

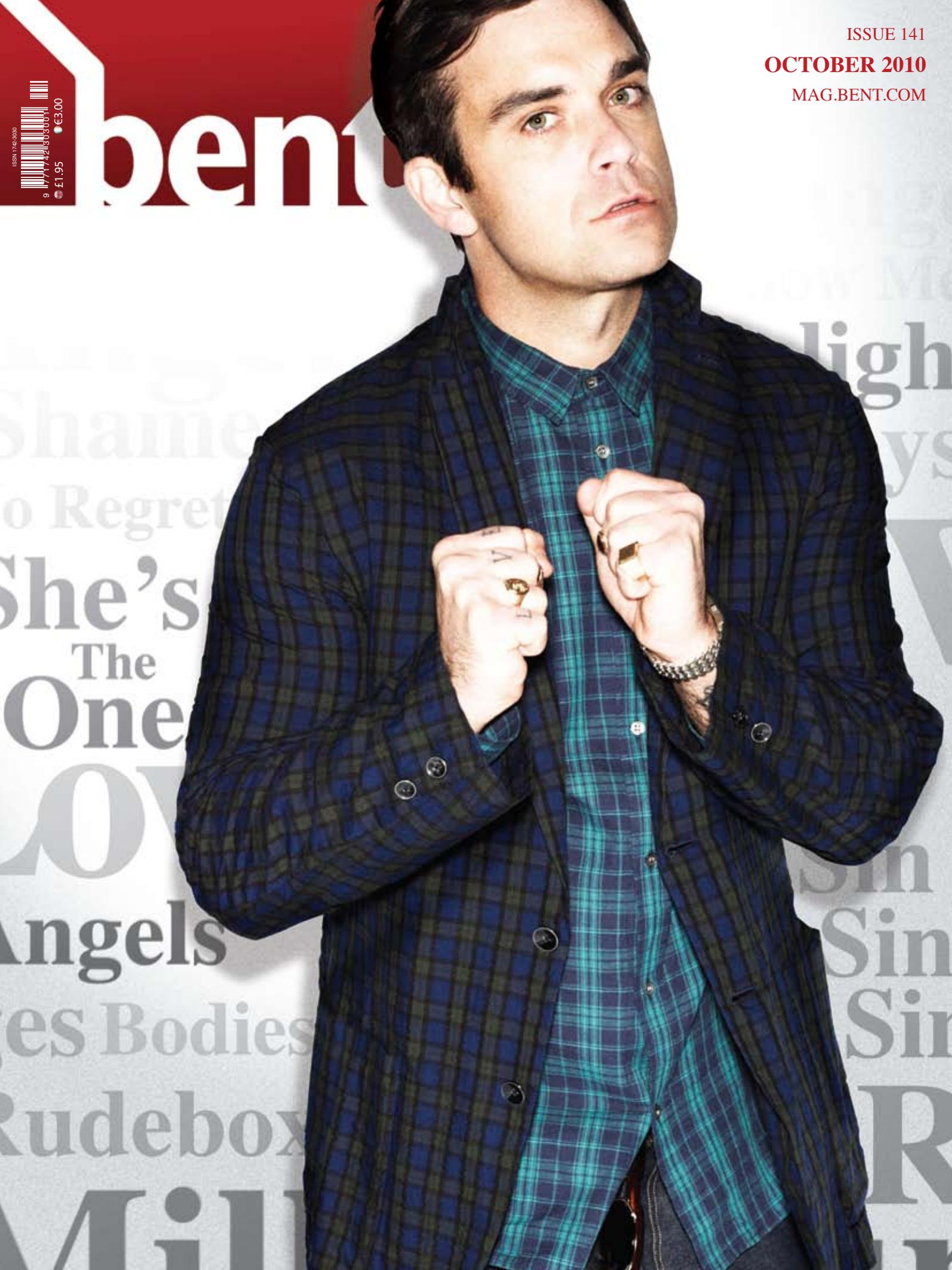
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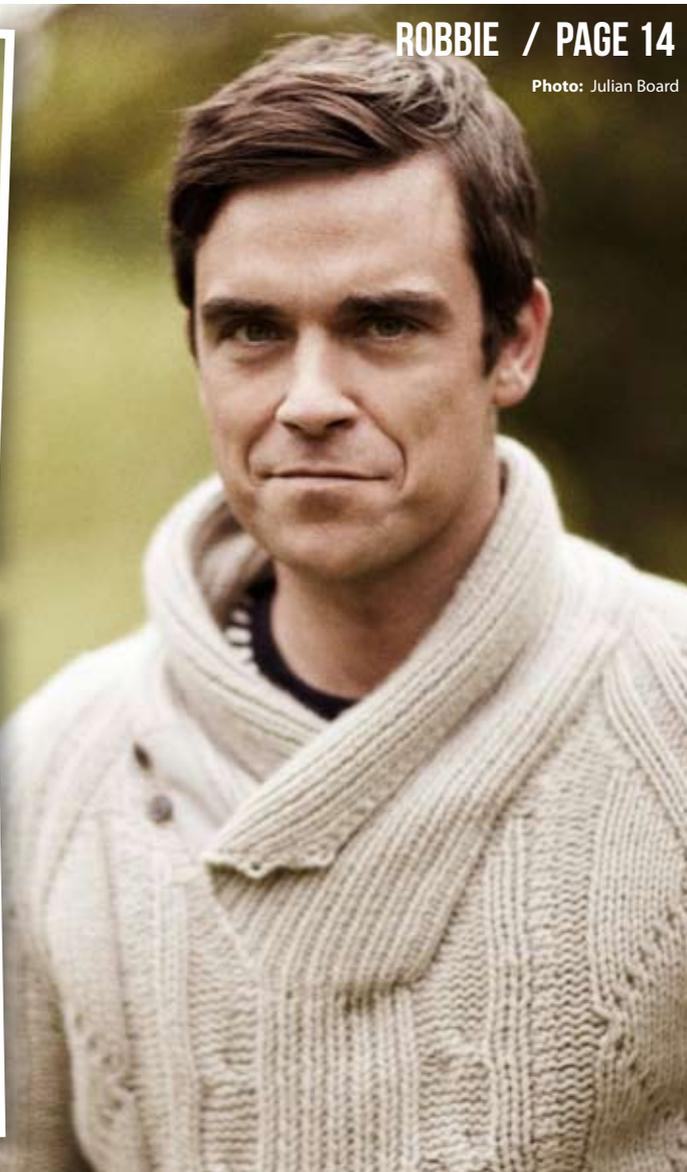
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EDITOR'S WORDS

Hi, and welcome to a slightly different looking Bent, I hope the new format meets with everyone's approval. Still packed with interviews, reviews, opinions and this month we take a look at some of the latest trends in underwear.

Meanwhile, I was chatting to a young guy the other day and he'd recently returned from a trip to the States and in particular San Francisco's Gay Pride. I expected him to be effusive and big on praise for this, some would say, iconic



event in the city that helped spawn gay global awareness. I asked him if it was busy and he unenthusiastically replied; "...yes I suppose so". Realising that something wasn't quite right (I didn't get to be an editor without being on the ball in these matters) he looked at me with a look of disdain on his face and said: "It was all just a load of old guys with their todgers out," he shrugged his shoulders, "I couldn't see the point." I was about to launch into how these 'old guys' were part of the reason we had so many of our gay freedoms these days but he just looked at me with pity in his eyes and, as a parting shot, said as he turned to go: "... and who the hell wants to see that?" I was left wondering if these days younger gay guys only see Pride as a chance for exhibitionists and nothing at all to do with gay rights and the continued struggle to attain equality. I wasn't comfortable lecturing him about why folk got their 'todgers' out but I was saddened to think that that

particular image was the only memory he came away with from a city that is so important in gay history.

Hot on the heels of the 'Is He or Isn't He' gay argument surrounding the recent news on Foreign Minister William Hague's decision to share a room with his young male special advisor, I was asked to appear on a local radio programme for my opinions. My view is that it has nothing to do with me or anyone but him and his missus, and I was keen to make that point. However, when I got to the studio the story was more or less dead and it turned into a chat about, whether these days being gay it should make a difference. I was armed with some witty one liners and a series of programme-stopping points until my fellow guest was introduced. He was a small man, holding a bible and had a large cross on a chain around his neck. He was a 79 year old former Bishop and I was wary of what he had to say. Having a complete downer on religion

and its blinkered followers I was prepared to give him, despite his age, hell. It turned out that this ageing gentleman was himself gay and had been married, had male friends and had suffered over 30 years of denial because he wanted to fit in to what the 'Good Book' was supposed to represent.

He spoke quietly and with some assurance and when it came to my comments I simply told the interviewer not to chat to me... they had someone far more interesting in the studio and his voice should be heard. Apparently, late in his ministry abroad he went to tell his 'confessor' that he'd fallen for another man and didn't know what to do. The confessor asked him if the feelings were mutual and when the answer was in the affirmative he simply said "Good, you'll now have someone to love."

It is a pity that such simple advice isn't at the forefront of all religious doctrines.

Hugs, Gordon

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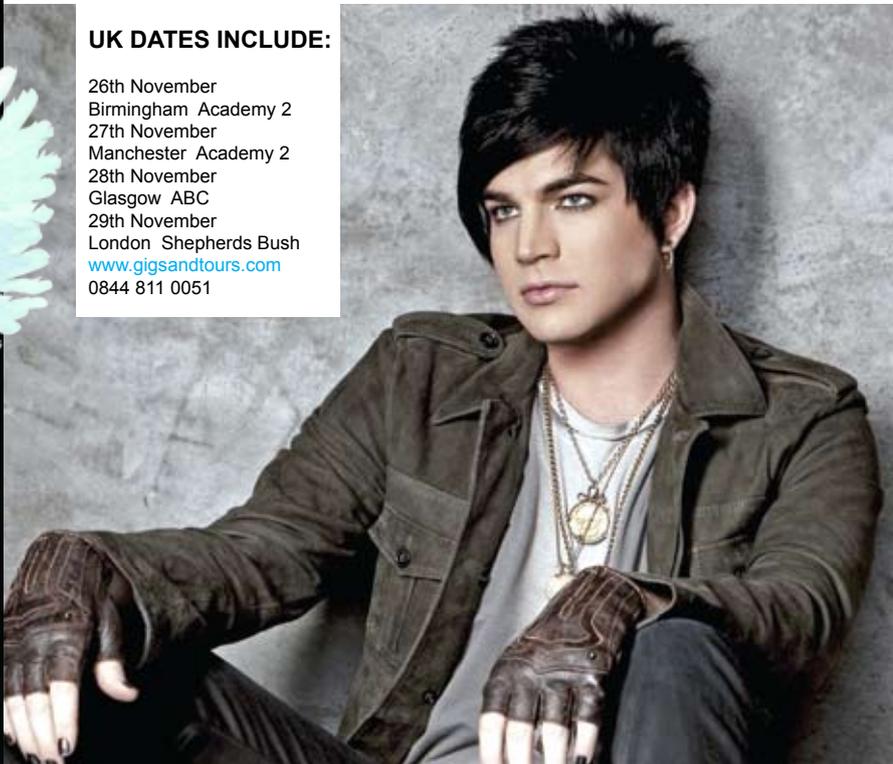

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Adam Lambert has announced that he will bring his massively successful 'Glam Nation' tour to the UK at the end of November. The sold out US tour hits Europe towards the end of the year, and Lambert promises to prove why he is one of the most exciting popstars around.

Adam's 'Glam Nation 2010 Tour' has been selling out US venues since the day it began in Wilkes-Barre, PA in June. Rave reviews appear in every city Adam visits, with glowing comments from MTV ("vocal fireworks....his

pitch-perfect pipes proved to be the real star of the show...when Adam Lambert sings, it's out of this world"), the Philadelphia Inquirer ("His voice is that of an angel with a powerful and dynamic range, a tenor with a glass-cracking falsetto touched by the hand of God and blessed by the spirit of Freddie Mercury"), and in Bent's review of the man and his album earlier this year, ("incredible vocals... it is a clever, classic debut album).

Don't miss out on the man who will soon be the world's biggest star.

STEPHEN AMOS

Following Amos' recent hugely successful UK tour of The Feelgood Factor (playing to 60,000 people) he's back with his special brand of melt-in-the-middle comedy, to cheer us up and show what has just been medically proven, that laughter really is the best medicine.

The funny man finally has his own TV show and he didn't have to wait for Lenny Henry to die. The Stephen K Amos Show will be a mix of stand-up, sketch characters and audience participation with hidden camera antics. Robbie Williams, Matt Lucas and David Walliams feature and the show will introduce numerous comical characters from "Frank", the fashion conscious security guard at the BBC reception, to "Paul Hammer", the stuntman who doubles for white actors. All characters are played by Stephen, including his mother, "Buki", who Stephen makes phone calls to during the show.

Stephen K Amos said: "Obviously I'm thrilled - although now my mum will find out I'm a stand-up comedian. She thinks I drive a minicab."



WORLD CLASS DJ'S CONFIRMED FOR MASSIVE WEEKEND DANCE FESTIVAL

Mardi Gras of the North's spectacular Christmas Dance Sleepover has confirmed its major DJ line up for the massive weekend festival on 3rd 4th and 5th December at the Mardi Gras Holiday Village, Pontins, Southport.

Europe's top club SuperMartXe is fielding Madrid's best-known DJ Ab Garcia with Friday night sets by two of the UK's scene stars Francesco Pagano and Paul Heron

Manchester's renowned Federation is fielding deck-jockeys Jason Guy, Stuart Robinson, Christian Appleby and Greg Holden, supported by the infamous Federation Entertainers.

Hosting Freakshow, the north's most popular Saturday night house club on 4th December are Nik Denton, Lee Yeomans and Psyche.

Homo, with its reputation for some of club lands best sounds present Lady Lloyd, Chris B, PJ, Debbie B and Mark B

Representing all that is best from London, with its world-class reputation; Salvation plays out the weekend through the night on Sunday. Hosted by Andromeda and including guest star Peyton, DJ's Oliver M, Paul Coals & Howard Turner... supported by the legendary Raul Gonzales performers.

Mardi Gras of the North promises a non-stop weekend packed with dance, bar and pool parties. A spectacular Glee Tribute show featuring well-known TV stars is planned on Saturday night plus a line up of top name drag artists.

Weekend sleepover tickets are available from as little as £35 per person based on a minimum of 4 sharing by calling the hotline on 08448153629 where a Pontin's Representative will take your booking or by clicking the "Book Now" button at

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28	TORQUAY PRINCESS THEATRE	8.00pm	0844 847 2315
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30	BRISTOL COLSTON HALL	8.00pm	01179 223 686
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FEBRUARY

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2	SWINDON OASIS	8.00pm	01793 524 481
4	HIGH WYCOMBE WYCOMBE SWAN	8.00pm	01494 512 000
5	BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION	8.00pm	0844 576 3000
6	DARTFORD ORCHARD THEATRE	8.00pm	01322 220 000
7	CARLISLE SANDS CENTRE	8.00pm	01228 625 222
8	MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN HALL	8.00pm	01642 729 729
9	PRESTON CHARTER THEATRE	8.00pm	08453 442 012
11	CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE	8.00pm	01223 357 851
12	IPSWICH REGENT THEATRE	8.00pm	01473 433 100
13	WOKING NEW VICTORIA THEATRE	8.00pm	0844 871 7645
15	BUXTON OPERA HOUSE	7.30pm	08451 272 190
17	DUBLIN VICAR STREET	8.00pm	0818 719 390
18	BELFAST WATERFRONT HALL	8.00pm	02890 334 455
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20	LEICESTER DE MONTFORT HALL	8.00pm	0116 233 3111
21	HULL CITY HALL	7.30pm	01482 226 655
22	LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC HALL	8.00pm	0151 709 3789
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CRUZ 101 THE HALLOWEEN BALL

The nights are drawing in and the weather's on the turn which can only mean one thing - Autumn is here and October is just around the corner. One of the things Cruz 101's team excels at is taking the club to extremes for its many special events during the year and October brings the perfect excuse for a theme night - All Hallow's Eve, better known to the gays of Manchester as Cruz 101's Hallowe'en Ball! Paul Tuck from the club's design team told me "It's like taking the best bits from a library of horror films and recreating them for a club setting. It's taken nearly fifteen years to make all the elements for the set and (as it's my favourite) it takes quite a while to get it all out of storage and put it together - about a week. Also, the effort our customers go to never fails to amaze me - the Ball could easily be mistaken for the set of the latest Hollywood blockbuster horror and last year over a thousand customers over the weekend came in outfits

ranging from traditional Dracula to a decaying corpse - last year's winner of the competition." The club will undergo a complete transformation becoming a horrifying and interactive haunting experience for those who dare.

