

APRIL EDITION - ISSUE 7

HI FROM US

Welcome to the 7th issue of MyGayZine Magazine, Northern Ireland's hottest, FREE magazine for the LGB and T community.

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter and found time to re-charge your batteries. We say it every month but we're back yet again with an even bigger, better magazine crammed with lots of new content and features to provide you with the most comprehensive guide to the NI scene.

This month we found ourselves in the spotlight and at the heart of a developing news story covered in Saturday's Guardian Newspaper, you can read the full story on pages 10 to 13. Also in this month's issue we've got an exclusive interview with Newry Pride performer Rayanna, tipped to be Europe's top Rihanna Tribute act, we profile Lady Portia Di'Monte to see what she has been up to since leaving for Dublin and we've got an exciting press release from the group responsible for Limerick's 2018 Gay Games bid.

If that isn't enough, media guru Bazcam Barry Donaghy has joined us to feature some photography from around the Northern Ireland gay and celeb scenes.

We won't keep you any longer, with seven sections full of fresh content from our wonderful team of contributors there's no time to waste. We love to hear from you all so if you have any feedback or thoughts on this month's issue be sure to drop us an email at info@mygayzine.co.uk

Spring into April with your complete LGBT Guide to the month ahead.



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It's So Me! ME

NI Equality Commission Launches a new web initiative allowing it to connect one on one with LGB people.

Last month
the Equality
Commission
launched a
new website,
Facebook, Twitter
and YouTube
channel to help
it connect one to
one with lesbian,
gay and bisexual
(LGB) people in
Northern Ireland.

The Equality
Commission's legal
enquiry figures
show that numbers
of complaints about
discrimination from
LGB individuals are
very low although
we know that 1 in
2 Gay, lesbian and
bisexual people feel

treated badly in NI today.

We already have advice and information services by phone and online, and we get about 3,000 enquiries a year. But very few of these are to do with sexual orientation, and we are concerned that the widespread homophobia and allegations of discrimination against LGB people we hear about have not resulted in more enquiries to our advice service.

We recognise that there are very real issues that make it difficult to come forward and challenge discrimination, and that we need to do more to meet the needs of LGB people.

It's a hub for information and contacts, but also a new way for people to report anonymously, to share their experiences without having to give their names. and to access information, advice and support in a personalized, safe environment. So Me is linked to social media that are easily accessible to anvone.



Working together to improve lives.

The Equality
Commission's
advice and
support is free and
confidential, and the
So Me site can be
used anonymously if
a person is not 'out'.
There is a quick exit
tab and an online
live chat button on
every page.

LGB people have told us that they wouldn't report discrimination because they felt it could cause hassle in work, they feared repercussions or just didn't want an issue made of their treatment.

They also said that discrimination

came from all sorts of people, from complete strangers to government institutions and work colleagues. It took all sorts of forms, from name calling and pointed jokes to taunting, bullying, threatened expulsion from school and refusal of service.







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(continued) Commission staff have been working with individuals who are lesbian, gav and bisexual and with representative organisations for some months, gathering information to help us reach out to people who could benefit from the advice, support, knowledge and experience that Commission staff can offer.

We clearly need to get the word out to individuals who may feel they are totally alone and have no recourse against unfair treatment that there is information, support and advice available.

While we work towards eliminating unlawful discrimination, we can't always prevent it. But if it does happen, LGB people need

to know that we're here to help.

We are very grateful for the support and cooperation of our partners in the sector who are supporting us in our work and helping us reach LGB people directly. one to one. In particular, we would like to make special mention of those people who have already shared their personal stories on the So Me website.



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across the UK and Ireland?

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Amnesty International Warns Stormont Over Equal Marriage

Amnesty
International
and gay rights
group The
Rainbow Project
have warned the
Northern Ireland
Assembly that
they could soon
face a human
rights lawsuit
over their
refusal to allow
LGBT persons
to marry.

Patrick Corrigan who is an Amnesty director in Northern Ireland said the state cannot discriminate against same sex couples depending on their geographical status.





"This means marriage should be available to same sex couples in Northern Ireland just as soon as it will be to couples in other parts of the UK.

There could be a straightforward legal challenge on the basis of

inferior treatment."

Gavin Boyd the education and equality officer for the Rainbow project also said that "As long as there exists a legal inequality between Northern Ireland and Britain there will be legal challenges."

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The Rainbow Projects director John O'Doherty also warned that married gay couples would be put off from moving to Northern Ireland in future, as their marriage would become downgraded:

"This place [Northern Ireland] is already struggling from a lack of inward investment compared to other parts of these islands so this anomaly makes our local economy even less welcome".

Local Printer Refusing Customers from the LGBT Community



Here at MyGayZine we are always thinking up new and exciting ways to improve our magazine. This month we've been investigating getting printed issues sent across Ireland and ofcourse our first port of call was the local printers for some printing

quotes. We know paper is so 2012 and our electronic format is the future but we just love the thoughts of seeing a slightly more colourful publication out there on the scene.

We decided to shop about to get the most

competitive quote and submitted requests to five printing companies outlining the print specifications, a link to our website and the name of our magazine.

All the businesses we contacted returned with quotes except for one.

The response was simply:

"Thanks for your email. Unfortunately due to the nature of the magazine we are unable to give a quote."

Does he mean because the magazine is free we thought? Does he think the magazine is adult natured? Or is this guy actually telling me he has a problem with the magazine simply because it's target market is the LGBT population?

We replied to get more information and clarity.

"I don't understand what you mean by the nature of the mag. This is not adult rated its simply a monthly guide for the LGBT population of Northern Ireland. Would be great if you could do us up a quote as we are great advocates of using

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local businesses and services" He made his position clearer in his reply:

"there are some types of work I do not feel comfortable taking on and this is definitely one them. To work alongside (even printing for) the LGBT would be in contradiction to my own faith and so I will have to let this quote slide...

We got the emails on Friday and didn't quite know the best way to go about handling the situation. The printer's decision was possibly discriminatory so we took to facebook on Saturday afternoon to get your opinions on the

matter.

Understandably, there were comments advising us to leave the printer alone and we should "sidestep" the story but most people wanted us to name and shame those involved because they were quite possibly breaking the law.

Thanks to organisations such as The Equality Commission Northern Ireland we can now challenge issues like these.

We are currently seeking professional advice on the best way to take things forward and investigate if the printer is in breach

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of The Equality Act.

The story was later picked up journalist and activist Patrick Strudwick who you may remember from last year's Pride Talk Back event in the Europa Hotel. Patrick broke the story in Saturday's Guardian newspaper sparking a flurry of follow up reports on news websites and blogs across the internet with discussions raging on PinkNews and on the Digital Spy forums.

We've been accused of persecuting Christians, called gay bullies and received a less than supportive

email from a man who seems to have taken some time out of making "God Hates Fags" signs:

"Dear "Sir",

Your persecution of the printer is disgusting, as are homosexual and lesbian acts..."

Obviously there were some who didn't see this as an equality issue.

Section 5 of The Equality Act (sexual orientation) Regulations (NI) 2006 states that it is unlawful to refuse to provide goods, facilities or services to the public or a section of the public.

Some people have argued that this issue should have been side stepped, but as an LGBT magazine we feel it is our job to tackle and publicise anyone who appears to be breaking the law or participating in activities which could be discriminatory against the community we represent.

If we turn our heads once, should we turn our heads the other way if something happens again down the line? How many times does this have to happen for people to feel it is the right time to

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initiate a response and take action?

What will our community achieve in the battle for equal rights when our opponents go unchallenged time and time again?

Laws have never supported or included the LGBT community in the past and now for the first time in our history in Northern Ireland we are in a position to use the law to our advantage and make further strides towards equality.

Everyone should be using these laws to their full advantage at any given opportunity and people should tackle discrimination every time it rears its ugly head. You only have to cast your eyes back over our last six issues of news from Northern Ireland to see there is alot of work still to be done if we are to see real changes in how we, the LGBT community are treated.

Wide sweeping, negative opinions of our community are all too common and only serve to promote homophobic attitudes.

Christian's concealing prejudices behind faith is unacceptable. Who gave anyone the right to go dipping into the Bible like it's a buffet, picking and choosing which parts you want to follow or quote to support an agenda

of hate?

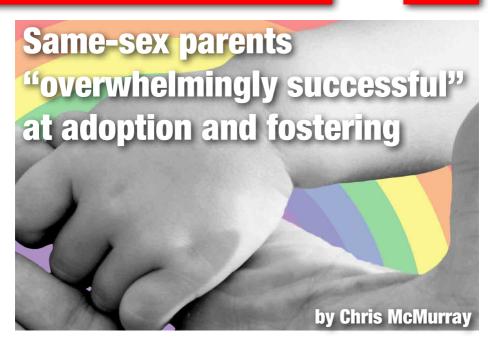
These outdated views should not be tolerated in 2013.

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We will keep everyone posted on further developments in future issues.

Anyone who wants to add to the debate can contact us at info@mygayzine. co.uk or use the contact us page on our website.

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So, apparently new research shows that samesex parents of adopted kids are "overwhelmingly successful" and that they manage to bring out the best in children... not that surprising really, but it's always good to see studies backing up what we've

known all along.

