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Freakshow will be taking place each and every Saturday night and is destined to become the only place to get your weekly freak-on in town!

Every Saturday (from 26th September) 11pm until super-duper-late

@ No1 Club, 1 Central Street, Manchester

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For further information contact Gareth Chapman or Shaun Wilson on 08701 245567.

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EDITOR'S WORDS

Speedo Ban!

Apparently, tourist attraction Alton Towers thinks that men in Speedos are scaring the horses and have banned them at their waterpark in Staffordshire on the grounds of taste. The company said that a number of men had been sporting tight trunks during the hot weather. It went on: "To prevent embarrassment among

fellow members of the public and to maintain the family friendly atmosphere at the resort, bosses have taken the extreme measure of banning these tight trunks from their popular waterpark located within the Splash Landings Hotel." While women may hail the return of the skimpy bathers, the style itself is not deemed public or family friendly, and therefore we are requesting that male swimmers wear more appropriate styles such as boardshorts."

In some European public bathing facilities the wearing of cut-offs and long boardshorts is frowned upon, as they believe that they carry more dirt on them... simply because people wear them in their day-to-day activities so Speedos are the required style. I had asked how many people had complained about men in Speedos and their Press Office skirted the issue saying it was to save everyone from embarrassment. As no one has actually complained, I suppose this is some kind of moral judgement by what appears to be the Taliban inspired management at Alton Towers. Do we really need a theme park acting in this 'fundamentalist' way?



New style swimwear recommended for Alton Towers

Meanwhile, the Pride season is drawing to a close... have you all had fun. As pleasing as it is to see so many towns and cities taking up the cause, and it would appear that record numbers have been out celebrating at each event, some of the organising committees who put these things together are worried about the financial losses they are making. I've never been a fan of the 'open bucket' approach to fund-raising but should you happy revellers enjoy these huge events, perhaps you could pledge a few quid to your favourite and help ensure that Pride, and all its ensuing razzmatazz continues for a few more years yet!

Hugs

Gordon

And finally...

The two hunks next door gave me a Rolex for my birthday. Very nice, but I think they may have misunderstood when I said I wanna watch.



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10 Great things about being gay

In the early days you can have your boyfriend for a sleepover without your parents suspecting

You can share clothes with your partner without it being weird

At school reunions... you're the only one who looks better now than you did then

You have read the book, seen the movie and gone to the musical

You can be as bad as you want, you'll go to hell anyway

There are no hairs where they shouldn't be

Locker rooms are like a 'pick 'n' mix'

You're everyone's favourite dinner guest

It's OK to have an 'umbrella' in your drink

No one expects you to be able to change a flat tyre

Damien Mancell

There's more to Australia than Kylie, Kangaroos and Summer Bay but we don't often get the chance to shout about a new talent to hit the scene. Out and proud Sydney boy Damien Mancell offers the world his take on the most perfect piece of 4 minute pop, electro, dance music... his self penned tune... Be With You Tonight!

After working on countless projects for other artists, Australian singer songwriter Damien Mancell finally goes it alone with his first solo release. His groundwork in production as a writer & producer has earned him the stripes to finally take centre stage. Having started musical theatre at a young age, Damien was your typical "showbiz" type child. Going from drama, to dance to singing, Damien worked on everything from stage productions of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to dance competitions. "I won my first singing competition at the tender age of 4, singing Kiss 'I Wanna Rock and Roll All Night' at a local shopping centre. I was probably cute as a button, but I worked it. Even at age 4". This early taste for performance led him into a career that would take over the rest of his life

"When I left home, I worked with anyone, on anything. From plays, to script readings, from film contributions, to drag shows. I became friends with designers, singers, producers, film directors, drag queens, performers. Each piece of the puzzle made up a valuable experience, which hopefully I can take to my own work. I wasn't thinking about the gain for myself, I was creating art. Whether it be backing vocals, which I have done too many to count, to helping produce some form of artistic statement for someone else's vision, this journey has been a long, yet colourful one. I had worked with theatre as a young adult, had worked with some underground bands, did the odd dance/cheerleader show, and was always called for doing vocals for DJ's underground dance tracks. I never knew where they ended up, but I was just happy to be contributing". Whilst working on floating projects for people, Damien developed a good grasp of songwriting & production. His confidence grew as a writer, and as a singer of his own voice. Take a dose of George Michael add a spoon full of Daft Punk a touch of Kylie Minogue and a whole heap of Europop and you get Damien Mancell.

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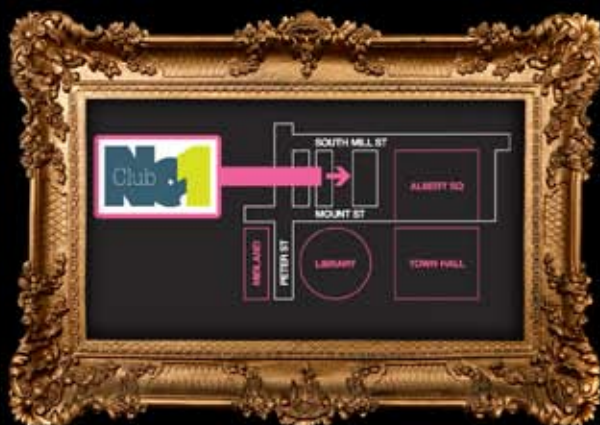
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Alpha Industries has become a cult label to civilians but is still the biggest supplier of flight jackets for the US Air Force. The first jackets were developed for pilots and made out of special nylon which made them light and comfortable to wear in the cockpit but also warm at the same time – all essential features. The smooth surface of the nylon enabled pilots to get into the cockpits quickly and easily. Furthermore, the material guaranteed the lowest possible resistance if, in an emergency, the pilot had to use the ejector seat to catapult himself out of the cockpit.

To help celebrate their half century, Alpha Industries has given Bent one of their most sought after jackets, the N2B. This fantastic jacket was originally issued in the late 50s to provide warmth and comfort for airmen experiencing extreme weather conditions in Northern air bases. With winter on its way, this timely addition to anyone's wardrobe could be yours if you answer this simple question:

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COMPETITION TIME
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GAY AMERICAN FOOTBALLERS SURVEY

A survey of 85 college football players shows that nearly half of them know of at least one openly gay athlete actively playing on their team.

Ryan Hockensmith, a writer for ESPN who worked on the survey, told Advocate.com that the players seemed to be more in touch with current events and more accepting than expected.

"A lot of these guys are 18 to 22 years old, and there's a perception that these guys just go play football, and at the end of it they really are wise about the world," he said. "It was really refreshing."

However, like here in the UK's Premiership League there are no out players in the NFL

FRAMED



LUCILLE BALL

Lucille Desiree Ball was born in 1911 and was to become one of America's biggest TV stars with iconic shows such as *I Love Lucy*, *The Lucy Show* and *Here's Lucy*... She had one of the longest Hollywood careers of any actress to date.

Despite the fact that her most famous shows would all have her name in the title, she originally started her career on Broadway using the pseudonym 'Diane Belmont'. She never explained why she chose the name, but she soon dropped it as Diane kept getting sacked.

When her mother had found she was dating the son of a well known gangster family she was 'sent' to the John Murray Anderson School for Dramatic Arts. It something she didn't originally intend to study but turned out to be a good idea. It was there Ball befriended Bette Davis as they were classmates

In the bitchy world of Hollywood Ball was known for many years of her early acting life as 'Queen of the B's' as she never seemed to manage to get in an A-List movie and wasn't deemed an A-List star.

Mixing work with pleasure Ball met her first husband Desi Arnaz on a job, they eloped causing quite a stir and he ended up playing her husband in *I Love Lucy*. However, the couple also became quite infamous for their public rows and his constant affairs, they always seemed to make up, some said for the sake of the show rather than their marriage or children.

Her relationship with her children was 'strained' and 'controlling' according to her daughter. She also flew into rages with her son when he dated Liza Minelli. She spoke publicly saying 'I miss Liza but you cannot domesticate her'.

Ball was fiercely independent and wanted women to be seen as strong. She became the first female to head a production company in TV after divorcing her husband and buying out all the shares of his own company.

Despite this success, things changed in the 1980's when she tried to make a comeback with 'Life With Lucy'... the show flopped and Ball went into a serious depression.

Since her death, Lucy received The Legacy of Laughter award, has a museum, theatre and even stamps were produced in her honour.

RETURN OF THE GLITTERBALL

Spearheading the Nu Disco movement that seems to be sweeping the nation, disco sensation Shena Winchester is proud to be one of those who love the pull of the 'glitterball'.

The current Nu Disco movement is a fascinating phenomenon. "Music goes in cycles," explains her husband/producer James Winchester in a recent Sunday Times article, "and after Duffy and Adele reinvented 1960s girl singers, the thinking was that the next thing would be early-1970s disco." Nowadays, UK DJs raised on house, trance and techno are increasingly delving into their old vinyl collections to fill floors and regular nights run by Disco Bloodbath, Horse Meat Disco and LowLife in London, Melting Pot in Glasgow, Auto Disco in Dundee, El Diablo's in Manchester and Basement Boogaloo in Nottingham have somehow hit the spot. And, uniquely, with her own modernist take on disco, Shena seems to have stepped out of a turntable-dominated darkness to fill the vacuum.

As a student, Shena attended the Royal Academy of Music where she famously asked to leave classical classes by pointing out "I didn't come here to sound like Kiri Te Kanawa". Since those heady days Shena has filled her musical resumé by working with artists like James Brown, Luther Vandross, Chaka Khan, Joss Stone and Amy Winehouse and providing central vocal roles on countless crossover dance hits (including ten Top 40 hits) such as Alex Gaudino's Watch Out, De Souza's monster track, Guilty and the massive Michael Gray dance floor hit The Weekend.

Her album - One Man Woman
Out 14th September
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Wedding Singers

Getting all excited about taking your partnership vows? Want it to be an event to be remembered? Want to book a top wedding singer to make the day complete? Here are the Top 5 costliest acts according to a Living poll:

1. **The Rolling Stones**
(£5 million)
2. **Sir Elton John**
(£2 million)
3. **Kylie Minogue**
(£2 million)
4. **Christina Aguilera**
(£1.5 million)
5. **George Michael**
(£1.3 million)



QUEER TALENT.

This summer, a nationwide talent contest aimed specifically at the LGBT community is launching. Queer As Talent is a brand new competition that aims to find the UK's most talented singers, dancers, drag queens and performers.

"Queer As Talent is a national talent quest open to all members of the LGBT community and their friends and families," says Tony V, an Australian but bow London based entrepreneur who's masterminding the venture. "We're hoping to find the best of the best in the nation and provide an opportunity for our community to get up and be proud." Tony says that since he moved to the UK with his partner Graeme two years ago he's been hooked on primetime TV shows such as Britain's Got Talent, American Idol and X Factor, and thinks it's time a similar contest was launched aimed specifically for gay people. "So, no matter what your talent, and whether you're gay, lesbian, trans, bisexual, bears, drag queens, whatever – can take part and show off your uniqueness and diversity. Queer As Talent is scheduled to start in October at major gay and gay-friendly venues around the country. Check out the web for venues and application forms.

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GIVING IT 100%

BEVERLEY KNIGHT IS THE UK'S UNDISPUTED QUEEN OF SOUL. SHE WRITES, PRODUCES, ACTS AND SINGS AND WITH OVER TEN YEARS IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS, SHRUGS OFF THE ACCOLADES AND REMAINS OUR VERY OWN DOWN-TO-EARTH DIVA. WE SENT SIMON SAVIDGE TO MEET BEV AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE NEW SOUND, THE MAKE UP RANGE, THE POSSIBILITY OF HER OWN GAY CLUB NIGHT AND WHY SHE IS SO ADDICTED TO TWITTER?

So Beverley... erm... Beverley?

(Puts down mobile shamefully) Oh, I am sorry I am a bit addicted to Twitter. Did you know I actually got banned for a day... I had gone over my limit (laughs). Right I am putting it away now promise... how are you love?

I am great thanks how about you?

Fabulous, really fabulous. I am all excited about everything at the moment but at the same time there is that nervous excitement too.

This is your sixth album do you still get nervous or is it old hat?

Oh goodness me no. I get nervous about things still, I would be more worried if I didn't. I think when you stop getting nervous then something has changed. I actually think I am the most nervous this time as I am releasing on my own label. This is the album I think, out of all of them, that I have had the most control over, so I feel like it's even more down to me than normal (laughs). I have worked so hard on this album.

Tell us about the new single 'Beautiful Night' which is stunning?

Thank you love, that's very kind. I love the new single, it's a little bit electro but very much about the vocals and 'the voice'. Oh, I shouldn't say that people will think I have got all Mariah Carey and holier than thou. She's a great voice... but... you know... (changing the subject). Anyway, the single was with Amanda Ghost and I think she writes amazing songs... so for me it was a complete pleasure.

What can we expect from the new album?

It's a real mix in all honesty and that's something that I really aimed for. I've worked with Guy Chambers again, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis who works with Janet. After the last album, which was so stripped and raw, I wanted to do something with added funk again. 'Breakout' is a stomper, I can see the video - me and fabulous people dancing in a club 'The House of Knight'... oh I am already there (laughs). I think this is definitely Beverley "right now"... (laughs) 100%. Oh and how could I put this last (she says reprimanding herself) I got to sing with bloody Chaka Khan. I mean, I grew up loving that woman and then I am singing with her.

Did she give you any diva tips?

No, she didn't actually, but then she isn't a diva. Well, she's a legend but not a demanding diva and I would tell you if she was, though it would have ruined all my illusions. The thing she did teach me is - if you aren't getting it in the first twenty seconds or so don't bother and that's something I will take with me.

Now you are known as the Queen of British Soul, and even got an MBE from the Queen... have you become a diva?

(Laughs) What, Bev from Wolverhampton? I like the

term 'down to earth diva' I do still get people coming up 'hiya Bev how ya doing' I think when you're northern it helps, mind you am biased aren't I? Oh no, my southern fans will think I m being funny (laughs) they'll know I am just being true to my roots.

Now you're releasing a line of make up are we going to be seeing you going all J Lo with a line of perfumes and the like?

Oh no, no going J Lo for me. You won't be getting any L'Eau de Bev (laughs hysterically) can you imagine? I just knew the make up was something I couldn't get hold of and so thought - well if I can't lots of other people must struggle and so I wanted to do something about it. Its good to branch out and do other things isn't it?

You do have a lot of gay fans...

I was talking about this the other day and I can always see my gay fans at my gigs, they are always up and dancing shaking what they've got... I love it. I really want to do more gay gigs this year they are one of my favourites. The gay boys and girls better be out on my tour this year or else. I need to do G.A.Y now it's moved... I am gutted the Astoria is gone, that was a little bit of history.

Maybe you could start your own 'The House of Knight Night'?

Oh my god that would be absolutely amazing. Oh my god (enthusiastically) we should do it. Oh, that would be Heaven; I don't think I would be able to contain myself. I won't be doing perfumes, well never say never, but maybe I could do that next. Oh, it would be fabulous.

Why do you think the gay guys love you so much?

Gay guys love a voice don't they? That's one of the things I think gay guys really appreciate. They like a woman who will dress up and be camp and glam and that's another thing. I mean, I am not like your Madonna, Kylie or your Posh... I think they are more untouchable in a way. I think people know I love the gay scene and the people and I get involved with a lot of gay charities. That's one thing I think Dannii has over Kylie in a way... she gets a hard rap, which I think is wrong. Like on the X Factor... though I love Cheryl.

Would you do a celebrity show like Big Brother?

No, no, no. It's just not me. My friends, fans and stuff reckon that I should do 'Strictly Come Dancing' and that would possibly be the only one I would consider. There is just the small matter of the fact that I can't dance... at all. But we can't have everything can we?

'Beautiful Night' is out now and is taken from Beverley's new album '100%' out on 7th September with the tour following in the autumn. For more on Beverley, the tour and everything you could wish to know visit www.beverleyknight.com

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SHARAM

Get Wild

Out: 14th September

Grammy Award-winner Sharam was formerly one half of US dance masters Deep Dish, but now is carving out a reputation as one of the best underground dance artists out there. The Iranian-born Sharam first heard Western music when he was 10, and ever since has been one of the most prolific purveyors of that genre known as Americana. It's a sin really that Sharam isn't as well known as some of his contemporaries: David Guetta, Tiesto and Deadmau5. Whilst he has had his fair share of hits and has collaborated with the likes of Kid Cudi and P Diddy, he has yet to maintain the mainstream stance of his rivals. Maybe this album will be the kickstart he needs.



BAH SAMBA FT TASITA D'MOUR

Live in the Summer

Out: 7th September

Sunset-watching, BBQ-making, Brighton-born beach bums Bah Samba shook together all their manic elements and, as the lyrics confirm, blew up a beachball (with dynamite) to make their latest single. This jam-groove, laidback serving of jazzy dancefloor soul is designed (well, cobbled together on weed) to get your hips swaying and your head nodding. And magically, it works. Whether it's the effect of passive dope smoking through the stereo or just simple, musical know-how, this is a perfect summer song your ears can't do without. Sure, it might be September, but let's pretend a little longer.



MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

Departure EP

Out: 7th September

This Canterbury foursome have, apparently, decided not to burst into the charts with an album full of wonderfully-produced commercial cannon-fodder songs. Instead this, their first offering, is a mere three tracks long, showing that sometimes quality does win over quantity. Though they tap into the popular dark rock vein, they may be running the risk of drowning rather than making a wave because, as we all know, making music just doesn't cut it these days without the whole media circus.



