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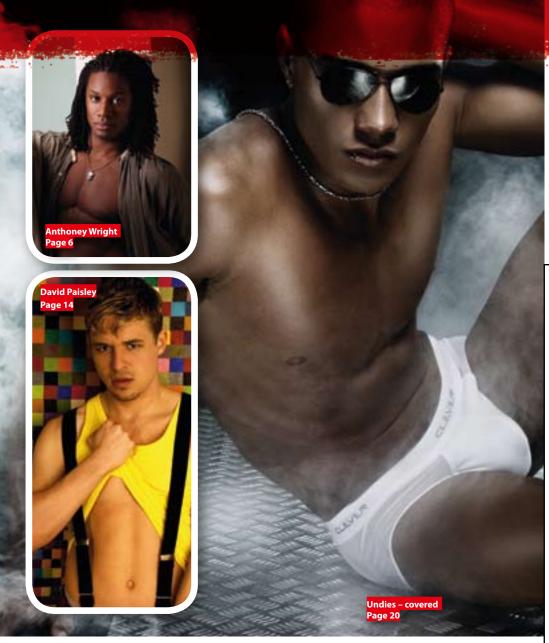


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WITH ALL THE GAY PRIDES AND ASSOCIATED CELEBRATIONS ON THE HORIZON. I WAS THINKING THE OTHER DAY JUST WHEN EXACTLY IT WAS I REALISED I WAS GAY. NOW I'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND ALTHOUGH I CAN REMEMBER THE MOMENT I DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT (I.E. FIND OTHER GUYS LIKE ME) I HADN'T REALLY GIVEN THE ACTUAL 'ROAD TO DAMASCUS' MOMENT THAT MUCH THOUGHT.

I can never remember hearing the words puff, homo or queer in my home environment but if they were spoken, I didn't know what they meant or considered them aimed at me. I don't remember getting embarrassed at school if I looked at one of the other lads changing for swimming, games or PE or being called any names at all. I'm sure others were but I seem to have drifted through my school years completely oblivious to it all. Although it was guys on TV and often their young side-kicks that I enjoyed watching (particularly Ron Ely as Tarzan) to me this was all normal and my lack of interest in the female form was not an issue. I suppose part of this was because I was nearly always surrounded by girls. I got on with them but didn't necessarily want to play in their games or be part of their group. However, one hot summer's day, on a school lunch hour, my mate Kenneth and I went up to lie in the sun on the playing fields. He thought it would be terrific to strip off and get some air and sun to his pale firm body and promptly did so. Dressed in just his red briefs, he settled down to snoozing in the heat of the day. My reaction? Well, it is still one of my very clearest and happiest memories

of school. In fact, all these years later and I'm still writing about it, so it just shows the impact it had on me. His lithe young body, lying there in just his pants (we were about 14 at the time) and I simply could not take my eyes off him. That image occupied my nocturnal thoughts and became the object of my fantasies, although I'm still not sure if it was him or his stunning red briefs that created this reaction in me. I suppose (if you'll pardon the pun) it was the complete package but even after that, and the mess in my pyjamas night after night, I still didn't know I was gay... or a homo... or a puff. I just didn't reference one thing with the other... that I preferred boys was without doubt but putting a name to what I was or how I felt just didn't enter mv head.

I just know that it wasn't a phase as my preference for the male form had apparently always been there. I wasn't camp, feminine or more theatrical than any other lads in my class so I wasn't perceived as being anything 'different'. I suppose there may be some who might suggest that I just drifted into being gay and was too lazy to do anything about it. Well I'm sure the currents in everyone's lives take them in many directions... I'm just damned pleased I ended up where I am... and with the man I'm with.

Hugs



And finally to the question, What makes a homosexual? A couple of fucking heterosexuals!



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WRIGHT

IT SEEMS THAT THE ACCOLADE OF 'THE SAVIOUR OF BRITISH SOUL' IS BANDIED ABOUT WITH EVERY NEW SINGER. OFTEN, THE POOR SOD WHO GETS THE LABEL THEN HAS A HELL OF A JOB LIVING UP TO IT BUT PERHAPS ANTHONEY (YES IT'S SPELLED CORRECTLY) WRIGHT MIGHT JUST BE THE EXCEPTION TO THAT RULE.



From a young age he was exposed to a wide range of music by his Nottingham based radio DJ grandfather, so he had the likes of Marvin Gaye, Al Green, Prince, Aretha Franklin, Aerosmith and 10cc as his influences, all of whom he enjoyed singing along to. As he got older, he found an ability to write songs as well as sing them and it was this talent that led him into lending his voice to various dance-orientated projects: 'A Man Called Adam', Crush, Graham Parks, Alistair Whitehead, Public Demand. He later sang on 'Right Here's The Spot' and 'Supersonic' on Basement Jaxx's 2003 smash album 'Kish Kash'.

It was in 2004, when Anthoney was making the most of the glitz and glamour of metropolitan life, that, following a particularly heavy weekend, he realised his lifestyle was becoming increasingly shallow. He had a stark "there must be more to life" moment, and from then on everything changed for Anthoney Wright. Coincidentally, a friend telephoned and told him about The Monastery, a TV show that was looking for five people to spend six weeks in Worth Abbey. Less than a week later, Anthoney walked into The Monastery and his life changed

Now a Buddhist, Anthoney still lives in London but by a very different set of rules – those of discipline, self-awareness, reflection, accountability and life appreciation have replaced a formerly hollow and unsatisfying lifestyle. A keen sportsman he enjoys running, boxing and the gym and should you want to search out his latest album "Feet On The Ground" you can instantly see why the music industry has so much faith in the man.

Album out now: "FEET ON THE GROUND" www.anthoneywright.com

THINGS TO IMPRESS **YOUR LOVER**



- 1. Make your napkins look like swans.
- 2. Serve Champagne not Asti Spumante.
- 3. Make sure 'your' song is the one you both remember.
- 4. Remember only his good points.
- 5. Tell him he was marvellous... even when he wasn't.
- 6. Ignore his self-inflicted hangover and sympathise



- 7. Give him a foot massage and cut his toenails.
- 8. Buy him flowers even when it isn't an anniversary or you're apologising for something.
- 9. Ask him regularly if he's lost weight or tell him that his sessions at the gym are certainly producing results
- 10. Get a star named after him .
- However, there is a time to tell him it's all over... that is if he insists that a good night in is watching, and singing along to, the Mama Mia DVD... again.

Then officially, you are allowed to kill him!





PRISCILLA

Based on the Oscar® award-winning film, Priscilla tells the story of Tick (Jason Donovan), Bernadette (Tony Sheldon) and Adam (Oliver Thornton), a glamorous Sydney-based performing drag trio that agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback. It's a heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus (nicknamed Priscilla) searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they could ever have dreamed. With a dazzling array of outrageous costumes and featuring a score of dance-floor classics, this new musical is a sensational journey to the heart of the fabulous.

Palace Theatre, Cambridge Circus, London W1

priscillathemusical.com Box Office: 0844 755 0016



EACHERS

SURVEY BY STONEWALL INTO BULLYING AT SCHOOL rs come up with some Alarming Conclusions.

Nine in ten secondary school teachers and more than two in five primary school teachers say children and young people, regardless of sexual orientation, currently experience homophobic bullying, name-calling and harassment in their schools. According to the research, titled The Teachers' Report, more than 150,000 pupils are affected by anti-gay bullying, with boys who work hard, girls who play sport, young people with gay parents, and young people who are thought to be gay all suffering from name-calling and abuse. Half of secondary school teachers who are aware of homophobic bullying in their schools say the vast majority of incidents go unreported. Stonewall and support groups want more action in schools in support antibullying programmes.

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So, frustrated by the lack of openly gay musicians on the indie rock and punk scene he set off to try to pull it all together in the freedom capital of the world, San Francisco. To begin with, not all went to plan. It was lesbian and feminist bands that seemed to leading the way but eventually Jon was able to gather like-minded musos with a love of rock music and upfront gay lyrics, to form Pansy Division as a recording and gigging band.

According to Jon's book Deflowered - My Life in Pansy Division, the name came about as a bit of a piss-take from a poster he had at work about the German Panzer Division. That, and his love of 60's pop and 70s punk with its in-yer-face style and lyrics, excited him which started back in 1991 when the band first gained some attention. continues to thrill fans and enlighten the public alike.

Talking on BBC Radio, Tom Robinson said: "To this day, their back catalogue remains hugely liberating for any gay music fan who has grown up immersed in het pop, macho rap and metal posturing of Western culture. Their riotous celebration of male-on-male sexuality remains a unique achievement in pop music history."

When asked if they thought that singing about sex (and casual sex) reinforces negative stereotypes about gays, their response is still very matter of fact. "We aren't gay propaganda - we sing about the joys of sex, but also the

sexuality is something that makes us unique and interesting. Our reputation is based on more of the sexoriented songs; we definitely have them but we have other types of songs too. Also: it's still important to counter the right-wing fundamentalist propaganda that portrays gays and lesbians as immoral by being open and out and relating our stories and

Although Pansy Division is touring the US, there are no plans now for a visit to the UK.

company. That showed him. Her career went into a small decline after her second marriage in the 1960 ance the second manage in the 1900 however Ball didn't seem too bothered as she had a thriving business. Things changed in the 1980's when she tried to make a comeback with Life With Lucy the show flopped and Ball went into a serious depression. Lucy has a museum, theatre and stamps made in her honour all posthumorously. After her death she received The Legacy of Laughter award and has since entered into

the Hall of Fame in America.

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experiences."