Of course every horror has its lead and long-time veteran of Cruz's Balls, Mistress Cara will be rising from her crypt, dusting off the cobwebs from her Hallowe'en gowns and hosting the annual fancy-dress competition with the chance to win £250 cash, champagne and other goodies for the runners up. We will warn you though - bed sheets aren't going to win you the top prize here... the standards are scarily high. Check out www.cruz101.com/whattamiupagainst to see what you'll be up against!

Contact the club on 0161 9500 101
www.cruz101.com



MANCHESTER PRIDE

There's no doubt about it, Manchester Pride simply gets bigger and better each year. Already hailed as the best Pride event in the UK by readers of the Pink Paper and now up for a world award by a travel company (Best Annual Gay Destination Event' in the 2010 TripOut Gay Travel Awards), the organisers must, and should be, very pleased with what they have achieved.

Although the main focus of this festival of gayness is the pride weekend, there is now so much more to enjoy leading up to this Bacchanalian celebration. There are, theatre productions, exhibitions, sporting events, poetry, talks, cinema premieres and pre-views and a whole lot more... you could easily be doing something every day of the week in August. Meanwhile, the street parade and concerts over the Bank Holiday weekend attracted tens of thousands of happy revellers all enjoying the company of others out for a great time... and they weren't

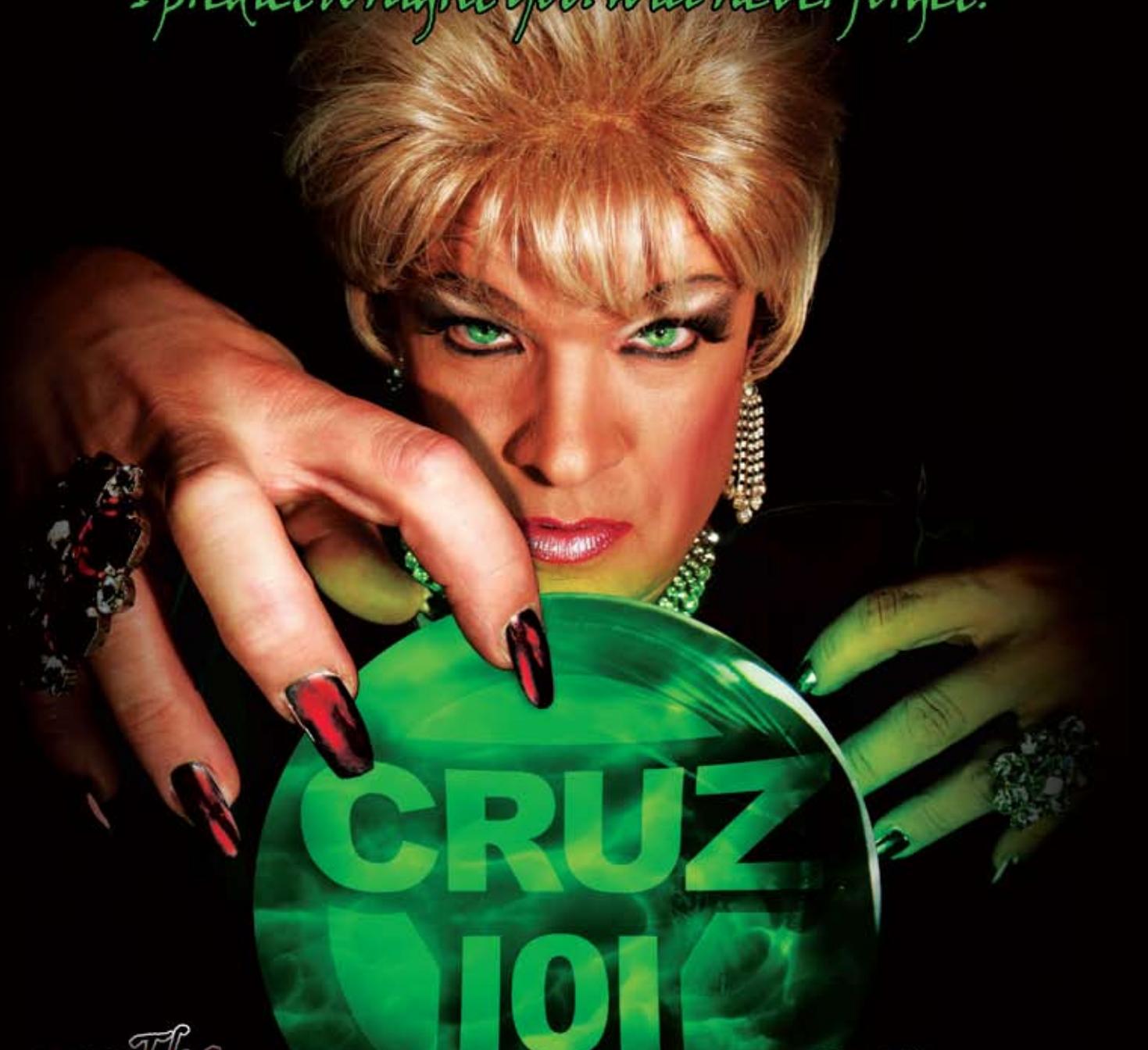
disappointed. Apart from the multitude of sexy hunks on the streets, the parade took "Through the Decades" as its theme, which saw floats from Coronation Street and teams from the Emergency Services all showing their support, as well as hordes of people there to see and be seen by the gathered crowds.

Meanwhile, the bars and clubs had a programme of excellent entertainment and as if that wasn't enough a succession of big names took to the various stages set up around the village. American lover of Milkshake... Kelis, not only drove all the boys to the yard but almost brought the event to a halt as crowds gathered to see this exciting performer... no one was disappointed. Chicane, Beverley Knight, Belinda Carlisle and others, plus a host of top DJs, cabaret and drag artists kept the event on a high only adding to Manchester's claim to holding the best organised, most diverse and distinct Pride event in the country.



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ESSENTIAL RETURNS

Who says People Power is dead? After 2000 people turned up to mourn the closing of Essential (and almost as many said they didn't like new club Mancunia and demanded its return) owner Nigel Martin-Smith is back at the helm and he's promising that the all new Essential will be everything that the old club was and more! "We've got Nicky in charge of the Pop Lounge as usual" says Nigel "and he's also overseeing all the promotion and front of house so everyone will be well looked after! The biggest change is that we are starting Mornin'Glory early - at 1am - and moving it across the road to The Studio. The music policy will be tough funky "nu house" in The Studio with Aphrodite starting her bouncy house set on the middle floor at 3am. The change means that Mornin'Glory at Queer on Richmond Street will not open til 5am but the good news is that it will go on until 12 noon and you can use your wristband from Mornin'Glory at The Studio to get in free of charge ! That's £8 for almost 12 hours of clubbing"

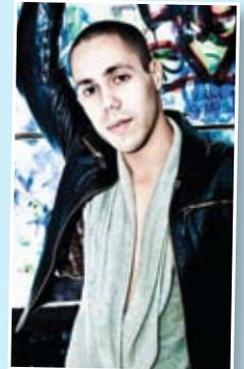


Nicky adds "We've got a sexy young promotion team who will be hanging around The Village and greeting people on the door - look out for them and you might even get a free VIP pass for the club! The music in The Pop Lounge will be a lot more current and now - our customers tend to be the trendier younger crowd in The Village they don't want to listen to all that cheese that some places inflict on people"

Beauty and the freaks

HOME-OH!-SEXUAL

With all our student readers hopefully moved in (or crammed in like sardines), we at Bent thought we'd turn our attention to the subject of gay housemates. Most of us will have lived with other gay people at some point or another, but is it really such a good idea? Here we run through the pros and cons for you, so you don't have to.



PROS

1. Sex on tap - Living with gays has an obvious advantage. Should any of you get horny, you can screw each other's brains out.
2. Sharing boys - You can now pool your resources when out pulling, and pull one boy between you. Then just send him from bedroom to bedroom till you're bored of him or he has a prolapse.
3. Cleanliness - Gays are supposed to be really clean. Well, if not, just spike your housemate's hot chocolate with speed and he'll soon want to get cleaning.
4. The company - The alternative to living with gays, if you have to share at all, is living with straights. And could any of us really stomach that?
5. Raiding each other's wardrobes - For every gay man that you live with, you can increase your potential number of outfits. Most gays wear a small, whether or not they're actually built like that, so you should have no problem finding something to fit.

CONS

1. Sexual misadventures - Normally I like a bit of sexual tension, but sometimes things go wrong. Maybe one of you is really bad in bed, or he discovers you come on a hairtrigger, or you find out he has a tiny willy and can't resist Tweeting about it. But sometimes, for whatever reason, even the best of friends can fall out when they (ahem) fuck up.
2. Stealing boys - Gays are very bad at sharing, in all actuality. Oh, we like to pretend to be open-minded and giving, but that new guy your housemate is seeing really belongs to you, doesn't he? And if your housemate doesn't agree . . . well, you have your ways of getting what you want. (Rohypnol.)
3. Cleanliness next to godliness - The stereotype has it that all queens are spotless, well-dressed and perfectly groomed. But what if they're never out of a K-hole long enough to clean up? Continuous house parties take their toll on even the best-kept homes. And if your housemate spends all his time at the gym honing his Adonis look, he may not have time to tidy up. Constant nights out, days recovering and evenings getting ready to do it all again are not conducive to doing chores.
4. Camp company - Living with gays might be better than living with territorial bull-dykes or stinking straights, but can you really stomach living with a bunch of bitchy queens? They'll notice when you put on weight, talk about your bathroom habits and drive you to insanity.
5. Raiding your savings - First they'll steal your make-up. Then they'll eat your Weight Watchers meals. Then they'll sell your jewellery to fund their crystal meth addictions.

In conclusion, gay housemates may be great, but pick them with care. No thieves, liars and addicts, beyond what is absolutely unavoidable, and never live with anyone better looking than you. It only leads to despair as they steal all the boys.

Beyoncé

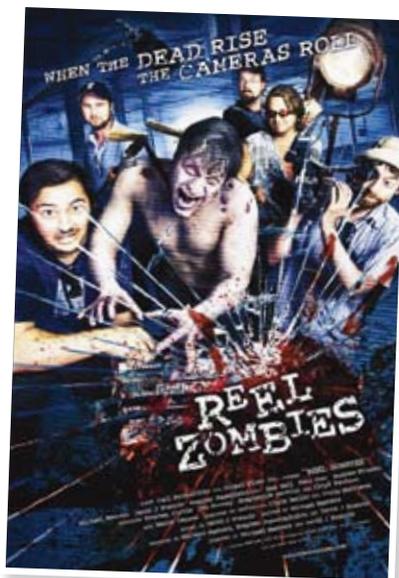
GRIMM UP NORTH 2

Grimm Up North Film Festival is back for a second year - Bigger, Bloodier and more Brutal than ever.

This Halloween the darkness descends on Manchester, as the UK's premier horror and sci-fi film festival returns. Last year's inaugural festival saw 25 feature films, including 15 premieres - featuring Q&As and seminars with directors, cast and crew. Grimm Up North screened movies from Japan, Finland, Germany, Romania, Canada and Australia with many of the award-winning international films as UK premieres.

Grimm Up North can announce that Reel Zombies, Evil In the Time of Heroes (starring Billy Zane), Slice and Alien Vs Ninja will all be playing at the festival.

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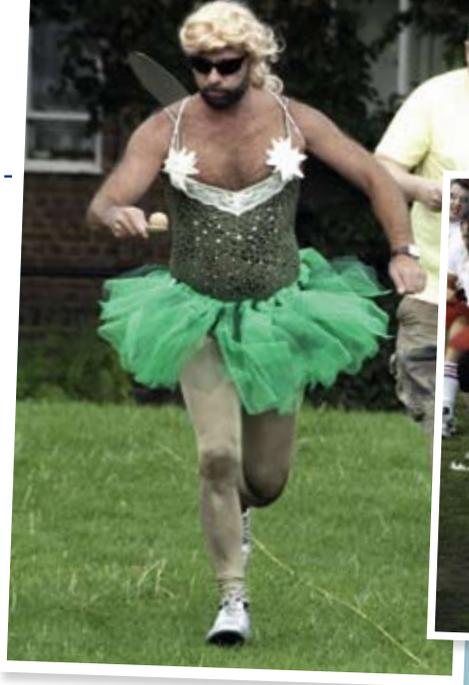


GAY SPORTS DAY

Last month 12 teams competed for victory in Gay Sports Day, cheered on by a packed crowd of supporters. The event, organised by GMFA, the gay men's health charity, and the Royal Vauxhall Tavern (RVT), took place in Vauxhall Spring Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday. Contestants displayed their sporting prowess in events such as the drag relay, the egg and spoon race and the 50m mince, helping to raise vital money for gay men's health and the local community.

Rugby star Ben Cohen, who donated a signed jock strap and gay icon Kylie Minogue gave their support to this year's event, donating rare and collectable items for an auction. All money raised will go towards GMFA, Vauxhall City Farm, and The Friends of Spring Gardens.

Photo: Jon Haywood



THE REV. GAGA

According to many news and blog sites, the wonderful Lady Gaga has reportedly taken an online course to become an ordained minister. She is a big supporter of gay marriage and has made her views clear to those who are anti LGBT reform, inclusion and equality. Apparently the pop goddess wants to marry fans on stage, particularly in states that have a gay marriage ban.



YOUR CHANCE TO DANCE

Strictly Come Dancing is back on our screens and if you're keen to brush up on your dance moves, then sign up for one of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Chance To Dance events taking place across the UK this November. You'll be taught four different dance styles in one day, before coming together with hundreds of other participants in a group dance at the end of the day. Taught by professionals, the dances range from Michael Jackson's Thriller, Beyonce's Single Ladies to Jazz and Ballroom, with each class being tailored to suit any ability.

There are nine 'Chance to Dance' events taking place across the UK throughout November. To sign up to an event near you visit

www.mariecurie.org.uk/dancing or call 0870 240 1021.

ULTIMATE WINNER

Brian Dowling, the camp TV presenter was crowned the winner of the final ever installment of the reality show but he insists the fireworks-filled finale was more for the series' host than for him.

He said: "I remember when I first won, in 2001, and we were looking at the fireworks and she said they were all for me. On that last day I was able to say, 'Davina, they're all for you now.' Brian - who beat Chantelle Houghton and Nikki Grahame to the title of Ultimate Big Brother contestant - admits he had serious reservations about returning to the programme which made him a star after seeing what happened to Jade Goody when she returned to the house. He told The Sun newspaper: "I had the Jade thing going on in the back of my mind - people waiting for you to f**k it up. But I thought there was nothing I could lose. I'm still pretty much the same person I was 10 years ago. Viewers liked me then, why wouldn't they now?"





LOLLIPOP!.....

A brand new Gay friendly night coming to Barnsley on Thursday 30th September 2010.

Open every Thursday from 10pm til 4am at CoCo Nightclub. Lollipop is an exciting new concept that will inject more life into Barnsley's Gay scene. Launching with Lollipop goes Hollywood.

For the launch expect all the glitz and glamour of Hollywood along with: Pink Carpet, Paparazzi, Champagne Reception, Chocolate Fountain, Showgirls, Human Statues, Fire Eaters, Angle Grinders, Dance Shows plus special guest... Adam Rickitt performing live on stage! Lollipop! Come and have a lick, you know you want to!

BARNSELY PRIDE

Sunday 5th September was a date on everyone's calendar for Barnsley's Second Gay Pride celebrations, which was the launch of the All Barnsley Diversity Festival. The 'official' event was held at the Metrodome Arena & Gardens after the LGBT Forum hit problems with funding to enable them to hold it in the town centre as they had done the previous year.

The sun was shining down and it was a fantastic fun packed family day for everyone which included 30 stalls, Fire Service demonstrations, Barnsley

Football Club Penalty Shoot Out, plus a huge main stage with six hours of live acts including headliner Rowetta who sang her heart out for the audience, along with Scooch, Totally Gaga, Erased and many other acts.

This year the Forum were also happy to welcome aboard four new venues within the town centre to host the 'Official' After Party - Dirty O'Dwyers, Blah Bar, Lucorum, and Koffi Bean who have pledged to support the gay community all year round by offering alternative days of the week for gay nights. Hopefully this will be the beginning of change where people within the gay community of Barnsley can have a choice on what night they wish to go out on and where they want to go without the fear of hate crime and discrimination which will not be tolerated in these venues. This is only the beginning of where we can finally say, "Yes, Barnsley has got pride".
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OCTOBER IS ROBBIE

There's a book, an album and, with the much talked about release of the single *Shame*, where we see the official end of hostilities between Robbie and fellow Take Thaters Gary Barlow, Robert Peter Williams is going to be everywhere.

