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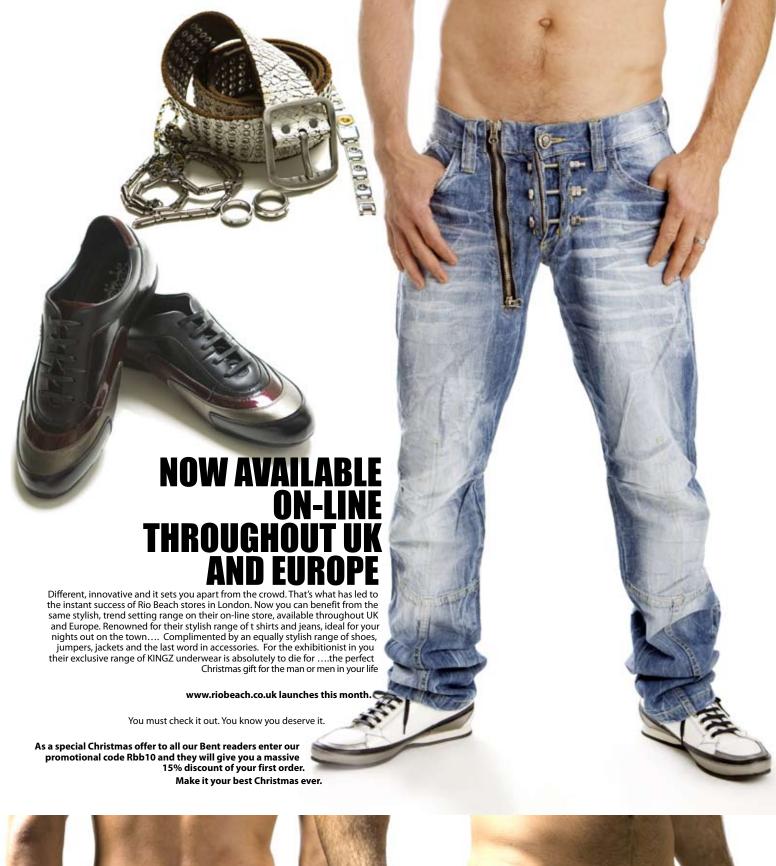
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A letter landed on my desk the other week inviting me to take part in a 'Life Coaching Session'. You'll be pleased to know that I was not to be a guest speaker, only to attend and report back to you, Bent's loyal reader on how inspired I was. I didn't go. Maybe it's because I lump this practice in with psychics, ghost hunters and pyramid schemes, which I just regard, rightly or wrongly, as all a bit of a con. Maybe I should have gone. Who knows what new ideas and opportunities might have opened up to me but I kept asking myself this question; "Before there were Life Coaches, what were our coping mechanisms?" I seem to remember we just dealt with it, gained experience and held onto our dreams as we lived our real life.



Over in TV land both Derren Brown and Dannii Minogue courted trouble for a couple of glib remarks, which some might say were homophobic. Once Dannii realised that she might just have offended someone (instead of her intention of having a bit of fun with a contestant on XFactor) she



almost broke her neck getting in a quick apology. Alas, a strange comment on Derren's show about the bonus ball in the lottery being for 'gays and women'left us all perplexed and wondering what the hell he was on about. He hasn't, as far as I

know, apologised yet to the dozens of folk who phoned the programmemakers pulling the 'Gay Stupendo' for such a bewildering and unnecessary comment. I like Derren, I love what he does and his shows always leave me wanting more but, Derren dear, being gay yourself you should know better... it certainly was not a case of "magic, suggestion, psychology, misdirection and showmanship"

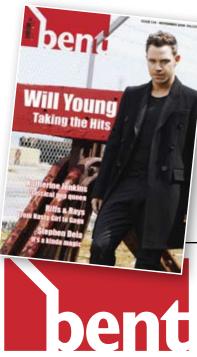
Meanwhile it's back to my Sky+ box, I recorded last month's men's aymnastic championships. I'm astounded by what those muscular, athletic lads can do on and over a vaulting horse, never mind looking as horny as hell as they spin on the parallel bars or pull majestically on those... erm... rings. Now I don't want you to think I'm some kind of perv... no... not me. I'm merely making notes as to who I think will be bringing us a gold medal in the 2012 Olympics... well that's what I told my partner anyway!



And finally...

If it wasn't so sad about the death of Stephen Gately you'd have to laugh at the obnoxious Jan Moir of the Mail being hoisted (and hung out to dry) by her own petard for comments she made about the Boyzone star's death. Equating the celebrity lifestyle, being gay and in a civil partnership as a recipe for failure smacked of homophobia and, quite rightly, tons of people complained to both the Mail and those who advertise in that particular rag. Ms Moir now feels victimised... result!

Gordon



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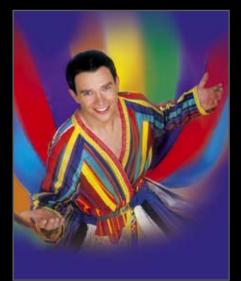


Stephen Patrick David Gately (1976 –2009)

Last month the tragic news of the death of Stephen Gately stunned the entertainment industry. The body of Stephen, who was on holiday with his partner Andrew Cowles in Majorca, was found in the apartment the two men owned. The local police who were investigating the matter, said there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding his sudden death. The report continued that Stephen had "... gone out for drinks, returned to his accommodation and fallen asleep, but never woke up."

Gately was one of the original band members of Boyzone who were put together in 1993 by manager, and XFactor judge, Louis Walsh. He wanted his own, Irish version of the most popular British band at the time, Take That. From a very inauspicious TV debut on Ireland's top rating show the band eventually lived up to Louis' master plan, and after a couple of years of refinement, made it to No 2 in the UK charts with "Love Me for a Reason". Sharing lead vocals with Ronan Keating, Stephen was the lad that every young girl and gay boy fell in love with. He was cute and appeared self-effacing in interviews so, by the time the band quit touring in 2000, having sold millions of records and performed at hundreds of shows, big things were expected as he launched himself on a solo career. Despite having his first three singles enter the UK Top 10 he wasn't quite as successful as anticipated so branched out into other areas of the entertainment business.

In1999, The Sun newspaper covered its front page with what it described as a "World Exclusive" and the headline, "Boyzone Stephen: I'm gay and I'm in love". At the age of 23, Gately sold his story to the newspaper because he feared a former member of Boyzone's security was about to reveal details about the young stars sex life. Thus, Stephen came out and became one of the first stars to admit his homosexuality and be unapologetic about it. Since then Stephen has kept working hard appearing on stage in several West End and touring shows; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Chitty



Chitty Bang Bang and Godspell, while also taking a turn on the ice when he appeared on ITV's reality show Dancing on Ice.

Gately started dating internet businessman Andrew Cowles, who had been introduced to him by mutual

friends Elton John and David Furnish. Gately and Cowles held a commitment ceremony in a wedding chapel whilst on holiday in Las Vegas in 2003. On 19 March 2006, Gately entered into a civil partnership with Cowles in a ceremony in London.

Since the report of Stephen's death fans, friends and the famous have responded with messages of sympathy, Andrew Lloyd Webber said it is "a great loss to the musical world". Elton said he and his partner David Furnish were "stunned" when they heard the news. Katherine Jenkins twittered of "memories 2 cherish" from a night out in the weeks leading up to his death. Stephen Fry described Gately's demise as "a dreadful shock". This was not supposed to happen. This was not in the script", said music historian Paul Gambaccini.

Meanwhile, we will leave the last word tone of the many fans who posted on the memorial site Gone

I' only saw you on tour with the boyz about 3 months ago in Manchester and you didn't half put on a good show that night... it was the best night of my life for 2 reasons; you sang ur heart out and the other... when you were flown in the air near the end of the show and winked at me (lol).

WE ALL MISS YOU - DANIEL X

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Someone refused to poke you... on Facebook.

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further, in a sort of inspired Smash Hits circa 1980 question, does he have a favourite pair of underpants? Laughs. "I am not one for lacksquarepants with labels, never bothered with the uniform Calvin's or D&G - I tend to buy them from H&M and stuff (not very glamorous is it?) but I guess I have a pair of purple and white ones that I really like. I know it sounds a bit daft cos my song is called Purple 🛮 Heart – but it is actually a colour I really like

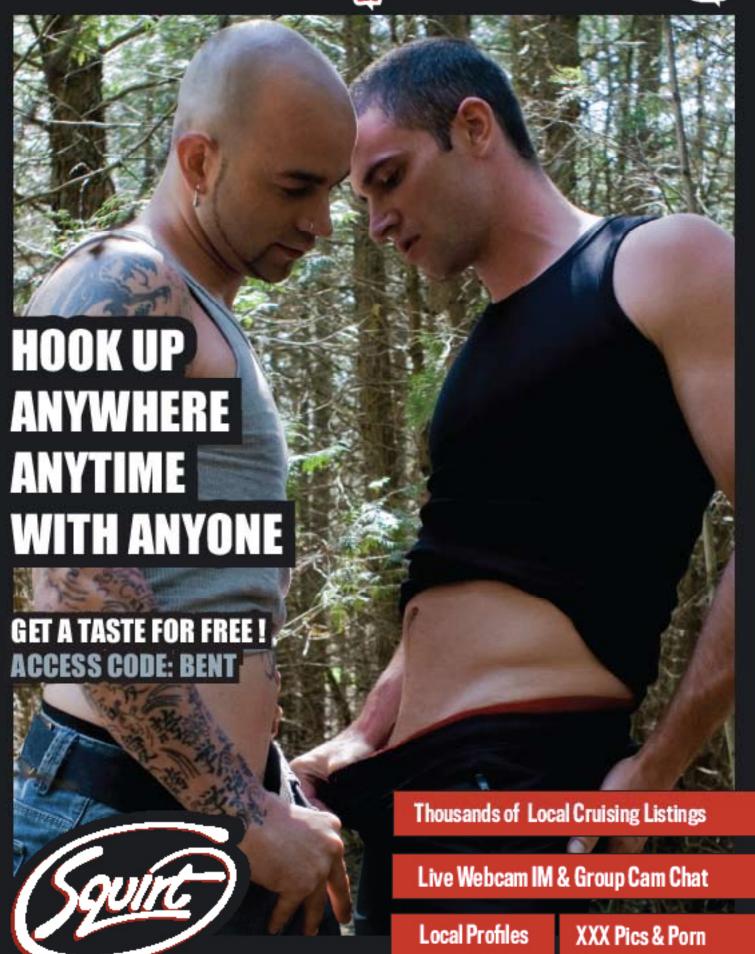
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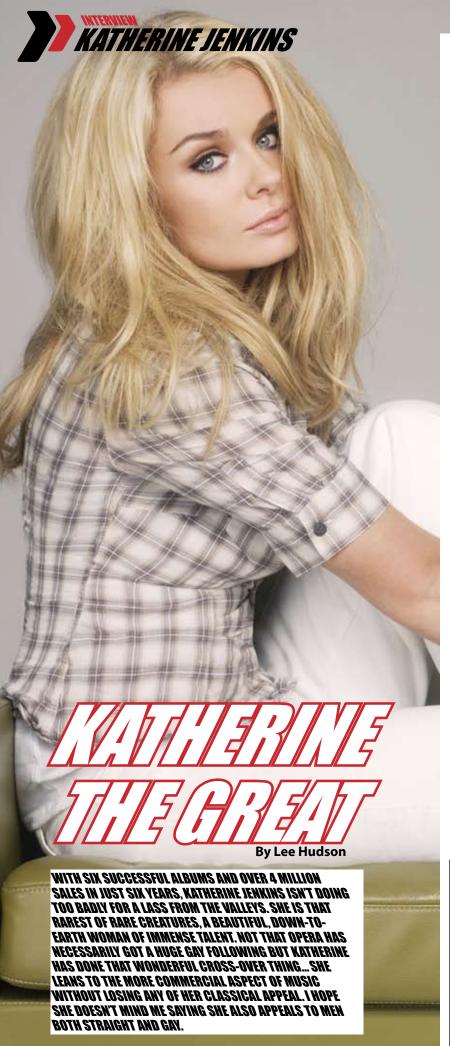
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She reaches the dreaded 3 – 0 next year but still looks as fresh and as young as she did when she first appeared on our screens at the turn of the new millennium. Her greeting was sincere and bubbly as she enthusiastically told me about her new album 'Believe'. I wondered if there were going to be any surprises for her fan base.

"Absolutely. Although, for the people who have bought my albums so far it wouldn't be too dissimilar, I'm singing in my own style but there are a few wild cards on there. I don't think anyone thought of me doing Evanescence's 2003 worldwide goth-pop smash Bring Me To Life, which I wanted to do completely differently – more percussive and orchestral - or a version of the Bob Marley song No woman No Cry, which I wanted to feel like a lullaby.

I settle down for a nice long chat as she made me feel so relaxed and the most important person she'd ever met. Not a hint of Diva-ishness (?) about this Welsh songbird, who I believe could charm anyone with her voice. She has dueted with some of the world's top vocalists and I wonder have any been, well, a bit of a pain?

"I'd love to be able to tell you that there have been some Divas..." she giggles, "but there haven't been. People like Andrea (Bocelli) I've sang with quite few times and he's absolutely lovely. In my experience I've found the people who are really, really talented... they are the ones that behave really well... no drama. But the ones who don't really have the talent... or are there by fluke... they're the ones who throw the tantrums."

I suspect that Katherine would be too nice to have a go at anyone... just for the sake of it... but she has got a very impressive list of singers she has performed with but, I wonder, is there anyone she would kill to duet with? "Something with Madonna. Something that was really different... or Tom Jones... something unexpected."

While I mull over the idea of a Madonna – Katherine Jenkins fusion (I'm sure many straight boys have already thought about that... the dirty little sods) I ask her about her shows for the troops.

"I'm a trustee of the British Forces Foundation and I'm hosting a fund raising dinner in London this month," she says with enthusiasm in her voice. "We hope to raise £100,000 so that we can fund entertainers going out there. Even though we do it for free... the costs of getting the equipment, flights etc out there can add up. I just wish we could get more young performers over there... it means so much to the troops. I'd love to see more people volunteering to do it."