SPLASHDOWN IN LONDON

Following hundreds of individual and relay swims, a dozen water polo matches, four men's synchronised swimming demonstrations and two sold-out social events, GLLAM '09 (Gay & Lesbian London Aquatic Meet) made for a fantastic competition. The 13-strong Paris Aquatique synchronised swimming squad came in for particular praise and were recognised for their outstanding solo, duo and team performances. The event drew a record crowd - over 250 competitors and volunteers from 20 swimming teams and six water polo teams from Europe, Australasia and North America.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the Terrance Higgins Trust, the UK's leading HIV and AIDS charity.

For more information on the Out to Swim team and competition results please visit **www.outtoswim.org**.



GAY TOWN NOT PC

Gay Town - great for gays, sucks for Owen. As a straight man living in a town where gay is normal, how can Owen fit in? His quest for acceptance begins in this first episode but he comes up against some nasty vindictive pufftas. Yes, a comic series of short scenes where everything is reversed; gay cops making problems for straights, the Rain bo's, a gang of scary gays that no straight boy should cross and where a straight guy has a pretend boyfriend... just to fit in. Owen Benjamin stars as the straight man in an America we hope we'll never see... or do we? www.crackle.com/search/gaytown to find out more.



SM SMITT

SAM SMITH IS A TEEN SINGER WITH GOOD LOOKS, GREAT TUNES AND SHIMMERING FUTURE PROSPECTS. BENT'S ADAM LOWE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM TO DISCUSS WHERE HE'S HEADING, A LIFE OF LUXURY AND, UM, HOMEWORK.

You're only 16. How do you balance school and music?

The balance is necessary, I think. I love being busy and doing things. School grounds me, which is really important in this industry. There are frustrating factors to school life but I always have recording sessions to look forward to. I also have a strict routine of what to do, which keeps me from drifting into the clouds. l plan most of my evenings so can get my work done and also have time to do singing practice and things on the musical side. It's hard work, I won't lie, but I cope.

You are a bit yummy aren't you?

Am I? I'm constantly surrounded by beautiful people. I'm definitely not aware of my looks. It's not something I really think about. But I love my body and who I am. I think it is very important to love yourself, otherwise you're setting yourself up to have a bunch of issues. Then what would I do when they print a less-than-flattering picture in Heat? You

have to be comfortable with yourself, otherwise why get into an industry like this?

Who are your musical influences and why?

l have so many musical influences, it's untrue! Anyone who makes music is an influence to me—full stop. However, I was brought up in a house full of girls! So power divas are my true gods. I love Chaka Khan and Whitney 📗 Houston and all the big girls! Aretha, Dionne Warwick . . . and I adore Stevie Wonder and Prince and anyone with soul. I guess you could say my family listen to black music mostly and I would like to think that's where I got my voice from. On the inside, I'm this warbling soul singer from the 60s. The one person, however, who has inspired me so much is Beyoncé, because her determination and hard work are inspiring for someone like me, who wants to achieve his dreams. She's got a real energy and her voice is amazing.

Where do you see yourself in a year's time?

I hope to be happy. I'm always happy now, and it's nice to know, no matter what happens, I will still be surrounded by love. So I will be happy. I also see myself being fed freshly picked grapes from Africa, whilst being lightly sprayed by fresh-filtered water, with a long palm branch flapping in front of me and four people massaging me at the same time—with my hit singles playing in the background! But we can all dream, right?

What's the best thing about what you're doing right now?

The best thing is that I'm having fun. I wouldn't be doing this if I wasn't enjoying myself. There's no point. You only live once, and you need to be having fun every minute of every day. So that's what I intend to do, and I'm loving it. I loved the recording period so much, but the photo shoots are also so much fun because you never know what the result will be. Sometimes bad and sometimes good, but I like that excitement,

and I love fashion and that allows me to express myself.

What got you into music?

Music playing in the car. I always say that the tape player in the car was the reason I sing today. The car is where me and my family share music, and where I first sang out loud, belting Celine Dion. And my mum turned round and said, 'Wow, you should get singing lessons Sam'.

What age were you when you started making music?

I was 10 years old. I wrote a Christmas carol and entered it into a carol competition. I lost. I didn't even get a chocolate! That spurred me on, I think. I was determined to win that chocolate!

Is fame going to get in the way of your studies?

I don't think it will because if things get really big then I need to make the decision if I'm going to carry on with my studies or chase after my dream. I made sure I got very good grades at GCSE so I will always be able to return to education. And I will hopefully get my As. All I want to do is sing, and school or no school I will do that. I want to follow my dreams, and having the grades to fall back on is just an extra added bonus.

Do your friends get jealous of your talent and fame?

Well if they did I wouldn't class them as friends. Friends are supposed to be supportive, and I don't have time for anyone who looks at the negative. Of course, there will always be people who will try to use anyone for whatever they can get, but I think I'm wise enough, even at 16, to keep away from those people.

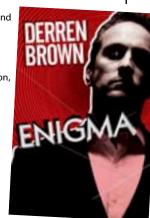
Are you prepared to be a sex symbol?

If I was to be, I'd be flattered! Can anyone be prepared to be a sex symbol?

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Often voted as the sexiest movie star of all time Marilyn Monroe's early life was anything but a glittering path of success and happiness.

This is the story of a childhood without a father and love; a schizophrenic mother who doesn't want her child to

exist and even tries to strangle her as an infant; and an abused young girl who marries at 16 to avoid being sent to an orphanage. Marilyn's career as an actress was to span just 16 years but featured starring roles in such classics as

"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes", "How to Marry a Millionaire", "The Seven Year Itch" and

"Some Like It Hot". With original music from Marilyn's movies and performances as diverse as "Happy Birthday, Mr President" and "My Heart Belongs to Daddy", this fantastic, not-to-be-missed production has a company of 15 dancers, choreographed and directed by Olivier Award and Evening Standard Award-winning Peter Schaufuss,

Apollo Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue London 3rd – 13th June www.nimaxtheatres.com/marilyn SANDRA
BERNHARD
WITHOUT YOU
I'M NOTHING

Sandra Bernhard has been combining comedy and rock 'n' roll and courting controversy for 25 years. An accomplished comedienne, actress, singer, and writer, she defies easy categorisation. Her live performances - part comedy, part social satire, and part

cabaret - showcase her astonishing range of talents. Now the irreverent comedian, described by the New York Times as a "living, breathing bonfire", is celebrating the 20th anniversary of her breakthrough comedy show, "Without You I'm Nothing", with a special reworked West End version for 2009, backed by her band, The Rebellious Jezebels



She will play 10 dates in the West End at Leicester Square Theatre, from Tuesday 26 May - Friday 5 June (Tickets - 0844 847 24 75) to be followed by the Sage, Gateshead Saturday 6 June (Tickets -0191 443 4661)

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Synth music maestros Chateau Marmont (four childhood friends from France) nave created an album of mystery, imagination and self-discovery. There's a fraught balance here between extremes. At times this is optimistic, utopian bliss and at other times it's clinical, stainless steel operating theatres with bloody slabs. But these extremes begin to meet as the album reaches its inevitable climax in 'Solar Apex', an anthemic offering suggesting a glimmering, late-70s

sci-fi paradise of tinfoil skirts and egalitarian hand-holding.

THE Anomalies

Free Soup Social Out: 6th April

Clash Magazine said 'it's impossible not to love them' when reviewing The Anomalies, and with good reason. Though they seem to defy every category we might throw at them, they still manage to produce a cohesive, sophisticated set of songs. These aren't amateur experiments, unfinished and unpolished. Instead, this is sleek, a fusion of instrumental and electronica, with influences from indie, funk, hip hop, big band and

drum & bass. Definitely not for everyone, but certainly worth a listen if you can check them out on Myspace.



◆ SUPPERCLUB

Nomads 7

Out: 6th April

Volume 7 of this series sees BBC Asian Network star Pathaan take the reins. Broad musical tastes are at work here, with an eclectic inclusion policy evidenced throughout the mix. Past classics jostle anxious with undiscovered gems, creating an energetic LP well worth the retail price. Everything from Indian mandolins, Spanish bands and Balkan instrumentals blends together seemlessly and excitingly in an album sure to win the artist new fans.

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'Not Enough Time' features the emotive vocals from Emma 'Carry Me Away' Hewitt. This is a preview of their upcoming 13-track album, and is a dramatic song with heavy bass, soaring breakdowns and atmospheric melodies. Emma's vocals provide a poignant tenderness that offsets what might otherwise be a bog-standard dance record, making this a good dance record instead.

▲ FERRY CORSTEN

Made of Love Out: April (tbc)

This Dutch superstar is still reeling from the success of his first single, 'Radio Crash', which saw him plucked from obscurity and placed firmly in the CD collections of all self-respecting house DJs. This is tightly produced, well-written dance music with a strong melody and stunning vocals from Betsie, perfect for getting any party started.

▶ A PLACE TO BURY **STRANGERS**

Missing You Out: 6th April

This trio made waves when they toured with the Dandy Warhols, and now they set the score with their new single 'Missing You'. This is epileptic, saw-soaked, eardrum-busting music at its best and messiest, with an earthy, raw quality that makes it feel original and slightly underground. Obviously, in no time it'll be the Next Big Thing, so you might as well get in on the act now.



▲ DEAR READER

Dear Heart

Out: 20th April

Johannesburg band Dear Reader offer up a tasty single of French horns, strings and glam-stomp, which peels open to reveal an optimistic lovesong. Their name is taken from Charlotte Bronte's use of first-person narration (and particularly her habit of addressing the reader) in Jane Eyre. This reveals the band's intent to close the gap between performer and audience, real life and the performed image of life. This is sensual, insensible stuff, and I think I





Kris has drawn comparisons to artists such as Ray Lamontagne, Bryan Adams and Bob Dylan. The album's strength is its ambience, which no doubt owes much to the Victorian hunting lodge where it was recorded and to the last-minute arrangements often ad-libbed by the band as the recordings were made. There's an urgency and almost scat-like vibrancy, which makes Kris' debut album a triumph of quality and expertise, rather than relying on post production and fancy gimmicks.