However, that isn't all... later in the year the four Take That members become five, as Robbie rejoins the band with the release of their new album scheduled for November. Not only will Robbie be singing and writing stuff for said project, the word is he then intends to spend a year on the road with the rest of the band promoting it.



Meanwhile, in his own right, Robbie's Greatest Hits album, *In and Out of Consciousness*, is just what it says on the cover but also includes the duet with Gary Barlow, *Shame*... the video for which has already created quite a stir. Many have called it self-indulgent, others a salute to *Brokeback Mountain*, while more still are just happy to see the two former protagonists getting over their differences and producing a pretty well crafted 'love' song. Robbie has defended the video

Photo: Julian Board



Single '*Shame*'
OUT: 5TH OCTOBER - EMI

Album '*Greatest Hits album, In and Out of Consciousness*'
OUT: 11TH OCTOBER - EMI

Robbiwilliams.com

WILLIAMS MONTH By Les Lea

and admitted he found it hilarious that people thought the promo had homosexual overtones.

He joked: 'Yeah, Gary Barlow is my boyfriend... People are saying that the video is very gay, I cannot understand that.'

Oddly enough... everyone else can.

After all, the wounds that split the band in the first place are no longer there. Both Gary and Robbie have found fame and fortune in their own way and Mark, Jason and Howard have always been seen to be ready for whatever the other two decide. It now looks simply a case of a bunch of mates, who spent their early life together, enjoying one last fling. Having fun and reliving a part of their lives that was interrupted by demons that have since been vanquished. We know that both Robbie and Take That like to put on a spectacle when it comes to a live performance, so we can expect a stage show the like of which has probably never been seen before (not that I want to put pressure

on anyone) but we'll want more than a few lasers and fireworks. Both will no doubt continue as successful entities in their own right but this is a public acknowledgement that they have all grown up. A boyband they ain't but perhaps that well used phrase from the 80s might be applied instead... the launch of a 'Super Group'!

However, the final words on his Greatest Hits album must come from Robbie himself: "It's incredible to listen to the album and realise that it's already been 20 years of making music and playing gigs. And the great thing about the album is that it's not only a celebration of my past but also a bridge to the future. The fact that part of the future includes a name from my past makes it all the more poignant for me".

IN HIS OWN WORDS

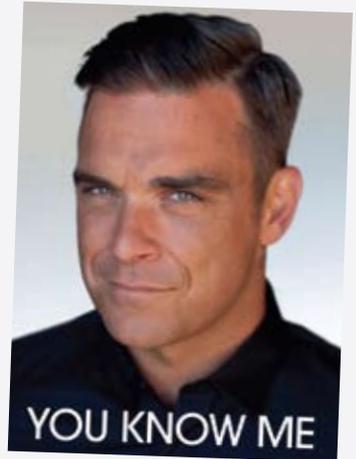
The book - *You Know Me* provides, an illuminating and candid portrayal of the singer/songwriter's twenty-

year career. In turns funny, touching, and revealing, we learn about Robbie's life through his own words, while Feel author Chris Heath takes him through the sometimes unsettling journey of the last two decades.

Over 250 stunning images capture his personal and public life and grant us insight into the events that have made up his extraordinary career: the images never seen before include his holiday snaps from around the world, flashbacks to his Stoke-on-Trent boyhood and also the intense rehearsals and gigs leading to the inexorable rise of Take That. As such, "You Know Me" becomes as much a chronicle of contemporary pop life as it is of an artist who seemed to do all his growing up in public. Released from the confines of boy-band life, Robbie then embarks on his solo career, in which staggering global success is matched by an increasing sense of playfulness and exploration. (In Rob's own words, 1996 was 'the

wasted year... I did everything because I could, and there was nobody there to tell me no.') *You Know Me* covers his early tours – on which he performed 'like his life depended on it' – his relationship with co-writer Guy Chambers, and the creation of the song that would change everything for him, 'Angels'. The book includes stunning images of him on-stage at home and abroad, the making of many of his now iconic videos, and the untold stories behind performing at Glastonbury in 1998 and his groundbreaking Knebworth gig in 2003. But Rob also reflects on more personal aspects of his life: his breakdown in 2006; finding happiness with wife Ayda; playing football, baring his flesh ('If I had an extra inch, I'd be naked all the time'), and relaxing at his LA home with his beloved dogs. And finally he leaves us at the Brit Awards 2010 where he received the Outstanding Contribution Award to Music.

Throughout, he reflects as only he can – with the wit, intelligence, sensitivity, irreverence, intimacy and brutal honesty that has made him so beloved – on this remarkable, unprecedented voyage.



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With some of the world's hottest artists of the moment onboard, Essential Mixes is a series that will take current fans and a new generation of listeners alike on the road to remix heaven.

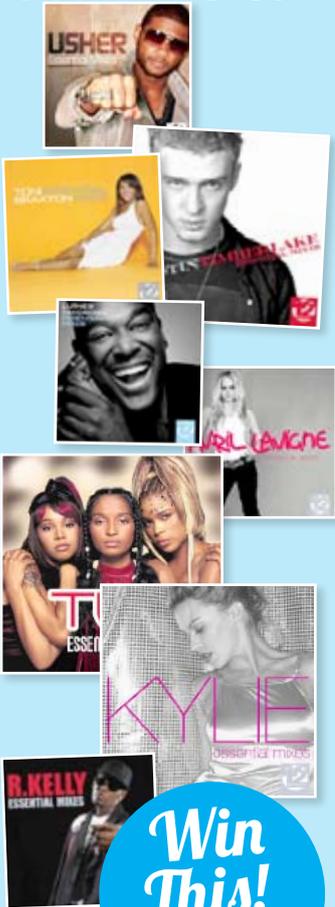
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WHAT'S ON LEEDS



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CASSIDY CONNOR

"Highly Original and Outrageously Fabulous" The Stage

Coming to the Viaduct Showbar is one of the stars from the West End's Priscilla: Queen of the Desert, Wезley Sebastian.

The man who brought life to the character Miss Understanding in the show has a background in cabaret and musical theatre and concedes that "The Palace is a bit bigger than some of the venues I am used to playing." On 31st October he returns to his cabaret roots to perform in the fantastic Cassidy Connors Show... direct from Trashville - Tennessee and from gutter to glitter, she's a unique style of female impersonation, sophisticated comedy and a voice that'll dazzle the toughest critics.



The Lady Boys of BANGKOK

Meanwhile, the fabulous Lady Boys of Bangkok return in spectacular style with 'Fantasy & Feathers' the fun-packed new 2010 production of the country's favourite cabaret party show. In Leeds, Millennium Square, Friday 15th October until Saturday 30th October.

To celebrate their arrival The Lady Boys are concocting their very own cocktail which is to be named 'Fantasy and Feathers' and served for the entirety of their time in Leeds. The Lady Boys will be choosing the finest ingredients to showcase their fun, flirty and fabulous selves at The Viaduct Show Bar, Leeds on Sunday 17th October from 2pm onwards.

The Lady Boys are excited to not only launch their own cocktail but to meet and greet the Leeds public. Tina who becomes Lady Gaga as well as leading the feathers number, Strong Enough said "I can't wait to create our very own cocktail; I want it to be glamorous, girly and irresistible. It's a great opportunity to put our creative minds together, I just hope that we don't need to do too much tasting, as we all have to perform at 8pm!"



NEWCASTLE UPON GAY

The search is on for information about the colourful - and often clandestine - history of Newcastle upon Tyne's gay scene.

Organisers of a new history walk are calling on members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities who have lived in or visited the city over the years to share their memories and stories so that they can be included in the city trail.

The LGBT Heritage Walk has been developed by members of the STaG gay and bisexual men's group and is based upon the memories and anecdotes of men who have experienced Newcastle's gay

scene through the years. The two and a half mile walk takes in areas including Haymarket, Grey Street, Bigg Market and of course the Pink Triangle.

Steve Paske, who has been involved in developing the walk, says it has helped to capture many wonderful, and sometimes poignant, memories of Newcastle's gay scene over several decades.

People can get in touch to share memories and information by contacting Steve at stevepaske@talktalk.net or writing to Steve Paske, C/O 13 Walker Terrace, Gateshead, NE8 1EB

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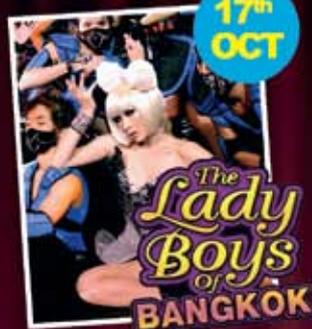
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SAM CLARK

Not a Neighbour from hell!

For those of us who are still hooked on Aussie soap Neighbours on FIVE, there has been a delicious piece of eye-candy called Sam Clark, aka, Ringo Brown who, for the last four years, has kept us all glued to the storylines. Now, as the 6000th episode of this iconic show makes it to our screen, the blond star leaves the comfort of Ramsey Street and becomes a civilian again. Les Lea caught up with him as he arrived in London at the launch of his UK tour but first he asked him how he got the part in Neighbours.

Originally we had to send off a self-taped audition from a script in a magazine... I was lucky to be pulled out of 7,000 people. There were 4 different auditions where the numbers got cut down. Eventually, it were cut down to 12 from each state and we had to do an audition at our local shopping centre in front of the crowds that gathered and a member from Neighbours' casting. Finally we went to Melbourne and auditioned on the set with the cast and two days after... I was given the role of Ringo.

Are you anything like your character?

I don't believe that I am. Ringo is focused on footie and not the brightest of kids but I'm more focused on music and was quite focused at school and did well there. So quite different in that sense... and I hope I don't make as many mistakes with girls as he did when he started... but that might be just thinking a bit too highly of myself (chuckles).

The 22 year-old, Adelaide born actor has already had musical success in his own country when his debut single 'Broken' hit the top of the Aussie charts. His latest single 'Devastated' followed to the top spot and now Sam is desperate to repeat that success here.

I've played music most of my life. To a degree I'm self taught. I was shown a few basic

chords but mainly I just picked out the tune on the guitar and learned that way.

Despite not coming from a musical family, he's the only one of the Clarks who enjoys singing and acting, he's been performing since he was ten years old.

When I had my first performance in front of an audience... the feeling I got from that, coupled with the feeling of release I got from writing music, I just wanted to focus most of my energies doing that as much as I could while at school. So, I got stuck in and can't believe that I'm making it my career.

Can you remember the first song you wrote?

I think it was something about not fitting in at school... but (he laughs) it's not in the set I play now.

I've just seen the video for your single and I like it... and it has to be said... you make a very good-looking weather-girl.



(Laughs) It's been a weird response but for us it was a whole lotta fun to muck around... though some people think I look better as a woman.

Is this an area you're going to pursue?



I'll take what you say as a compliment but I'll probably leave it there for now. (chuckles)

You're here to do a bit of charity work on behalf of the NHS promoting blood donations (an area of discussion that doesn't sit very well with quite a few members of the gay community). However, you are doing over 100 schools spreading your message and your music but while you are here will you be making time to perform for many of your gay fans?

I'm trying to fit in it in. I'm trying to leave a few dates in the schedule where I can play to an older age audience. I would love to do that.

What is your guilty pleasure?

Buying gadgets. I like Apple stuff. I don't have an iPad yet but I'm sure I will.

Last question... what is your favourite style of underwear?

Boxer briefs... the tight fitting cotton/lycra CK type of trunks but now I'm an unemployed actor and singer I suppose I'll have to go back to something cheaper.

More Info

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With over 15 successful years of running dating phone lines and websites, Virtual Universe Ltd are taking on GPS mobile gay dating giant Grindr, with their own Maleforce Mobile GPS dating app. Unlike Grindr, Maleforce Mobile not only provides GPS mapping reference for guys in the immediate area, but also shows bars, pubs and

clubs in the vicinity as well as cool shops and other points of interest. Each member can upload video or audio footage of themselves onto their profile - something that Grindr members can't yet do and best of all, unlike the competition, Maleforce Mobile is totally free to download and use. Maleforce Mobile 1.1 has just been launched and

is available to download to all brands of smart phones via iTunes or www.maleforce.com and it has been selected by the Apple apps store as being 'new and noteworthy'. Over 4,000 new users have signed up since the launch in mid-August and the numbers keep rising, so it looks like there's a new force in the market with Maleforce mobile.



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Thanks to the hundreds who came to Freakshow's first birthday last week, back at its original home of the Number 1 club. That's got to go down as one of my favourite clubbing nights ever and it was great to be back in a club with a proper underground feel. Keep watching www.clubfreakshow.com for news of where Manchester's most loved gay club will be moving to. As usual, my monthly podcasts can be downloaded from www.jasonguy.podomatic.com or simply type 'Jason Guy' in iTunes. If you'd like to see your track, club, or event featured in Bent you can reach me on jason@bent.com.



TOP TRACKS OF THE MONTH

TRACK REVIEW

By Jason Guy

TRACK OF THE MONTH

SERGE DEVANT - GHOSTS (ULTRA RECORDS)

Russian born NYC producer Serge released one of my biggest tracks of last year with Addicted. Now, he's back, with a new album and this time he looks set to burst into the mainstream. He's once again teamed up with the amazing vocalist Hadley, with this finely-tuned sonic monster 'Ghost'. Hadley's vocals are once again commendably brought to the fore, squeezing emotion out of every word. Available in a number of mixes, the original club mix is my favourite... a thunderous and hypnotic tribal affair.



DONATI & AMATO VS ATF - THRILL ME (E-LAB MUSIC)

Donati (with his number one dance radio show 'Kunique' that is a cult program in Italy) and Amato (over 9 million albums sold under his Double You guise) have teamed up with the ATF to produce this stunning vocal house cut. A few DJs were originally selected to test it out, which resulted in many labels entering into a bidding war. The production skills by all involved compliment beautifully the excellent vocals and the mixture of class, soul, catchy hooks and floor friendly beats. The stand-out mix on this package for me is undoubtedly the Hernandez vs DJ Tyo Mix, which brings a tougher edge to the track.



WAWA - ORION (WAWA TRAXX)

After a few less than impressive tracks in my opinion, the Wawa boys are back on form, here teaming up with MMB. This big room track sees a more back-to-their-roots style uplifting progressive-houser, with synth riffs and ethereal vocals for those special peak-time moments. Part house, part trance (and good trance here - not the girlie euphoria that plagues many clubs - ha!). Great reactions from my dance floors from the very first play.

TENNAKE - COMA CAT (DEFECT-ED)

Now, usually when I see the words 'Old School' used to describe a track, it goes straight in the bin... probably due to the fact that I lived and danced my way through this era the first time around at the Hacienda, Number 1 Club etc. Yet, there's something extremely mesmerising and cool about the nis new release from Tensnake. The original mix is doused in a big synthy bassline, old-school piano stabs and an almost overwhelmingly joyful hook, but it's the Round Table Knights remix that works best for me - which takes some of the stand-out elements of the original, adds a huge breakdown and turns this into a hard-hitting slice of house. If you like this, then check out the new Tensnake album 'Tensnake In The House' due out on the 4th of this month.



WHAT'S ON LEEDS



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Saturday 30th October (& the last Saturday in every month)

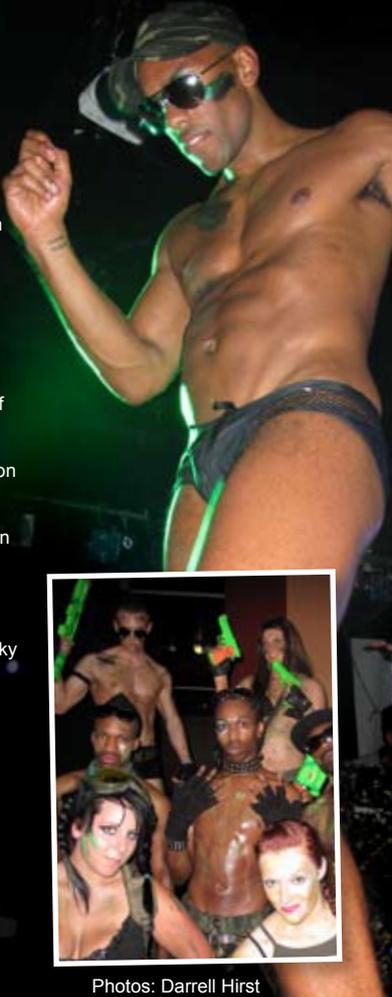
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Jason Guy
Gregg Holden

In the Revolution Room - Back2Funky classics
Lloyd Roper
Stuart Robinson
Mark Wilson

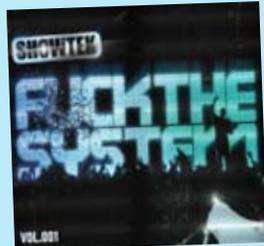
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COMPETITION



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After its critically acclaimed, box office hit run at Soho Theatre and a week at the Edinburgh Fringe delighting and upsetting people in equal measure, Kim Noble's show about failure and entertainment, death and legacy, and how to get by in life a little bit more easily, comes to greenroom.