We are used to seeing Katherine at all the big gigs where there are thousands of rugby players and fans but where's the weirdest place she has ever played?

"In Iraq, in an aircraft hanger where the stage was made of two flatbed lorries back to back. As I was singing things like Nessun Dorma to all the squaddies I could see out the back, behind them, all the helicopters and planes landing. I was thinking, WOW this is a one-off experience." She cheekily adds, "Although you can't beat singing to a rugby crowd."

I interject that being a Welsh lady she couldn't really sing anywhere else. "I'm a big rugby fan as well... and it's a pride thing... I'm very patriotic and what better way to celebrate that than to see all their lovely legs?"

Katherine and I seem to have a great deal in common. However, I change tack(le), after a recent appearance on the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, I asked if she was planning a change of image as she looked like a siren from the 40s silver-screen.

Laughs "When you go on Strictly every thing is ultra glam and I wanted to do something sleek... and although I didn't realise it... I do like that 40s era. One of my inspirations is Marilyn Monroe so; I think, I always have that in the back of my mind... either consciously or not."

Before the interview came to an end I wanted to ask her about her tour in March... was it going to be just her singing with an orchestra.

"No, it's my first solo arena tour but when recording the new album we had the live element at the forefront of our minds. That David Foster (her current producer) moment... you know that moment Whitney sings in "I will always love you" and it stops... (She sings a few bars and a chill runs down my spine) before she takes the song even further. I want to get the audience up on their feet... because they are moved by the power and emotion of it all." Katherine continues enthusiastically, "Kim Gavin, who choreographed the recent Take That show is involved so it will be more of a theatrical production. There'll still be choirs and an orchestra... but much more. At this time, when things are financially a bit tight, I really want to give people their monies worth when they come to see me and hopefully... have a brilliant night."

I'll be there Katherine... give me a wave.

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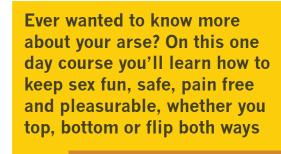
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By Lee Hudson

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SEVEN YEARS AGO THAT WILL YOUNG HIT OUR SCREENS AS A CONTESTANT ON POP IDOL.

Like many viewers, I was more in the Gareth Gates camp because the lad was younger, better looking, had a tremendous sob story (surmounting insurmountable odds with his stammer) and sang like a choirboy. That was until I saw Will Young rip the stage apart with his wonderful interpretation of the Jose Feliciano song Light My Fire. I was amazed at the passion and the sheer dynamics that a young guy, who was really just an amateur, brought to a rather mediocre talent contest. From that moment on, I became a Will Young devotee and my admiration for him has not dimmed in the intervening years.

I loved the way he stood up to Simon Cowell. I loved the way he came out. I loved the way he unapologetically responded to questions about his sexuality but most of all... I loved his voice.

His first hit, on the back of Pop Idol, Evergreen was the fastest and biggest selling record of that year and proved that the lad from Wokingham in Berkshire had a style all of his own. The first album confirmed it and his total of four studio albums has seen a steady progression in his vocal and song writing abilities.

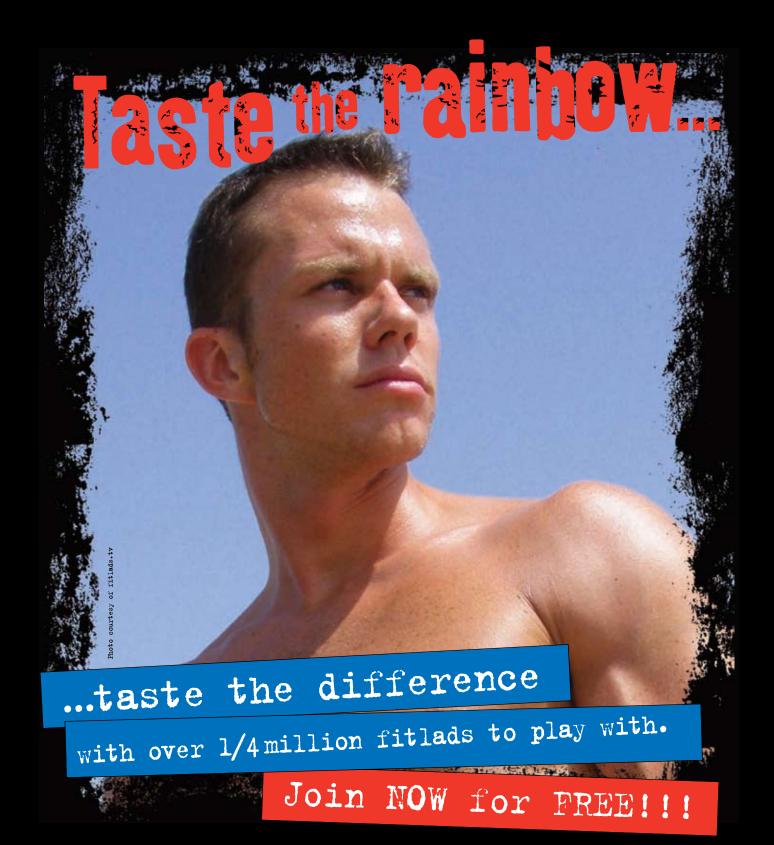
It is only now that Will has begun to reconcile himself to the faintly ridiculous speed with which he was accelerated into the public eye. "When you look back on the start of this, it was crazy." He smiles as he recalls the madness. "You forget going literally, in the space of 3 months, from being at drama school to having 300 people running after your tour bus in Middlesbrough. It's one of those dream stories that shouldn't quite exist. If it looked like a Chesney Hawkes film from the outside, then the truth is... it actually felt like one from the inside. too."

Between albums one and two, Young began exploring his inclinations as a songwriter, encouraged by his manager, the benchmark pop mogul Simon Fuller. "He showed a real belief in me. I was allowed a bigger break than you would normally be between records and Fuller just let me get on with it." Two fundamental meetings were to shape the sound of Fridays Child, the first album delivered as Will Young: Artist. First he was introduced to Steve Lipson, whom he still refers to affectionately as 'Lippo'. "He basically turned into my second dad." The second was meeting Leave Right Now songwriter, Eg White, in his then crummy Shepherd's Bush studio. "Back then it was the time that you went to work with songwriters, particularly in America, and you didn't really do anything. You just picked up a percentage by lying. I got in with Eg in his studio in Shepherd's Bush and he listened to me. He's very sensitive. I'm very sensitive. We actually bonded. Neither of us really fit the mold and it just clicked. After Lippo, Eg was the first person that took an interest in me as an artist rather than me as a way to make a bit of money."

This month sees the release of a 'Hits' compilation but even then he has included something new. The video to accompany the single 'Hopes and Fears' has Will coming to terms... with being pregnant. It's a great twist to a very moody and thoughtful song... although we are all wondering who the lucky 'father' is! One thing about Will, despite being in the public eye he has managed to keep his personal life just that... personal. Rumours about whom he is dating seem to flourish for about a week before disappearing all together... he's not one to ring up Heat to tell them where he's having lunch let alone showing off a new boyfriend.

So, does the fact that it's a hits album mean the lad is slowing down, pausing to reflect on his career? Not really. The man's star is still in the ascendancy, having delighted crowds at Glastonbury, Camp Bestival, Isle of Wight and V Festivals, while over the next couple of months he heads out on an extensive'sold out' UK tour.





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WORLD DOMINATION? AT THE RATE THESE BOYS ARE GAINING FANS, IT SURELY CAN'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY'RE HOUSEHOLD NAMES JUST LIKE THE FREEMASONS. INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PRODUCERS AND DIS RIFFS & RRYS ISHEFFIELD BOYS PHIL PENDLEBURY AND DAVE DENNISON) FIRST BECAME NOTICED WHEN THEIR MASSIVE REPRODUCTION OF INAYA DAY'S NASTY GIRL BECAME A HUGE HIT AROUND THE WORLD BACK IN 2005. SINCE THAT TIME, THEIR WORK HAS BEEN PLAYED ON THOUSANDS OF GAY DANCEFLOORS WORLDWIDE, WITH OTHER BIG PROFILE REMIXES INCLUDING DANNI MINOGUE, BARBARA TUCKER, MASTERS AT WORK, CHAKA KHAN AND MARY J BLIGE.

More recently they've twiddled the knobs for Lady Gaga's 'Just Dance' and Michael Jackson's 'Billie Jean' (just a month before his untimely death. "Both of us are huge fans of MJ... especially the Quincy Jones productions. It was an honour to do that remix and needless to say some tears were shed when he passed on. It's unlikely the world will see such talent again."

Up until recently, the boys have seemed content with staying out of the limelight and letting their music do the talking, but big profile gay gigs this year have meant that we finally get to put faces to the names. At this year's Manchester Pride they took over the main stage with a full DJ set, alongside a live band.

"Manchester Pride was awesome! We were really keen to present something a little more interesting than the usual, so we put together a short show, including Phil on guitar and vocals, plus two PA appearances - One from Mumzy Stranger and also the lovely Holly Johnson who sings lead on our track Miss You."

"We were joined by Fish the percussionist and Little Rich on sax. It was like having a full live band up there. After we came off we all wished we could have gone on longer and later... when it was dark. The crowd were great, really buzzing and after hearing all the positive reports, we can tell you - it's something we plan to do a lot more of."

Appearing on the same stage as Little Boots and Peter Andre... surely there must be some gossip to spill? "Nah, we're pretty boring really and both had gigs that evening so we didn't hang out after. We only really spoke with Kelly Llorenna & Love to Infinity. Apparently Bananarama, who were there on Friday, said some kind words about our mix of their track'Love Comes."

Their recent DJ set at London's XXL at The Arches ranks as a memorable experience for them too and it seems like they connect perfectly with a gay crowd. "The place reminds me of an underground warehouse! It was rocking at midnight and stayed that way until 6am, the atmosphere was amazing! It also has an amazing sound system and lighting rig and the guys running the rig obviously really care about it."

"Gay clubs tend to have a better atmosphere, less tension – everybody is just up for a good time & the crowd tend to be more clued up with their music too. In all honesty the best UK gigs tend to be in gay/mixed venues"

Riffs and Rays first met through the original 3rd member of the team, Jason Havenhand, who left last January to work on other projects. The boys are keen to point out that they remain good friends with him (and there was I hoping for tantrums and drama a la The Sugababes). Back to the track that started it all for them, 'Nasty Girl' a song I always associate the Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop. Was that where the idea came from?

"Ha ha nope. We were really impressed with the vocal acapella and had an idea to mash it up with Michael Jackson's 'Don't stop'. We then replayed the whole thing so that there were no samples and changed the music so that it retained the feel but was all our own work. The track was then used as the Official UK radio Edit and we made it into the top ten in the charts..... Thanks everyone!!"

Recently, one of their most interesting projects is working with one of the few singers in the world deserving of being called a Legend... Thelma Houston. The plan is to remix and launch the 2009 release of her disco classic 'Don't Leave Me This Way! "Yeah she is a total legend. She was the first female at Motown to win a Grammy! We are so excited to work with Thelma."

So, who would they love to work with in the future? "We're both massive fans of Kylie." I couldn't have asked for a more gay answer. "Have been since the Stock Aitken & Waterman days. Of course it would be pretty neat to do a Madonna track too."

You can find out more and listen to their latest tracks at www.riffsandrays.com.





Coming Home

Globally renowned DJ, producer and all-round superstar, Paul van Dyk returns with a new new single Home, taken from the recent 'best of' album Volume that received much praise earlier in the year

Taken from the recent 'best of' album from globally renowned DJ, producer and all-round nice guy,Paul van Dyk, Home is yet another winning collaboration with Johnny McDaid, former singer of the British cult band VEGA4 and the man behind the massive PvD release Time of Our Lives. Bringing the very best from these two incredible artists, Home electrifies hardcore fans, whilst keeping a finger on the emotional pulse of music lovers the world over. A mixture of classic Paul van Dyk energy and Johnny's iconic lyrical style, this track perfectly embodies the fusion of electronic and rock sensibilities, blending emotive vocals with hard-hitting beats resulting in a crossover classic in the making.

With eight stunning remixes from the man himself PvD, Wippenberg, Cosmic Gate, Static Revenger and Kaskade (who recently had success collaborating with Deadmau5 on I Remember), each lend their nimitable styles to this stellar release, giving fresh perspectives to a track that is destined for greatness.

Having recently played a sell-out gig in New York's Central Park, playing a stunning closing set in the Cream arena at Creamfields plus continuingly touring all over the globe, expect Home to be played from a soundsystem near you!





Home - Paul Van Dyk ft. Johnny McDaid Out: 2nd November http://www.paulvandyk.com/ http://www.newstatemusic.com/

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▶ GIREZ D

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On paper, this sounds like the most boring track of all time. In a club – it's had the biggest reactions of anything I've played this year. Cirus is actually Eric Prydz's deeper and darker guise and once you know this, the pure mastery of the track becomes obvious. A charging, deep groove that just builds and builds and more drums and percussion are thrown into the mix. No lyrics, no real melody, no big breakdown, not really house, almost techno…impossible to describe! But it just works. Big time. (www.myspace.com/ericprydz)



> FRANKIE GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

Dolor

One of my all time favourite tracks. I can remember it originally being banned from the TV and radio on it's release back in 1984 (but you don't look a day over 21 in your photo I hear you cry!). The gay S&M video was the first time I'd seen 2 men kiss on TV and boy did it make an impression on me. There have been many remixes over the years, but none have lived up to the energy of the original until now. This 25th anniversary release includes 2 amazing remixes from Spencer & Hill (big room electro) and Jody Den Broeder (tough and tribal). Hit me with those laser beams! (www.aatw.com)



▶ DR KUCHO

Just Be Good To M

Spanish DJ Daniel Salazar has produced some of the biggest tracks of the past few years including Holy Spirit and Lies to Yourself. This one is an absolute stonker... taking the classic Beats International no1 track from 1990, having the vocals resung and laying them over the top of a funky and chunky house track. Peak-time fodder for all styles of house floors. And the ketamin inspired breakdown is awesomely warped. (www.spinnin-records.com)



> BINGOPVAYERS VS GHOGOVATEPUMA

Disco Electrique

Bingo Player's Touch Me was Strictly Rhythm's biggest selling download of 2008 and it also catapulted Bingo Players into the spotlight and rejuvenated the career of the many faceted Chocolate Puma boys. Disco Electrique pulls off the same tough beats blended with vocals trick, microphone duties this time handled by Michelle David, who delivers a powerful, staccato set of lyrics with a little old school diva attitude to go with a stomping and surprisingly minimal production. (And not a dabber in sight!) (www.strictly.com)

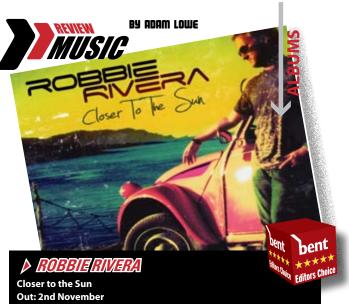


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Without doubt, one of the biggest gay clubland tracks from the last decade gets a long overdue remake. This release features an impressive 12 different mixes, with the stand out one being the progressively-tinged Mark Duran vocal mix. Now, all I need to know is do the lyrics really include "it's a place where boys bum!" Please tell me they do! (www.deliciousgarden.com)





Ibiza-loving house legend Robbie Rivera releases his latest album to thunderous praise after a hectic summer schedule remixing everyone from Nelly Furtado to Basement Jaxx. Cool hiphop simmers alongside uplifting, Killers-esque synths, with gravitational vocal hooks tearing you into tracks like 'The Rain' and instrumental loveliness summoning you to 'Departures'.

