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# **EDITOR'S WORDS**

I'm not a twitterer. I'm not even very good at sending regular emails. I don't have a facebook or myspace whatever that other one is that the kids use. Come to think of it, so reluctant am I to call anyone... my £5 top-up pay-as-you-go phone still has £4.32p left on it after a month. I'm just not good at telling people the minutiae of my life (unless you count this). I have a fear of folk knowing everything about me. Can I not be just a little mysterious? Does everything I do or have done have to be in the public arena? I object to the government bringing in identity cards but it would be hard to argue against them if I spent all my time sending twitter messages to all and sundry. I keep getting messages informing me that everything I need to know about so-and-so is out on twitter and that I can expect regular updates. I know that our gay God 'Stephen of the Fry' is keen on this particular information highway but, it is one that I don't want to travel, as it seems to be heading to a pile up. Doesn't so much nonsense and piffle really mean that folk have too much time on their hands? I'm sure Stephen sees it another way, but as he's in the public eye and famous, perhaps he has reason to keep his profile to the fore. However, I'm not sure that I want to know all the news, the latest music releases or the latest gossip or... whether some one is on the loo... of someone I've never heard of, never will know and possibly... wouldn't really want to know. By all means regard me as a twit but I'll remain twitterless!

Meanwhile, there are rumblings about the tax office bringing out a new pamphlet to let GLB&T folk know their newly defined tax status. Obviously, to some this has created

a bit of annoyance as to them, we are once again being singled out for preferential treatment. First let me applaud the Tax Man for even thinking of doing this, and encourage anyone who is thinking about Civil Partnerships etc to find this useful little booklet (www.hmrc.gov.uk/ leaflets/Pride1.pdf) and secondly, tell those who object, to go and boil their heads.

On the cusp of boyband Blue reforming, singer Duncan James has proclaimed himself to be bisexual in an interview with the News of the World. He says that he is not ashamed to admit that he has had loving relationships with both men and women and is tired of having to answer questions about his sexuality. There have been a string of celebrity females he has been linked to... but the boys he's dated have apparently all kept a low profile. The betting is on now as to which male celeb is the first to pop his head over the ramparts and admit to feeling a little Blue.



Gordon

And finally...

A word to our beloved politicians: Wipe your mouth... there's still a touch of bullshit on your lips.





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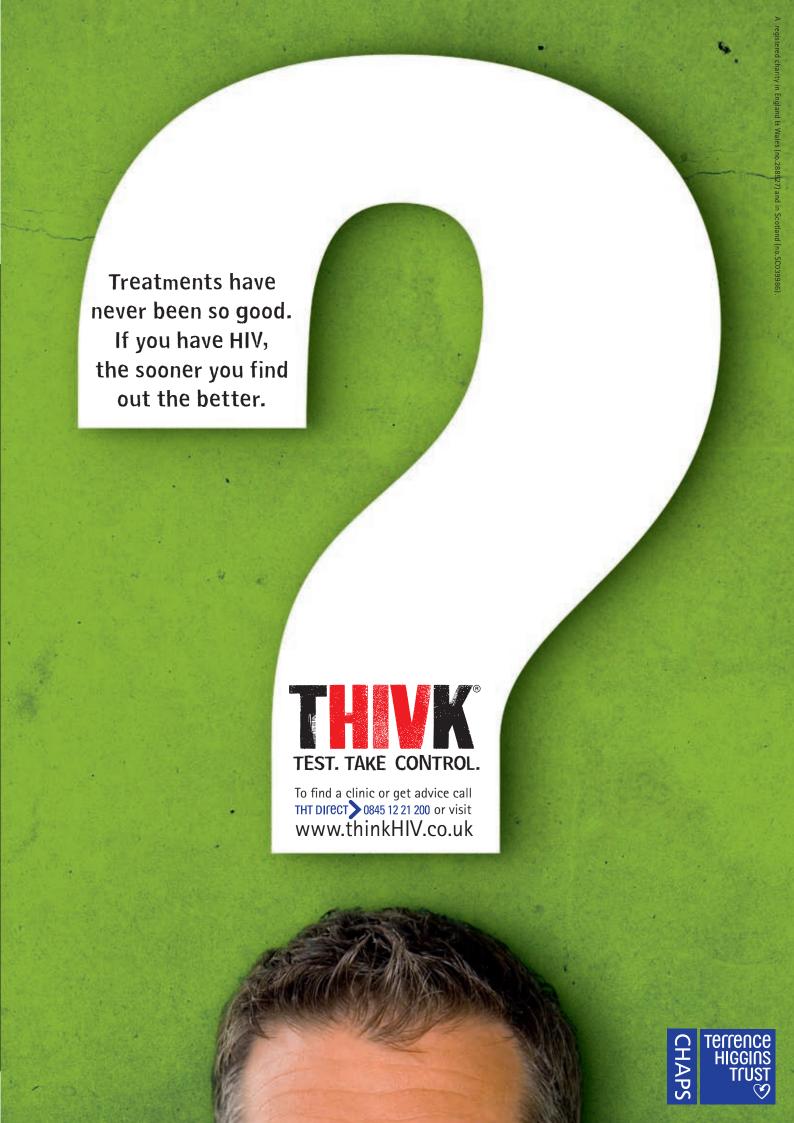
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# This month's Pride events

2 August Leeds Pride
8 August Cornwall Gay Pride – Truro
15 August UK Black Pride – London
15 August Swindon Pride
15 August Plymouth Pride
16 August Doncaster Pride
21-31 August Manchester Gay Pride
Festival Parade on the 29th

29 – 30 August **Cardiff Mardi Gras** 29 August **Barnsley Gay Pride** 5 September **Reading Pride** 

Always ahead of the game – in the early 80s he had the Anways anedu of the game – in the early 80s he had androgyny look long before it became fashionable.

Was a cloak-room attendant at London's most fashionable club Blitz.

He penned the musical Taboo set about this time He penned the musical laboo set about this time featuring colourful characters like Leigh Bowery, Steve Strange and Marilyn.

Do You Really Want to Hurt Me, Culture Club's first Number 1, was said to be written by Boy George after an argument with drummer Jon Moss with whom he had a relationship.

Formed his own record label with the possibly double entendre name – More Protein.

Appeared as himself in an episode of The 'A'

He sang the theme song from cult movie The Crying Game, the song was produced by the Pet Shop Boys

Has his own fashion label B-Rude

Has had many, well publicised, drug problems one of which ended up to him being sentenced to cleaning the streets of New York of New York.

His most recent addiction for drugs led in him to being sent to prison for the assault and false imprisonment of a male escort.

His autobiography was called 'Take It Like A Man

He releases very little recorded rie releases very little recorded work these days but is an 'in-demand' name for his DJ sets.

He once famously said in an interview that he would prefer a 'nice cup of tea' to sex.





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Pride London in 2009 was an amazing success, with more visitors than last year heading to the capital to celebrate all things gay. The parade through the city and the showcase event in Trafalgar Square saw an estimated 1 million people enjoying what could possibly have become the UK's largest free event. Needless to say it wouldn't have happened without the organisers and the many volunteers who gave their time so selflessly to make sure that everything went off well. If you enjoyed your time on the parade or at any point during the festival, and didn't get a chance to donate to the Pride London Charity please spare a little something and donate online using the link (https://rsm2.rsmsecure.com/cpterminal/cpweb.php).

Meanwhile, the plannning and preparations have already begun for next year's festival, which is provisionally scheduled for 21st June - 4th July 2010, with the Parade Day on Saturday 3rd July.

www.pridelondon.org



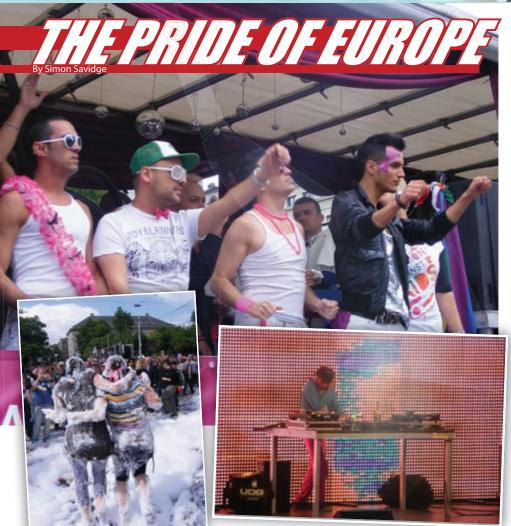
# HARRIPOTTER GALL

IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH ONLINE MAGAZINE MOVIEPHONE, DANIEL RADCLIFFE WAS ASKED ABOUT WHAT HE THOUGHT OF DUMBLEDORE BEING OUTED AND RUMOURS THAT HE HIMSELF WAS GAY.

"It's wonderful. I grew up around gay people my entire life, basically, that's possibly why I'm quite camp, and some people think I'm gay when I meet them, which I think is awesome. It's always good to keep them guessing [laughs]. I don't go on any blogs or chats or anything, but my friends are demons for them, and apparently someone said "Daniel Radcliffe is gay. He's got a gay face!" [Laughs] I really don't know what a gay face is.

Daniel is appearing in Harry Potter – The Half-Blood Price in cinemas now.

For the complete interview go to www.moviefone.com/insidemovies/



Recently, the mountains and lake were alive with the sound of blasting music as Europride took place in Zurich, and what is normally a stunning quite tax haven became every gay boy and girl's heaven for a weekend. Over 100,000 people 'came out' to play in style and to celebrate their gayness. Twinks, bears, army officers, gay parents, drag queens, lady boys, Daddies, you name it they all hit Zurich's streets with two things on their minds 'to celebrate and to party' and that is just what they did.

Once the parade had finished the crowds headed for Munsterhof Square, the pebbled street not making the best dance-floor but you know us... once the throb of the music gets to

us... we'll dance on a pinhead if that's the only available space. Éven a sudden thunderstorm didn't stop the party. So, as the rainbow umbrellas added even more colour across the square. the music played, the people drank and everyone became very merry indeed. With the festivities in full swing the focus for the evening changed as the crowd started to

head to THE party of the night in a converted warehouse in trendy industrial Zurich West. 'Circuit' at the G-Club was the night's hottest (literally) of hotspots with some UK talent on show. Skin (of Skunk Anasie) blared out some amazing tunes in the main room with a second room dedicated to the wonderful Horse Meat Disco. Zurich gave us all a taste of what Prides should be like and the city should be very proud!

Many thanks to the Hyatt Zurich for such terrific accommodation and for more information on Zurich and Switzerland visit www. MySwitzerland.com or call 00800 100 200 30 for info and sales (where you can book hotel, flights, train tickets - the whole lott).



Four specialist lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender charities have launched a total-help initiative to reduce homelessness among lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT youth). Jigsaw brings together legal advisers Stonewall Housing, young people's homelessness and support charity Albert Kennedy Trust, the UK's leading mental health organisation PACE and Galop, which supports victims of homophobic crime. Together, these organisations will provide a complete network of services for young people at risk from becoming homeless.

Despite the greater legal recognition of LGBT people, social acceptance is far from universal. Today, many young LGBT people face rejection from their own family, persecution from their own communities, and even physical attack. Furthermore, most offenders of homophobic hate crime are aged between 16 and 20 and the majority of hate crime happens near victim's homes.

THE JIGSAM PROJECT

Jigsaw's co-ordinator, Michael Nastari, comments: "The effects of homophobia and transphobia on young people's lives can be devastating. As a result, they can fail to succeed in education, miss out on employment and training, and suffer a range of mental health issues, just because of who they are. Jigsaw is the first initiative of its kind to put the pieces together, making a clear picture of the portfolio of support available. Young people who use Jigsaw gain access to a complete range of services, specially tailored to their individual needs."

www.lgbtjigsaw.net

IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF THE DOLLY ROCKERS THEN AL YOU ARE A LITTLE BEHIND THE TIMES AND BLYOU ARE ABOUT TO HEAR A LOT MORE OF THEM. AFTER MISSING THE BIG TIME ON THE X FACTOR SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN BIDING THEIR TIME AND PLOTTING WORLD DOMINATION.
RECENTLY, AFTER GETTING RADIO 1 AIRPLAY 'LE SUIS UNE DOLLY BECAME A CULT HIT, SCOTT MILLS HALLED THEM AS ONE OF THE FINEST POP ACTS AROUND AND NOW THE GIRLS ARE BACK WITH THEIR OFFICIAL DEBUT 'GOLD DIGGER'. SIMON SAVIDGE FEELS THE TIME IS RIPE FOR DOLLYMANIA!



When I first arrive, their manager announces that they are one down as she's running late "We should get them tagged... really they run wild". As soon as the first two arrive the air is filled with bubbly manic questions "How do you use this fancy coffee machine", "Can we go to River Island later", "Do you need all this funky furniture we've got a very empty new flat", 'What's the plan next week". A crazy wildness reminds me of the very early days Spice Girls. "If we could have half the success that they had it would be fabulous, mind you shame about the reunion for money... but for ten million each who wouldn't?" The girls nod to each other and laugh a lot. "We don't have nicknames yet... do you want to give us some?"