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LIVERPOOL BASED DAVE WHELAN IS SYNONYMOUS WITH HOUSE MUSIC. AS ONE HALF OF WHELAN & DI SCALA CALONGSIDE HIS LONG TERM PAL MIKE DI SCALA) HE'S SCORED NUMEROUS CLUB AND

'SUNSET TO SUNRISE' AND 'NEVER LET GO'. THE DUO HAVE ALSO PRODUCED 🖣 TRACKS UNDER MANY ALIASES FROM THE CHOSEN FEW AND WHEELS & DISCO. THEY'VE CARRIED OUT REMIX DUTIES FOR SOME OF THE COOLEST NAMES IN DANCE. FROM I THE FREEMASONS & MASON TO SEBASTIEN LEGER & MARTIJN TEN VELDEN. THE GUYS ARE NOW CONCENTRATING ON THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT RECORD LABEL 'BACHELOR PAD RECORDINGS' WHICH HAS ALREADY GAINED CRITICAL ACCLAIM AMONGST THE WORLDS

Dave's also an in demand DJ, holding a weekly residency at the exclusive Liverpool club 'Kingdom' and...... He has a weekly Saturday night radio show on 107.6 Juice FM (www.juicefm.com)

Hi Dave. Firstly congratulations... Wheels & Disco – Good Times is number 1 in the upfront club charts. The vocalist , Mighty Marvin has an awesome voice, how did this collaboration come about?

'eah, thanks Jason. 'Good Times' seems to be getting the big thumbs up around the world which is cool. As for Mighty Marvin... he's one of the nicest guys you could ever meet.

We wanted the track to be all about the disco and fun on the floor as much of today's music has gone really serious! So when Marvin eventually came round to complete the vocals he took it to another level. The originality of his voice really gave the track meaning and being all the way from Detroit added authenticity - even if he's now living in Birkenhead!

And any more remixes on the horizon?

We recently complete Duke "So In Love With ou", which fingers crossed is going to Pacha Records and is currently No 4 in Erick Morillo's March Chart. We've also just complete Jason Herd's 'My Girl' which is forth coming on 3Beat

Who's been your favourite ever artists

Wow... there's been a few over the years but I'd have to say The Rolling Stones. We did 'Gimme Shelter' as a cheeky bootleg which eventually became a fully licensed elease, complete with new vocals & new name (Pawn Shop).

Can you tell me a bit more about Bachelor Pad Recordings.

The Pad came about cos we just wanted to be abit more independent. We'd always made tracks and then shipped them on to other labels. We didn't really have much say about release dates, budgets, remix artists

etc, so with The Pad we gained full control of our own destiny (sorry if I sound like Obi 1).

You also spend much of your time DJing around the Liverpool clubs and beyond. What's the Liverpool scene like at the moment? Does the downturn seem to have affected it?

I think its fair to say everywhere's taken some kind of knock over the last few months, Liverpool included! But on the whole clubland continues to the rock the foundations of our Great City. Circus continues to go from strength, Garlands which has just celebrated 15 Glorious Years, Society have recently teamed up with Hed Kandi. And I couldn't continue without mentioning the G Bar... for me as a DJ has one of the best dancefloors in the city (next to my Residency of course at Club Kingdom)

Do you have much involvement with Liverpool's gay scene? There seems to be many new venues opening in the last year or so.

Yeah, I'm usually involved with Garlands when they do the odd 'BIG' Friday Night and Bank Holiday Sundays. I also do my fair share of quest sets at the G Bar which have always been memorable to say the least!!! I also have my own Night called Jubilee which is themed around the Legend Leigh Bowery.

What's your favourite DJ gig ever?

I'd have to say Society @ Nation, we planned a launch date and didn't get the license in time, but we'd taken the gamble and sold 1100 tickets before hand. Rather than refund everyone we moved the night to Nation. We literally had 24 hours to sort it out, but what a night!

And I have to ask... your worst DJ horror story?

Hahaha this is a classic. Think I'd just turned 21. Myself and fellow DJ Les Calvert (Garlands Resident) had landed a gig in Ibiza @ El Divino for Miss Moneypenny's. We landed, then went straight the club. I remember Les looking at his watch and saying we've got a good hour to kill so we had a cheeky beverage. When we eventually got to El Divino the promoter went nuts and had a proper go at us .Les had forgot to turn his clock forward so we missed out on half our set time. So if you're reading this Les "It was ALL your fault!"

Hof the MONTH

Already climbing right up the Upfront Charts is the latest offering from Loverush (founded by Mark Loverush who you can also catch DJing at The Eagle in Vauxhall & Kinky Roland). Sylvia Tosun (fluent in 10 languages

you know!) may not be a big name in the UK yet, but this looks set o change. Just try getting the catchy chorus of this pop-dance hybrid out of your head! Favourite mix? Arnold T's darker, more progressive, late night affair. www.loverushdigital.com

A hit back in 1996, this classic has one of the most recognizable basslines in house music... Ever. OK, so it seems as if every classic house track has been remixed for 2009, but when the new version is this good, I'm not going to complain (for once!) Check Nu Dub mix, keeping just enough of the original to

ensure great crowd reactions. Also worthy of mention is the Mark Frophy (of the Trophy Twins fame) remix, who shows how a 'wonky' mix should be done, www.defected.com



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Reflekt is the alter ego of international DJ and ormer Radio 1 presenter, Seb Fontaine and Jay of Stretch & Vern fame. Featuring the theme 2003 movie "The Road To Perdition", this was first

released back in 2005. This makeover comes courtesy of Adam K & Soha, who deliver a peak time anthemic charger, already receiving support from the likes of Judge Jules and The Tong. www. positivarecords.com

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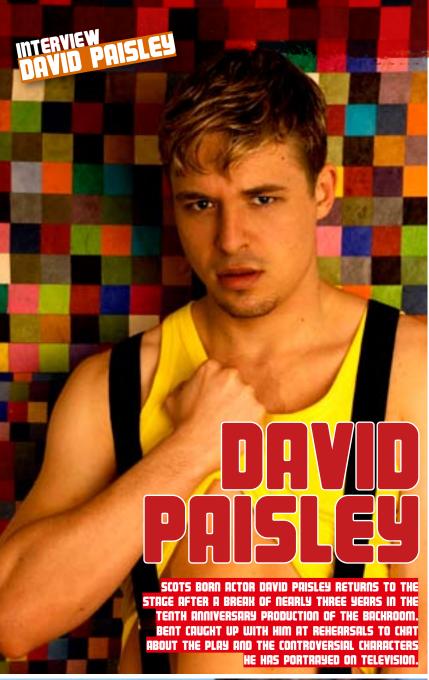
months, you surely can't have escaped this piano house / electro monster. The more commercial floors will favour the original mix, but the tougher, more electro offering from remix maestro Ortega & iold gets my vote. www.aatw.com

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ARIEL — CAMARA CMY

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Tell our readers about your new play.

It's called Backroom and it's set in the backroom of a male brothel in Earls Court. 'Seven prostitutes - five weeks - one brothel' that's the tag line and I play Gary who kind runs the place. It's not his but he's the sort of boss of everyone else... though he's not very good at his job. He's an ex rent boy who has got lumbered with running the ins and outs of it all. It's a comedy, a romp and sexy ... yes... a comedy sex romp.

How much did you know about male brothels then before you took the part?

(Laughs loudly) Now that's a very leading question. I have never been in one myself but I do have a couple of friends who were sex workers

So you don't...but you know a man who does?

(Laughs) True enough.

OK, how much research have you done?

Actually, quite a bit because I was involved with a theatre company who were developing a film about male prostitution, so, I got to know quite a bit about it.

So is it a family show?

I wouldn't say that (laughs). I wouldn't bring your 5-year-old niece or nephew to it. There is a lot of bad language and nudity going on... as there is in the sex industry.

ls this only going to be seen in London?

At the moment yes, as it is the 10th anniversary of it and they want to see how it goes here first... but it would be nice to do a bit of a tour.

Back in 2000, you were one of the young stars when a Scottish production for television hit our screens, Tinsel Town. It created a bit of a stir and was pretty groundbreaking then. What did you think about it?

I suppose it was. It was a real gift for me, as it was my first major job when I was young but working with the company up in Scotland was a very safe environment to do all the sex and drug scenes we had to do... because I'd never taken drugs or anything like that. However, my character did so; I did a lot of research for that. I suppose it was groundbreaking because what we did 10 years ago... programmes like Skins are picking up on now. I played quite a young teenager going out and getting quite debauched... it revealed a side of clubbing that hadn't been seen on television until then.

Then there was your other subject matter... the fact that you fancied a lot older man.

Yes, I suppose so... I played 17 yearold Ryan and my boyfriend was a 37 year-old copper - a bit of cross generational love.

Well it made us all watch.

(Laughs) Good, good. Stevie Allan, who played my boyfriend, was wonderful to work with. We did a play together later on and he ended up stabbing me to death on stage. Oneminute lovers the next... ho hum.

David also created quite a stir when he played gay mid-wife Ben Saunders in Casualty spin off Holby City, his part demanded that he kiss another bloke and the resulting footage brought a horde of complaints to the BBC's door

I thought the reaction was hilarious... though I was pretty angry with the BBC as we had a lot more scenes planned and they all were cut. I thought they should have had more about them than to pander to bigots. I think it's a terrible indictment that two men being affectionate to each other should offend people.

