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## **DIVA DOLLS**

Have you got Diva Fever? Read the full interview on page 18 Cover by lead singer Alex Jay

## **NEW FEATURES**

Lucy Lashes & Psychic Sean McGeough join the team.

Lots more inside... June's hottest LGBT Monthly Guide

#### **JUNE 2013**



## JUNE EDITION - ISSUE 9

#### HI FROM US

Welcome to the 9th issue of MyGayZine Magazine.

As we hang up our Eurovision outfits for another year we look forward to the month ahead and all eyes will be on Dublin who are celebrating their 30th annual Gay Pride Festival and hosting this years International Gay and Lesbian Football Association Championships, congratulations and good luck to all involved.

This month is our pre-pride edition and brings together all the info you'll need to get your summer off to a great start. Lots of juicy stories, articles, info and interviews offering plenty of reading material for basking in the sunshine.

We caught up with the Diva Dolls ahead of their 2013 pride tour and get the scoop on the Ireland's hottest girl group. Psychic Sean Mc Geough joins the team to offer spiritual guidance to our readers and Lucy Lashes is back as our resident DRAGony aunt to solve all your weird and wonderful problems.

If that wasn't enough we've also got a superb article from one of UNISON's regional organisers, Fidelma Carolan on being "out at work".

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This, plus all of our usual contributors are back contributing articles over 7 sections.

Chris Mc Murray updates us on current affairs and is back with her Poetry Page, Peter Francis Fahy gives us a brief overview of homoerotic art, Maurice is explaining why the Costa Del Sol has it all and Ryan Dior has been let loose in Hollywood.

Misty will be back next month, she's been busy winning the Lurgan Drag Wars competition this month but is already working on her pride edition column. Congratulations Misty.

We love to hear from our readers. You can make the magazine your own by submitting articles, rants, poetry, stories or questions.

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We won't waste any more of your time. Get stuck in.

Jump into June with your complete LGBT Guide to the month ahead.

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## MYGAYZINE NEWS

## **Equal Marriage x3 on the BBC**

#### "ridiculous, hate filled, fearsome hyperbole"

- Patrick Strudwick to the TUV's Jim Allister

Last month saw vet more heated conversation and debate on the Northern Ireland equal marriage issue. Three BBC programmes in three davs in fact covered the topic with the usual hotpot of ingredients, a helping of homophobia, a dollop of defensive statements from the gay community, an ounce of outrageous outbursts and topped off with a teaspoon measure of common sense from some prominent gav activists.

The BBC spotlight programme (Tuesday 21st May) "Same Sex - Different Rights?" followed the lives of several couples from the Northern Ireland gay community as they went about their day to day lives. The show highlighted the normality



of day to day living as a homosexual in Northern Ireland whilst stressing the challenges and needs of the LGBT community in 2013 on a very personal level. Issues raised included the right for gay people to adopt, issues with raising children, fighting for the right to marry and also the vacancy in unionism for a more progressive, liberal party that is more accepting and inviting for LGBT people.

In response to the BBC Spotlight show and the recent defeat of the Equal Marriage Bill

in Stormont in April, Stephen Nolan chose to raise the debate again the following night and invited singer Brian Kennedy, prominent iournalist and activist Patrick Strudwick, TUV politician Jim Allister and Peter Lynas director of the Evangelical Alliance onto the show. In the space of fifteen minutes on Northern Ireland's most watched television show Jim Allister, Peter Lynas and an audience sympathiser found time to send the following messages to Nolan Show viewers.



"the suggestion that because a same sex couple say they love each other they should be allowed to marry is a perversion of marriage, there is no parity between heterosexual and homosexual marriage" – Jim Allister

"I believe gay sex is wrong, it's a lifestyle that is inappropriate" – Jim Allister

"If we go down the slippery slope [of equal marriage] that you want us to go down polygamy will be next" – Jim Allister "nothing I have said is homophobic" – Jim Allister

"Equality is a red herring. This is not about equality, this is about a minority trying to force their views on a majority"  Peter Lynas
 "[a homosexual relationship] is not the best environment to bring up a child. To redefine marriage is to change the truth and to change the truth you open the floodgates to everything"
 Audience Member.

Mr Allister was involved in the "Save Ulster from Sodomy" campaign in the 80's which fought the decriminalisation of homosexuality. When asked by Nolan if he still believes Homosexual acts should be illegal he refused to give a clear answer stating only that he has to accept that the law says it is legal. Someday soon Mr Allister may also be refusing to comment on his current beliefs on equal marriage because they too are too culturally unacceptable to parade on television.

Shortly after the show Mr Allister tweeted: "Cries of homophobia is the intellectual height of the pro-gay marriage lobby, as shown on Nolan; you'd think they don't want to debate it!"

Brian Kennedy and Patrick Strudwick made some brilliant points on the show and did well to explain to the panel how their values undervalue the rights of the LGBT community. **Mr Allister must** have been too busy dismissing valid points and deflecting questions by claiming they were nothing more than attacks on his traditional values to have remembered a debate.



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"We've talked about the difference between marriage and civil partnerships and there is this notion we should somehow accept this second rate position, the separate but equal argument was the doctrine which underpinned racial segregation in America." – Patrick Strudwick

"There is a vital principle at stake here, the principle is equality and everyone in Northern Ireland whether male or female, gay or straight should be entitled to equality under the law" – Patrick Strudwick

"This is a very important issue in Ireland right now, in the world right now and there are going to be young people watching who are trying to decide on their identity and there are things going on like in the 80's Jim Allister with all that Ulster Sodomy nonsense at City Hall. The difficulty is suicide amongst young people is on the rise, it's a

very serious issue and the things you are saying are making young people feel bad about themselves." – Brian Kennedy

The cherry on the equality debate cake the Beeb had cooked up came the following night when the Question Time panel show came to Belfast. With the Equal Marriage Bill passing swiftly through UK parliament it was inevitable David Dimbleby would question politicians from the NI assembly on their failure to embrace the laws here also.

DUP MP for South Antrim, Ian Paisley Jr came under pressure from questioning by both the panel and the audience regarding statements saying he was "repulsed by gays and lesbianism" and after referring to gay people as "immoral, offensive and obnoxious" on the show.