If I was to label them in that Spicy vein then Lucie would be Blonde Business Dolly, Brooke would be Northern Chatterbox Dolly and Sophie would be Silent Plotter Dolly. Not quite as punchy as the nicknames that the Spice Girls had but it definitely sums them all up individually.

We sit down and comment on how it's been "manic since the whole Scott Mills thing" but it didn't all start with the X Factor. Just as the gossip is about to start Sophie arrives. "I've been bloody arrested for having a kids ticket on the tube, I might get community service." There follows a chat between the three in their own special language before she turns and beams in my direction "Hello by the way, sorry I am late I have been having a Dolly Drama". Brooke gives me a knowing look, "We have quite a few of those... now, where were we?"

The girls did indeed go on the X Factor and ended up at Louis Walsh's house but didn't make it to the final ten. "It taught us loads though," Lucie adds, "I mean how the whole game works... we were fortunate we didn't get featured too much so we haven't really had the tag attached. I like that. We have had to go away and work our balls off... well if we had any. Now, hopefully whatever success comes is on our terms, we are in charge and the label is aware of that..." Brooke giggles, "Or else".

They actually started via an audition advertised in The Stage - for a girl group called Innocence. Sophie divulges, "We thought we were going to get so famous. The guy was like... we have guards for you, limos and everything." She's interrupted by Brooke who adds, "He was so full of shit". Lucie looks thoughtful. "Again it was good for us. We now really value everything we have and we've become smarter both business-wise and in general. We get the tube rather than have cars, it comes from our budget, you hear all these popstar moaning they made no money but they had bloody men driving them around in huge Mercedes, what do they expect?" We end up having a good old natter about the X Factor: "We don't have any dirt, though I will say the judges aren't around as much as you think. We would've loved to have Cheryl as a mentor that would have been

So girls, for those who haven't heard you before, explain your sound. "Ooh," Sophie exclaims, "you must come and hear some of our new tracks." I get an

amazing.

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exclusive insight into the album and... it's brilliant. A mix of pop, electro, dance, rock and R&B. "With proper British accents... apparently people all over the shop love the fact we sound real." Every song could be a single... from the camp kitsch, angry pop of 'Champagne Shirley' to the awesome rock electro of 'Boys Will Be Boys'. The latter title they changed the lyric 'freaking' to 'fucking' "It was a bit too American and we have some attitude in us as you may have noticed."

When the time comes to say goodbye's Brooke has gone AWOL. Suddenly when I am in the lift, the clear glass is covered by the missing Dolly Rocker pulling faces and waving like a mad woman. Anyone who steps into the world of this crazy trio of girls will know that they have been well and truly Dolly Rockered!

The Dolly Rockers debut single 'Gold Digger' is out at the end of August for more information visit:

www.thedollyrockers.com

<u>dig out your flares and dust down your Mirrorball</u> 2009 IS THE YEAR OF DISCO REVOLUTION. OFFICIAL. AND <u>WHAT FURTHER PROOF DO YOU NEED THAN CARWASH</u> <u>(London's Longest Running Clubbing Event and</u> <u> (HE WORLD'S ONLY INTERNATIONAL DISCO CLUB BRAND)</u> IS TAKING OVER EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE SUPER GLAMOROUS EL DIVINO IN IBIZA TOWN FOR 2009. THEY DARE TO SHINE THEIR GLORIOUSLY DECADENT PLANT THE THE PROPERTY OF THE SHINE THE PLANT OF DARKEST RECESSES OF IBILA'S HARD-EDGED DANCE SCENE. AND FROM THE BULL ON THE ISLAND, IT'S ABOUT TIME. BENT CAUGHT UP WITH NIGEL "THE DECKSTER" ATKIN, CARWASH PROMOTER AND DITO DIG DEEPER.

Disco in Ibiza. We didn't see this one coming...

Maybe you did see it coming, but only because it is about time. We have had nothing but house on the Island for years. Disco house, maybe we have had, but that is a whole different thing.

# Please tell me you're playing vinyl!

lt's billed as the buzzing underground disco club scenes of both London and Paris (nu disco) uniting with the Carwash party (classic sounds). Can you describe the nu sound

Lets not get too hung up on the Nu bit, it is for sure an aspect of what we will play, but there will be plenty of fabulous classic original disco too. The Nu we work with is classic disco, often well known tunes like 'I want your love" and "Superstition" re edited to be cleaner, with a more modern groove without losing any of the high production and energy of the original. There is a side to Nu Disco which is more housey and jazzy, but we will not be venturing there, we are only playing full power, shiny glamorous disco.

#### And you've taken over the infamous El Divino in Ibiza Town on a Saturday night? Were they sold on the idea from the start?

I was surprised how much so. I thought I was talking about a one off, and came out of the meeting with the Saturday night. I did realize, however before I went in how perfect Disco is for the profile of the people who like El Divino. People who go there are unlikely to want deep progressive house. The mix there is very international, wealthy, mixed gay/straight and slightly older (not 18yr old first time holiday makers), those groups are all predisposed to like Disco, more even than disco house.

# And you're to be congratulated on no more "10 euro bottles of water!" A 5 euro flat rate for drinks is pretty much the same as





And if you liked the first single, just wait until the album 'One Love' comes out later this month. It features some of the biggest stars in soul and RnB music in the world today, with each song tailored to their individual qualities. With every track a possible single release, it was a tough job trying to pick my favourites, but special mention must go to

#### One Love

The title track just oozes quality, with the vocals supplied by Grammy award winner Estelle (of 'American Boy fame'. The emotion displayed on this powerhouse will simply makes your hairs stand up on end.

# **Getting' Over**

A catchy, funky house anthem that stuck in my brain from the very first play. You'll instantly recognise the vocal, as they're from Chris Willis (vocalist on many of David's huge hits including 'Just A Little More Love').

# It's the way you love Me

OK, so I'm a sucker for divas with powerhouse voices, but the second collaboration with Kelly Rowland could possible be a second number one single from the album. An emotional ballad-come-dance track that exudes the qualities not heard since the disco hits of the 1970s.

The roll-call of famous names doesn't stop there. Akon, Will.I.Am (from the Black Out Peas), Kid Cudi and Novel also join in the party. My friends know that it's very rare that l would heap such praise on anything in life, let alone an album, but if I have one recommendation for 2009, it's this album. Expect to hear this album blaring from every house or open car window all summer long.



One Love is released on 24th August on Virgin Records. Find out more at ww.davidguetta.com or follow david on www.twitter.com/davidguetta\_en



ROBBIE RIVERA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PROLIFIC DIS AND PRODUCERS. HE STARTED HIS OWN RECORD LABEL JUICY RECORDS, BACK IN 2000 AND HASN'T LOOKED BACK SINCE. HIS WEEKLY NIGHT JUICY IBIZA HAS JUST JUMPED I SHIP (AS HAVE MOST CLUB NIGHTS IN IBIZA THIS YEAR <u>it seems) to every tuesday at the biggest club in</u> THE WORLD. PRIVILEGE. PROMISING (AND DELIVERING) A MIX OF EDGY GLAMOUR AND THE BEST UNDERGROUND HOUSE MUSIC, EXPECT GUEST DI SLOTS FROM MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NAMES SUCH AS KASKADE, INPETTO,



VANDALISM AND STONEBRIDGE.

Described as "a little Miami sunshine on la Isla Blanca", the launch party in July was packed to the rafters, no mean feat as he's on the same night as clubbing giants Carl Cox at Space and Fedde Le Grand at Pacha. If you're in Ibiza this year, there's now 2 weekly essential nights at Privilege each week (the other being gay favourite SuperMartXe on Fridays)

As a dance4life (an international initiative set up to involve and empower young people to push back the spread of HIV and AIDS) supporter, Robbie has also decided to donate 1 euro from every ticket to Juicy. This

money will go to the further development of the dance4life schools project in Ibiza and the mainland of Spain.

This year, you can also bring Juicy Ibiza 2009 to your home, with the release of a double mix CD or download which is now available. Robbie has handpicked the finest summer tunes from his very own Juicy Music label and melted this into 2 steamy summer mixes of the finest in sexy, dirty house music. The track listing is a who's who of who's hot in 2009 from Deadmau5, Jaimy & Kenny D to Joachim Garraud. An unashamed workaholic, when Robbie's not travelling or remixing, he is locked in either his Ibizan or US studio, infusing the sounds he hears on his travels, expect many of his own productions from the man himself on this release too.

His distinctive brand of dirty and electro-tinged house ignites dance-floors across the globe. On a continuous world-tour, and with a diary resembling an airport departure board, his music has regularly packed-out the dance-floors from Poland, Brazil and Australia to his birth place of Puerto Rico and his hometown of Miami.

Find out more on Robbie @ www.robbierivera.com. Juicy Ibiza 2009 runs throughout the summer every Tuesday (until 8th September) at Privilege. www.privilegeibiza.com



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# of the MONTH

# **ERICK MORILLO FT.** Deborah Cooper

#### I Get Lifted (Subliminal Records)

One of the great divas, Deborah was originally the lead vocalist of the Fatback Band, then moving on to become the front woman for C&C Music factory, belting out such hits as 'Deeper Love and 'Keep It Coming'. Put simply, this is a piece of quality house music. Awesome vocals over a tough, groovy beat. The perfect summer anthem. www. subliminalrecords.com



#### Fight Again (Urbana Recordings)

Deux (aka Spanish producers and DJs David Penn la Toni Bass) can do no wrong in my eyes. They're responsible for some of the biggest gay anthems in recent years, including 'Sun Rising Up'. Also known as 'Deux Anthem', the funky tribal beats and an extremely catchy and uplifting uplifting vocal ensure a great dancefloor reaction - after all, us gays love a strong, emotive woman singing while we're shimmying! www.urbanarecordings.com



# > YANOU

#### Brighter Day (All Around The World)

Funky house can quite often get a slating, but when it's done as well it's a joy to listen/dance to. Yes, it's another diva led track, with Anita Harris singling her lungs out (not the 70 year old Carry On actress if your memory goes back that far!). Charging, feel good beats, a splash of strings and a killer breakdown. What more could you want? There's 8 mixes to choose from in total, the Original Mix has more than a few similarities to Lauren Wolf's No Stress, but that's not a bad thing. A close second is the more electro offering from R.I.O. www.aatw.com



# *D JAMES FLY*

#### Nothing Else Seems To Matter

A very clever reworking of the classic 80's track 'When I Think Of You' written by legendary duo Jam & Lewis and originally recorded by Janet Jackson. The infectious main vocal has been resung and laid over a pumping, electro tinged groove and has had one of the best reactions I seen all year from it's very first play. Apparently, there's plenty more on the way later in the year from London DJ James and if they're as impressive as this, I'm expecting he'll be a household name in no time! www.deependance.com



# *NRDYFFTSHENA*

#### Hold On (Freemaison)

Released on the Freemasons record label, Mr DYF have employed the power vocal of Shena, a real favourite on the gay scene. This is an upbeat offering as you would expect, with some superb mixes available. My pick is the tougher feeling Stockholm Syndrome mix, which delivers a more underground feel to it. Expect this to be performed at most Gay Pride festivals throughout the summer, www.freemaison.com







# *△GREAT NORTHERN*

#### Houses

## Out: 3rd August

This UK debut from Great Northern has been rated 'Must Download Now' by NME, whilst iTunes (always tirelessly selling anything they can make money off) called them, rather half-arsedly, the next big thing. Of course, these days, everythings the next best thing. However, this EP has already made its mark in soundtrack overload—featuring on TV shows such as Bones' and Grey's Anatomy. There's a dichotomy with having two singer-songwriters, but this is one of their strengths, with a blitz of classical, psych-pop and bittersweet ballad raining on the listener. For now, I'd say give them a chance. When they unleash their full LP, then we can decide whether to stone them or dig them.



# A KIULA KELA

# pent Amplified!

# Out: 31st August

This third studio album from Killa has the usual list of stellar music gurus: James Rushent, who helmed a #1 Prodigy album; French maestro Alan Braxe; those flashin-the-pan student hipsters Hadouken!; and Human League's legendary producer, Martin Rushent. Killa, you might remember, however, doesn't need any of them, because he's famous for beatboxing. If that's your thing, and you don't get bored of an album's worth of it, then you'll love this. Oh yeah, and the producers have made it all sound pretty perfect too.



# DINOAH & THE WHALE

## The First Days of Spring Out: 31st August

This album will be launched amongst media overload, with a single and a film release all at the same time. For those of you who like Noah & the Whale, you'll love this cross-pollination madness. As usual, expect emotional meanderings and made-for-Mum balladic loveliness. Erm, yeah. Maybe I'll pass.