MIKA

We Are Golden

Out: 7th September

Mika is back with 'We Are Golden', the new single from the forthcoming album of the same name (21st September). Though Mika was promoted to high hell (the image of a mallet hitting an apple comes to mind), he never quite lived up to the hype. Indeed, his press pics made us all swoon, but when we saw him in person, it just wasn't the same. This man-boy thing who refused to admit he was gay was, well, camp as tits and just didn't have the appeal we expected. Unfortunately, if you hated his first album, 'We Are Golden' is more of the same. Sure, he won some awards, but how much of that was due to industry bribes as opposed to pseudo-Queen-meets-Steps posturing? I'm sorry. Switch it off. I can't bear it any longer. Watch Katy Brand's pisstake cover version instead: 'I taste just like grape jelly' / And these words don't make sense!

GOODGRIEF

Xtra Hard

Out: 14th September

UK club massive Goodgrief spin out this three-CD mix of dance so hard you'd think the vinyl was on viagra. Lisa Lashes, Anne Savage and Paul Maddox are just some of the A-list names to grace the back of the case, and the mixing is so fluid the tracks become truly seamless. This is a must for any old school ravers wanting to don their neon, get out their whistles and wave those UV necklaces.



PIXIE LOTT

Boys and Girls

Out: 7th September

Mercury Records' latest popstrel, Pixie Lott, is as blonde and pixie-esque as her name implies. But that's pixie with a small 'p', not like The Pixies. This is pop galore and should not be confused with punk rock. This second single is a follow-up to the commercial chart topper 'Mama Do'. Gay boys and little girls worldwide will like this, and shame on you all. But then again, how else can we make talentless blonde bimbettes useful to society?

BURN THE NEGATIVE

In the Atmosphere

Out: 14th September

Dipping into the whole new wave electro pop market to, presumably, score maximum sales, Burn the Negative are a not-bad-but-not-original band with a somewhat wry focus on Noughties culture, who'd perhaps do better to stop listening to their old Gary Numan records and shake it up a little with some wider pop references. A bit of a tweak and they could sound as fresh as they want to be. They should perhaps consider what musical nutjobs like Bjork and MIA did on their last albums and take the spirit, if not the whackiness, to heart. Mining the greats is fine if you can also mine the unknowns, and songs of any genre, unless they can establish themselves as the best of their kind, are strengthened with a bit of diversity.



THE CINEMATICS

Love and Terror

Out: 7th September

After their guitarist jumped ship and their record label folded, The Cinematics decided to take control of their own music careers. Full of brooding, art-rock stylings, these fellas bemoan young love in a way I'm sure we could all relate to at 17. The band have, however, definitely matured from earlier releases and influences such as Bob Dylan and Talking Heads are writ large and proud across their sound. Disco-funk rhythms adapt their previous sound into something more exciting and new, making this a must-have for fans and newcomers alike.

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IF YOU'VE BEEN CLUBBING IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, THEN CHANCES ARE THAT YOU FOUND YOURSELF DANCING TO A MAX SANNA PRODUCTION. WITH ONE OF HIS PRODUCTION PARTNERS STEVE PITRON (FIRE & BEYOND DJ) THEY'VE COLLABORATED ON SOME OF THE BIGGEST NAME IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY INCLUDING KELLY ROWLAND, KYLIE BEYONCE, ANASTACIA, SAM SPARRO, GRACE JONES... THE LIST IS ENDLESS.

Scott Mills recently said "Pitron & Sanna can't walk past a track without remixing it!"

Max laughs. "That's not quite true. We usually select the projects we want to remix. Sometimes when you hear a track, it just doesn't work, and even if we spend weeks on it, it will always sound wrong. I can usually tell after a first listen if it's gonna work or not. We turned down many tracks in these past two years, either because it was impossible to remix them or because the artists were just naff. Alesha Dixon, Miley Cyrus... It'd just be ridiculous to remix that stuff."

You're probably getting the feeling that Max is a very straight talking kinda guy and you'd be right. A spade is most definitely a spade here, so I tentatively asked his opinion of the current state of London's gay scene, which raises another laugh from Max. "To be honest I am not out very often in London Gay Clubland, mostly because the music and the situation is the same tired old crap we used to listen for ages, and it's just not me." He has a point, I tell him how just a couple of weeks ago I found myself leaving 3 London gay clubs in a row after less than an hour, because of their identikit, boring attitude to clubbing. "You should have tried Breakfast at The Egg. Or Trade if it was on - the music is just fantastic and I never had a dull night at those events. My favourite nights to go, when I don't want to be disappointed are definitely Gallery and Renaissance @ Ministry Of Sound."

MUSIC TO THE MAX



Max first started in career back in 2000 in his homeland of Italy with a few underground techno productions. He then teamed up with his first production partner Francesco Giovannini. Under the pseudonyms 'Lovemakers' and 'Soulcast' they repeatedly topped the charts in Europe and got licensed all around the world with both original tracks such as 'Lovemakers - This Feeling' or with many remixes for major artists such as Ultra Nate, Jody Watley or P Diddy. Now living in London, have we heard the last of Soulcast? "Hopefully not. Certainly, being so far away doesn't help a lot but we're planning on releasing a new single at some point, probably next year."

Back to the present day, how did you meet Steve Pitron? "Back in 2006 I released a record called 'Someone Like Me'. I was still in Italy at the time, and when Steve heard it, he ordered the vinyl (yeah people still played on vinyl in 2006), but the mailman was late. So, he contacted me through Myspace for the mp3. We then became friends and I started doing remixes for Island, the record label he works for. When I moved to London in early 2007 we started collaborating on a regular basis."

So, how would you describe the Pitron and Sanna sound? "I think it's kinda unique, because it blends together influences from both 90's techno and trance and contemporary house trends. Ultimately I'm a techno head, and if you hear me DJ or listens to my podcasts, you'll know that I rarely play commercial tracks. People would think it kind of clashes with the kind of remixes we do together, but in the end it helps a lot, because by putting our two different perspectives in the project we usually end up with something that picks influences from both of us and sounds 'unusual'."

Max obviously likes to keep himself busy, maybe Scott Mills was right! "Ha. It's not all remixes. I'm always working on new projects, at the moment I'm finishing a record together with Pagano, Wayne G and Peyton which is going to be massive. I'm also doing a new original track with Per QX, The Oli and Shena. And yes, a few more remixes lined up too... Florence and The Machine, Jody Watley and various stuff with Sony and Island."

Max produces a free monthly podcast packed with fresh house and techno called Max Sanna Sessions which can be downloaded from <http://maxsanna.podbean.com> or look up "Max Sanna" in the iTunes Store. More information on upcoming projects can be found at www.myspace.com/maxsanna



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Gary H
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Gary was Head of Music and Presenter on GaydarRadio for 3 years and was instrumental in helping overhaul the station sound, resulting in bigger audiences and a whole host of industry gongs. He's played at some of the biggest gay clubbing brands around including Trade, Federation and the sadly missed Crash. His regular mixes include everything from upfront funky house to progressive and tech house.

Steve Pitron
<http://stevepitronsessions.podomatic.com>

Anyone who loves Star Wars enough to have a tattoo the logo must have good taste! Steve regularly plays at some of the biggest London gay nights around including Beyond, Juicy, Space London and SupermartXe. Pumping upfront funky and progressive house.



Oliver M
<http://djoliverm.podomatic.com>

Oliver has been a resident or guest at clubs across Europe, including El Divino, Amnesia and Privilege in Ibiza and the Matinee Group in Barcelona. He's also the promoter of the Matinee London parties, so he must know a thing or 2 about quality, Spanish house music.



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REVIEW MUSIC
BY JASON GUY

You can catch me playing during September for Freakshow (the amazing new night set to revitalise Manchester's Gay Scene www.clubfreakshow.com), Fibre in Leeds and guest slots at High Spirit (new Manchester afterhours at Spirit, Canal Street). Also be sure you download my latest podcasts from <http://clubfederation.podomatic.com> and <http://jasonguy.podomatic.com>.

FORTHCOMING RELEASES

TRACK of the MONTH

► **BLAZE**

Most Precious Love (Smith'n West'n vs Dirty Freek 2009 Mix)

One of the biggest funky house anthems ever from 2005 has been brought screaming into 2009. Featuring the amazing vocals of Barbara Tucker, Leeds based DJs Nik Smith, Craig West (Smith'n West'n) and Danni Freek have taken the original piano version and turned it into a dirty and charging, peak-time monster. Keeping just enough of the original to be familiar, while bringing it bang up to date. If only all remixes were as good as this! Worthy of a proper release – fingers crossed!



► FONZERELLI

Dreamin'

Fonzerelli aka Aaron McClelland based in Northern Ireland, quickly rose to prominence back in 2005 when his debut track "Moonlight Party" which became the number 1 Download Of The Year on DJ Download. His distinct big room, electro sound is in abundance of his latest release – Dreamin' and is sure to be one of the biggest summer anthems this year. Swirling Spanish guitars, big drum crashes, crowd noises and a killer breakdown. If only we had a decent UK summer to go with it! www.biginibiza.com



► REZA & JONATHAN ULYSSES

We Shall Prevail

Reza (of DTPM and Miss Money pennys fame) and Jonathan Ulysses (Space – Ibiza) are two of the most respect DJs around. The summer theme continues here with the perfect terrace anthem. We Shall Prevail's effortless groove will hook you & then lock you in. Uplifting synths, infectious loops & a piercing vocal pulsate doing the rest of the work. There's also a remix for every floor, from the likes of Kid Massive, Carl Hanaghan and Jamie Wamie. www.born2dance.com



► DEADMAU5 FT ROB SWIRE

Ghosts'n' Stuff

Taken from Deadmau5's forthcoming 2nd compilation album, 'For Lack Of A Better Name' and featuring Pendulum's Rob Swire on vocals. The two have been bumping into each other backstage at various festivals and have a mutual respect for each others music, so a tie up was inevitable. Mau5 was looking from someone to do the vocals on one of his key tracks 'Ghosts N Stuff' and this is the result. A squelchy low-end electro stomper of huge proportions. www.deadmau5.com



► EGYPT

In The Morning

An underground release back in January, I can't say I'd heard of this track before, but that's probably because I would rather shove needles in my eyes than listen to baseline house / garage. Now with a new set of mixes, the infectious vocals of North London singer/songwriter Egypt should reach a wider audience. Digital Dog provide the stand out mix for me, with their trademark funky electro beats. Let your love come in! www.myspace.com/egyptofficial



IT'S HER TIME

JADE EWEN STOLE OUR HEARTS WHEN SHE GRACED THE SCREENS IN 'YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU', THE BBC'S SEARCH TO FIND THE UK'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST. SHE WON THE COMPETITION AND WAS AWARDED THE CHANCE TO SING THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER PENNED SONG IT'S MY TIME IN MOSCOW. HER POWERFUL PERFORMANCE GAVE THE UK ITS HIGHEST POSITION IN THE ESC IN YEARS. SIMON SAVIDGE CAUGHT UP WITH JADE TO DISCUSS HER GAY FAN BASE, WHO SHE SHOULD BE DATING AND WHY SHE HAS GONE FROM BALLS OUT BALLAD TO BALLS OUT R&B WITH A TOUCH OF POP MINK...

How is everything going at the moment, it must be a bit crazy?

Yes it is but all in a good way and it's all fun. I got to sing the national anthem recently at the Man United vs. Chelsea game, which was surreal. It was also a bit scary as there were 90,000 people, lots of lovely footballers though to keep my nerves at bay (laughs).

Does it feel like 2009 is the year for Jade?

(All excited) I think so... I think that it just might be. I remember at New Year I said 'OK this year has to be my year... I have to do this, this and this'. I had a real moment where I was really setting out all the things that I wanted to achieve and so far so good. I don't like to think everything is going too well though that can make bad things happen. So, touch wood.

Did you have any doubts with doing Eurovision as it can either go 'the Abba way' or 'the Jemini way'?

(Laughs for about two minutes) That is absolutely hilarious! I hope I don't go the Jemini way, wasn't that awful. (Starts laughing again) Sorry, that's really tickled me. I was slightly nervous as obviously if it goes wrong that's my career over before it's begun and you know, I am in my early twenties and to have your dream career killed that young would be dreadful. I think with having Andrew (Lloyd Webber) on side I knew he would have more to lose than any contestant... so, I hoped it would be a success and I think we did Britain proud. I have to say am so pleased I did it. I performed to 122 million people that night and you won't get exposure like that anywhere. It's a good thing it all went well really. I wouldn't have got a four album deal if I hadn't done that show.

Now Jade, with a show like 'Your Country Needs You' all the gays are going to be watching... how did you get them on side so quickly?

(Laughs) I don't know. I had a lot of support from the gay audience. Apparently it was the fabulous glitter outfit I wore on the first week when I sang Beyonce. I was thrilled that the gay audience was with me. You can't have a Eurovision without a gay audience can you? That would be crazy, so to have them on side for me was a huge thing. I would also put it down to leotards and strutting around the stage really... I have a campness too I think... well a musical showbizness (laughs). Whatever it was I am really happy as I personally always prefer performing to a gay audience, I know everyone probably says this, but it's all so much more enthusiastic... there's loads more energy. There is nothing worse than performing to an audience who just stand there doing nothing and looking at you as if to say 'next' (laughs).

Has that happened to you?

Oh it happened like two weeks ago, I was in err, what's it called, Huddersfield and it was a daytime outdoor gig. I was halfway through the first song and suddenly noticed Preston (Former Ordinary Boy and now solo artist) was at the side of the stage ready to come on after me and everyone was just looking at him.

Did you not want to kick off?

I don't kick off very often but it has been known. I did sort of want to stamp my foot and scream 'It's My Time' (laughs) but I don't think they would have got the joke and would have probably thought I was a right grumpy cow. It does make the great gigs worth while though, so you need some dud ones to appreciate it.

Now you're new single 'My Man' I have to admit shocked me, it's not a ballad but a big pumping track.

I think everyone was expecting a follow up ballad from me and we kind of did this on purpose. There are ballads on the album so ballad fans please don't worry (laughs). I did love doing all the upbeat songs on 'Your Country Needs You' and so I thought 'right let's go for something different'. You all saw me doing a ballad for Eurovision and I wanted to do something completely different for the album.

Now Miss Ewen... the video... it's a bit saucy isn't it?

(Laughs) You crack me up. I guess it is a bit of a saucy video. When I filmed it it didn't feel that saucy but then again I was freezing in hot pants in a garden for some of it. I guess you could say it's been quite nicely edited so that it does look quite provocative. I enjoyed doing it though; especially performing in front of the guy... he was really gorgeous wasn't he?

So will you be getting some hot saucy dancers for your shows?

I am hoping to, what girl wouldn't. I definitely feel the need for some at the G.A.Y gig, which I am really excited about. I really want to put a show on for that in September, I am working on it. I will have some girls though too as you know we need to keep all audiences happy don't we.

What can we expect from the album?

Oooh, well I am very excited it's been a true labour of love. You can expect quite a few more up-tempo songs and a few dancey club based tracks as we all like dancing all night and I wanted those on the album. I wanted the sort of songs where you go 'oh my god I love this song' and don't leave the dancefloor. There are some mega ballads but not quite as theatrical as you might think. Diane Warren has written some songs for it, which is just amazing.

Now before it's even come out everyone is praising the album's title track Punching Out.

Yeah, everyone loves that song, which is probably the next single, again it's not a ballad but then it's not a dance track. It's mid tempo but with a beat... if that's makes sense? The lyrics are quite feisty. It's all about not being a man's mother and maid, and if basically, if that's what he wants... he can piss off. (Laughs) Though that isn't actually a lyric... that might be a bit rude.

So is being famous all it's cracked up to be, have you heard any wicked rumours about yourself?

I don't think of myself as famous really. I don't think you can until you have a long career with lots of hits. I am still very much Jade who has happened to have quite an amazing year. As for gossip... the only thing I have heard is I am meant to be dating one of JLS, which was news to me. I think I need some more gossip really.

As lovely as the JLS boys are Jade I would go for hip hop royalty ... Kanye West would be my rapper of choice...

(Laughs) Hmm I will bear that one in mind if I meet him. He could guest on my second album and everything. I might have to take your advice, and he is quite hot isn't he?

Jade's second sizzling single 'My Man' is out on 14th September... the album 'Punching Out' will follow in early 2010. You can find out more about Jade and when she will be at G.A.Y at www.myspace.com/jadeewenofficial



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GMFA and 'Hot Sex'

Bareback sex in gay porn continues to be commonplace and its popularity shows no signs of waning. On the free porn site xtube.com alone, six of the top 10 most viewed gay videos feature guys fucking without condoms. But not all porn material depicts unsafe sex. GMFA, the gay men's health charity, is launching 'Hot Sex', a booklet about condom use in the style of a hardcore gay porn magazine, packed full of sizzling hot, graphic images of safer sex.

The aim of the booklet is to put condom use across in an erotic way, and to provide helpful tips on safer sex. With page after page of explicit photos, donated by Hot House Entertainment, 'Hot Sex' will be available free in bars and clubs across London from late August.

It will also be launched online on the same day at www.gmfa.org.uk/hotsex.