Maajid Nawaz from the Quillam Foundation noted how prehistoric and disrespectful Mr Paisley's comments

were "If someone had have told me when I was 15 the president of America would be black, the most prolific rapper would be white and a conservative prime minister would legalise gay marriage I would have laughed you out of the room. What that tells you Mr Ian Paisley Junior is that you are vesterday's news, basically. What it sounded like in your spiel is I'm not racist. my friend is black **BUT...**"

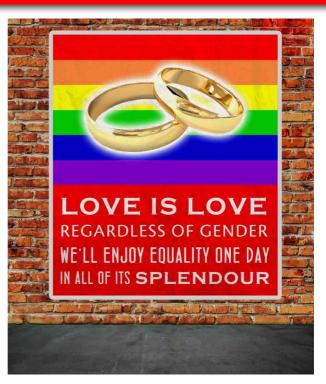
Peter Thatchell quoted a recent UGOV poll which showed 71% of British people, 58% of those part of a religious group and 51% of those voting conservative at the next election supported marriage equality and argued that it would be hard to "find any issue in public life where so many are in favour"

At the height of the discussion Ian Paisley Jr crumbled under the scrutiny of an audience member asking for some clarity on how allowing gay marriage would threaten the politicians right to "We've talked about the difference between marriage and civil partnerships and there is this notion we should somehow accept this second rate position, the separate but equal argument was the doctrine which underpinned racial segregation in America." – Patrick Strudwick

practice marriage in the traditional sense. Looking extremely uncomfortable and squeamish he was seen glaring into the camera and raising his voice to say "Do I look like a man under threat?". Apparently so Mr Paisley.

Three shows in three days brought three opportunities to show people just how resilient and determined the LGBT community really is to achieving equality in all areas of our lives whilst also raising awareness of some serious issues affecting our community such as suicide.

We listened to several politicians and representatives refer to homosexual relationships as; perverse, offensive, repulsive, immoral, inappropriate and unequal and still they claim these words do not help encourage homophobic beliefs and are not to the detriment to young



people struggling with their sexuality. Save Ulster From Sodomy? I think we should be focusing on saving Ulster from prejudice.

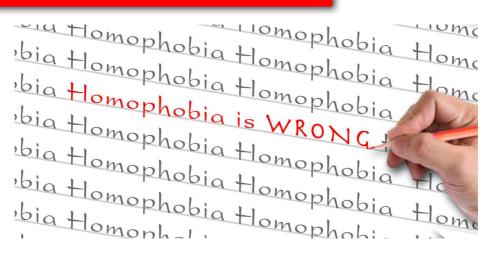
These views need to be vigorously challenged at every opportunity because this is not the type of message we want young people to feel is right and in no way do they represent the LGBT community. With pride parades and festivals approaching for many across Northern and Southern Ireland there no better time to show everybody what our communities are really all about.

We look forward to bringing you more updates as well as some exclusive interviews in next month's pride edition.

#### Share your thoughts Online at www.MyGayZine.co.uk

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## 80% Of Homophobic Hate Crime In Northern Ireland Goes Unreported

The Equality commission last month reported that only 20% of people in Northern Ireland who fall victim of homophobic discrimination report it.

Michael Wardlow the chief commissioner said "We have already recognised the need to take special measures to address under-reporting of sexual orientation discrimination here in Northern Ireland. We recently launched a new suite of digital resources for the LGBT community under the SoMe brand.

We know that we need to make particular efforts to reach out to LGBT individuals who may feel that they are totally alone and that they have no recourse against unfair treatment.

These are the people who could really benefit from our staff's advice, support and experience. Individuals can be reassured of receiving a confidential and supportive response when they seek our help."

There was 246 homophobic incidents were reported to the Police Service of Northern Ireland in the last year, a 23% rise on the previous year and Transphobia discrimination doubled from three to six.

We are interested in hearing from you if you or someone you know has been discriminated against due to sexuality or gender identification. Did you report it or let it lie? Why?



### **Pride Flag At Whitehall**

Nick Clegg the Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Deputy Prime Minister of the UK and UK Cabinet Officer Francis Maude has agreed to fly the Pride Flag from the Cabinet offices at Whitehall in London for the full week of London's Pride week just like it did last year.

Nick Clegg said that he was proud to fly it and hoped that other departments would follow suit.

A Cabinet Office spokesman said: "We are proud to fly the flag and look forward to a time when samesex couples can get married." Pride week, part of Pride in London festivities, will run from the 23-30 June with Saturday 29 June the main day of the festival and London's annual Pride parade will proceed from Baker Street to Trafalgar Square.

## Fermanagh Supports Equal Marriage

The District Council of Fermanagh passed a Sinn Fein motion in favour of supporting the same rights and entitlements to civil marriages for all citizens of Fermanagh regardless of race, religion or sexuality.

Obviously the DUP put up strong opposition to the motion with one of their councillors saying marriage "was created in Genesis and it's Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

The motion passed, having been rejected previously before in September.

The vote last month saw 12 votes for, 10 against and 1 abstention.



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## Limerick Gay Games 2018 Gets Closer!



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Limerick along with London & Paris have been selected as finalists in the race to host the world's largest sport and culture festival open to all – the 2018 Gay Games.

The three cities were shortlisted from a list of five which also included Amsterdam & Orlando. If successful in the process 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.

Cillian Flynn, Press & Communications **Director for Limerick's** Bid said "We are absolutely delighted & proud to be shortlisted. We believe that Limerick has the facilities & infrastructure to host the event. We look forward to welcoming the Site Selection Committee from the Federation of Gay Games to our warm & embracing city in July of this year"

John James Hickey, Bid Coordinator for Limerick's Bid said "Limerick is super proud today. We began this journey twelve months ago and we will now move forward to welcoming the Federation of Gay Games to Limerick and the Shannon region in July 2013 for our site visit. Today, we are going to celebrate this momentous and historic day as one of the first Irish cities to be nominated for this prestigious event which will bring some 12,000 participants from across the World to Ireland in 2018.'"

Limerick will host the Site Selection committee in July of this year where five members of the Site Selection Committee will visit the city and view the facilities that Limerick will use should the city be chosen as host.

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Limerick, London and Paris have been selected as finalists in the race to host the 2018 Gay Games



The announcement of the winning city will be made at the Federation of Gay Games Annual Conference on October 7th in Cleveland Ohio – host city to the 2014 Gay Games.