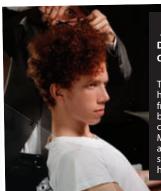
# *D SULTIAN*

#### Nubreed 08 **Out: 24th August**

Canadian rising star Sultan presents the next instalment of Nubreed, which is a pleasing mish-mash of progressive and techno house. Even Tiesto and Armin Van Helden dig this guy, and it's clear to see why. Subtle emotion and a sense of drama are interwoven into the mixing of this disc jockey, making the album epic but not obvious. Expect Dirty Vegas, Joris Voorn and Tone Depth, and expect to love it.



Ethereal distortion comes to us this month from the dark, disturbing stylings of Gliss. There's the brutality of My Bloody Valentine with the shimmering sheen of Goldfrapp, with a stuttering cool the likes of which isn't quite unoriginal. Yes, it's buzzy, it's bassy, and it's sugary as speed, but this single actually works in a cracked, gleaming way.



# DERIK HASSUE

Don't Bring Flowers **Out: 24th August** 

The Guardian rightly pointed out this dude's hair is even better than his songs. We agree, and frankly we're bored of gorgeous Scandinavian boy-pop morsels being lobbed at us by big corporate record empires. Okay, maybe he's not Madonna (yet), but we're still too cynical. Then again, you might like that kind of thing, and I'm sure you can imagine how he sounds without me having to tell you.



# *DEN'S BROTHER*

#### **Questions and Answers** Out: 3rd August

The Times gave these chaps a gushing four-star review for their live show, but we never had that privilege. Instead we got to listen to this surprisingly decent single. It's all serious melodies, vibrant lyrics and powerful instrumentals. It's perfect for summer and perfect for BBQs. If British weather permits either, buy it. If it rains, don't bother.





# *>THETHOUGHT*

All the Freaks Out: 31st August

Energetic electro, 'All the Freaks' comes from The Thought Criminals' forthcoming album, 'You're a Moral Liability'. There's a searing blend of EBM, pop, electro, new wave and punk, which offers glimpses of The Prodigy and Marilyn Manson, but also Gary Numan and Soft Cell. The flavour is very 80s and very 90s at the same time, whilst still coming off as modern. Now if only they'd cover up their beer bellies and get some decent outfits, they might do well.

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**Editors Choice** 



# JANEANE GAROFALO

Coming to this year's Fringe is American comedian Janeane Garofalo, who might be better know to audiences in the UK for her TV roles in '24' and 'The West Wing'. She normally plays the part of a smart, cynical, successful businesswoman with a razor wit but back in the USA she is also known for writing comedy scripts, and her no-nonsense activist stand-up routines. Bent thought it would catch up with her for a few words before she boarded the plane from New York to Edinburgh.

# Do you have a preference for stand up or acting... or is it all the same?

Stand up because I find I can control the material more and it means I can have more interaction with the audience and an immediate response

# We've seen you as dynamic women in incredibly highly rated shows like 24 and West Wing, which did you prefer?

I preferred the West Wing as the part I played was more challenging and I preferred Martin Sheen's White House.

# Do you remember what the first joke you ever told on stage that made you think, "Yes, I've found my audience?"

No, I am afraid I don't really remember the early days of doing stand-up. I bombed so frequently that I don't really have any recollection of that light bulb moment. I guess I became more comfortable doing stand-up after around 4/5 years of doing it, by then I had stopped getting nervous.

#### What has Edinburgh got to entice you to these shores?

I would say deep fried chocolate bars but I am not a huge fan of deep fried candy bars. I guess it would be the ability to get punched in the face at any bar

#### What can we expect from your act?

Just don't know at the moment, I guess you're gonna have to come along and find out for yourself!

#### You're known for taking quite a stand politically and being an activist... do you find this an area that appeals to many of the showbiz crowd these days?

I have no idea really; traditionally people in arts and entertainment have always been more vocal than other areas so I guess it is not a new issue really.

# Are you any more hopeful of America's standing in the world since Obama became President?

Yes, but I won't be happy until the Republican Party implodes completely

Janeane is at the Gilded Balloon - Debating Hall, Edinburgh Festival 6th -15th August Tickets: 0131 622 6552 There is also a special show at the Bloomsbury Theatre with Al Madrigal on 25th Sept Tickets: 0207 388 8822





# **Perversion without Prejudice**

Australia's longest running Gay Theatre Company returns to the UK with Jane Austen's Guide to Pornography by Steven Dawson. It's Sex without Sensibility... Perversion without Prejudice high-camp, comical, raunchy, romantic and tender - sometimes all in the same scene. Jane's on her last lungs and desperately wants to go out with a bang; while 21st century pornographic playwright Brett wants to write something that doesn't involve willies. Meanwhile, Darcy is sodomising stableboys, Marianne's getting rogered rigid and Jane still cant say "fellatio" without reaching for the smelling salts.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Zoo Southside (Venue No. 82) 7th -31st Aug www.edfringe.com

London Theatre 503 - 2nd -12th Sept www.theatre503.com





# Top Drawers

By Lee Hudson

If you mix beauty, style, hedonism, homo-erotica and a bevy of hot lads and lasses in their underwear... what do you get? Well, for me it was a wet dream come to life on the stage but to Matthew Bourne it is his latest touring production of Dorian Gray. Oscar Wilde's story of a good-looking innocent corrupted by his own beauty has been reworked with a very modern twist. Dorian becomes 'The Immortal Face' the most desirable, the most loved, the most appealing to both sexes, Dorian is lifted up high only to come crashing, violently down. A superb piece of theatre that I can encourage everyone, and not just underpant fetishists, to go and see. Brilliant!

Check out tour details at www.new-adventures.net





# Lucerne. Too beautiful to be true.

MySwitzerland.com/gaylesbian Come to the picture-book city of Lucerne, with its beautiful lake and effervescent festivals.

#### **Essence of Cumming** Yes, for just a short series of one-man shows, the multi-talented Alan Cumming hits the London stage with his new theatrical offering, the intriguingly entitled - I bought a blue car today. Cumming unleashes his favourite tunes, belting out celebrated hits alongside little-known gems, whilst captivating his audience with poignant anecdotes from his colourful and fantastic past. A musical journey peppered with material by Frank Sinatra, Dory Previn, Kander & Ebb and Cyndi Lauper, to name only a few... and who knows... he might also disclose all about his latest purchase. Vaudeville Theatre, 404 The Strand, London WC2 1st-6th September Box Office: 0844 412 4663 www.iboughtabluecartoday.com

# **Prick Up Your Ears**

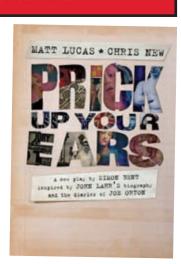
A new play by Simon Bent. Inspired by John Lahr's biography & the diaries of Joe Orton.

London. The 60s are in full swing! Joe Orton, hailed as the greatest comic playwright since Oscar Wilde, has arrived! But success has its price. After 16 years of creative collaboration with his lover Kenneth Halliwell, the scales have tipped, and someone will be left

Starring Little Britain's Matt Lucas and Chris New (Best Newcomer nomination, Evening Standard), this dark, funny and moving play imagines what really happened; how their co-dependent attachment became recrimination and finally revenge.

See it prior to a West End run.

Lowry Salford - 31 August - 5 September Box Office 0870 787 5780





# From trench-coat to sparkly gown

It was only a matter of time (lord) but now it can be revealed, the star of screen and stage John Barrowman will become the fourth actor to slip on Zaza's sparkly stilettos when he joins the cast of the hit West End show La Cage aux Folles. The butch bisexual from Cardiff's Torchwood takes over from current incumbent on 14th September and will continue in the role until 28th November. La Cage aux Folles is a timeless and deliciously funny tale of family values, unconditional love, and above all, the need to celebrate who we are.

La Cage aux Folles

www.alancumming.com

Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5DE

Box Office: 0870 060 6631

Website: www.lacagelondon.com



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At one point I did actually contemplate taking up the sport but, guess what, as I got older I became more worried about touching another guy. At what point the idea of such physical intimacy scared me I'm not sure but it was then I metaphorically hung up my trunks and binned any plans to become a professional wrestler. I went off the sport completely when it seemed that the heroes of the ring had become all fat and showbiz and a belly flop could render a knockout with barely any skill involved.

Meanwhile, middleweight and lightweight boxers became my object of fantasy. I didn't want to fight but I appreciated the style, stamina and commitment of my new gods of the ring. Again, for me, it was definitely a fetish thing. Apart from obviously adoring such terrifically toned bodies, I loved the look of the smooth though lethal leather boxing gloves but especially the shiny satin shorts, which to my burgeoning gay sensibilities became a symbol of manliness and sexuality. These days the shorts have become some kind of baggy parody of a clown outfit and I think it unfortunate that some boxers now look like they belong in a circus.

When WWF (now WWE) exploded onto our screens, I hated the show business element to it. I disliked the fact that we got so much chat and hype with not enough action, and I begrudged the 'fact' that it all appeared (albeit well) choreographed. It took me a while to find my 'gay' perspective to it and enjoy the absolute hunks throwing themselves around in the tightest of shiny PVC and god knows what other 'come and f\*ck me' style of garment they seem to wear. These beefy blokes (cos small and lithe just doesn't happen in WWE) really do know how to sell themselves... to everyone.

I know that gay wrestling is very big and my friend Chris Geary (www.chrisgeary. com) takes part in bouts in this country and abroad, as well as running his own specialist meets. There are gay clubs worldwide you can find on the net that encourage guys to get physical with each other; wrestling, rugby, swimming, football and a host of others... but I wondered... boxing? Not so long ago there was a trend amongst white-collar workers and city slicker types to get in the ring themselves and have a fight. It was a way to let off steam to 'prove' to themselves that they weren't just a

bunch of desk-bound softies but real men who could take the knocks.

Switch on the sports channels and you will now find Muay Thai, kickboxing and UFC style boxing on our screens and my love of the perfectly taut body and physical skill, together with my penchant for watching guys fight it out in shorts, is back as strong as ever. Despite the very violence these sports portray, the entire activity just screams homo-erotica to me and I wondered if others felt the same way. Is it merely the imagery that hooks people or is it the right-hook that folk are now keen to experience and, I wondered, are gay guys looking for that 'real man' experience themselves?

Jim, who is gay and has been a boxing coach for many years, offered this opinion.

There are no 'Gay' boxing clubs or groups other than Internet sites and Yahoo groups (as far as I know). There are people, especially in the States, who find the idea of boxing erotic. There are probably some here too. Equally, no problem, as long as no one gets hurt it's a case of 'different strokes'. It's a

VERY minority interest. To actually train for boxing is hard enough, to compete requires a total dedication of lifestyle, nutrition and training. It doesn't fit the stereotypical 'gay' lifestyle. It doesn't fit the typical gay man's interpretation of training either. Going to a gym and bodybuilding is the complete opposite of how a boxer would train.

The question of whether gay men are getting more involved in real sport (competitive sport) as opposed to the cosmetic activity of 'working out' is an interesting one. I took part in three Gay Games and there are undoubtedly more gay people in Western Europe and the USA playing sport BUT it's still a marginalised activity in gay culture and many young gay people, especially boys, think that competitive sport is not for them. Mostly the PE they had at school was so appallingly bad that they have never had a chance to experience sport in any real sense and think that going to the gym is sporting activity. It's actually just another form of cosmetics! Meanwhile Keith, who is a keen amateur boxer, offers his take on the situation.

It's a subject that's close to my heart as I have a life-long love of boxing and

the question of gay/ bi lads participating in the sport is something which has long been uppermost in my mind for a long, long time. There I are websites, which gay lads into boxing use, as well as lacksquarethose into wrestling in order to contact other guys into the sport. In my experience, many of them seem to be interested purely in the fetishist side of lacksquarethings; putting on boxing gear and getting into hot, sweaty clinches with other guys in order to satiate their needs. Most don't want to box or are hopeless at it. However, I have also met guys who want to meet for private matches and who have a good grasp of boxing techniques. And again, there are some guys who merely want to be beaten to fulfil a sado-masochistic

I went to a local boxing club as a boy and I have friends in the sport, both professional boxers and amateur coaches. Most know that I'm gay and it's simply not an issue for them. Some have even confided in me that they're bi-curious. My closest friend is bisexual and boxed both for an amateur club as a teen in the North West and in the armed forces. So there are gay and bisexual guys out there who do box; they're just not obvious in the vast majority of cases.

What also interests me is the fact that there are very real homoerotic undercurrents in boxing itself. Many of the motions, which fighters go through in a contest, are very similar to homosexual encounters; the close clinches, bodies pressed together, covered in sweat.

I've also had a pro boxer friend once say to me in these very words: "I dunno if it's kinky or what, mate, but I love the smell of sweat and leather down the gym."