Kim Noble is a performance and video artist, and one half of Perrier Award-winning, BAFTA-nominated experimental art-comedy duo (nobleandsilver) with Stuart Silver. Kim's work uses a provocative and humorous style to expose the human condition: notions of death, sexuality, gender and religion are picked at

with dry comedic use of tragedy meshed with absurdity. Continuing in the tradition of nobleandsilver, Kim's solo work is disorientating, and aims to destabilise its audience as much as to make it laugh.

Forced to assess his meagre legacy as his contemporaries become more and more successful, what Kim bequeaths to the world has become of utmost importance to him.

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GIRLYMAN

Gender-confusing band Girlyman, the much loved Atlanta-based folk-pop quartet - the long-time trio of Doris Muramatsu, Tylan Greenstein and Nate Borofsky were recently augmented by the addition of old friend drummer JJ Jones - are here in the UK in support of their widely acclaimed fourth studio album Everything's Easy .

Girlyman formed in 2001 in Brooklyn, where the friends shared an apartment; their first rehearsal was scheduled for Tuesday, September 11. It was postponed, but the events of that day helped the trio clarify its vision: "We decided to just have fun," explains Nate, "and not take ourselves too seriously. We started by naming our new band Girlyman." Others, however, took the group quite seriously. The first few years brought critical delight, awards, and long opening runs with the Indigo Girls and Dar Williams. Girlyman quickly became a strong headliner in its own right, and now plays in every corner of the country to intensely loyal "girlyfans"

who often travel hundreds of miles to see shows.

Band members Doris Muramatsu and Tylan Greenstein were best friends from school who teamed up with Nate Borofsky in college at a talent show, and since then they've been creating their own unique language of three-part harmony. With a nod in the direction of 60s vocal groups like Simon & Garfunkel and The Mamas and the Papas, and infused with years of classical and jazz training, Girlyman's songs are a dance of melody and suspensions - an irresistible blend of acoustic, Americana, and rock The Village Voice calls "really good, really unexpected, and really different."

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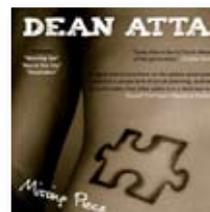
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DEAN ATTA

He's young, black and gay. He's an activist and an artist and he releases his next album, 'Missing Pieces' as a free download on the 4th October.

This year he won the Spirit of London Award in recognition of his work in schools highlighting equality and diversity issues through poetry and drama. He says: "Although work like that is reward enough in itself, it's a real privilege to be able to go into schools to challenge bullying, homophobia, racism, etc. because I believe that Silence Is Not Golden and we must speak out against injustice on small and large scales."

The album is bound to create quite a stir for at least one track as Dean says: "A lot of people focus in on 'Morning Sex' because there's a video out for it but hopefully with this album people will hear that I've got a lot more to say than the F-word. I'm not your average rapper but I'm not your average poet either."



Be sure to catch Dean at any LGBT event... you will be enthralled.

www.deanatta.co.uk



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THE DREADFUL HOURS

Following the success of queer physical theatre company Tmesis Theatre's spring 2010 tour of their biggest and most innovative collaboration to date; The Dreadful Hours - the all gay company is delighted to announce that more dates have been added to their itinerary.

A painfully funny dinner you can't afford to miss. The Dreadful Hours is a darkly comic, physically charged drama that exposes the quiet disintegration of love's first flourish through one couple's relationship. What happens when one hour's dinner can seem like years, yet years seem to pass in a heartbeat?

Combining Tmesis Theatre's trademark physicality with new writing from acclaimed Northwest

playwright Chris Fittock, this wonderfully inventive production will change the way you see yourself and your relationships.

Tour Dates

Rose Theatre, Edge Hill University - 30th September
 The Carriageworks, Leeds - 6th October
 Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury Festival - 25th October
 PS2, University of Hull, Scarborough Campus - 27th October
 The Junction, Cambridge - 24th November 2010
 The Civic, Barnsley - 1st December

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COMPETITION

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BARBRA THE ULTIMATE COLLECTION

Following powerful sales of Barbra Streisand's most recent album, "Love Is The Answer," a number one hit in both the U.S. and the United Kingdom and with high rankings in virtually all other countries, Sony will release "Barbra - The Ultimate Collection" for international release October 25. The new CD will comprise 18 of the artist's greatest recordings. The selections are drawn from hits that over half a century have become classics transcending all borders. Included in the "Ultimate" track list are: Woman In Love, Evergreen, The Way We Were, You Don't Bring Me Flowers, Guilty, No

More Tears (Enough Is Enough), Don't Rain On My Parade, Memory, Papa, Can you Hear Me?, As If We Never Said Goodbye, Tell Him, Stranger In A Strange Land, I've Dreamed Of You, Send In The Clowns, People, Smile, In The Wee Small Hours Of The Morning and Somewhere.

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ALBUMS

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THE RYAN O'REILLY BAND

EMILY

// OUT: 25TH OCTOBER

Hotly tipped quintet The Ryan O'Reilly Band have arrived with their debut EP. Blues, Americana and Folk colour this album, along with the varied locations where songwriter Ryan O'Reilly penned the songs: Ireland, Hampshire, London, the Ontario wilderness and Toronto. This is a colourful fusion of flavours that revel in that naïve optimism of a debut. Buoyed by a huge massive fanbase who tour their live gigs, it's clear why The Ryan O'Reilly Band are popular, and may this be a taster of greater things to come.



THE SOUND OF CAMDEN FT. MUTYA BUENA

THE SOUND OF CAMDEN

// OUT NOW

The Stables Market celebrates one of London's most vibrant locations with its new The Sound of Camden series. This first instalment features the vocal talents of one Ms Buena, of Sugababes fame, and features 11 tracks from acts such as The Rolling Stones, Nirvana, Radiohead and U2. Mutya's vocals add crooning sass to camouflage the indie and rock roots of many of these songs, and as a result the album is a unique and tasty exploration into genre bending, which both shows Mutya's versatility and perfectly captures the diverse bohemian flair of Camden.



SPIRIT CATCHER

PARTNERS IN CRIME

// OUT: OCTOBER

Belgians Jean Vanesse and Thomas Sohet form Spirit Catcher. Their release Partners in Crime is a follow-up to the EP Sedona in 2009 and debut LP Night Vision. Their nu-disco and deep house sound is recognised worldwide, and is best captured in this newest offering. There's everything from crisp 80s funk and electronica beats to groovy, deep digging tech house rhythms, meaning dance lovers will thoroughly enjoy this.



FERGIE

DYNAMITE AND LASERBEAMS

// OUT: 25TH OCTOBER

This is the debut album of former Radio1 DJ Fergie. We're told he has calmed his hectic lifestyle down a touch and taken to a more thoughtful stance with this album of instrumental flashes of inspiration. It leaves me cold but I could see the tracks popping up as background music to many trendy BBC shows. Nothing new I'm afraid but never-the-less interesting to see this new direction.



BILL HICKS

THE ESSENTIAL COLLECTION

// OUT: 4TH OCTOBER

Bill is well known for his social commentary and his confrontational attitude to the mainstream. Self-described as 'Chomsky with dick jokes', Hicks' career was short but influential. This double-CD/double-DVD/download card offering combines stand-up, performance, music, interviews and the cult short film, Ninja Bachelor Party. This isn't entirely music, nor is it just comedy, but anyone with a taste for sharp satire and interesting critiques of modern culture could do worse than picking up this collection.

WHAT'S ON LEEDS



HOMO

SAILORS & ZOMBIES

Back Door Disco and Homo returned to the Leeds scene last month when Mission 2 unveiled its brand new look at the re-launch parties. The club had a mini-refurb over the Summer and has fitted push new washrooms for boy and girl clubbers, two new seating areas, an enhanced dance floor and has given its terrace bar a refit. The new look is guaranteeing all party goers a bigger and better clubbing experience than ever before.

And with the new look Mission 2, October is set to be more exciting than ever. As usual, Monday nights at Homo serve just £1.50 drinks and have on offer some of the best DJing talent in Leeds. On 18th

October, make sure you don't miss the sailor party as H.M.S Homo sets sail. All boys and girls in their sailor outfits will get free entry before 12pm and Mission 2 will be getting a nautical make over. Back Door Disco will be throwing the city's biggest Gay Halloween party on Saturday 30th October. London IT girl, Lady Lloyd will be joining PJ and Debbie B on the decks to spin the most ghoulish tracks. Free entry before 12pm for anyone in a scary outfit and £2.50 drinks all night.

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DRAG IDOL – THE INTERVIEW



Since the very first Drag Idol back in 2004 many folk have flocked up and taken on the challenge to win the coveted title. Bent took time out to chat to the two people who will be at the helm of this year's fantastic competition - Event Organiser Daniel Cher Bailey & Hostess Miss Orry"

So how are you both doing?

DCB: Great thanks as I'm stuffing my face with a large bowl of Popcorn Chicken!

Miss Orry: Yes & he hasn't even offered me any, the Fat Bastard!

DCB: I'm not fat anymore as I'm now thin & gorgeous.

Miss Orry: Yeah, I'll give Danny his due, he does look amazing after all that weight loss & can you believe it was just constipation? All he needed was a bowel movement to loose all that weight, but then again I always thought he was full of Sh**!

So DRAG IDOL is back, are you both excited & what can we expect?

Miss Orry: Not really.

DCB: She's lying. We can't wait as it's going to be the biggest & most ambitious one to date & we are changing things around - allowing live singing this year, so that should be interesting.

Miss Orry: And you can play an instrument if you want to.

DCB: A bloody instrument?

Miss Orry: Yeah, someone may want to play the ukulele... well I'd be impressed!

Who are the judges this year?

DCB: Well, we have a great team including Chelsea from Queens Court, Lana who is a M.A.C trained makeup artist & has worked with Miss Orry at Funny Girls & we have the gorgeous Kira who is a professional singer.

Miss Orry: And of course Danny is the head judge as always & I will be hosting the evening this year with the help of the fabulous, but not as funny as me, DJ Degsie.

Any Guests lined up?

DCB: Oh yes we have an exclusive performance from Miss Orry & The Viaduct Drag Divas, Cheryl Whole & a

live set from Angie Brown as well as all the contestants.

Miss Orry: So it's going to be a packed night with lots of costume changes for me.

And this is all for charity?

DCB: Well, this year we are raising money for Yorkshire MESMAC.

Miss Orry: It's a great event to raise money for a great cause and so far we have raised over £17 grand for local Charity's through Drag Idols history

Anything else we should know?

Miss Orry: Yeah, me and Danny are single but looking!

DCB: Just save the date Tuesday 9th November at The Royal Armouries in Leeds

Miss Orry: And you can get all info about buying tickets & how to enter via our website page.

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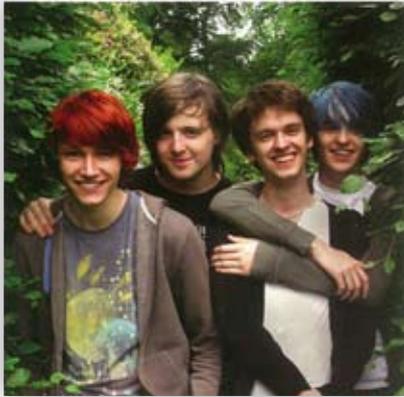
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THE BAND OF THE YOUTUBE GENERATION

Sons Of Admirals are four lads, Alex Day, Charlie McDonnell, Eddplant and Tom Milsom, who live in Britain but have grown up on the internet. Based in London, each member of the band is a global youtube star - views for their individual youtube channels top 90 million and between them they have more than 830,000 youtube subscribers. To help put this in context – Lady Gaga's official youtube channel has just over 330,000 subscribers.

Having already successfully released singles and albums as solo artists and in various collaborations the four friends, who met on youtube, are releasing their first single as "Sons Of Admirals". Whilst their solo records comprise original recordings, the band have chosen to record Cat Stevens' 1967 hit 'Here Comes My Baby' - "we like the idea

of coming together to do something different to our solo projects and so we are recording great songs by established artists who our fans might not know, yet" explains Alex.

The video that launched the single was written and directed by band member Charlie McDonnell and launched on his YouTube channel, charlieissocoollike, the most subscribed channel in the UK. "I wanted to introduce each of the members and give the band a kind of 'origin story'," said Charlie. The video for 'Here Comes My Baby' has already had more than 1.7 million views.

'Here Comes My Baby' will now be released as a digital bundle with an acoustic version of the single and a brand new video. The video will be directed by Charlie and the fans are deciding what the lads will be doing in the video! Single 'Here Comes My Baby' on 18th October

www.sonsofadminals.com

BOY, GLIDE & SWERVE

Electronica duo Glide & Swerve return with the deeply emotive and euphoric track Pentonville Blues, featuring the vocals of the legendary Boy George.

Invoking the reggae sounds that brought Boy George to the forefront of music in the 1980s, Pentonville Blues is an intensely personal track, written following the singers time spent in prison. Glide & Swerve is made up by Ivan Clarke and Simon Glantz who first formed in Hong Kong, before taking their sound back to the UK to record their highly regarded debut album. With a wealth of musical experience behind

them, the duo have always kept one foot in the dance music scene, DJing across Europe and remixing for labels including Pacha and Seamless, and one foot firmly in the future by creating musically diverse, yet consistently uplifting material. After receiving rave reviews from the likes of IDJ Magazine, The Sun and being awarded Album of the Month in FHM for their debut full length Bring Back Love, Glide & Swerve have produced a supremely rich track which perfectly showcases their unique ability to combine elevating melodies with universal accessibility.

Glide & Swerve - Pentonville Blues featuring Boy George will be available from all good digital retailers 18th October.



LOUIS LA ROCHE

MY TURN
25TH OCTOBER

This slice of dancefloor-power-pop is drenched in French disco, with a decidedly groovy house sensibility. There are echoes of Stardust and Modjo here, which is welcome after almost a decade of sterile electro, and even includes a riff-tastic guitar solo right in the middle. It's no wonder people who don't know better spread a demo online and thought it was Daft Punk. There's much to commend this, in a nostalgic, widely-grinning, spangly kinda way.

WOMAN E

In the infamous court case of Max Mosley against the News of The World, Woman E was the pseudonym given to the dominatrix with whom Mosley allegedly had Nazi themed sex. Taking influences from her sordid story and the deepest darkest corners of dance pop, Woman E plan to shake things up a little

The band use keyboards, drum kits and stroboscope flash lights, and can be found strutting their stuff on either a big stage as a five piece or as a duo somewhere in the early hours of the morning performing in clubland, armed with a mic and a backing track. The band is formed of: Ria Berlin (vocals), Uwe Doll (keyboards, production, song-writing) and Steve Rooney (drums). The band's early recordings, found their way to French Vogue's radar, voting them one of the best fashion records ever.

Ria, is a born and bred Londoner to South African parents while Uwe Doll aka DJ Oovermatic is from Berlin who, as well as writing and



producing, plays the keyboards and the trumpet. Few and Far Between is a blend perfect pop track reminiscent of the late eighties, early nineties, citing musical influences such as Kraftwerk, Heaven 17, Pet Shop Boys, Leonard Cohen. When asked how to sum up their music they normally respond with some sort of juxtaposition: "decadence and decay" or "melancholy disco", but ultimately they say, if you strip away all the smug adjectives, it's really just pop".

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SINGLES

by Adam Lowe



JOE MCELDERRY

AMBITIONS

// OUT: 10TH OCTOBER

The cute (and now we know) gay X-Factor winner has a blistering new single that will give many detractors pause for thought. It's not what most will expect and the departure from sappy ballads and other people's re-treads is a definite plus. A quirky falsetto opening vocal leads into a catchy, bouncy pop song that has hit written all over it... and a great intro to his album released later this month.



THE TING TINGS

HANDS

// OUT: 11TH OCTOBER

Funny one this. Didn't like it when I first heard it but it is the one that has stuck in my head. A nice slice of 'clapping' electro-disco and mixed by one Mr Calvin Harris. It hits all the right buttons and although a departure from their hit 'Shut Up and Let Me Go'... it should repeat that particular single's success.