To coincide with LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week, the British Association of Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) last month published their study of 130 adoptive families (49 of which are run by heterosexual

couples, 41 by gay men and 40 by lesbian parents) Professor Susan Golombok, director of the Centre for Family Research and co-author of the report, told the Observer: "Overall we found markedly more similarities than differences in experiences between family types."

A new study by the British Association of Adoption and Fostering has found "markedly more similarities than differences in experiences between family types."

She added: "The anxieties about the potentially negative effects for children of being placed with [gay parents] seem to be, from our study, unfounded."

The report also suggested that same-sex parents are particularly skilled in dealing with the more "challenging" cases, bringing happiness and stability to children who have begun life in difficult circumstances.

In response to the research, Sir Martin Narey, a UK government adoption advisor, has encouraged LGBT people to consider fostering and adoption.

He said: "I have seen how LGBT people, who tend to come to adoption or fostering as their first choice for becoming parents, bring a particular determination and enthusiasm to it.

"They find themselves parenting some of our most damaged children, do so with overwhelming success, and many more gay adopters need to be encouraged to

An estimated 4,000 children in the UK need adopting annually, and a further 9,000 children require foster carers.

Currently, only around 60 male couples and 60 female couples are adopting each year.

To commemorate LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week, 30 events around the country attempted to encourage more LGBT people to become adopters and foster carers. Helen Donohoe. Director of Public Policy at Action for Children, LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week's main sponsor, said: "We know how important it is to find the best possible placement for each and every child in care - and we know that LGBT people often come to adoption or fostering as the first choice for expanding their family, bringing love, real enthusiasm and resourcefulness."

LIMERICK GAY GAMES BID BOOK SUBMITTED IN A MOVE THAT COULD SEE 10,000 PARTICIPANTS DESCEND ON LIMERICK IN 2018.

Limerick along with Amsterdam, London, Paris & Orlando all submitted Bid Books to the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) on Thursday February 28th.

The Bid Book which has been in preparation since late 2012 outlines how the Limerick 2018 Bid Group will deliver the 32 sporting events and multi-cultural festival should the Riverside City be selected to host the games.

Press & Communications Director of Limerick 2018, Cillian Flynn said "After months of planning and preparing last Thursday was a day that all involved in the bid will never forget. We are proud and delighted with the Bid Book that we have submitted and believe that should we be successful we will not just put Limerick & The Shannon Region on the Map but we will showcase the entire island of Ireland as a welcome and open

country that will embrace the 2018 Gav Games. While it looks like we are up against stiff competition from the other bidding cities we believe that Limerick has the facilities, the infrastructure. the desire and determination to be successful in the bidding process and deliver an event that Limerick has never seen before."



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If successful the 2018 **Gay Games will attract** in excess of 10,000 participants and approximately 15,000 spectators to Limerick and the surrounding areas in August of 2018. The University of Limerick will be transformed into The **Gay Games Village** where the majority of events will take place, along with a media and hospitality centre. Officer for Site

Selection with the FGG, Dennis Snevers expressed the Federation's pleasure at these submissions: "Bidding is an intensive and costly process, mobilizing dozens of volunteers in each bidding city. We began this process with over twenty expressions of interest. Groups from seven cities submitted letters of intent to bid. Five responded to our

Request for Proposals. Now all five groups have completed this most recent major step on the road to Cleveland where our site selection meeting will be held"

The next International Gay games will take place in Cleveland, Ohio in 2014 and Cleveland will host the announcement ceremony for the



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...(continued) successful city in October of this year. Ireland has been represented well at the last Gay games in Cologne 2010 where in excess of 100 competitors were register from Ireland and Team Cork taking home 27 medals. Already some participants have registered their interest in representing Ireland in next year's games.

Limerick's bid has already received some positive news in the form of Boxing & Wheel Chair Rugby been accepted as new sports to the Gay Games. These two new sports are unique to Limerick and open up the 2018 to become all inclusive where anybody can take part regardless of Ability, Gender or Sexual Orientation. Snevers concluded: "I've got to say that given the demands put on potential bidders, we are surprised that all five organizations that submitted letters of intent have followed through with what appear to be excellent bid books. We're all very eager to look at these documents. with a total of nearly 1000 pages of information, and will be providing a summary of key

points in the coming days.

Limerick's bid has received support from Shannon Development, Failte Ireland, Shannon Region Conference & Sports Bureau, University of Limerick & University Arena, Limerick City Council, Shannon Airport, Limerick Chamber of Commerce. The Red Ribbon Project and Annalog Devices.

More details are available on the website www. limerick2018.com or through Facebook & Twitter.

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London Bus Advertising Campaign Attracts Attention For All The Wrong Reasons

NOT GAY! EX-GAY, POST-GAY AND PROUD. GET OVER IT!

The decision of Transport for London to ban adverts promoting controversial gay conversion therapy on the side of 24 buses in the city has been ruled lawful.

They said it banned the Core Issues Trust adverts in May of last year because they could cause "widespread offence". Mayor Boris Johnson warned that the ads were "clearly offensive". The posters, that said: "Not Gay. Ex-Gay,

Post-Gay and Proud. Get over it!" were in response to a previous poster campaign by gay rights charity Stonewall, which said: "Some people are gay. Get over it!"

Dr Mike Davidson of Core Issues
Trust, an anti-gay
Christian group,
told the High Court
that Transport for
London's decision
to pull the adverts
was unlawful and
"a deep threat"
to democratic
freedoms. This
was outweighed by
arguments against
allowing the ad,

including that it would "cause grave offence" to those who were gay and was perceived as homophobic, "thus increasing the risk of prejudice and homophobic attacks".

Ben Summerskill, chief of gay rights group Stonewall said many would be pleased by the High Court's decision. "Had these voodoo 'gay cure' adverts appeared in the pages of the Spectator or the Daily Telegraph it's unlikely there would have been



complaints. "But in a city where over half of gay young people face bullying at school, and where tens of thousands of gay people are subjected to hate crimes every year iust because of the way they were born, it's perfectly proper for a mayor to object to the use of such advertising in an iconic public setting."

Peter Tatchell is director of the London-based human rights organisation, the Peter Tatchell Foundation, and coordinator of the Equal Love campaign responded to the ruling saying that it should have been allowed in the name of free speech even though it has an underlying offensive message, saying:

"The Christian bus adverts were homophobic and offensive. The insinuation that gay people can be cured is misleading. However, the language of the adverts was not abusive. menacing or threatening". adding that "On balance. on the grounds of free speech, the adverts should not have

been banned. The suggestion that they risked increasing public prejudice and hate crime is doubtful".

Mr Tatchell said "I disagree with the gay conversion therapies of the Core Issues Trust, I think they cause harm. They delude people and give them false hope that they can change their sexual orientation. The ex-gay prospectus is false. I have recently challenged the ideas and methodology of the Core Issues Trust, and will continue to do so, using reason, logic and empirical evidence to refute their claims".

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Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz faced criticism over the company's decision to support equal marriage from some shareholders at the annual meeting in Seattle USA. At the meeting he was questioned by one shareholder about the profitability of the move after it was revealed that the US's National Organisation for Marriage are to boycott the world famous coffee house because of the decision. The same shareholder then questioned sales and earnings figures in the first full quarter since the announcement from NOM came and called them "disappointing". Mr Schultz answered simply "not every decision is

an economic one" and told shareholders that if they're not happy with the 38% return they enjoyed last year "It's a free country. You can sell your shares in Starbucks and buy shares in another company". Other big name companies from the USA have voiced support of equal marriage including household names like Nike, Google, and T-Mobile to name a few.

HRH Prince Harry and his girlfriend, Cressida Bonas, were taking a night out together at The Rum Kitchen in Notting Hill during the month, Harry was given the phone number of



Vincenzo lanniello. He promised to call Mr lanniello if he changed his mind about dating women. Mr lanniello later said on twitter "I gave Prince Harry my number tonight, he promised he'll call me if he changes his mind about women. Or men. #epicwin"

a selection of the hottest news stories breaking across the UK and beyond...



The owner of the famous nightclub 'QUEER' on Manchester's Canal Street is taking the owners of a new gay club 'Queer Street' in Birmingham to the High Court saving that they alone possess the right to use the word QUEER. The owner who is also the original manager of 'Take That' says that the new club is exploiting the reputation of his bar opened in 2003 and he was granted trademark of the word 'QUEER' (in capitals) earlier this year. Nigel Martin-Smith claims that his bar "has accrued goodwill in its business which has become exclusively denoted by the word 'QUEER'". He also claimed that QUEER

spent as much as £60,000-a-month on

in gay press and magazines since it opened and that the "exclusive goodwill" attached to the word 'QUEER' "extends nationally" and is the property of Bar Queer Ltd and that rival bar Queer Street is causing public confusion.

Andrew Norris said "It is denied that the Queer Street name and logo give rise to a likelihood of deception in the minds of the relevant public" and that "The only element common to the name and logo of both bars is the word Queer. Both bars are directed towards the gay community. The word Queer is commonly and colloquially understood as describing someone who is gay, thus Queer in these circumstances has a descriptive meaning". In a case reminiscent of a recent episode of Ramsey's Kitchen Nightmares when a restaurant in Baltimore copyrighted the word "hun" much to the dismay of local residents who frequently use the colloquialism to refer to a friend or acquaintance. The restaurant owner was practically cut off from her local community after filing law suits against other businesses in the area and the owner was eventually forced to apologise for claiming rights on a word used by an entire city. Let's hope this case doesn't get quite so messy.