Ireland has been well represented at the last Gay Games in Cologne 2010 where in excess of 100 competitors were registered from Ireland and Team Cork taking home 27 medals.

Limerick's bid has already received some positive news in the form of Boxing & Wheel Chair Rugby being accepted as new sports in the Gay Games.

These two new sports are unique to Limerick and open up the 2018 to become all inclusive and ensure anybody can take part regardless of Ability, Gender or Sexual Orientation. The next stage doesn't come cheap and carries a price tag of approximately \$10,000 US Dollars. This is in addition to the \$10,000 USD already invested into the Bid Process.

The 2018 Bid Committee are asking anyone who is in a position to support the bid to contact them via the website http:// www.limerick2018.com or through Facebook & Twitter. Limerick's bid has already received support from Shannon Development, Failte Ireland, Shannon Region Conference & Sports Bureau, University of Limerick & University of Limerick & University Arena, Limerick City Council, Shannon Airport, Limerick Chamber of Commerce, The Red Ribbon Project and Annalog Devices.

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## MYGAYZINE NEWS

## **Church of Ireland's Select** Committee To Examine Gay Issues

The Church of Ireland Primate, Archbishop Richard Clarke proposed at the annual General Synod that a 16 person select committee be established to examine "all issues concerning human sexuality in the context of Christian belief".

However none of the 16 people chosen for the select committee identified as LGBT.

The decision not to include anyone from the LGBT community has already drew criticism from an openly gay member of the church Dr Richard O'Learv (who also co founded the pro LGBT group 'Changing Attitude Ireland') for excluding LGBT people from the 16 person committee: "It would be seen as unacceptable to have a select committee with an all white



Is the Church of Ireland finally attempting to understand the LGBT community or is it stalling on the issue of sexuality once again?

membership to examine ethnicity and racism so how can the Church of Ireland approve this committee on sexuality with not even one self identifying LGBT person included?"

At a General Synod press conference in Armagh Richard Clarke told reporters: "The subject of samesex relationships is desperately divisive but we are trying to approach it in a systematic way.

" This is a time for people to listen generously to one another. It is not a stalling process and I would not want to be a part of anything which is evolved in this way."

Could this be early signs that this particular church in Ireland is becoming more gay friendly or is this just a way of kicking a relevant topic into the a long term black hole of discussions allowing its leaders to hide behind the committee for two the two years that it's been given to tackle the subject?

With 16 people who cannot possibly look at both sides of the discussion objectively only time will tell what sort of weird and wonderful conclusions this Committee will draw from its examinations.

## Lesbian couple marry 8 times in eight cities in 10 days



We heard a lovely story today about two ladies who enjoyed their civil union so much they decided to get married eight more times in eight cities in ten days!

Chwanda Nixon and Kacey Frierson were both previously married to men and have six children between them.

But when they met it was love at first sight, and they got hitched for the first time in Illinois in 2011.

Chwanda and Kacey's story was featured in Out Magazine recently. Explaining why they decided to go on their "I Do Marathon", Kacey said: "Since the ceremony in Illinois wasn't a real marriage, we thought we'd go to New York and do the legal one. But then I was like, 'If we're going to New York, those other states are right there, and then we could go to Canada, too! If we drive and take this route, we could hit all these places in a week.

"Chwanda was like, 'We gonna get married all them times?' And I'm like, 'Yeah!' Once I started, I couldn't stop: If I'm gonna do something, I'm gonna do it big!"

Describing their married life and the attitudes of

others around them, she said: "Everyone is pretty much cool with us. The only thing we get is that people think we resemble one another and say, 'Is this your sister?' 'No, this is my wife.' I don't hesitate: It's normal for me.

"The hardest thing, of course, is trying to take care of six people with one income, since Chwanda is still looking for a job. That has really been our only challenge. I'm so determined; I don't care what I have to go through.

Even though we're struggling, even though it's hard, we still have each other, we still have the kids.

And after the "I Do" Marathon, my kids can say they did something that no one else has done. This will be a trip they will never forget."



#### SHOWBIZ NEWS





Krista Siegfids the Finnish Eurovision 2013 entrant side stepped the long standing rules that state not to use "lyrics, speeches or gestures of a political or similar nature" and also gave the competition its very first lesbian kiss. Siegfids has insisted that her song 'Marry Me' isn't political but went on to say that she did want to make a statement about the lack of legal recognition of same sex marriage.

Turkey unexpectedly cancelled this year's Eurovision broadcast citing low viewing figures as their reason not to air the show. Although Turkey decided not to participate this year, Turkish television was still going to show a live broadcast of the final. However after Finland's entry 'Marry me' got through Thursday's second semi-final, the broadcaster has decided to pull the plug on the show.

LGBT equality group 'All Out' lead a petition for the President of European Broadcasting Union to step in and ensure that Eurovision would "uphold the values of unity and love" instead of censoring the kiss.

In the first hour it was live, the petition gathered over a thousand signatures. The co-founder and Executive Director of 'All Out' Andre Banks said that "Love should never be feared, it is censorship **we should fear".** 

#### ZACHARY QUINTO: "EQUALITY IS AN UNSTOPPABLE WAVE"

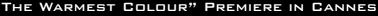
Openly gay actor and star of the new Star Trek films Zachary Quinto has spoken of his belief that it is only a matter of time before equal rights sweep the rest of the US.

"You can see we now have 13 states in the union that have adopted marriage equality and that's an unstoppable wave as far as I'm concerned."

The actor was also one of the many celebrities who praised President Obama's support of samesex unions last year.



#### LESBIAN SEX SCENES RAISE EYEBROWS AT THE "BLUE IS





Winner of the prestigious Palme d'Or prize, the film follows a love affair between a Frenchwoman and a 17-year-old Parisian

#### high school girl in a love story critics are calling "show stopping".

While the sex is fullon, graphic, and leaves nothing to the imagination, it's not offensive or there for shock value as the director has shown the scenes grow organically out of the story. Tunisian born French director Abdellatif Kechiche has said he shot the scenes "as if they were paintings" and admitted spending quite a lot of time lighting them "so that they are really beautiful".

Variety described the film as a "searingly intimate character study marked by the most explosively graphic lesbian sex in memory"

Don't worry though the film isn't all about sex as the movie also mixes in the concerns and influences of class and education.

The three hour movie will be screened for censors at the British Board Of Film Classification before it can be released, most likely in November, after the London Film Festival.