MOHOMBI FT. NELLY

MISS ME

// OUT: 25TH OCTOBER

23-year old Mohombi is a Norse-African who was talent-spotted by RedOne of Lady Gaga/Usher/Lil John fame. Kiss FM have made this one of their favourites on their playlist, with its radio-friendly R&B flavours and the guest spot from Nelly. Remixes are on the tables from Future Freaks and Wizzy Wow, to up the urban/club taste.

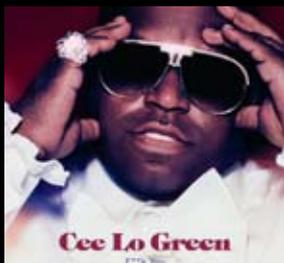


TINA LIE

TWILIGHT HOUR

// OUT: 18TH OCTOBER

Fusing rock and roots, Tina uses her rich, raw, distinctive voice to best effect with her poignant lyrics. There are flashes of Americana and country, of course, and the Dolly Parton brigade will absolutely love it. But it's her gravelly, gritty vocals that really give this the oomph it needs to make it more than restaurant muzak.



CEE LO GREEN

FORGET YOU (FUCK YOU)

// OUT: 4TH OCTOBER

It certainly seems to be the time of year for songs with swearwords in. Cee Lo has already caused an internet storm over this track, and rightly so. This is a catchy R&B track you'll be humming moronically and accidentally start singing round your gran. But it's okay, because she'll probably join in too. It is, after all, a really good blend of soulful gospel vocals and the mad kind of production you'd expect from the rounder member of Outkast. Go out and get this one now. We command you!



By Alex Wiggan

Eton Road, Tabby, Austin Drage, Stacey Soloman and countless others have fallen at the mighty feet of reality TV show The X-Factor, but for every controversial casualty there have been numerous sizzling survivors. Of course the success stories (Alexandra Burke, Leona Lewis and JLS) were the acts that battled their way to become top of the pops, but we all know the real winners are not amongst the handful of hopefuls that take part each week but are instead those jousting judges. Whilst the stage is filled with passionate performances the awesome foursome trade insults and sideswipes as they fight it out for an extra bit of screen time between ad breaks.

So with egos the size of small countries the real question is...

Who really has the x-factor?



DANNII

Austalian; so possibly knows Rolf Harris, Kath & Kim and Bouncer **10 points**

Famously had a feud with Sharon Osbourne but came out of it with head held high **50 points**

Has a hunky husband called Kris who's a proper hottie! Seriously hot! **100 points + 1 bonus jealousy point**

Erm... won X-Factor with Leon Jackson **-3 points**

Sister of Kylie (As if you didn't know)!!! **1100 points**

Proved last year that she was the most impartial judge on The X-Factor; whilst everyone else squabbled she stuck to her guns and didn't back down **100 points**

Used to be on teatime treat Home & Away!!! **20 points**

Total gay points score: **1378**



SIMON

Born in Brighton – Home of the homo **100 Points**

A tongue sharper than a butcher's knife and wears black better than the Milk Tray man **20 Points**

Won The X-Factor with Leona Lewis and catapulted her to stardom **50 Points**

Used to date Sinitta **3 Points**

Waddled beyond belief. No... seriously waddled! **1000 Points**

Mates with Paula Abdul, so possibly knows her animated feline friend MC Skat Kat **2 Points**

Put dishy Dermot O'Leary on TV screens every Saturday night for half of the year. Genius! **150 Points**

Total gay points score: **1325**



LOUIS

Affectionately known as Lou Lou. **1 point**

Best mates with Sharon Osbourne. **50 points**

Claimed unfair treatment on The X-Factor (Mrs O chucked a glass of water at him), threw a hissy fit and then quit the show... but then returned the following week - **18 points**

Has Shayne Ward's phone number. **75 points**

Axed from The X-Factor, temporarily replaced by Brian Friedman and then rehired. **25 points + 1000 extra survival points**

Knows JLS (he can't stop talking about them) and so has possibly seen them naked. **100 points**

Has the ability to construct a boy band using a selection of Irish fitties and a bunch of boring ballads. **50 points**

Total gay points score: **1283**



CHERYL

Dated, married, dumped then divorced Ashley Cole. **1000 points**

Member of the award winning foxy girl group Girls Aloud; so has probably found herself slumped in a shop door way clutching a kebab at 4am after a night out with Sarah Harding. **50 points**

Fought off malaria. **170 points**

Won X-Factor with Alexandra Burke and Joe McElderry. **50 points**

Has lovely hair and often appears on commercial breaks to tell everyone about it. **0 points**

Mates with Will.i.am **50 points**

Before finding fame in Girls Aloud Cheryl won modelling competitions and appeared in a couple of adverts...so she's a proper grafter! **30 points**

Total gay points score: **1350**



WINNER – DANNII



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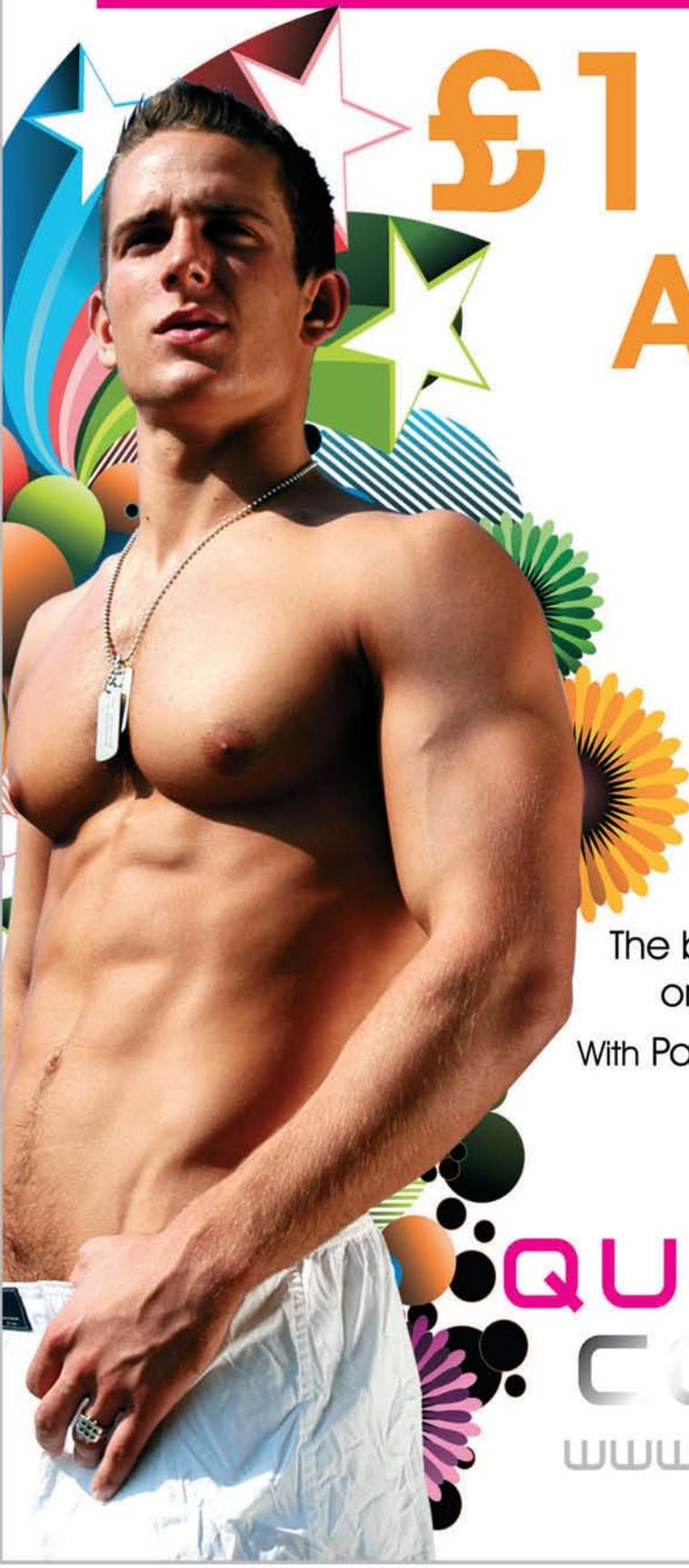
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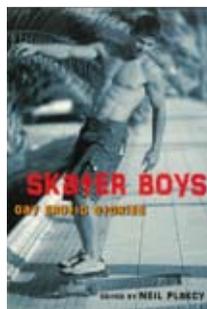
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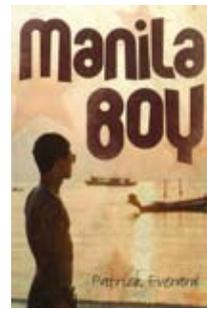
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By Patrick Everard

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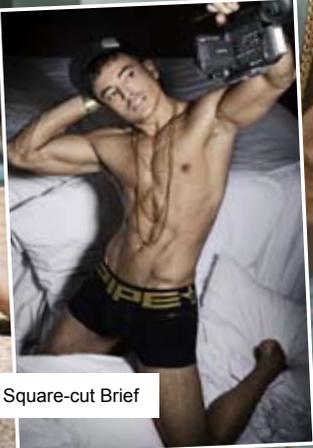
IN THE BUSINESS

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From Chums to Bums in 2 hours

Underwear entrepreneurs and owners of the Bum Chums brand name, Craig Hendry and Gareth Dickinson, revealed that because they produce and source everything in the UK, they can turn around ideas and designs in as little as two hours.

In the space of 12 months they've gone from what was basically a cottage industry to a full blown manufacturing company with distribution overseas. Bum Chums as a label is seen in those countries as authentically British; a bit quirky but well made and not ridiculously expensive. Indeed, the finish on their underwear is of such a high standard you'd expect to



pay far more than the retail price suggests.

Gareth: Underwear can be sexy, stylish, different, bright, fun, funky and still be a British brand. We aim for, and I think we achieve, excellent underwear that fits and is nice to wear, keeps its colour and is not something that loses its shape once you put them on.

Craig: We are the only underwear brand that manufacturers and sources and designs exclusively and entirely in this country on any scale. Because everything is done in this way we are as carbon neutral as we can be and are able to respond very quickly to demand or trends (thus the new line of jocks to accompany all the current range). Some importers from Pakistan or China are waiting up to 5 months for their product to arrive on the container ships.

Because the guys keep a very hands-on approach to their business (the manufacturing base is only a ten minute drive away), they feel that they are way ahead of many of their competitors. For

instance; because they have full control, using their own machines and people and because they keep it local, they say that their latest design only took 2 hours from acquiring the material to production.

Craig: Our latest design, and responding to demands for more risqué underwear, Sneak Peek, is made from a panel mesh stretch polyamide nylon (partly see-thru) and once we found the material we cut the pieces, cut the pattern and sewed up the prototypes ourselves.

Gareth: Then it was about giving them a test run so... we tried them on and wondered around to make sure they did what they were supposed to. We were delighted with the result; they looked revealing (but not too revealing), they were comfortable, looked great and felt fantastic on.

Craig: We went to our manufactures, set the machines and we were off and running... all within 2 hours.



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TERRY'S TRAVELS

As regular readers will know... I love to travel. Seeing new and exciting places, meeting different people and experiencing something fresh for the first time, makes all the effort of getting there so worthwhile. There are two places I'd always wanted to go – North Korea and Cuba, and as the leadership of the Democratic People's Republic in Asia seem a long way from hanging out the bunting in anticipation of mine (or anyone else's) arrival at the moment, I was pleased to be able to visit my other much anticipated destination - Cuba.



Before the communist revolution in the late 50s the island was well known as the playground for the elite of America and Europe. Heavily under the influence of the Mafia, who set up hotels, casinos and encouraged an atmosphere of 'anything goes', the capital Havana was seen as the centre of greed, licentiousness and corruption, which wasn't appreciated by many of the local inhabitants. The revolution that brought Castro to power saw a crackdown on many of the pleasures and freedoms that were taken for granted. The government brought in sweeping reforms and barbaric restrictions that saw many people leave the country, while others were persecuted in other ways. Many homosexuals in this period, who couldn't or didn't escape to Florida or elsewhere, were forced into labour camps, tortured or sent to prison. Thankfully, the Castro administration has changed its policy these days. Indeed, Sexual relations between same-sex consenting adults 16 and over have been legal in Cuba since 1979, although same-sex relationships are not presently recognised by the state. However, a vacation to this, the heaviest populated island in the Caribbean, is a treat for the traveller who wants something different and a veritable attack on the senses.

To quote the travel site, Lonely Planet (www.lonelyplanet.com/cuba/havana): "Traditional sights aside, Havana's greatest attraction is its earthy authenticity. This is no trussed-up tourist resort or cynically concocted amusement park. There are museums



here, of course, along with beautifully preserved palaces, top-notch hotels and rather tasty restaurants. But walk a couple of blocks north of leafy Parque Central and you'll suddenly find yourself in a dusty 1950s time warp."

It's not only the famous big old American cars that can be seen around that gives the feeling of stepping onto a 50s film set, the people themselves have nothing. No computers, no Xbox and no trendy labels. Kids play football with rolled-up balls of plastic, young children enjoy the pleasures of a simple whip and top, while their clothing is simple but functional. Mother's go shopping with hair in curlers, while the shops themselves are empty of most of the

basics that I for one take for granted. Indeed, you suddenly realise just how Americanised we Europeans have become when you cannot get a McDonalds, a KFC bargain bucket or even a Coca Cola. As the Lonely Planet article suggests, this isn't an amusement park because, when you've had enough for the day, life as it is just continues. Even though mixing between tourists and the locals isn't encouraged the people are very friendly and will come up and take pleasure in your company. It all seems so very social... families are out on the street chatting to one and other, going about their business, with what appears to be little or no aggravation or violence – happy but not desperate. In other countries I've been to the difference between the rich and poor has often made for a very scary begging class, in Havana and the rest of Cuba, no one has anything, so begging has little point.

Had we not met up with the fantastic Virgin Airlines trolley dolly James who knew the city, I doubt very much that we would have found the 'gay' area. There is a surefire way to meet up with and get suggestions from gay locals. The Yara Theater (Calle 23 and Calle L, Vedado) is a place where gays congregate to socialize and exchange news and gossip. In the area outside and around the theater, groups of men assemble nightly. Foreign visitors are welcomed warmly, and from your new friends, you could learn the location of the beaches with gay friendly areas. It may sound daunting, but it is the way, and visitors are expected and welcomed. The "official" gay beaches in Havana are:



“Now don’t go expecting Fat Boy Slim to be on the decks ... it was like walking into a northern working men’s club circa, 1970”



El Chivo in East Havana, and Mi Cayito at Playas del Este, where you may also get current pointers from friendly locals.

Our guide took us to the sea wall El Malecon in Havana... a huge sea defence that seems to be the focal point for many of the city’s inhabitants. In the evening, by purchasing a couple of bottles of local rum and a few paper cups then stationing yourself opposite the National Hotel, you won’t be alone for very long, as lads, trannies and guys of all ages will come and, at the offering of a cup of rum, chat and enjoy your company. Of course some lads will be available at a price but that isn’t really the social side to this pleasant pastime. The police are around and watching all the time but once you have your new friends, invitations to ‘The Party’ will get you to the local gay bar or club. Now don’t go expecting Fat Boy Slim to be on the decks, indeed it was like walking into a northern working men’s club circa, 1970, with everyone sat around chatting. At one bar we visited; Cafe Cantante, the DJ introduced the latest video ‘Top of the Pops’ style, while in another the cabaret was the same as the stars entertaining at the world famous Club Tropicana, a huge outdoor complex that features big production numbers and... gorgeous hunky dancers. It was weird yet, in a way, so damned refreshing.

Cuba may have very little but I just can’t wait to return... I loved the place.

MY POINTERS TO COPING WITH HAVANA.

Expect the food to be awful... even in tourist areas it was difficult in getting anything enjoyable.

The local money the peso is different from the ‘tourist’ peso so don’t be fooled when you get change.

They make bloody awful mojitos but rather wonderful daiquiris.

If you take someone’s photo don’t forget to give them a few coins in way of thanks.

Taxis are cheap so don’t be afraid to hail one but, if you want to be environmental, try using the boys on the trikes that will transport you around with equal flair.

I travelled from Leeds to London by rail with East Coast Trains. I always find it easier than flying as the journey only takes 2 hours. Advance return fares, booked online, start from £23 Standard Class or £94 First Class: book via

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ICELAND GOES PINK!

Iceland, the colourful land of fire and ice, is proud to show off its pink side in a brand new gay friendly package from tour operator, Express Travel.