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This mash-up of bangra, dub, soca, reggae, roots, rock, latin, funk and just about your basic nightclub fare, this is something

Out: 30th November

roots, rock, latin, runk and just about everything else follows in the vein of M.I.A. and Major Lazer by making melting pots of the turntables. The Fort Knox Five have mixed together a juicy array of music, which is as energetic as it is eclectic. Though not you can still get your groove on to, whilst maintaining a bit of superiority that yes, you are indeed listening to proper music.

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Pieces

Out: 16th November

Swedish cool-pop fop Erik Hassle unleashes his debut album just two weeks after the launch of his next single, 'Hurtful', which Popjustice called 'a total modern masterpiece. Damn, it's a catchy collection of Europop goodles, but maybe it's a tad too high on the sweeteners when it needs a bit of edge. Robyn whups his ass at every

> PINKIMARTINI

Splendor in the Grass

Out now

Pink Martini are a charming orchestra composed of a dozen superb instrumentalists. For a change of pace, light a few incense sticks, pour a bath and stick this in your CD player. The songs spread over a variety of languages, including Neapolitan, Italian, Spanish, French and, of course, English, and guest stars on the album include a 90-year old Mexican ranchera singer who once dated Frida Kahlo (Piensa En Mi). It's no wonder their three previous albums have racked up a whopping 2 million copies.



Flashback

Out: 2nd November

Calvin Harris is kind of geeky looking, sort of awkward, far too techie to be cool, and yet trendy, sexy and hip. There's almost something plastic about the way he naively idolises the 80s and slaps together retro beats with a noughties glare. But, whatever. With his latest single, 'Flashback', he's done it yet again, and we groan as we begrudgingly move our skinny little arses in tandem with his pied piping. Damn that irresistible bastard!



1 NHDUBZ

I Need You **Out: 9th November**

Hilarious appearances on Nevermind the Buzzcocks aside, N-Dubs have little to offer anyone except chavs. And no matter how chavvy a gay man thinks he is, he's usually only dressing that way to get laid, which kind of defeats the point. So this track is likely to pass us by without a plance—not to pass us by without a glance—not necessarily because it's bad (it's mediocre) but because it's just not the

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Losing My Mind

Out: 16th November

Ali King's 'Losing My Mind' is, predictably enough, about falling head over heels in love, blah blah blah! Luckily, it's not too bad a song, and catchy enough that you will want to hear it again. Fabolous' rapping I could leave, but Ali has a voice queers will love—and she's been in every musical from Annie to Guys and Dolls to The Sound of Music, which can only add to her gay credentials. only add to her gay credentials.



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Out: 2nd November

This seems to be the month for musical starlets to release records. Rachael Sage is releasing 'Too Many Women' with the release of Fame. It has remixes from Pink and Beyonce mix-master Damon Elliot and shares the official film soundtrack with tracks by Sam Sparro and Santigold. For Fameloving flamers out there, or those with especially theatrical mums, this is the Christmas present of choice.







▲ PURE TRANCE ANTHEMS

The world-famous Godskitchen returns with its brand new compilation Pure Trance Anthems. Packed across three massive CDs, with 57 tracks, this is a full-throttle selection of 2009's biggest tunes, future anthems and remixed classics.

Since its inception in the mid 90's, Godskitchen has been at the forefront of dance music. Whether its running huge festivals, arenas, nightclubs or putting out quality albums, they know what's what and this album clearly illustrates this. With some of the biggest names playing for the brand on a regular basis, GK have also played a key part in launching some of the lesser known names, helping to keep the scene alive and kicking.

Out: 15th November – New State Music

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic 3CD compilation, just complete the title of this Calvin Harris hit - I'm Not ______.



▲MINISTRY OF SOUND PRESENTS.... THE ANNUAL 2010

The Annual series is no stranger to the No1 spot in the compilations charts, and for the past 14 years the original and best dance album out there has smashed it time after time, and this year is no different. Boasting artists such as Dizzee Rascal, Pitbull, Armand Van Helden, David Guetta and Basement Jaxx, The Annual 2010 has something for every dance enthusiast, and you won't find any runts in this 3 Disc dance litter!

One year, one album, The Annual. Only the best tracks get in.

Out:2nd November - Ministry Of Sound

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic 3CD compilation, just complete the title of this David Guetta & Kelly Rowland hit - When Love Takes





Charity Money

Headline artists like Human League and Peter Andre helped generate record ticket sales during the Big Weekend over the August Bank Holiday weekend, which enabled Manchester Pride 2009 to raise £135,000 for charity – the largest ever amount in the festival's 19-year history. The money will be used over the coming months to support various lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) groups and projects across Greater Manchester via the Manchester Pride Community Fund and the Manchester Pride HIV / AIDS Fund. It will also support the Lesbian & Gay Foundation's 'Free Condom and Lube' scheme and the George House Trust HIV Welfare Fund.

Andrew Stokes, chairman of Manchester Pride, said "Given the current economic climate, donations to some groups and projects are worth far more than their actual financial value - it can literally be the difference between survival and going under. Manchester gay community has many worthy causes and we are proud to be able to support so many of them again for another year." For more information: www.manchesterpride.com

THE ATHEIST'S

GUIDE TO

CHRISTMAS

Atheist's

HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins
Trust (THT) has been chosen to benefit from the UK's first ever atheist
charity book: The Atheist's Guide To Christmas. The book is published
by The Friday Project and edited by comedy writer Ariane Sherine, the
creator of this year's hugely successful Atheist Bus Campaign. It features
original contributions from 42 atheist stars including Richard Dawkins,
Derren Brown, Simon Le Bon, David Baddiel, Charlie Brooker, Ed Byrne,
AC Grayling, Josie Long and Ben Goldacre. All royalties from sales of
the book will be donated to THT. The Atheist's Guide to Christmas is
available from all good bookshops, and online at www.amazon.co.uk.

Who does what in your relationship?

Is your partner convinced they're pulling their weight, but really they're more of a light-weight when it comes to helping out? Do you crave a more equal split in your roles? A new BBC2 programme is looking for people who would like to find out just WHO DOES WHAT in their relationship and make changes for the better. It's a show for every couple that's ever argued over who does the washing up, washes the sheets or keeps the underwear draw stocked with clean, fresh smelling garments? Plus all those more important decisions that make a battlefield... sorry... make a relationship. If you would like to take part or want to know more, call Sarah on the WHO DOES WHAT hotline - 0207 861 8477 sarah.allen@talkbackthames.tv

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London LGBT Tourist Guide

The Gay Tourist Office will be the first and only, dedicated, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender visitor centre in London. It will also be a vital resource for London's LGBT residents. The centre will have a full and part time staff to guide, direct and advise all comers. They will receive training on LGBT issues, have first-hand experience of all the city has to offer and be able provide all the latest news and recommendations. Visitors and residents alike can come into the office to find information on hotels and travel services, LGBT magazines and brochures, news on nightlife around town, information on community events, charities and volunteering opportunities, sexual health info, arts and cultural events, relevant maps and guides.

Situated in Soho at 30 Lisle Street, WC2H (above Ku Bar, behind the Vue Cinema and within view of the Leicester Square tube station).

www.gaytouristoffice.co.uk

GEORGE MICHAEL

RAM

Born 25th June 1963 - Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou The early 80s saw the youthful and exuberant Wham hit the Ine early 80s saw the youthful and exuberant Wham hit the charts and our TV screens with Young Guns (go for it). Barefoot harts and our TV screens with Young Guns (the both and in tight jeans, the duo were an instant hit with both young men and women young men and women.

Later, they dropped the jeans and bare-chested look and Later, they dropped the Jeans and pare-cnested look and were said to have inserted shuttlecocks down the front of their tiny white shorts for TV appearances and on stage. This only helped fuel the public interest and increase their this only helped fuel the public interest and increase their their uny white shorts for LV appearances and on stage.
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Wham's tour of China in April 1985, the first visit to China by a Western popular music act, generated enormous worldwide media coverage, much of it centered on Michael following.

Michael also sang on the original Band Aid recording of "Do They Know It's Christmas" and donated the profits "Do They Know It's Christmas/Even/thing Che Wants" to the from "Last Christmas/Even/thing Che Wants" to the Michael. Two liney know it's Christmas and donated the pro-from "Last Christmas/Everything She Wants" to the

Early in his solo career he duetted with soul music icon Aretha Franklin. "I Knew You Were Waiting (For Me)" that helped Michael achieve an ambition by incling with one of his force in the property of the force of singing With one of his favourite artists.

The first single released from the album Faith was "I Want Your Sex," during the summer of 1987. The song was banned by many radio stations in the song was panned by many radio stations in the UK and USA, due to its sexually suggestive lyrics.

At a time when many singers were coming At a time when many singers were corning out, Michael was private about being gay, and out, Michael was private about being gay; an peers like Boy George as well as others tried desperately to drag him out of the closet.

Questions of his sexual orientation persisted questions of his sexual orientation persist in public until April 7, 1998, when he was arrested for engaging in a lewd act in a public toilet in a park in Beverly Hills, California.

In an MTV interview, George Michael stated: "I got followed into the restroom stated: 1 you followed into the restroom and then this cop — I didn't know it was a and then this cop — Juliun Know It was cop, obviously — he started playing this game, which I think is called, 'I'll show you mine, you show me yours, and then you nime, you show me yours, and ther when you show me yours, I'm going to w. . . nick you!"

The single he made to 'celebrate' his ine single ne made to celebrate fils bust was called 'Outside', the video of which was set in a public toilet with cops kissing and generally carrying on in a lewd manner. It was a fantastic in a lewu manner, it was a raniasuc response to the public and press response to the public and press mealy-mouthed tut-tutting about mealy-mouthed tut-tutting about the event.

He has sold over 100 million records worldwide including 12 British #1 singles, 7 British #1 albums. His 1987 debut solo album, Faith has sold over 20 million copies worldwide.







With Ms Streisand topping the album charts on both sides of the Atlantic once again... the interest in the lady's vocal talents is just as strong as ever. Alas, she doesn't intend to tour again but you can catch Simply Barbra.

The New York Times describes SB: A bewitching and barbed musical comedy take off on the American institution known as Streisand. Brinberg's falsetto is remarkable... the man has a good deal of the woman's vocal chops... He's a helluva FUNNY LADY" Simply Barbra will sing songs from the

new album and offer classics too such as Evergreen, The Way We Were and Yentl. Steven Brinberg also morphs amazingly into other Divas and will perform Bette Davis, Cher and even Susan Boyle. And there is the one man duet! of You dont Bring Me Flowers where Stevens sings Barbra and Neil Diamond.

The tour dates
20th November – Bournemouth
24th-25th November -London
27th November – Norwich
29th November – Bath
1st December – Birmingham
3rd December – Brighton
6th December - Salford

www.simplybarbra.com





Be prepared for a once-in-a-lifetime theatrical experience when the master of psychological illusion returns to the stage with Derren Brown – Enigma Tour.

Derren will once again bewilder, baffle and bewitch and show why he is one of the country's most revered live performers; a master of magic, mind control and psychological illusion. This is the second leg of his fourth tour and is expected to sell out as it did in 2009 throughout the UK.

Derren says: "Like previous shows, I will absolutely push myself to the limit. The challenge is to create new material that shocks, surprises and defies explanation. The audience will be taken for a theatrical roller-coaster ride, and I hope it's an experience that they will never forget".

St George's Hall, Bradford - 3rd & 4th April 2010 Tickets: £30 Call 01274 432000



Public Property - A new dark comedy

Nigel Harman stars alongside Robert Daws and Steven Webb in Public Property, the darkly comic tale of a newsreader engaged in a fierce powerplay with his publicist as the paparazzi bay at the door.

When popular news man Geoffrey Hammond is caught by photographers in a rather compromising position, he leaves it up to his publicist Larry (who knows all his client's dirtiest secrets) to spin him out of what seems to be an impossible situation. As the media wait, hungry for the statement on the (gay?) sex scandal of the century, the two struggle with conscience and imagination and the question looms - is all publicity good publicity?

Trafalgar Studio 2, Whitehall, London Box Office: 0870 060 663

<u>Homotopia</u>

This year the Homotopia festival offers you 3 jam packed weeks of the very highest quality LGBT culture including; an international art opening, a theatrical premiere, a Booker prize-winner (possibly), some very funny women and exclusive screenings.

Festival Director, Gary Everett describing this year's festival said: "Homotopia has developed a strong social justice strand this year and we have taken the fight against homophobia abroad with our youth exchange to Poland. But November is a celebration of our community's talents that everyone can appreciate and enjoy."