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IRIS PRIZE Festival Gay Cinema Award

The 2009 Iris Prize Festival takes place between October 7th – 10th October in Cineworld and Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff, Wales (UK). The programme will include screenings of all the 30 short-listed short films, feature films, talks and debates, parties, and the Iris Prize Awards Show. Iris is not just another prize or festival! The winner will receive the largest prize for a gay and lesbian short film competition in the world – a package valued at £25,000. Themes tackled include a 70 year old man's foot fetish and a globe-trotting teddy bear! "The shortlist for the 2009 Iris Prize once again represents the best of the best. Half of the short listed films have once again been nominated by our partner festivals – film festivals that have their fingers on the pulse of upcoming gay and lesbian filmmaking talent from around the world. I'm confident that amongst this year's shortlist we have yet another winner deserving of the Iris Prize," said Matthew Rhys, Iris Prize Patron.

You can see the full list of 30 short films here:
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DOES ROBBIE HAVE THE X FACTOR?

The new series of the XFactor kicked off at the end of last month and rumours are leaking from ITV about who the new 'special guests' are going to be. Names like Madonna, Whitney Houston, Rihanna and Robbie Williams have all been bandied about to take those bootcamp hopefuls on a master class. Earlier this year there was a national worry about the mental state of some of the contestants on Britain's Got Talent... we can only hope that the same public outcry will not arise surrounding some of these names, who have themselves had a few problems in the past. It would be ace though to see the contestants comforting the stars don't you think. Simon Cowell... you could be on to another ratings winner with that one.

XFactor – ITV – 7pm – Saturday



BARCELONA CIRCUIT FESTIVAL 2009

by ChrisGeary.com

The Spanish Matinee Group famous for its parties in Barcelona, Ibiza and around the world, now organise what has become Europe's largest gay festival and one of the biggest gay events in the world. 9 days of parties and entertainment. Too much to attend everything, but have fun doing as much you can. Barcelona is a beautiful city with spectacular old and new architecture, plus some fantastic gay beaches to relax and enjoy the eye candy during the hot daytime sunshine. This amazing city along with the Circuit Festival parties makes an incredible gay week of fun that really shouldn't be missed.

One of the main highlights of the festival was when the Isla Fantasia Water Park was closed to the public and turned into a gay wonderland. The water park opened at 10am filling up very quickly, some of the worlds sexiest boys, dressed in just their Speedos, enjoyed the water slides, themed area's, rides and main pool with the funky house tunes of Matinee's best Dj's: J.Louis, Taito Tikaro, André Vincenzzo, Enrico Arghentini and Lydia Sanz. 12 hours later the day finished with a spectacular fireworks show. Then the party continued through the night in the water park's massive theatre complex. There were restaurants, chill areas and shower/locker rooms available to rest, change clothes and enjoy a revitalizing meal. Most boys just stayed in their trunks and danced till the sun came up, making an incredible day and night to remember. And that was just 1 of the 9 days. Wow did we have a great time, roll on next year...

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The Rise and Fall of Little Voice

This is a savage black comedy-drama about painfully shy, diminutive Little Voice (LV), played by XFactor finalist Diana Vickers, who lives alone in the north of England with her mother, Mari. Mari's drunken, overbearing personality has driven LV into seclusion in her bedroom, where she listens to her late father's records and has perfected faultless impersonations of the greatest divas, including Judy Garland, Edith Piaf and Shirley Bassey. When Mari's latest boyfriend, small-time working men's club impresario Ray Say, overhears LV singing, he puts in place a tragic sequence of events as he pushes her towards stardom she doesn't want and is literally terrified of.

Vaudeville Theatre, London - from 8th October
www.vaudevilletheatre.com

Zombie Prom A new musical

Set in the fabulous '50s, *Zombie Prom* tells the tale of sweet teenage girl Toffee, and her "rebel without a cause" boyfriend, Jonny. The two meet at Enrico Fermi High School and fall in love, but the tyrannical principal, Miss Strict intervenes, persuading young Toffee to break up with Jonny. Tortured by the betrayal, Jonny drives his motorcycle to the nearby Nuclear Power Plant and flings himself into a nuclear cooling tower. Toffee mourns the loss of her love, until Jonny returns, risen from the dead – as a nuclear teenage zombie!

The Landor Theatre, London, 20th October – 14th November
www.landortheatre.co.uk



All a bit Addictive

YOU MAY REMEMBER UK FEMALE DUO, ADDICTIVE FROM LAST YEAR'S HIT 'GONNA BE MINE'. BORN OUT OF THE BASSLINE AND FUNKY HOUSE SCENE, EAST LONDON LADIES, AISHA STUART AND LOUISE BAGAN'S DEBUT SINGLE SCORED NUMBER 1'S ON MTV'S BASE AND DANCE CHARTS AND GOT THEM NOTICED ON THE UK'S BURGEONING DANCE SCENE.

The girls, who have known each other since they were eight years old, have grown up in the East London musical melting pot that has produced many of our current top stars. "We've known the likes of Dizzee Rascal for 4 or 5 years since the first album," says Louise. "There are many others but it was more of an underground scene back then... with the pirate radio stations and stuff." Although the duo have been friends for years it was an accident that brought them together. Aisha tells us what happened. "We used to barrel around London to all the clubs that had talent shows, which we did separately. Louise was singing 'Silent Night' at an open mic event one Christmas 6 years ago and she called me over to join her and it was really, really good." The reaction from the audience was pretty positive, convinced that the girls must have been singing together for ages. "Everyone kept asking how long had we been singing together and we said '...err about three minutes'. We had great chemistry, and because we've known each other for so long... it all kinda helped our working relationship."

"I think we clicked with 'Corparal' (Jesse "Corparal" Williams (Nelly, NeYo). He was lovely. (giggles) In Atlanta he took us out to a few different places... so along with work we had fun too. He was really funny and really nice. Atlanta was fantastic, warm and a much slower pace than New York, but the work gets done and everyone was so supportive... the other artist and everyone out there."

So with all these big names was there anyone else they would like to work with.

"Yer, Will.i.am. (giggles) He's great." The girls then get a bit more serious. "I suppose we really like working with new up and coming producers. Watching people grow and experiment together. It's different than when you go into the studio with someone who is so high profile."

The girls laugh when it's suggested they are creating quite a profile for themselves. "C'mon. We've got a long way to go yet. A hell of a long way to go. We've only just got our foot in the door... now we've got to get our whole body in!"

Domino Effect is out on 21st September www.myspace.com/officialaddictive



Lady Boy 2009

Fittingly hosted in the shadows of Buckingham Palace, 'Lady Boy' is an annual gathering of glamorous girls fighting to be crowned queen in one of the UK's most unique beauty contests.

Showcasing fierce and fabulous Ladyboys from all over the world, this must-see event is taking place on 13th September, 6pm till late, at London's celebrated fine-dining Thai restaurant, Mango Tree.

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You studied English as part of your degree. Had you ever studied *The Picture of Dorian Gray*?

Definitely read it at school. I am not sure whether I did it as part of my English degree. I did focus on that period but I don't think we did *Dorian Gray*. I remember when we were shooting *Easy Virtue* and *Barnaby* [Thompson, the producer] came up to me about two weeks before the end and said he had a present for me with this glint in his eye. I said 'Thanks' opened it and it was *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. He said, 'You should read it' and I said, 'I have read it'. He asked me what I thought of it and I said that it was a great story. He said that he was thinking of making a film of it and I said, 'Great! Why are you giving it to me?' And then a couple of auditions with the director later and we were doing it.

The character of Dorian Gray is supposed to be a vision of beauty. Is being asked to play someone so fiendishly handsome flattering or embarrassing?

That is a bit of a cringe. It wasn't cringey to be asked to play it, but it is cringey to try and answer this question, because part of me still feels really young, and just the skinniest boy in the class, as I always was. Obviously, Oscar Wilde uses these outrageous superlatives in describing the way Dorian looks in the book but, for me, it was always about the power of youth, the power of celebrity and youth within London society, which is such a powerful thing. The fact that his looks didn't fade, that was the important thing, not the fact that he was so overtly beautiful. I think the real nub of it, though, was the fact that he didn't change at all, which I think is terrifying. Imagine not seeing someone for 30 years and then seeing them and they look exactly the same as they did when you last saw them! That was absolutely terrifying, so it was always more about that than thinking, 'Oh, I am playing a really handsome bloke.'

Unlike the novel, you find some sympathy for Dorian in the movie...

I hope we do, because in the book you don't particularly. The book is called *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and it really is about the picture and the world that swirls around it and the society and the things that happen to Dorian more than the decisions he makes. Oliver [Parker, the director] wanted to get inside his head a little bit more. I really hope people like the film; nearly everybody I meet says that it's their favourite book and that I had better not make a complete hash of it!

You're making a habit of filming people's favourite books...

I know. I have gone straight from Alan Bennett to C.S. Lewis to Noel Coward to Oscar Wilde. I seem to be doing them all. Next I'll be totally butchering *Hamlet*, which, actually, I nearly had a stab at a few years ago. There was a film called *Ophelia*, which I was cast as *Hamlet* in but it wasn't Shakespearean language. It was based on another book but it never came to fruition. Lots of the choices I make, even the roles I don't get, are based on books. It's funny, a lot of people say that your degree ends up useless but I find it very useful when reading scripts and trying to unload what is complete rubbish and what isn't!



You're heading off to Australia to begin work on the third *Chronicles of Narnia* picture. How do you feel before a big project like that, excited, nervous?

A bit of both. I know that I have a couple of weeks fight training when I get there, which will feel like a welcome break and which I need. If I were going to start filming in a couple of days, I would feel a lot more anxious.

I take it you dreamed of playing knights and kings when you were young, running around with swords and so forth?

Yes. But to play someone who never ages is also pretty cool, not when you are eight or 14 but certainly when you first start thinking of acting, going into work pretending to be 21 but playing 46 or whatever, that's kind of exciting as well. But you are right. I am looking forward to all the action in *Narnia*.

You're building quite a body of work — do people now stop and recognise you in the street?

People just don't recognize me, actually. Maybe it's because I have my hair back or have a beard or whatever, or maybe because I am not that popular! People recognize people that they see regularly, like actors they see on the television every week. In most part people probably have only seen me in one or two films, even although I'm going into my seventh now.

But there must be more recognition recently?

Most people who are aware of me have seen me only in one thing a couple of years ago so actually I'm really not recognized that much at the moment. If I am at an airport, a theatre, a premiere, then the alertness is higher. So it's more on those occasions that I'm recognised, but generally I don't get papped coming out of nightclubs in the middle of the night. I am not on people's minds or on the pages of their magazines enough to be recognized, for which I am very, very grateful. I don't envy anybody who has that lifestyle.



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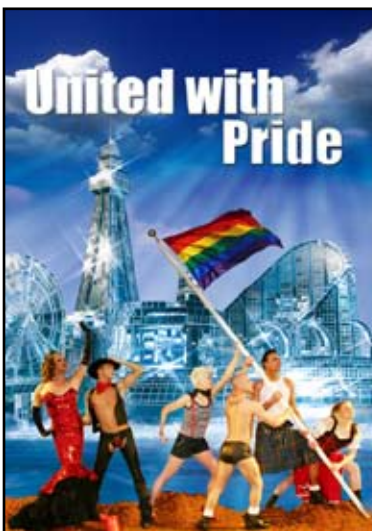
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Let's do the Time Warp again!

The Rocky Horror Show tells the story of engaged sweethearts Brad and Janet who are forced to seek refuge in a castle full of the maddest, baddest and sexiest group the world has ever seen. Featuring the timeless classics 'Sweet Transvestite', 'Dमित Janet' and 'The Time Warp', this is the craziest party you'll ever go to, so select your seats, dress to impress and get ready for Rocky! This irresistible riot has seduced audiences all over the world for more than thirty years so whether you're a die-hard fan or a Rocky Virgin, it's time to celebrate this infamous adventure like never before. Brush up on those pelvic thrusts, squeeze into that corset and slip back into those killer stilettos because the world's favourite rock 'n' roll musical is back with a vengeance!

The show sets off on a comprehensive national tour in September... to see if it's coming to a theatre near you check out: www.rockyhorror.co.uk



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Q: I have recently joined a social networking group via text message. Since joining however I have received lots of spam messages unrelated to the group I originally signed up to. I am wondering whether they have sold my information to a third party. Can I sue the group for breach of confidentiality?

As a relatively new phenomenon, the issue of data protection in respect of social networking sites is still, in legal terms, a developing area.

Under UK data protection laws, the group will be legally required to treat your data in a confidential manner and therefore will not be allowed to give or sell your mobile phone number to third parties without permission. However, it may be that you have given such permission unwittingly by failing to tick a box or follow a link so you should contact the group to check this. Regardless of this, the social networking group are able to send you marketing communications relating to their business or to the business of carefully selected third parties, this may explain the messages you have been receiving. In addition, due to the global nature of the internet, your personal information may be transferred to other countries whose legal systems do not offer the same protection of your data as the laws of the UK.

Most websites and social networking groups have a privacy policy which should govern the use of personal information submitted to other sites or collected by 'cookies' (which collect information about your activity on the site) whilst using the website. As a starting point, it would be good to check out any privacy policy the social networking group has and to alter your personal privacy settings if this is possible. You should also bear in mind that any personal information that you voluntarily publish on the social networking group becomes publicly available and can be collected and used by others.

Adding applications (i.e. optional enhancements you can add to your profile which are often run by third-parties) can also allow your personal details to become more widely distributed, as you have to allow the application (and its developer) to gain access to all your information. This information will be shared with advertisers who will then send out 'spam'. This will also be the case if you click on any third party 'links' or access a fake profile that may have been set up by spammers. Accessing such pages can cause a discreet piece of spyware to be tacked on to your system which aids distributors in gathering personal information without your knowledge.

Therefore, it is probable that the social networking group you joined will not itself have sold your information to a third party, but that one or more third parties are to blame for the spam. Unfortunately, tracking down such parties is extremely difficult.

Top tips to protect your online safety:

- 1. Don't respond to emails or any other requests for your user information or passwords.**
- 2. Don't install third party applications or click on any adverts.**
- 3. Limit your social interaction to people you know and trust.**
- 4. Don't fill out forms that are not part of the social networking site as they will be hosted on a different site which may install spyware.**
- 5. Carefully review terms and conditions which you are signing up for and tick the box which prevents your information being passed to third parties wherever possible.**

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Leagues Behind

Stonewall has published its groundbreaking report into football's failure to tackle anti-gay abuse. As part of the research, YouGov surveyed more than 2000 football fans. The message from those fans across the UK is clear; anti-gay abuse in football is a significant problem but the FA, the Premier League and the Football League are all currently not doing enough to tackle it. It was found that 7 in 10 fans who've attended a football match in the last five years have heard anti-gay abuse. Stonewall is keen for their report to help community organisations address the problem both with their local clubs and police forces.

If you want further info:
www.stonewall.org.uk



All in the name of friendship



Friendships are the main source of support and advice for lots of gay men and can have a huge impact on how we feel about ourselves. As gay men, it can be difficult to build friendships outside the social scenes we are involved in and get the support we want. In response, GMFA, the gay men's health charity, is running a free one-day course in 13 cities across the UK this October to help men understand what they want and need from their friendships.

Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes at GMFA, says: "This course is not about how to make friends. Everyone has those basic skills. This is about using and building on those skills and understanding your friendship needs. Once you know what you want, it's easier to decide whether that is what you are getting – and if not, what to do about it."

The course will help you explore the many different aspects of gay friendships in a fun, non-judgmental way. This includes the practical skills of friendship, such as how to ask the right questions. It also covers the different forms of friendships, such as fuck buddies – and, if sex does happen, how to keep it safe.

All of GMFA's courses and workshops are free of charge to participants but places are limited and must be booked in advance.

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

The Friendships Course takes place on a Saturday from 10am to 5pm.
The dates for 2009 are:

- 10th October** Leicester
- 17th October** Liverpool, London, Manchester & Norwich
- 24th October** Birmingham, Brighton, Leeds & Sheffield
- 31st October** Bristol, Newcastle, Nottingham & Southampton

GMFA's National Sex Course is funded by CHAPS.



**TERRY GEORGE
TELLIN' STORIES**

POPPING UP ON THE STREET



This month, I might just have reached the pinnacle of my life achievements when I appear in an episode of Coronation Street. Well, when I say appear, I have filmed a scene but whether it will actually hit the screen or the cutting room floor, has yet to be decided. I've won Britain's Best Home, been a Secret Millionaire and appeared on a host of TV programmes here in the UK and overseas but the one thing that has made most impression on people is the possibility that I might have a part (no matter how small) in this most iconic of British soaps.

I got called by the show's producers a little while ago to tell me that they were including a rather exciting gay storyline which would include young Jason (Ryan Thomas) taking part in a Mr Gay Weatherfield competition. They wanted to base the contest on one of my own Mr Gay UK heats, after all, we've held them in some of the most salubrious clubs... as well as those that were a bit of a dive, I'll let you make up your mind as to which this one was. I was happy to give them some input and of course, never slow in coming forward, I let slip that I would be up for a small cameo... purely for authenticity's sake you understand... should they want me. My thoughts launched into dreams of becoming one of the all time great actors like Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud, Hugh Grant... or Vin Diesel! Well, I got the call and went along to film on location at a specially built set at Granada Studios. My part was with drag hostess Our Kelly (none other than the brilliant Dave Lynn) in a scene that saw a group of lads in their undies (very Mr Gay UK) and a fit looking Ryan showing of a very flattering body. The script is by Jonathan Harvey of Beautiful Thing fame, so you know it's going to be entertaining but to put you more in the picture... the storyline, according to Granada TV, goes: Sean (Antony Cotton) finds Jason (Ryan Thomas), Leon (Andrew Langtree) and the football team in a gay club. Knowing the

joke's gone on for too long he tells Leon that Jason's actually straight. However, when Leon refuses to believe him Sean is horrified and informs Jason that he's been playing for a gay football team. Jason thinks it's hilarious and when Leon decides to 'out' Jason by entering him in the club's Mr Gay Weatherfield contest a drunken Jason reveals in the competition.