Based in a city that is run by Europe's first lesbian Prime Minister, the package will showcase Reykjavik's LGBT scene and will allow travellers to learn more about the growth of Iceland's gay community, while offering free time to enjoy the capital.

The exclusive package, which has been put together by the sister company of low-fare airline, Iceland Express, will include a three-night stay in a 'gay friendly' apartment hotel in Reykjavik, a city tour with a personal gay guide and return flights from London with Iceland Express. The price will include a tour of Reykjavik, complete with a gay guide who will teach travellers about the Icelandic gay community and the best places to go in the city.

Express Travel's gay-friendly package will cost from €664 per person and is available between 24 September and 29 November 2010.

For more information on Iceland Express please visit www.icelandexpress.com or call 0118 321 8384.



LOVE IS IN THE AIR

SAS Scandinavian Airlines is hoping to host the world's first same-sex wedding in the air onboard an Airbus A340 between Stockholm and New York on December 6 this year. To find the couple, the airline has launched a major social media campaign, Love is in the air (www.flysas.com/love).

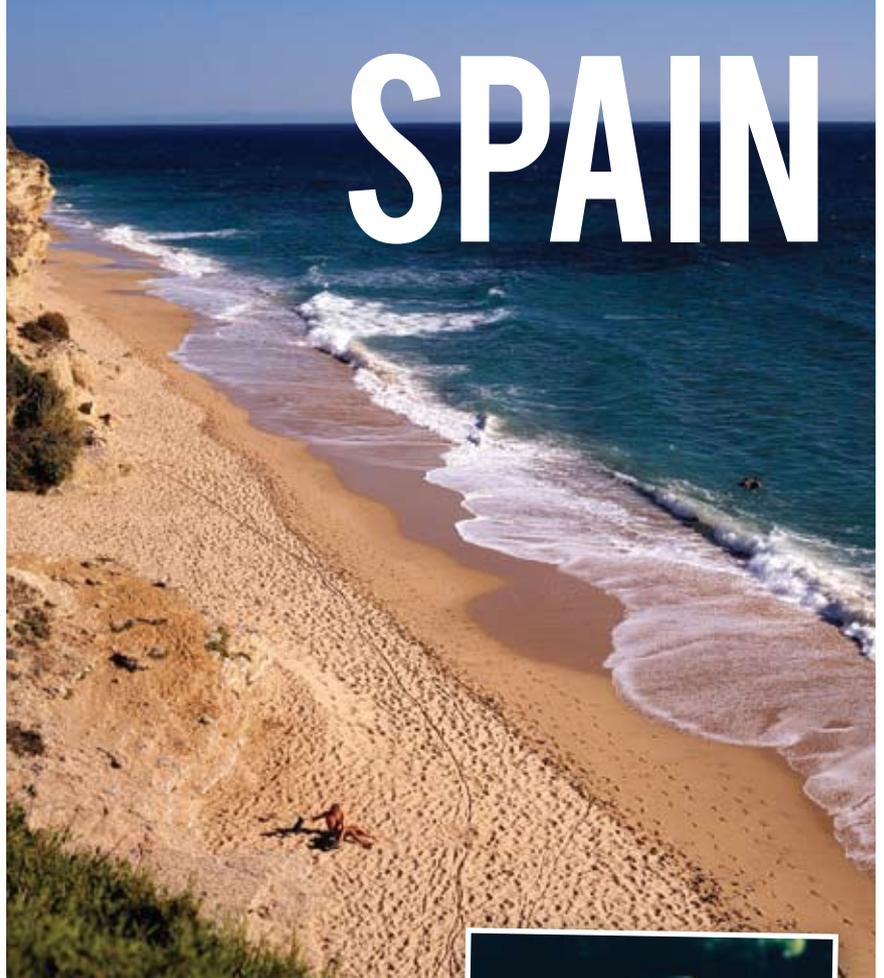
Once logged on couples can create a profile and upload either a video or photos along with a presentation, which others can then vote on. For the best chance to win, couples are recommended to share their profile with as many friends as possible via various social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, in order to increase the number of votes. The couple with the most votes will then marry in what will hopefully be the first same-sex wedding onboard a commercial flight.

"Airlines, including SAS, have organized weddings onboard flights for decades, but we would be the first in the world to organize a same-sex wedding in the air. SAS is the national airline of three of the world's most liberal and progressive countries in the world, especially when it comes to LGBT rights, so we feel this is a natural celebration of love," says Robin Kamark, Chief Commercial Officer, SAS.

The lucky couple will win Business Class return flights with SAS to New York, three nights' luxury accommodation in New York, flights to Los Angeles, three nights' luxury accommodation at the Andaz Hotel, West Hollywood, and a glamorous West Hollywood honeymoon experience.

To enter a profile or view other couples, please go to www.flysas.com/love.

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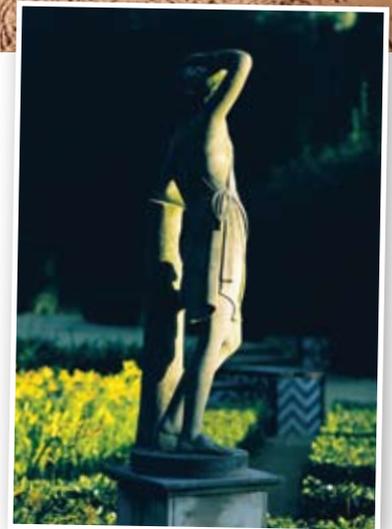


SEVILLE

According to industry sources gay tourism is booming in Seville. Major European investors linked to the lesbian, gay, transsexual and bisexual have settled in the Andalusian capital to invest. Seville has more than 57 companies known as gay friendly, located, for the most part, in the neighbourhoods of Alameda de Hercules and Arenal. The important tourist potential of the city makes Seville the most attractive city of Andalusia for gay tourism. High seasons are the April Fair, Holy Week and, in particular, on the date near the conclusion of the Southern Pride march, which takes place in June with a parade in the city.

TORREMOLINOS NIGHTLIFE

You don't have to be gay to enjoy Torremolinos at night but it helps. Most of the night life revolves around the town centre and La Nogalera, which gets particularly busy at weekends and attracts a largely gay crowd to its bars and clubs. Some of the clubs don't even open in summer until 3am, so if you want to party all night, this is the place to come. Summer time attracts a younger crowd to Torremolinos and July and August can be quite hectic. The town takes on a completely different character in between October and March, and many older visitors enjoy the mild winter season.



NUDISM & GAY FRIENDLY BEACHES AT CANOS DE MECA

Naturism is one of the qualities of this coastal zone. Although some people still prefer to wear something whilst on the beach, those that prefer to be 'au natural' are not looked on with disgust or amusement. In fact, everyone seems to get along swimmingly and an atmosphere of 'live and let live' is the order of the day. In the municipality of Conil de la Frontera there are lots of beaches and coves to enjoy nudism; Calas de Poniente (Tio Juan Medina, etc.) Cala Peneque, Melchor, Cala Sudario-Pitones, Cala de Camacho.

Naturism on the beaches of Bologna is not unusual as hidden bays and hundreds of metres of secluded beach offer havens to soak up the sun. Gay Tourism in Cadiz is proud of its encouragement for people to enjoy the area... and the splendour it offers to the discerning visitor.

* Beach, siesta, tapas, fiesta...? What a tough life!

BRIGHTON HOTELS

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Fairytales have always followed a pretty obvious storyline. The Big Bad Wolf, the bully who picks on the little piggies until they learn to fight back. Or Red Riding Hood chased by another wolf, boy does he get around! What if Red Riding Hood fought back and axed the wolf to death! Now wouldn't that be just twisted? The boys and girls at Legends want you to get your twisted minds around any fairytale you can think of and dress up as your favourite 'Twisted Fairytales'. The more twisted the better and the more likely you'll be in with a chance for a great cash prize. They've also got some fantastic spot prizes for those that dress up. Plus some freaky drinks promos' and funky frightening cocktails. They'll also be a little floor show from Legends own Twisted fairytale boys and girls. So on All Hallows Eve, Halloween to you and me, there's no spookier place to be than Legends from 8pm (Sunday 31st October)



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Queer Brighton, a highlight of the fourth Brighton Photo Biennial (BPB), is set to shine a light on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer life in the city-by-the-sea.

BPB 2010 is an ambitious celebration of international photographic practice, curated by world-renowned photographer and editor Martin Parr. It features a programme of exhibitions at some of Brighton's most culturally eclectic venues, including the touching and insightful Queer Brighton at Lighthouse.

Created by US photographers Molly Landreth and Zoe Strauss who visited the city during Brighton Pride week in early August, Queer Brighton documents the everyday experiences of the city's LGBTQ communities and reflects on the long established Pride festival in Brighton & Hove. It also features personal individual portraits and intimate photos of lesbian and gay couples together.

For more information on this year's Brighton Photo Biennial, log on to www.bpb.org.uk or go to www.visitbrighton.com for everything going on in Brighton & Hove this autumn.



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JOHAN'S BLOG

Not model behaviour

What the hell is wrong with all these English models? They're cute, they're sexy, they're very, very horny and they're always a real good fuck - trust me, I know because I've tried it countless times myself! But sadly they're not very reliable.

I receive a lot of model applications, and a lot of them come from guys in the UK, who contact me via Facebook or who e-mail me directly at Johan@Johan-Volny.com. It's really fun to receive these applications, some of which are from models who have previously worked for other studios but most of which are from complete newcomers. In them, guys tell me their sexual fantasies, such as wanting to be a top or a bottom in a gangbang, wanting to drown in piss, wanting to be spanked or raped, wanting to try a double penetration or simply wanting to cuddle and jack off with their favourite model. Some of them even dream of being fucked by me, which I guess is something of an honour! None of these fantasies are ever a problem - why, we can make (almost!) every gay sexual fantasy come true. However, there are a couple of provisos to all this. Firstly, you have to send me your application; and secondly, we will film it and release it on DVD.

The other week we planned to shoot a movie in Prague. The storyline centred around a group of British models teaming up with us Czechs, and as such we'd invited a few UK lads across to the Czech Republic, including one 22 year old sporty guy from Manchester who had somewhat desperately asked if he could serve as a double-penetration bottom to me and my mate Jimmy Call - a wish that I for

one was only too happy to fulfill!

We had telephoned all these UK models at least a dozen times and double-checked everything before booking and paying for their flights, and they in turn had confirmed that the arrangements were in order. Despite all this, however, five out of the seven British guys never showed up in Prague, being too frightened, too drunk or just too plain lazy to come over. Stupid bloody assholes! What's more, none of these fellows had the balls to inform us of their change of heart or answered my e-mails and phone calls trying to find out where they were. Cowards!

To be honest I really don't mind if models change their minds - it's their prerogative, after all - but it's only decent courtesy that they inform us of their decision. For not only did we pay for their flights - the cost of which we can't claim back after the flight-dates - but (worst of all) we'd actually planned scenes with these boys in and we needed them on the set. I mean, how can you shoot a double-penetration when the bottom is missing? Or a gangbang when 4 of the 5 tops aren't there?

The costs for the use of cameras and locations, for make-up and for last-minute back-up models are always very expensive, and it's basically little more than money down the drain just because some stupid models don't have the balls to call or send an e-mail. All that said. This is pretty much typical



behaviour from models and happens all the time. As a result I always plan to have one "emergency" model as back-up for every scene I shoot; though what happened the other week in respect of the five UK models who didn't show was most definitely a record in over ten years of STAXUS studio history!

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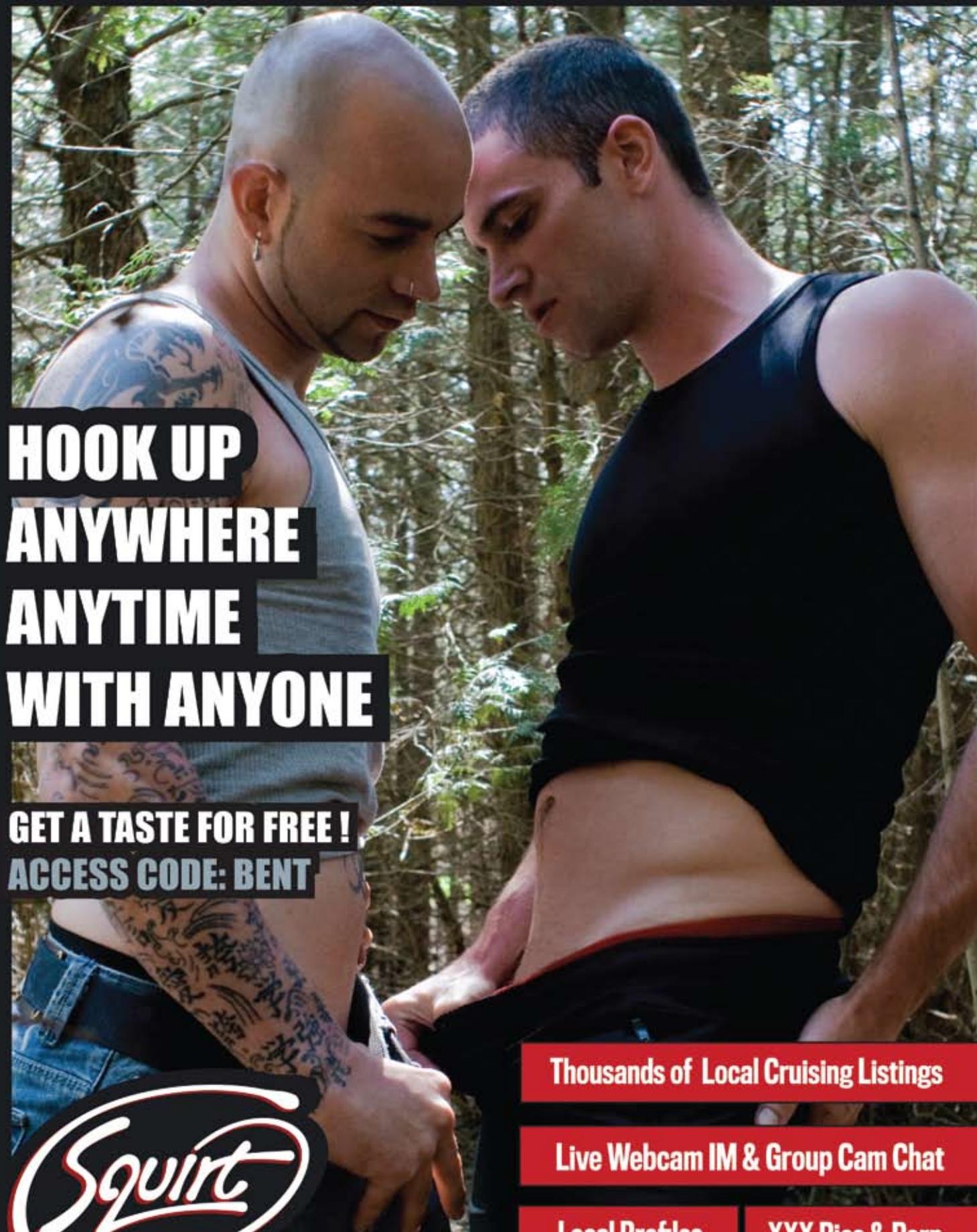
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TEN REASONS WHY GAY MARRIAGES ARE WRONG!

1. Homosexuality is not natural. Real people always reject unnatural things like spectacles, polyester, and air conditioning.
2. Gay marriage will encourage people to be gay, in the same way that hanging around tall people will make you tall.
3. Legalising gay marriage will open the door to all kinds of crazy behaviour. People may even wish to marry their pets because a dog has legal standing and can sign a marriage contract.
4. Heterosexual marriage has been around a long time and hasn't changed at all; women are still property, blacks still aren't supposed to marry whites.
5. Straight marriage will be less meaningful if homosexual marriage were allowed; the sanctity of Brittany Spears' 55-hour just-for-fun marriage would be destroyed.
6. Heterosexual marriages are valid because they produce children. Homosexual couples, infertile couples, and old people shouldn't be allowed to marry because our orphanages aren't full yet, and the world needs more children.
7. Obviously gay parents will raise gay children, since straight parents only raise straight children.
8. Gay marriage is not supported by religion. In a theocracy like ours, the values of one religion are imposed on the entire country.
9. Children can never succeed without a male and a female role model at home. That's why we as a society expressly forbid single parents to raise children.
10. Gay marriage will change the foundation of society; we could never adapt to new social norms. Just like we haven't adapted to cars, the service-sector economy or longer life spans.

