magazine diva. But that was all true anyway!)

Remember: you will never meet most of these people again, so who gives a flying f... ?

And Finally

Be safe. "Condoms and crash-helmets, bitches".
"Condoms and crash-helmets."

Queer Windermere?

Adrian Gillan

enjoys the **extreme non-scene** on and around England's largest natural lake, **Windermere**.

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History

10½ miles long, up to a mile wide and, in places, 220 feet deep: Lake Windermere is the largest natural lake in England - formed by two glaciers during the last major ice age, 13,000 years ago. In the county of Cumbria, entirely within the Lake District National Park, it contains 18 islands - by far the largest being the privately-owned 1km-long Belle Isle, right opposite Bowness-on-Windermere.

The Romans built their fort of Galava at Windermere's northern end, Waterhead, and the lake has always been an important waterway for the transport of materials. Moreover, ever since 1847 - when the Kendal & Windermere Railway branch-line opened up - it has been one of the country's most popular places for holidays and summer homes. In the late 19th Century, wealthy Lancashire businessmen built grand mansions overlooking the lake, many of which now flourish as hotels.

Arthur Ransome's children's book series *Swallows and Amazons* evokes inter-war life around a fictional lake - supposedly derived from a combination of Lake Windermere and neighbouring Coniston Water.

Sights

With its marina, promenade and attractions, Lakeland's main holiday resort, Bowness-on-Windermere, is an excellent centre for countless water- and land-based activities. The stories and characters of perhaps Lakeland's most famous author are brought to life at the highly interactive World of Beatrix Potter (www.hop-skip-jump.com). Visit Potter's home at nearby Hill Top too.

Blackwell Arts & Crafts Museum (Blackwell, The Arts & Crafts House, Bowness-on-Windermere; T: 015394 46139; www.blackwell.org.uk) is one of Britain's finest houses from the turn of the last century, retaining almost all of its original decorative features – complete with splendid gardens and a gallery space offering fascinating exhibitions. Both interior and exterior were inspired by the William Morris-led 'Arts & Crafts Movement', a reaction to the supposedly potentially soul-destroying industrial revolution. Fab tea rooms and craft shop too. Open Daily 10.30am - 5.00pm. Adults £7, Children £4, Family £18.

To venture more widely, afloat, regular and highly-punctual ferry services operated by Windermere Lake Cruises (www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk) run from Bowness to Waterhead, near quaint Ambleside, in the north; and to Lakeside at the southern end – plus around the lake's islands. Tickets can be bought for individual routes or in combination with selected local attractions; or – for 24-hour flexibility and value – buy the superb 'Freedom of the Lake' ticket, available for individuals or families. Excellent staff - some of whom provide interesting and amusing commentary - plus an on-board shop, selling a wide range of refreshments, help make these cruises a thoroughly pleasurable experience.

Be sure to use your land legs too! For a perfect ½-day lakeside walk out of Bowness-on-Windermere, pop over the lake on the thrice-hourly car ferry from near the marina (just 50p each way for foot passengers); then stroll by the water's edge, through gorgeous forest and verdant pasture, to Castle Wray and back – for fab views of the surrounding lake and hills.

The fun Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway (www.lakesiderailway.co.uk) also runs a regular, sadly all-too-short, steam service from Lakeside to nearby Haverthwaite.

Eat & Drink

Good local places to eat and drink in Bowness-on-Windermere include The Ship Inn, between marina and main promenade, offering stunning lake views; and modern, stylish Fat Olives (www.fatolives.com), a short walk up the hill towards Windermere village – where you will also find The Lighthouse (www.thelighthouse-restaurant.com) for a buzzing contemporary vibe.

Of course, while there is no overt gay scene in these parts to speak of – surely, for some, part of the attraction – you will be sure to find a warm same-sex welcome throughout. And, naturally, restless single fellows can invariably readily meet other like-minded locals online these days anyway!

Cumbria Tourism can be contacted on 015398 22222, www.golakes.co.uk or www.lakedistrictoutdoors.co.uk. Lake District accommodation booking line: 0845 450 1199

Oxenholme (and the Lake District) are a mere 2½ hours away direct from London Euston, and even closer from other major UK cities, by Virgin Trains: www.virgintrains.co.uk

Windermere is just 20 mins from Oxenholme by a roughly hourly local rail service. Once at Windermere, connect, via local buses, to Bowness-on-Windermere, a mile or so away.