After the scene was shot, Dave Lynn echoed my sentiments when he said; "The great thing about the Jason character is that I really believe in him. He plays it exactly like a straight guy... comfortable with his sexuality in a gay club." After this Ryan has every chance of becoming a bit of a gay icon... so I'm wondering now... should I make him the 'honorary' Mr Gay UK 2009?

So, I hope you will all be glued to your TV set as this particular storyline unfolds on Coronation Street (ITV1 7.30pm) my bit is scheduled for 11th September... just don't blink.... and congratulatory bouquets can be sent via the Bent office.



MR GAY UK



**HEY GUYS.
HOPE YOU'VE
ALL ENJOYED
YOUR SUMMER!**

Mine's been manic! Manic but fun. I just finished a course with the National Youth Theatre and am now an official member. It was absolutely amazing. It was a very intense 2 weeks and I learnt a lot of new skills and made some amazing friends! At the end of the course 280 other young actors and I put on a large scale piece of stadium theatre, devised by all of us. It was fantastic! You'll be able to watch it on Ideastap.com very soon! I was really sad to finish - but all good things come to an end eh?

I also had to have my appendix out last month! I had appendicitis, which wasn't so much fun. I spent two days in hospital chilling out and wondering just what the hell my appendix did... I'm still trying to work it out. Thankfully, my boyfriend and best mate Matty came to visit me though and brought me loads of books and food and beer... oops sorry... no beer, no alcohol at all - haha. My Saviours. Luckily, I recovered before all my theatre stuff started. So phew! I can still perform and as an added bonus I have a cool scar! Of course I will tell people I received it in some daring heroic act... like saving a baby from a giant eagle or something. What else? Oh yeah. I watched the scariest film ever the other day! It's called 'Quarantine'. It starts off quite slowly but as soon as it picks up speed... brace yourselves. I was literally hoarse from screaming. My hands were aching from squeezing my pillow and I wouldn't be left in the room by myself for at least an hour until we watched something funny to balance out the sheer terror possessing me! Maybe I'm just being a wimp. However, I must say I am a bit of a horror connoisseur and I can genuinely say this one is jumpy as hell. Watch it in the dark and in silence though for its full effect!

When you read this I'll already be at the Edinburgh Fringe festival and I'm really excited about it. I think it is going to be so much fun. I am starting to get quite nervous though but I suppose that's just natural. Wish me luck! Then I'm going to New York for a couple of weeks with the boyfriend and mates, then I start drama school literally immediately after I get back! Busy, busy, busy - love it. So, my friends. I guess it's bye for now! You'll see me very soon though don't worry!

Muchos Bessos

Dino

BACK TO THE MOVIES

YES, AT LAST – I'VE DONE IT AGAIN! MY FIRST MOVIE SHOOT IN THREE MONTHS – AND GEES, HAVE I MISSED IT! IT'S SUCH A GREAT FEELING TO BE ON A MOVIE SET – THERE'S SO MUCH MORE ATMOSPHERE, AND IT'S CERTAINLY MUCH BETTER THAN THE SOLOS AND DUOS THAT I DO AT HOME ON THE KITCHEN TABLE!

The last few months have seen me working alone for my site. I had to do the design and the programming, not to mention the selection and production of the content. As you know, the vast majority of the content for the site is produced exclusively for www.Johan-Volny.com, so I've had to do a lot of wanking and shagging of late and haven't had anywhere near enough time to do other movies.

But that all changed last week when I was back on a film set once again. What's more, I was even booked for a gangbang scene, which meant even more fun than usual! The movie title: Graduation Gangbang 2.

To be honest, a gangbang isn't really my cup of tea. In private I prefer one-to-one sex, or (perhaps at a push) a threesome. After all, I want to feel and experience my partners – not queue up and wait for a shag like you have to do in an orgy. We're not at a cash-till at Tesco!

All that said, a gangbang on a movie set is a really horny and rather amusing experience. As shooting a scene always takes several hours you have to have a hard-on all that time. Consequently there's always a lot of kissing, wanking and sucking between us models whilst we wait to stuff the bottom, who's lying waiting to be served.

On this occasion the bottom was a cute Belgian guy. Yeah, a Belgian stuffed by a load of Czechs! He was really looking forward to it and thoroughly enjoyed the whole shoot – well, almost all of it anyway. In fairness, he was a little bit of a vain guy – a bit of a "princess". Then again, aren't we all the same? Anyway, before shooting he told us all that he didn't want us to cum on his face at the end of the scene, but of course that was a big mistake!!! When a foreign guy tells us Czechs not to cum on his face we will definitely do exactly that – at least twice!!! As a result, the poor lad's face was soaked with cum by the time the scene finished, and what's more he couldn't even complain because the camera was running!

After the scene we Czechs all ran to the showers whilst the Belgian guy began to clean himself off with some towels. Second big mistake!!! After all, we all knew that the boiler for the showers wouldn't have enough water for all us models. As a result, the poor cum-soaked Belgian had to clean himself off with cold water – whilst the rest of us were all enjoying our first beers!

So you see, shooting a movie can be much more fun than filming my own self-produced solos or duos. And of course I shall post the first edits of that gangbang scene – together with some photos – on my site as soon as I have them.

Well, as summer has now finally arrived in Prague I'm changing my fitness routine, with much more biking and jogging, and less time in the gym. Needless to say it's much more fun to cycle with friends through the woods and across the mountains, and I'm surprised at how much weight you can lose whilst doing it. Indeed, one hour of cross-country cycling is much more efficient than 3 hours of weight-lifting.

OK, a friend of mine is already waiting for me outside my door with his bike... so that's what I'm off to do right now

Until next time, take care

Johan

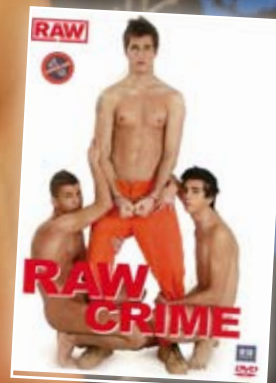
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△ EMO BOYS

The boys with the colourful hair and bright clothes prove that there is more to being an EMO boy than a look. Getting down and dirty with their mates, sucking and shagging and taking it in every position... just helps cement those youthful pleasures... and desires.

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Bathhouse the Musical

Join Billy as he visits the bathhouse for the first time. He's looking for love, but soon realizes that the other patrons are looking for...something a little more temporary!

This show is a musical comedy for mature audiences, with adult themes, language, and scantily clad men!

Above the Stag Theatre, London

8th September – 11th October

www.abovethestag.com



Cloud Nine

Love and hate, guns, sex, sin, class, cocks and frocks ... and that's all covered in the opening few scenes! Cloud Nine is about relationships – between women and men, men and men, women and women. Caryl Churchill describes her play as being about "...sex, work, mothers, Africa, power, children, grandmothers, politics, money, Queen Victoria and sex."

With Act One set in British Colonial Africa in the Victorian Age and Act Two set in 1979 "swinging London", this play really has now become something of a period piece. The production aims to tackle this, embrace it, and leave audiences wondering what our sexual rights, freedoms, and beliefs are in 2009 - are we like the free thinking 1970s or the repressed Victorians, are we somewhere in between, or have we moved forwards or even backwards.

The Union Theatre, SE1 1st - 26th September
Tel: 0207 261 9876
www.fandangotheatre.co.uk

Running with Pride

A record number of runners completed the London Pride Run 2009 on Saturday 15 August, with 704 runners crossing the line – up from 577 finishers in 2008.

The annual 10-kilometre (6.2-mile) run, which consists of three laps within the

beautiful Victoria Park in East London, is organised by London Frontrunners, Britain's largest lesbian and gay running club. The money raised from the event this year will go to support the work of London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard (LLGS), which provides much-needed support and information to the LGBT community and anyone who has any issues around sexuality. In 2009, LLGS has been celebrating 35 years of helping London out.



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ENJOY

Sandro & Maykson

The book's two authors; one is a photographer, the other one an art director and both of them are only in their mid-twenties have two slogans to live by -Live your lust! Don't care what people say or think about you! Their pictures are cleverly staged and excellently processed... they are sexy and jazzy, sometimes sweet, sometimes hearty, irresistible and so damn delicious! But the two young up-and-coming talents actually found a term that puts their whole concept in a nutshell even better: ENJOY.

£29.99 – Bruno Gmunder





► **LOVE, TORTURE AND REDEMPTION**

By Christopher Trevor

Nasty baddies, Otis and Cleeve, spread fear and torture around the BDSM scene as their sexual deviancy is on the rampage. Taking Masters and slaves to their own hideaway... they inflict terror, pain and a lasting impression on their unwilling victims. One Master is out to get revenge on them for what they did to his beloved 'boy'.

£10.99 – Nazca Plains

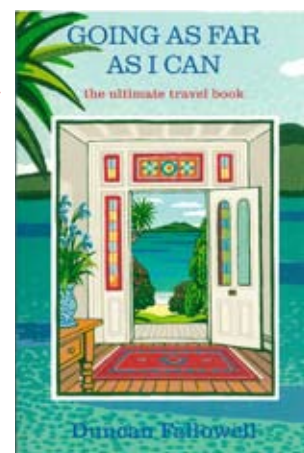


► **GOING AS FAR AS I CAN**

By Duncan Fallowell

When the author was left some money he decided to travel as far as possible from his home. In his journey he finds suicidal writers, painters, nuns, seas lions, puritanical Maoris and the ghosts of Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. He also tells of searching for sex and finding it underground (literally), and wanting to taste all racial types. An Odyssey of discovery for the reader and the author.

£8.99 – Profile Books

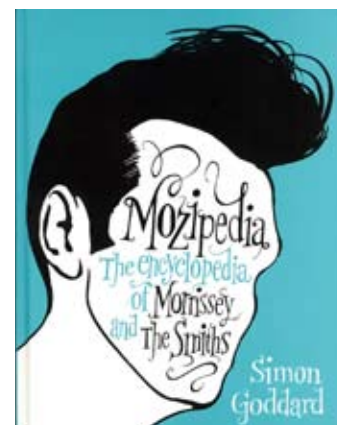


► **MOZIPEDIA**

By Simon Goddard

This is the definitive guide to everything you ever wanted to know about Morrissey and The Smiths but were afraid to ask. Worshipped by some, vilified by others, Steven Patrick Morrissey is a unique rock and roll creation. This 350,000 word Mozopedia is the most in-depth portrait of the man and his music.

£25 – Ebury Press

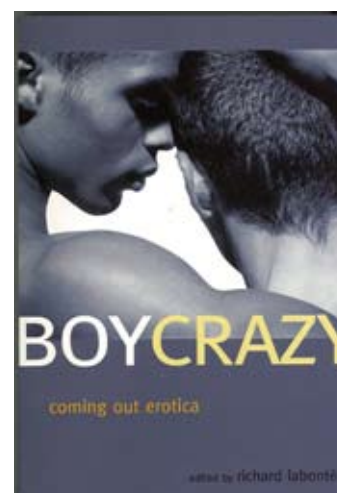


► **BOY CRAZY**

Edited by Richard Labonte

From the first time of feeling lust for another boy, to the first time of falling into bed with a peer and the first time of feeling love for another man. This collection of explicit stories relishes every moment of this experience and evokes all the trembling, heart-pounding, sweaty-palmed excitement, felt during that first time.

£10.99 – Cleis Press

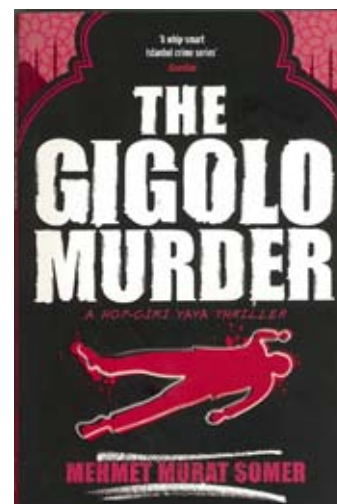


► **THE GIGOLO MURDER**

By Mehmet Murat Somer

Identifying with her hero, the demure Audrey Hepburn, doesn't stop this tranny with attitude from Thai boxing her enemies into submission as she goes in search of the killers of a big-dicked gigolo. Set in Istanbul and dressed to impress, our amateur sleuth digs deep for a motive... aided and abetted by her array of colourful tranny mates.

£7.99 – Serpant's Tail





GREEK PETE

Tell us about yourself.

I'm 27, my family are Greek but I grew up mainly in Bedford. I don't have a routine... I do anything I feel like doing that day.

What were your ambitions before becoming an escort?

I wanted to be Prime Minister until I was 15... I then found the gay scene.

Does the term Rent Boy offend you?

No, I think it's a beautiful name.

Have you been able to keep clients and relationships separate?

Most of the time but they have passed each other on the stairs a few times.

What is the most bizarre thing you've been asked to do?

Send a guy on a three hour tube journey.

Is there anything you simply won't do?

I don't do it anymore but when I did, I simply wouldn't have sex for free.

How did the film come about?

The director contacted me through gaydar and the whole thing just grew.

What has it led on to?

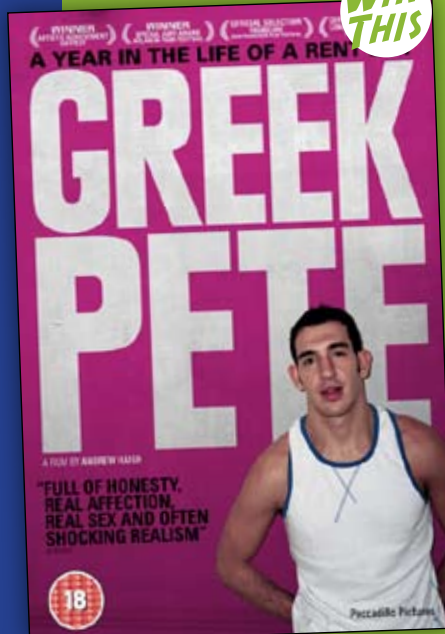
A series of obscure incidents.

Do you have a fetish. what is it?

I like council lads in sports wear and sexy boys in Armani suits.

What are your ambitions?

To become super rich and change the world!

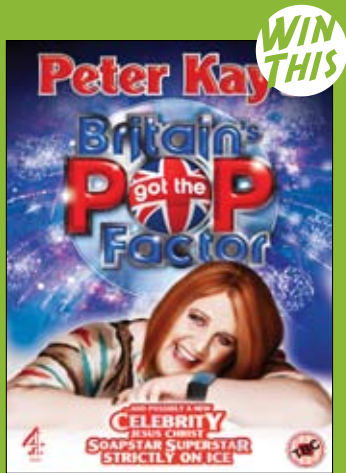


▲ GREEK PETE

Pete arrives in London with the hope of increasing his business as an escort, always up for it and always horny, a fantasy for those willing to pay. Not only is the money better in the big city, there are more opportunities to be had and Pete has goals and ambitions. He wants a flat in central London, a decent laptop and some good promotional photos to help with trade. If he works hard and becomes the best escort that he can be, perhaps a nomination at the 'World Escort Awards' in Los Angeles could be more than just a vague dream.

Out: 21st September - £15.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

To be in with a chance of winning this terrific DVD just answer this simple question: What is the capital of Greece?



▲ PETER KAY'S BRITAIN'S GOT THE POP FACTOR...

Written by and starring Peter Kay, his latest talent-show spoof centres on Geraldine McQueen (Kay), who hopes to make the big-time via a reality TV show. As the acts drop out one by one, we learn more about the finalists including a shocking secret that Geraldine was previously a man called Gerry King! Hosted by Cat Deeley, other finalists include R Wayne who is resurrected to perform in the show after his Grandmother dies when she discovers he has been voted out of the show. There's also the half paraplegic finalists 2 Up 2 Down, who have managed to make it to the final despite their hilarious back catalogue of personal tragedies. A brilliant piss take that had Cowell fuming... what better recommendation can you get than that.

Out: 28th September - £19.99 - 4DVD

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Complete this program title: Phoenix _____?

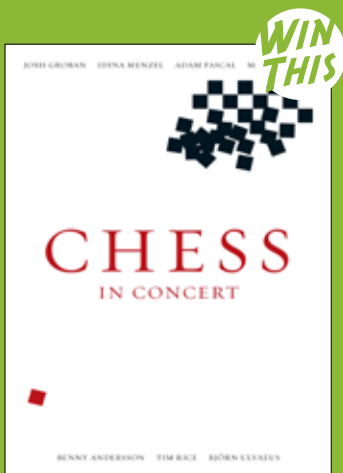


▲ SOUNDS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT

This is an affectionate comedy about the struggles of growing up, and the excitement and difficulties of being a kid. It follows the journey of 4 lovable losers from very different backgrounds and parts of the continent to Europe's biggest child song-writing contest; The Junior Eurovision. Over fifty years after all of Europe warred on the battlefield, Sounds like Teen Spirit celebrates children coming together with candidly open stories in a battle of songs and sequins, singing their 10-15 year old hearts out.

Out: 14th September - £17.99 - Warner Music Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning this terrific DVD just answer this simple question:
Who had a hit with 'Smells Like Teen Spirit'?