#### MICHAEL DOUGLAS: 'I KNOW OF GAY ACTORS WHO

Oscar-winning actor and producer Michael Douglas recently starred as entertainer Liberace in the Steven Soderbergh-directed biopic Behind the Candelabra.

Behind the Candelabra premiered at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this

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month and will debut in cinemas on June 7. Just as Liberace denied being gay, Michael said that he knows of Hollywood actors "who have not come out in the spirit of protecting their careers and livelihoods". He added "Liberace's sexuality did not matter to fans because "he brought so much fun".



#### ENTERTAINMENT

### MOVIES & MUSIC UPDATE

#### AVAILABLE JUNE 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. June brings with it a bumber month of Blockbusters, DVD's and Downloads as the Summer release Bonanza begins. 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 purchase on the next page.

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#### @ THE CINEMA

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#### OUT ON DVD

Wreck it Ralph 3rd June Flight 3rd June Good Day to Die Hard 10th June Lincoln 10th June Hansel & Gretel 24th June





#### THIS MONTHS SINGLES

Union J - 2nd June 'Carry You' Bastille - 2nd June 'Laura Palmer' Wiley ft. Angel - 9th June 'Lights On' Jason Derulo - 16th June 'The Other Side' Taylor Swift - 23rd June 'Everything Has Changed'

MAND ALBUMS Queens Of The Stone Age 'Like Clockwork' - 3rd June KT Tunstall 'Invisible Empire' - 10th June Kelly Rowland 'Talk A Good Game' - 17th June Kanye West 'Yeezus' - 18th June Tom Odell 'Long Way Down' - 24th June



## DIVA DOLLS Interview

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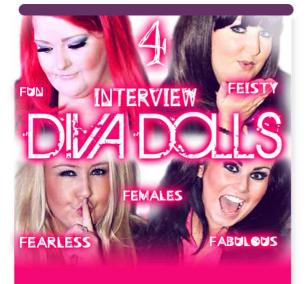
### HAVE YOU GOT A FEVER? #DIVAFEVER

The DIVA DOLLS are an allfemale band made up of four of the most fun, feisty and fearless girls you are ever likely to meet. The band has been showcasing their impeccable vocal abilities across the UK and Ireland now for over 2 years and Diva Fever is spreading like wildfire.

Previous performances include Belfast Pride, Newry Pride, The Odyssey Arena, The Empire Music Hall and Gibraltar's famous Casemate's Square where the girls performed for the country's Ministry of Culture at an outdoor concert in front of an audience of thousands.

They've taken the entertainment circuit by storm and have been blowing audiences away with their endlessly entertaining medley of song covers. Head to www.thedivadolls. co.uk for more info and get a listen to the girls perform a few of their tracks.

We're huge fans here at MyGayZine Magazine and we've been really looking forward to getting the girls over for an interview. Check it out on the next page.



## **#DIVAFEVER**

## symptoms

- Temporary deafness when listening to other artists.
- Checking the Diva Dolls website more than 3 times a day.
- Only going out with friends in a group of 4.
- Feeling overjoyed when the Doll's music is playing.
- Rapid pulse rate and hot flushes.

We would ask that anyone experiencing any of the symptoms above would take themselves to the nearest diva dolls gig as soon as possible.

#### INTERVIEW

#### DESCRIBE YOURSELVES IN 3 WORDS.

LOL there are too many words to use to describe each of us...

A: (Megan on Alex Jay) "Stunning, Smart & Loving" A: (Rachel on Janine) "Crazy, Fun & Fabulous" A: (Alex Jay on Rachel) "Witty, Talented & Gorgeous" A: (Janine on Megan) "Mad, Loveable & Funny"

#### HOW DID YOU ALL COME TOGETHER AS A BAND?

(Janine) I was part of the original band with Alex Jay when I took some time out to do some other projects & Rachel covered for me, when I came back Alex Jay loved working with Rach so much that she decided Rachel should be a permanent member & that's how we began to grow. After that Megan was found as part of a huge search & audition process.

#### WHERE DOES YOUR AFFINITY WITH THE LGBT COMMUNITY STEM FROM?

(Alex Jay) Previously I had a lot of friends who were LGBT & I have always been a huge supporter for equality & believe that Love is Love & should be cherished. I had a tough time in my own mind when I decided to come out myself, but with

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the love & support of the Dolls, my partner who is incredible in whatever I decide to do and the amazing love & understanding from my parents & family it has been a walk in the park compared to some of my friends who had a really difficult time. I was so shocked by my parents & grandparents response when I eventually told them. They were so accepting & pleased for me. but I think for them to see me so happy with my partner considering the very difficult time previous to this that I had been through & the fact that they love my partner Caron so much made it so much easier. Each of us in the band have either good friends or family members that are part of the LGBT community and we encourage & support equality & acceptance.

#### DO YOU ALL HAVE A FAVOURITE PERFORMANCE FROM THE PAST?

(Megan) For me



it would have to be when we were flown to Gibraltar to headline the Ministry of Cultures outdoor concert. Before we even performed. People stopped us in the street when we were out for lunch to get photographs with us & autographs. The welcome we received was unbelievable. (Janine) Hmmmm Yes Gibraltar for me too! (Rachel) Well I was off at that time having a baby so I was not in Gib with The Dolls at that time, I guess my favourite performance would have to be Belfast Pride, 2 years ago which was the first time we performed for Pride.

(Alex Jay) Yes out of all the performances I

think our first Belfast Pride 2 years ago would be my favourite. We have performed at huge events all over as a band & I have on my own performed in some amazing places but when we performed 'Run' by Leona Lewis & I stood on the very edge of the stage & let the crowd sing I had a lump in my throat & I looked across at my mum who was bursting with Pride, tears tripping her, even now I feel verv emotional recalling it.

#### WHO IS THE MOST FAMOUS PERSON THE DOLLS HAVE MET WHILE ON TOUR?

(Alex Jay) Gosh, we have met loads of people, some more famous that

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the others, the more famous ones aren't always the best ones in the green room!! We bump into some more than others time & time again. My most favourite I think would have to be Dolly Parton, she was so kind & funny. Janine loves Shane Lynch from Boyzone whom we would see from time to time at different things. Billy Ocean stripped down to his undies in front of us to get changed after he came off stage, that was so funny. Tony Christie. Mr Amarillo loved the girlies. There have been so many we try to be cool with the reeeeallly famous ones and some due to contracts we can't even discuss or mention which is a bummer! LOL

YOUR VOICES BLEND SO WELL IN PERFORMANCES, SOME OF THE HARMONIES ARE NOTHING SHORT OF WONDERFUL. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU NEED TO SPEND IN REHEARSALS TO GET TO THIS LEVEL?