Homotopia celebrates another festival first in its co-commission and world premiere of Jiggery Pokery a funny and moving new play about the life and lonely death of Charles Hawtrey (Unity Theatre Weds 11th – Sat 14th Nov 8pm). Known to millions through his Carry On appearances Hawtrey was a popular female impersonator in variety and music halls before his film career. But his overt sexuality proved controversial in a conservative age and in this innovative production actress Mandy Lawrence will portray Hawtrey in all his dark and drunken glory.

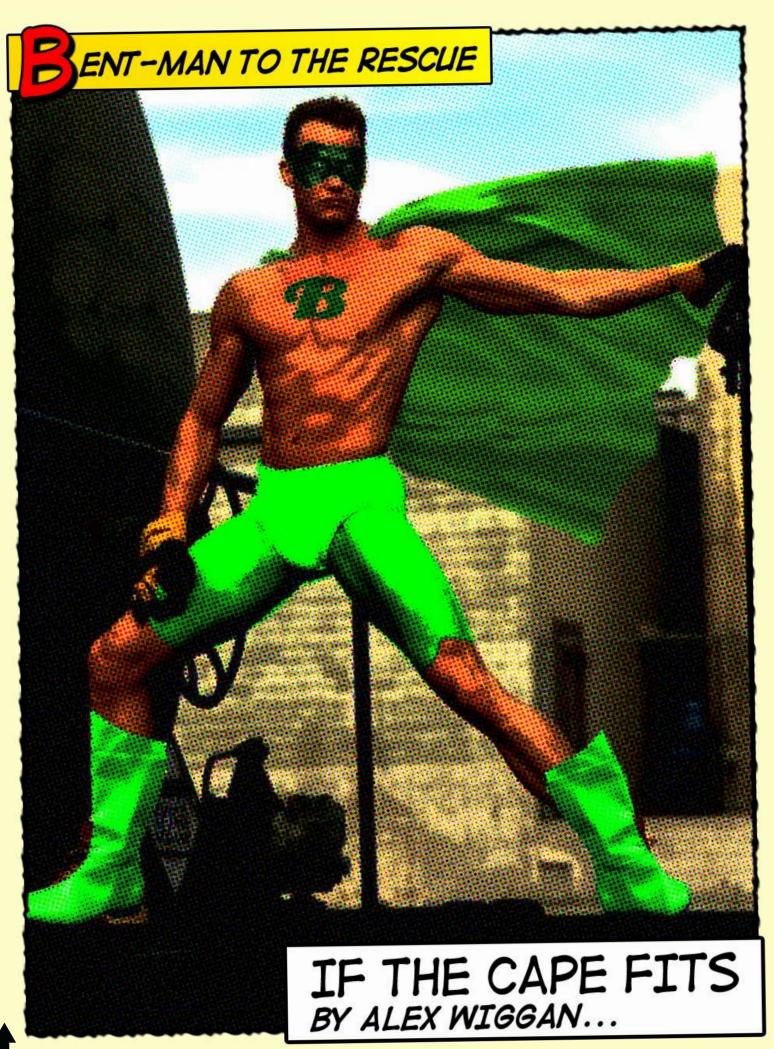
And then there's the Striptease! Spanish dancer

And then there's the Striptease! Spanish dance and performance artist Pere Faura performs a video/lecture for the audience gaze and the sexual gaze exploring striptease as performance (Bluecoat Chambers Sat 14th Nov 8pm).

Homotopia - 4th - 29th November Just a few of the delights on offer but to get the full list log on to: www.homotopia.net







FOR SOME PEOPLE THE IDEA OF HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO CONJURES UP IMAGINES OF WELSH WARBLER BONNIE TYLER ON A CLIFF-TOP BELTING OUT A POWER BALLAD, YET FOR OTHERS IT IS THE HOPE THAT A MAN IN SPANDEX WILL SWEEP THEM OFF THEIR FEET. THE FASCINATION WITH HUNKS IN LYCRA, OR SUPERHEROES AS THEY ARE MORE COMMONLY KNOWN, ISN'T A NEW ONE, IN FACT SLIPER POWERED BEEF CAKES HAVE BEEN SAVING THE DAY FOR YEARS. THEY'RE ALWAYS ON HAND TO FLEX THEIR PECS AND SAVE A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS, YET WHERE ARE THEY WHEN A SINGLE MAN NEEDS A BOY WONDER TO HELP WITH THE SHOPPING OR DEBATE WHICH X-FACTOR JUDGE IS THE BEST? AT FIRST SIGHT IT WOULD SEEM THAT ONLY HETEROSEXUALS ARE CATERED FOR IN THE LIVELY WORLD OF COMIC-BOOK HEROES, BUT LOOK A LITTLE DEEPER AND CHANCES ARE YOU WILL SEE WHY GAY MEN ARE FASCINATED WITH SUPER GUYS.

Take Batman for instance, one of the most successful characters in terms of the number of movies he's had and yet also one of the most varied depictions of a hero in such a short space of time. From Batman (1989) to last year's Dark Knight (2008) the caped crusader has had more wardrobe changes than Cher and let's be honest who else is going to appreciate the absurdity of Bat-nipples other than a gay man? 1997s Batman & Robin is a pure slice of queer cinema with its story about two men facing inner conflict, in a world where erotic statues define the city-scape, superheroes have chiselled torsos and where a drag queen (Poison Ly) wishes to seduce and divide a happy male couple. But if camp crusaders are not to everyone's taste then the recent Batman Begins (2005) and Dark Knight have presented a more rugged Batman, a kind of James Bond meets Phil Mitchell offering a bit of rough in the Batcave. This new daring dark knight is still the same tortured soul as before, he still likes to dress in black, but this one's not likely to burst into tears if a glass of vino gets spilt over his cape. He still might not be the right guy to take home to meet the mother, but at least he's a snappy dresser and he has his own car.

Batman appeals to someone more comfortable with their sexuality, but the flipside to all this can be seen in the X-men series, a story about a group of mutants living in a world that hates and fears them. This isn't about a group of teens with ASBO's however, but about finding out that not everyone fits into the world around them. Alter the mutant angle ever so slightly and it becomes clear how a young gay man can identify with being feared and misunderstood by people who look and act just the same as them. The second entry in the X-men trilogy, X2 (2003), touches on this the most and it's easy to see why it becomes a metaphor for an awkward early gay life. A scene, in which the mutant lceman is asked by his mother if he ever tried not being a mutant, is a question which no doubt rings home to many of the audience watching, and presents homophobia in its most simplest form. Much later the less than conspicuous mutant Nightcrawler asks shape-shifter Mystique why she doesn't use her abilities to look like everybody else, she simple responds by telling him we shouldn't have to'. X-men: The Last Stand (2006) ramps this up a gear with its story about finding a cure for being a mutant and asks the question if you could change who you are to fit in, would you? It is a bold inquiry and it's easy to see how the issue could fire up thoughts amongst a homosexual fan base, especially given that the biggest opposition comes from Magneto, played by the openly gay actor, Sir lan McKellen.

Perhaps the biggest reason that gay men love the antics of costumed characters so much though is because of the element of disguise, which has always been at the root of the genre. Through the art of quick change, mild-mannered reporters and freelance photographers can instantly become someone else. Ok so they don't need a membership for Virgin Active to fill out their jumpsuits, but looking good isn't what it's all about, instead it's about reclaiming their own little space. In the realm of capes and cowls a new identity is created, where someone who feels they have to hide, can suddenly have the world at their feet and be able to express themselves clearly. Like a drag queen with lashes to die for and the right bit of lippy, the problems of the world can be shut out through the creation of the double life and it's in this they can find their moment of strength. It's another identifiable element which goes hand in hand with homosexuality but the downside is that when hiding, a person is never truly comfortable. Comics are designed to continue, a sort of paper soap-opera, meaning characters are never allowed to just be happy or the series would come crashing to an end. Something always stops the hero living the life they imagine and it always comes down to trying to balance different elements of their lives whilst hiding behind a mask. This practically screams out the life-style many gay men have had to deal with and so it really isn't all that hard to see why there's a lot of love and understanding for the superhero community. After all Bonnie Tyler may have needed a superman to sweep her off her feet, but chances are she didn't consider trying his tights on whilst he was out on his day job.

www.thecomicscode.co.uk





Sex, sport...
and more

Many people think that my job is just about sex – and sex alone. And I agree, sex dominates my life and my job. But it's not the only thing I get up to. Sport also takes up a great deal of my time. One thing's for sure, though – without sex, sport and my constant quest for the next adrenaline rush I don't think I could survive.

People constantly ask what I do in my free time? But there's only ever one answer - sports! That said, I don't actually go to the gym that often – maybe twice a week at the most. Rather I concentrate on kick-boxing and cross-country biking, the latter of which I love most of all. I try to go on my bike every day if I can, riding through the woods and hills near to my home. For me it's the perfect combination: speed, extreme physical training and nature.

Unfortunately, I've had to stop my professional kick-boxing, despite the fact that I was really good and took part in international competitions. Now I only do regular trainings – simply because I often used to arrive at porn shoots with bruises or black eyes. Not surprisingly, the studio management told me that I wasn't allowed to continue the sport, so now I just go to my club to take part in light training. Competitions are definitely over as far as I'm concerned – which is something I'm very sorry about. That said – porn is unquestionably the better job. After all, I like sex much more than boxing!

Whilst I always like my sports to be full-on and energetic, the action I enjoy in bed can be completely different. Nevertheless, I always insist on strict differences in my love life. The fast, one-night-stand and the alternative sex I enjoy with my boyfriend... are nothing alike.

With the guys with whom I have fast and horny sex it all has to be much harder and much more intense – a fast or frantic shag without any foreplay. Just pure, unadultered SEX. It's not love – it's just a release of sexual pressure and horny feelings. Maybe, even raw animal instincts and that's the way sex has to be for me sometimes. It could be a horny storyline from one of my porn movies ... you meet a guy, exchange a nod and then engage in wild, hard shagging. Cum-shot over, and it's time to put your jeans on and leave. That's it! And sometimes that's all you need.

With my boyfriend, however, it's completely different. With him it's all about pairing sex and love with confidence and tenderness, which is why it all takes much longer and is much more romantic. Kissing and touching are much more important because I want to physically feel my boyfriend. We begin by smooching together, then share a massage; before sucking and... more. Now here's a bit of news, my boyfriend is one of the very few people for whom I'm willing to bottom.

As you all know, I'm a top 99% of the time, and only in a very few movies will you ever see me as a bottom – scenes that I did very reluctantly I have to admit. With friends and one-night-stands I'm always the top – without exception! But when it comes to my boyfriend everything changes, since we take turns to top and bottom and to change positions time and time again. The reason for this is not that he has a small cock – the complete opposite is the case! No, it's all down to the chemistry between us being so intense

As you read this I may still be at the Munich Oktoberfest, Hurrah! Three whole days partying in the big tents with lots of delicious beer to enjoy. Gees, I love beer so much – for us Czechs it's almost like milk. We grow up with it. Little wonder that Oktoberfest is a definite "must" in my schedule.

But hey, what would the Oktoberfest be without the short leather trousers. Those Bavarian guys look so sexy in their Lederhosen. This time I'm also invited to some gay parties on the "Wiesn." A tent full of thousands of drunken gay guys – wow! Now one thing's for sure – there's gonna be fun, fun, fun!

Prosit!

Kiss Johan

For more information: www.Johan-Volny.com



Some boys were just born with the taste for cum

 STAXUS megastars, Johan Volny and Jeffery Radden among them. That's right, Volny and Radden – two of the Czech Republic's biggest sluts

are back! He might concentrate on his internet activities these days, but that doesn't stop Volny

from giving the sort of performance that'll have

you jerking off like crazy!

More info at: STAXUSSALES.com



VICE UP YOUR LIFE

Move over all you girls bands.... the boys are back! They sing, they dance, they look HOT... Prepare to be bowled over Britain's hottest new boyband VICE.

With their infectious melodies and smouldering looks, Scott, 22 from Scotland, Luke, 22 from Essex, Kevin, 22 from Liverpool and 18 year-old Staz from Russia, have all the ingredients to cook up a storm in the charts and leave hearts melting across the UK.

Sharing a passion to sing, write and dance, the ambitious and talented foursome have spent the past year mastering their craft and preparing for their onslaught into the pop world.

Debut single Bounce is a classic slice of gritty mid-tempo pop - the hard-hitting lyrics, heavy electric bass and an infectiously catchy chorus will make it impossible not to get up and dance. The boys have all had professional modelling experience for the

likes of Harvey Nicolls, H&M and Sony Ericsson.

Debut single Bounce released 7th December





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Amstell thinking about it...



It was a pleasant surprise when I received a text message from the v good looking Actor, Christian Cooke who is currently starring in Primeval. He was telling me he was coming along with Simon Amstell to my Bar Fibre and they needed a secure area to stop him getting hassled by people.

At the time I thought it was a bit pretentious as we get lots of celebrities in Fibre and they usually just mingle. I've never been a big fan of Simon Amstell when I've seen him on TV, especially when he used to present a Saturday morning pop programme on Channel 4, I found him a little irritating, however I thought I'd be polite with him and buy him a couple of drinks. He was in Leeds to kick off his UK tour at the Carriage Works, and his sister is also studying at Leeds University.

After chatting with him I skirted round the issue about him being gay as I'd heard rumours but to my surprise he was so far out of the closet it was untrue. He was very open about his sexuality and the fact he didn't have a boyfriend. He told me the story about him coming out to his parents. Being Jewish he thought it would be difficult but both parents accepted it. His Auntie on the other hand didn't stop crying for days afterwards. Unfortunately, I never got to see his show but he told me it was more about life experiences and he covers every subject from food to sex... I'm not sure if at any point those two

subjects come together! Simon was a very sweet and interesting guy but extremely shy, which surprised me immensely as he comes across as being quite the opposite.

Neither of them got recognised but perhaps if Christian had shown his bottom he'd be more recognisable as it's become his most famous part of late. I didn't manage to get any pictures of it either but there are plenty on Google if you type in Christian Cooke's bum!

It's been a really difficult month for me personally, as my dear Mum sadly passed away a couple of weeks ago. She was my biggest supporter and it was a massive comfort with the amount of flowers and cards I received, and messages of support from friends. You realise who your friends are at times like this. I made a slideshow of pictures and videos for her funeral to celebrate her life and lots of people said to me afterward that they didn't feel like they'd been to a funeral and they'd felt quite uplifted, could this be the way forward?