Pride Angel



Find your parenting match with pride

Are you gay, lesbian, single or infertile and wishing start a family? Pride Angel is the leading parenting website, dedicated to connecting sperm donors. egg donors and co-parents worldwide. Register for free to create your own profile and search thousands of our members. Whether you are just starting on your journey or have been trying for a while, Pride Angel has expert advice regarding fertility, parenting options, home insemination, choosing a fertility clinic along with your legal rights as a recipient or donor.

Maybe you have considered donating sperm or eggs to help others achieve their dream of becoming parents. Give the best gift of all – the gift of life.

WLTM SINGLE GAY MAN / **GAY COUPLE.**

*Must have viable sperm

Leading fertility website Pride Angel reports high demand for gay donors. A leading connections

For many people wanting to begin a family but lacking one of the necessary biological *ahem* ingredients, the internet has become a valuable resource. The possibility of finding a like minded sperm or egg donor online is fuelling the growth of websites where suitable people can be met with.



service aimed towards the LGBT community, **Pride Angel has** reported that a demand donor, 51% are looking is not being met, specifically, for gay sperm donors.

In a study of their database (over 20,000 profiles) a whopping 64% are women looking for sperm donors, with a measly 16% of members 'Gay' within their actually registered as

sperm donors. The disparity is clear. Of members wishing to meet a suitable sperm for a gay single man with another 31% looking for donation from a gay couple.

Stats on registered donors reveal a huge shortage with only 23% recorded as profile.

So, why the demand from straight or lesbian women for gay donors as opposed to heterosexual ones?

Erika, co-founder of Pride Angel says;

'Many women are wishing to find genuine gay men, either single or in a couple, who are willing to co-parent or donate sperm with some form of on-going contact. This may be because they feel that gay men are more sensitive or caring, or easier to co-parent with. We would really like to see far more gay men coming forward to donate sperm.'

Pride Angel handed out a questionnaire to 150 people attending Manchester Pride's Lifestyle Expo in August . It asked for views upon the level of contact they felt the donor should have with any child conceived from known donor conception. The results, interestingly, showed that the vast majority of people did wish for their child to have some form of ongoing contact with

their donor. Only 26% of women and 20% of men thought that any donation should be anonymous. 27% of women wanted some kind of active involvement from their donor, be it regular or occasional contact.

51% of men wished to have regular or occasional contact with their donor child. A significant 31% of women wanted for their child to be able to contact their donor if needed while growing up.

Some gay men may wish to donate simply to pass on their genes or perhaps help someone else experience the joy of parenthood. The level of involvement (if any) is of course, entirely the choice of the individual. One donor may want to see the child occasionally, as an uncle type figure, another may wish to fully share and experience the parental role by entering into a specific co-parenting agreement.

Whatever the level of involvement desired, there are clearly many women also looking for that bespoke parenting arrangement.

For more information on donating sperm, co-parenting, health screening and legal agreements visit www. prideangel.com.



SHOWBIZ NEWS

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COMPLAINTS ABOUT HARVEY NICHOLS' 'LESBIAN KISS'

AD DISMISSED BY ADVERTISING BODY



Can you believe it, this lush image, part of a Harvey Nichols ad campaign, received loads of complaints for its "offensive" lesbian content?

You don't have to look too closely to realise that in fact this is a mirror image of the same woman (but cleverly rearranged), so it's not a 'lesbian kiss' after all!

But of course, a few people who are a tad oversensitive and easily offended filed their complaints with the UK's advertising regulatory body, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA).

Unsurprisingly, the complaints were promptly rejected!

The ad in question (see above) was part of a campaign for the upmarket department store's 'Beauty Bazaar' in Liverpool, featuring images of female models kissing their mirror image with the caption "Love Thyself".

Complaints included assertions that ads were "offensive, irresponsible and unsuitable" because they showed 'lesbians' kissing; that they were "sexually explicit"; and that the "Love Thyself" slogan together with the image was offensive on religious grounds.

Harvey Nichols responded by saying

the slogan and image made it clear that the ads featured one woman kissing her own image, rather than of two lesbians kissing.

The department store went on to argue that even if the ad had featured two different women kissing, images of lesbians are not offensive or inappropriate and should be accepted by the ASA.

Harvey Nichols said: "The advertising industry should be in the vanguard of those promoting and supporting the equalities espoused by anti-discrimination laws, including those concerning sexual orientation."

The ASA said yesterday: "We acknowledged that some complainants had interpreted the posters differently and had understood them to depict a lesbian kiss. One person also mentioned a young child who had not identified that the kiss was between one woman and her mirror image.

"Although we recognised that some people might have found what they

perceived to be a portrayal of a lesbian kiss distasteful, we considered that a reference to homosexuality in an ad would be unlikely in itself to cause widespread or serious offence or constitute irresponsible advertising."

So, thanks to Harvey Nicks and the ASA we can continue to gaze upon these rather lovely and very inoffensive images. It's just a shame that they are not in fact two ladies - but never mind, it's all moving in the right direction!

FIRST TRANS RADIO 1 PRESENTER PARIS LEES
HOSTS NEW WEEKLY SHOW "THE HATE DEBATE"



BBC has hired its first trans woman as a presenter of its new programme on BBC Radio 1. The show called The Hate Debate will follow equality campaigner Paris Lees while she talks to people from a wide range of backgrounds openly about prejudices they may or may not hold including homophobia, transphobia and racism. There will also be honest debate on issues like use of language, weight, appearance, relationships and religion. Aired on Monday nights 9pm and available on the iplayer.

MADONNA WEARS BOY SCOUT OUTFIT TO MEDIA AWARDS TO PROTEST AGAINST GAY BAN

Madonna dressed up as a boy scout yesterday to attend the 24th annual GLAAD awards, in protest against the US scout organisation's ban on gay members.

Wearing a blue uniform covered in badges, a neckerchief, and a somewhat exaggerated wide-brimmed scout's hat, Madonna was presenting the Vito Russo award to the out CNN presenter Anderson Cooper.

Before handing over the award, the singer gave a long and impassioned speech about LGBT rights, and joked about her own former desire to be a scout.

She said: "I wanted to be a Boy Scout, but they wouldn't let me join. I think that's f*cked up. I can build a fire. I know how to pitch a tent. I have a very good sense of direction. I can rescue kittens from trees.

"I want to do good for the community. But most importantly I know how to scout for boys."

She went on to discuss the importance of "getting to know one another", citing that she thought Russian President Vladimir Putin would understand the incarcerated



band Pussy Riot, if they sat in a room together and talked.

She also said "he'd probably want to f*ck all of them".

In her 12 minute speech she attacked bullying, homophobia and advocated for freedom of speech, before she called out to Anderson Cooper, to whom she said: "The reason I love you is you are a freedom fighter".

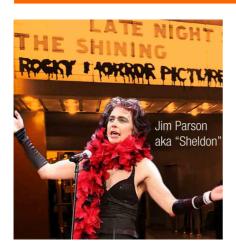
The Vito Russo award is given to an openly gay, lesbian or transgender media figure that has worked to promote equality.

Previous recipients of the award include Sir Elton John, Ricky Martin and Rosie O'Donnell.

GLAAD's media awards recognise and honour the media for its fair, accurate and inclusive representations of the LGBT community.

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SHELDON COOPER IS A SWEET TRANSVESTITE



He's famous for playing awkward geeky Dr Sheldon Cooper on the massive American hit sitcom The Big Bang Theory. Actor Jim Parson played a slightly different role that he is used to, Dr Frank-N-Furter from cult classic 'Rocky Horror PictureShow' as he took part in a stage musical for charity. The 39-year-old actor wore sexy black lingerie with a curly wig and of course the fishnet stockings held up by suspenders and looked like he enjoyed it, at the 21st Annual A Night at Sardi's to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

AS ONE FESTIVAL - "FIRST CREDIBLE LARGE-SCALE
GAY FESTIVAL IN LONDON FOR OVER A DECADE."





Boy George, Conor Maynard, Rylan Clarke and Rita Ora are headlining this year's 'As One' festival in London, a new cool gay outdoor festival planned to take place in the summer. They will be joined by the X-Factors Union J among other notable performers. The organisers Orange Nation have said that they want to turn the event that had been being held as a night in Vauxhall's Fire club since 2010 into the "first credible large-scale gay festival in London for over a decade." Marc Vedo will also play a DJ set on one of the 5 stages or 4 indoor arenas that will be open from noon until 10pm for a full day of summer fun.

MOVIES & MUSIC UPDATE

AVAILABLE APRIL 2013

We've sifted through those boring, tedious lists and charts to present you with a selection of the best releases and entertainment purchases available this month. Check back each month and keep up to date with the latest and greatest entertainment releases. April brings with it a mammoth amount of cool movies and music. Check out this month's cinema releases below and find out when this month's hottest DVD's, Singles and Albums will be available to download on the next page.



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The Hobbit: An Unexpected
Journey - 8 April
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22 April
The Heist
1 April
The Man with the Iron Fists
1 April
Mental





THIS MONTHS SINGLES

...AND ALBUMS

Fall Out Boy - 15 April
Save Rock and Roll
Wiley - 1 April
The Ascent
Gabrielle Aplin - 29 April
English Rain
Paramore - 8 April

Paramore
Michael Buble - 15 April
To Be Loved



ENTERTAINMENT



RAYANNA

Rayanna is a
Rihanna super
fan who has just
finalised months of
preparations and
work with a talented
creative team to
perfect her craft.