(Rachel) We have been together such a long time that it has become easier. some songs require some harder work and extra time on them but others can just happen, like our version of With or Without You by U2 which seems to be a favourite of most peoples hence why its on our YouTube. We are working on some incredible tracks at the minute with super harmonies in them which are taking a bit more effort. So each of us take the track





home to work on our individual parts then come together at least once a week to perfect it. The fact that we gig together as well 2-3 times per weeks means we see so much of each other! Which makes us verv close and we consider ourselves like family making a super relationship onstage. We just bounce of each other!

#### ARE THERE ANY BANDS THAT THE DOLLS ASPIRE TO BE MORE LIKE?

(Janine) We admire other bands & obviously can pick up different things from them but We are The Diva Dolls, we do our own thing.

#### WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANYONE THINKING OF STARTING A GROUP OR BAND?

(Alex Jay) It is a very difficult industry no matter whether it is for the entertainment circuit or recording contracts. Having had a taste of both worlds I would say the most important thing is to believe in you, a good support network including experienced management who are looking out for your best interests! The main thing is you have to enjoy it, it is very hard work and requires real dedication & determination.

#### WHAT ELSE DOES 2013 HAVE IN STORE FOR THE DIVA DOLLS?

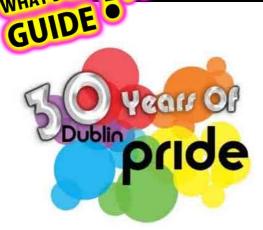
(Megan) OH! we have so much ahead this year! We are really excited about performing for Pride this year as part of Kremlin/Union Street Party which will be exciting. We also will be back again in Newry for Pride there. Alex Jay & the General Manager for Stormont Hotel have been working on putting together a huge night on 19th October this year which is going to be awesome. We will be in the lineup alongside AJ's good friends Alison Hammond from

ITV This Morning, XFactor's Kitty **Brucknell & The** Voice finalist the gorgeous Barbara Bryceland. Also Ravanna - Rihanna **Tribute & Jessie** K - Jessie J Tribute will be performing & the fabulous Glitzy Glamour, Plus AJ has some surprises in store on the night with her new projects she has been working with. The night is for Breast Cancer Awareness Month & is in conjunction with Cancer Focus NI. another subject close to all our hearts. Its going to be amazing!

#### WHAT WOULD EACH DOLL'S POISON OF CHOICE BE?

A: Megan - Wine A: Rachel -Strawberry Daquari's A: Janine -Bluebberry Breezer A: Alex Jay - Haribo Tangfastics!! Iol although I love a wee cheeky Bacardi & Coke Zero every now & then but I don't really drink much alcohol at all

### **EDITOR'S CHOICE**



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## GAY PRIDE DUBLIN Various locations, Dublin City 21ST- 30TH JUNE

Dublin Pride 2013 will be a phenomenal festival celebrating three very important historic milestones. This festival will represent the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Irish Gay movement, the 30th anniversary of the Dublin Pride Parade and the 20th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Ireland. All LGBT brothers and sisters who left Ireland due to either poverty or persecution are invited to return to celebrate the wonderful diverse and inclusive culture of modern Ireland. We call everyone, from the four corners of Ireland to the four corners of the world, to come to Dublin and join in with this year's theme 'Live, Love and be Proud'!

Whether you're LGBTQ, have friends or family who are, want to learn more about diversity or just want to take part in an amazing festival, Dublin Pride 2013 is a festival that features events that will interest everyone.

The parade is a celebration of the rich diversity of the LGBTQ community in Dublin, Ireland and the world, with an expanded arts, social and cultural content. Dublin Pride is the largest such celebration in Ireland and has grown from a one-day event into the 10-day festival we have now. This year the parade will assemble at the Garden of Remembrance from 11am and will embark on its route at 2.00pm sharp. From there it will head down O'Connell Street towards College Green, into Nassau Street, Clare Street and will finish at Merrion Square Park for the Pride Village.

For more information: www.dublinpride.ie

#### **JUNE 2013 EDITION**

THIS YEAR SEES DUBLIN PRIDE CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY, 29TH JUNE.

IT IS THE CULMINATION OF DUBLIN PRIDE'S FESTIVAL AND INCLUDES THE PARADE THROUGH THE CITY CENTRE AS WELL AS A HUGE PARTY IN THE PRIDE VILLAGE IN MERRION SQUARE

AFTERWARDS.

#### WHO? WHERE? WHEN? WHAT?

WHAT'S ON ???? The MyGayZine quide to What's On and What's Hot.

WHO?	What Would Ma' Say?	WHO?	Blondie
WHERE?	Civic Theatre Tallaght	WHERE?	Waterfront Hall, Belfast
WHEN?	10-15th June	WHEN?	26th June
WHAT?	The World Premiere of Kathleen Doyle's stage	WHAT?	Blondie, fronted by new wave ooddess, oin-uo and





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adaptation of her bestselling memoir of Dublin inner City Tenement life in the 50's and Crumlin in the 60's and the story of her mother 'Lil' who kept food on the table for a family of 12 children. Through all the poverty Kathleen, her brothers and sisters had a laugh. The book has been described as 'a searino. honest memoir of <mark>a working-class life in Dublin.</mark>

We Will Rock You

12-15th June

Odyssey Arena, Belfast

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pioneering frontwoman Debbie Harry, will play the Waterfront next summer.

One of the great pop icons of New York`s celebrated late 70s new wave ounk scene. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members, Blondie, are set to release their latest album. Panic Of Girls.

WHO?	Can't Forget About You
WHERE?	Lyric Theatre, Belfast
WHEN?	23rd May - 16th June
WHAT? can't forget about you	25 year-old East Belfast man Stevie meets 49 year-old Glaswegian widow Martha while recovering from a painful breakup with his ex- girlfriend, and they get close. This challenges the expectations of Stevie's conservative Christian mother and his ultra-unionist, Ulster-Scots-speaking sister who work hard to break the pair up.