You were one of the first openly gay actors... was that a difficult thing to

I suppose I was, people then, especially young actors, used to skirt around their sexuality. Older actors were out and established... and it was OK... but if you were new to the industry, many people would tell you not to talk about it. I didn't really have a problem with it but some did and still do. When Will Young came out on Pop Idol, it was important and actors like Jeremy Sheffield from Holby City, who still played the romantic leading male, proved that you could be an out gay man and play those kinds of roles. To me it has never been an issue so when the press asked if I minded kissing a man I'd say "No... but my boyfriend did." My family have always been supportive and really, it was such a non-event when I came out I didn't feel it was an issue. So, I didn't think it would be an issue as an actor. I thought, Why should I hide away this element of my personality... it doesn't effect my acting. Neither does my eye or hair colour.

And the final question, what style are your favourite underpants?

I quite like American Apparel... their little briefs are quite nice.

The Backroom: On now until 11th April The Cock Tavern Theatre, 125 Kilburn High Road, London, NW6 6JH www.cocktaverntheatre.com





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Dear Simon

I have a great boyfriend but despite myself I cannot stop going on sites like Gaydar, Manhunt and the like. It started off as mild flirting... just going out there and chatting and being a bit of a cyber slut but with no contact and not meeting any of the guys. However, I have now started to add people onto my msn and the like and have started having web cam chats with them with the occasional web wank. I now feel like I have cheated on my boyfriend, though really it's kind of like watching Xtube, the main problem is I just can't stop. I find the whole thing really excites me. What should I do?

Anon, Leeds

Dear Anon,

This is a tricky one as technically you haven't physically cheated on your boyfriend as there has been no actual contact between you and your camera chums. But there are several possible questions here. Do you want contact? Is the fact that you feel like you're cheating part of the appeal? Are you sure your partner isn't also getting off on something similar? After all... you are. If your partner is dead against such social groups then you might have to end it all... before he does. However, you never know he might be fine with it or even want to join in, view it himself, get involved and who knows what might happen? There is a possible problem, if he enjoys it too much he might just end up saying farewell to you. Talk to each other and lay down some ground rules.

Dear Simon

I have been seeing a guy for quite a few months now and he is wonderful, the sex is great but we bicker about everything because we have such opposite opinions. Food, music, politics, cinema, religious beliefs, you name it we will disagree on it and have a good old bicker about it with the occasional strop. My worry with this is that (though we have great make up sex) these tiffs will become bigger issues in

the future and that maybe we aren't quite right for each other?
Paul. London

Dear Paul,

This sounds to me like a great pairing. So what if you don't both like Kylie... or Pizza... or the Tory Party, who cares? Discussion is something that's really important in a relationship once the initial 'non stop wanting to shag each others brains out' stage passes. It would be incredibly boring if you both just loved the same things, what would you have left to discuss? I would relax about it and just enjoy the relationship.

Dear Simon

I have been married for a year and though I love my husband he is completely antisocial. I really enjoy going out on the scene and having fun with my friends, I don't go out to meet other men and he knows I don't, he just simply doesn't want to go. If friends of mine want to come round it's a complete nightmare and I always have to cancel. What worries me is that this behaviour is that the invites to go out are lessening and my friendships are suffering, what should I do?

Darren, Wiltshire

Dear Darren,

This sounds like it's a really tough time for you. While in a relationship I think it is incredibly important to have your own friends and social life - it's also important to have mutual mates and to try and keep them in equilibrium. For some people, once they have met the person they want, they jettison all their past friends and this, further down the line, if everything doesn't work out, can be a problem. My advice is... if he doesn't want to go out, don't let it stop you. Remember, there are two people in a relationship and you should want what's best for each other. A one-sided relationship will cause resentment and that cannot be to anyone's benefit.



AS THE TITLE OF MY COLUMN SUGGESTS, I'VE MET MANY OUTRAGEOUS CHARACTERS IN MY TIME. I STARTED YOUNG. AT 16 MET A GUY WHO MADE UP A COLOURFUL NAME AND BACKSTORY, ONLY TO BE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED FOR FRAUD AND DECEPTION A WEEK LATER. I HEAR NOW HE'S IN TROUBLE AGAIN FOR HANGING ROUND OUTSIDE HIGH SCHOOLS PICKING UP YOUNG BOYS. THEN THERE WAS THIS GUY WHO WAS INTO MAKESHIFT DILDOS THAT COMPRISED WINE BOTTLES AND ANYTHING ELSE HE COULD GET HIS | HAND ON. THERE WAS A GUY WHO'D WATCHED DONNIE DARKO TOO MANY TIMES AND THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO DIE IN 26 DAYS' TIME.

Latest of the bunch was a young man I'd gone on a few dates with. He was nice enough at first, like they always are, but I guess even Hitler seemed nice enough to someone (he had a girlfriend, after all). He stayed at my house for a while and I looked after him. But then money, jewellery and a games console disappeared. At first, I thought I was going mad. But then I heard little twitters on the wind: he's stolen from his gran; he'd taken a laptop from a friend he'd been living with in Gran Canaria; he'd stolen from another group of friends, who'd all fallen out with him. Of course, sometimes gossip is true. I guess I wanted to see the best in him, but either way I felt betrayed. I gave him an opportunity to discuss matters, but it rapidly became clear he was going to avoid any confrontation and deny any culpability.

Afterwards, this guy stole from another friend, having been living with him for the past four days. When my friend spoke to the guy's mother, he discovered the guy had also stolen her wedding ring and pawned it.

'Take me to the pawn shop and I will buy it back for you,' my friend said. But the boy still insisted he hadn't taken anything. He'd stolen from me, his friends, his mother and his gran; he wasn't going to turn honest now. But something had to be wrong. People don't just steal when they don't need to. And he needed nothing. He lived at home. His mother paid for everything.

Then later my friend asked the boy to leave his house after more money had disappeared, only to find him in the bathroom trying to cut himself. It then became evident this was a cry for help or attention or both. There was definitely something not right.

Suffice it to say, this guy's mother called the doctor and he has now, unfortunately, been sectioned. But perhaps that's what he needs. I'm not sure what dark events transpired in his past to make him this way, or what had happened to most of the more unique characters I've met over the years, but what scares me is the number of gay men who seem to have problems. Many more aren't getting this kind of intervention and perhaps should be.

I guess the moral of the story is this: Men are strange. Handle with care.





IT WAS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. SUDDEN HOT SWEATS, MOOD SWINGS, SHORTNESS OF BREATH AND A DESPERATE NEED TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL... EVEN IF I'D JUST COME BACK FROM BEING AWAY FROM IT ALL.

I'm afraid the thought of the Rio Carnival happening without me there to record this spectacular event just doesn't bear thinking about. I'm like a homo... sorry... homing pigeon when it comes to this fabulous event... I just want to return again and again. I could burst into sonnets about the wonders that await should you ever decide to go, I might talk rapturously about the 4-days of non-stop hedonism but... I don't know any sonnets and I let my camera capture those luscious boys that look superb, dress like the most magical creatures on earth... and who are just so completely sexually beguiling. This enchanted event is one that sits at the top of the list of things to see and experience... before you die. Make a date in your diary now for next year 13th February 2010... and I'll see you there.

You can see more photos on www.terrygeorge.co.uk











The name Jockey has become synonymous with men's underpants. Although a retired minister, Samuel T Cooper, started the underwear company back in 1876 when they made the one-piece union suit, it wasn't until 1934 that they came up with an incredible and world shattering new concept. The revolutionary idea, which was laughed at by their competition, was briefs instead of that normal full-body covering that had been the norm until that moment. However, this was quickly followed by the first y-front brief and guess what - the consumers loved them. Soon every one was copying what Jockey had introduced. The advertising for this new brand attracted many artists and sportsmen of the day keen to be seen endorsing this intimate garment. You could say that if it wasn't for those early pioneering sportsmen and Jockey targeting their product, the chances are that the likes of David Beckham, David James and Frederick Lundberg parading for the cameras and billboards in nicely filled briefs, might never have happened. Jockey was a brand that everyone else wanted to copy and as the market leader, they constantly strived for new ideas and designs.

In 1947 - Jockey hit the market again with another great innovation: waistband branding. Jockey invented this trend (i.e. the first ever-elasticised rubber in the waistband) with the popular slogan "Jockey has a brand new band".

Throughout the 60s, another innovation fever started in the underwear industry and NASA

experts asked Jockey to design a special underwear suit for the Apollo crew - in 1963 Jockey came up with a new revolutionary design only for outer space.

In 1983 - Andy Warhol declares himself a Jockey fan and specially customises a pair. Last year the reintroduction of the Jockey retro, a colourful mix of vest, trunks and briefs once again put the brand at the top of the desirability chart. Adam Davies from Deadgoodundies. com reports: I have to admit that originally, like many other blokes, I knew Jockey's heritage and its pedigree as a traditional brand, but didn't think much beyond the classic Y-front. Now I'm a convert. Everybody knows the name. Jockey has always been a market leader, known for good quality underwear. But for our company I thought the collection might be a bit shall we say... sensible? But then we saw the colourful Jockey Retro designs and decided to take them straight away. They were 100% classic Jockey, but also totally new, combining the absolutely classic Y-front look with great colours. Jockey got not just the colours but the shades spot on. From the minute Retro went onto Deadgoodundies we have had a fantastic reaction. We needed new stock within days and it has stayed the same ever since keeping up with demand. Jockey continue to find new and exciting designs and developments to suit every man's taste in both fashionable and practical underwear... take a look on their site and see for

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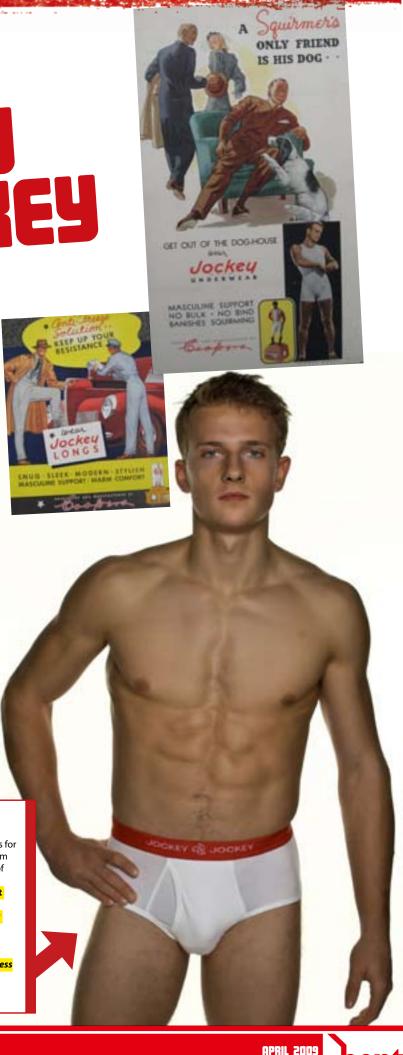
Yes, 7 pairs of gloriously brand new pants for the guy who takes notice of what his mum used to say: "Always where a clean pair of pants... cos you never know.."