▲ CHESS

Chess (written by Tim Rice and Bjorn and Benny from ABBA) features the multi-platinum selling artist Josh Groban, Broadway's Idina Menzel (Wicked) Adam Pascal (RENT) chart topping Wet Wet Wet singer Marti Pellow as The Arbiter, the West End's Kerry Ellis (Wicked and We Will Rock You), Clarke Peters (Porgy and Bess, The Wire) and David Bedella (Jerry Springer, The Opera). Also featured were the Chess in Concert company, the 100 strong West End Chorus and the City of London Philharmonic, Sir Tim Rice introduced both performances to very enthusiastic audiences.

Out: 14th September - £19.99 - Warner Entertainment (also available on CDs)

To win a copy of this superb DVD all you have to do is answer this simple question:
Who had a hit with the song 'I know him so well' - Elaine Page and _____?



▲ FIGHTING

Small-town boy Shawn MacArthur (Channing Tatum) arrived in New York City with nothing. Struggling to earn a living selling counterfeit goods on the streets, his luck changes when a small-time hustler witnesses his natural talent for fighting. He offers Shawn the chance to make serious money by competing in underground street fights where he introduces him to the dark, corrupt and brutal bare-knuckle fighting circuit, where NYC's rich elite bet on fighters like disposable pawns. Shawn's fighting potential reveals itself and after a series of intense and violent bouts he becomes a star brawler.

Out: 28th September - DVD £19.99 Bluray £24.99 - Universal Pictures International Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning this terrific DVD just answer this simple question:
Complete the title of this Channing Tatum movie, A Guide to Recognizing Your _____



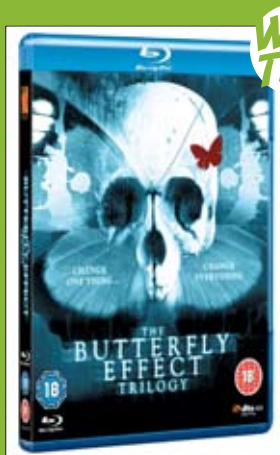
▲ THE ART OF BEING STRAIGHT

It's not easy being attracted to guys when you are stuck in a straight man's body... at least that's the hurdle Josh (hot newcomer Jesse Rosen) appears to face after he arrives in L.A. to begin a new life.

Surrounded by his exclusively hetero friends, Josh is more than happy to be a willing participant in their world of bars, booze and loose women - after all he has just come out of a long term relationship with a girl. But things start to get complicated after he begins work at an advertising agency, and meets Paul, a sexy ad director, who won't take 'straight' for an answer! Littered with smart dialogue and brilliantly subtle performances The Art of Being Straight is a savvy, comic story about the fluidity of sexuality and the bonds between people that transcend stereotype.

Out: 21st September - £14.99 - www.tlareleasing.co.uk

To be in with a chance of winning this terrific DVD just answer this simple question:
In California what does LA stand for?



▲ THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT 3- REVELATIONS

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What was Telstar? a. Planet, b. Moon c. Satellite

COMPETITION TIME
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10 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT JOSEPH GORDON-LEVITT

1. Made his film debut in 1992 alongside Brad Pitt in Robert Redford's *A River Runs Through It*.
2. Earned two Hollywood Reporter Young Star Awards for the hit television series *3rd Rock from the Sun*.
3. Won the Golden Space Needle Award (Seattle Film Festival) for Best Actor for his portrayal as a gay hustler in *Mysterious Skin*.
4. Attended, but did not graduate from, Columbia University in New York, where he studied French.
5. Plays the guitar.
6. Auditioned for the role of Elder Aaron Davis in gay hit movie *Latter Days* (2003) before winning the role of Elder Paul Ryder.
7. His maternal grandfather was Michael Gordon, who directed such films as *Cyrano de Bergerac* (1950) and *Pillow Talk* (1959).
8. Appeared in a preschool production of *Wizard of Oz*.
9. Among his favorite movies are *Dumbo* and *Vérités et mensonges* (*F For Fake*).
10. Starred in this summer's *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* as The Doctor but was also the voice of the Cobra Commander.

This month gay-friendly indie kid turn Hollywood hunk, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, stars in the superb romantic comedy drama *(500) Days Of Summer* out on 2nd September.



▲ DISTRICT 9

Out: 4th September

A film classic and highly original take of aliens coming to earth. Based on a short film directed by Neill Blomkamp, *District 9* is his feature length documentary style look at what happens when an alien spacecraft loses its way and arrives above Johannesburg, South Africa. It hovers above the city for three months without any contact; eventually humans take the initiative and cut into the ship. They discover a large group of aliens who are malnourished and sick. The creatures, called "prawns" as a derogatory reference to the sea creature which they resemble, are housed in a government camp. Now the authorities want to move them 200 miles away. Already a box office smash in the USA, this is a must-see film event.



▲ JULIE & JULIA

Out: 15th September

Based on Julie Powell's book *Julie & Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen*. Julie Powell recounts how she conquered every recipe in Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* and saved her soul. Julie Powell is 30-years-old, living in a rundown apartment in Queens and working at a soul-sucking secretarial job that's going nowhere. She needs something to break the monotony of her life, and she invents a deranged assignment. She will take her mother's dog-eared copy of Julia Child's 1961 classic *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, and she will cook all 524 recipes in the span of one year. Starring Meryl Streep in yet another crowd-pleasing role.



▲ **DORIAN GRAY**

Out: 15th September

The adaptation of Oscar Wilde's infamous gothic novel is a little disappointing. A beautiful but naive young Dorian Gray (Ben Barnes) arrives in Victorian London to be swept into a social whirlwind by the charismatic Henry Wotton (Colin Firth), who introduces Dorian to the hedonistic pleasures of the city. Henry's friend, society artist Basil Hallward (Ben Chaplin) paints a portrait of Dorian to capture the full power of his youthful beauty and when it's unveiled Dorian makes a flippant pledge: he would give anything to stay as he is in the picture - even his soul. Dorian's wild adventures continue, but soon he notices that his portrait, which is now locked away in the attic, has taken on an evil and disturbing air, while his own beautiful face goes unmarked by his deeds. Forced by his own evil actions to flee the country, Dorian returns twenty-five years later and looks exactly the same but he's jaded, having found pleasure but never happiness and he's haunted by the monstrous painting in the attic.



▲ **BORN IN '68**

Out: 25th September

An epic drama (173 minutes!) about life and sexual politics in France in the late '60s, *Born in '68* stars actress and super model Laetitia Casta. Catherine, Yves and Hervé are 20 years old. They are students and they love each other. The infamous Paris revolts in May turn their lives upside down. Filled with a sense of communal utopia, along with a few friends, they move to an abandoned farm in the countryside. However, the years of free love are short-lived, as their ambitions and pursuit of personal fulfillment leads to choices that will tear them apart. Flash to 1989, Catherine and Yves' children are young, excitable adults who embody a world very different to the one their parents were borne from. Between the end of Communism and the explosion of AIDS, cracks begin to appear in the militant heritage that moulded the generation before them. *Born in '68* is a beautifully shot saga that boldly looks at politics, society and love from generation to generation.

FILM BUZZ

Sam Raimi and star Tobey Maguire will be back for *Spider-Man 4*, which will begin production early next year for a proposed May 2011 release, but will they stick around for the now announced *Spider-Man 5* and *Spider-Man 6*, which Sony have hired someone to write the screenplays for?

Anne Rice's *Vampire Chronicles* have seen a couple of big-screen incarnations. The first was Neil Jordan's *Interview with the Vampire*, which starred Brad Pitt as Louis and Tom Cruise as the immortal vampire Lestat de Lioncourt. Now the latest rumour is that the stories will once again be filmed with Robert Downey Jr. to play the vampire Lestat.

Carey Mulligan (Britain's latest "it" star, in next month's brilliant *An Education*) has joined the cast of *Oliver Stone's Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps* as the estranged daughter to disgraced corporate titan Gordon Gekko played once again by Michael Douglas who won an Oscar for playing the same character in the 1987 original. Also starring are Shia LaBeouf and Frank Langella. And possibly hunky Josh Brolin as a villainous hedge funder.

Bryan Singer is set to produce and possibly direct a brand-new *Battlestar Galactica* feature film. Singer is best known for directing the first two films in the *X-Men* franchise as well as *The Usual Suspects* and more recently the Tom Cruise starrer *Valkyrie* and let's not forget the so-so *Superman*.

Britain's most famous director brothers Ridley and Tony Scott are bringing back *Aliens*. The latest film in the franchise will be a prequel to the original, *Alien...* in which the crew of the space freighter *Nostromo* falls prey to a vicious creature that had gestated inside one of the ill-fated crew members.

There is a rumour going around that the new *Hobbit* films, under the guidance of Peter Jackson directed by Guillermo del Toro - due to start filming early next year - may in fact be a trilogy. It is already known the story will be told in at least two films.



▲ **AWAY WE GO**

Out: 18th September

Directed by Academy Award winner Sam Mendes (*American Beauty*) this funny and heartfelt film follows the journey of an expectant couple (John Krasinski from *The Office* and Maya Rudolph from *Saturday Night Live*), as they travel the U.S. in search of the perfect place to put down roots and raise their family. Along the way, they have misadventures and find fresh connections with an assortment of relatives and old friends who just might help them discover "home" on their own terms for the first time. A terrific romantic film that takes the piss out of the USA, provides plenty of laughs and a sprinkle of tears, definitely worth seeing.



▲ **THREE MILES NORTH OF MOLKOM**

Out: 18th September

Perhaps the year's most enjoyable documentary. *Three Miles North Of Molkom* is about the two-week, comic-come-karmic adventures of a "Sharing Group" who meet at Angsbacka; a 21st century playground for adults. We follow a middle aged mojo-worn lothario, a Swedish Pop star, a Hawaiian hippy, an emotional Finnish Grandma and, above all, Nick, a mouthy back-packing Aussie rugby coach (who definitely stumbled into the wrong party). Alongside a thousand others and set amidst the lush Swedish forest, a uniquely intensive program of Shamanic experiences and adult games, guides our unlikely heroes towards love, loathing, hilarity and themselves.



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Who would think South America was a hotbed of avant garde underwear design? Well, its true - take a look at the latest additions to the Deadgoodundies.com portfolio. Joe Snyder landed in the UK from Mexico and promptly flew out and Ergowear's anatomical undies, representing Chile, are a constant favourite. Then from Colombia, already represented by Mundo Unico, Triple XXX and Clever, there came Gigo and Gia, which DGU founder Adam Davies says are both instant hits. "South American designers really understand men's bodies. The fit is defined and different, always sexy, often creating a subtle boost. You have to see the Gigo fashion jockstraps to believe them. South American colours and prints are out of this world, guaranteed to raise a smile... and possibly more?"



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Getting Started—Rethink Your Muscle Groups

To achieve maximum benefit in just 30 minutes per day, you need to rethink what muscles you work, and when. Most guys work their whole body over the course of three to four days spaced through the week. For example, they do a traditional split—back and triceps, chest and biceps, legs and shoulders—with recovery and/or cardio days in between. That's fine, and if you want to stay with that, I can offer lots more programmes on my website www.jarrettjames.co.uk to keep you going. However, those programmes are also from my experience, more time-consuming workout regimens, often taking 90 or more minutes per day.

For your 30-minute workout programme, I suggest you organize your muscles into two groups, which you will work out three times per week on alternating days. Below are the programme basics:

* On day one of the programme, you'll do quick circuits of chest, biceps, shoulders, and legs.

* On day two of the programme, you'll do back, triceps, and core.

* With very little rest between exercises, your strength-training programme will double as a cardio workout, which you'll extend by doing 15 minutes of intense cardio immediately after you lift weights.

* You'll alternate days one and two through the week, mixing in different exercises to ensure variation. This will keep your muscles from acclimating to specific exercises. You'll take the seventh day off entirely.

Multi-tasking at the Gym

Three sets of 3 exercises and 15 minutes of cardio may sound like a lot to do in just a half hour. However, that's only because many exercise programmes are so inefficient. For example, to help build big strong shoulders, you probably do dumbbell presses—who doesn't? But the shoulder press is a single primary

muscle exercise—it isolates one muscle group, and works it hard. Why not try a front lunge with shoulder press instead? You want to work more than one muscle group at a time. That means multiple-plane exercises, multiple-joint exercises, and closed kinetic chain exercises."

Multiple-plane exercises make you move in more than one direction at once (for an example, Alternate Stepback Lunges with Plate Twist). Multiple-joint exercises work more than one joint (or point of muscle attachment) at a time (for example, Dumbbell Squat and Press). Closed kinetic chain exercises make you use your own body weight as resistance. Examples of these include push-ups, sit-ups, knee tucks, and hyper back extensions.

SAMPLE EXERCISE PLAN:

You'll do three sets of 10 to 12 repetitions for each exercise, using an amount of weight that makes you reach fatigue at the end of the set. Fatigue is the point at which you could do another repetition, but not while maintaining good form. It will take a different amount of weight to reach this point for each exercise, so you'll have to recalculate your weight for each new exercise.

Vary the Exercises

After your second day, you'll go back to day one and do another day of chest, biceps, shoulders, and legs. Don't do the same exercises you did previously, just ask a fitness advisor who are always glad to help you with new exercises, there often around the gym floor some where for a selection of exercise check out my site www.jarrettjames.co.uk exercises to come up with or ask for are other multi-plane, multi-joint, and closed kinetic chain exercises. If you're not sure, just ask yourself this question: Will it work at least two of the muscle groups I need to work today? If the answer is yes - consider adding it to your workout.

Recovery

You should limit your recovery time between sets of each exercise to no more than one minute. Between exercises, you can have a whopping two minutes—just enough time to enable you to move to your next exercise and set up. By keeping your recoveries short, you keep yourself in a continuous aerobic zone, so your weightlifting sets become cardio as well. Limiting your rest time has additional benefits. Quick recoveries train your body to cope with the lactic acid you generate during muscle breakdown. By increasing your tolerance for lactic acid, you train your muscles to buffer against its fatiguing effects. This will, over time, raise the amount of lactic acid required to make you feel fatigued—and thus the amount of weight you can lift in a set. Just by shortening your recovery time (within reason), you contribute to muscle building.

Frequency and Cardio

The programme budgets 30 to 40 seconds per set of each exercise, one minute between sets, and two minutes between exercises. This leaves you 15 minutes for intense cardio. Following your weight sets, head straight to cardio, and do intense—sprints and hills on the bike, for example, will train speed and endurance simultaneously. On the days you work your shoulders, you can go for boxing a boxing bag or pad work this would be a supplement; on the back and core days, you might do a series of intervals on the rower. In other words, tailor your cardio to complement the muscles you're working when you strength train.

Good luck boyz!



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COMPETITION TIME
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Fallen

The [✓] Angel of the North



By Lee Hudson

The city of Durham, perched strategically on a bend in the River Wear with its huge Gothic cathedral and castle, has gained Heritage status, which means it is a 'must-visit' destination on any tourist agenda. This small picturesque metropolis is filled to bursting point in term time as fifteen thousand students take full advantage of the educational possibilities offered by its ancient and well-respected university. However, for me, one other added lure of this small but concise piece of 'historical UK' is a rather special hotel.

The Grade 2 building that houses the Fallen Angel Hotel in the city centre is a quirky concept, well executed. Ten differently themed rooms, each with its own charm and personality; from sublime white extravagance like the Russian Bride suite, to the sheer fun of the Sci-Fi room - where you walk through Doctor Who's Tardis to get to the bathroom... and a Cyberman watches as you take a bath. Some rooms have hot tubs, others have saunas... all have steam room and shower facilities. The décor and fittings are high quality and you can instantly see where the £2million plus budget has gone on this fabulous creation. From the grass carpet and shed in Le Jardin apartment to the skyline of Manhattan in the New York Loft apartment, there's always something original lurking with a twist to make your stay that much more memorable.

Owner John Marshall has seen huge demand in couples wanting to use the hotel as a quirky backdrop to their gay wedding and he says he has lots of interest from gay couples wanting a romantic break. They will love it. You can have your own cinema in the Premiere Suite to show over and over again on the big screen that special DVD you've been saving for just such an occasion ... while eating fresh popcorn from the in-room dispenser.

The whole ethos of the hotel is... allow yourself a little indulgence... allow yourself to have fun... allow yourself the chance to try something different. The restaurant is less extravagant but with no let up in service or the quality of the menu. Both breakfast and evening meals were tasty affairs and I wanted to try everything that was on offer... perhaps on my next visit!

If you're fed up with the drudgery and sameness of the main hotel chains, or wanting something really different for that special occasion... the Fallen Angel will be a wonderful revelation and somewhere I suspect you'll be talking about for quite a while after your visit.

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REYKJAVIK PRIDE

Words and photos: Mark Hawkins

Although not necessarily the place you would imagine to have a gay pride, Reykjavik in Iceland certainly puts on one hell of a show with its annual four-day extravaganza. The island is very liberal, with an out and vocal lesbian Prime Minister, and this kind of attitude clearly shows with almost 20% of the country's population in attendance.

Like many such events around the world, Iceland Pride has various attractions to attend. However, one I particularly enjoyed was a Queer Cruise, and no, it's not what you are thinking. It's an evening cruise around the capital's bay overseen by Iceland's only openly gay sea captain. You don't really need to find your sea legs as you're dancing all the way out to Puffin Island and back. It was great fun and offered an opportunity to see the city from a different perspective.