It's very tragic news to hear of Stephen Gately's passing. The fact he came out as one of the only gay member of a boy band is groundbreaking. I met him on a few occasions, at Party In The Park, Leeds where he kindly did a video vox pop for me as a New Year's message to all our clubbers.



Prowling the gay football league

The Newcastle Panthers is a gay friendly football club, which gives the Northeast gay community an opportunity to play football without prejudice in a friendly relaxed environment. The team contains players of all abilities and from all over the Northeast and from the whole range of sexual orientations. Although the team currently consist of only men, the club welcomes and actively encourages women to take part

As well as football the club has a very active social schedule. Social nights are regularly arranged on a monthly basis for the players and supporters, ranging from house parties, bowling nights, barbeques, cinema nights and nights out. The club is always actively seeking new players, coaches and supporters to join us and provides a very friendly welcome to any one wishing to sample training or just participate in the supporting or social side,

Although the club is self sufficient and currently receives no sponsorship or grants, we could be very interested in any organisation who would like to sponsor the club or help the club financially.

Newcastle Panther GFSN League Profile: http://www.gfsnleague.co.uk/teams/newcastle



Rugger buggers sponsor plea

The Manchester Village Spartans RUFC have had an impressive start to the season and are hopeful to spread the gay sports banner further afield.

The Spartans are hoping that their winning streak continues as they also prepare for the Bingham Cup, widely regarded as the "Gay Rugby World Cup" which will be held in Minneapolis, USA in June 2010.

The team are currently trying to raise the cash to help send the players and their support and coaching staff to Minneapolis next year, and are looking for sponsorship and assistance. Talks are also currently underway for the production of a documentary about the team, which will hopefully be screened on national television.

The Manchester Village Spartans play their home games at Sale Sports Club, off Dane Road in Sale every other Saturday. More information about the club can be found at their newly launched website www.villagespartans.co.uk





Q: As part of a same sex couple, I am due to adopt next month. What are my rights regarding paternity leave?

Over recent years, the law in this area has been amended to allow same sex couples access to family friendly rights.

Whether you have the right to statutory paternity leave in these circumstances is subject to certain factors being satisfied:

You must be an employee wishing to take the time off to care for the child or support the child's adopter and must have been continuously employed by your current employer for a minimum of 26 weeks by the end of the week in which you are notified of being matched with the child. You must expect to have the main responsibility (apart from the child's adopter) for the child's upbringing.

Perhaps most vitally for your employer, you must have given your employer notice of your intention to take paternity leave, specifying the date upon which you were notified of having been matched with the child, the date on which the child is expected to be placed with you, the length of the leave you have chosen to take and when you want the leave to start. This notice must be given to your employer within 7 days of you being notified by the adoption agency of having been matched with a child or as soon as reasonably practicable.

You may also be asked to provide a signed declaration to your employer stating that the purpose of your absence from work will be that specified above, and that you satisfy the conditions under the legislation.

If all of the above conditions are satisfied, you can take up to two weeks' statutory paternity leave. Payment for the leave is currently set £123.06 per week or 90% of your average weekly earnings- whichever is lower. Your employer should be able to confirm the rate applicable to you. The leave may only be taken during a 56 day period beginning on the day that child is placed with you.

This is of course only the basic statutory entitlement, and you should therefore check with your employer to see whether there is an enhanced paternity policy in place.

In addition to your right to paternity leave, you could investigate your rights under adoption leave and parental leave. You could also explore the possibility of making a flexible working request should this

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Do you enjoy chatting to other gay men on the scene? Are you a non-smoker or exsmoker and want to help other gay men quit cigarettes? Then GMFA, the gay men's health charity, would love to hear from you. Following the success of its free Stop Smoking courses for gay men, GMFA is recruiting volunteers to help with its latest outreach project. Volunteers will visit gay bars and clubs in London to talk with smokers and to help them on the path to quitting.

Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes at GMFA, says: "This is not about nagging or pressurising gay men into quitting smoking. No one is going to succeed at quitting if they don't want to. However, we can help those smokers who want to quit find out how to get help and support. We are looking for gay men who are confident in approaching other gay men on the scene to help out with this work. So if you need an extra excuse to chat to gay men in a bar or club – this could well be it!"

Gay men tend to start smoking younger and keep smoking for longer than heterosexual men. Around 70% of gay men who smoke say they want to quit, of which, over 40% have sought support to give up.

If you would like to put yourself forward, please contact GMFA at newvol@gmfa.org.uk or call 020 7738 6872.

THT to run new City & Guilds

From January 27 2010, HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) will be running a new three month City & Guilds course in understanding HIV and AIDS. The distance learning based course is structured into three units with two face to face study days held in central Manchester and 20 hours of study time for each unit.

The qualification is designed for people interested in HIV and AIDS or working in a role where knowledge of the issue would be beneficial to their work. It's ideal for people who

work in a variety of roles including nurses, GP reception staff, voluntary workers, probation officers, police officers, teachers, social services staff, staff in drug support services and residential care services as well as interested individuals.

Joanna Hurren Head of Function at City & Guilds said "The course could help to open the door to a career in the HIV sector. Alternatively, it could help to support a person's career development if they are already working in a role where it's beneficial to be aware of the issues relating to HIV and AIDS."

Areas of study on the course include:

- · Transmission and prevention of HIV
- Stigma and discrimination in HIV and AIDS
- Managing HIV and AIDS

To sign up for the course or get further information visit www.tht.org.uk/cityandguilds or contact Justin Barrett on 020 7812 1727 or email hivvrq@tht.org.uk

HIV diagnosis pack

HIV and sexual health charity Terrence Higgins Trust is launching a new information pack aimed at gay men recently diagnosed with HIV. The pack, which is called 'What Next?' is a handy pocket sized guide and contains information on a selection of the support services that THT and other organisations provide. THT is calling for GUMs and other sexual health clinics to stock the information packs so that as many men as possible can find out about the support that's available for them, whether it's counselling, advice about treatment, or simply being able to talk to someone for confidential advice and support.

Men can pick up a pack for free by contacting 020 7812 1783 or by emailing stephen.adair@tht.org.uk www.tht.org.uk/whatnext



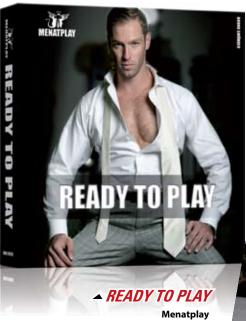
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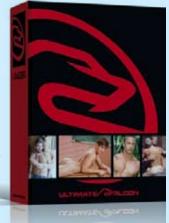
Anyone who thinks that 'erotic' and 'work' are words that don't go together is certainly not familiar with the incredible businessmen of Menatplay. The British label surprises its fans regularly by introducing hunks—with muscles of steel and an overwhelmingly sexy look—who give a whole new meaning to the word top manager. Men in suits, doing the dirty... helps cement those managerial decisions.

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▲ ULTIMATE FALCON

Falcon Studios

The name Falcon stands for no less than the most successful label in gay porn industry worldwide. Early on Chuck Holmes made the decision to promote his movies by presenting glamour photos of his actors in various magazines. From the very beginning those pictures had a distinctive look: Elaborately and luxuriously staged, they showed Chuck's ideal of the American Dream Man: "Nice body, nice face, nice teeth, and hopefully nice everything else." This 400 page book conveys the perfect mood of the models photographed immediately before the film was shot.

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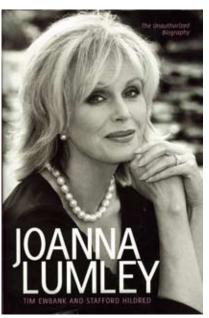
THE MAN BEHIND THE BABY BLUES HIS SECRET LIFE EXPOSED BY DARWIN PORTER

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By Darwin Porter

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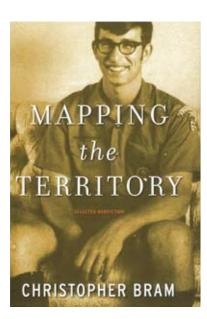


◆ JOANNA LUMLEY –THE UNAUTHORISED BIOGRAPHY

By Tim Ewbank & Stafford Hildred

Yes, she is a national treasure and this is a fascinating look at the woman behind the bolly, the ciggies and the beehive. This affectionate and immensely readable biography charts the remarkable life of a woman who has been a central character in entertainment for over four decades. From the days of being a top model in the 60s, the femme fatale of iconic show The New Avengers and perhaps her best known work as Patsy in 'Absolutely Fabulous', she is now a tireless campaigner for animal rights and more recently championed the rights of Gurkhas citizenship in the UK.

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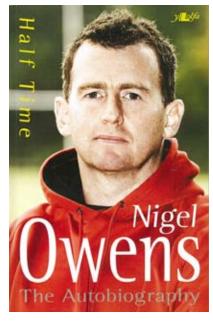


▲ MAPPING THE TERRITORY

By Christopher Bram

This first collection of essays from novelist Bram ranges from topics such as the power of gay-fiction, coming out in the 70s, low-budget film making and seeing his novel 'Gods and Monsters' made into an Oscar-winning movie. His observations are honset and sparkle with insight as he meditates on his own experiences.

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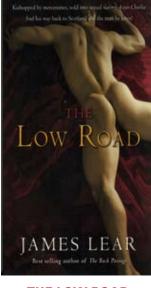
By Nigel Owens

Nigel Owens is one of the world's leading rugby referees... he is also gay.

Before reaching the highest echelons of the rugby world, he had to come to terms with the despair that drove him to attempted suicide as he struggled with his sexuality, bulimia and an addiction to steroids.

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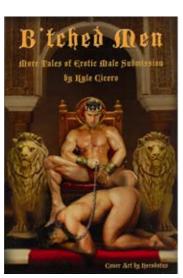


▲ THE LOW ROAD

By James Lear

Robert Louis Stevenson's Kidnapped gets a gay makeover in this witty, hardcore picaresque novel set in 18th century Scotland. Cult author James Lear brings his trademark brand of adventure, cracking dialogue and rowdy sex to this gripping historical romance, expertly interweaving stories of spies and counterspies, scheming servants and sadistic captains, tavern trysts and prison orgies into a delightful erotic work.

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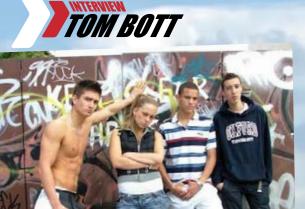


▲ B'TCHED MEN

By Kyle Cicero

A valiant knight and a rebel prince each falls into the hands of their enemies who will subject them both to acts of depravity that are designed to break them into submission. There's a machine that was designed to transfer a jock's confidence into a nerd only for things to turn out not quite as planned. Macho strutting doesn't always prevail... you have been warned.

£10.99 – Nazca Plains



An uncompromising, gritty gay Britflick Shank, has created quite a stir in international independent film circles by winning a prestigious award at the Miami Gay Film Festival.

Directed by 21 year-old newcomer Simon Pearce, the film follows the life of teenage gang members, all damaged in some way by their chav and council estate life . The film is full of drugs, homophobia, sexual abuse and explicit sexual violence as the character try and discover their place in life. Jonno, the straight (and often shirtless) best mate of confused gay character Cal, is played by newcomer Tom Bott.

How did you get your parts in Shank?

I initially went up for the roles of Cal and Jonno, however the producers thought I suited the look for Jonno more and they had already found Wayne who was great for Cal. I sent the casting director and producers a video audition of a six-minute improvisation of me in character reflecting on the messy events of a heavy drunken night the morning after! They liked my video and asked me up to Bristol to meet the director producers and Wayne, after some talks about the character and film Wayne and I acted out some scenes and had some great chemistry straight away.

Did you know exactly what you were auditioning for?

Yes, a saw the character descriptions and a synopsis of the film, I think they left some of the more graphic scenes out of the synopsis at first though (laugh)! As soon as I spoke with Christian the producer about the film and got sent a script I thought Jonno sounded like such an interesting and intense role to play, so I think I fell in love with the film right there and then.

Have you had any experience of the gang culture portrayed in the movie?

I grew up in Surrey so it's not the most brutal place in the world for gangs, but I did always have a large group of friends in school and out, and I think like most young people today we knew how to go out and have a good time

The violence is pretty graphic did this worry you at all?

No not really, I actually was really looking forward to filming my last scene because

it was the most graphic (scarily graphic). Acting wise it was so emotional, we could all just really throw ourselves into it and see what we could create. It was a long shoot, think we finished at about 6.30am. Definitely not one I'm going to forget!

You look great on camera, did you have to put some kind of fitness regime into

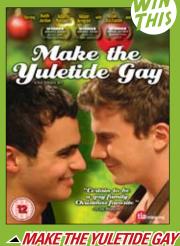
Yeah I did, I have always been into keeping fit and weight training from a very young age, I used to play a lot of judo, rugby and swimming so always tried to keep in shape for that. But yes, I really wanted to get as bulked as I could on my chest and biceps to try and make myself look more like an aggressive animal for when I was angry or topless as Jonno. I went full out at the gym to put on the bulk for the film, I think its great when you are training for a reason and you can set yourself goals

Boys kissing is always a nice thing to see... how did you feel about the sex scenes?

Was great, I was looking forward to those scenes as I said! We all got on really wel though so nothing was awkward and they all went very smooth.

What will we see you doing next?

I'm working on a low budget feature film at the moment called Tender Rage, I play Mickey a bit of an unstable, deranged character. I'm hoping everything goes well with that after filming. I just want to keep on working on films; I really enjoy creating characters and really working on them. Would love to play a nicer guy next time, maybe something period



Having to spend Christmas apart was always going to be difficult for new boyfriends Nathan and Gunn. After all, Nathan has to spend the festive season with his distant, cold Mum and Dad and Gunn is going to have to go right back in the closet to survive the holidays with his wacky parents. But when Nathan surprises everyone by turning up unannounced on the doorstep Gunn is forced to juggle his desperate charade whilst curbing the couple's evergrowing desire to be in each other's arms.