To be in with a chance to win this great prize all you have to do is answer this simple question. What year did Jockey introduce briefs into their underwear collection?

Don't forget to give us your size and address

COMPETITION TIME

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"I like to think that men are taking care of themselves and caring much more about what they wear, starting with their undies. They might be buying underwear that will be seen or kept a very personal secret, but they want something that gives more than their confidence a boost."

adam davies, founder of deadgoodundies

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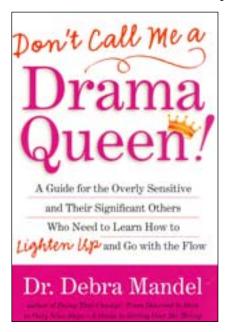


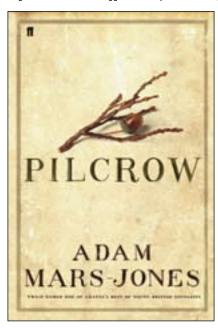
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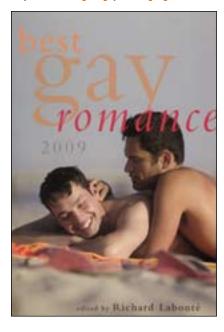


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▲ DON'T CALL ME A DRAMA QUEEN

By Debra Mandel

Drama Queens come from all walks of life, and encompass all genders and sexualities. They perceive danger where there is none and trying to control things they have no control over. Dr Mandel teaches those who aspire to Drama Queendom how to say goodbye to unnecessary, over-the-top response styles that lead to unhappiness, anger, disappointment and stress.

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▲ PILCROW - ADAM MARS-JONES

John Cromer is a hospitalised, bed ridden boy who has thoughts and theories aplenty as he grows up in the 1950s. Subjects like; unsympathetic nurses, evil children, a murderess on the loose, his mother's obsessions (for she has many) and the fact that he likes boys... are all discussed. Adam Mars-Jones has done something quite magnificent with this novel; he writes with humour and every character has depth even if they only appear very briefly.

£8.99 - Faber and Faber

▲ BEST GAY ROMANCE 2009

Edited by Richard Labonte

This is the gay romantic erotica series that truly delivers. I's packed with the tales that show that however romance happens, and however, long love lasts - a heartbeat or a lifetime erotic love between men is a wondrous thing.

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IT'S NOT EVERYDAY THAT YOUR FIRST NOVEL SELLS MILLIONS, ENDS UP ON THE MAN BOOKER LONG LIST, GETS CHOSEN BY RICHARD AND JUDY AND HAS THE FILM RIGHTS BOUGHT BY RIDLEY SCOTT. HOWEVER, IT DID TO TOM ROB SMITH WITH HIS DEBUT NOVEL CHILD 44 AND NOW HE IS HOPING TO FOLLOW THAT SUCCESS WITH THE SECRET SPEECH. SIMON SAVIDGE FINDS OUT MORE ABOUT THIS INCREDIBLE AUTHOR.

Now for anyone who has been on Mars and missed the amazing success of Child 44 can you tell us a bit about it?

It is set in the 1950's in Russia in the time leading up to Stalin's death. It's also actually based on a real life notorious Russian serial killer who got away with a horrendous amount of murders simply because people didn't believe someone would do something like that so, people weren't looking for him. In fact they denied he existed and many innocent people were killed for the crimes he committed. I wanted to write something that was a page turner, something that was thrilling and hopefully that's what it is.

Had you always wanted to write?

Yes, I mean I had been writing stuff for quite a long time in terms of plays and screenplays. Then when I found this story I decided that it might make a very interesting book as opposed to a screenplay, which I was originally going to make it. Something clicked and fortunately it has really worked as a project.

It's been incredibly successful being chosen for the Man Booker Long list and by Richard and Judy..

Unfortunately, I didn't get to sit on their sofa in their studio, which was a bit sad... they are quite an institution those two. I thought that could have been quite fun.

Because of that success are you nervous bout The Secret Speech and how that

I would be lying if I said no but then in a way because Child 44 has done so well it will be hard to repeat. You just have to think 'well I have done everything to the best of my abilities' and hope it works.

In Child 44 there is a storyline involving homosexuals in Russia during that period and what would happen to them, which I found really shocking. Did you put that in partly because you are a gay man yourself?

Not totally, I think if you simply shove a gay story in a book and it has no purpose it will get cut. Not in a homophobic way but in the way that if there is no point to it why would you leave it in a book. There aren't any gay men in the second book though... I look at sexuality in a fluid way through one character. The whole thing with the gay men in Child 44 was something I found during the research and as a gay man it really hit me. It was something I did want to write about because it was wrong and shocking how they were treated, fortunately it fitted in with the plot. I don't feel obligated to put a gay character in every book; I would if it warranted it.

Don't you have a past in Soap Opera's... including the first ever soap opera in

(Laughs) I wasn't starring in them... just writing them. The whole Cambodia experience was amazing. The sets were stunning plus, like you said, it was their first one. I am trying to think if we had a gay storyline in that, we must have.

Was it great to be able to make some wild and crazy dramatic storylines?

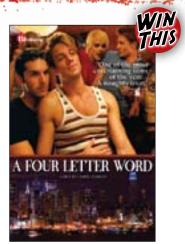
Well, I could on the show in Cambodia that was pretty much free reign, and

Bad Girls of course that thrived on outlandish and wonderful storylines. I can't really say the same for Family Affairs, it was more that people fell out on Monday and kissed and made up on Friday. Maybe that's why it got cancelled, in fact most of the shows I have done have been cancelled. That's a bit worrying when you think about it!

So what's next?

Well, The Secret Speech is out, and then I am working on something with Universal Pictures screenplay wise. The million dollar question of what will happen with the Child 44 project is also something I am being involved with. Then the final book in the Russian Trilogy, it's weird I didn't ever expect it to be three books, I just thought I will try one and see how I go. See people can do anything.

Child 44 is out now in paperback and the follow up The Secret Speech is available now in hardback both published by Simon & Schuster and available at all good book outlets.



▶ A FOUR LETTER WORD

Can a man have too many meaningless one night stands? That's the question Luke is forced to ask after waking up, yet again, under an innumerable number of hot naked men. Under pressure from his friends and finally starting to get sick of the constant revolving door that is his sex life, Luke finally decides to give monogamy a go when he meets Stephen - a guy who appears to have the whole package. But when it turns out that Stephen is a hustler Luke must yet again redefine what it means to be truly fulfilled, and just how important that four letter word called 'love' really is.

Out: 20th April - £14.99 - tlareleasing

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What date is Saint Valentine's Day?



> SKINS SERIES 1-3 BOX SET

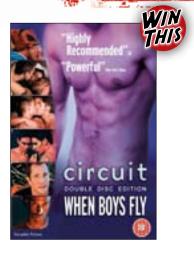
All three series of the critically acclaimed hit comedy drama, following the lives of a bunch of teenage misfits are here in one deluxe box set. It's packed with exclusive extras including ancillary storylines, behind-the-scenes featurettes for each episode, video diaries and much more. Led by original cast member and new queen bee Effy, expect another rollercoaster take on each of the group's experiences of teen life mixed with the madness of the adults surrounding them.

Out: 6th April - £49.99 - 4DVD

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Which British TV channel transmits Skins?

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CIRCUIT / WHEN BOYS FLY

This sizzling collection of two eye-popping films explores the notorious craze of circuit parties and the muscle-bound excesses of the gay club scene, blending fiction with fact to dizzying effect. Circuit is a hyper-kinetic drama set in the sex'n'pecs, musicand-muscle world of the circuit party scene, where drugs flow and inhibitions fall away on the sweaty dance floor. Away from the ecstasy of the dance floor, When Boys Fly examines a unique breed who live for the perfect party.

Out now - 2 Disc Set £14.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

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In which American state is Miami Beach?



> STOMP - LIVE

This very special performance brings together performers from the West End, New York and Vegas for the very first time, to Stomp's home town and the theatre where many of the routines were originated: Brighton Dome. During this mesmerising show, instantly recognizable household objects take on new life as percussive instruments in the hands of each of the Stompers: brooms, cigarette lighters, water bottles, basketballs and more are each explored for their sonic potential.

Out: 6th April - £XX.XX - Kaleidoscope Home Entertainment

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What is the capital of Australia?



GARFIELD'S FUN FEST

Hold onto your lasagne! Everyone's favourite morning-loathing, tart-tongued tabby is back for a slew of hilarious new antics. Garfield, Odie, Jon, Arlene and the rest of the gang – yes, Nermal, too – are gearing up for the town's annual talent show, Fun Fest. Having previously won every year, Garfield is convinced he can't lose with his routine, especially with his long-time sidekick (and girlfriend) Arlene in tow. But when Arlene wants to change the act and Garfield refuses, Arlene steps out with the super-suave new cat in town, Ramon, for a show stopping Tango

Out; 6th April - £12.99 – Fremantle Home Entertainment

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





TRANSPORTER 3

Jason Statham returns as former Special Forces mercenary Frank Martin who has relocated to Paris to continue his business of delivering packages without questions. Only this time someone else is making up the rules as Frank faces a race against time to safely deliver his latest consignment. From the Riviera to the Baltic Sea, via Stuttgart and Budapest, the explosions are bigger, the stunts are better and the cars are faster than ever before!