It's uncanny how similar her voice is to the real thing and she can move like the pop star too. This all combines to create a show not to be missed and an act tipped to be Europe's best Rihanna Tribute Act.

Rayanna launched her tribute act on March 8th of this year to coincide with Rihanna's Diamonds World Tour.

She's set to perform at this year's Newry Pride Festival so we decided to catch up with the rising star to see just how close she is to the real thing. We have heard so much about your tribute performances and how close they are to the real thing, how long have you been doing this for?

A: Not that long, I launched on 8th March 2013. Since then I have had such great feedback, with people complimenting my vocal on how close it is to the real thing. Whilst I'm on stage I try to get as close to how Rihanna acts with her dancing, gestures & vocal sound.

Your performing at Newry Pride this year, they are lucky to have you. How did you get involved?

A: My management team organised it for me to appear at Newry Pride and I am so looking forward to it as last year was their first year and people raved about how fab it was. So I can't wait!

Where else can we expect to see Rayanna perform?

A: At the minute I have alot of private events in the diary, however, there are some fabulous public events coming up that I am very excited about. You will just have to keep an eye on Facebook and on my website to find out!

You have a great affinity to the Diva Dolls who performed



at Pride last year, How did they inspire you to decide to go it alone as a tribute act?

A: Alex Jay who is the founder of the Dolls is my mentor and part of my management team. The Dolls are very supportive of my act and extremely encouraging and I use their act as a great example of performance and professionalism. I learn alot from how the Dolls perform such as how to engage the crowd etc

What is the largest crowd you have ever performed in front of?

A: Several hundred although that number is

ENTERTAINMENT

soon to change with the things that are lined up this year. It doesn't phase me at all. The bigger the better I just love performing and feeling the buzz

Do you get nervous when going on stage representing such a talented and famous singer as Rihanna?

A: Oh I certainly do have big shoes to fill and whilst I know noone can completely replicate another exactly it is possible to get very close and my act is a tribute to the music of Rihanna and I know that any RiRi fans will appreciate what I am doing, plus her fans are so fab they just want to have a great time and so do I. I don't aet nervous. excited most of the time. which I sometimes have to keep in check!

What songs can we look forward to seeing you perform at Nerwy Pride 2013?

A: THAT is going to be a surprise and I shall not reveal but can assure you that they will be songs that everyone loves whether you're a RiRi fan or not!!

Obviously when Rihanna takes to the stage she usually has a massive army of dancers, can we expect to see dancers on stage with you?

A: In my full show I work with my dancers, I love working with them and they are so talented. They work as hard as I do and it is great to have others to interact with on the stage. Although I do also work without them, it just depends on the type of event I am performing at.

Was learning to sing and intensely dance at the same time difficult to master?

A: My mentor has been working with me on my breathing techniques which I have to practice every day, it is sometimes hard to move alot and sing especially as some of Rihanna's songs are so fast!

You are not actually LGBT yourself so where

does the affiliation with the LGBT community stem from?

A: My affiliation stems from my management team, they also manage The Diva Dolls, who are very supportive of the LGBT community. They are asked to perform at Pride events throughout the UK and have performed at the main event in Custom House Square for Belfast Pride twice already. They also performed at Newry Pride last year and will again this year. I just think what they do is so fantastic and they rave that LGBT crowd are some of the best to perform for.

What song do you enjoy singing the most?

A: I love singing them all.. but if I had to choose I suppose personally I enjoy performing Rihanna's more reggae sounding tracks like Man Down, but I also love doing the gritty stuff that has loads of attitude. It's really hard to choose!!

Are you as well behaved as Rihanna



when your off the stage?

A: Ha! well let's just say the closest I get to Rihanna's 'behaviour' would be to lick sherbet dip of a bouncer's head! eh! but really? Just who would want to do that?

What would you do/ say if you ever had the chance to talk or meet

your idol?

A: OMG I probably would not be able to talk although I am a bit cheeky so I probably would ask 'Right, what is all this craic about with you & Chris Brown?'

It's been fantastic getting to know Rayanna and we cannot wait to see her on stage at Newry Pride 2013. In for a treat. Keep in touch with her through her website

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Lyric Theatre Belfast 09-12 April

Tim Crouch re-imagines 'Twelfth Night' in a brilliant one-man show that unlocks Shakespeare's play for new audiences and tells a timeless story of bullying, prudery and practical jokes.

I, Malvolio is a charged, hilarious and sometimes unsettling rant from a man adrift in front of a cruel audience.

Part abject clown, part theatre-hating disciplinarian, Malvolio asks his audience to explore the pleasure we take in other people's suffering.

This is a show for anyone who has ever been told off, called a name or has fallen in love with the wrong person.

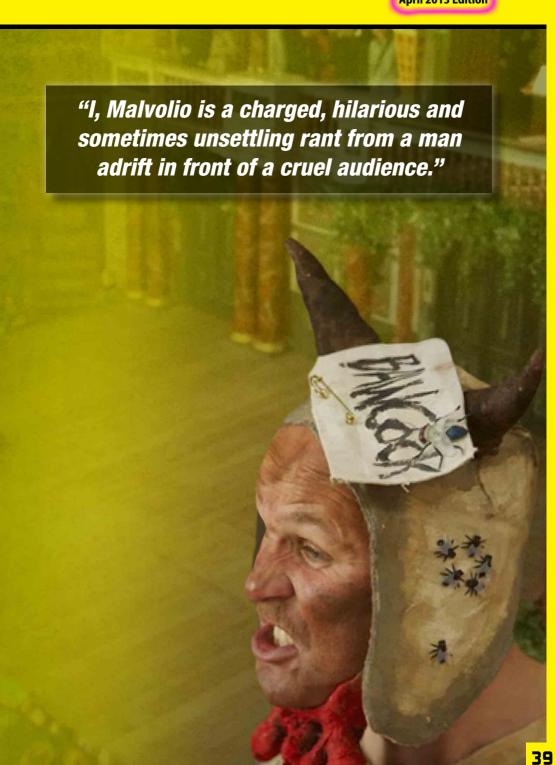
This one-man act of storytelling alchemy draws us deep into the madness of Shakespeare's classic comedy.

I. Malvolio is a stunning, very successful piece of experimental theatre - Crouch at his best. The Stage

Crouch's finest work to date ... delivers an excellent explication of the Twelfth Night plot... but it does much more than that.' **Daily Telegraph**

By the end, you may well feel agitated, insulted and a little mentally scarred, but it is surely worth it for the hour of laughinducing edutainment that Crouch provides.

Official London Theatre





WHO? WHERE? WHEN? WHAT?

The MyGayZine guide to What's On and What's Hot.

WHO?

Chinese State Circus

WHERE? Waterfront Hall, Belfast

WHEN?

I 4th Aoril

WHAT? We welcome back another fantastic production in the form of the incomparable Chinese State Circus this breathtaking, actionpacked show consists of a host of stunning traditional Chinese circus acts. A world of wonder awaits in this year's new "ying yang" show with a host of new, exciting and rare stunts and spectacles on offer.

WHO?

WHERE?

Waterfront Hall, Belfast

Billy Connolly

WHEN?

WHAT?



Millennium Forum Derry 23 - 24th April - Billy Connolly brings his "The Man Live Tour" to the Waterfront and Derry's Millennium Forum! Everyone's favourite Scotchy and fondly known as the 'wee yin' Billy has toured worldwide continuously for the last 50 years, performing to

5,7,20,21,25 &26 April

WHO?

Ellie Goulding

WHERE?

Waterfront Hall, Belfast

WHEN?

6 April

WHAT?

Ellie Goulding is a fantastic English singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. In 2010, she won the Choice Award at the Brit Awards in the. In 2010 her album debuted at number one on the UK Albums Chart and has sold over 850.000 copies in the UK and also performed for Wills and Kate at their reception.

WHO?

WHERE?

WHEN?

WHAT?

olly murs Olly Murs

Odyssey Arena, Belfast

a combined audience of

over 10,000,000.

Ind April

Olly Murs returns following a very successful sell out tour last year and here he comes again. With songs from his current album 'Right Place, Right Time' Olly has been working hard and performing with One Direction in the US. We can't wait to see him back in Belfast.



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WHO?

Alfie Boe

WHERE?

Odyssey Arena, Belfast

WHEN?

I 4th Aoril

WHAT?



Alfie Boe is one of the huge British success stories: with a sellout tour of Britain's finest concert halls, he's alreadu sold almost 750.000 copies of his Albums Bring Him Home' and 'Alfie', following on from the ohenomenal olobal success of The Les Miserables 25th Anniversary Concert at London's 02 Arena.

WHO?

WHERE?

Love, Billy

Lyric Theatre, Belfast

WHEN? 01 - 25 Mau

WHAT?



Bringing back Belfast's most famous family for a 5th part in the now legendary series of Billy olaus. Love. Billu sees Billu home in Belfast after 25 years away. He left without warning or informing anyone and now all of the Martin familu are awaiting Billy's arrival to celebrate their father's 74th birthdau. All will be

WHO?

The Full Monty

WHERE?