Stay

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My First Gay Sauna Experience

By Steve Markham

God, I was sooo nervous. I'd been planning on going for over a year but just couldn't pluck up the necessary courage to take me through the doors. I'd walked past the entrance on more than one occasion, desperately thinking "This time do it." "This time do it" but my nerve would fail and I'd return home both annoyed with myself yet desperate to see what it was like inside.

My imagination conjured up a sexual maelstrom where a young guy like me could get swept up and carried along with multiple partners... did I tell you I was as horny as hell? Well I was. Eventually, a friend said he'd go with me, although he said he had no interest but as it obviously meant so much to me, he'd accompany me so I'd not be alone.

We walked in on a Saturday afternoon, paid our money, got a towel and a key to a locker and I was surprised at just how friendly the young guy behind the counter was. As it was our first time he offered to show us around, which I would have liked but my friend said that it would be exciting to explore on our own.

We threw our clothes in the locker, wrapped a towel around our waists and set off for the grand tour. The place was bigger than I expected and quite well lit in some areas, where others were dark and mysterious. My friend suggested we avoided them for

the time being and we found ourselves in a sauna with four other guys - they were aged from about 25 to 55. Not much chat was taking place but they'd all removed their towels and were sat proudly displaying their cocks. Two of them were hard even though as far as I could see nothing was going on, and I was impressed at the size of the oldest guy sat there with his eyes closed and his dick rampant. The place was hot in every respect and we moved to a Jacuzzi to cool off. The bubbles hid all manner of things when I received my first sexy brush of human contact as another guy's foot brushed against mine. We made eye contact and pretty soon he was sat next to me with his hand gently stroking my thigh. At this point my mate wanted to explore some more but I just said I'd join him later and stayed with my new found friend.

We talked as he stroked and eventually he suggested we went off to find a cubicle. I don't know how long I was in there but it was great and we did all manner of things I'd been desperate to try for ages. When we returned to the café area for a drink, I went in search for my friend. After looking everywhere I eventually found him - in the dark area, in a sling and getting a damn good seeing to.

We've been a few times now. In fact my mate is hooked on the dark room and I just like to meet all the different guys. They never cease to amaze me with their ideas and enthusiasm.



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Some people are really good at exercising. They have no problem slipping on their shorts and into their sneakers and setting off on a ten mile run.



Some hit the gym with a strange, almost religious, necessity to pump those weights and pose in front of all those mirrors. I admire such commitment and determination but a question needs to be asked:

"Are you doing the same routine and workout that you have always done?" If the answer is YES, and it so often is, then you need to make some changes. Our bodies are incredibly smart at adapting to external stimuli. So if given the same type of exercise for years, months or even too many weeks in a row, our bodies will quickly learn how to handle this workout and plateau. Therefore it is vital that each person's fitness regime include a commitment to renewing your goals, re-assessing your body every 3-6 months and re-working your program and exercises based on this reanalysis.

You need to decide what is really best for you. Are you still doing the exercises you did as a youngster just to keep fit but now you want to complete a marathon? If so...you may well not be doing the best

programme for the new interest. Same goes for other sporting areas. It's no good building masses of muscle if what you really need for your new target is stamina exercises. Take a good look at what your aims are and find out if what you are doing is the correct. If not, make those changes now. Your own circumstances might have changed. Workloads might restrict what you can do or confine you to hours on end sat at the computer or simply you're so busy it's affecting your sleep. Be aware that a more sedentary life might need less pounding the streets and a more balanced stretching exercise.

Don't stop the exercise - just think about changing your routine so that the body doesn't become too used to what you are going to throw at it. You might find that your body begins to respond in a way that it hasn't done for many years simply through a few changes of habit.

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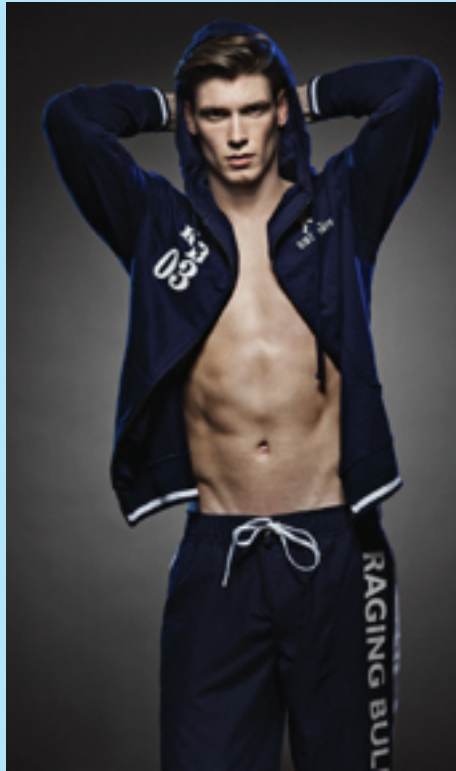