Out: 20th April – DVD £19.99 Blu-ray £24.99 – Icon Home Entertainment

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

Complete this title of one of Jason's more recent films, Death _____?





 In August 2008, Jason was escorted out of the annual Midsummer Night's Dream Party at the Playboy Mansion by security, following his refusal to pose for photographs with models.

- 2. Statham considers Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan, and Jet Li among his great influences in doing action movies.
- 3. Bank Job was one of Statham's movies that did not require a lot of action scenes. When the short fight scene he had at the end of the movie was included in the film trailer, he got irritated that the movie was promoted as an action film when in fact, it was not.
- 4. Jason and his three-time director Guy Ritchie got obsessed with chess during their filming of the movie Revolver.
- Jason was discovered by a talent agent while he was training at London's Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in the late '90s.
- 6. For his role in The Italian Job, Statham got stunt driving lessons by former racing driver Damon Hill.
- 7. Statham is trained in martial arts, particularly kickboxing and Jujitsu.
- 8. Jason's father used to run auctions. He's now a singer in the Canary Islands.
- 9. Statham was a champion diver before his acting career and was ranked 12th in the World Championship (1992). While most world-class divers start to train at age four or five, Jason began to dive when he was 15. He picked it up and learned the sport quickly.
- 10. Jason used to be a corner con man. He sold stolen jewellery and fake perfume out of a briefcase on the streets.

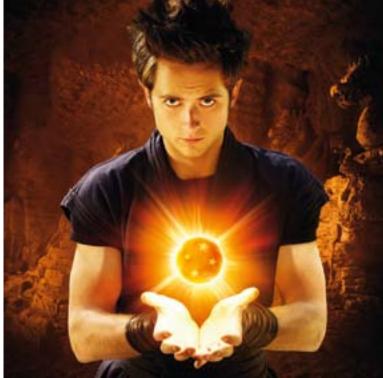


▲ THE BOAT THAT ROCKED

Out: 1st April

Yet another ensemble British comedy from Richard Curtis (Four Weddings, Love Actually) in which the romance takes place between the young people of the '60s and pop music. It's about a band of rogue DJs that captivated Britain, playing the music that defined a generation and standing up to a government that, incomprehensibly, preferred jazz. The Count (Philip Seymour Hofman), a big, brash, American god of the airwaves;

Quentin (Bill Nighy), the boss of Radio Rock – a pirate radio station in the middle of the North Sea that's populated by an eclectic crew of rock and roll DJs; Gavin (Rhys Ifans), the greatest DJ in Britain who has just returned from his drug tour of America to reclaim his rightful position; Dave (Nick Frost), an ironic, intelligent and cruelly funny co-broadcaster; and a fearsome British government official out for blood against the drug takers and lawbreakers of a once-great nation. This crowd-please is likely to be the year's big comedy smash and socking-filler come Xmas.



DRAGONBALL EVOLUTION

Out: 9th April

Dragonball fans will be delighted with the big screen adaption. The story begins with Goku, who sets out upon his adoptive grandfather Grandpa Gohan's dying request to find the great Master Roshi and gather all seven Dragon Balls. He has one, but his aim is to stop the evil Lord Piccolo from succeeding in his desire to use the Dragon Balls to take over the world. Goku's quest is to obtain the mystical Dragonballs before Piccolo does. Plenty of special effects and action make for some enjoyable entertainment plus Justin Chatwin as Goku provides nice eyecandy to go with the popcorn.



X MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE

Out: 29 April

Using several resources that include the Marvel Comics lore, along with the more recent Weapon X graphic novels by Frank Miller, Wolverine mixes action with an origin story about how Logan emerged from a barbaric experiment as an indestructible mutant with retractable razor-sharp claws. People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive Hugh Jackman reprises the role that made him famous for the fourth time. In Origins Wolverine lives a mutant life and seeks revenge against Victor Creed (who will later become Sabertooth) for the death of his girlfriend, and ultimately ends up going through the mutant Weapon X program.



▲ LET THE RIGHT ONE IN

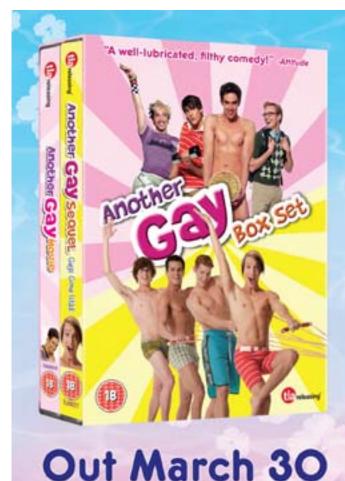
Out: 10th April

Oskar, an overlooked and bullied boy, finds love and revenge through Eli, a beautiful but peculiar girl. Coinciding with Eli's arrival is a series of inexplicable disappearances and murders. For an introverted boy like Oskar, who is fascinated by gruesome stories, it doesn't take long before he figures out that Eli is a vampire. But by now a subtle romance has blossomed between Oskar and Eli, and she gives him the strength to fight back against his aggressors. Oskar becomes increasingly aware of the tragic, inhuman dimension of Eli's plight, but cannot bring himself to forsake her. Swedish filmmaker Tomas Alfredson weaves friendship, rejection and loyalty into a disturbing and darkly atmospheric, yet poetic and unexpectedly tender tableau of adolescence.



Out: 22nd April

Russell Crowe leads an all-star cast in a blistering thriller about a rising congressman and an investigative journalist embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated, brutal murders. Crowe plays D.C. reporter Cal McAffrey, whose street smarts lead him to untangle a mystery of murder and collusion among some of the nation's most promising political and corporate figures in State of Play, from acclaimed director Kevin Macdonald (The Last King of Scotland). Handsome, unflappable U.S. Congressman Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck) is the future of his political party until his research assistant/mistress is brutally murdered and buried secrets come tumbling out. McCaffrey has the dubious fortune of both an old friendship with Collins and a ruthless editor, Cameron (Helen Mirren), who has assigned him to investigate. As he and partner Della (Rachel McAdams) try to uncover the killer's identity, McCaffrey steps into a cover-up that threatens to shake the nation's power structures.



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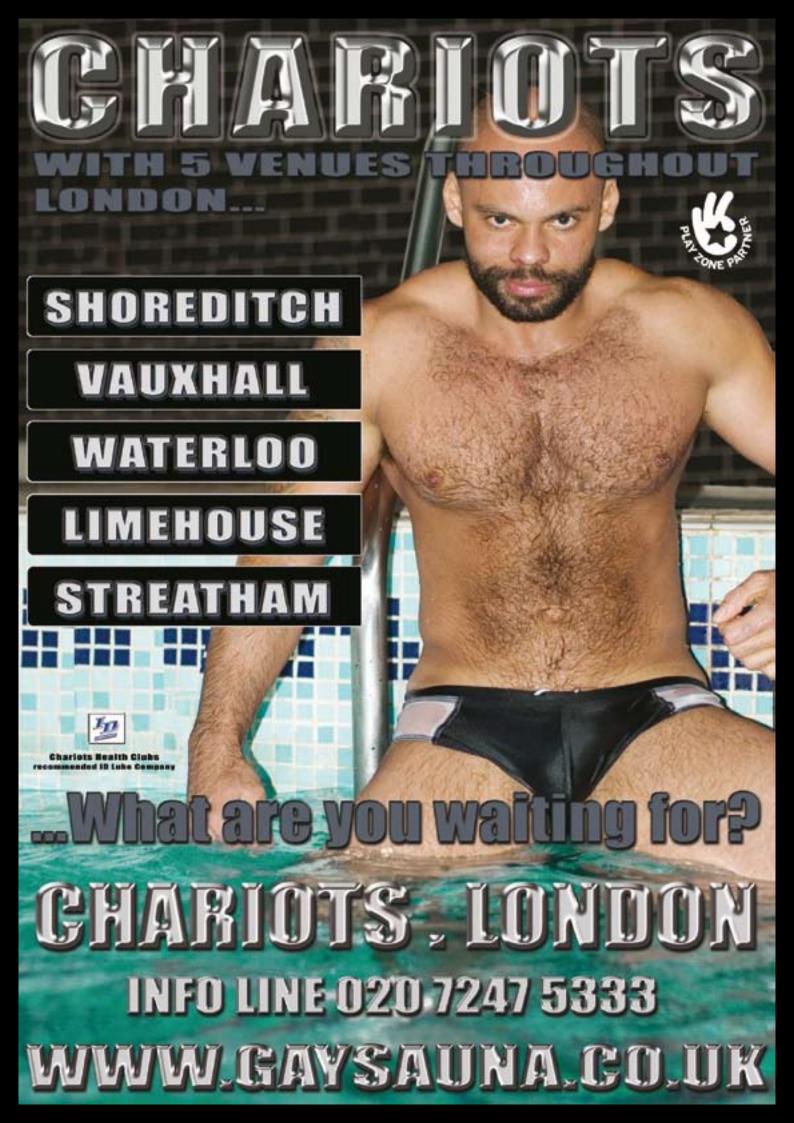
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IS NOT TO WORK HARDER BUT SMARTER. HOWEVER, DON'T READ
THIS AS AN EXCUSE FOR 'WIMPED' WORKOUTS. I AM REFERRING
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HERE IS A LIST OF THE 5 STEPS TO GAIN MUSCLE FAST.