#### as music supervisors. Got an event that you'd like to feature? Get in touch - info@mygayzine.co.uk



The smash hit Oueen and Ben Elton musical. We Will Rock You will embark on its first ever world arena tour. With 24 of Oueen's biogest hits delivered in a show that boasts the scale and spectacle that marked the bands' legendary live performances, this will be one of the most spectacular musicals to tour the world. The oroduction is directed by Ben Elton, with Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor



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WHO?	Weddins, Weeins & Wakes
WHERE?	Lyric Theatre, Belfast
WHEN?	l 3th June - 07th July
	Wedding Weeins and Wakes



is a hugely popular comedy about the circle of life in an East Belfast home where it is most definitely survival of the fittest!



At the heart of this engaging story are neighbourhood biddies Mona and Molly who oossio into life the dailu trials and tribulations of the Walson family.

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#### 9 To 5 The Musical

Grnd Opera House, Belfast

#### 17-22nd June

Grand Opera House Belfast 9 to 5 The Musical is the hilarious new musical comedu based on the hit movie. that centres on three office workers who turn the tables on their sexist boss. Outrageous. thought provoking and even a little romantic. 9 to 5 The Musical is about teaming up and taking care of business. Join in the fun - sing along to 9 to 5 with Dolly, from her desk in Dollywood!

WHO?	Belfast Book Festival
WHERE?	Various Locations, Belfast
WHEN?	I O- I 6th June
WHAT?	Featured are international stars such as the author of
	the internationally acclaimed Boy in the Striped Pyjamas; world renowned food
	critic Jay Rayner and the Scottish National Poet, Liz Lochhead. Added to these
BELFAST	well known names, we'll



hear about new books on the fracking controversy. a personal account of IVF treatment, the life of Northern Ireland's most famous actor and much more... www. belfastbookfestival.com/

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#### **Cork Maritime Festival**

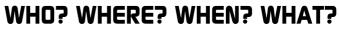
Various Locations, Cork

I-IOth June

The festival celebrates Cork's maritime history and unique harbour, and is set to be the biggest to date with a packed programme of events.

This is the ninth year of the festival which is organised bu Cork based communitu boat builders Meitheal Mara, with the support of Cork City and County Councils and Fáilte Ireland.

Check back each month for a nosey at what's going on around Ireland



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

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#### Cork Midsummer Festival

Various Locations, Cork

#### 21-30th June

Cork Midsummer Festival is a smart, startling, annual festival that takes place in Cork city, Ireland and captivates a growing audience of all ages. Over ten days of world-class performances, special events and entertainment, we endeavour to bring a Festival to people and parts of the city that might be hard to reach.

#### The Boat Factory

Various Localions, Co. Donegal

#### 7th June - 15 July

The sun shines down on a post-war world. A 16 year-old boy walks through the gates of Harland & Wolff's Titanic Shipyard. 1700 ships built between here and the Clude, 67 different trades, 300 acres of land and 35,000 men employed at its height. Regarded as the biggest and best there is, if you can dream it - they can build it. This is history - this is his story - this is THE BOAT FACTORY.

#### **Bushmills Live Festival**

Old Bushmills Distillery

#### 19-20th June

Enjoy Bushmills handmade whiskey mixed with music from world-class acts and emerging talent. including internationally acclaimed indie folk band, Of Monsters and Men. Also just announced acts are Jake Bugg, Foy Vance, Willy Mason, Iain Archer, Sons and Lovers and Bear's Den. We can promise two very special days spent amongst the pot stills, barrels and warehouses of the Old Bushmills Distilleru.

## DON'T MISS THIS!!

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#### International Gay & Lesbian FA European Championship 2013

DCU Sportsground, Dublin

#### 13-16th June

Dublin will be the host for the 2013 Championships which will see will see 32 teams from all over Europe compete, with 3 Men's and a Women's Division. Up to 1,000 players, coaches, partners, friends and families will all travel to Dublin for the competition. It will be hosted by Irelands only gay football team & our friends the Dublin Devils.

### IGLFA 2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 32 TEAMS FROM ACROSS EUROPE

OVER 1,000 PLAYERS & COACHES

## 13-16/h June, Dublin

## NIGHTLIFE GUIDE



**JUNE 2013 GUIDE** 

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CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR INFORMATION ON IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND'S BEST LGBT AND LGBT FRIENDLY VENUES.

#### **NORTH OF THE BORDER**

#### **JUNE 2013**

Fox's Den

Join Twanda and DJ Mo for a night of karaoke fun and entertainment every Friday evening from 9pm. Join the resident DJ Terry on Saturday nights with old and new sets of iconic music.

#### 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.

#### **Club Glam**

The last Saturday of each month Derry City sees its best LGBT club night, hosted by Fi Fi Fontaine & Shania Laa Rue. UV Beach Party on June 29th.

#### Central Bar, Strabane

The Central is Ireland's only gay bar outside of a city. This traditional bar hosts a variety of entertainment & drinks promos throughtout the week.

#### Kremlin

Located in Belfast, The Kremlin is one of Ireland's largest gay nightclubs & presents a variety of popular club nights every night of the week except Mondays.

#### Mynt Belfast

Belfast's fab polysexual venue, bar opens its doors to everyone and anything goes. Great for a quick spot of lunch. Hosts a variety of different live acts and themed nights.

#### **Union Street Bar**

Union street is at the heart of Belfast's gay scene and is well known for it's extremely popular Sunday Bingo Show.

#### SPICE

Join Spice for nights of fun, cabaret and music from guest DJ's and drag artists.

Listings for future SPICE @Deer's Head can be found on facebook.

#### Bubu: Shoe Factory Belfast

Hot, Hairy and Horny this is Belfast's very own bear and cub club night. With music from DJ Kenny K.

## NIGHTLIFE GUIDE

#### **SOUTH OF THE BORDER**

Panti Bar, Dublin

2 level bar regularly hosting lots of fun events. They're especially fun when hosted by Panti herself: one of Irelands best known Drag Artists.

#### Loafers Bar, Cork

One of the oldest gay bars in the whole of Ireland. Hosts a lesbian night on Thursday's. A trendy neighbourhood style bar.

#### 31 Thomas St

Limericks Premier gay venue for the ultimate night out on the town. Set over three floors with two modern bars and a dedicated club.