I think that countless of us can appreciate that sentiment but at the beginning of writing this item I was hoping to find, not unlike the Brad Pitt movie Fight Club, an underground, secret organisation of gay lads hell bent on venting their aggression in the ring. I was also hoping that it would lead to a gay boxing superstar coming to the fore that we could all support as he took on his 'straight' opponents. I realise it was my own fantasy that drove me down this route and I hadn't taken into consideration just what it takes to be even moderately good at this sport. I am in awe of boxers and I'm sure there are gay boxers all over the place but I think that their sexuality is perhaps the least important part of their personality.

www.Globalfight.com www.Gayfighter.com www.realiock.com



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Get Fierce boxing is strictly an LGBT event. Everyone who competes will be gay, lesbian or transgendered. The event is open to the public. Although several of the people who have applied do have experience in boxing/ kickboxing, no experience is necessary as competitors will have been trained professionally by gay coach and ABA champion Jimmy Dublin. From those who are training - a final 12 will be selected to compete in front of a live audience at the Get Fierce event in November - Fight Night staged by Lost the Plot promotions. The evening takes place at the Troxy in Limehouse and will be hosted by Ms Kimberly, followed by a huge after party with live acts and special guests.

Competitors will be matched according to ability (not weight). There will be three, one and a half minute bouts in each match, a total of 6 matches (12 fighters). The bouts will be gender specific (i.e boys vs boys, girls vs girls). Although, as it's a fun fun-raising event they are toying with the idea of introducing a few tongue in cheek catergories such as (bears and twinks) depending on which competitors make it through! All competitors will get to choose their own nicknames and theme music for the night.

The idea is to encourage the gay community to get fit again and raise the profile of gay sports. As money from the event is going to Crusaid, the underlying themes of; safe sex will be tied in with the idea of fighting fit and looking after your body. Homo-vision will be filming a documentary/show following the

hopefuls from training, through to selection and the big night itself.

www.losttheplotpromotions.com



THE NORTH WEST'S ONLY GAY RUGBY TEAM, MANCHESTER VILLAGE
SPARTANS, WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1999. THE FIRST GAME WAS PLAYED
AGAINST THE KINGS CROSS STEELERS, WHICH ATTRACTED OVER 200
SPECTATORS. A DECADE LATER, THE TEAM ARE GOING STRONG AND ARE
CURRENTLY PLAYING IN THE NORTH WEST INTERMEDIATE LEAGUES, WITH
OVER 20 LEAGUE GAMES AGAINST "STRAIGHT" TEAMS PLANNED FOR
2009/10 SEASON. THE SPARTANS ARE ALSO WORKING HARD TO PREPARE
FOR THE BINGHAM CUP, AN INTERNATIONAL GAY RUGBY TOURNAMENT TO
BE HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS NEXT YEAR.



The Bingham Cup is a worldwide competition named in remembrance of Mark Kendall Bingham, one of the heroic victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist action in the USA. The Manchester Village Spartans have played at each Bingham Cup since the first tournament in San Francisco in 2002.

Next year will be the 5th Bingham Cup and will be made up of over 30 gay teams from around the globe. To ensure they are able to send their best team over to compete, Spartans fundraising and sponsorship officer, Dean Bee, is working hard with the rest of the team to raise £13,500 to assist players and coaching staff with contributions towards travel and accommodation costs.

The Spartans will be looking for support from the North West's gay community to help send its team to the Bingham Cup and bring home some silverware. They will be organising a number of fundraising events in the run up to the competition. They also hope to source sponsorship and donations from local and national businesses and there are whispers of a 2010 nude calendar being produced! Currently there are around 35 members between the ages of 18 and 50 and although the team is predominantly made up of gay players, the Spartans welcome everyone and often field straight players. "I have played for the Manchester Village Spartans for 2 years now, and it had been 6 years since I'd played competitively. I stopped playing when I went to university as I didn't think the university teams

would welcome an openly gay player. I found out about the Spartans by chance and went to one of their training sessions. Within a couple of weeks I was back on the pitch playing competitive rugby again. It was a great opportunity to get back into the game and is probably one of the best decisions I've made! It is lots of fun and a great way of meeting like minded guys who just want to play rugby. The social life is great as well as keeping fit." Gareth Longley, player and committee member. The Manchester Village Spartans play every Saturday and training sessions are held on a Wednesday between September and April at Sale Sports Club. The team is always looking for new players (and supporters) to join and have specialist coaches to train people of all levels. So if you're a seasoned player, or are a complete beginner, the Spartans want you!

A number of recruitment events are planned over the next few months, the first of which will be held at Taurus on Canal Street from 2pm on Sunday 16th August, so come along and meet the guys!

For more information please visit our website at www.villagespartans.co.uk or:

For recruitment information contact Drew at recruitment@villagespartans.co.uk
For PR & Communications contact Gareth at pr@villagespartans.co.uk

For Sponsorship & Fundraising contact Dean at fundraising@villagespartans.co.uk

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Half naked men grappling in the Turkish sun, the light glistening from their oil-coated bodies; hands grab slick flesh as they tumble

Half naked men grappling in the Turkish sun, the light glistening from their oil-coated bodies; hands grab slick flesh as they tumble on the ground clad in only tight fitting leather trousers. No, I haven't stumbled across the set of the latest R18 movie, but an ancient sport which has been practised in Turkey since the 17th century. The Turkish Oil Wrestling Championship, or Kirkpinar, takes place in the small and relatively unheard of town of Edirne, which is around 2 hours from Istanbul by car. I had been to the competition a couple of years ago, but had heard it had grown in size and was keen to see more!

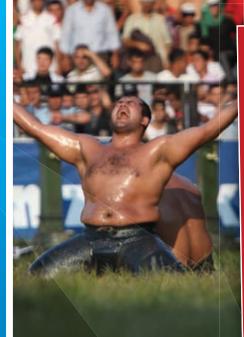
This year I found it much more populated by foreign journalists and photographers – The President of Turkey was also there - surrounded by heavy security. A BBC crew with 3 Blue Peter presenters took part in the wrestling too but the officials weren't happy about this as they take the contest so seriously and felt the BBC presenters were taking it too much as a joke. It will be broadcast in September apparently.

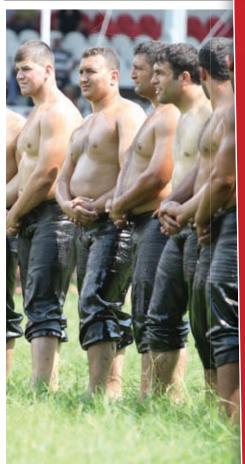
It's impossible to ignore the homoeroticism of the event, both on the competition field and off. The competitors help each other to apply the olive oil which is used to foil their opponent's grasp; they wait for their round with their heads on their friend's laps; they stroke each other's hair and walk arm in arm. These shows of affection between men however are commonplace in Arab countries where homosexuality is a crime. Despite this, the competition is a distinctly masculine event, so much so you can almost smell the testosterone on the air. Very few women can be seen at the stadium, with the audience made up of all generations of men supporting their champion. Each match is taken very seriously, particularly by the really younger contestants who when defeated fell to their knees in tears.

Each bout of the contest takes place to the constant rhythm of banging drums and music, which plays continuously for around 8 hours. After their match, the wrestlers wash themselves down and laze on the grass waiting for the ultimate champion to grapple to victory and receive the prize, either money or a ram. The rules differ to regular wrestling and one of the easiest ways to beat your opponent is to get your hands down the back of their leather trousers and pull! These trousers look like motorbike leathers, but in fact date back hundreds of years.

The Kirkpinar Festival takes place every year at Edirne in a week between the end of June and the beginning of July, The oil wresting championship is the highlight of the last three days of the festival, which includes a beauty contest, food competition and various shows and exhibitions. I felt honoured to be able to attend this ancient competition which makes tourists feel very welcome, and will certainly be returning in years to come.

I'm working on an exhibition featuring many photographs from the Festival, watch this space or email me on Te<u>rry@bent.com for more details.</u>

















In a bid to reduce dangerous levels of undiagnosed HIV among gay men, Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) is launching a new campaign encouraging men to take control of their sexual health by regularly testing for HIV. The campaign 'THIVK - Test - Take Control' will be run through a standalone website (www.thinkHIV.co.uk), adverts in gay press, posters, leaflets and condom packs, carrying the following messages:

"Treatments have never been so good. If you have HIV, the sooner you find out the better."

"Think HIV testing takes too long? Some clinics offer 'rapid tests' with results in 20 minutes.

"You think you're HIV negative? You might be wrong." The Health Protection Agency (HPA) estimates that, in the UK, up to 10,000 gay men have HIV without knowing - one in four men infected with the virus don't know they have it. Despite this, around a third of gay men in England have never taken an HIV test, with the figure even higher in Scotland and Wales. Reasons men don't

test include not realising how much they've put themselves at risk, concern about the

length of time they'll have to wait for the result, and fear of getting a positive result.

THT's new campaign 'THIVK - Test - Take Control' directly addresses these concerns, outlining why - if you have HIV - it's vitally important it be diagnosed as early as possible. People diagnosed late (CD4 count < 200) are much more likely to die within a year of diagnosis than those diagnosed sooner, while those who leave it too long to start HIV treatment are also more likely to pass the virus on to their partners than those who are already receiving treatment.

# **Crusaid's Summer Garden Party**



Crusaid has been a leading HIV & AIDS charity for over 20 years, and aims to provide support to adults and children affected by HIV and AIDS living in poverty in the UK and internationally. The Summer Garden Party is one of Crusaid's key annual fundraising events, with all proceeds going towards continuing their vital work both in the UK and internationally. More details of the kind of projects which will benefit from funds raised by the Garden Party can be found at ways crusaid are the Garden Party can be found at www.crusaid.org.uk

Tickets, available to purchase now for just £65, admit guests to a sociable afternoon which will include a delicious Mediterranean buffet lunch, cooling drinks by the pool and live musical entertainment. There'll also be a tombola and auction offering the chance to win some amazing prizes, with every penny raised going to support Crusaid. 16th August, you need to book now!

# **Sex Tour**

GMFA, the gay men's health charity, today announced that its popular Sex Course will be touring the UK this August,

bringing better sex to a city near you. GMFA will run the free one-day course in 12 cities across the UK to help men improve their sex life and gain a better understanding of how their body works.

Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes at GMFA, says: "This is real sex education designed specifically for gay men - the kind many of us wished we'd had but didn't get in school. It's fun, informal and educational, providing lots of practical advice on how

the mouth, cock, balls and arse work."
The course includes hints and tips on making sex both safer and more enjoyable and will help you to explore what you want from your sex life in a non-threatening, non-judgmental and fun way. It covers a broad range of topics, including putting a condom on properly, how to use sex toys and practical tips for oral sex.

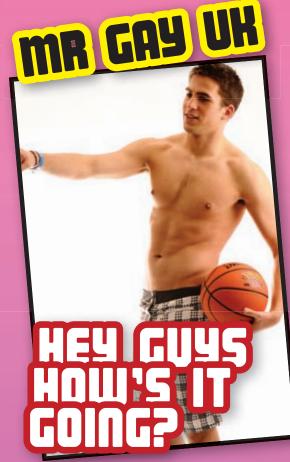
Matthew adds: "The demand for this course is always high and I think that's because there is a real need for this type of sex education across the UK. Through this course, our aim is for gay men to become better informed about sex and sexual practices, allowing them to be more confident and to make healthier choices."

All of GMFA's courses and workshops are free of charge to participants but places are limited and must be booked in advance. GMFA's National Sex Course is funded by CHAPS.

To book a place, go to www.gmfa.org.uk/national or call 020 7738 3712.

The Sex Course takes place on a Saturday from 10am to 5pm. The dates for the Sex Course in August are:

15th - Birmingham, Liverpool, Plymouth & Sheffield 22nd - Bristol, Manchester, Nottingham & Southampton 29th - Brighton, Leeds, London & Newcastle



Had a completely mental month so far!

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Last year, when I won the Mr Gay UK competition, part of my prize was a holiday in Tenerife. Well I have been so busy since that fateful day that I've only just got around to taking that trip to the Canaries. It was totally awesome. My best friend, Goose and I had so much fun. It was lush and hot – 37 degrees one day but we chilled loads by the beach and enjoyed all the lovely restaurants and bars. If you've never been, Tenerife is quite a holiday destination if you want to take things easy, but not as

vant to take things easy, but not as in-yer-face as Gran Canaria but definitely a place not just for relaxing cos there's plenty to do. Apart from trekking to the top of the island's extinct volcano Mount Teide, giving a view that is just fantastic, we also took a day out on a quad bike. Hell, those things are fun and we got absolutely filthy as the off road tracks lived up to their name... but it was hilarious. My favourite day by far was our trip to Siam Park – Europe's biggest water park! I'm such a thrill seeker, so the gravity defying slides were right up my alley, which oddly enough is where your shorts end up once you hit the water at force... right up the bum.! Just to show my softer up the bum.! Just to show my softer up the burn.! Just to snow my sorter side, we also went to Lorro Parque and saw orcas, sea lions, dolphins and loads of other animals... Aaah! I'd like to say thank you to all the staff at Jet2holidays.com who donated the prize for such a wicked holiday Then it was back to rainy London.

it is nice to be home but things just

don't stop. Me and two of my best friends; Matty and Cath went to the Brixton 02 academy to see Lady Gaga She was absolutely amazing! I was so shocked when I heard her slow rendition of 'Pokerface' – what a voice! I didn't know the girl had such a pair of lungs on her – I was genuinely very impressed!