Pride, being the country's third biggest event of the year, has a lot of effort put into the parade with themed floats; Dykes on Bikes, Drag Queens, a Gay Football team and entertainers from the bars and clubs from around the city. It seems that everyone wants to be involved and makes for a fantastic atmosphere. Reykjavik is a very cosmopolitan capital and nearly all the

bars and restaurants had a 'Welcome Pride' banner and special offers for the event. The locals say that there is a happy mix in the capital so everyone goes where they want without much trouble. However, I found my way to Club Barbara, which is as camp as tits (they just love pink) to meet up with all the cuties that had found their way to celebrate their gayness. Mind you, it was strange leaving at three in the morning with a 'special friend' and you're almost blinded by the brightness. This time of year (weather permitting), you get almost 24 hours of daylight.

For me what separates this Pride event in this most northerly of capitals, is the fantastic scenery and the genuineness of the people.

If you fancy a break from the norm and the idea of a trip to Iceland (not the supermarket) tickles your fancy, I would recommend this destination for a weekend break, or a week for the more adventurous gays at heart.

More info on the next Reykjavik Pride www.gaypride.is

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Reykjavik the capital, although small in size compared to major cities in the UK, does cater for tourists with a wide selection of hotels and hostels throughout the city and even campsites for the more adventurous gays!

Centerhotels Arnarhvoll, based in downtown Reykjavik close to the Old Harbour is situated just a few short minutes walk from the centre. The hotel offers modern Scandinavian designed rooms over 7 floors. The 8th floor, which is the home for the restaurant, offers fantastic views of the mountains and waterside. Arnarhvoll also offers a wellness area where you can unwind. (This is at an additional cost)

The main shopping street in Reykjavik Laugavegur offers tourists a diverse selection of stores ranging from food to clothes to a camp little Christmas shop that is open all year round. Unlike the UK, many of the stores do not trade Sundays therefore, the main street can feel slightly deserted. Don't worry about not speaking Icelandic as English is widely spoken across the country.

A wide range of restaurants are available across this picturesque city including Subway for the not so adventurous to Fiskfelagio a fish restaurant situated just off the old square. The restaurant offers a selection of dishes from fish and meat using Icelandic herbs and spices from around Iceland. A set menu is around 7.900ISK (£35pp)

I would recommend the Reykjavik welcome card, which is available from the tourist information offices throughout

the city and is available for 24, 48 and 72 hours duration. The card offers free city transportation, free admissions to art galleries, museums, geothermal swimming pools also tour and shopping discounts.

The capital isn't the main draw though. Oh no. Iceland has some really fantastic excursions to, almost unseen, areas of incredible beauty. It has some of the best spas... for those who love a bit of muddy pampering and of course there's the world famous Blue Lagoon. This hydro-spa, whose hot and mineral enriched waters offer both a tonic and a surreal place to wallow, has to be one of the most iconic destinations for visitors.

The currency is Icelandic Kronor, which is not available for exchange in the UK. However, there are cash points in Keflavik airport where money can be easily accessed. It maybe useful to carry an up to date currency converter to assist with your spending (Approx 200 ISK to the 1 GBP)

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Indeed, this wonderfully walkable city is crammed with things to do and see, including its unique and famous well-nigh complete City Walls, with their "Wishing Steps"; the canal and locks; The Rows (two-tier shopping galleries dating from the Middle Ages); the Cathedral; Roman Amphitheatre and old-stone-brimming Roman Gardens; historic Roodee racecourse; and even the second-most-photographed clock in Britain after Big Ben - the Eastgate Clock.

There are a whole host of walking tours, two of the best of which are History Hunter, which traces 2,000 years of action-packed history from the 20th Roman Legion building Fortress Deva to repel Welsh Tribes, through William the Conqueror's armies building a Norman strong-hold, to Cromwell's troops besieging Royalist forces in the town, during the English Civil War; and A Taste

of Chester www.tastecheshire.com including samples of local produce from around the region - and not just cheese!

Feet too tired? Then hop on a live-commentary CitySightseeing bus, Apr-Oct. Or take a river cruise on a ChesterBoat (www.chesterboat.co.uk), running throughout the day, throughout the year - a relaxing 30 minutes afloat, journeying up and down the River Dee, beneath the Suspension Bridge, past Grosvenor Park and The Groves, following the long sweep of The Meadows.

Chester is by no means purely a city of the past. It can offer up-to-the-minute entertainment and excellent shopping facilities - plus loads of young hotties, on an emerging gay scene!

TO STAY & EAT

The Queen (City Road, Chester; T: 01244 305 000; www.feathers.uk.com/queen/) - The 4-star gay-wooing aptly-named Queen is one of the finest hotels in the north of England, close to Chester railway station plus all scene 'n sights. This whole grand affair - that has hosted Charles Dickens, Lilly Langtry and Cecil Rhodes over the years - also boasts highly creative and contemporary, oft camp and tastefully kitsch, design. In 2008, the Queen became the largest hotel in Chester - through the creation of the "Kings at the Queen", a superb conversion of an adjacent building into a further 87 super-deluxe suites and an executive lounge, bar and restaurant. Enjoy afternoon tea in the magnificently restored Albert Lounge; a pre dinner drink in the Waiting Room Bar; or a full meal experience in the King Quarters bar and restaurant; or just chill with a drink on one of the two Italian terraces! Some of the sexiest hotel staff in town too!

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TO BOOZE 'N CRUISE

The student-thronging gay scene is clustered neatly in or near the Old Town centre...

Bars & Clubs

Liverpool Arms, a.k.a. "The LA" (79 Northgate street; T: 01244 310 232) - Traditional gay pub of over 20 years' standing. Recently refurbished, and friendly; a good warm-up to Bar 6T9.

Bar 6T9 (1 Boughton; T: 01244 313 608; www.myspace.com/bar69official) - Main gay venue, just east of centre, open 'til 2am most nights, closed Tues. Usual diet of karaoke, plus weekend DJs.

Sauna

Dolphin Sauna (129 Mount Road, New Brighton, Wirral, Merseyside; T: 0151 630 1516; www.dolphinsauna.co.uk) - Closest steamery, nearer Liverpool than Chester though!

Taking airs

Old City Wall - Section due north east of Cathedral; also the adjoining small triangular wooded area hemmed in by canal, walls and car park. As ever, beware!

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Chester is just 2 hours away from London Euston, and even closer from other major UK cities, by Virgin Trains: www.virgintrains.co.uk

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CITY HOMO

RICH IN CULTURE AND SPECTACULARLY SCULPTURED OUT OF ITS HISTORY, BERLIN IS ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST POPULAR CITY-BREAKS. ADAM TAMSETT CHECKS OUT IF IT REALLY DOES HAVE ONE OF THE MOST LIBERAL AND COSMOPOLITAN GAY SCENE'S AROUND.

A hotspot for new ideas, hedonism and hippies, the German capital is the perfect getaway – a trendsetting city in every sense that is guaranteed to engage. From the Brandenburg Gate to the colourful cafés and fashion houses in the East, if one thing's for sure, you can never be bored, and you'll embrace a city that doesn't shy away from its chequered past.

Obvious reminders remain on the streets as you can see various restored remnants of the old Berlin Wall at a few locations around the city, and the wall's former path is marked in the floor throughout the city.

The new DDR museum (www.ddr-museum.de) takes a light-hearted approach to East German socialism with an interesting collection of artefacts and everyday items including the 'Trabi' – almost the only car that you could get your hands on in East Germany before the break-up, and gives a fascinating insight into the not-so-distant past.

Thankfully, gay Berlin is not hard to find. They have a gay mayor, a gay museum and some of the most pro-homo laws in the land.

Most of the activity is around two main areas. Around Nollendorfplatz, you'll find what's locally described as the Rainbow Village lined with pubs, bars and restaurant. Amongst them is Tom's Hotel (www.toms-hotel.de) which is one of Berlin's longest established gay bars, with a loyal local following. Author Christopher Isherwood used to live in the neighbourhood where he was inspired to write the material for the musical, 'Cabaret', and it's easy to see why!

Contemporary hangout Blond is one of the best chill-out bars in the area, with cocktails and a modern but friendly atmosphere. Off the beaten gay track, in the district of Mitte, the tiny but fun Betty F*** bar is one of the most unique bars I've experienced. Themed after former first Lady, Betty Ford, the bar has a unique style and décor have to be sampled on any trip.

Berlin's club scene is mainly focussed on a number of themed nights throughout the city. Amongst the regular venues, are Haus B (www.dashausb.de) which is the city's cult venue for the younger crowd and mega-disco atmosphere make it one of the Berlin's most crowded venues. Top European DJs make Berghain (www.berghain.de) the favourite club for electro music fans, and is housed in a gigantic former power station.

Berlin's real shopping strength are the quirky outlets found mainly in the former East half of the city where you'll find trendy Berlin fashion labels like Eisdiele and Thatchers. In Mauerpark, you'll find a range of retro 60s/70s gear in independent boutiques.

If more high-street fashion is your thing, then the area around Wittenburgplatz has many of the chain stores you'd expect, alongside Europe's second largest department store after Harrods, KaDeWe, which could easily entertain you for an afternoon or more. On the ground floor is the Luxury Boulevard featuring Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Cartier, and the spectacular sixth and seventh floor host a luxury delicatessen the size of two football pitches.

Next to Ka-De-We is the superbly converted Ellington Hotel (www.ellington-hotel.com). The hotel offers a great way to see the city in real style with its classic minimalist white interior. Like everything in this city, the building has had many changing faces. From wartime ballroom and jazz to club to bank at the fall of the Berlin Wall, such greats as Louis Armstrong and Lou Reed have played here, and this jazz theme carries on throughout the hotel with art and many original features still conserved. The hotel is the ideal base for a weekend break.

For those on a cheaper budget, the gay-owned Le Moustache pension (www.lemoustache.de) offers a friendly welcome from host Günther. Its central location allows you to experience many sights in the city centre by foot.



Brighton Pride 2009

by ChrisGeary.com

It's always a great day out and one of the best gay pride festivals in the UK. Unlike the other big ones in London, Birmingham and Manchester, the festival is held in a park with real grass to sit on and bushes to pee in. Yes Brighton is the original "party in the park". Brighton has the highest ratio of gay people in the UK and the gay pride day is officially the cities busiest day of the year. You can always guarantee its going to be a great day out.

The day starts off quite early with people meeting at 10am by the pier on the seafront, the carnival parade then starts at 11am and takes about 2 hours to reach Preston Park where the festival kicks into overdrive. An estimated 100,000 people attended this year and from our own experience of walking the parade route it was one of the busiest ever. Being in the parade is for us one of the best parts of the day, more people should think ahead and organise a float or dress up and walk the route. It's so much better than just watch from the pavements! Just as the parade came to an end the heavy rain that was due to tip down all day

arrived. The massive Wild Fruit dance tent holds 6,000 people, which is mega big! However it doesn't make much fun for the other 90,000 people that are left in the rain with no shelter. Someone tell Paul Kemp he needs to get a bigger tent! LOL

Brighton Pride is a charity which helps promote equality and diversity, and advances education to eliminate gay discrimination. The free summer festival and parade which is the main event to raise awareness of these issues costs upwards of £300,000 to take place. This year due to bad weather fundraising bucket collectors were very short and they are £50,000 short. The shortfall puts a question mark over whether it will be possible to mount a free event on the same scale in 2010, unless substantial funds are generated.

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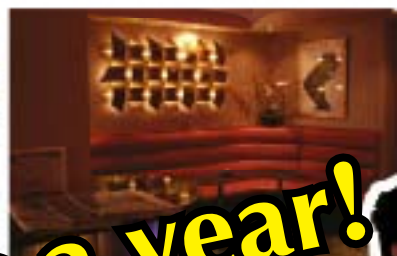
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CLUB OF THE MONTH

THE ICON RETURNS

NO.1 CLUB set to stretch the boundaries of village life embracing Manchester's thriving gay community.

The City's premier gay club of the 1980's is making a comeback and is being updated for the 21st Century. The famous No.1 Club is getting ready to return with a bang on the 25th September - Manchester you have been warned.

The new club, which for the last seven years has been the iconic One Central Street, will offer a new exciting addition to the eclectic scene.

The venue will become the ultimate glamorous disco, fit for the North's most famous gay club night Federation to take over the dance floor for a brand new, regular Saturday night slot.

Federation presents Freak Show will be a dirty, twisted manifestation of the UK's biggest house night, revellers should expect weird and wonderful costumes and full club decoration.

25th September will be the VIP launch night, sure to be a glamorous affair as the decks are taken over by Mirror Mirror Club, the infamous night for hookers, lookers, trannies and truckers. Fast becoming a Manchester favourite, the real Queen of England, Miss Jodie Harsh, is lined to grace the decks with inimitable style and catty banter. The night will then move from its regular slot at Purple Pussycat to take up a residency at the No. 1 Club on the last Friday of every month.

Ross Mackenzie, owner of No.1 Club, comments:

"I am really excited about this huge new beginning for us, my aim is to work with new and exciting club nights that draw in the crowds and continue to surprise. Now is the time for something different - and the No.1 Club promises to be just that."

Shaun Wilson, the man behind Federation comments:

"We are proud to be asked to host the No.1 Club's flagship Saturday night with our new spin-off brand from Federation 'Freakshow'. We are blown away by the plans for the club and looking forward to giving Saturday nights an exciting and original concept featuring our trademark music policy together with jaw-dropping entertainment!"

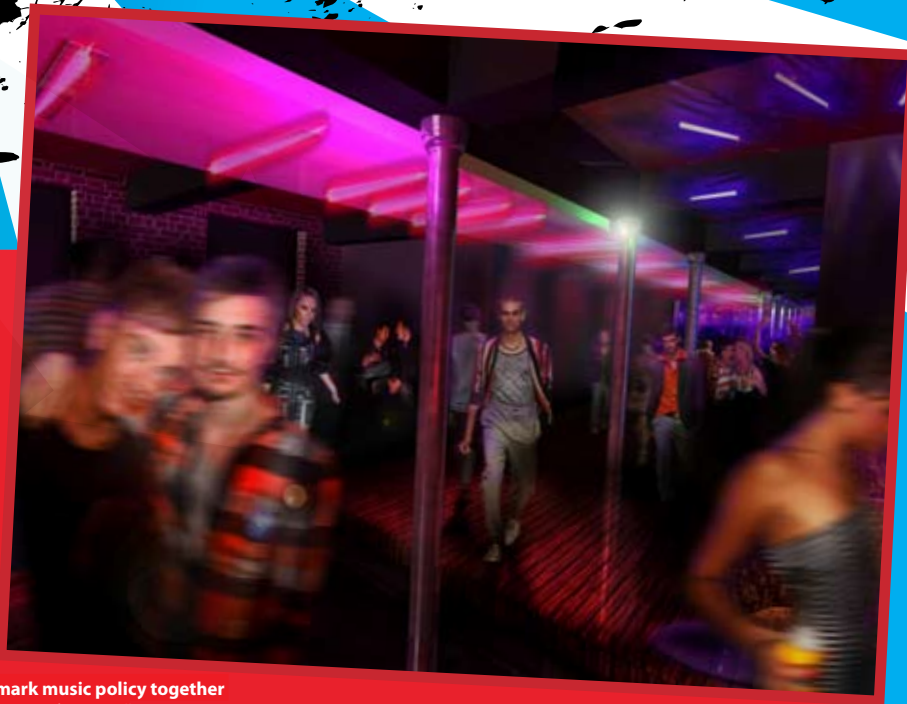
The original No. 1 Club was a huge part of Manchester's clubbing heyday running from 1983 to 1989, with chief resident and clubland legend, Tim Lennox overseeing nights filled with raving and misbehaving.

From teddy bear's picnics and beach parties to the famous Whiter than White party where the entire club was filled with empty Persil bottles the No. 1 Club was at the epicentre of 1980's gay clubbing in Manchester.

Original owner of No. 1 Club, Jeff Bibby comments

"I have some fabulous memories from the No.1 Club. It was a fantastic time for everyone involved and I am really excited to seeing it back and busy again. I shall make sure I am one of the first to go through the doors to see what the old place looks like after a glitzy facelift.

"I feel that the No.1 Club has a special place in the hearts of Manchester gay clubbers and to



see it back in business again is a real treat and one that we should really embrace as a community."

The new No. 1 club will pay homage to the legacy of the original No. 1 Club with nights dedicated to the club's rich history as well as new nights guaranteed to get the Manchester gay scene excited.

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Thursday 24th Sep

Back2Back

Events kick-off with a huge Back2Back School Disco with Cruz and Poptastic jumping into bed together for Gay Manchester's only Thursday night event.

John Hamilton will be in charge of the main floor playing Pop, Disco, Dance & RnB party anthems. Downstairs in Sub, Rob James plays Funky & Electro House for all those rebellious types!

VS & Carlsberg bottles are just £1.50, Premium Doubles £3.80, Double Vodbull £4.20 making your pocket money stretch that bit further.

Keep an eye on the website for a host of Thursday night P.A.'s.