#### The Dragon

The bar's Georgian façade is little indication of the extravagance inside. An array of the hottest names on the Irish Dance scene keep the dance anthems pumping throughout the week.

#### Front Lounge Dublin

Established since the 1990's and nestled in the heart of Dublin, the Front Lounge is a classic modern pub. Regularly hosts a variety of events. Rumours Nightclub, Letterkenny

Irelands newest LGBT venue located in Letterkenny Co. Donegal.

Opening details available from www.facebook. com/ rumour. letterkenny.

#### Chamber's Bar, Cork

Such is the popularity of Chambers since it became a full-time gay bar and club on August 1, 2009 that it has forced the closure of two other venues in the city. Chambers is packed from Tuesdays-Sundays, with Thursday officially being Lesbian Night (guys ARE welcome) and Friday being the only NON gay night (bouncers will let you know) as Chambers opens up to Cork's Salsa community. EUR5 cover Fri & Sat. THE NORTH WEST'S HOTTEST LGBT CLUBBING VENUE

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## BEACH PARTY

Wear White & Shine Bright

25 ENTRY

10pm - 20m



DJ Greg Cush DJ Bona Bona

Bar ZU - Rosemount Factory - Derry

## LIFESTYLE

## COOKING

**Quick & Easy 3 Course meal for 2.** Have a go at some of our easy to follow recipes. You'll be trying new recipes and expanding your knowledge in the kitchen in no time.

White Choc Mousse with Brownie Chunks & Fresh Strawberries

100g Fresh strawberries chopped
2 chocolate brownies, chopped
3 eggs

- 50g sugar
- 200g white choc
- 50ml orange liqueur

 500g whipping cream

#### Simple Greek Salad

50g/2oz black olives
3 medium tomatoes, diced into cubes
1 cucumber peeled, diced into cubes
½ red onion, sliced finely
100ml/3fl oz extra virgin olive oil
150g/5oz feta, diced
1 small, firm cos lettuce

• 3 tbsp red wine vinegar 1. Separate eggs. Beat egg yolks and half of the sugar until fluffy. 2. Place the white chocolate and Orange Liqueur into a small saucepan and melt over low heat. Add egg yolks. 3. Beat the egg whites with the remaining sugar until stiff. Beat the cream until stiff. Fold the eaa whites and whipped cream into the chocolate mix. 4. Layer up the mousse, strawberries and brownie bits, place into the fridge to allow to set.





 Dice the tomatoes, cucumber, black olives and onion then place it all into a large bowl
 Chop the lettuce into rough cubes lengthways and mix into the bowl and combine all together
 Add extra virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar and mix it through the salad thoroughly
 Crumble feta cheese over the top to serve Cook up a storm in the kitchen with this delicious 3 course meal for 2 recipe. Let loose with White Chocolate Mousse, Greek Salad and deliciously creamy Pork Chops

#### Pork Chops with mushrooms onions & Creamy White Wine Sauce

Pork Chops with mushrooms onions & Creamy White Wine Sauce

• 2 boneless pork chops

- 1 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 oz baby button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 yellow onion, finely sliced
- 2 Tbs. butter
- 1/2 cup dry white wine

• 1/4 cup heavy cream coarse salt and freshly ground pepper

## 3 courses for 2

To Start Greek Salad Mains Pork Chops Dessert White Choc Mousse 1. Heat a cast-iron pan over medium-high heat

2. Rub the oil on both sides of each pork chop and season with salt and pepper. Sear in the pan for 2 minutes on one side; flip and sear an another 2 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside 3. Back in the pan, melt the butter, then add the mushrooms and onions. Cook for a good 5 minutes until soft and tender 4. Pour in the wine; cook for 1 minute. Then pour in the cream and stir

5. Set the chops back in the pan with everything, cover and cook 10 more minutes  $% \left( {{{\rm{D}}_{\rm{B}}}} \right)$ 

6. Serve each pork chop on a plate and just cover it with the sauce, mushrooms and onions. Garnish with chopped parsley

## HOLIDAYS TORREMOLINOS

Torremolinos is fast becoming an alternative to the likes of Benidorm and Sitges.

**Torremolinos is a Spanish** beach resort, approx only 13km from Malaga (approximately 10 minutes drive from the airport). With guite a large gay scene and plentiful nightlife, Torremolinos is fast emerging as a popular destination for gay tourists. The image of it being a town visited only by the older generation is very untrue as the town is popular with not only foreign tourists but also Spanish residents from nearby cities such as Malaga who use the beach resort to socialise and let their hair down. There are many bars and several gav clubs to choose from so there is no need to worry about finding somewhere to mingle with likeminded individuals in a more relaxed environment.

Torremolinos is situated close to some of Spain's most beautiful cities. Within a 2-hour drive, you can visit Sevilla, Malaga with its beautiful Alhambra, Ronda, Marbella and many more. There are busses that operate between these cities which can be pre booked through Gay Away 2 Travel or an easier option is hire a rental car.

This seasonal resort is busy from early spring until mid-October and in summer (July/ August) it can be very hot with many Spanish choosing to holiday here.

Ever since the early 60s Torremolinos & the Costa del Sol have been a Mecca for gay and gay friendly people. Its heady mix of sun, sea, wine and laid back lifestyle combined with a visiting population of artists, singers and writers all contributed in making the Costa del Sol the ideal congregational point in Southern Europe and a focal point of the coast for gay tourists.

# GET AWAY THE GAY WAY

Brought to you by Maurice Dickson From GayAway2Travel.com

By the 70's gay life was well established here and the number of bars and restaurants continued to grow, and it was Not Marbella but Torremolinos that was the "IN PLACE" to be and be seen. La Nogalera complex is the main gay area in Torremolinos. By the 80s it was no longer against the law to be gay here and bars like Men's Bar, The Bronx, Tension etc all opened with their cruising areas and videos. These venues were not too popular with traditional Spanish Catholics in the big cities but this only served to help Torremolinos grow as a gay centre.

Every weekend the town of Torremolinos Exploded with 1000s and 1000s of Gay Spaniards joining the international gay community in town for Sun, Sea, San Miguel and Sex. Lots of it The 80's and early 90's were the hey days of Gay Torremolinos but by the end of the 90's the gay tourists started to desert the Old Lady for new more fashionable gay resorts all over Europe.