Summer's been great so far! Me and my friends made the best of the nice weather we had and went down to the notorious ponds in Hampstead Heath for a swim – it was really fun!

In between all that my drama course is building up to a grand finale. I'm in rehearsals with a play which we're taking to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival it's called 'Black Swans'. Out of thousands of plays being shown only a select few have been chosen for the press release and ours is one of them! Come up and see us! I'll be there from the 20th – 30th August! We'd really appreciate all your support!

Hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer!!!









Calling All Book Geeks!

Our very own self confessed Gay Book Geek Simon Savidge is on the hunt for the Great Gay Reads of All Time. He needs your recommendations and input. You can go to http://greatgayreads.blogspot.com to see his journey through the highs and lows of gay writing. To email him with suggestions of your favourite gay reads drop him a line at greatgayreads@googlemail.com



# **STRIPPED** UNGENSORED

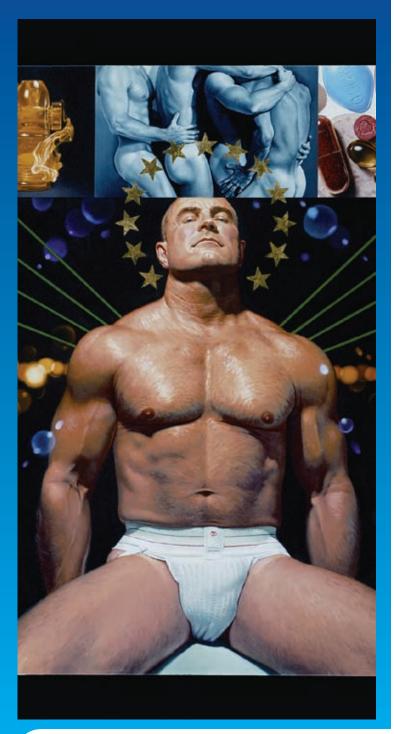
Luscious, bulging and all-embracing: Stripped Uncensored - as a follow-up to "Stripped - The Illustrated Male" - is the second anthology presenting gay Illustrations from most various artists, including comics, paintings and everything in-between.
And just like the itle promises, you'll find even more filthy stuff in here than in its predecessor. There are truly no borders for fantasy! Most of the pictures are simply bursting with lust and irility - everything is llowed to be bigger and nore muscular and juicy. Bruno Gmunder











# **▶ WHO'S YOUR DADDY?**

and other writings on queer parenting

Edited by Rachel Epstein

This could be classed as a help, a guide or an information book because it brings a groundbreaking collection of writings and insights into the queer parenting discussion. There are 'voices' here from Canada, the United States, England and Australia and the contributors range from academics, activists, health care professionals, parents and not forgetting... the children who are gay or have gay parents. A heavy tome no doubt but one that might help answer some of those nagging questions you may have...

£19.50 – Gazelle Books

# > THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

By Oscar Wilde

With a new film of this Wilde classic soon ready for release and Matthew Bourne touring an updated dance version, it is timely that the original story is released for those curious to know what Oscar had in mind. Dorian is a good-natured young man until he discovers the power of his own exceptional beauty. AS he outwardly never ages as his selfishness and decadence increases over time... his portrait in the attic records every corrupting influence.

£4.99 – Vintage Random House

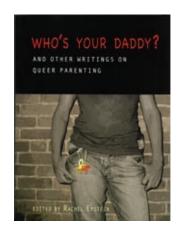
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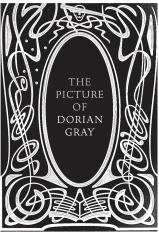
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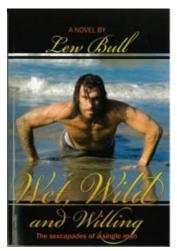
A sun-bleached 28 year-old blonde construction worker takes off on a trip around Europe bent on finding a boyfriend. When he's joined by his equally hunky 19 year-old nephew things begin to go a bit wrong. In fact, the young hunk is kidnapped and it's up to his uncle, and a couple of men who he's enticed on the way, to track down and rescue him.

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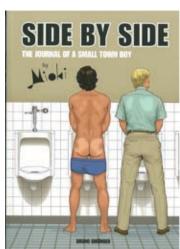


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Journal of a Smalltown Boy **By Mioki** 

This is the story of Evan and Rick, who have been close friends since kindergarten and, on how their friendship evolves into the love of their lives. Mioki presents a moving and sexy portrait of gay life with all its highs and lows. Written as a classy carton strip but with drawings that have style and are wonderfully incisive. By the way... these lads really love their sex!

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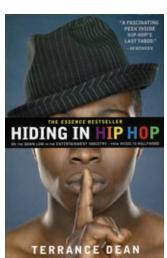


# **HIDING IN HIP HOP**

By Terrance Dean

Terrance Dean worked his way up in the entertainment industry for 10 years, from intern to executive. He lived a life of glamour, in an industry founded on maleness – where his career, his friendships and his reputation all depended on remaining in hiding. This is the explosive memoir of a Hollywood hip hop culture, where seemingly straight male celebrities find themselves in relationships with other men.

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WITH THE RELEASE OF THE 2ND SERIES OF CULT GAY VAMPIRE SERIES THE LAIR WE TALKED TO ITS STAR DYLAN VOX ABOUT HIS CAREER. UNDER THE NAME "BRAD BENTON," VOX PERFORMED IN GAY PORNOGRAPHIC FILMS AND WAS NOMINATED FOR OVER 12 GAYUN RWARDS BUT HE HAS ALSO MADE THE LEAP INTO MAINSTREAM MOVIES. BEFORE ALL THAT, DYLAN HAD A PROMISING CAREER AS AN ICE SKATER...

# You were quite a good Ice Skater what made you change direction?

Well I skated with a partner, and when she and I split up to attend schools, it was kind of just a natural progression to move onto to a new path. Skating is a sport that definitely takes a toll on your body and requires an inordinate amount of discipline. Eventually most competitors have to do other things.

#### Are you still involved in any sports?

I do compete in a few intramural leagues, and I play tons of tennis. I also am a sports freelance journalist, and I enjoy doing more extreme activities like rock climbing and mountain biking.

# How did you get into making TV and what had you done prior to Lair?

Well, having a performance background, when I moved to Los Angeles for law school I instantly knew I would need a creative outlet. I took a lot of classes and began working in theatre productions and smaller parts in film and television. The Lair kind of came about by accident after my role on Dante's

Cove, and so far it has been a really great ride. I have crossed over into making more mainstream films like Homewrecker and Zombo and have some great new projects coming up so definitely stay tuned!

# How did you feel about playing gay vampire?

It's oddly a role that I can identify with Iol. I think Vampires in general have a lot of sex appeal and sensuality and those attributes are something that I think I possess. I'm not the hottest dude by any means, but I think my style, my confidence, and conformability with myself have created a pretty sexy person. Also, I never go to sleep early. I'm definitely a night owl, or bat Iol. But being afforded the opportunity to work at what I love is definitely an honour and a privilege that I don't take for granted.

# Is there a part you'd kill for?

Hmmm. One of my favourite characters of all time is Achilles in the Iliad. Hollywood kept making Homer's Odyssey in to television shows and movies, but never

touched the Iliad until finally they made the movie Troy. The movie isn't that great, but Brad Pitt, of course, got to play the great Greek legend. LOL even I gotta admit that was casting brilliance even if I was a little jealous.

# Describe you perfect partner?

I really would love to find someone who is almost exactly like me, with just a little bit of a darker side to them. I love outgoing people who can also be very laid back, who have goals and a drive to succeed. Someone who looks like me, but not better, and who is as smart as I am, but not smarter. I do love tattoos and piercings though, which I have neither, but I like people who stand out from the crowd and are just a little outside of the mainstream. I know that sounds completely narcissistic lol, but I think that you have to be happy with yourself before you can share with someone else.



## *▲THE LAIR SEASON2*

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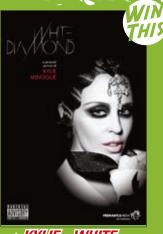
# ▲ BREAKFAST WITH SCOT

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What is the name of Kylie's singing



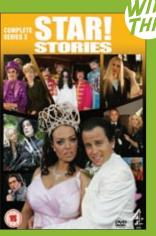
# △KYLIEX/2008—BLU-RAY EDITTON

Costing a breathtaking £10 million to stage, the KylieX2008 tour is the biggest and most expensive show that Kylie has produced to date, with performance tickets selling out to 120,000 eager fans within two hours of their release. Ever the byword for style, Kylie commissioned her head-to-toe couture worn throughout the performance from Jean Paul Gaultier. This sets the sophisticated tone for an extraordinary visual and musical feast, in lovely Blu-Ray hi definition, that celebrates a pop star who has been at the top of her game for over 20 years and shows no sign of relinquishing her crown!

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Who did Kylie duet with on her hit UK single 'Kids'



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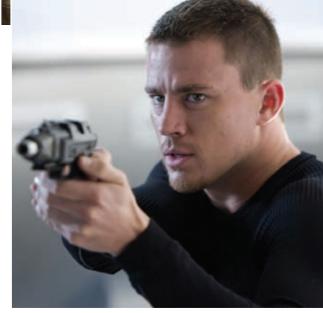
On which reality show did Peter Andre and Jordan meet?

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# ▲ THE UGLY TRUTH

#### Out: 5th August

A superb rom-com and very funny in a kind of 40-Year Old Virgin kind of way. Probably the best rom-com since There's Something About Mary. The battle of the sexes heats up in The Ugly Truth. Abby Richter (Katherine Heigl) is a romantically challenged morning show producer whose search for Mr. Perfect has left her hopelessly single. She's in for a rude awakening when her bosses team her with Mike Chadway (dreamy Gerard Butler), a chauvinistic TV personality who promises to spill the ugly truth on what makes men and women tick. Everyone at the preview screening loved this film, should be a big hit.

# ▲ G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA

Out: 7th August

Paramount Pictures and Hasbro, whose previous collaboration are the Transformers blockbusters, join forces again for another extraordinary action-adventure G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra. From the Egyptian desert to deep below the polar ice caps, the elite G.I. Joe team uses the latest in next-generation spy and military equipment to fight the corrupt arms dealer Destro and the growing threat of the mysterious Cobra organization to prevent them from plunging the world into chaos. Stars mega-hot and recently married Channing Tatum; this is the movie that finally sees him become A-list in Hollywood.





# SHORTS

Out: 21st August

Shorts is set in the suburb of Black Falls, where all the houses look the same and everyone works for Blackbox Unlimited Worldwide Industries Incorporated, whose Mr. Black's Black Box is the ultimate communication and do-it-all gadget that's sweeping the nation (i-Phone piss-take). Other than keeping his parents employed, however, Mr. Black's Black Box has done nothing for 11- year-old Toe Thompson, who just wants to make a few friends... until a mysterious rainbow-coloured rock falls from the sky, hits him in the head and changes everything. The Rainbow Rock (yes, very camp) does Mr. Black's Black Box one better: it grants wishes to anyone who holds it. Before long, wishes-gone wrong have left the neighborhood swarming with tiny spaceships, crocodile armies, giant boogers... and outrageous magical mayhem around every corner.

Cate Blanchett will star as Lady Edwina
Mountbatten in Joe Wright's (Atonement)
Indian Summer, a story that follows the
fateful events as Britain's Lord Mountbatten,
with Edwina in tow, is sent to oversee the
handover of power in the summer of 1947 to
Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister.

Ponce Zellwegger is set to return as Bridget Renee Zellweger is set to return as Bridget Jones; now in her 40s, she attempts to have a

baby before its too late.

Marvel has just announced Natalie Portman has officially joined the cast of Thor as Jane Foster. Portman will join Chris Hemsworth who's playing the title role and Tom Hiddleston who is playing the villain Loki, the god of mischief. Kenneth Branagh is directing for a May 20, 2011 release.