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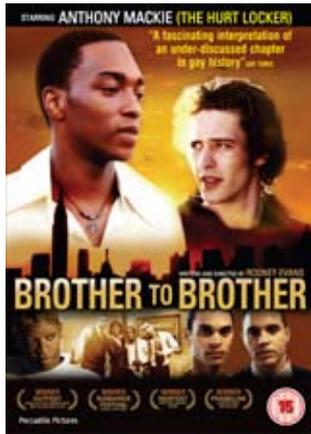
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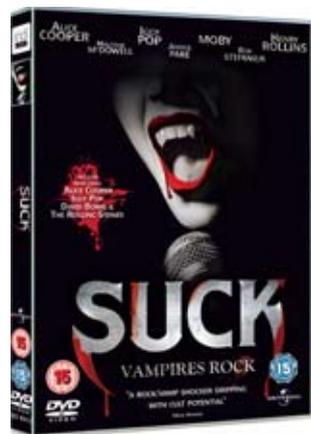
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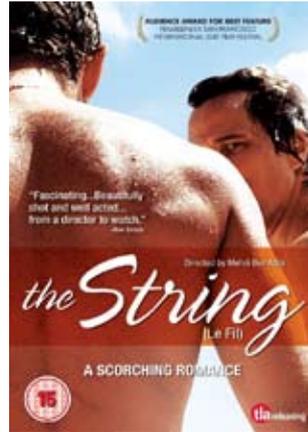
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THE STRING (LEFIL)



Tall, quiet Malik, a 30-year-old Parisian architect, returns to his homeland Tunisia after the death of his father. He's greeted warmly by his over-bearing, petulant mother and is immediately confronted with her expectation that he stay and get married. This now strange world of his forgotten youth, his mother's pressure and his barely hidden homosexuality set off anxiety attacks in Malik, who finally finds relief when he meets the darkly handsome handyman, Baili.

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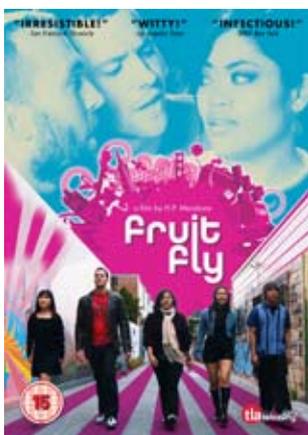
THE STORY OF F***



This snappy satire about the music industry is from first time film-making cousins Adam and James Abadi featuring sex, drugs, alien abduction and crocodiles! Lewis Sijricosh is a frustrated A & R man at Kosmos Records looking for the next big act to impress his deranged and depraved music boss. Aided by his beautiful assistant Daisy they decide to create and unleash a band called F*** on UK music lovers – the problem is that F*** can't sing or play instruments...but when has that ever stopped a manufactured band from being successful?

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FILM REVIEW

BY CHRIS AMOS

THE DEATH AND LIFE OF CHARLIE ST CLOUD

OUT: 8TH OCTOBER

Based on an acclaimed novel, *Charlie St. Cloud* is a romantic drama starring Zac Efron as a young man who survives an accident that lets him see the world in a unique way. In this emotionally charged story, he begins a romantic journey in which he embraces the dark realities of the past while discovering the transformative power of love. After his high-school classmate Tess (Amanda Crew) returns home unexpectedly, Charlie grows torn between honouring a promise he made four years earlier and moving forward with new-found love. And as he finds the courage to let go of the past for good, Charlie discovers the soul most worth saving is his own. Dreamy on the eyes but dreary on the brain.



Al Pacino and Joe Pesci are now circling *The Irishman*, the mob drama that Robert De Niro and Martin Scorsese have been working on together based on the exploits of mob hitman Frank "The Irishman" Sheeran as chronicled in the book *I Heard You Paint Houses*. With Scorsese at the helm I trust this won't disappoint like *Righteous Kill*, the last collaboration between the De Niro/Pacino dream team.

Oscar buzz surrounds *The King's Speech* starring Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush, the film centres on King George VI and his Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue as the two work to correct George's stammer leading up to his speech declaring war against Germany.



WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS

OUT: 8TH OCTOBER

Greed is good again. Emerging from a lengthy prison stint, Michael Douglas returns as Gordon Gekko who finds himself on the outside of a world he once dominated. Looking to repair his damaged relationship with his daughter, Gekko forms an alliance with her fiancé Jacob (Shia LaBeouf), and Jacob begins to see him as a father figure. But Jacob learns the hard way that Gekko - still a master manipulator and player - is after something very different from redemption.



THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT

OUT: 29TH OCTOBER

The Kids Are All Right is the heartfelt new comedy from acclaimed director Lisa Cholodenko, starring Annette Bening, Julianne Moore, and Mark Ruffalo. Two teenaged children (Alice in Wonderland's Mia Wasikowska and Journey to the Centre of the Earth's Josh Hutcherson) get the notion to seek out their biological father and introduce him into the family life that their two mothers (Bening and Moore) have built for them. Once the donor (Ruffalo) is found, the household will never be the same, as family ties are defined, redefined, and re-redefined. This is a classic modern day story and beautifully executed.



VAMPIRES SUCK

OUT: 15TH OCTOBER

This was inevitable... a spoof film about, wait for it, vampires! *Vampires Suck* is a comedy about contemporary teen angst and romance movies. Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose, Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasses Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends contend with their own romantic issues - all of which collide at the prom. Contender for the worst movie of the year.



THE SOCIAL NETWORK

OUT: 15TH OCTOBER

One of my favourite directors David Fincher (Seven, Fight Club, Benjamin Button) brings to the big screen the story behind Facebook. On a fall night in 2003, Harvard undergrad and computer programming genius Mark Zuckerberg sits down at his computer and heatedly begins working on a new idea. In a fury of blogging and programming, what begins in his dorm room soon becomes a global social network and a revolution in communication. A mere six years and 500 million friends later, Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest billionaire in history... but for this entrepreneur, success leads to both personal and legal complications. Justin Timberlake stars.



MADE IN DAGENHAM

OUT: 1ST OCTOBER

The Britcom of the year. From the makers of Calendar Girls with an all star British cast. Lead by award winning Sally Hawkins as Rita O'Grady who is the catalyst for the 1968 Ford Dagenham strike by 187 sewing machinists which led to the advent of the Equal Pay Act. Working in extremely impoverished conditions and for long arduous hours, the women at the Ford Dagenham plant finally lay down their tools when they are reclassified as "unskilled". With humour, common sense and courage they take on their corporate paymasters, an increasingly belligerent local community, and finally the government itself. The leader of the women's struggle is fast-talking, no nonsense Rita whose fiery temper and occasionally hilarious unpredictability proves to be a match for any of her male opponents, and is echoed by Barbara Castle's struggle in the male-dominated House of Commons. Expect a couple of tears in the eyes.

Perhaps adding a bit of credibility to a cast that currently includes Alexander Skarsgard, Taylor Kitsch, Brooklyn Decker and Rihanna, we can now report Liam Neeson has joined the cast of Universal's expensive £120 million board game adaptation Battleship. The film takes place during a battle for planet survival against a superior alien force and is set for a May 18, 2012 release.

Whilst British actor Martin Freeman (Hot Fuzz) has turned down the role of Bilbo Baggins in The Hobbit due to prior commitments with playing Dr. Watson on the BBC series Sherlock, it is now thought the studios backing the Hobbit films, have since come back to Freeman with a proposed schedule that would allow him to shoot both projects.

TEN THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT... MATT DILLON

1. His grandmother, Bea Dillon, is the sister of two famous artists: Alex Raymond and Jim Raymond. Alex Raymond was the creator of the cartoon strip, Flash Gordon; and also Jungle Jim and Rip Kirby. Jim Raymond drew Blondie for about 40 years.
2. Brother of actors Kevin Dillon and Paul Dillon.
3. Dated Cameron Diaz from 1996 to 1998.
4. Has a large vinyl record collection and is a big fan of Cuban music.
5. Has travelled extensively in Southeast Asia.
6. "Matt Dillon" is also the fictional name of the hero of Gun Law (1955), television's longest-running ever western series.
7. Is a runner, and regularly runs through Central Park in New York, where he lives. Usually he is not recognized.
8. Played a lead role in three of author S.E. Hinton's books made into movies consecutively: Tex (1982), The Outsiders (1983) and Rumble Fish (1983).
9. He is left-handed.
10. Quit smoking cigarettes in 1996.

Matt Dillon returns to the big screen alongside Paul Walker and Chris Brown in the action thriller Takers out on 1st October.





FITNESS Don't get the Autumnal blues

OK... summer maybe coming to a close but there are still those winter holidays to be taken and you still want to look good and maintain a shape you can be proud of...

just adjust your programme to fit your schedule.

Many people have very busy schedules and find it difficult to finish their work outs. Why not make a programme that takes a lot less time. I know what you're thinking, "If I don't work out for ninety minutes, it's not worth it." Not true. Why not decrease the amount of rest between each set.

This will allow you to do the same amount of work in less time. It will also increase the intensity of your work out, making it a lot more productive. Try doing a full body work out three days a week that consists of one exercise per body part- (be sure to allow one days rest in between each work out). Complete three sets per exercise, allowing for a thirty-five to forty-five second rest in between each set. You will be surprised at how much

you can get done in thirty-five minutes. You will also be surprised at how tired you are when you're finished.

Target your weaknesses.

We have all seen the guy at the gym that has a great pair of biceps but looks as if he's walking around on toothpicks. As a personal trainer, one of my responsibilities is to figure out my client's strengths and weaknesses. If someone has great upper body and a weak lower body, I'll design a programme that targets the muscles that need the most work. Think of your body as a construction project. Decide how you want it to look and then begin to build it. If you have weak-looking abs and you only work them once a week, guess what, they will continue to be weak. Why not target your abdominals by working them three days a week with one day of rest in between. You are sure to get better results.

Tweak your diet.

It's no secret that getting in shape requires a change in the foods we eat; however,

I don't recommend that you go on a crash diet to solve your problems. The one thing we know about diets is they don't last. Most people end up gaining the lost weight back when the diets over. It's a better idea to learn how to eat healthy. Start with the obvious things like eating five to six small meals a day instead of three large meals. Try grilling, baking, or boiling your food with a nonfat cooking spray rather than frying it in grease. Keep your house stocked with healthy food choices such as fruit or walnuts in case you are hungry between meals. Remember Rome wasn't built in a day. Start with small goals and you will be more likely to succeed.

Find interesting ways to stay in cardiovascular shape.

Cardiovascular training is a very important part of burning fat. The problem is that many of us would rather watch paint dry than spend thirty-five minutes on the treadmill. Chances are if you don't like what you're doing, you won't do it anyway. Why not add some spice to your work out. Try rollerblading, swimming, jogging, biking, or power walking instead. You could even combine a few of your favourite activities to make things more interesting. Try riding your bike for fifteen minutes switch to jogging for ten minutes and finish with rollerblading for 10 minutes.

Choose a good training partner. The best way to super charge your work out is to choose a good training partner. Pick someone that is highly motivated, that will always show up on time. A good training partner will have different ideas and suggestions that will help keep your work out from getting stale. They will also motivate you to work hard on the days you would rather be home lying on your couch. I've been working out with the same training partner for about eight months. He makes sure that I use proper form; I force him to do cardio after his work out. It's a win-win situation for both of us.

Goodluck!

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SIMON SAYS



Dear Simon

I recently found that my boyfriend of 6 years cheated on me. I was under the impression everything was alright and I was confident we'd always be together. Now I feel I don't even know him. Should I stay and work it out or give him the boot and move on?
Trev - Cardiff

First ask yourself, is the relationship worth it for you? Do you love him? Can you forgive him? What does he feel about the situation now you've found out? Are you both really all that happy or have you been living a life with your heads buried in the sand? If you want to save your relationship you might need a third party to assist in getting down to the nitty-gritty of your true feelings. Alternatively, you might decide that monogamy isn't for either of you and if you can't cope with that idea, you might as well get out now.

Dear Simon

How do I become a drag queen? Whenever I go to a gay night spot it seems it is the drag queens that are surrounded by gorgeous

men while I sit on my own and watch. They are always laughing, being funny and outrageous and everyone seems to love them. I have no great desire to put on a sparkly dress but I am jealous. Please help.
Martin - Newcastle

Well there is nothing legally stopping you putting on a frock and getting out there. The couple of drag queens I ran this past say that putting on a frock was the first stage in making them a more confident person. In drag they can be someone they wouldn't dream of being any other time and when they adopted a drag persona... have been able to achieve a boost in all areas of their life. Perhaps, if instead of watching what is going on you joined in... you might find your own confidence growing. Having a bunch of friends around is a great plus in the confidence stakes and just saying "Hi" can often get that invite to stick around.

Dear Simon

XXXXX XXXXX is a twat (name withheld for legal reasons) Yes my boyfriend is unbelievable.

He promised we would have Christmas away together but it was cancelled as he said he was too ill. Later I found he had gone home to his parents who live 200 miles away. Why didn't he ask me to look after him, he's such a mummy's boy and all gob and little action. I fell for him nearly three years ago but he has just let me down time after time... what is wrong with gay guys who just can't face being in a relationship?
Paul - Luton

You have given very little for me to go on except you are rapidly running out of patience with your boyfriend. Is there an age difference? Are you more positive and in charge about things in general? Was he rushed into a relationship? I'm not saying any of these points are the actual reason but you might like to look at your part in this. It is always easier (and guiltless) if we can blame our partners for any rough patches in a relationship but quite often we don't often see the pain or confusion of our own actions. Stop calling him a twat and talk to him.



NOPE TO THE POPE

Gaydar took part in a co-ordinated protest against the Pope on his state visit to the United Kingdom that included a visit to the home of Gaydar (Twickenham). On the ground the Gaydar Angels were mobbed by the world's press as they joined Richmond's LGBT forum, human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell and staff from Gaydar.

KEEPING STYLISH AND WARM

Lyle & Scott Vintage collection continues to be influenced by youth indie sub-culture whilst mixing preppy elements with classic themes from the brands history. This season offers the strongest and most diverse knitwear collection to date; traditional Aran and cable knits have been reworked and re-imagined in vibrant colours to bring these classic styles up to date.
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SAUNA GUIDE

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Even better, with a reduced entry price of only £6 after 6pm, on any day...it won't even eat into your Christmas party budget, and as an added bonus, if you aren't already a member, then just mention Bent magazine and the boys will waive the membership fee 'til the end of October.

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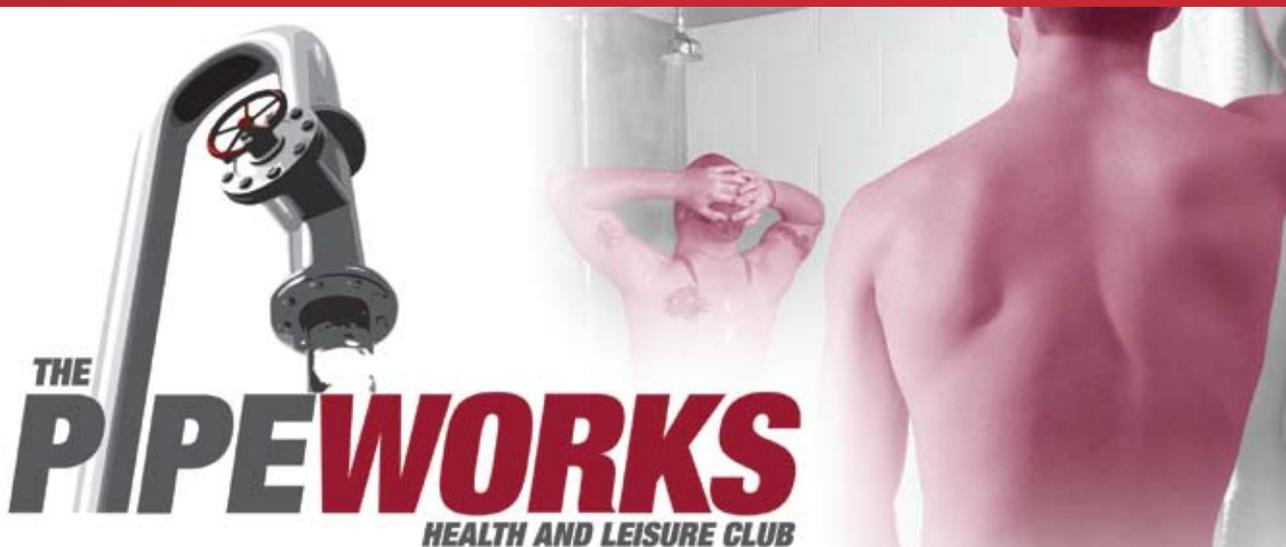
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ADVICE & LEGAL



SAME-SEX PARTNERSHIPS AND THE EU

In a lively European Parliament debate, Euro-MPs have demanded that the European Commission should forcefully push all EU member states to fully recognise same-sex partnerships (registered and married) contracted in another EU country. MEPs are critical of what they see as the Commission's slowness to enforce EU free movement rights for LGBT couples.