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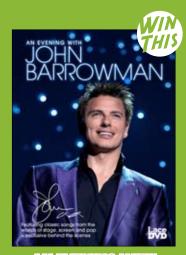


Writhing with untamed sexuality and aggression, this blistering British ndie centres on Cal, a teenage thug so desperate to hide his gay cravings from his gang members that he binges on drugs, anonymous sex and acts of violence. However, the bad boy's secret desires are uncovered when he rescues a kind-eyed French exchange student from one of the clan's sadistic hate crimes. Though the two boys fall passionately in love, Cal's crew is bent on revenge for his betrayal and the young lovers are placed in unspeakable danger.

Out: 2nd November - £14.99 – TLA Releasing

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Who plays Jonno in this movie?



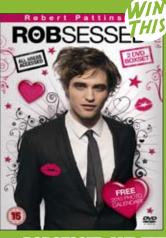
▲AN EVENING WITH JOHN BARROWMAN

A message from John: I am happiest when I'm performing, and it doesn't matter if my audience is large, small, or just you watching me at home. This DVD of my sold-out concert at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in May 2009 lets you experience all the excitement, laughter, passion, and performance surprises of my live show. Please join me and my special guest, Daniel Boys, my J4 dancers, and lots of my music, music, music - 80 minutes plus extras! This DVD will put you in the front row. Wave!

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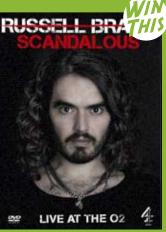
▲ ROBSESSED AND THE HAUNTED AVRMAN

Following on from his role as Cedric Diggory in the legendary Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, and fresh from his second major leading role in the Twighlight Saga, the Robsessed Box Set features the first ever behind-the-scenes access all areas documentary on the life of Robert Pattinson, (voted the world's sexiest man in a recent popular survey). Plus The Haunted Airman, starring the man himself in the title role. The boxset also includes the chance for fans to spend the whole year with Rob with an exclusive, free 2010 photo calendar.

Out: 23rd November - £24.99 - Revolver Entertainment

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

Vampires are said to come from which area of Eastern Europe?



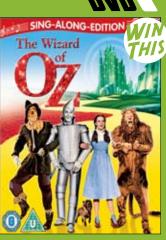
▲RUSSELL BRAND SGANDALOUS

His first live DVD in two years will feature fresh stand up material inspired by the Sachsgate scandal, including Brand's first hand experience of the media storm that followed his actions with Jonathan Ross on the BBC Radio 2 show. From death threats to being likened to Harold Shipman, Brand rolls out 60 minutes of sharp material and slams some of the more extreme public reactions to 'that' phone call – "send them to Afghanistan!" The lively set, recorded during his sell out UK wide 'Scandalous' tour, rolls out two hours of boundary pushing, fantastically original material, confronting ideas that others would never dream of voicing.

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10 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT TAYLOR LAUTNER

- 1 His middle name is Daniel and he is of French, Dutch, German, and Native American (specifically Ottawa and Potawatomi) ancestry.
- **2** Despite his incredible beauty and hot body he is only 17! His birth date is 11 February 1992 and he was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
- 3 Rumoured to be dating popstar Taylor Swift
- 4 He began studying karate at the age of six and when he was eight he became the Junior World Forms and Weapons champion, winning three gold medals.
- **5** By the age of twelve, he had three Junior World Championships under his "black belt".
- **6** His big break came in 2005 when, at the age of thirteen, Taylor won the role of Shark Boy in the Robert Rodriguez film The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl 3-D (2005).
- **7** Although, he wants to continue acting into adulthood, he wouldn't mind becoming a film scriptwriter and director.
- 8 Has a Maltese dog named Roxy.
- **9** Had to start training the day after Twilight was finished for his role of Jacob Black in New Moon, whose transformation had to be drastic.
- **10** One of People Magazine's 100 Most Beautiful People 2009.

The much anticipated The Twilight Saga: New Moon is out on 20th November.



▲ A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Out: 4th November

Disney's A Christmas Carol, a multi-sensory thrill ride re-envisioned by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Robert Zemeckis (Back To The Future, The Polar Express) captures the fantastical essence of the classic Dickens tale in a groundbreaking 3-D motion picture event. Ebenezer Scrooge (Jim Carrey) begins the Christmas holiday with his usual miserly contempt, barking at his faithful clerk (Gary Oldman) and his cheery nephew (Colin Firth). But when the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come take him on an eye-opening journey revealing truths Old Scrooge is reluctant to face, he must open his heart to undo years of ill will before it's too late.



▲ JENNIFER'S BODY

Out: 4th November

Oscar-winning writer Diablo Cody's first movie script since Juno is another cracker. Nerdy, reserved bookworm Needy and arrogant, conceited cheerleader Jennifer are best friends, though they share little in common. They share even less in common when Jennifer (Megan Fox) mysteriously gains an appetite for human blood after a disastrous fire at a local bar. As Needy's (Amanda Seyfried) male classmates are steadily killed off in gruesome attacks, the young girl must uncover the truth behind her friend's transformation and find a way to stop the bloodthirsty rampage before it reaches her own boyfriend Chip





A BUNNY AND

THE BULL

Venom, an arch enemy of the web-slinger in the Marvel Comics series, will be transformed into an anti-hero who becomes a defender of the innocent in his own movie.

The teaser trailer for next year's A Nightmare on Elm Street has made its debut and it shows the introduction to the "creation" of the sadistic Freddy Krueger as played by Jackie Earle Haley and shows the numerous homages to the original feature.

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Lost Boys 3: The Thirst is ready to begin filming this November in New Zealand with Corey Feldman and Jamison Newlander starring.

Scream IV will start production in April 2010 as the first film in a new trilogy and Dimension is in talks with Scream 1, 2 and 3 helmer Wes Craven to return for the new franchise. And Neve Campbell is back alongside Courtney Cox and David Arquette.

It's all change on Hitchcockian thriller The Tourist. First came the news that Tom Cruise had been replaced by Sam Worthington, now we hear that Charlize Theron has also departed, with Angelina Jolie in talks to replace her. The beleaguered film is a remake about a classic innocent-caught-up-in-nefarious-shenanigans story about a tourist persuaded to go undercover.

▲ AMELIA

Out: 13th November

An extraordinary life of adventure, celebrity and continuing mystery comes to light in Amelia, a vast, thrilling account of legendary aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart (two time Academy Award winner Hilary Swank). After becoming the first woman to fly across the Atlantic, Amelia was thrust into a new role as America's sweetheart - the legendary "goddess of light," known for her bold, larger-than-life charisma. Yet, even with her global fame solidified, her belief in flirting with danger and standing up as her own, outspoken woman never changed. Ewan McGregor also stars.



▲ THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS

Out: 6th November

Political comedy based on the book by the Guardian columnist Jon Ronson, The Men Who Stare at Goats is set in Iraq and centres on Bob Wilton (Ewan McGregor), a desperate reporter who stumbles upon the story of a lifetime when he meets Lyn Cassady (George Clooney), who claims to be a former secret U.S. military psychic soldier who was reactivated post-9/11. Goats chronicles the two men's travels through Iraq and offers glimpses into the supposedly real secret Army unit tasked with creating soldiers with paranormal powers. Jeff Bridges also stars as Bill Django, the founder of the psychic soldier program and Lyn's mentor. While Kevin Spacey joins in as Larry Hooper, a former psychic soldier who is running a prison camp in Iraq. A cult classic in the making, especially the scene which includes all the stars on LSD.



₽012 Out: 13th November Disaster movie maven Roland Emmerich (Independence Day, The Day After Tomorrow) crafts this apocalyptic sci-fi thriller following an academic researcher who opens a portal into a parallel universe, making contact with his double in an effort to prevent the catastrophic prophecies of the ancient Mayan calendar from coming to pass. According to the Mayan calendar, the world will come to an end on December 21, 2012. When a global cataclysm thrusts the world into chaos, divorced writer and father Jackson Curtis (John Cusack) uses his knowledge of the ancient prophecies to ensure that the human race is not completely wiped out.









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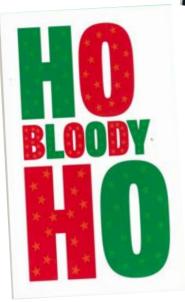
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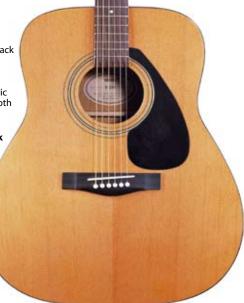
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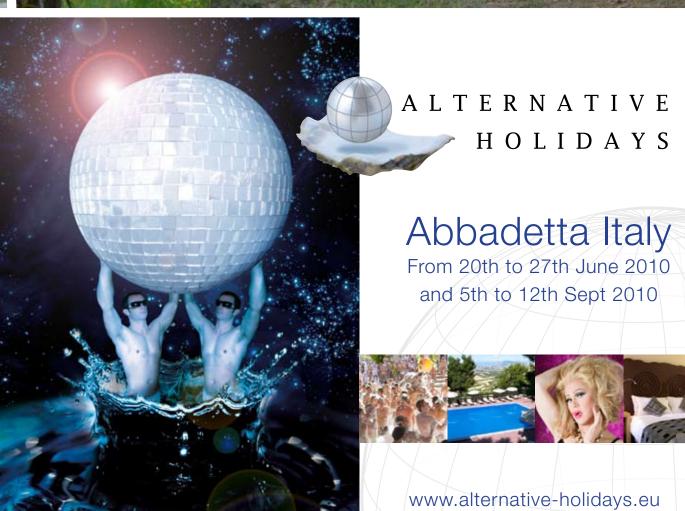


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As long as your workout program has a mix of both, you're set! I recommend free weights over machines, as they allow you to develop stability and symmetry, as well as a better sense for using your core.

We need to perform compound movements that engage more than one muscle at a time. We almost never have the need to isolate only one muscle, and even when we think we do, we don't. The compound movements I will outline are not fancy or impractical. Quite the contrary, they follow the body's natural alignment. When do you ever do a

backwards lunge with a lateral raise, or a side-lunge with a biceps curl?

1) Clean & Press: the action is in pulling the weight up explosively through the hips till it rests at about shoulder/clavicle level, and you follow it with an upward press. The pulling action engages your lower body for the upward power generation and stability/rooting, and upper body to finish the pulling and continue with the pressing. REAL WORLD EXAMPLE: pick up and lift your suitcase, or your groceries.

2) Squat: A perceivably quad dominant drill, it engages your buttocks, spine and back, provides a great lower abs exercise (by engaging the transverse abdominis) and all around fitness builder and excellent for the core.

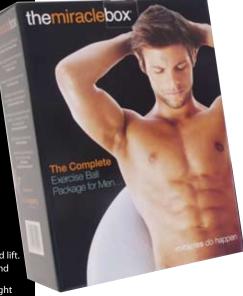
3) Snatch: 1-arm with a dumbbell, or 2-arm with a barbell, develops explosive power in the hips, a strong back, stability and flexibility in the shoulders and pecs. Use it with a light weight for reps and you've just made this exercise aerobic! REAL WORLD EXAMPLES: Throwing a ball (for the eccentric phase

of the movement) and any overhead lift.
4) Deadlift: Single-leg for balance and strength (perform it slowly and feel

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Eurostar (the fast under-sea train service) has cheap tickets for as little as £50 (Look for the special fare "Night Clubber" ticket) so travelling to Paris has never been easier. From central London to central Paris takes less than 2½ hours.

On Saturday 26th September, Aquaboulevard - Europe's largest Aqua Park was turned into a mega gay party wonderland ... the event was fantastic. Check out the venue via its web site: www.aquaboulevard.fr

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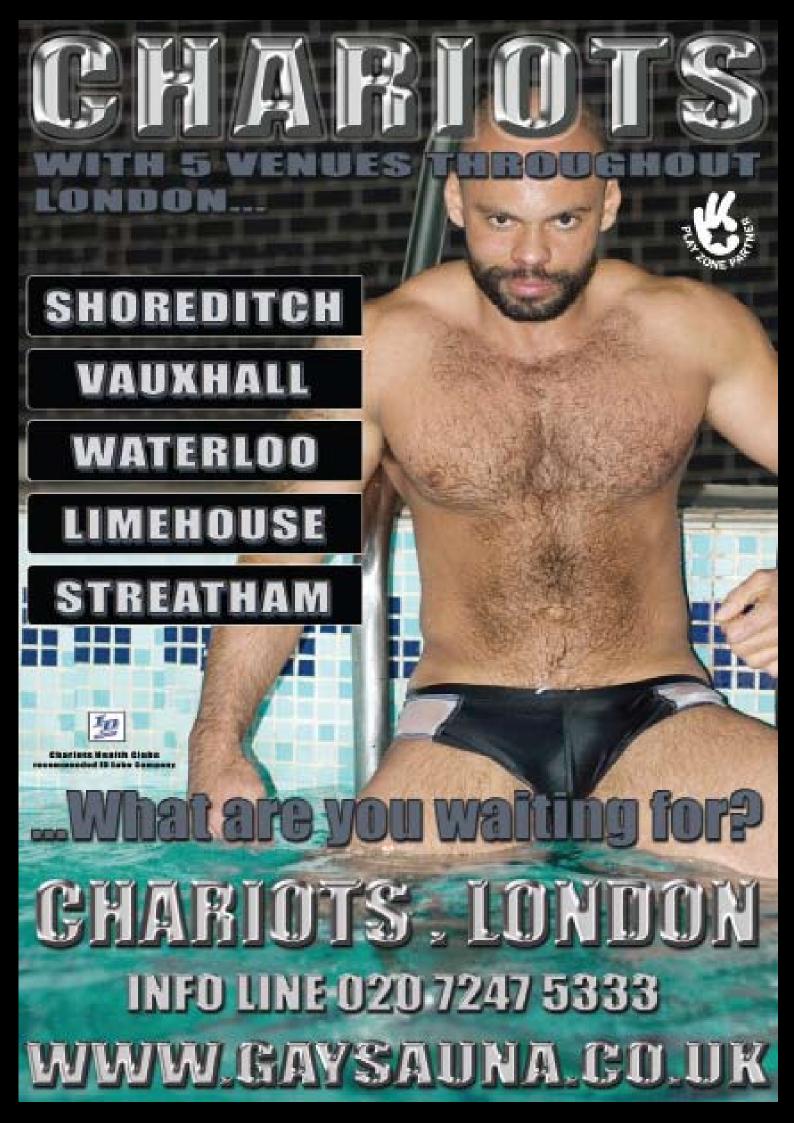
Recent alterations and additions include an new and improved locker area, a newly tiled wet area and the addition of the "Kink" dungeon area with brand new equipments supplied by the market leader www.thehogworks.com These include a bench, a board, and a St. Andrews Cross for those who are into a more hands-on approach to their fun.