Opera House, Belfast

WHEN?

Ist - 6th April

WHAT?



The Full Monty is coming you can see it here first. prior to London's West End! Our favourite six Sheffield steelworkers with nothing to lose, took the world by storm. And now they're back, live on stage, only this time, for them, it really has to be...The Full Monty. Featuring songs from the film by Donna Summer, Hot Chocolate and Tom Jones.

WHO?

WHERE?

WHEN?

WHAT?



revealed this coming May.

NABBA NI Championships

Ulster Hall, Belfast

27 April

NABBA is the first and the original competitive bodubuilding association in Northern Ireland, It has a very rich history & produced some great athletes over the past years. Each area holds a qualifying event, which leads to the Annual Mr. & Miss Britain Finals, This in turn becomes a qualifier for the European and Universe Championships.



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WHO?

Dalai Lama Visit to the 2013 City of Culture

WHERE?

The Venue, Derry

WHEN? WHAT?

I 8th April

Children in Crossfire presents 'Culture of Compassion' with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet in association with Bright Brand New Day on 18th April As well as an address from His Holiness the Dalai Lama and a performance from Christy Moore, patrons will experience an eclectic mix of music, poetry, story, dialogue and dance.

WHO?

Soul Sister

WHERE?

Grand Opera House, Belfast

WHEN?

29 April - 4 May

WHAT?

Direct from its smash hit West End season, 'Soul Sister', the new musical inspired by the life and times of Ike and Tina Turner, explodes on to the stage at the Grand Opera House Belfast! features all the classic Tina Turner hits, including What's love got to do with it, Proud Mary, River Deep Mountain High and of course Simply the Best plus many more...



WHO?

Hairy Bikers 'Larger Than Live'

WHERE?

Grand Opera House Belfast, Millenium Forum, Derry

WHEN?

29th April - 4th May (Bel) 9 - 10 April (L'/Derru)

WHAT?



It's now been over two years since they did their last stage tour, it was a complete sell-out. It's for those reasons that they can't wait to do it all over again; only this time it's going to be bigger, bolder, funnier, and packed with more food and laughs than ever before. There will be a bit of dancing, a bit of flirting, a bit of singing, and some downright hilarious standup comedy.

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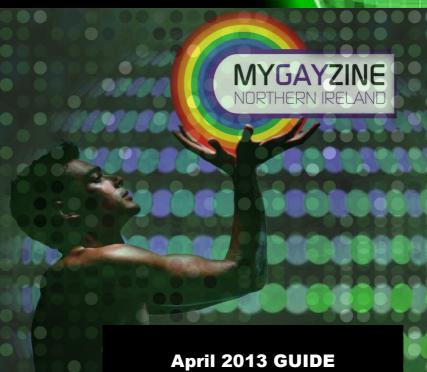
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Your Monthly Nightlife Guide

Pubs • Clubs • Restaurants • Saunas

Kremlin

Kremlin nightclub, Belfast presents popular club nights every night of the week except Mondays.

El Divino

Join Pat Kent and Titti
Von Tramp on Monday
nights in the gorgeous
surroundings of El
Divino for three floor
of music, cheap drink
& entertainment at
Belfast's hottest LGBT
night out.

Fox's Den

With Twanda away Goldie D'Lishus will be filling in with Goldie's Foxy Friday's. Karaoke and great music from 9.

Envy

L'/Derry's hottest big gay night out just got hotter with the opening of the new 3rd floor lounge bar extension.

Club Glam

Keep an eye on this venue if your in the L'/Derry area. They'll be bringing a new, fresh and vibrant venue to 2013's City of Culture very soon.

Central Bar

Join Glitzy Glamour on Thursday 4th April for Central Bar's 5th Birthday celebrations.

Passion

The next Passion, Newry's Only LGBT night will be on Saturday 6th April at Bellini's Bar and Restaurant.

Silk



COMING SOON

Sunflower

Public House & Live Music. Opened in December 2012 the Sunflower Public House is a hub of live music a stone's throw from the heart of the Cathedral Quarter.

LIFESTYLE

COOKING

Submit your recipes to info@mygayzine.co.uk & we'll publish some of the best each month.

Too much chocolate and terrifically calorific meals over Easter? Get back to healthy eating and try out some of our new recipes, they're incredibly easy to follow and you can pick the ingredients up at your local supermarket. When it comes to cooking for friends and family these recipes are sure to impress.

Seared Salmon & Chorizo Salad

- olive oil
- 300g chorizo, cut into 1/2cm rounds
- 300g salmon fillet, cut into thin strips
- 100g rocket
- 100g watercress
- 1 shallot, finely sliced
- 20 sunblushed tomatoes

- 1. For the salmon, preheat oven to 180C/
- 2. Cut two pieces of greaseproof paper and put one of them onto a baking tray.
- 3. Heat a little olive oil in a pan, and gently fry the chorizo for two minutes on each side, or until golden-brown on both sides.
- 4. Once cooked, place the chorizo pieces onto the lined baking tray. Cover with the additional greaseproof paper and place it back into the oven to cook for five minutes.
 - 5. For the salad, mix the rocket, watercress and shallot together in a bowl and scatter the chorizo over the leaves.6. Heat one tablespoon of olive oil in a frying pan cook the
 - salmon for 30 seconds on one side only and remove from

7. To serve, spoon the salad onto serving plates, top with the hot salmon slices and sunblushed tomatoes and drizzle with a little honey & mustard dressing.



Cook up a storm in the kitchen with this delicious 3 course meal for 2 recipe. Fab Fish to Start, Glam Lamb for Mains and topped off with a Sweet & Fruity Treat.

Lamb with Feta, Lemon, Peas & Lentils

- handful of fresh oregano
- · handful of fresh thyme
- olive oil, for drizzling and frying
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 block good-quality feta cheese
- 1 lemon, (juice only), to taste
- 6-8 lamb cutlets
- · 300g petit pois peas
- 1 can green lentils
- · Handful of mint

Orange, Pineapple & Mango Fool

- 100g trifle sponge
- 100g canned pineapple slices
- 1 ripe mango (peeled, stoned and sliced)
- Rind and juice of 2 oranges
- 25g sugar
- 300ml double cream
- 2tbsp Cointreau (more if you wish)

- Take the herbs (Oregano & Thyme) and rip off the leaves, place into a bowl and drizzle over some olive oil. Crumble in the feta cheese up to you how chunky you want it. Season, to taste, with freshly ground black pepper and lemon juice and mix everything together gently.
 - 2. Heat up two plates either under the grill or in the oven. (careful when getting them out)
 - Cook peas in boiling water for about 3 minutes or until tender. Drain the lentils and combine with the cooked peas. Finely chop the mint and add.
 - 4. Heat a griddle pan until hot. Lay out the lamb and brush with olive oil, then season with the salt and black pepper, place them on the hot griddle. Cook for a few minutes on each side, or until lightly crisp. (Lamb is better when still pink in the middle)
 - 5. Split the peas, lentils and mint mix into the two heated plates
 - 6. Divide the cutlets between the two warm plates, and while the cutlets are still sizzling, gently spoon over the feta and herb dressing. Eat immediately, while all is hot.
- Line the base and halfway up the sides of a glass serving bowl with the sponges. Drain the pineapple, reserving the juice and arrange the slices of pineapple and mango over the sponges.
- 2. Pour 3 tbsp of the reserved juice over the sponge to moisten. Mix the orange zest & juice with the sugar and stir until dissolved.
 - Whip the cream until thick, then beat in the orange juice, sugar mixture and Cointreau.
- 4. Pour over the fruit and sponge, cover & chill in the 'fridge for at least 2 hours. Before serving decorate with curls of orange zest.

Sweet Treat



LIFESTYLE

HOLIDAYS LOIZO LOIZO HOLIDAYS

Ibiza is the kind of place that makes you wet your knickers with excitement. Stunning beaches, stunning clubs, stunning weather, stunning men - Ibiza has it all.

If the word Ibiza still evokes images of a less than sophisticated group of teenagers vomiting in the street, then think again - it really could not be more different. While there are some real tourist traps around,

they are easily avoided and the rest of the island is open for your delectation.

This is the Ibiza you'll love and we gays have colonised the most beautiful part of the island. Ibiza Town (or Eivissa as the maps will tell you) is the major port of the island and bustles with cosmopolitan vigour.

As you sashay through the streets your eyes will been drawn skywards to the towering ramparts that protect the old town (D'alt Vila), home to much of Ibiza's gay scene.

This exquisite medieval fortress is a maze of archways, cobbled streets, and castle turrets with outstanding restaurants and bars thrown in for good measure.

If you're dining out, gay holidaymakers are treated as honoured guests at both Restaurant Mama Pomela and Studio, where you will be spoilt for choice in terms of delicious food. The magical atmosphere of La

Gay Ibiza Uncovered

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Scala is hard to beat (think candlelight glowing in the shade of palms) and the rustic Mediterranean charm of El Olivo and La Oliva provides a perfect spot for taking in street performances.

The island has plenty of good wines and aromatic liqueurs and imported alcoholic and soft drinks are widely available. You will need to get around the island by local taxi but these are plentiful and cheap.

The main entrance to the old town is flanked

by one of Ibiza's most popular gay bars, Bar Angelo. Plan your entrance carefully as walking up the giant stone stairway can feel a bit like a catwalk; guys flock here to the two terraces and the roof terrace restaurant to cast an eye on passersby.