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THT support for incapacity claims

HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) is urging anyone with HIV who currently claims incapacity benefit and receives a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions, asking them to be assessed on their ability to work, and is in need of support to contact its THTDirect helpline on 0845 12 21 200.

THTDirect will give initial benefits advice and, if people are in need of more in-depth support, refer them on to a local agency or the Citizen's Advice Bureau. THT Direct is open from 10am to 10pm weekdays and from 12pm till 6pm at weekends.

Policy Director Lisa Power said of the assessments: "We don't want people living with HIV, who could be affected by these changes, to go through this alone. THT staff and volunteers are at the end of the line, with helpful guidance and support for anyone worried about these assessments, so please get in touch with us to help you through the process."

www.tht.org.uk/benefits

Meanwhile, for those who like to take part in a charity walk the THT is looking for willing walkers to donate their ruby slippers for people living with

HIV on Sunday 5th June for this year's Walk for Life 10k event. Starts and ends in Potter's Fields Park, London, SE1 2AA Noon, Sunday 5th June. If you would like to take part in this year's Walk for Life as a walker, or to enter a team, register online at www.walkforlife.co.uk or call 020 7812 1665 to sign up for this year's event. It costs just £10 to register, which helps THT cover the costs of the event and ensure that walker sponsorship goes to people living with HIV.

Condom Trouble?

For 25 years, safer sex campaigns have been reminding gay men that condoms prevent the spread of HIV. But although they're often available for free, some men don't always use them. The latest issue of FS magazine, from the gay men's health charity GMFA, investigates men's problems with condoms and discovers some solutions.

"They don't fit properly" - "I never seem to have any when I need them" - "I lose too much sensation" - "I lose my hard-on when I try to put one on" These and more questions are covered in the latest issue of FS magazine. It's available for free in gay venues across the UK, or online at:

www.gmfa.org.uk/fsmag

Good news for the older guy

Social network ManCentral recently polled over 3,000 of its members to find out how much younger or older they were all willing to go when they were looking to go on a date or finding Mr.Right or Mr.Tonight! A lot of guys have strict rules about the kind of guys they date. Are most guys comfortable dating men that are 5, 10 or even 20 years younger or older than them? Or would we all just rather date someone our own age? Let's have a look, the results could surprise you!

How much older are most guys willing to go when looking for a boyfriend, fuck buddy, sugar daddy etc... and the options were:

- A) 10 years or more
- B) 5 years is enough
- C) I like them when they've got one foot in the grave
- D) A couple of years older and
- E) I ONLY date guys my age.

Most were quite open-minded when it came to dating older guys as a whopping 39% said they would not have a problem dating a guy that is 10 years older than they are. 33% said they would date a guy only 5 years older. 17% said they would date someone that was a couple of

years older. So all in all 89% of you said that you would date someone older. It's good to see that we are keeping our options open!

6% of the members asked date guys who are their age ONLY. Surprisingly 5% of you said you would date a guy that has got "one foot in the grave." We knew it! There is a little bit of Anna Nicole Smith in some of you!

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Hard and hairless

BY STEVEN ROWLEY

He arrived exactly at the time he specified and I opened the door to find a rather good looking, dark skinned, 24 year-old on my doorstep carrying a holdall. As he entered he smiled a dazzling smile that immediately put me at ease and we shook hands. He told me his name was Mahmood and that's what I should call him if I felt the need to speak. However, he wanted to get straight down to what he'd come for and told me to go and shower. I told him I'd had one earlier but he insisted that I go again – as he explained... the hot water would soften the pubic hair as he shaved my hairy bollocks.