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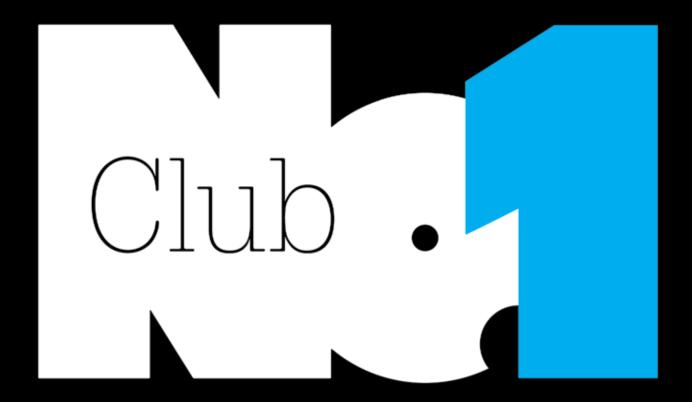
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Saturday 28th November

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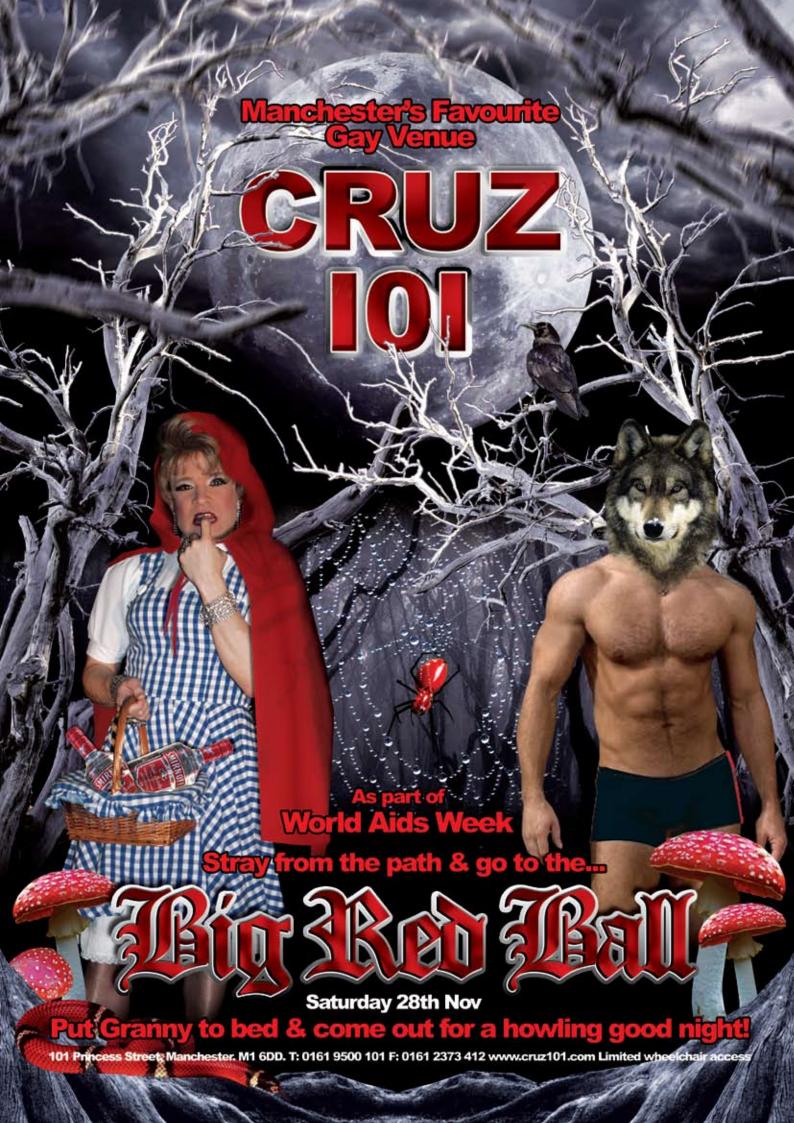
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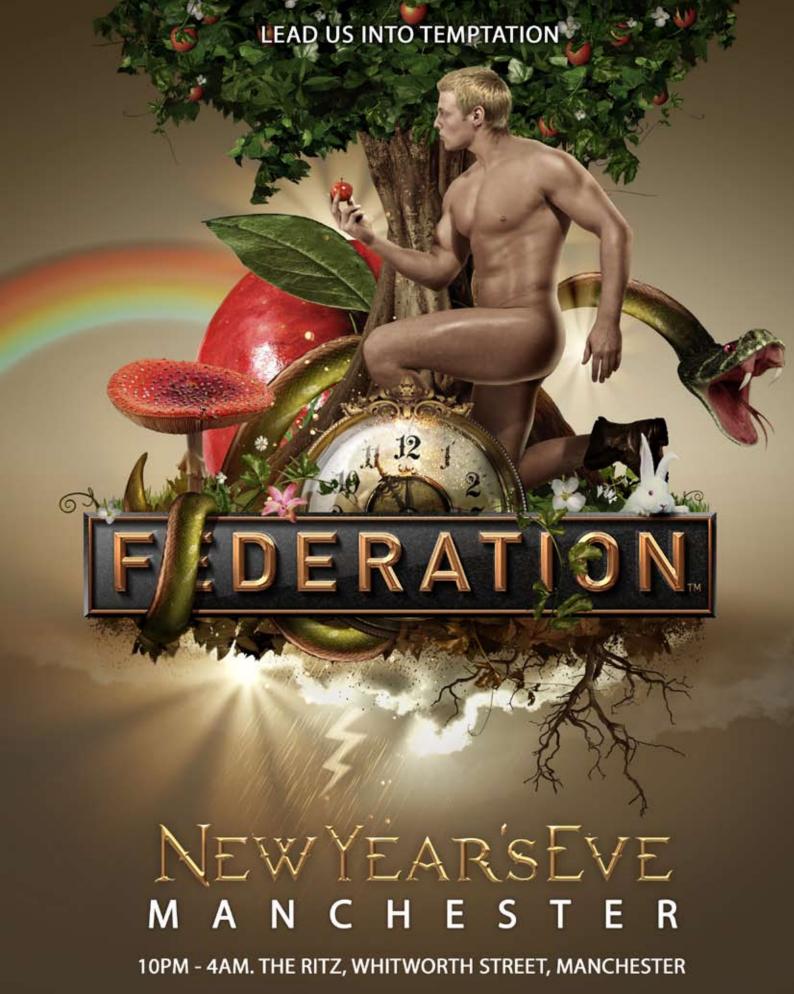
Coronation Street favourite Antony Cotton has been appointed a patron of Manchester Pride.

The former Queer As Folk star will represent the city's biggest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender festival throughout the year and during its ten-day programme of events in August – which includes the Bank Holiday 'Big Weekend'.

Speaking of his appointment, Antony Cotton said: "After many years working with Manchester Pride helping to sell tickets and introduce acts on the main stage, I am delighted to be appointed a patron of Manchester Pride. I look forward to the challenges the role will bring, especially in helping to promote and encourage equality for all, here in this most magnificent city of ours. No two words are better suited than Manchester and Pride."

Antony's fellow patrons are: former American basketball star, John Amaechi; actor and 'king of the jungle', Christopher Biggins; fellow Queer as Folk actor and theatre director, Adam Zane; actress, Heather Peace; 'Allo Allo' star, Arthur Bostrom; singer songwriter, Claire Mooney and forme. Rembrandt Hotel owner, Peter Beswick.

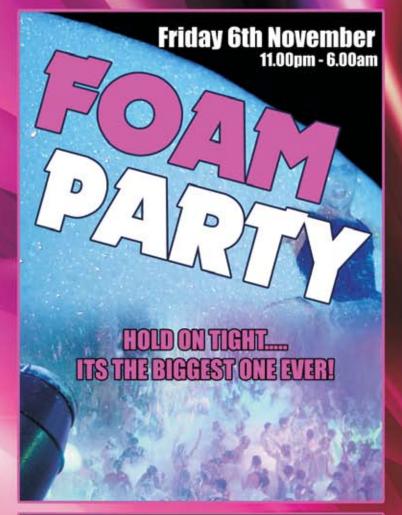
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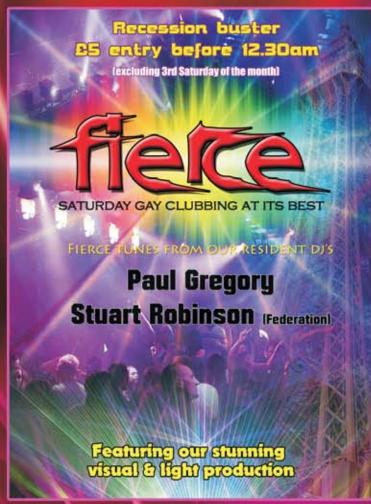


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Guest confirmed are Michelle Keegan (Tina from Coronation street) and her fellow screen boyfriend Mr Gay Weatherfield himself Ryan Thomas (Jason Grimshaw) Same Difference will be performing in December followed by a fantastic Christmas and New Year's Eve extravaganza,. Check out the website www.clubcandy.co.uk for dates and further guests yet to be confirmed.

Complimenting a very impressive collaboration of guests, Candy's very own resident drag queens and DJ's; Miss Rosie Cheeks, Miss Marigold Addams, Timmy Tease and Scott Kelly, will all be on hand throughout the forthcoming weekends keeping you entertained over the 2 spacious floors, with an amazing array of light and sound not to mention the very reasonably priced selection of drinks ranging from a staggering £1 shots and £1.50 alcopops

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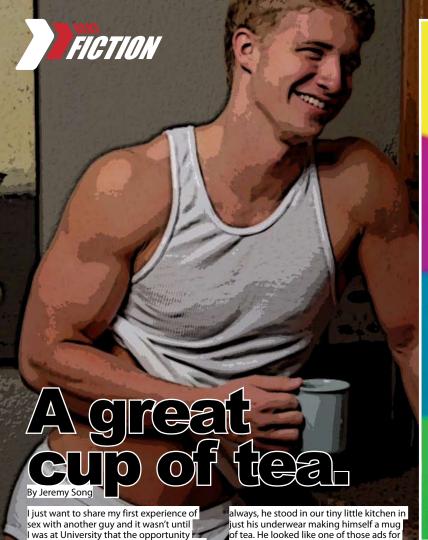
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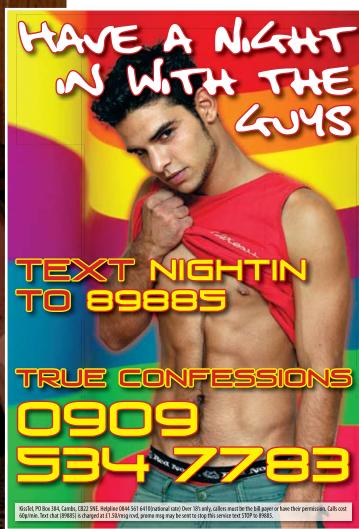




I was at University that the opportunity finally arrived. In my first year I was sharing room with another guy and he was quite the sporty type; rugby team, water polo, swimming...the lot. I got used to seeing him in his shorts and Speedos and he liked to wear very little as we studied in our 🛭 room. Often he'd lay on his bed or sit at his desk dressed only in his vest and pants, or his rugby shorts or occasionally, his tight nylon swimming trunks. It wasn't because our room was particularly hot either, even on the coldest day he seemed more than I happy to be in as little as possible. He slept n a pair of white nylon boxer shorts, which were almost transparent but he really liked wearing them. I had known I liked guys 🛮 rom an early age but had never, not even t school, so much as touched another lad. I dreamed about certain class-mates but had never been confident enough to follow any of those dreams into any kind of reality. God only knows what my mum thought of the state of my pyjamas when she took them to wash, the amount of my goo that was absorbed every night was immense. I had channelled all my energy (sexual or otherwise) into getting good grades so I could go to university, where I hoped I would finally have the confidence to 'blossom'.

Being in such close proximity to my roomy was certainly the spur I needed. On each occasion we spent time together, usually studying, I was mesmerized by the size of his cock bulging out from behind its tiny support, making a mountain from the fabric and me as randy as a pig in heat. I pretended I wasn't looking, which in a small, confined area is almost impossible to do but, not to take in the views, I thought was an insult to God who had placed such a wonder here for my benefit. Hell, was I struggling with conflicting feelings. He was always very pleasant but he was more of a jock and spent his time with other jocks and so, I only ever saw him when he got back to our room. Anyway, apparently, I wasn't fooling him and later it transpired he'd clocked my interest from the very start. He kept me waiting for months before he mentioned anything. As

of tea. He looked like one of those ads for underwear in my mother's catalogue. He l asked if I wanted anything. I looked up and said that a tea would be nice thanks. But for some reason he looked even sexier than ever as he smiled his most cheeky smile. His hand, already fiddling with the waist band on his tight fitting white CKs, pushed the lacksquarefront of them down revealing the full extent of what those little pants had kept hidden. His hard fat knob sprung up and bounced and throbbed as he stood there and I looked back both shocked and mesmerised. He beckoned me over and told me to 'enjoy'. saw he had a huge smile on his face so I thought "what the hell" and went down on him. On that first occasion, it all happened so quickly but thankfully it wasn't to be the last. After that we spent many happy hours together with me draining that spunky cock. After one particular gushing climax he told me he had wondered how long it would take for me to make the first move as he was getting as horny as hell and desperate for some release. He said he couldn't understand that I hadn't so much as rubbed his arse while he was in his dirty rugby kit, or commented on the bulge in his nylon Speedos... he wondered if he wasn't my type. Christ, HE was worried I wasn't HIS type! He said it was a relief that I'd taken to giving him a blow job so quickly because, if I hadn't, he wasn't sure he'd have been able to share the room with me much longer before he'd force the thing down my throat. He'd said he liked my soft and gentle demeanour, so different from his sporting pals and he wanted us to be more than just roomies. One morning he climbed into my little single bed with me and he had a raging hard on. He cuddled up close and I could feel his dick pressing into my arse crack. I knew what he wanted and it seemed the most natural thing to shuck off my pyjamas and let him take my virginity. To say I bit the pillow whilst he forced his way in is not too far from the truth but we stayed in bed for most of the day and by the end I was really enjoying getting stuffed by this hunk... and after...he made a great cup of tea.