Meanwhile Ryan Reynolds will take the lead role in the Warner Bros. superhero feature Green Lantern based on the DC Comics hero. In the past Reynolds has been rumored as the lead in an adaptation of the comic The Flash and just recently played the part of Deadpool in X-Men Origins: Wolverine and is expected to star in a spinoff film of his own with that character as well.

Jodie Foster signed on to direct and co-star

Jodie Foster signed on to direct and co-star with Mel Gibson in The Beaver and will center on a grown man (Gibson) who wears a beaver puppet on his hand that he treats as a real person. Foster will play his wife.

The Smurfs Movie is coming! Word is Beverly Hills Chihuahua helmer, Raja Gosnell, will be taking the reigns on the film which is set for a December 17, 2010 release in 2D and 3D.



# ▲ INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS

Out: 21st August

Quentin Tarantino's films are always quite an event when they come out. Expect nothing less here. Inglourious Basterds begins in German-occupied France, where Shosanna Dreyfus (Mélanie Laurent) witnesses the execution of her family at the hand of Nazi Colonel Hans Landa (Oscar worthy Christoph Waltz). Shosanna narrowly escapes and flees to Paris, where she forges a new identity as the owner and operator of a cinema. Elsewhere in Europe, Lieutenant Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt) organizes a group of Jewish soldiers to engage in targeted acts of retribution. Known to their enemy as "The Basterds," Raine's squad joins German actress and undercover agent Bridget Von Hammersmark (Diane Kruger) on a mission to take down the leaders of The Third Reich. Fates converge under a cinema marquee, where Shosanna is poised to carry out a revenge plan of her own...



# ▲ THE HURT LOCKER

Out: 28th August

Director Katherine Bigelow is likely to be one of the few women ever Oscar nominated for Best Director for this incredible war film which has received glowing reviews everywhere. The Hurt Locker is an intense portrayal of elite soldiers who have one of the most dangerous jobs in the world: disarming bombs in the heat of combat. When a new sergeant, James, takes over a highly trained bomb disposal team amidst violent conflict, he surprises his two subordinates, Sanborn and Eldridge, by recklessly plunging them into a deadly game of urban combat. James behaves as if he's indifferent to death. As the men struggle to control their wild new leader, the city explodes into chaos, and James' true character reveals itself in a way that will change each man forever. A must-see!



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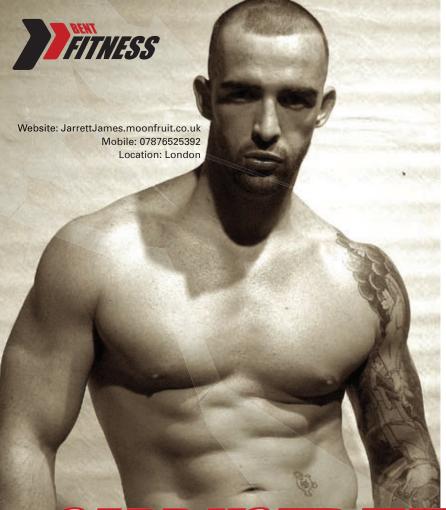
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Low-carb diet books like Atkins, Sugar Busters, and Protein Power have all topped the best sellers lists, and from restaurants to supermarkets, there are plenty of low-carb products out there encouraging weight-conscious men to jump on the bacon and cheese bandwagon. However, before you swear off pasta and potatoes forever, you need to learn the truth about carbs and the health dangers of knelling before the low-carb altar.

# **Diet Dangers**

Critics of low-carb diets—including most health professionals (myself included), nutritionists, and members of the medical field—have significant concerns about their healthiness. And it's no wonder. Medically dangerous, unsustainable, and nutritionally unsound, low-carb diets have more than just a few flies in their eightment.

It's important to understand that low-carb plans are essentially just low-calorie diets. None are advertised that way. In fact, the diets encourage weight watchers to eat as much as they want of a particular food. Nevertheless, these diets prescribe a daily caloric intake that is well below average requirements. There is not some magical transformation of your internal pathways due to the "special combination" of the foods eaten. Sorry boys!

A low-carb diet, like any low-calorie diet, will certainly help you shed pounds, but cutting

out carbs is a far cry from a long-term health solution. Most low-carb regimens are loaded with saturated fat, cheering you to eat as much meat, butter, and cream as you want. F\*@K! Numerous scientific studies have shown that diets high in fat and saturated fat can increase your CHD, Heart disease.

Low-carb diets also severely limit your intake of—you guessed it Bent readers!—carbohydrates. Excluding fibre-rich fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and all their proven health benefits (including a reduced risk of cancer and heart disease, and enhanced immune protection), is certainly not going to help you look or feel your best. A low immune system is especially dangerous, for obvious reasons.

What you may feel is woozy and weak, as there is the dangerous possibility of throwing your body into ketosis. What's ketosis? If your carbohydrate intake is so low that the glucose needs of your brain are not met, your body will burn fat incompletely to produce a substance called ketone, which is a substitute brain fuel. This can cause light-headedness, nausea, and bad breath.

Last but not least, there is the glaring fact that for athletic males participating in sports and athletics, there is no better way to trash your performance than cutting your carbs.

# Carbs Done Right

Your body needs carbohydrates for energy period. Carbs provide your body not only with the fuel it needs for physical activity and peak performance, but also for proper organ function. While it may be true that easily digested carbohydrates from white bread, white rice, pastries, and other highly processed foods may contribute to weight gain and interfere with weight loss, the same cannot be said about all carbs.

Carbohydrates should provide 45 to 60 percent of your total calories, and fibre-rich sources including many fruits, vegetables (all types and varieties are good for you), and whole grains should provide you the bulk of your carb calories. For optimal health and fitness, get your grains intact from whole foods such as whole wheat bread, brown rice, whole-grain pasta, and other interesting grains like whole oats, Buloga Be careful of foods labelled "multi-grain," "stone-ground," "100% wheat," "cracked wheat," "seven-grain," and more. They may sound whole grain, they may even look whole grain (FYI: colour is not an indication of whole grain), but to find out the whole truth you need to check out the ingredient list. Look for one of the following whole-grain ingredients first on the label's list: brown rice, bulgur, oatmeal, whole oats, whole rye, whole wheat, wild rice, and whole-grain corn. Also use the nutrition facts on the label and choose products with a higher percent daily value for fibre, as it is a good clue to the amount of whole grain in a product.

# Q: I am being bullied at work Because of my sexuality. How does the law stand and what can I do?

Says Shiva Shadi, employment partner at Davis Blank Furniss:

A: Bullying continues to be an important issue in the workforce and can take a variety of forms whether it be invalid criticism, fault finding, unfair treatment, excessive work load or monitoring, being threatened or simply passed over for promotion or denied training opportunities.

As awful as bullying is, it is not possible to bring a legal claim directly about bullying, but certainly you can pursue claims under the rules covering discrimination and harassment. The government specifically introduced regulations in 2003 prohibiting discrimination in the work place by reason of sexual orientation. These have been implemented to protect individuals against discrimination in relation to recruitment, terms and conditions, promotions, transfers, dismissals, training etc. Your employer has a duty of care towards you and this will include dealing with bullying at work.



Confronting the perpetrator and attempting to resolve the matter informally is a first step. However, if you feel that you are not able to confront them yourself, you can approach your Manager/Supervisor or human resources department who will be able to address any issues of bullying informally.

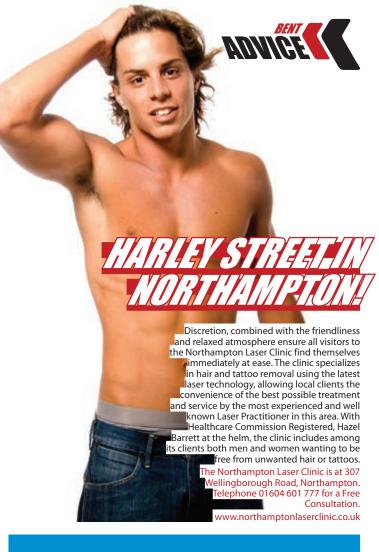
If none of these options are successful, then you can make a formal complaint under your company's Grievance Procedure. You will then be invited to give details of the bullying in writing, attend a meeting to discuss your grievance-following which your employer should carry out an investigation and provide you with an outcome in writing. If you do not agree with the outcome you have a right of appeal against it.

Ultimately, if the internal Grievance Procedure does not stop the bullying and no steps are taken to prevent such treatment you may want to consider going to an Employment Tribunal. You should always take legal advice beforehand to ascertain the strength of your claim.

Alternatively, if the bullying causes you to leave work, then you may also have a claim for constructive dismissal. The burden on employees to prove that they have been constructively dismissed is quite difficult and therefore again you should take professional advice

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The three islands of Malta (the largest), Gozo and Comino make up the Maltese archipelago. Covering in total an area of little more than 315 square kilometres, this small cluster of islands with just over 400,000 inhabitants, should hardly register on the world vacation or cultural map... but they do. With a 7000 years history, and a constant stream of occupation by everyone from the Phoenicians, the Carthaginians, Romans... right through to the British (each leaving its own calling card) this gem in the middle of the Med has something for everyone.

Not so long ago, Malta was always associated with the older, perhaps more conservative visitor. Ones intent on delving into the unique



history of the place and capturing it all on camera to be shown back at their Women's Institute meetings to an appreciative, though ageing audience. Now things have changed. Guided by the Malta Tourist Board, the country is now running the Malta Music Week and MTV Malta Special, where a younger, more exuberant crowd, has found its way to its shores. They have not done away with the history of the place, far from it, as there are many mindboggling attractions that should be seen by all, but the partying crowd have also now found a new place to enjoy. That's one of the fantastic things about Malta – there seems to be something for everyone. The weather is mild no matter what time of year. According to our tour guide, Clive, they often just have one week







of rain... if they're lucky. The island is packed with world class hotels and restaurants (great steaks, chicken, fish dishes often with an exciting Maltese twist), The waters around the island are temperate and ideal for all manner of fun water sports. Diving the wrecks or visiting the world-heritage capital Valetta, you're sure to find something to fascinate your interest.

Valetta – Over-looking the harbour, the capital of the island has superb vistas and is adorned with beautiful baroque buildings. The demand for berthing expensive yachts and power boats is so great, the island is planning on building five more marinas to cope.

Sliema and St Julians – Near to the capital, these two towns are regarded as the main tourist areas with a vast array of accommodation, shopping and entertainment zones.

**St Paul's and Bugibba** – Another main tourist area north of the island; with a good mixture of bars, clubs, eateries and a place with its own attractions and a growing list of new fans.

A trip around the island will throw up a host of hidden treasures; small bays, rocky outcrops a few tiny sandy beaches, secluded villages and many historical artefacts. For those who don't want to hire a car, the centre of Valetta has a very substantial bus network to deliver you to your chosen destination. A ferry trip will take you to Gozo and its fantastic beaches, restaurants and laid back attitude. An outing to the Blue Lagoon at Comino is also recommended where you can swim in the crystal clear water.

**Anchor Bay** – A small bay with a tiny sandy beach and home to the Sweethaven Village

set for the 1979 Robin William's film, Popeye www.popeyemalta.com is regarded by many as one of the most beautiful open air venues in the Mediterranean. It also hosts many of the MTV dance parties and has become something of a clubbing sensation on the island. I grooved along happily to Roger Sanchez on my visit and the young excited crowd partied the night away. This was the start to many musical shows and events across the island culminating in the 3rd MTV sponsored Isle of MTV concert featuring amongst others, Lady GaGa and the Black Eyed Peas. Attracting crowds of around 50,000 and broadcast on MTV this is one event that shouldn't be missed. www.isleofmtv.com

The great thing about Malta and Gozo is that both islands want to look after you. From the friendliness of the natives, to the accommodation on offer, your comfort and desires come first. Over the past 5 years Malta has moved away from the tired hotels of the past and has embraced the chic and up market. Like the Five Star Fortina Spa



Resort which offers guests, not only a spa in their own bedroom, but also an array of 200 treatments to pamper and beautify those

who like a more relaxed and indulgent holiday. You can while away the sunny days lounging by the pool, eating in the 6 exquisite restaurants or feel the power of the healing therapy at their renowned Belle Époque Spa

The island doesn't have a version of Manchester's Canal Street or London's Soho so the gay scene is spread around, although there are bars or clubs in

current 'in' places.



The island is a historians and archaeologist dream but it also offers opportunities for rock climbing, cycling, trekking, para-gliding and some of the best diving in the Med. The country has a football team that is linked, via

team that is linked, via sponsorship, to Sheffield United back in the UK. In fact, the Blades goalie Justin Haber comes from Malta.





The eating in most restaurants is splendid and reasonably priced, try these Local dishes:

**Bragjoli** – Beef olives filled with a mash of spiced Maltese sausage and egg.

**Timpana** – Macaroni pie

Lampuki – Dorado fish

Stewed or fried rabbit is also a local delicacy as are the many fantastic soups and pasta dishes.