Another feast for the eyes is the Soap Café and Up Soap; the waiters here certainly know how to work it.

There are numerous other bars located on the legendary Calle de la Virgen and a stroll down

this homo-highway will no doubt reveal a venue that you'll hold close to your heart for evermore.

Venturing to the top of D'alt Vila, you'll find another huge crowd at the RED Lounge or at Bar JJ which comes highly recommended by our customers.

Once the sun sets, your destination will undoubtedly be the centre of Ibiza Town where you will find an abundance of clubs. There is something to suit every taste - from small, intimate

bars and restaurants to large, outrageous clubs, some with open-air dance floors overlooking the sea, floorshows, live bands and orchestras.

A little later into the night, the call of lbiza's club scene takes hold.

In Ibiza, you can party 24/7 but the clubs are situated away from the main resorts. While 'gay only' clubbing is rare, the relaxed attitudes at most of Ibiza's hotspots means you'll soon be mixing with metrosexuals as carefree as you are & the line between gays and straights begins to blur. Clubbing and drag fuse seamlessly at La Troya so be sure to visit for a visual sensation. For a truly gay experience, the compact but bountiful Anfora is the place to head.

Anfora was the original totally gay club on the island, until Babylon in Botafoc came along, there are bucketfuls of



cute
guys and a
darkroom that's busier
than the rest of the
island. Raunchier still
is Bar La Muralla.
Clothing is pretty
much optional here
(depending on the
night) but everything
is looked after by the
lovely hosts Marco
and Eric.

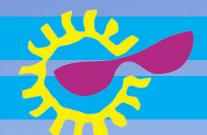
You'll likely be laying your head in Figueretas, the beach resort attached to Ibiza Town.

It's here where the majority of gay friendly accommodation is located, although there are plenty of options a short taxi ride away.

When the sun is firmly

up, it is time to hit the beach. There are over 80 different beaches on Ibiza, each one with its own character and atmosphere. There are two main superb gay beaches on Ibiza, with a scattering of other popular beaches around the island.

Really, the whole of the south of the island has a bustling gay culture ingrained in the clubbing and tourist scene so no problemos with the closed minded on this little beauty of a Med Island. Playa des Cavallet, just south of the airport in Ibiza has to be the most popular gay beach on the island, but Ibiza is an island of miles of unspoilt coastline and



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HOLIDAYS - IBIZA

you choose your spot according to taste.

Make Es Cavallet a priority, as it is one of the best gay beaches in Europe. Located on the southernmost tip of Ibiza, it can be a bit of a trek but is well worth it. Plan to get here early if you're travelling by car as the car park gets busy. A bus service is also available to the Las Salinas bus stop. From there, head for the salt plains and you'll soon see the rainbow flags flying. All you need is a towel and some trunks (actually, who needs trunks) because everything else is catered for at minimal cost.

The beach store offers a wide selection of shorts, Speedos and jewellery, all modelled by the gorgeous assistant who can't help but try them on for you (be prepared to clamp your jaw to prevent it dragging along behind you as you leave).

The Chiringay beach bar has an extensive menu and the best squid in town; if the food doesn't get you going the waiters are sure to make you drool.

On the beach, a clean, clear stretch of sand is punctuated by loungers and umbrellas. Once you've found a spot, the friendly waiters are more than happy to serve you there and even provide tables to hold your drinks. While there is a little zoning, people of types, seem to mix quite happily as tranquil sounds play through the bar's speakers.

Swimming is essential in these beautiful waters (although an occasional influx of seaweed can postpone this for a while) as is strolling through the cruising grounds directly to the rear. Chiringay have thought of everything and if you do happen to get sand in your unmentionables. there are even clean showers and toilets to help you freshen up.

Ibiza has a lot more to offer than you might expect and there are plenty of opportunities to exercise your cultural cravings. In May, the world famous medieval fare takes over Eivissa as artisans display their produce and skills.

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There's also a jazz festival in July and a spectacular firework display to mark the end of San Ciriac, in August. The unspoilt island of Formentera is just a short boat trip away but save that until you have explored Ibiza and all the treasures it has to offer.

Whilst the holiday hordes (and hormonally charged teenagers) head for the "fish 'n' chips" resort of San Antonio, gay and lesbian visitors prime destination is the Islands capital - Ibiza Town, a charming old town with plenty of atmosphere and character.

Most tourists looking for a gay holiday stay in the neighbouring suburb of FIGUERETAS, which is a 10 - 15 minute walk away.

Developed through the 70's, Figueretas has a pleasant bay with a couple of small beaches, and a handful of gay bars, the main gay/nudist/ cruising beach at Es Cavallet is several miles away but can be reached by a frequent (usually packed!) local bus service that runs through Ibiza Town and Figueretas.

The resort is summer only, and is busy from late May to late September - outside of this you may find that some bars/ hotels/restaurants are closed, but can be a lot cheaper to stay in and makes an ideal base for Summer months.

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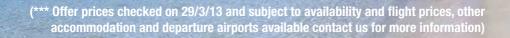
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READER'S RANT

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Email your rant to - info@mygayzine.co.uk...We look forward to hearing from you - heres our April rant...

I got into a, let's say 'heated' discussion with a gay male friend of mine about gay pride, its meaning and its place in the community.

I was a bit shocked to learn that his interpretation of this day was completely different to mine and really quite scary to think that 'one of our own' felt this way.

We began by talking about Pride and what we were planning this year and my friend announced he was not planning on attending and was instead intending to stay at home until the evening and go out then, his reason? "I don't believe in the concept of Pride".

I asked him what he meant and he said he didn't see the reason to get tarted up with very little clothing and then go parading through Belfast City Centre blowing whistles, waving flags and being openly 10 times more promiscuous and sex driven than what is normal.

"I think it just adds to the already bad image of gay people in this country."

I reminded him

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of what it was like to be gay here in Northern Ireland not so long ago. We faced violence, jail, getting sacked and many other forms of discrimination for the simple reason of being gay.

I reminded him about Stonewall in NYC 1969 and he looked at me with a puzzled face. He had never heard of the Stonewall Riots or the 27 June 69 when lesbians, gay men, trans gender people and drag queens stood up to the bullying tactics of the Police and fought back.

Ever since, gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people celebrate pride and remember the call for basic civil rights. By commemorating Stonewall across the world, gays and lesbians remember the brave men and women of Stonewall in Gay Pride celebrations.

I ended up telling him to have a look online and educate himself a little, but it does seems there must be more LGBT people who for whatever reason do

not know what the whole point of Pride is. Yes Pride it's flamboyant, camp, cheesey and overtly gay but what other way would you have a celebration of gay culture. I don't always agree with some of the carry on of some in the parade and agree that with so much media we are always portrayed as sex loving fiends, binge drinkers or Christian haters.

This doesn't mean that I would ever turn away from it in fact the opposite I want to be involved to show that we are proud of our history and who we are just like any other community. We love, are loved, play, fight, agree and disagree even within our own ranks.

The reason we should all support pride is simple, we must make a stand against homophobia and against people and

organisations whom cannot open their mind fully to the idea of equal rights for all humans and not just some.

Sam, Belfast.

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MYGAYZINE.CO.UK OR DROP US A MESSAGE THROUGH
OUR WEBSITE WWW.MYGAYZINE.CO.UK

We read about your story in Saturday's guardian, you have our support. Lorraine, Armagh Stay clear of idiots who don't want your business, they aren't worth the effort.

Kieran

Happy to see a gay mag featuring football and sport for the first time in a long time. Nicky, Strabane

Who knew mythology could be interesting? Ryan, N'Abbey

My march was kosmically influenced! Eugene, Dublin

Birthday wishes to Leanne magill, shes a huge fan of the magazine, Aunty Briege

Seen you guys on pinknews.co.uk, hope things get sorted. Gary, London Caitriona McCaughley is beautiful, well deserved win. From your Secret Admirer.

Northern Ireland making headlines for all the wrong reasons again, these things can't go unchallenged. Patrick

Happy Birthday Chris McMurray & Jeza Belle. Team MyGayZine

Got a message for someone that you'd like to see here? **Text us today at** your standard network message rate. Text us vour photos and comments, we will publish a selection of the best and most memorable ones in every months issue. We will also feature your shout outs, congratulatory messages and birthday messages. Get **TEXTING...**

Correspondence

Message from Dublin Devils FC

Last month's Reader's Rant attracted the attention of Ireland's only gay men's football club.

Club Secretary Eoghan Martin wrote to us telling of how Sean's reader's rant resonated with the team who started from small beginnings 8 years ago.

Today there are over 60 playing members now with the team and they've been chosen to host this year's International Gay and Lesbian Football Association's (IGLFA's) European Football Championships between the 13th and 16th of June.

"We'd like to express our hope that Belfast might soon see the formation of it's own gay men's football club and our belief that it can enjoy similar success to our own.

If we can be of assistance to anyone setting up a team, we would encourage them to get in touch with us."

Eoghan Martin Club Secretary Dublin Devils FC

Anyone thinking of taking up Mr Martin's offer can get in touch with us at info@mygayzine. co.uk or contact the Devils directly through their website www.dublindevilsfc.com

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lady portia di' monte

<u>local celeb profile</u>



Portia has been involved with the Belfast Gay scene for many years and is a household name within the Northern Ireland LGBT community.