Friday 25th Sep

Big Gay Friday

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Saturday 26th Sep

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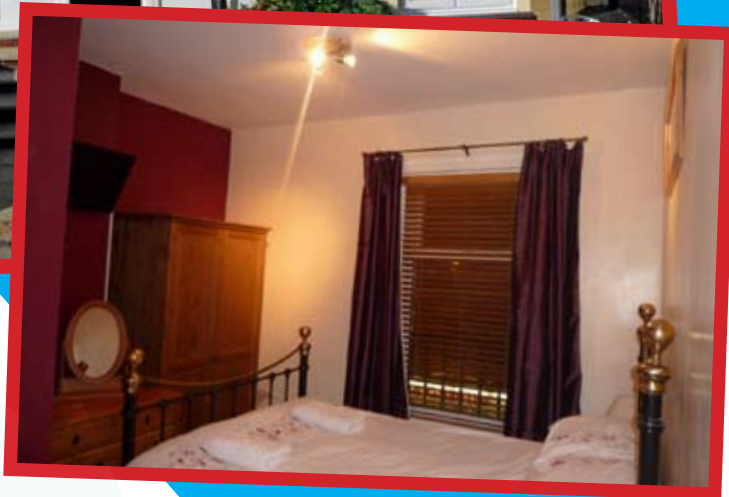
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Mission will be re-launching on Saturday 19th September with a completely new line-up of events including Space Ibiza presenting their 20th Anniversary tour on the opening night to set the tone for some truly mammoth line-ups for the months ahead. Saturday nights will now house some of the most respected clubbing brands in Europe, including Space Ibiza, Hed Kandi and Bitch from Manchester alongside some of Leeds' biggest and most loved brands including BacktoSpace, Hectik and a new night from Alex Simmons (Habit) and Ray Chan (Candy Pants) called Vivid.

Weekday line-up in Mission includes the hugely successful student session Full Moon on Thursdays alongside newcomer Flaunt on Tuesdays, where you can expect road blocks as per the last couple of years... and amazingly cheap drinks offers.

New Friday sessions will be presented by the UK's biggest urban brand 'Lovedough', who have some very exciting R&B line-ups heading your way to accompany our amazing drinks offers of 'all drinks £2.50' all night long.

Also new, is our mini club within a club (Mission 2) that will house our smaller nights including the ultra pink 'Homo' and 'BackDoorDisco' session on Mondays and Saturdays respectively. Mission 2 will have its own separate entrance on Briggate (between The Viaduct and Stone Roses bar) and will feature its own dance arena and terrace area. Also housed in Mission 2 will be the new weekly after-hours session 'Uber' which will run every Saturday night/Sunday morning from 4am until 9am.

The weekly line-up is as follows:

Mondays: Homo in Mission 2

Tuesdays: Flaunt (Mission and Mission 2)

Wednesdays: Closed

Thursdays: Full Moon (Mission and Mission 2)

Fridays: Lovedough (Mission and Mission 2)

Saturdays (Mission) 1st in month: Vivid

2nd in month: Bitch

3rd: Hectik

4th: BacktoSpace

Last: Hed Kandi

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From the re-opening, BDD will be housed in Mission 2, a new space inside the club, which includes the massive dance arena and an outside terrace with an entrance on Lower Briggate. Despite the changes, clubbers can still expect the best weekend party experience in Leeds with free shots from the Back Door Disco boys and girls, legendary mix masters Scott Kelly and Philip James on the decks along with the hottest gay talent in the city.

Homo will also be taking up residence at Mission 2 every Monday with an improved format making it bigger and better than before. The very best in bubblegum pop and commercial house will still be on offer from the in-house DJs but look out for more on-the-night entertainment and freebies from big brand sponsors.

If that wasn't enough, Back Door Disco will also be hosting the city's official gay freshers' party on Saturday 3rd October. Attitude magazine has teamed up with Mission for the night and will be providing copies of their latest issue to the best dressed clubbers. Make sure you don't miss the opportunity to check out Leeds' latest intake. For more information head to www.backdoordisco.com



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IT'S SHOWTIME!

The Viaduct Showbar is now well and truly established as the place to see the best of British entertainment. Having had top drag queens and international strippers perform, they are now booking some even more fantastic acts to entertain throughout September and October.

On Sunday, they offer a 3-course roast lunch followed by a live cabaret act.

The name of the Viaduct has been on everyone's lips as the resident drag performers have appeared at nearly every regional Pride event, looking gorgeous and singing a selection of show tunes. Miss Carla Jackson is now working on a new show based on the 'magic of the musicals' and this will of course include some sensational show-stopping numbers.

The venue is going from strength to strength, attracting both a hard-core regular fan base and an ever-increasing number of new customers.

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LEEDS PRIDE!

The organisers of Leeds 4th Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Pride are celebrating after record numbers of revellers turned out to this year's event. Tom Doyle, Chair of the Leeds LGBT Pride planning group said, 'It's been a fantastic day, with over 17,000 people turning out it has exceeded all our expectations. The acts were superb and the weather held out for us too.' He added, 'An event of this size is made possible through the efforts of almost a hundred volunteers, the expertise of the Leeds City Councils City Centre events team and the generosity of our sponsors especially Real Radio'

The massive crowds were entertained for over 3 hours in Millennium Square by top local and national acts including Jade Ewan, Preston, the Yeah Yous and the fantastic Frankmusik. The unfurling of a 100ft rainbow flag marked the beginning of the centrepiece of the day - a parade thorough the city centre adding a whole lot of glamour and glitz to Leeds' Sunday streets. Flamboyant floats with themes as diverse as Movies through the Ages to 'Stiletto Ghetto' and more drag queens than you could shake a boa at were joined by thousands of other Leeds LGBT folk, their families, friends and well wishers.

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The loft will remain open for all your favourite club nights. You can be assured Monday "Manic Mondays", Thursday "Pink Pounder" and our Friday & Saturday Cheesy discos will still be offering the best clubbing experience in Leeds. Of course, our amazing recession busting offers will still be available every night, and as if that wasn't enough the loft will be open on all club nights from 5pm through to 3am.

Our launch weekend promises to provide the Ultimate Queens Court experience. On Friday 25th September, James Sutton, AKA Jean Paul from Hollyoaks & star of Emmerdale will be dropping in to party the night away. Then on Saturday 26th September sees Lee Ryan from Blue showing off his talents as a DJ and to sign a few autographs. The final Courtyard party of 2009 on the 27th September completes our Launch weekend Extravaganza.

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BARNSELY'S GOT PRIDE !

Sunday 13th September sees Barnsley host its very first LGBT Pride event, taking place in the town centre. From 12.00 onwards the central stage will feature entertainment including the LGBT choir 'Gay Abandon', Motown tribute Band 'Baby Love', Barnsley Amateur musical theatre group, Gail's music box presenting Glam Rebellion, and drag queen Anna Glypta. The stage will be hosted by Chicago Rock DJ Adi and local drag queens Tess and Gloria, with Pete Egerton from Real Radio featuring for 2 hours. Street entertainment features stilt walkers, puppets, face and body painting, balloon modelling, fire eaters and more. Stalls with arts, crafts, pride memorabilia and information will be open from 10.00 am and the official launch ceremony with The Mayor is at 2.00 pm. The entertainment continues into the night with the official after-Pride party hosted by Chicago Rock up until 3am. There'll be fairground rides, demonstrations by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, plenty of food and drink for all, so bring your family and friends for lots of fun, to celebrate this momentous event for Barnsley and its communities.

DRAG 4 U

Heats are underway for the 3rd annual Drag 4 U contest held at Barnsley's prestigious Metrodome Arena. The aim of this fun competition, open to all budding amateur drag artists, is to encourage you into those 6" heels and sparkly tutus to find the Miss with the most, while raising much needed funds for the Terrence Higgins Trust. Qualifying heats may well be held at your local bar so, if you think you can entertain the audience of 1200 expected at the final, fancy slipping into your best frock and are adept at wearing sequins, why not log onto the website and sign up. www.bpl.org.uk

Last year's event was a spectacular success with some amazing and unique acts performing in front of a panel of judges and of course, the screaming crowd who raised the roof for each star finalist. The theme this year is 'Disco Inferno Fancy Dress Camp as Christmas' (a sort of Peter Kay title if ever there was one), is to make a fun and high camp drag ball. There will be a prize for anyone who attends the final dressed to excess, where the judges will vote for the best drag bag prince and princess.

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BRADFORD

CANDY COVERED NIGHTS

Candy Nightclub & Bar in Bradford city centre has proved that there is no stopping them. Each week the place is electric with sounds from Mr. Timmy Tease, the legendary Scott Kelly and Miss Marigold Addams playing all the latest hits from chart, dance, funky house and plenty of that old cheese we all hate yet strangely love! With 2 floors of hectic sounds and with 2 different styles of music every Friday and Saturday night... the choice is yours.

In addition, Candy recently played host to top celebrities, TV stars and Tribute act; The Cheeky Girls, Philip Olivier, Melissa Totten (Madonna) and Kyla (Almost Pink). We are told there's more to come throughout the year with Rowetta, Michelle Keegan (Tina, Coronation Street) Ryan Thomas (Jason Grimshaw, Coronation Street) and Lisa Scott Lee (Steps) but for September they have Will Mellor, star of 2 Pints of Lager and a packet of crisps and Andy Scott Lee, check out the website www.clubcandy.co.uk for future artists.

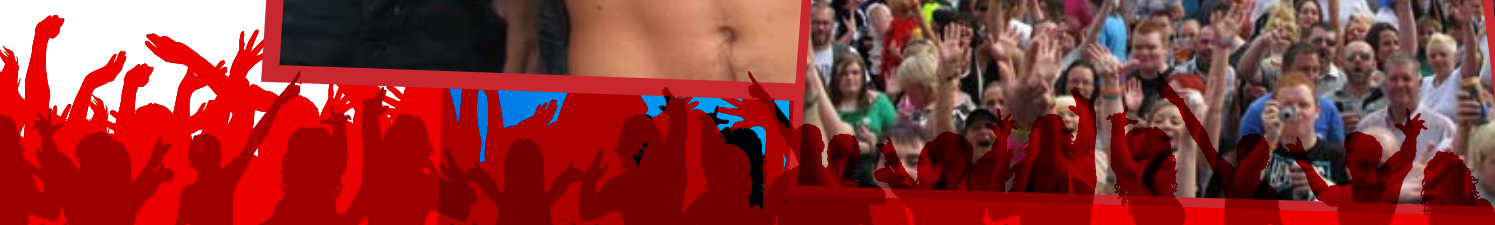
On top of an already fun-packed night, every Friday Candy hosts "Candyland" where you can have free entry before 10.30, only £3 after and have a selection of drinks for 99p. With two fully stocked bars there are some top branded drinks on offer as well as fantastic cabaret on the upper floor, while we run it faster and harder down below. Your Fridays will never be the same again and they are open til 3am!!!

If you're looking for something sexy and a fun on a Saturday Candy is definitely for you. There's free entry before 10.30 and only £5 after - unless you are privileged to have one of Miss Rosie Cheeks' special £2 off vouchers - which can be obtained from the hostess herself in and around other gay local venues.

www.clubcandy.co.uk

WAKEFIELD PRIDE

Wakefield's 5th Gay Pride was a great place to be. Never a city to brag about itself, Wakefield managed to pull off one of the best organized and most fun events of the Pride season. The New Union, who were temporarily looking after pride plans, hosted 14 hours of entertainment on Southgate with a variety of acts and music. It seemed that the word was out... as the fine weather attracted thousands to the city centre who took full advantage of the celebratory atmosphere. And there's no getting away from it... those lovely Corona Boys certainly added to the cutie quota..





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We can't believe it's been 3 years since the launch of the hugely successful Monday night extravaganza "Gaylicious!" which is held at Joe's Bar, Darlington.

If the Darlington Pride Rainbow Party is anything to go by, you can expect to see record numbers of party-goers and fantastic free entertainment at this year's birthday bash. The theme is fancy dress with prizes for the best costumes. Gaylicious has recently teamed up with Seen Queen and Gay Mondays at Inside Out, to bring you a night of fantastic entertainment, alongside amazing drinks promotions. This is Darlington's best gay night!

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Once again this fun picnic proved as popular as ever as thousands of people descended on Castle Hill Fields in Huddersfield for the annual eat out. Unfortunately, the weather also came a-calling in the shape of some nasty grey clouds, so the al-fresco event sought comfort in the beer tents. It's difficult to dampen party spirits once they start and this, the oldest of all the Yorkshire pride events, was no exception as the throng were entertained by the likes of Tina Cousins, Bears Aloud and Almost Pink.
www.thepinkpicnic.co.uk



HULL PRIDE

Hull is often dismissed as 'the back of beyond' by some people in parts of the UK. It doesn't have a huge burgeoning gay scene, or the equivalent of Manchester's Canal Street... but what it does have, if their Pride is anything to go by, is a very enthusiastic gay crowd. The sunny weather, a friendly atmosphere and the promise of some top acts had thousands of party-goers heading to the park for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Bent cover star QBoy topped the bill but local acts and drag stars added their passionate support to a well-organised event.
www.hullpride.com



DONCASTER PRIDE

Thousands of visitors packed the Market Place in Doncaster for the third annual Doncaster Pride and were treated to a stage show that was according to one visitor "the best entertainment Pride I've ever been to..."

Figures from South Yorkshire Police estimate that the Walk of Unity attracted around a thousand participants and over the course of the day near to 10,000 people filled the main stage area to see the seven hour show and surprise fireworks spectacular finale.

Chair Trevor Jones said "the comments we have had from the audience and the performers there on the day are absolutely amazing, as a committee we are extremely proud and humbled by the kind words and praise we have received. We always said we would raise the bar and we certainly have - we would like to thank everyone who helped us and sponsored us and made this event possible."

www.doncasterpride.co.uk



Josh

By Bill Cockayne

Josh had teased me once too often. His fantastic black smooth muscular body had me constantly in a state of horny expectation... and the bastard knew it. He walked around the changing room after training wearing nothing but a white jockstrap, which needless to say, only highlighted his terrific firm and masculine butt. Those fabulous black globes gleaming and steaming after the shower and I just wanted to press my lips between them, kiss deeply and get my tongue up into his hot pink knot of a hole.

We'd been at the same football club for about 6 months and we'd clicked straight away. He was happy to meet up with a fellow northerner in a team that boasted only four Englishmen, the rest being highly paid (and very skillful) imports from across the world. Football was the trading standard these days and the money was astronomical but Josh, like me, wasn't flash. We enjoyed the money but hardly ever flaunted it: Josh being a happily married man, with two kids and another on the way, me being a closet gay lad that was trying desperately not to draw attention to myself. However, since Josh had been at the club there had certainly been vibes between us and we did spend a lot of time in each others company. Our team-mates thought it was because we were from the same region in the North of England, and although that was part of it... it wasn't the whole story.

The huge cotton bulge at the front of his jock was equally mind-blowing. I'd seen him naked many times so I knew what was hidden behind that bump but the cotton shield seemed to tease me even more. Enough was enough, so once my team-mates had left the locker room, I pushed Josh into the shower area (the only bit that was even semi-private) dropped to my knees and eagerly pressed my lips to that cotton pouch. I wasn't sure what the reaction would be but, if I'd read the signs correctly, this wouldn't be too much of a surprise to Josh. However, if I'd got it all wrong... hell... who knew what might happen? Immediately he was as hard as I was and soon enjoying

the sexy feeling only a true friend's mouth can give. His dick pulsed heavily behind the sweetly sexy, freshly-laundered cotton, stretching the fabric and leaking pre-cum. I could tell the care his wife had taken with the washing, she always added conditioner to the cottons and his crotch smelled floral. However, as soon as he started leaking that sexy pungent pre-cummy man-smell... that was all Josh... I recognized the unique aroma of the man that had often driven me wild (after a game I'd frequently pinch his sweaty undies or jock and take them home for some extra mental stimulus). His huge cock flipped out from the side of his jock; black, veiny and looking like it was made of hardened, burnished walnut. He grabbed the sides of my head and forced the entire steely length to the back of my throat. As I gagged and tried to catch my breath he eased it further in... delving deeper towards my belly. "What took you so long?" his knowing, smiling face looked down at me. I knew it... now he knew it and now my throat knew it... that thick cock of his loved a bit of attention from another guy. The signs had been there for ages so, I had to ask myself, why had I waited so long?

He seemed to know that I'd lusted after that moment for such a long time and now he was more than happy to give me what I wanted. Jesus, he rode me hard on that first occasion filling my belly twice before he flipped me against the shower wall and sank his dick up my tight hole. Once it did happen... it all happened so quickly. One minute we were just team mates... the next I was his bum chum... although in my head I'd decided we were lovers. He loved that first time, getting his rocks off with another, willing guy and I knew it wasn't going to be a one-off. We are as close now as we ever were and on away matches we always room together. He loves to fuck my throat, enjoying the spasming muscles contracting around his thick dick. Occasionally he'll ride my arse for a couple of hours, taking a great deal of pleasure in filling my butt with his copious loads. I love these times best... we're connected in a physical, mental and sexual way... and that period resting in each others arms after orgasm... is even better than scoring a goal.

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Hot to the touch!

Hot House exclusives and porn mega stars Kyle King and Ross Hurston were in London recently to promote the launch of the studio in the UK. Millivres Prowler Group (MPG) has retained the exclusive rights to distribute the films in the UK and pulled out all the stops to make the launch a successful one. The first two releases are Head Hunters Inc and Head Hunter Two, office based films that focus on gorgeous businessmen in smart, fitted suits and tight underwear! Here we find out what the guys really have to do to get to the top... Ross Hurston is the star of both films and was more than happy to sign DVDs and posters for his many adoring fans.