Since the beginning of this year the currency is the Euro

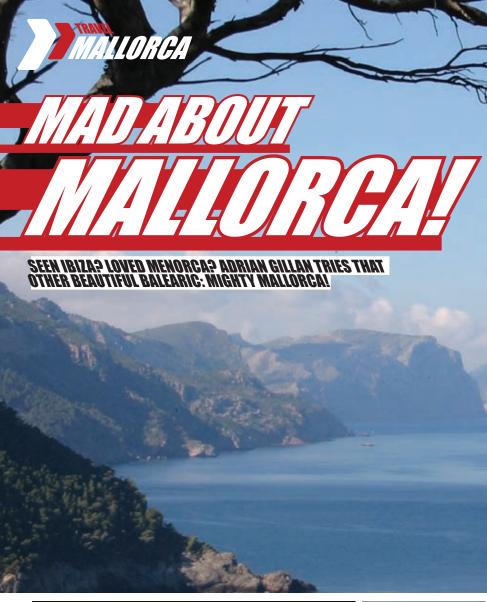
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Finally, to the people who made the trip exceptional; www.visitmalta.com where you can plan every part of your stay.











It bore the likes of Rafael Nadal - so it won't bore you! Largest of the Balearic islands - those Spanish gems set in the Med - Mallorca has a diamond shape, the north east- and south west-facing sides of which support large bays, the former vast and sandy, the latter dominated by capital Palma; the north west-facing side, being ridged by the Serra de Tramuntana range soaring to 1450 m; the south east side dotted with secluded Menorcan-style coves. Romans conquered indigenous settlers, only to themselves be ousted by Moors, trailed by Christians and Spaniards, then the mass-market package holiday brigade plus, increasingly, discerning queers, after year-round sun but a more local, authentic scene than the in-your-face global gathering on nearby lbiza.

#### TO STAY

Hotel III Tres (Calle Apuntadores 3, Palma de Mallorca; T: 0034 971 717 333; www.hoteltres.com) – Boutique 4\* hotel in old Palma, overlooking the Cathedral; offering contemporary chic within a 16th Century palace, with great courtyard and roof terrace.

#### TO SEE 'N DO

Palma – Half of Mallorca's 700,000+ population live in its buzzing capital, recently voted the best Spanish city to live in by a national magazine. Highlights include the well-nigh-waterfront Seu Cathedral; nearby Old Town with ancient 10th Century Arab baths ruins; 14th Century hilltop Bellver Castle just west of centre; marina and busy working port; and Joan March Gallery, brimming with the likes of Picasso, Dali and Miró – plus self-explicably eponymous Juan Miró Gallery; and fab contemporary Es Baluard (www.esbaluard.org). Do breakfast at historic Can Joan de S'aigo café (Ca'n Sanc 10; T: +34 971 710 759), beloved by locals ever since opening shop in 1700AD. Sóller & Port de Sóller – Take a pleasant 60-minute mountain train ride out of Palma up into the small picturesque town of Sóller in the lofty Serra de Tramuntana, then another 15-minute tram ride down to the fishing village of Port de Sóller, Train/tram details; www.trendesoller.com Valldemossa – Monastery-dominated mountain village north-west of Palma, once home to an ill Chopin and his lover. Also check out nearby Deià, once home to Brit author, Robert Graves.

Roman remains – These are dotted all over the island, but particularly impressive are the ruins (theatre plus houses) of ancient Pollentia, near Port d'Alcúdia, to the north.

Secluded bays ("cales") – If you've been to neighbouring Menorca, you'll be strangely familiar with bits of Mallorca's south eastern coast, with its numerous well-nigh hidden bays, many of them with small pine-fringed sandy beaches reached by winding paths, ideal for skinny-dipping.

#### TO BOOZE 'N CRUISE

Mallorcan gay life if pretty much all centred around capital, Palma - mainly in its Gomila district, about 20 minutes' walk from the Cathedral, in the shadow of the Castle, on/around Avenida Joan Miró, including...

#### Bars

Aries (Porras 3) – Modern music bar with dark room; adjoining gay beckoning hotel and sauna.

Dark (Ticià 22) – Recently-opened cruise bar with cabins, slings and things.

Rosamar (Joan Miró 74) – Terraced bar and gay-friendly hotel. Silenci (Joan Miró 57) – Chic bar.

#### Clubs

Black Cat (Joan Miró 75) – Thurs to Sun drag shows; with dark room. La Demence (Polígono Son Castelló) – Mixed but gay-frequented, north of centre.

#### Saunas

Sauna Aries (Porres 3) – Modern steamer; adjoining gay-wooing bar and hotel.

Otherwise, gents oft "take airs" in Palma's Parque del Mar, aptly just in front of the Cathedral. Also a few gay venues in nearby Arenal. Yet further afield, try the south-eastern nude beach of Es Trenc.

#### OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Award-wining low fares airline Monarch offers flights to Mallorca, during the summer season, from Birmingham, London Luton and Manchester airports with fares, including taxes, from £46.50 one way (£76.99 return). Monarch also offers a unique range of tasty

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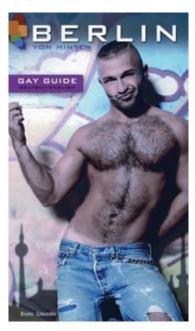
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- 4. Shop at the street vendors. It can be a gamble, but street vendors can offer a cheap alternative to sit down restaurants.
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- 6. If you're on a bed and breakfast tariff... fill up on breakfast and skip
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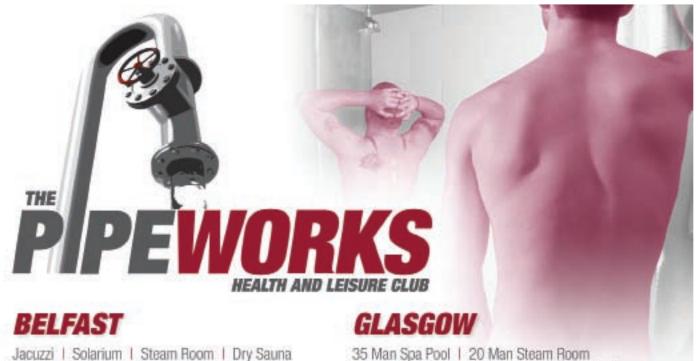
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Ordinary Boy Preston, who is now launching himself on a solo career, and this year's Eurovision UK representative Jade Ewan, have been confirmed. Also taking to the Millennium Square stage will be Frankmusik and the Yeah Yous plus a variety of local acts including Leeds's very own tribute to Girls Aloud... Bears Aloud. Not forgetting a parade of Pride favourite with guests from Drag Idol, Bridge Factor and Viaduct plus many more.

Following this jamboree the main event continues later in the Lower Briggate area of the city... just follow the parade to the gay zone for even more entertainment and fun. You wont be able to miss it as it will be led, as has become the tradition, by the stunning hundred foot long rainbow flag... followed by a cavalcade of motorised and walking floats, thousands of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans folk, friends, families and allies. 😈 🔻 🚤

The Lower Briggate venues have already started gearing up for what will be the biggest day of the year, with other business getting on board too. Pick up your official Leeds Pride t-shirt from Nice and Naughty to show your support

They are still looking for volunteers to assist with stewarding duties on the day in Millennium Square and on the Parade, for more information contact Ann Marie on 0113 244 4209, or email: amaguire@mesmac

#### Latest News...

Further new developments for Leeds Pride this year is the Jongleurs Comedy Club Pride event on Saturday the 1st August, with the doors opening at 2.30pm for three hours of comedy followed by an after show party at Bar Risa, to get everyone in the mood for the big day on Sunday. The Jongleurs line up will include; Mandy Knight, Mark Walker and Jason Wood. Jongleurs are donating 33% of the ticket value to Leeds Pride so with only 300 tickets at £15.00 per person available book now to avoid any pre Pride disappointment, contact Jongleurs on 0844 844 0044 or online at www.jongleurs.com, and start your Pride veekend with a smile.

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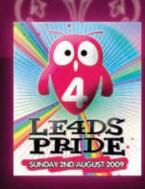
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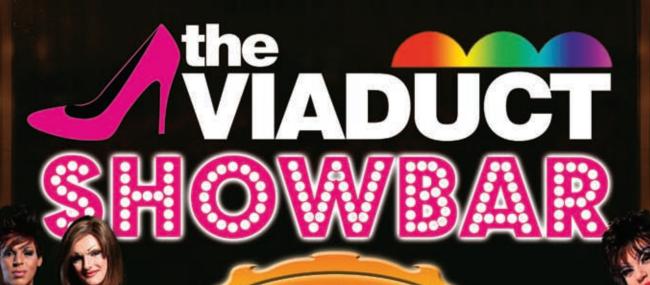
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Sunday 2nd August 2009

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- 5) Best Drag Act

  6) Best Door Person
- 7) Best Regular Night \_\_\_\_\_

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8) Best Social Group \_

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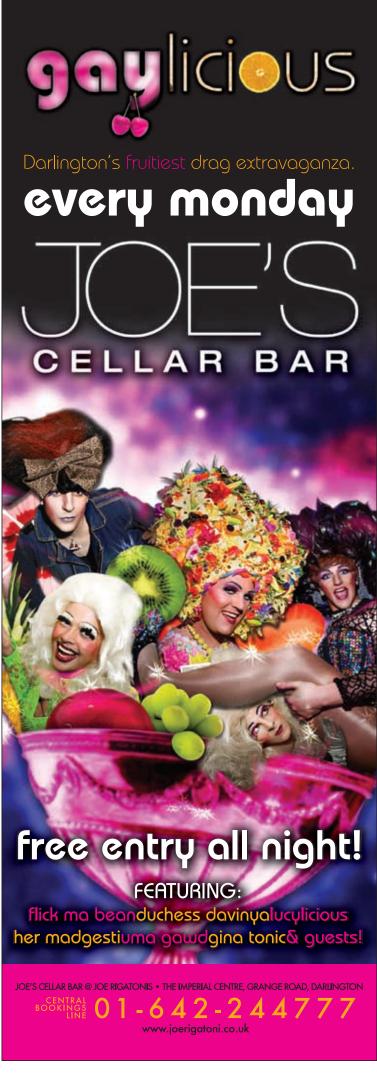
















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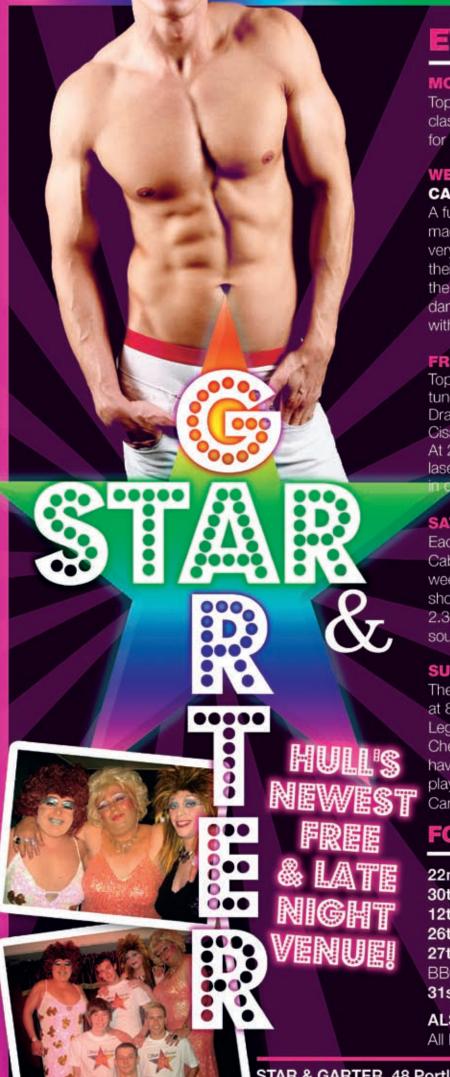
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My little single bed was squeaking under the pressure as Shawn and I made love for the third time that morning. A new lover and everything becomes centered on just making each other happy. Feeling a guy's cock embedded deep in me was something I'd never really got used to but Shawn's magnificent, sturdy love-muscle had opened me up to new and thrilling experiences. It was also very unusual for me to take anyone back home as I lived with my mother and stepfather, so it never seemed appropriate to inflict my latest shag on them but Shawn was different. I wanted everyone to meet him. He was good-looking, tall, funny and seemed to have a way of putting people at ease when he was in their company. I'd noticed it at the bar when I first saw him but didn't know who he was. Though not quite a local celebrity, in the gay community he was very well known. A bit of a gay-rights champion, organizer of the gay football team, captain of the gay rugby club and volunteer on the local Gay Switchboard. Being on every gay committee... he was much loved by everyone and not only for his enthusiasm and great organizing ability. Normally in gay circles, bitchiness is rampant and guys gain 'reputations' whether they deserved one or not. Shawn was different. I'm sure he had his detractors somewhere but I never heard them so, when he sidled up to me a couple of months back and asked if I wanted a drink, I couldn't actually believe my luck. That first night we went back to his place and he gently wanked me off as we kissed and hugged. He knew I wasn't ready for the 'full works' and although in my heart I just wanted him to take me and shag me all night long, I loved the way he refused to let his, or my, passion rule a nice sensual introduction. However, a few nights

later I was back at his place and he made love to me like there was no tomorrow, and, although I was taken slightly by surprise, I actually loved his dominant 'take charge' attitude. I liked Shawn a lot and wanted everyone to know I was with him. So, come Saturday night, instead of going to a gay club, he came and met my family and we spent the night with them drinking, listening to a terrible act and playing bingo at the local Working Men's Club. Yes, everyone loved him and even the rough guys in the snooker room wanted him to have a game with them. The look of disappointment on their faces when he "...sadly had to refuse" was only altered when he promised to play another time. Back home we'd drunkenly gone to bed with the families blessing, they knew we'd be sleeping together and it just wasn't an issue. "As long as you're happy" were my mum's words. And I was, desperately happy. Up until Shawn, I don't think I can ever remember screaming out in ecstasy during sex or begging for an immediate repeat performance. Shawn's total domination of my senses and my body had been a fantastic revelation, so all I wanted was to take more of what he had to offer. He knew intuitively what to do... and where to do it... to take me on that sexual thrill ride. The squeaking bedsprings and banging headboard got faster, while my moans of desire got louder. I stretched out on the mattress opening myself up as wide as possible to take every centimetre of his superb probing and stimulating dick. With each deep penetration and thrust I was crying in lustful agony. My mum called up the stairs that our Sunday morning breakfast fry-up was ready. "Coming" I shouted back and, once again, Shawn and I did just that... in perfect spunky unison.