I spent about 5 minutes making sure every part of my body got a good hot soaking and when I returned to the living room Mahmood had laid out a huge thick white towel, his shaving items and massage oils. He was also naked except for a shiny thick metal cock ring that was held in place by three leather straps; a thick one around his waist and thinner ones each around the top of each thigh. His cock was pushed out by the ring but in truth it wasn't too big however, the overall look on Mahmood's smooth, blemish free, silky brown skin was absolutely stunning. I settled down on the thick towel to let him get to work. Firstly he trimmed my thick pubic bush with a pair of scissors and when that was down to a manageable length he foamed up a rich lather spreading it all over my cock and balls. The feeling was of the most exquisite sensuality and of course my cock began to grow. I don't have a particular large cock but it was firming up nicely as he administered the foam and applied his razor. He was slow, methodical, intense and replied in a quiet whisper to all the questions I wanted to ask him.

He took over an hour stripping each and every hair from my cock and balls and made a neat leveled off pattern around the top of my thighs. With every small or long stroke from his cut-throat razor his finger, finger nail, palm or the edge

of his instrument would gently rub and stimulate my hard-on even more. My mind was doing loops of desire and excitement as the thrill-factor seemed to increase but alas, no attempt at release was offered. I happily throbbed, pulsed and sweated manfully as he cleared my pubes to produce a stunning smooth and utterly hairless surface. I don't think I've ever been so naked apart from when I was a baby, while the soft, de-forested white area made my cock look even bigger, more proud and an absolute stonking organ anyone would have been proud to own. As he rubbed some sweet smelling liquid into the newly shaved area he just told me that this would take away any possible razor burns my skin might react to and would make it so that the area remains silky soft and smooth for quite some time. I loved what he'd done and was all set to offer my thanks and let him be on his way... except he told me the job wasn't over yet and that I should turn over.

He spent another age clearing away all the hair from around my bum and I came out of a fantastic relaxing dream feeling him soothing more oils into my newly shaved area while massaging my bum cheeks; his small gentle but purposeful long thin fingers occasionally slipping and tickling just inside my hole. He ordered me to get up on my hands and knees and I did so without thinking as I hoped he would now let me relieve my bubbling, cum-filled balls. The fingers that he'd just spent time massaging my most intimate parts with were now wrapped over my eyes in a sort of pretend blindfold. He whispered something in his native tongue and I felt as giddy as a school girl when he gently moved them down to my mouth and tenderly offered each of them to be licked. Although he was not being pushy I felt I had no alternative but to suck on each digit and as I did Mahmood let out a small gasp of pleasure and satisfaction. Once licked and cleaned his hands moved down my body and stroked my hips, which had started to buck

slightly as if I was making love to some invisible person. My cock was hard and desperate for release and my bum hole was now on fire, whatever that lotion was had produced an incredible sensation that needed to be satiated. As he stroked my hips I could feel his cock nudge at my hole. Soon his hot, nimble fingers grasped my aching dick and fondled it while I tried to maintain balance on all fours. My now hairless body somehow felt different and I was more responsive to every touch, tickle and tentative tug. All my senses were connecting to different parts of my anatomy as if a current was passing between them and I became aware of Mahmood pushing forward and encouraging me to open up. The lotion that he had spread around my body and massaged into my pubic area and bum hole had both relaxed me and acted like some aphrodisiac. With my body on fire and my mind full of lustful thoughts my foreign friend picked his moment precisely. With a yell of some Middle-Eastern expletive he entered me with a force that belied his slim build and gentle demeanor and I was caught up in the wildest, hardest and most physically draining session I have ever experienced.



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Pisces

(Feb20/Mar20)

Discussing a dilemma with someone who has his or her feet on the ground will help you see things more clearly now. A jealous friend is causing waves and it is becoming apparent they're trying to come between you and your partner. Conflicts in a close relationship have more to do with outside influences than whether or not you are compatible. You don't necessarily want to win an argument but you do want to feel your partner is listening and understands. A heart to heart will give you this reassurance.

Aries

(Mar21/Apr20)

You've always been impulsive and quick to act without thinking. A recent display of impetuosity hasn't pleased your partner. An argument is virtually inevitable; he or she will expect you to explain your behaviour. Conflict itself isn't what you should be worried about. It is the way the disagreement is handled that will affect your relationship for better or for worse. Over the weeks ahead, diplomacy is what will bring you together, aggression could tear you apart!

Gemini

(May22/June21)

You feel strangely empty inside; it's as if something is missing from your life but you don't know what. You want to get more out of each day and it has to be nothing like you have experienced before. This could compel you to probe mystical and spiritual realms to find the answers to fill this void. Whenever you feel confused or uncertain, listen to your inner voice. If you're looking for a new lover, someone with a great sense of humour and who is a witty conversationalist is the one for you!