These many years have brought with them an amazing audience, a plethora of media appearances and great acclaim from critics.

Lady P has not just been massively successful in Northern Ireland, UK and the Republic of Ireland but she's also amassed fans from all over the world.

With 3 seasons of her hit NVTV show 'Lady P's People' under her belt she has already shown to be a natural on TV.

Her latest TV
happenings see Lady
P in a 10 week comedy
show for Sky1, an
appearance in BBC's

april 2013 edition

hit crime drama
Ripper Street plus an
appearance in 2012's
Keith Lemon: The Film.

You can find Lady P on the airwaves hosting her own musical theatre radio show on Feile FM and often stops by for discussions on national radio.

If television and radio appearances weren't enough shes also been mingling with the Royal Family and entertaining major sporting personalities.

It isn't all fun and games however as Portia has become increasingly involved in aiding charitable organisations and is a great advocate for cancer charities. working closely with some of the unfortunate women who are suffering from hair loss due to chemotherapy treatments, offering them wig styling tips as well as makeup and skincare hints and secrets

She also hosts and

Belfast has had a noticable absence from it's Sunday Night entertainment lineup since Lady P packed her bags to move to Dublin to become the face of new nightclub Wilde. MyGayZine caught up with Portia to find out what she's been up to and her plans for the future.



lady portia di'monte



organises the annual Uber Chic Real Women's Fashion Show.

This is another cancer charity event where she provides entertainment to an audience of over 700.

The event has grown from strength to strength with each passing year and has been referred to as a "no ordinary catwalk presentation but one which is in complete harmony with the cause for which it is staged" - Belfast Telegraph.

For the past two years Portia has been invited to act as

Compere for a version of the X Factor called the T Factor for the charity Public Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide and Self-harm (PIPS), she did host the finale which was attended by over 300 guests. Notable attendees included Belfast City's Lord Mayor Pat Convery as well as other politicians and dignitaries.

2013 is already set to be another great year for Lady P as she sets off on a mini world tour. Not long home from Australia she'll be removing those heels at customs again soon as she jets off to Norway followed by New York City in the Summer and Toronto soon after.

Lady Portia this year will also travel to one of most inhospitable places on earth at the moment, Afghanistan, where she's set to entertain British troops. We think Vera Lynn's forces sweetheart crown is under threat for the first time since WWII.

We'll keep you up to date with Portia and Marcus in future issues. I don't know where they find the time.



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QUEER THEORY 101



Would you believe it's possible to be a professor in poofery?

Believe it or not, over 40
American universities, including prestigious ivy league colleges like Harvard and Yale, offer degree programs in Gay Studies AKA Sexual Diversity Studies.
After the social revolutions of the 1960s and the emergence of African American Studies, Native American Studies and new investigations into identity politics, it was only a matter of time before Gay Studies appeared on the academic scene.

So what's on the syllabus, you might ask? A comprehensive analysis of Madonna's discography, DVD marathons of Sex and the City, followed by classes in interior design and flower arrangement?

No, of course not. That syllabus would be a stereotype, and stereotypes are exactly what Gay Studies and Queer Theory tackles head on.

I should distinguish between the two academic disciplines. Gay Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study, collecting research from literature, biology, philosophy, psychology and other schools of thought with the purpose of building a canon that understands the history of homosexuality and realizes its influences and potentials in the broader halls of humanity. Essentially, Gay Studies is an exploration of homosexuality and civilisation (like my book- have you not bought it yet?).

Then there's Queer Theory, one of the newer branches of literary theory. I should stress how literary theory isn't just confined to literature - it's a systematic study that reviews all modes of representation. Queer Theory examines perceptions

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of homosexuality and combats the categorization of gender and sexuality in the modern mindset. Queer Theorists argue that our ideas of homosexuality are socially constructed, based on malicious stereotypes, and it's up to these theorists to fight the fabrications and untangle truth from mistruth.

We find these falsifications and fictitious representations in language, and fighting against language is, to say the least, a battle of epic proportions. But Queer Theorists (myself included) are rising to the challenge.

So when did the academic battle begin?

In the summer of 1969, police raided a New York gay bar, and the gays gave as good as they got. This clash became known as the Stonewall riots. Gay rights found a new focus, and intellectually gifted individuals like Gloria Anzaldua, Rictor Norton, Louie Crew, and Judith Butler joined the fray to define a gay studies movement that challenges the social and political oppression.

Their battleground wasn't on picketlines and parades, but in the brain, and these theorists composed groundbreaking arguments that challenged perceptions of homosexuality.

Queer Theory destabilizes interpretations through the power of post-structuralism, and to understand post-structuralism, you have to get to grips with structuralism.

Structuralism is a mode of interpretation that supposes identities are created by social and cultural systems. The self is essentially a construct that is defined by a wider, collective dimension of constructs, and the glue that holds everything together is language.

Post-structuralism challenges the grip of this glue. Language is fluid, and therefore meaning can slide in relation to reality. This is going to get a bit complicated, but stay with me on it because it really is fascinating.

Post-structuralism deploys a technique called Deconstructive Theory to break down ideas through a reshuffling of textuality, rhetoricity and intertextuality.

Textuality (in post-structuralism) represents the floating signifier. What's a signifier? We have to break things down again.

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Any subject has three components: the signifier (word), the signified (concept), and the referent (thing).

Let's use 'fag' as an example. The signifier is just the ugly three letter word 'fag.' The signified is the mental picture that emerges with 'fag' (big arm-flapping flamer), while the referent, the thing itself, is a homosexual man.

Post-structuralism questions if all three of these components should be bound together. Can the armflapping flamer (signified) not be detached from the homosexual man (referent)? And can the word 'fag' (signifier) not refer to something else?

Does this make sense at all?

In order to further stabilize the integrity of these three components, we use rhetoricity, which is basically changing how we talk about 'fag' ie, saying 'fag' without referring to a homosexual. But for rhetoricity to be successful, you have look where the subject 'fag' rests in the intertextual relations. Intertextuality is basically the body of ideas, connotations, discourses and collective

understandings of the culture.

I might be losing you on this but here's a cracker example of how it all works.

South Park fans might remember the episode 'The F-Word', where a bunch of rowdy harley riders invade the quiet mountain town. Stan, Cartman, Kenny and Kyle say how they hate those fags. They want those fags to get the hell out of their town, and they go about painting 'fags get out' on walls and billboards.

I always say the South Park writers are super smart, and this episode proves it, because 'The F-Word' is really a dramatization of post-structuralist Queer Theory.

The signifier (word) 'fag' no longer refers to the signified (concept) of an arm-flapping flamer. The referent (thing), the homosexual man, has now been changed to a loud, obnoxious harley rider.

Cartman and his mates fiercely use the word 'fag' to refer to these bikers, which is perfect rhetoricity. And when they get in trouble at



school (because Mr Garrison and Principal Victoria think they're referring to homosexuals) the boys seek to change the dictionary's definition of the word 'fag' to refer to bikers instead of homosexuals, which is targeting intertextuality.

Hot or what? Do you see now why I'm such a huge South Park fan?

If only all Queer Theory could be as colourful and comical as that cartoon show. One of the most prominent Queer Theorists, Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, has a headmeltingly dense writing style, but her arguments are as sound as a pound.

Her essay "Homosocial Desire' challenges our understanding of the word 'homophobia,' which

she says is "etymologically nonsensical." Homosexual oppression is not linked to fear (implied by the suffix '-phobia') but by patriarchy's desire for power, privilege and superiority. Sedgwick argues that a more appropriate term would be 'heterosexist' as this reflects the prejudice and disdain visited upon same-sex people.

There's so many more theorists that deserve to be mentioned, and it's difficult to condense all their arguments. If you're interested in this subject then look for Michel Foucault's 'The History of Sexuality' or Judith Butler's 'Epistemology of the Closet", two of the most germinal works in the Queer Theory canon.



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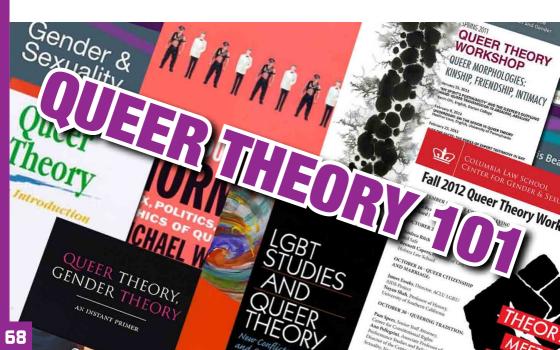
Butler, Foucault and all the other big-brains believe that to define the entire homosexual population by one solid set of characteristics is not only flawed, but very dangerous.

They argue that modern ideas of homosexuality are really just manufactured products, stereotypes, and these products are controlled, basically owned, by the dominant institutions of political and social life. These stereotypes are not only offensive and degrading, but they serve to glorify heteronormativity.

So there you go, a brief review of Queer Theory, the academic extension of the gay liberation movement. Sedgwick, Butler and all the academic heavy-hitters are striving to redefine the way we think, to change perception and thereby change reality.

Maybe I should take the fight further and apply for a PhD in Gay Studies.

But if I returned to university and completed the course, would that make me a professor, or a poofessor?