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### HELP & COMMENT



Dear Simon,

My Dad has recently come out.
Now, as a gay man myself I
shouldn't probably feel the way
that I do but I am really upset
and quite angry about it. Partly
because he is leaving my mother,
though I know in the long term
that's for the best, but also
because I feel we have all been
living a lie and when I came out
he was really distant with me. It
also makes me wonder if he will
make a move on my boyfriend.
Paul, Notts

#### Dear Paul,

You are right - it is the best for your mother and everyone in the long term. With regards to how you should or shouldn't feel, ignore that, this is a huge shock to you and so you are going to have many emotions to deal with. Maybe your Dad was distant with you because he knew he couldn't be as open with you and yet you could be open with everyone. As to stealing your boyfriends, why do you suddenly see your dad as a predator or competition? Do you suddenly move in the same circles? Does he not have mates of his own? Give the man a chance he's obviously been struggling with this decision for a very long time.

#### Dear Simon

I really fancy the guy that I have been seeing, but there is a slight catch. It's his dick. It's not too small and it's not too big, in fact, you could say that it is the perfect size. The problem with it is that it's ugly and I don't want to touch it, which being a gay man is quite a problem in a relationship. I don't really know how to get around it, what advice do you have.

Anon, Leicestershire

#### Dear Anon,

I haven't encountered this problem before. I guess it depends how important a partner's pecker is to you. i think I have been very fortunate in the fact I have never come across an ugly one before, but I can understand this must be difficult if you don't want to touch it. In what way is it ugly? Is it still ugly with the lights out? Does it not even appeal when his underpants hide it? Sadly, as I don't think things should be all about the aesthetics, this seems like it could be a deal breaker.

Dear Simon

I hate my best friend's partner.
They have been dating for about six months now and it is really becoming between us. I am not jealous or wanting my friend all for myself, I just think his boyfriend is a complete arsehole. He bosses him around, makes him feel like shit about himself and generally is no good. The thing is how do I tell my friend, as he is so head over heels he forgives him everything.

Tony, London

#### Dear Tony,

Don't tell your best friend you hate his bovfriend as this could actually ruin your friendship far more. I would suggest that you keep schtum on the whole subject and let the relationship run its course. If it ends... be the best friend you can by supporting him during that period. If they don't split up, just try and do as little with his boyfriend as possible to stop yourself from saying something you might regret. Just like we can't choose our family, we can't choose who our friends date. Remember, he's not asking for any approval he has what he wants.



Straight boys are always good in theory. But in practice, they can be so disappointing it'd be better to sleep with a waxwork Ann Widdecombe for all the fun it'd give you. I learned this the hard way.

A couple of months back I was out with some friends in a straight club. As it got later and later and later, people peeled off from the group to go home, have sex or collapse in a rohypnolled mess in the corner, leaving me and my best mate Amy on our own. We went to a club together and this strange, although rather hot, guy came and sat with us. Since it wasn't a gay night, I assumed he was trying to chat her up. Inevitably, she went off to screw her dealer and I was left with him. When I decided to leave he asked if he could join me, and I said yes.

An hour later, my cum all over his chest, I rolled over and went to bed. It was hardly worth it. He didn't have a clue how to blow a guy and had even less of a clue about how to take it. Contrary to popular belief, a guy shouldn't just lie there and think of England.

Then a week or so ago, Amy went out and pulled a guy. He was a bit of a chav but fit. His friend, however, was even hotter, and soon revealed to Amy that he was gay but not yet out. She brought him back to mine as a 'present' and I proceeded to fuck him. Again, it was a bit of a waste of time. He didn't have a clue and I ended up pleasuring myself to get off.

But it got worse. At the same time my friend Paul was at the house too and was meant to be staying over. Once we'd cleaned up the mess and the coast was clear, we invited him in to get into bed. Platonically speaking, I wanted him to be comfortable.

That was all. But the closet-case had another idea. Instead he spent all night trying to coax the both of us into a threesome and then, every time I went to the toilet, tried to blow Paul off. Paul had a boyfriend so wasn't interested, and I found the whole thing rather cringe-worthy. True, our closeted friend had probably never met a gay man before—at least, not two as hot as us—but was it really necessary to be so persistent? He slipped his hands down Paul's pants on a number of occasions, and I had to physically stop him molesting the poor boy whilst he was asleep. Luckily, Paul was creating a barrier between the closet-case and myself.

The next day was even worse. He wanted my number. He wanted to see me again. I simply said no. Then Paul was kind enough to give him a lift home, and the closet-case tried luring him in for sex. Paul said no and floored the accelerator, left with memories of the closeteer saying how much he'd love to be his boyfriend.

Since then, we've been verifiably stalked. Oh, it's fun to have a few stalkers every now and again, but this one keeps scaring off the boys approaching my house and it's having a serious impact on my sexlife.

So it seems 'straight' men leave something to be desired. A knowledge of the male anatomy, surprisingly, is one. A sense of restraint and decorum is, perhaps, another.

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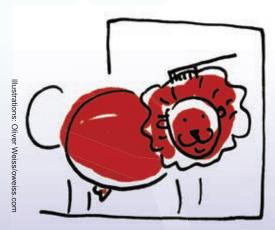






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#### **Leo** (Jul24/Aug23)

Be wary in new relationships; give yourself time to get to know people before you put your trust in them. Someone is trying to agree to plans that will benefit them more than you. You will be against these initially but once they've put their powers of persuasion into action, you could find yourself changing your mind. Don't! Your first impressions were the right ones. Trust your instincts these next few weeks rather than trusting a stranger.

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#### Aries (Mar21/Apr20)

Try to be sensitive and consider why someone is deliberately trying to rub you the wrong way. There's every chance they are winding you up to mask the attraction they feel for you. Change your tactics over the weeks ahead. Don't rise to the bait and very soon you may have managed to get a budding romance off the ground. You can be persuasive in a gentle way now and this works well with someone who has a quiet and serene personality.

#### Taurus (Apr21/May21)

You are more easy going and flexible than usual. You're giving more time to your closest relationships and this helps you sense what other people are thinking and feeling. Something is making you reconsider your approach to a romantic interest. Suspicion is now being replaced with sincerity and you seem to know immediately how to bring out the best in others. Over the weeks ahead someone will be left in no doubt about how you feel for them.

#### Gemini (May22/June21)

) There are some unspoken anxieties affecting a close relationship. Postpone major discussions until you've had a chance to decide how you really feel. Spending a little time on your own will help you plan your future and sort out your priorities. In the next few weeks you will receive just the bit of news you've been waiting for towards finalising some very special future arrangements. The picture gets brighter and brighter.

#### Cancer (Jun22/Jul23)

If you find yourself staring at a bulging wardrobe but still not able to find something suitable to wear, you could probably do with updating your look. Take a fashion conscious friend along with you and enjoy a spending spree. Suddenly what to wear to the office every morning won't be such an ordeal and people will compliment you on your appearance. An overseas connection could bring an exciting offer, over the weeks ahead.

#### Virgo (Aug24/Sept23)

A private matter needs dealt with immediately; you can't put it off any longer. This could put a damper on any social plans you had been hoping to be included in. You will be looking at life in an objective fashion over the weeks to come. Especially for the fact you are considering making new future plans or deciding on a new direction for your life or career. Life is likely to take an interesting new turn with new ideas presenting themselves.

#### LIDIA (Sept24/Oct23)

A female friend might come to you for advice and if you put yourself in her shoes, you could offer her some useful tips. You might really feel for what other people are going through now. Getting involved in their business could provide just the outlet you need to take your mind off your own concerns. Romance will tend to involve temperamental periods over the weeks ahead; friendships will bring you most happiness now.

#### Scorpio (Oct24/Nov22)

Understanding why someone is behaving strangely will make a big difference in your relationship. You are starting to realise that you can't always expect others to be the same in all situations with all people. You might admire their persistence in some areas and laugh at their antics in others. This will help strengthen your romance over the weeks ahead. The same can't be said for a friend who has been deceived and cheated on. He is ready to call it a day and you will support him all the way.

#### Sagittarius (Nov23/Dec21)

If you're unhappy in a relationship and you see no future in it, why waste time pretending all is okay? There'll be plenty chance to enjoy romance in the weeks ahead if you accept a certain union is past its sell-by date and it's time to find someone new. An energetic period begins and a vein of enthusiasm for community affairs appears. You are in the good books of an older relative and an official will become a useful ally.

#### Capricorn (Dec22/Jan20)

You're feeling unusually sensitive and emotional now and it isn't easy to hide your feelings. This mood could surface in any number of situations. Its importance lies not in that of helping and understanding others but in realising the hidden depths of your personality. You will want to do something definite to help those less fortunate than yourself and over the weeks ahead you will realise this is something you can be proud of.

#### Aquarius (Jan21/Feb19)

Although it is generally better to look forward, this might be a good time to quickly look over previous weeks to assess their successes and disappointments. You might then place them in the context of your general life structure. From this exercise one or two problems might seem to crop up consistently. Or perhaps an issue where you are being constantly called on to carry more than your fair share of the load stands out. In which case, now is a good time to rectify these issues.

#### PISCES (Feb20/Mar20)

After a quiet start to the month you could find yourself thrown from this desire for peace by the discovery of a whirl of new social contacts and opportunities. In turn, this will light the flames of a whole new set of hopes and wishes. Friends made these next few weeks could involve you in group activities; expect to be doing more travelling around. All of which could result in some positive achievements both personally and professionally.

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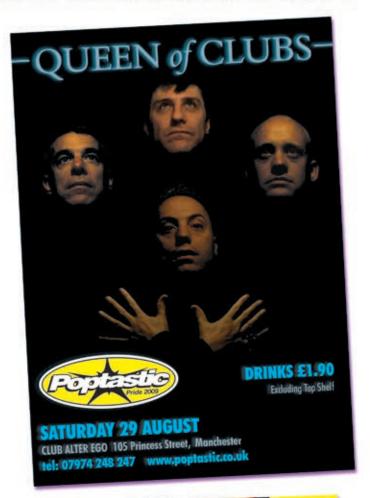
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- 63 Horny neighbours have mutual w\*\*k & more
- 64 House full of naked guys playin wiv their burns & d\*\*ks
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- 77 Me & u wiv stiff c\*\*ks in & out of our Calvin's
- 78 Musty whiff of a boys sweaty balls in footie shorts (18+)
- 79 Naked guys face the main road, kissin & w\*\*kin
- 80 Naked wiv me str8 mate after a footy game
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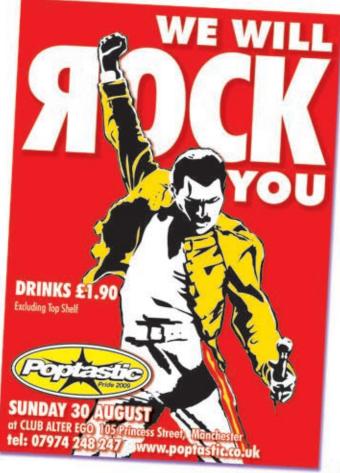


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