Liberal Democrat European justice & human rights spokeswoman and London MEP Sarah Ludford said: "Gay or lesbian couples can be in a civil partnership here in the UK - or married under for example Dutch law and hopefully soon under UK law - but find themselves treated as 2 singles when they move to another EU country. This means not being recognised as a family and forced to forfeit many legal and tax advantages. This unacceptably unequal treatment of same-sex couples certainly breaches existing EU non-discrimination and free movement rules, although the legal regime itself needs tightening to give EU states no possible let-out."

The MEP went on to explain that not enough pressure was being put upon member states to comply with what is already an EU ruling: "I have lost patience with the hesitation and prevarication experienced from Brussels so far. The European Commission needs to cease being the meek lamb and start playing wolf on LGBT rights in the EU."



Approximately 250,000 to 600,000 people in the UK have Hepatitis C and only 55,000 to 91% of people with Hepatitis C may be undiagnosed. There have been a growing number of cases of Hepatitis C infection in HIV-positive men, and much of this increase is now understood to be due to sexual transmission². If left untreated, this can lead to an increased risk of cirrhosis, liver cancer and even premature death.

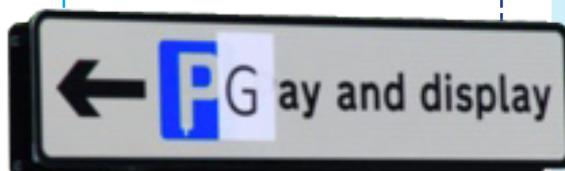
Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes at GMFA, says: "We want to encourage HIV-positive men to ask about Hep C at their clinics and ensure they get tested for the virus. Hep C often shows no symptoms and most people who get infected will not be able to get rid of it without treatment. By getting diagnosed early, you can start treatment and stand the best chance of overcoming the virus."

Hepatitis C transmission is often associated with fisting and group sex. You can protect against the virus by using gloves if you fist and changing the glove between partners, using a new condom for each new partner if you have group sex, not sharing pots of lube, and using a new condom for each new partner if you share sex toys.

SHARE YOUR CRUISING STORIES

Do you find it tricky to cruise on the gay scene or online? Is there a cruising situation that you found difficult or that didn't end the way you wanted it to? When have you felt most confident when cruising and why was that? GMFA, the gay men's health charity, is inviting gay men to share their experiences, and their thoughts on what makes for successful cruising, to include in a new HIV-prevention booklet about cruising for sex.

Some men seem to have no problem with cruising, and are confident enough to approach men they like and say no to sex they don't want. Others might fear rejection, or end up having sex they later regretted. If you have a story you'd like to share, whether you feel it was a good or bad experience, you can post it anonymously on the GMFA blog at www.outspokenonhealth.com/cruising.



LEGAL ADVICE

Q: I rushed into a civil ceremony with my partner after the change in law in 2005, but we have now decided to split up. I am unsure how to pursue a legal dissolution, are the legal obligations the same as a divorce for heterosexual couples?

The procedure for obtaining a dissolution of a Civil Partnership is nearly identical to the procedure for a divorce. Dissolution proceedings cannot be brought within the first year of the civil partnership. After this time, in order to obtain a legal dissolution you need to show that the relationship has broken down irretrievably. There are four grounds for proving irretrievable breakdown: Unreasonable behaviour; two years separation (the petitioner and the respondent have lived apart for a continuous period of at least two years immediately before the petition is issued and the respondent consents to a dissolution order being made), five years separation (the petitioner and the respondent have lived apart for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately before the petition is issued (the respondent's consent is not required) or Desertion.

However, unlike divorce proceedings it is not possible for a civil partnership to be dissolved on the grounds of adultery. However, sexual infidelity may be one of the factors used to support an unreasonable behaviour Petition.

Once one of the four grounds has been established the legal proceedings are then very similar to those in a divorce from the initial Dissolution Petition to when the Final Order is issued and the civil partnership is legally dissolved.

As well as the dissolution, there may well be other matters to deal with such as financial issues or matters relating to any children of the family and it is sensible to consult a solicitor at an early stage to obtain some advice, even if it seems that everything is going to be amicable.

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- 03 I got a boner watching mi mate playing footy & his filthy dad saw me
- 04 I kissed mi f**k buddy for the first time while he was deep in me!
- 05 I'll take yer full length in mi gob. Hold the back of my neck & force me!
- 06 I grabbed the w**k mag off the str8 scally and grabbed his c**k (18+)
- 07 I w**ked off a scally thug to stop him from deckin me
- 08 Lads get well horny playing strip snooker, in the crowded pub (18+)
- 09 Hard hung lads let you carry on slamming after, you have c**m (18+)
- 10 I luv mi bird to bits but I luv having sex with guys, love to get f**ked!
- 11 My mate took me in from the rain & pulled my wet trackies off (18+)
- 12 Me & my bezzie mate had fun while his bird watched. She loved it!
- 13 Mi sleeping mates boner, was up against my arse (18+)
- 14 Me & you get our boners out in the sauna and have some hot fun
- 15 Naked college boy w**king on the top of his desk for sir (18+)
- 16 Newsagent gets a shock when a naked 18 y/o walks in to get papers
- 17 Old man & teenage lad rub their c**ks together, till they cum (18+)
- 18 I'm a slender teen and I'll try my new swimming trunks on for you (18+)
- 19 Rude scally lad loves c**k. He'd love to get down on his knees (18+)
- 20 Lads swapping their speedos in the local baths (18+)
- 21 Nasty scally lad gets his 7 inch cock out on the bus & gets blowy (18+)
- 22 18 year old chav guy gets his sweaty boner out of the crowded train.
- 23 Scally pissed in a bottle & poured it over his sleepin mates d**k!
- 24 Fit f**king scally lad strips off in the off license (18+)
- 25 Sir got mi mums boyfriend to spank my ass at college (18+)
- 26 I love skinny lads with big fat c**ks (18+)
- 27 Slender bloke with donkey d**k loves whipping his c**k out in public!
- 28 Wet tongue under a guys stinky foreskin for a sweaty cheesy taste!
- 29 I love sucking lads big d**ks n getting my lips round it!
- 30 Sweet hoody points hit rock hard c**k at me in the urinals! (18+)
- 31 Teach me what you want to do with my sweet c**k
- 32 Hot teenage lad will lick your tight arse (18+)
- 33 Shop boy loves going commando at work (18+)
- 34 I love the feel of a lguys smooth shaved c**k & balls
- 35 Was watchin my mate play footy when his dad made a move on me.
- 36 I let two blokes watch me get a boner at the urinals
- 37 Hottest thing I ever saw was two guys pissin down an alley
- 38 Mate, you're my fantasy f**k & I'll tell you everything I wanna do to you
- 39 Rude boy gets his c**k out for a w**k on the bus. (18+)
- 40 Mate get yer hand up the leg of mi footy shorts
- 41 Wrestling with my fit mate gets me c**k rock hard
- 42 Oh yeah! Love a young guys d**k deep in my throat
- 43 Dirty old man fiddled with 18 year old lads hard d**k.
- 44 The Dr pulled my pants down to see my hard c**k
- 45 Uniform off to reveal his hot body and big d**k & balls.
- 46 Oh yeah! It feels good to have it sucked
- 47 After the footy game antics.....
- 48 Your hand up the leg of footy shorts

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THE JOURNEY

By Mike

I'd given myself over completely to the experience. I wanted a bit of danger, a bit of excitement but most of all... I wanted to be shagged by someone different.

I've been in a relationship for over two years and although we get on great... sex is always the same. Don't get me wrong, I always enjoy it but think there has to be more to it... that's how I ended up tied spread-eagle and face down on the bed.

I'd met Jim on Gaydar and had been 'chatting' to him for almost six months. Oddly enough I could say things to this 'stranger' that I would never have dreamt of saying to my boyfriend, perhaps that was the problem. Anyway, although he was a good thirty years older than me, I'm 23, he suggested that I give him a chance to explore further into my "sexual needs". I was incredibly nervous at the thought but, over the weeks, that thought turned me on so much I eventually agreed. I don't think I've ever spent so much time with a continual stiffy as I did talking to Jim and thinking about 'the journey' he wanted us to undertake.

I know it sounds like some kind of X Factor throw away line from contestants as they gush about their TV experience but 'the journey', is the only way I can express what it all

means to me. On that first, nervous occasion, Jim explained in detail how I should arrive at his home; the door would be open and all I had to do was close it behind me and strip completely naked. All I would hear would be his voice and I had to follow all his commands immediately and without question. Once I was naked, he told me, he would approach from behind and fit a mask, which would prevent me from seeing anything. This, he assured me, would mean that my surroundings wouldn't distract me and all I would then have to do was concentrate on what was happening... and feel every sensation. It took a good few weeks to convince me... but there I was, as I said, tied face down to the bed and waiting for the next thing to happen.

I almost caught sight of Jim as he approached with the mask because in the room opposite where I stood there was a mirror. Unfortunately, I was at a slight angle and he was quick in covering my head so that I only got a brief look. He seemed OK... that was if I could make such a decision on such little evidence. The mask was fitted quite tightly around my head then he led me into what I assumed was a bedroom. He told me to lie on my stomach and stretch out my arms and legs. "Stretch them wide," had been the actual instruction as some sort of rope or something was looped over my wrists and ankles then pulled tight. I was now completely vulnerable and at his mercy, had he suddenly turned into a crazed loony who was about to slice me up... I had only myself to blame. However,

as he tightened the ropes, pulling on them to stretch me, I could feel my cock growing as it rubbed against the mattress. Even the slight discomfort he subjected me to seemed to enforce the idea that I was in for some erotic and special treatment from this man. His hand slammed hard onto my buttocks and I screamed in surprise and pain. "You are now mine to do with as I want... whatever you thought might happen... you can forget about." I struggled a bit in my bonds but had no manoeuvrability. "You will not be going anyway until I'm finished with you... and that will not be for a long time yet." His voice was commanding and it sent a strange thrill throughout my body. I tried to speak but the mask was so tight I could hardly move my jaw much so just grunted and bucked a bit. "For a start" he continued, "this arse needs sorting." And he slapped me once again. It wasn't hard but I certainly felt it. "Force your butt in the air", he commanded. I tried but failed to meet the height he required and I got another few slaps for my pain. I forced my bum up as high as I could and I felt him reach under me and grab my hard dick. "You get hard when I tell you... and not until". He slapped my butt hard once again to drive his words home and shoved something under my hips. "But for now... this arse is mine." My mind was buzzing with opposite thoughts; one - that I'd made a terrible mistake and two - just how sexy it was giving myself completely to another man... it was then I heard a strange distant buzzing that wasn't in my head. My body tingled and shook slightly as I felt the first touch of something solid and vibrating at the

base of my spine. I had no idea what it was. My mind raced at the thought that he might have had a chainsaw or something equally as horrible. He teased and worked the thing around for a while, teasing various parts of my splayed out body, before it inched nearer to my bum hole where he let the object vibrate. I felt some liquid being dripped between the object and my puckered hole... and then he pushed. I moaned. It was thick, it was shuddering around my tightening hole, and while that sent strange sensations through my rectum... he started toying with the rest of my naked body. My arse clenched, as did every muscle... pulling hard on my restraints which dug in and hurt. I couldn't voice any objections but I made a sort of howling noise in protest as he just pushed the thick oscillating object in further. With the anticipation, worry and my mind doing double somersaults about what was happening, the sudden thrill of the invasion... and the new vibrating sensations... I came in seconds. My dick, despite the feeling of apprehension, had been hard from the moment I got naked. Now, under me, I felt the warm flood pulsing from my dick but he'd only just begun and it was to be a long, mind-ravaging, arse-tingling and cock-spurting session. Jim took me on a learning experience that taught me loads about what my body can do, what it needs and enjoys... it was also the best sex I had ever had in my life. Jim says that if I'm interested he has a load more he can teach me, boundaries that I could overcome (or come over?). This is a journey of possibilities I simply cannot wait to continue.



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LIBRA (Sep 24 / Oct 23)

With Mercury about to move swiftly through your sign you will be confident, assertive and determined as October begins. You just can't put a foot wrong at the very start of the month and you will feel good about the way things are going. Even so over the weeks ahead your ruler Venus will be retrograde. So you shouldn't drop your guard or let your concentration slip. If you do, you could miss out on a fantastic opportunity.



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ARIES

(Mar21/Apr20)

Mercury is now direct and it is the turn of Venus to go retrograde in October. For that reason you should leave nothing to chance over the weeks ahead. In financial business and romantic affairs, stay alert. You might agree to make a start on some do-it-yourself work that has been talked about for ages. There's an atmosphere of action around you as the month progresses. Family business could mean you will have to travel some distance away.

TAURUS

(Apr21/May21)

The very start of the month will bring opportunity for you to enjoy some amusing romantic diversions. If you are attached, your partner will be in high spirits and you'll enjoy their playful antics. Over the next few weeks with your ruler Venus retrograde you might find yourself thinking more about the past and more especially a past relationship. Be sure not to allow comparisons of then and now interfere with the future of a current romance.

GEMINI

(May22/June21)

At home, the atmosphere may not be as relaxed as usual. Rather than force someone to open up if they don't want to, you will find activities of interest outside your own four walls. Work-mates will be planning for a visit from someone important over the weeks ahead. Suddenly everyone is on their best behaviour, the working environment is tidy and everyday routines more organised. Single? Take romantic developments, this October, in the light-hearted manner in which they occur.

CANCER

(June22/July23)

There's a degree of competition in the air as the month begins. Your creativity and imaginative way of thinking will help you come up with the best solutions to deal with work and other problems. These next few weeks expect to notice a person's attitude towards you change as they become envious of your success. Any strained circumstances you find yourself in will be short-lived. Even so there will be a need for diplomacy and sensitivity throughout October.

LEO

(July24/Aug23)

Mental rather than physical tasks are favoured as the month begins. Avoid doing anything heavy or this could lead to a sprain or injury that will annoy and frustrate you over the weeks to come. What starts off as an amicable discussion could turn into a huge argument mid-October and it will take a few weeks before the air settles. Keep an eye on what's going on in your neighbourhood and you might soon notice something is not quite as it should be.

VIRGO

(Aug24/Sept23)

If as the month begins, you get the chance to enjoy a change of scenery take it. You don't often feel a need for variety but you could soon start feeling tired of seeing the same old places every

day. Later in the month there will be less chance to follow your inclinations. Your love life might be a little uncertain and if you have just begun a new relationship it could be you aren't sure where it's going to go. Rather than analyse your feelings, take each day as it comes.

SCORPIO

(Oct24/Nov22)

You're in the mood for new beginnings and the start of the month is a great time to launch new ideas. Start anything now and you might expect a few teething troubles in the weeks to come but these will be nothing that cannot be easily overcome. You might draw on past experiences to resolve some problems. The impression you make on others will do your prospects for promotion no end of good! This is the month you get to turn dreams into reality.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov23/Dec21)

You will be spending more time than usual on a private or professional interest over the weeks ahead. Progress will be more erratic than expected thanks to retrograde Venus but your determined efforts will not go unnoticed. You might even receive official recognition of your dedication later in October. The talent, beauty and elusive quality of a newcomer in your circle will fascinate you and you will want to get to know this person a lot better!

CAPRICORN

(Dec22/Jan20)

When you start to think about all you have to do over the month ahead, you might realise you've taken on far too much. It won't be easy to escape some heavy responsibilities but you should certainly consider reducing your commitments. Be sure to get in some relaxation in the evenings. A new relationship begun this month will be built on a joint belief in sharing responsibilities as well as the good and pleasant things in life.

AQUARIUS

(Jan21/Feb19)

Be honest with yourself and if you wouldn't mind having a little fun, make room in your schedule as the month begins to do just that! A warm-hearted friend might suggest taking a trip together. Someone in the workplace will seem difficult and demanding over the weeks ahead. You will cooperate only because you want to see the work finished. Be sure to let others know you won't be offering your help again unless a reasonable request is made for your services.

PISCES

(Feb20/Mar20)

A change in domestic plans may be a spur-of-the-moment decision that leads to some interesting consequences over the weeks ahead. If you are married, you could gain in some way through an in-law's wisdom. A loved one is giving you a hard time but by the end of the month they will be forgiven. Single? A journey could lead to romance. Something strange could occur as the month ends and you will be glad to have been on the scene.

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