1. Limit your reps to only 10 - This is a golden rule. If you go beyond 10 reps then you are emphasizing your slow-twitch muscle fibres, which have the smallest opportunity for muscle growth. In your workout, you need to employ the maximal amount of muscle fibres in every set. Remember that if you could do an 11th rep this means you have not selected your weights appropriately. In order to gain muscle you need to switch to heavy lifting mode. Every single set and every single exercise. I recommend you workout with a partner or a trainer like myself to prevent injuries, and for encouragement to push your limits every inch of the way.

2. Increment your strength by 5% every 2 weeks - A common mistake that hard gainers make in their workouts is not to track their progress. They consistently waste their efforts on the same routines with no apparent progress. How do you expect progress in gaining muscle fast if you repeat the same routine using the same weights? Your muscles are engineered to tolerate stress. In the rest phase, they grow. Thus, the secret is to put them under stress and watch them grow. You might aim for bigger increases with larger muscle groups like legs and back versus smaller muscles like triceps and biceps. Keep focused and have the goal in mind that in six months from now, you will be over twice as strong as you are now! It is a good idea writing down your strength goals for the six months ahead and then work from your starting point. If you are currently dead lifting 140 lbs, aim to be dead lifting 280 lbs over the next few months!

3. Work-out only one exercise per muscle group - Only one, I hear you ask. Yep, only one, unless you believe you must pound a muscle for hours at a time to get any growth out of it. Consider this typical day in the gym. Today is your legs day. Your first exercise is the leg curl. You perform your first set with 60 kg, second set with 80kg, third set with 100kg and fourth set with 120kg. Assuming this last weight was your max weight possible to carry out a rep of 10, you can be sure that you have employed the optimum number of muscle fibres. Your aim is to simply zap your muscles

into growth. Not pound them to extinction. Once they are exposed to an unfamiliar stimulus your muscles will be forced to adapt and create new fibres to prevent future attacks. Thus, the lesson here is, once you have out-performed your last workout, it is then time to move onto the next exercise.

4. Strictly stick to 3 to 5 sets per muscle group - If you are doing more than 3-5 sets per muscle group, alarm bells should be going off in your head. You need to ask yourself, am I working effectively and hard enough on each set? If you are relying on steroids or are blessed by the genes of Mr.Universe you may ignore this tip. Do not forget that learning how to gain muscle fast, safely and efficiently for the hard gainer requires following a new set of rules. If you work-out the first 1-2 sets at 85% maximum effort, the 3rd set at 95% maximum effort and the 4th (and sometimes the 5th) set at 100% maximum effort, you should know that it is only this last set that produces the greatest muscle growth. Anything beyond the last set mentality that you have to keep going until you explode, simply burns out the muscle and delays your recovery time to work on that muscle again. The message here is that in your last set you should add 5-10 extra Kilos more than your previous set. Job done. You have zapped your muscles into action and prepped them for maximum growth. Time to press on.

5. Gradually shorten your workout times - I left the easiest tip to last. The truth is if you really want to increase your muscle density and move your fitness to new heights, you need to workout outside your comfort zone. This can be achieved if you increase your work rate but taking less time do it. The results will be that your work capacity will increase. Work refers to the number of sets, reps and Kg within your workout. Who do you think is fitter? The person who can do 4 sets of 190 kg bench press with 30 seconds rest, or the person who can do 4 sets of 190 ka bench press with 90 seconds rest? You guessed it right. The guy who can do the same amount of work but in less time. Now, who do you think is more muscular? That's right, the one who has a higher work capacity, because his workout will become more efficient in time.

The best method is to learn from your actions and not by talking about it. I was a skinny guy once myself, 65 kg to be exact, I defeated my skinny genetics and learnt how to gain muscle fast by not following the crowd and training smarter and not harder. What about you? What will it be?



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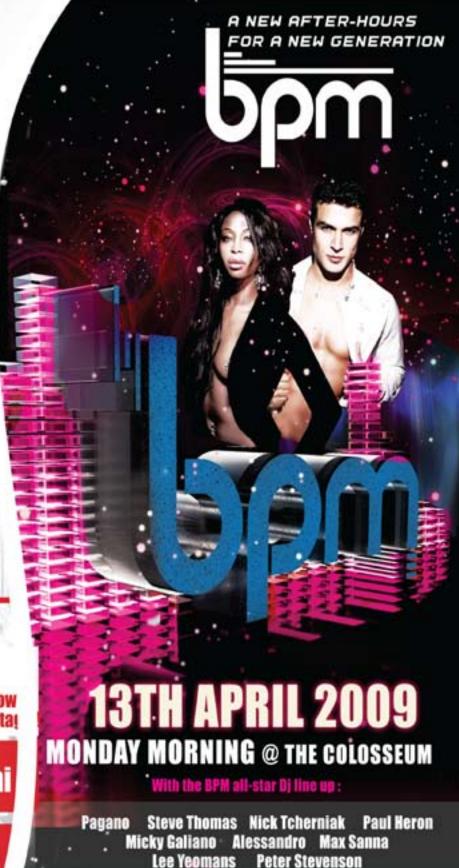
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Saturday nights get better and better every month and April is no exception. On the 4th, Manto proudly presents Soul Discretion (aka Psyche) giving you his entire uplifting funky & vocal house set both old and new plus there will be Live P.A. of their new summer anthem "Nothing Like (Parties In The Summertime)" performed by Fabien Ferryman.

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Thursday is Cabaret night with the two resident drag sisters, Cissy Star & Lucy Garter, camping it up and offering fun games, cabaret spots, camp dance... plus top DJ Mad Simon playing all the top Fridays sees the Star

change totally; laser lights create a top class dance and fun venue where DJ Mad Simon creates a fantastic night, mixing everything from federation music to all those camp-classics, the place is alive with people of all ages.

Saturday there are live cabaret acts every week top international drag acts perform live on stage, all supported by our terrific

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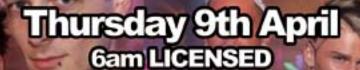
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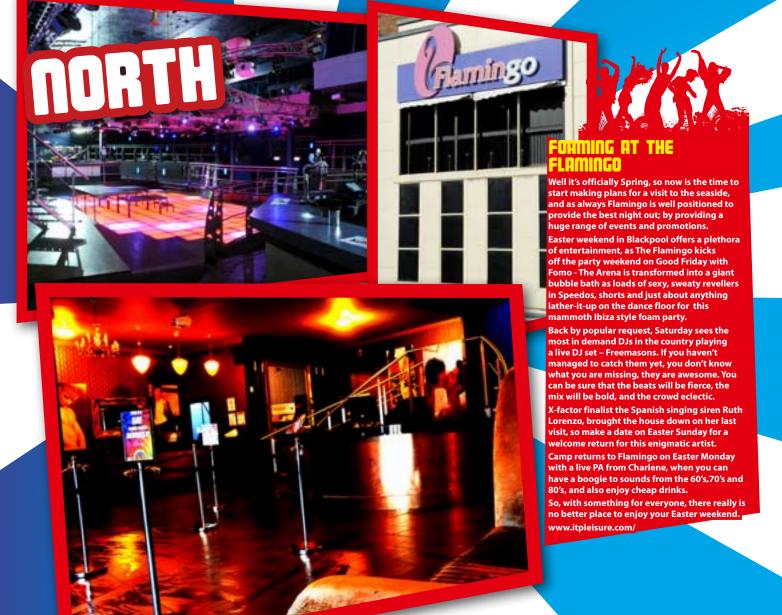
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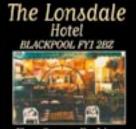


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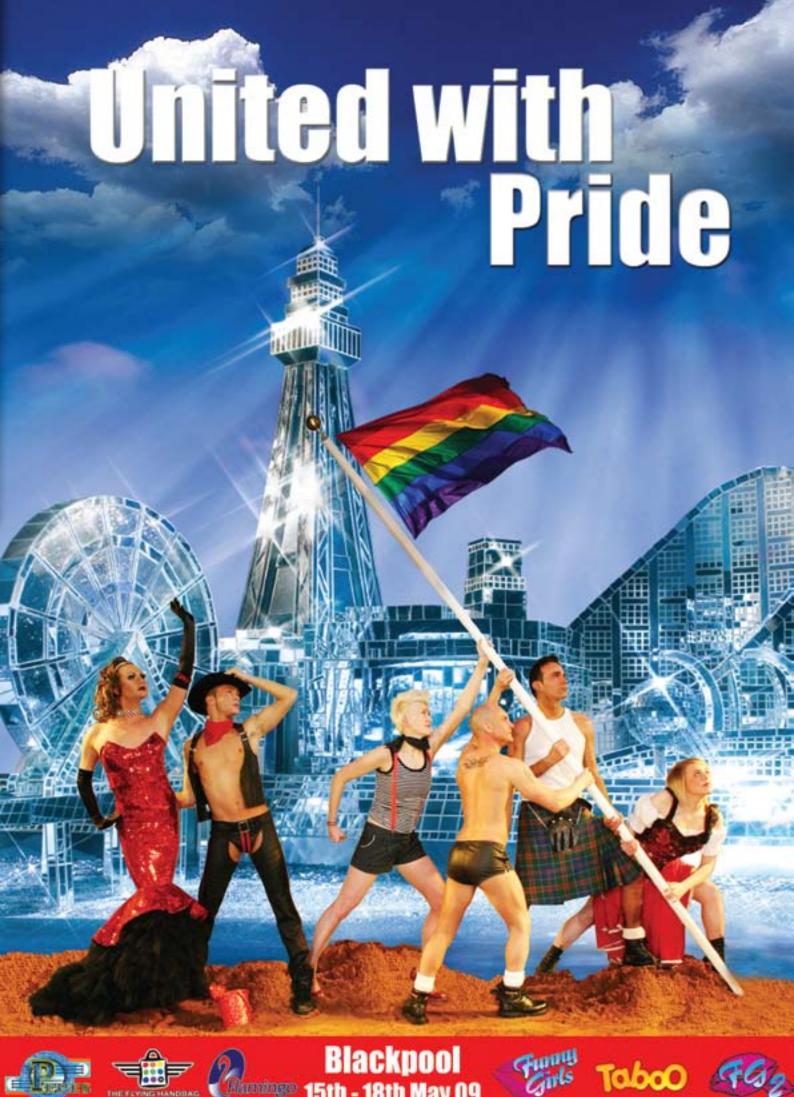




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The Viaduct, Lower Briggate, Leeds www.facebook.com/viaductleeds

LOVE LEEDS - THE SUMMER OF 2009

The north's biggest clubbing event returns with a collaboration of some of the UK's finest club nights on Saturday 4th July 2009. The last event on New Years Eve sold out in record time and the demand for tickets was about three times the capacity of Victoria works, with an estimated 3000 people not able to get hold of a ticket. With this in mind make sure you get yours early once they have been released at the beginning of April. Tickets are £15 early birds. £17.50 standard and £20 advance

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will have an American theme to go with
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a Hollywood stage to present the crazy
shenanigans.