THE SURFACE OF THE DEEP

An Exploration of Homosexuality and Civilisation



P. FRANCIS FAHY

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Barry Donaghy presents

Out & About with Barry Bazcam



Barry Donaghy from Ballygawley in Northern Ireland has become quite the local media guru.

Specialising in event management, photography, being an agent to the stars and media planning he's often spotted mingling with celebs visiting NI.

Each month we'll feature a selection of Bazcam's photography to keep an eye

on who's been visiting NI and snaps from around the NI scene.

You can add Barry on facebook & keep up to date with his activities or email.

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Here's a sneaky peak at what you can expect in the coming month's.



misty falls presents what's the t?

PARIS IS BURNING





Welcome to another edition of 'What's The T?' with Misty Falls. This month I'll be discussing the phrase "Reading" and "Shade" which comes from the LGBT cult classic 'Paris Is Burning.'

I'll be explaining where this phrase comes from and the connotations connected with it but I'll also give my own personal view of 'Reading' or 'Throwing Shade.'

'Paris is Burning' for those of you who don't know is a captivating documentary film, filmed in the mid-to-late 1980s, it portrays the Drag Ball culture of New York City and in particular the African American, Latino, communities involved in it.

This group, bound by common rejection, constructs a subculture that has its own norms, values and language, a world away from the rest of New York.

The film celebrates the vitality and resourcefulness of a group that is subcultural, i.e. part of the culture, without being counter cultural, as in operating outside of and against dominant culture. These groups don't wish to replace dominant culture, they long to become members of the society they imitate.

The structure of their society consists of a system of houses where the young men function as apprentices. Reflecting a minority coping with hatred, the houses are associations of friends, presided over by a "mother," that provides a substitute for biological families.

Willi Ninja, the head of one of the houses, is an articulate man who's also a master in "voguing," in which dancers attempt to top each other by using gestures of high-fashion models.

Related to voguing is "shade," in layman's terms this means to call someone out on a flaw and use it as an insult against them, or as we Belfastians would say, 'to sleg someone off.'

Since the decline of the Drag Balls within the subculture, the Drag world has adopted many of the sayings within the film and ingrained it within our own subculture.

Personally though I love the phrase and where it comes from, I don't like 'Reading' nor 'Shade' I think it can give a Drag Queen a bad name if they are overly Shady or known predominantly for throwing Shade.

Again I try and stay away from Shade as I am not a Shady Queen, I don't throw Shade unless someone tries to act the big girl and throws it first, then I'll let all hell lose and the Shade will be flying. Yet to many people, mostly close minded heterosexuals, Shade being thrown between Queens gives the over-all illusion that all Queens are nothing else but complete bitches and stereotypes being to form, causing us who don't actively read to be classed as either an inexperienced Queen or simply unrated.

People need to see that Queens have more substance and talent than what comes out of their mouth.

In saying that I do throw minor Shade with my girls Alexia, Fefe and Peaches, the reason for this is that we all know when we throw it at each other we are completely joking and there is no spiteful thought behind the words.

We all can throw Shade about each other, to and with, but it never goes beyond the four of us.

So this was my little lesson about some Drag Herstory, Hunty, I would definitely recommend that if you haven't seen Paris is Burning to have a wee watch of it some night, it gave me a greater insight into LGBT culture as a younger person coming into the community.

Remember these wise words, "Don't be Shady, be a lady."

Misty xx

Maren 2013

Kosmic Karen returns with her seventh MyGayZine Magazine contribution and she's back with more insight and spiritual guidance for the month ahead. I remember that last boy who didn't take heed to Karen's advice, lets just say she's the only one still in touch with him... Mystic Meg and Psychic Sally wouldn't know a spirit guide if it hauted their hootenanny's but we can thank the star's 'cause we've gone Kosmic.

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You are finding the emotional and financial resources to withstand the loses and unexpected changes your facing, these are temporary and you will be back on track soon. You are prepared for a relationship to take time to come together just make sure that communication is tip top and you convey this. Ensure that you discard the people and things holding you back.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Love life not providing the fruits for all your labour? You might not be having the best of luck in matters of the heart and you are thinking of taking some sort of action. No need just relax, live and wait were you are the perfect lover is coming to you this month, you just need to recognise them when they do.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Recent conflicts are stirring up anger in you this month, anger is a powerful force and you could be tempted to get into a fight. It's up to you to put the weapons away and bring out the olive branch. You need to concentrate all of that anger energy and focus it on your romantic affairs, you know you need to.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Don't bring more rubbish into your home, re-arrange what you have. Being doubtful isn't always a bad thing, there is much to learn in the process. You think much better when your relaxed so run a hot bath or head to a sauna and consider your options. In the end your intuition will provide you with an answer.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Life can turn on a sixpence at times, and now is one of those times. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and enjoy the interesting direction your life is just about to undertake. There is a surprising income on its way from a project that you are working on. Love has been tough lately but again this will change as you gather your thoughts.

LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 22

A good old argument may be the most creative thing you do this month, make sure to clear the air after it could actually take you in a brand new direction. If you see a red flag, don't wave it at a bull. By continuing to antagonise will only bring about a negative undertones at home. Love is kind to Libra this month so expect some special, romantic moments.

SAGITTARIUS Nov22 - Dec21

Intense feelings will be re-ignited this month as you are released from a negative hold that's been with you for quite some time. Your patience will be surely tried but you'll find that a somewhat weird solution will work best. A positively brilliant month for love and excitement so don't just sit back.

AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18

Pluck up the courage to ask for that pay rise you know you work hard enough. There is an offer of investment on its way that'll have you enjoying the rewards for a long time, it's well worth the effort. Don't blame yourself if things get a little rocky in your love life, success requires effort from you both.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept 22

Changes are hard to achieve but mostly worth it. Tread carefully this month when it comes to authority figures as an unexpected development could land you in hot water with a boss, teacher, parent or even a random police officer. Look out for the positives and act on them, you still can avoid a major drama.

SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21

Exciting and unusual developments are in the air this month for you, expect the unexpected and you still won't be prepared for what you got coming. You have the power to get something important done especially at work. A secret love affair could already be public whether you like it or not.

CAPRICORN Dec22 - Jan 19

You need to think clearly about travelling and make sure you have a backup plan. You will find that exercising now will give you huge benefits in the not so distant future. Life has been chaos in the last few weeks, things will fall into place but it needs a push from you so, get organised.

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

It's a crazy world out there, someone you never in a million years thought you would hear from again gets in touch. Do some processing of what you think and feel. Allow your emotions to pass and you could get your friend back again, along with your lost 'Mojo'.





a minute or four with Tyan Clor

Hi ye all, winter is now behind us, wind and all, but what a great time of year. Its nearly time you all banish your winter clothes to the back of the wardrobe and get the running shoes out. You will want to be in great shape for the long, sunny Summer evenings out on the pull or maybe simply to look good, feel good, and take all the comments on how well you look. Who needs to join a health club, mine is my two dogs & the park, and general daily walking about without any thought.

Just a quick update on my play "TALK" Bruce Jones Aka Les
Battersby is nearly off the book.
That means he has learned 26
Pages of A4 lines, a big challenge for any actor. We open in Wales on the 12th and 13th of this month to a sellout house, so if you need tickets for a future show or to go on standby for the opening nights then go to the web site www. angryfishproductions.com and see box office number and a video of rehearsals.

Now back to you my dear friends.

A big thanks for all your emails, I promised Mary in Armagh I would give her a mention and I wanted to thank her for the kind words in her email. I am so happy that you enjoy reading this part of the magazine and it's great we can now communicate on facebook. Just note that my P.A. Teresa mostly keeps it up to speed but she will relay any messages to me.

Mary from Armagh told of her struggle dealing with her developing feelings for her open relationship partner. I'm not going to try to be some Dame Edna agony aunt addressing my 'little possoms' every month but I can provide advice based on my many experiences throughout life, they say we learn from our mistakes and I've made my fair share.

Your dilemma is perfectly normal and it's natural for feelings to form when involving yourself in a relationship which seeks to only explore the physical side of a bond between two people. I have to admit that most relationship problems I hear of are related to

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the difficulties keeping the fizzles in the fires but I've had friends in situations exactly like this.

My advice is too tell your partner that your cooking a meal one night and you have something important to discuss, reassure her it's nothing to worry about. Make sure there are no distractions like the TV or friends calling, turn your mobiles off and really open your heart.

Just follow your instinct and tell her that you no longer wish to play the field and that you wish to show her that she is the one. It's important that you don't smother her with the love thing as this could backfire and if she feels the same way then you have cracked it.

If she at the very least offers to give it a try then that's good too so give that a go and see what happens. You did not say how old you are, but am assuming you are still clubbing reading between the lines. Being Gay has many more challenges than being straight, as

like it or not we are labelled the more promiscuous than straights. Now if it all goes pear shaped, it's not the end of the world.

Don't forget you two agreed at the start of your relationship that it would be an open one. Just be prepared for a knock back and anything else that arises is a bonus.

I can't believe we have so many signed up to this great magazine already, tell all your friends to do the same, I'm off now as I have more rehearsals early in the morning, only days to go to the opening night.

It really is a play not to be missed. Do take care, drink responsibly and always wear protection.

Email me on diorryan@yahoo. co.uk and I will discuss another readers concerns or even a nice happy story next month.

MAY YOUR GOD GO WITH YOU. Ryan Dior XX