Cancer

(June22/July23)

Your social world is the centre of activity now and there is something unusual about this activity. Friends who have never seen you let down your guard are in for a big surprise. There's a lot of excitement in the air and plenty opportunity, over the weeks ahead, to laugh and have fun. You may have to reshuffle your usually very strict schedule to fit in some spur of the moment arrangements. People expect you to be annoyed by this but far from it. Nothing is too much to ask of you at the moment.

Leo

(July24/Aug23)

Psychologically you feel stronger now and more able to deal with traumas of the past. Cutting yourself off emotionally from disturbing aspects of your childhood will help you discover the real you in the future. You feel more confident about who you are without having to put on an act for others. You could start a fresh chapter in your relationship with a more realistic conception of your capabilities.

Virgo

(Aug24/Sept23)

You aren't being aggressive standing up for yourself if someone is trying to push you around. Your assertive response lets other people know they won't find it easy to get you to do their bidding. You're preparing

for a special event that will soon take place. No matter how hard you are working towards this, something is bound to make you nervous on the actual day. This is good enough reason to take some time off all the arranging to relax and pamper yourself!

Libra

(Sept24/Oct23)

It will be hard to decide which is the most exhilarating: your career, romance or community affairs. If you're really lucky you will be enjoying a small amount of success through each and every one of these. Or you might prefer to focus your energy on the area which currently means the most to you and that is romance. In which case you will have no complaints about the joy and happiness this will bring over the weeks ahead.

Scorpio

(Oct24/Nov22)

You and your partner may be planning something exciting but you don't have to spend every waking hour talking about it. Friends who tell you they don't mind you bringing up the subject again and again are only being polite. No matter how much you want to remind everyone of the wonderful things you have to look forward to, try to curb your enthusiasm. A friend wants to involve you in a humanitarian campaign concerned with human rights.

Sagittarius

(Dec22/Jan20)

Diplomacy should be your keyword throughout the weeks ahead. It could be easy to put your foot in it when on a number of occasions you will be tempted to say a few things you've always wanted to say! Quite suddenly you will realise, hopefully before you've said too much, that now is not the best time to voice your opinions. Bite your tongue and a more appropriate moment to air your views will be here sooner than you think!

Capricorn

(Dec22/Jan20)

You've taken on something big and it won't all be plain sailing. You knew you were in for a huge challenge and you're ready for this. What may surprise you is the amazing helpfulness of someone who could easily be mistaken for your guardian angel. If you are single, you will be completely enamoured by a person who is kind, considerate and helpful. Best of all you can look him or her in the eye and they will make you feel as if you are the only one in the room.

Aquarius

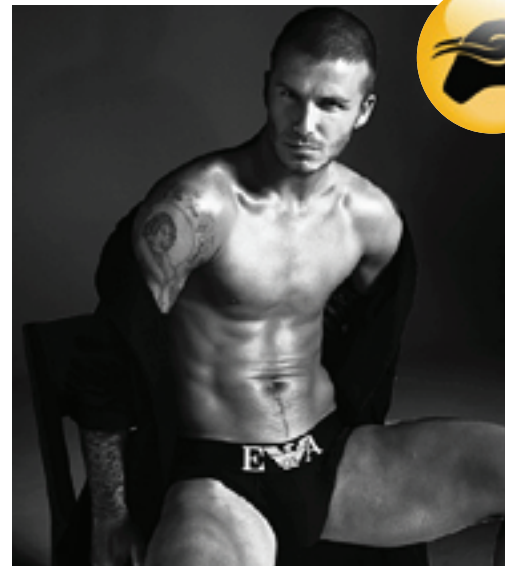
(Jan21/Feb19)

It will only be a waste of time to continue with something you can't get interested in. There are plenty other things you could be getting on with. Equally, why put effort into a relationship you know isn't going to work? You're being influenced by a person whose mind keeps changing several times an hour. No wonder you haven't a clue where you are. Over the weeks ahead you need to start looking at all areas of your life from a more practical perspective.

Taurus

(Apr21/May21)

You aren't feeling particularly sociable these days. In fact you're in a very private frame of mind. These next few weeks, your good health will depend on whether or not you find the time you need to be as far away from other people as possible. Being imaginative and creative is important to you. It might seem as if you have lost touch with your aims and true desires. A few hours meditation will help you feel spiritually and emotionally whole again.



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