The official after-party will run at Mission in association with IN:SESSION and everybody who purchases a Love Leeds ticket will receive a free pass for this event, which runs until the 'Cock Crows' on Sunday morning. For further details and ticket info go to www. loveleeds.com or call the events office on 08701 245567

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LEEDS GETS ITS FIRST WEEKEND GAY NIGHT IN YEARS, WITH BACK DOOR DISCO - HELD AT A HIDDEN VENUE

The Leeds' Gay scene is set for a shake up with the launch of the city's first weekend Queer night in years. Back Door Disco, which will be housed in a hidden venue next door to Club Mission and behind the Fiori Flower Shop on Heatons Court, opens on Saturday the 25th April.

Until now, Mission on Mondays has been the only weekly option for party minded homos out on the city's scene. Back Door Disco is sure to transform this by offering the only other four-times-a-month queer night and promising to bring some seriously bad ass gay clubbing to Leeds.

The night will be held in a hidden club beneath the railway arches on Heatons Court, which, until now, has remained secreted away next door to Mission. With two rooms and floors, a decadent glass topped wall-to-wall bar, and a massive dance arena with a huge 600 person capacity, this will be one of the North East's biggest gay venues.

Clubbers should expect a switched on crowd of sharp dressing queer boys, sexy up-for-it girls and high quality, modern-to-the-minute pop and house tunes from Homo and Climax veteran, DJ Scott Kelly, as well as guests on the decks.

"Back Door Disco is not just there to fill a colossal gap in the market for those whose only chance to party is on the weekend, but this new night will bring unprecedented quality to the city's clubbing circuit," says one of the promoters. "We'll be getting in nationally notorious guest DJs from around the country, along with give-aways from big brand sponsors and in-your-face entertainment from our Drag hosts, dancers and super fit shot boys and girls.

"This will be a night which the gay people of Leeds can dress up for, with cutting edge music they can dance along to and, most importantly, where they can meet and get off with hot boys and girls without the worry of work getting them up early in the morning.

"In keeping with the times, drinks will be on offer at a creditcrunching £2.50 and the door tax will never be higher than £5. There will also be plenty of opportunities each month for clubbers to pick up free entry for themselves and their friends.

"The huge venue, which has been designed to the highest quality, with an enchanting, flower filled Eden of an entrance, is sure to become a Mecca for the surrounding scenes of Manchester and Sheffield."

Back Door Disco promises to be a much needed weekend dose of bad ass Gay clubbing. The launch will be unmissable. For more information, check out www.myspace.com/backdoordiscoleeds

Vitals

Back Door Disco launches in Leeds at 11pm on Saturday the 25th April at a hidden venue through the Fiori Flower Shop, under the arches on Heatons Court (between Club Mission and the Basement Complex.) £3 - £5 on the door. For more information go to www.myspace.com/backdoordiscoleeds

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The Courtyard Party residents, Smithn Westn, Stuart Robinson, John Marshall, Ginna, and Jason Guy will be providing this year's sound track to the summer. With amazing drinks offers at both Bar Fibre and Queens Court, no wonder the Courtyard party attracts such a magical blend of people with the mix of sounds and fantastic atmosphere.

Make a note - this year's Courtyard parties take place:

Sunday 12th April (Bank Holiday / Opening Party)

Sunday 3rd May (Bank Holiday) Sunday 24th May (Bank Holiday)

Sunday 28th June

Sunday 26th July

Sunday 30th August (Bank Holiday)

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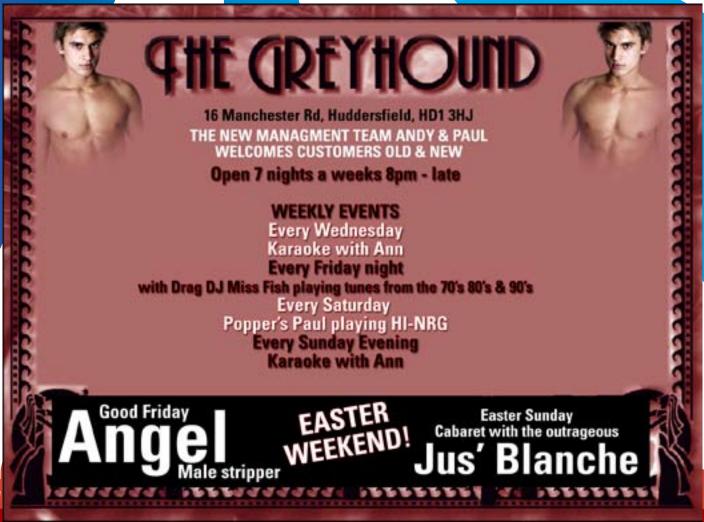
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NEW UNION AND WAKEFIELD PRIDE

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ITES (Mar21/Apr20)

It's an especially good time for personal affairs in particular where money and close relationships are concerned. You could be in line for a bonus or salary increase or your partner might be the lucky one. Joint finances receive a welcome boost. These next few weeks you intend to focus on the things you want to do and give attention to the people who really matter to you.



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laurus (Apr21/May21)

Friends and companions feature in all areas of your life over the weeks ahead. Group projects at work will bring better results than solo endeavours. Socially, you will be involved in groups that take the shape of amateur dramatics, sharing hobbies, interests and similar pursuits. If you're single, you aren't likely to be alone much longer; new interests will also bring a new love your way.

Gemini (May22/June21)

Planning is the keyword for the weeks ahead to ensure your long term prospects are secure. Once you've decided on your goals, go flat out to accomplish aims and desires. Group exercises will bring a lot of pleasure and satisfaction. Your sensitivity in emotional relationships will bring a greater sense of togetherness and deeper harmony in your intimate affairs. Loved ones share your wonderful sense of humour.

Jancer (Jun22/Jul23)

You won't be keen to mix with frivolous people over the weeks ahead. If others can't give anything a moment's serious consideration, you would prefer they kept out of your way. Plan your company accordingly. You aim to work steadily towards your goals and make a success of what you do. In a close and loving relationship, trust your feelings and this could bring some remarkable revelations.

CU (Jul24/Aug23)

Pleasing news could make this a special time particularly if it concerns someone living far away or plans you have for travelling overseas. Closer to home, partnerships and socialising are also favoured over the weeks ahead. It might feel as if you've been neglecting a special relationship of late and you should take now to get a partnership back onto a more stable footing.

(Aug24/Sept23)

Your long term plans are moving steadily forwards. You sometimes find yourself short of ready cash but this won't bring things to a standstill. This is more the result of poor planning and can swiftly be resolved. Make a point of checking your cash reserves weekly to avoid embarrassing situations. Single? You're about to meet someone who has all the qualities you're looking for in a lover and much more.

(Sept24/Oct23)

Shared budgets and joint commitments should be handled fairly over the weeks ahead. Don't assume your partner will go along with your thinking because he has always done so in the past. Discuss important decisions thoroughly and you will save yourself a lot of bother. Your charm is such anyway that you could well end up getting your own way despite any initial objections!

SCOPPIO (Oct24/Nov22)

New joint commitments looming on your horizon will need some careful thought. More importantly, you must decide whether or not you want to tie yourself to a particular person or will you regret it in the future? If you decide it's time to take the plunge and you agree on joint long term plans, your challenge over the weeks ahead is to prove how committed you are to this relationship.

Sagittarius (Nov23/Dec21)

Expect to soon feel the benefit of a new and productive phase in your life. Creativity will be enhanced over the month ahead. More importantly, it's easier than usual to convince others your ideas are worthwhile. Your imagination's working overtime and this will help you brighten up your surroundings and cheer up a cherished relationship that has been a bit awkward, of late

Capricorn (Dec22/Jan20)

The idea of moving house might appeal to your partner or another housemate; time will be spent calculating costs. The sort of home you would both like might stretch your budget and your reaction will be to look at finances to see where painless economies can be made. Taking on some extra work might also be a practical solution. All your spare time over the weeks ahead will be taken up house hunting or on home related projects.

Uarius (Jan21/Feb19)

Recent clashes you've had regarding household matters stand a good chance of being resolved. The weeks ahead will provide ample opportunity for you to take stock and rearrange your life so you feel more secure. Discussions between you and someone who holds a special corner of your heart are important. In fact, these next few weeks there's a whole lot of loving in store!

(Feb20/Mar20)

Lively discussions will make the weeks ahead enjoyable. Friends, partners and neighbours are full of news and views. Listen carefully to a loved one's future plans. Between the lines, they're hoping not only for your support but that you will join them too. Housemates are in a cheerful mood giving you all the help you need in tasks that come your way. In turn you will find special pleasure helping them.

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