THELP & COMMENT



Dear Simon

I have done something very stupid.
About three months ago I met a guy on-line who I really hit if off with and we met for coffee and...well, you know how it goes. I knew that he had a boyfriend, which makes me a despicable home wrecker, and I knew he wouldn't leave his boyfriend and I didn't want him to. Then I went through a month of him wanting to and now he is actually thinking about it and I am not so sure. What should I do?

Mark, London

Dear Mark,

You have got yourself into a bit of a pickle haven't you? I have to say that I wouldn't instantly classify you as a home wrecker if his relationship was an open one, though I get the feeling that it wasn't and this was originally planned as a more than a one time bonk-fest kind of thing. As his feelings have changed and you don't sound too sure about yours for him, perhaps you should back off and let him know it's not going to happen. After all, there are two of you in this relationship (well a third if you count his bf) but you can't pretend that you have no say in how things will develop. He should be leaving his boyfriend for his own reasons and not using you as an excuse if he really wants to go. Do I think affairs can become long term relationships? I do, as I know a few couples where that thing has happened.

Dear Simon

I have not long come out to my friends. I am twenty seven and though I am a gay man the whole term gay makes me feel funny. I don't want to tell people I am 'gay' I just think that I happen to be a man who sleeps with men. I don't go for effeminate guys, I like men to be proper men and saying I am gay just seems to make people think a certain way of you instantly. Am I a gay homophobe?

Alan, Portsmouth

Dear Alan

I wouldn't be as dramatic (what a gay trait) as to say that you are a gay homophobe. I think people react certain ways to be being put in a box. Some people scream and shout their sexuality and therefore define themselves by it and become 'Gay l Richard' or 'Gay Steven'. I like people to get to know me first and find out I am Simon and I happen to be gay. It doesn't define me but it is a part of who I am and whatever the label you choose to give yourself, and really we should be label-less, as soon as people know you sleep with someone of the same sex to them you naturally become 'gay'. The truth in all this is... we don't get much choice in how other people label us (that goes for everyone) and maybe think of being labelled gay as a positive thing... you could be called much worse.

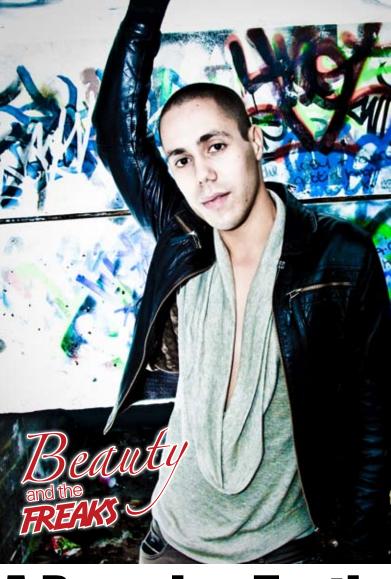
Dear Simon

I have just met the most amazing guy. It was originally something I thought would be a one night stand and has definitely developed. My friends don't really approve though, I am 45 and this guy is 26. They seem to think that he is going to give me the run around or he's just after my money... then he'll leave me for someone younger, nice that isn't it? I know that they are only trying to protect me as it has happened to a couple of them but... how can I make them see it's different for me?

Dear Dave,

Dave, Leeds

The answers to this are simply time and patience. They may be right... they may be wrong but, as you are aware, they are speaking from their own experience... not yours. You can take their advice or leave it... the main thing to consider is... are you and your new guy happy? As my old granny used to say: "Life is an experience... don't worry about it... live it... but don't sign any papers!"



A Pressing Truth

I saw a Facebook group calling for people to boycott The Sun. I didn't really bother to look at it, because I didn't realise people still read that thing. But apparently, they do. And what a bastion of impartiality it is, taking a glance at their website! Hype, sleaze, celebrity trainwrecks, immigrant-baiting. You know, the sort of thing you get on the Fitlads forums, but just presented in a much less funny, more sinister way.

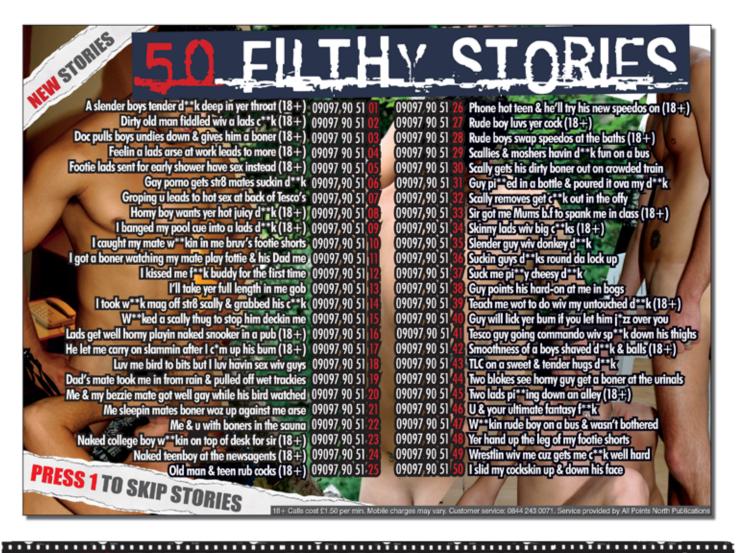
Looking over the tabloid press' interests this month, in fact, I've noticed a few things that have pissed me off. First, the obsession with Stephen Gately's death. Sure, he died after drinking for eight hours, but that's the equivalent of going out at 8pm and getting back at 4am. Call me an extreme example (and I am), but I've had 33-hour drinking binges before. Eight hours seems . . . pretty average to me. So to hype it up as if he leads a life of sleaze is just to scandalise a very normal, very down-to-earth bloke. And so what, he and his boyfriend took a friend back to their place? Big deal! Gay men can have platonic relationships. Besides, when 'binge' drinking, who wants to do it on their own?

Then I ran into my friend Rodrigo from Big Brother. I remember the trashy celebgossip magazines messaging Rodrigo's friends on Facebook and offering them money for stories. Unfortunately, they'd already decided what story they wanted to print and were just looking for someone to attribute the made-up quotes to. In the end, they failed, and instead blamed the claims of Rodrigo's alleged family heartache on 'a university friend'. That's

press speak for 'someone we made up to tell a good story'. Rodrigo didn't mind about this, but explained people reading the magazines still can't tell when something is patently made up, and then accost him and hurl abuse as if the stories were true. Yet when it came to asking the press if they wanted innocent photographs of his birthday bash (which I helped him organise at Oracle in Leeds), they weren't interested unless they unveiled some salacious gossip they could print on their front pages. Unfortunately, guys, with Rodrigo what you see is what you get. You're unlikely to get anything juicy about him, because he is a genuinely nice guy.

True, writers have creative licence. But surely only if they're writing fiction?
Columns and opinion pieces are different.
People expect them to be ridiculously outrageous. However, you don't expect cover stories and supposed 'real-life' tales to be made up. Most people, I think, are capable of spotting the difference, but it always surprises me the number who can't.

Just for the record: when the papers start saying Drew Barrymore has been caught dogging with Martians in a pink Skoda off the Isle of Wight, they're probably pulling your tail. If more people looked at what they read with a little scepticism (feel free to question this all you want; lencourage it), then we might end up with people actually voting in elections, forming educated opinions and realising reality TV stars are not your property to abuse as you see fit. Just for the record, you understand. Just for the record.



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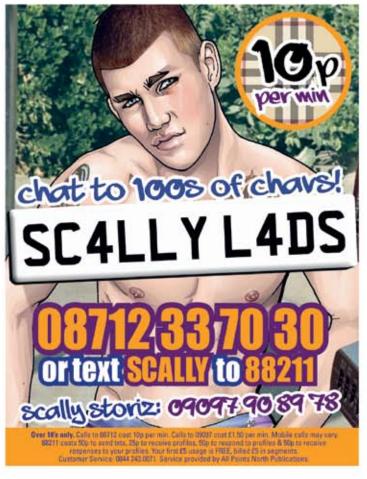


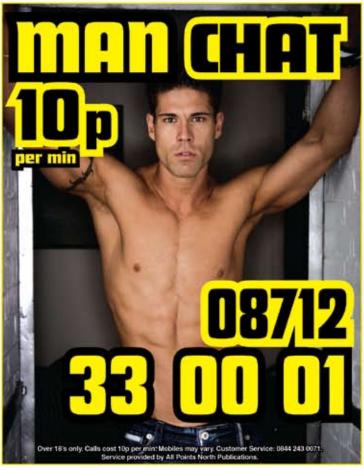
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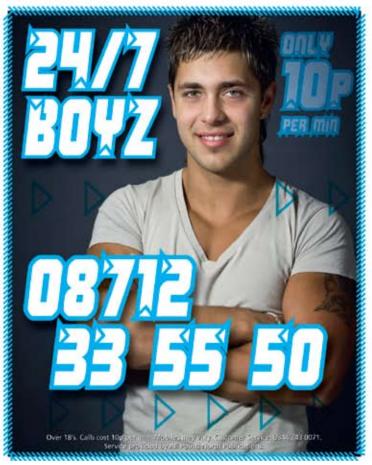
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Scorpio (Oct24/Nov22)

In work and money matters if you feel you can get a better bargain, be sure to negotiate. Trust your instincts; your powers of persuasion are particularly strong now. New doors are starting to open up for you without you having to look for the key. Vitality and energy are with you in abundance and over the next few weeks you will start to see many of your ambitions coming to fruition.

CELEBRITY SCORPIO

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17/11 Rock Hudson 18/11 Owen Wilson 19/11 Jodie Foster 20/11 Bo Derek

21/11 Bjork

Philip has just started to write detailed monthly travel horoscopes in addition to his existing content of weekly love & gay horoscopes, daily horoscopes and weekly & monthly in depth scripts for phone lines.



Aries (Mar21/Apr20)

You might urge a loved one to be a shade more independent and to have more confidence in themselves. Leaving them to get on with a job on their own is the best thing you can do as they've been relying on your help far too much of late. It's time to think about your future. You will be working hard for your money over the weeks ahead and for that reason you will take good care not to waste it!

laurus (Apr21/May21)

Something strange and wonderful is going on in a special relationship. It's as if you and your partner naturally understand each other. You might spend the weeks ahead catering to each other's desires. People find you warm and giving. At work you're even ready to make allowances for a colleague's quirky ways when these actually provide you with some amusement. Social life is fun.

Gemini (May22/June21)

Hindrances that have prevented you from attaining your objectives now disappear. These next few weeks, the way ahead is clear and you will find it easier to reach your goals. In a close and loving relationship you find it remarkably fulfilling to put your partner's needs first without thinking about the sacrifices you are making. Someone will encourage you to get started on an artistic project; this could be key to domestic and romantic bliss!

Jancer (Jun22/Jul23)

These next few weeks will vibrate with love, success and happiness. It's about time you enjoyed a carefree and relaxed time with romance and love coming high on the agenda. A new sense of energy and enterprise will surround your career and long-term plans later in November and a partner's financial luck will benefit you. Although it won't happen all at once, some pleasing events are in store.

CO (Jul24/Aug23)

Joining in with team activities and spending more time with friends in a club environment puts you back in touch with your playful side. Even if you have to put some personal plans into deep freeze for a time to go along with the ideas and schemes of your partner, you will do this with enthusiasm. Pleasing others will make you happy too. If you're single you're in for a divine time as someone new steps into your life.

(Aug24/Sept23)

Instead of being intimidated by it, look on some healthy competition as being good for you. Recent duties have required you to buckle under but the weeks ahead will bring more chance for new starts. In work that demands creativity and imagination, you will see a pleasing breakthrough. If you start feeling stressed, a close friend or partner will have the perfect ideas to make sure you get a break

LIDra (Sept24/Oct23)

Money deals will need a lot of thought but this shouldn't stop you from focusing on emotional concerns too. There could be an air of cross purposes when you and a partner don't seem to understand each other these days. Over the weeks ahead don't be afraid to reverse a previous decision if you regret having agreed to something you're now dreading. You could perhaps do with some light-hearted entertainment to get a relationship back onto an even keel.

Sagittarius (Nov23/Dec21)

You are trusted with some confidential information and these next few weeks will prove how much others trust and rely on you. A period of preparation for the future begins. You can make good use of what you see and hear without revealing too much when you're with known competitors. An optimistic outlook based on practical experience will inspire you to press ahead with your plans later in November.

Japricorn (Dec22/Jan20)

Everyone seems anxious to help you these days and your social life is picking up now. Romance will return to your life if you are single and looking for love. You are more in touch with the altruistic side of your nature. Getting involved in charity work is a chief concern but bear in mind you have to look after your own needs too. Do something nice just for you, over the weeks ahead, no matter how big or small. You deserve it.

Aquarius (Jan21/Feb19)

Long-term goals and career plans will come under the spotlight these next few weeks. All the hard work you've already put into these areas will now start to take off. Life takes on a more outgoing feel and emotional ties are strengthened. If you are single and longing for love, you will soon meet someone with whom you can form a settled relationship. The unknown challenges you as November progresses and brings out the best in your nature.

、**L** (Feb20/Mar20)

A travel opportunity should provide a welcome break from the chores you had expected to be burdened with. You feel a strong need to get away from your usual surroundings and it won't take a lot of effort to get a friend or lover to fall in with your plans. You're in the mood to be indulged and pampered and the weeks ahead will bring plenty chance for you to show loved ones how much you appreciate all they do for you. Single? You could bump into someone who will have a profound affect on your life.

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