Meanwhile, Kyle King, star of the second release King Size was flown in from San Francisco to promote his film and the launch of Hot House in the UK. Jet lag – what jet lag? Speaking to everyone and never stopping smiling and laughing, he won the hearts of all who met him. He may be gorgeous with an incredible body and arse to die for, but his true beauty comes from within and on the day, that really shone through.

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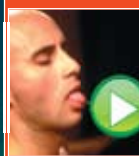
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Simon SAYS...

Dear Simon

My boyfriend and I have an open relationship. We have had this for the last two years of our four year relationship and up until now it has worked really well for us. However, about two months ago I met a guy who I have been chatting with on some social networking sites for a while and we have been emailing and texting and flirting. We had sex and for the first time in two years I went back for more, in fact I have been back several times since. I think this guy could be the one, you know how you just know? The question is what do I do about my boyfriend of four years?

Chris, Leeds

Dear Chris,

Oh dear, oh dear seems you have gotten yourself into quite a difficult situation here. I think open relationships can work for couples as long as they have rules. It seems that you had rules and then broke them. If you really think that you have met the person who you believe you want to be with forever then you need to tell your partner of four years. It will hurt him but at least will then be free to meet the right person for him.

Dear Simon

I broke up with my boyfriend quite recently and started dating again but nothing seemed to work and I wasn't gelling with anyone I met. Then wanting to have some kind of sex life I started visiting the odd sauna and having nameless mindless one on one fucks. The thing is I think I might be addicted as I am now spending up to £70 pounds a week on sauna entries and technically paying for sex. Do I need help?

Anthony, London

Dear Anthony,

Breaking up is a traumatic for anyone. Trusting, and even just

meeting new people can be difficult but don't give up hope. Throwing yourself into mindless sex is one way of dealing with it but it is very pointless unless you are getting something out of it yourself. It does cost to get in to a sauna but it would cost the same if you did nothing but took a shower so you're hardly paying for it. As to whether you have a problem... that is for you to decide. Can you afford £70 a week? Are you not paying your mortgage, or buying food or using money destined for something else? If not, as long as you're playing safe... I don't see need help... just a bit of time to get over the hurt of your break-up.

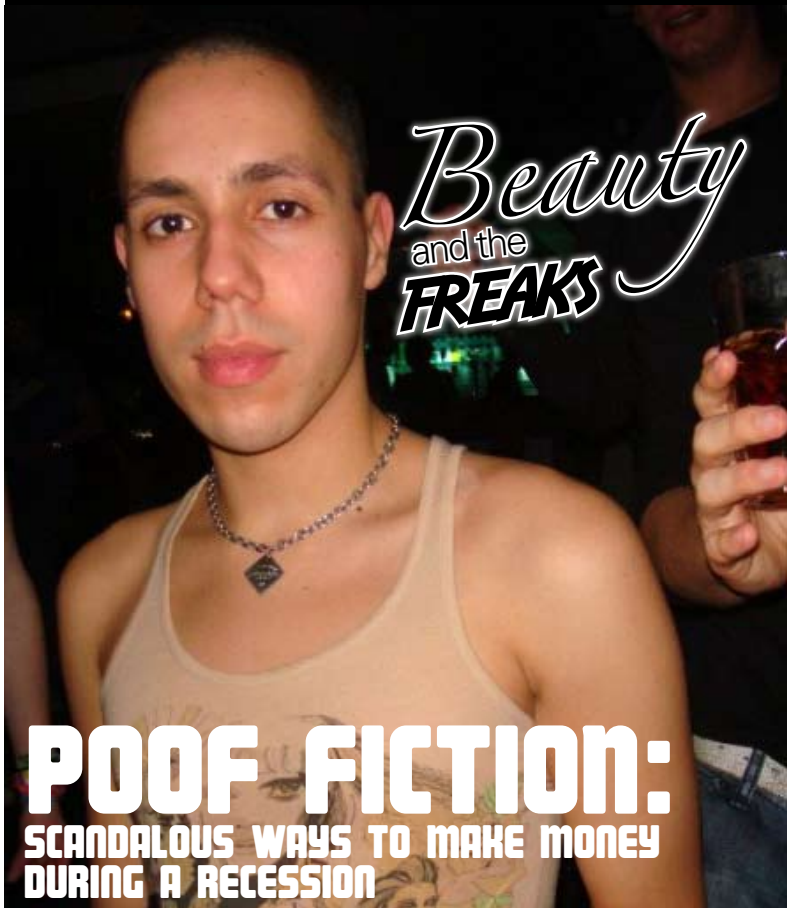
Dear Simon

I have done something really, really awful and am so ashamed. Recently, on a very drunken family weekend I had sex with my sister's husband. Even though my sister and I are very close, since the event I haven't spoken to either her or her husband. We normally chat regularly but everything seems to have gone quiet and I'm afraid of the consequences. What if my sister never wants to speak to me again?

Anon, Newcastle

Dear Anon

I am a big fan of honesty, sometimes it can hurt and change people's lives forever but living in ignorance can actually be more damaging. OK she may never speak to you again but you aren't speaking to her now and who knows what else this guy is doing behind your sisters back. Do you really want your sister to be with a man like this? Would you rather not let her know the truth make up her mind what she should do and then make the decision for her future? I think you have some bullet biting to do.



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So you're broke. You spent your last twenty quid on a night out in Garland's and you got sacked because there just isn't a huge demand any more for senior administrative window arrangement position negotiators. But like any homo, you want to go out; you need taxi fare to your next shag; you want new shoes. Without any way to make an honest crust, a girl has to resort to more dubious means. In the spirit of investigative journalism, we tried them all out for you. Here are our favourites:

1. Become a pimp. Gather together some more feeble queers and buy yourself a fur coat, a top hat and a cane. Work their skanky hides day and night, taking a more-than-fair 60% cut, and bitch-slap the odd lecher who tries to skulk off without paying. If you get it right, you'll be rich in no time and can pimp your own ride. For research, watch the two Deuce Bigalow films. It helps to be in on the 'he-bitch'/'mangina' lingo.

2. Plan a heist. They did it in Pulp Fiction, although it didn't go very well. Then Queen Latifah tried something a bit more subtle in that film a couple of years back. The only drawback now is that banks are dropping like flies. Just steer clear of Northern Rock or HBOS.

3. Become a drug dealer. You'll have to invest in a gun or two and get a huge sports car with darkened windows, but all the clubkids will look up at you in awe as they fork over fistfuls of fresh-from-the-wall cash for your half-cut cocaine. Finding a supplier may be tricky, and you'll probably need a few hundred quid in set-up cash, but the rewards can be good. Don't lend anybody money (or your gear) and if you feel guilty buying anything but fairtrade coffee, this probably won't be the job for you.

4. Become a hitman. Have you seen Kill Bill? See how sexy assassination is? Have you seen Leon? See how moody and deep it makes you? Seen Ghost Dog? See how badass cool/samurai it makes you? This is my personal fave. But after sixteen killings I had to hold myself back from lopping off the head of the Orange sales assistant

trying to sell me a 24-month contract with the new souped up PDA. It definitely gets easier after the first hit.

5. Take up human trafficking. There's an endless supply of immigrants wanting to sneak into this sinking, shithole country. That is, if you believe the toss in The Daily Mail. Unfortunately, we couldn't even give up the cleverly stolen Crown Jewels (see below) to convince anyone to come here. Even the three-headed survivors of Chernobyl advised us they knew Britain was a cesspit.

6. Become a jewel thief. Entrapment and Ocean's Eleven make it seem easy, and trust me, it is. Well, it is if you're as lithe and fabulous as the Bent team. You have to look damn good in lycra and have excellent taste in shiny things. If you're good, you'll steal some high-class jewels beneath the authorities' noses and leave some cunningly-crafted fakes in their place.

7. Become a gun-runner. Have you seen Jackie Brown? Samuel L. Jackson seems to be making a lot of money off selling guns to wannabe gangsters. Why not give it a go? If you're struggling to find customers, just contact Iran.

8. Become Jackie Brown. That girl's got all the moves! Think blaxploitation, grow yourself a big black 'fro and learn to say 'mutha' a lot. You can con all the criminal heavyweights, get revenge and pull the guy, all the while walking off with a suitcase full of someone else's dirty money.

9. Set up your own dirty chat line. Stick up cards in post boxes, grab a Pot Noodle and wait for the calls to come in. Say things like, 'I'm rock hard for you' or 'My arsehole's winking at you', and count your cash as the minutes (and the dosh) adds up. All you need to do is register a premium-rate telephone number with BT and you're set.

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Virgo (Aug24/Sept23)

Being assertive and taking control of joint concerns makes you more responsible for your future. Knowledge you recently acquired could be put to good use over the weeks to come. You might be thinking about making a new start in some areas of your life; don't be swayed into backing down by those who are trying to hold you back. Unless you take special care to protect your own interests no one else is going to do this for you.

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Aries (Mar21/Apr20)

Someone is relying on you too heavily and more independence is needed in a close relationship. Over the weeks ahead, encourage a friend who is starting to spend far too much time with you, to stand on their own two feet. They need to be shaken up a bit to prevent them from always relying on others to make all the decisions all of the time. Single? A new romance will unlock your passionate side.

Taurus (Apr21/May21)

Whether they're charming, graceful and kind or passionate and demanding, a new lover has changed your life. Your sexual appetite is lusty and strong these days and romance is all you could wish for it to be. One word of caution: refuse to allow jealousy or possessiveness to creep into your thoughts and spoil something wonderful. Keep your associations over the weeks ahead cheerful and light-hearted.

Gemini (May22/June21)

Family responsibilities increase; even so, depriving yourself of your own need for fun and friendship will eventually make you irritable. Find a happy medium between what you want and what your loved-ones need. Your personal freedom does not have to be limited by domestic duty. In fact, creative jobs in the home you can deal with in privacy will proceed rather well over the weeks ahead.

Cancer (Jun22/Jul23)

Don't fritter your time away on frivolous pursuits when you know you could be doing something more worthwhile. Mixed messages from the heavens over the weeks ahead suggest a disappointment could lead to joy. It could well be you will have to make a sacrifice to gain something special. A communication will mark the start of an exciting phase in your life. Just be careful not to let too many people in on your future plans.

Leo (Jul24/Aug23)

The love you've found since a certain someone's been around makes you feel you're the luckiest person on earth. The weeks ahead will bring a mix of pleasure, excitement and fun. It is one of those delightful times when you love the world and the world loves you. Love is intriguing and captivating; you've never felt like this before. Give and take, good conversation and intense passion will keep you and your lover riveted to each other.

Libra (Sept24/Oct23)

Conducting a secret love affair is nothing to feel guilty about; just think of how delicious it makes you feel. The social side of life might seem a little dull over the weeks ahead but there is plenty going on behind-the-scenes that is of more interest. A clash of personalities in the workplace could lead to a series of frustrating arguments. For this reason you will prefer to keep yourself to yourself.

Scorpio (Oct24/Nov22)

You've made great progress in your work or career; it is time now to have some fun. Less pressure should make it possible for you to focus on your social life over the weeks ahead. Plans for the future take a new direction due to events that are both surprising and delightful. Friends will stand by you regardless of the decisions you make about your personal life. You're ready to go public with a serious decision.

Sagittarius (Nov23/Dec21)

Accomplishing goals you now set yourself will be your main concern over the weeks ahead. Others may not support you or they might consider some of your ideas are unattainable. You're determined to prove them wrong. Accomplishing these goals on your own will be incredibly satisfying. In the meantime, don't miss out on having a little fun. Health problems will be easier to sort out if you're sensible about how you use your time.

Capricorn (Dec22/Jan20)

Pleasing news could have you happily changing plans for the weeks ahead. Arrangements you're now making will revolve around travel. You are bound to benefit from new horizons even if once the time comes to set off on a journey, you start feeling slightly nervous. If you're single you're about to meet the new man you've been dreaming of and a new chapter in your life will begin.

Aquarius (Jan21/Feb19)

A business or financial proposition that is put to you needs careful thought. Hold back from showing your interest and don't seem so keen. Take anything of a serious nature nice and easy. It might also come to you, over the weeks ahead, that what you once wanted from a sexual affair no longer seems important. You're more in tune with your spiritual and emotional needs now and more appreciative of the true meaning of love.

PISCES (Feb20/Mar20)

A casual relationship won't ever fulfil your romantic dreams. You long for stability and security. These next few weeks you need to be sure you have both feet planted firmly in the ground. While it is true you are attracted to someone, you will know deep down they're not right for you. Wait a wee while longer as your dream lover could be around the next corner and you won't want the complication of already being in a relationship.

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06 Gay porno gets str8 mates suckin d**k

07 Groping u leads to hot sex at back of Tesco's

08 Horny boy wants yer hot juicy d**k (18+)

09 I banged my pool cue into a lads d**k (18+)

10 I caught my mate w**kin in me bruv's footie shorts

11 I got a boner watching my mate play fottie & his Dad me

12 I kissed me f**k buddy for the first time

13 I'll take yer full length in me gob

14 I took w**k mag off str8 scally & grabbed his c**k

15 W**ked a scally thug to stop him deckin me

16 Lads get well horny playin naked snooker in a pub (18+)

17 He let me carry on slammin after I c**m up his bum (18+)

18 Luv me bird to bits but I luv havin sex wiv guys

19 Dad's mate took me in from rain & pulled off wet trackies

20 Me & my bezzie mate got well gay while his bird watched

21 Me sleepin mates boner woz up against me arse

22 Me & u with boners in the sauna

23 Naked college boy w**kin on top of desk for sir (18+)

24 Naked teenboy at the newsagents (18+)

25 Old man & teenage boy rub c**ks together (18+)

26 Phone hot teen & he'll try his new speedos on (18+)

27 Rude boy luvs yer cock (18+)

28 Rude boys swap speedos at the baths (18+)

29 Scallies & moshers havin d**k fun on a bus

30 Scally gets his dirty boner out on crowded train

31 Guy pi**ed in a bottle & poured it ova my d**k

32 Scally removes get c**k out in the offy

33 Sir got me Mums b.f to spank me in class (18+)

34 Skinny lads wiv big c**ks (18+)

35 Slender guy wiv donkey d**k

36 Suckin guys d**ks round da lock up

37 Suck me pi**y cheesy d**k

38 Guy points his hard-on at me in bogs

39 Teach me wot to do wiv my untouched d**k (18+)

40 Guy will lick yer bum if you let him j**zz over you

41 Tesco guy going commando wiv sp**k down his thighs

42 Smoothness of a boys shaved d**k & balls (18+)

43 TLC on a sweet & tender hugs d**k

44 Two blokes see horny guy get a boner at the urinals

45 Two lads pi**ing down an alley (18+)

46 U & your ultimate fantasy f**k

47 W**kin rude boy on a bus & wasn't bothered

48 Yer hand up the leg of my footie shorts

49 Wrestlin wiv me cuz gets me c**k well hard

50 I slid c**kskin up & down a skinheads boner

51 F**k yer fist & imagine it's a boy's arse (18+)

52 Scally wiv a big d**k in tight silky trackies

53 Blond haired boys wiv d**ks (18+)

54 Boner alert wiv scrappin scallies

55 Bored srt8 mates experiment wiv their d**ks

56 Breeze up leg of shorts gets a scally's c**k well stiff

57 College boys snoggin & w**kin in front of class (18+)

58 Cute guy gets a good mouthful of yer hot c**k

59 Dirty scally plays wiv his mates d**k whilst he sleeps

60 Dirty stained undies get scallys c**k well ard!

61 Flash yer stiff c**k wiv a scally outside McDonalds

62 Horny boys wiv pi**in d**ks (18+)

63 Horny neighbours have mutual w**k & more

64 House full of naked guys playin wiv their bums & d**ks

65 I found out me mate woz gay & I let him have my bum

66 I found out sweet boy next door was into c**k (18+)

67 I saw a cute guy w**kin naked in the park

68 I showed my arsehole to me old school teacher

69 Jacuzzi bubbles round my balls & arse

70 Lads drinkin cider & w**kin naked on the corner (18+)

71 Lads ridin bikes wiv their naked boners showin (18+)

72 Late nite summer w**kin on the swings in the park

73 Me bird loves watchin c**k action wiv me & gay mate

74 Me gay friends showed me what I'd been missin

75 Me mates Dad did me hard & fast up the arse

76 My sisters b.f went further than a stiff c**k wrestle

77 Me & u wiv stiff c**ks in & out of our Calvin's

78 Musty whiff of a boys sweaty balls in footie shorts (18+)

79 Naked guys face the main road, kissin & w**kin

80 Naked wiv me str8 mate after a footy game

81 Night of stiff c**ks wiv me Mums boyfriend

82 Butt naked wiv me str8 pal all night long

83 A horny night to remember!

84 Pothead woz off his face so I sat on his d**k

85 Pretend bummin turns real for str8 mates

86 Pullin down ASDA lads uniform trousers (18+)

87 Scallies kiss & copper gets hard-on

88 Scally in TJ Hughes smellin of cum

89 Scally mates find out they are both into c**k

90 Sir likes naked boys wiv big d**ks (18+)

91 Sir saw me gay c**k suckin doodles in my pad at college

92 Sniffin teenage sweat between balls & thighs (18+)

93 Scally looked well pissed off so I sucked his c**k

94 Tender guy d**s get stiff in changing room at baths

95 Till tonite it woz just about wrestlin naked wiv stiff c**ks

96 Wet naked guy sits on lifeguards lap at the baths

97 Wot happens when u get 2 horny teens in a room (18+)

98 Wot I did after I got my wasted mate naked

99 Wot I get up to wiv people I shouldn't have been wiv



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