Torremolinos sat back on its past success and just took the money without reinvesting, not realising there were a new, competitive, trendy upmarket gay guarters developing in every corner of the world. Until recently many thought the Torremolinos was finished as a gay resort... Finally however, good old Torre is bouncing back with a resurgence in hot new Gay Discos and Gay Bars all expensively refitted and amongst the best in Europe. At weekends the gay area around La Nogalera is Electric....

# HOLIDAYS TORREMOLINOS

The Costa del Sol has it all -The best beaches, culture in Malaga, mega clubs, great gay bars and gay cruising areas. Torremolinos is once again becoming a top European destination for weekend and sunshine holidays.

#### **Eating and Going Out**

As we said the main gay areas is located within the La Nogalera Complex and find numerous bars, clubs and restaurants. Like many typical Spanish resorts the majority of nightlife tends to start around midnight and goes on into the early hours. There are many speciality places to eat, and one place worth a visit during your stay is the El Gato Lounge. This is the biggest gay terrace in town located right in front of the gay beach (Beirola Beach) in Torremolinos. It is a popular place for lunch or a drink and a bite to eat. It attracts a handsome young crowd and is a great meeting place on Saturday nights before moving onto more serious clubbing destinations. and owned by very nice Dutch guys.

Some most popular bars for English speaking tourists are Bbar – friendly British gay owned music bar, Priscilla's music bar owned by 2 lads from Manchester. (Why miss an



Stroll down the promenade along the beachfront in Torremolinos.

## HOLIDAY WITH GAYAWAY

opportunity to call your friends to tell them you are Just In Bbar). At the weekends Contacto, one of the oldest gay bars in town has drag shows every weekend. Mostly an older crowd attend but a great camp interior and the sound of 80's make it well worth a visit. There are a number of fetish / bear bars such as Bacchus (probably best bear bar in town), Bar Xs, Box Bar, Free Eagle and Men's Bar that are also worth visiting.

At present, there are only a couple of Lesbian specific bars with the ever popular Donna Bar and Fulanitas Menganitas, which is located in Pueblo Blanco just of Calle Casablanca. Heaven is the largest Gay Night club outside Barcelona & Madrid. with Parthenon popular amongst young Spanish males on two floors with toilets and dark

#### room in the basement. Another popular place is Passion, which gets a large mixed crowd with good range of music.

#### **Torremolinos Gay** Accommodation

All of our featured Torremolinos accommodation with Gayaway2 Travel, is centrally located and just a couple of easy minutes walk from the gay bars in the La Nogalera area of the town, and the rest of the town centre. The Hostel Guadalupe is a very gay friendly place to stav and ideal for a short break to explore all gay life that Torremolinos has to offer. This cosv and charming place is situated next to Baiondillo beach in the centre of Torremolinos.

All Guadalupe staff work hard to make you feel at home.

Each room is personalised with its own style of decoration, with large windows, balconies or terraces overlooking the city or the sea. Guadalupe has a coffee bar & Restaurant open to guests and the public.

Another popular choice is the Apartmentos La Nogalera, in an excellent location right above the gay bars! So you do not have far to go! The complex boasts 2 huge swimming pools, and a restaurant catering for residents only. Perfect for couples or friends,



**Relax @ the poolside - TORREMOLINOS** 

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## HOLIDAYS

#### MAURICE DICKSON WWW.GAYAWAY2TRAVEL.COM

this 3 star apartment in Torremolinos Spain is an ideal place for travellers who are looking to relax and explore the beauty of Spain, and Gay Torremolinos.

#### **Gay Beaches**

El Gato Beach – Beirola The gav beach in central Torremolinos is El Gato Beach, opposite El Gato Lounge bar & restaurant (Paseo Maritimo del Pedregal 27, Torremolinos). It is the very last beach of Torremolinos, just before the rocks separating Torremolinos from Caribuela Free wifi on the beach from El Gato Lounge bar. On Sundays, they have live music, gay radio transmission via satellite disco svstem. Plava Guadalmar 5 kms east of Torremolinos, Mixed. Nude zones and cruising.

Playa Belnatura Playa Belnatura is a wellsheltered nudist beach with a beach bar serving drinks and food all day long; other facilities include fresh water showers and toilets.

If travelling there by bus ask for the stop 'Flatotel', the journey from Torremolinos takes you through Belmadena and Torrequebrada to the stop outside a block of flats, cross the road, turn right walk 5 mins until you see the sign Belnatura, follow the steps down to the golden sandy beach and enjoy. Fares cost just over 1Euro each way, travelling time about 25 mins.

#### Gay Cruising Areas in Torremolinos

The Sea front Promenade - From the bottom of the steps alongside the Red Lion Pub. Day and night cruising.

The Bars - Many have a downstairs dark room. With a good option for flights Torremolinos is an ideal short break or mini holiday as an alternative to Benidorm or Sitges with nearly daily flights, close to the airport and great bar and club scene as well as bit less expensive than the more popular Spanish resorts Torremolinos is definitely worth considering for a nice break away from it all.

#### **Events**

Mad Bear Beach 2013 is happening 14-18th August. Event for bears includes live DJ's on beach, Mr Bear contest and bear boat trip plus much more.

Contact Gayaway2 Travel for latest prices and when you book with us, we can give you a full detailed guide on where to go, maps and directions to gay beaches and best bars and clubs to visit and apartments or hotels to suit your budget and preference. Visit our website for more travel deals and information www.GayAway2Travel.com or call us on: 0845 467 3558

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#### \*\*\* BELFAST OFFER\*\*\*-

DEPT GEORGE BEST CITY AIRPORT 16TH OCTOBER 2013 X 7 NIGHTS ROOM ONLY STAYING AT APARTAMENTOS LA NOGALERA, BASED ON 2 SHARING A STUDIO APARTMENT. 20KGS LUGGAGE AND TRANSFERS INCLUDED.



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DEPT DUB 14TH AUGUST 2013 X 4 NIGHTS ROOM ONLY STAYING AT THE N.CH KOSHER HOTEL (GAY FRIENDLY). BASED ON 2 SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM, 20KGS LUGGAGE AND TRANSFERS INCLUDED.

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## FASHION



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FOR MEN

USC 883 Police Serpico T-Shirt £25





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Superdry GT Flip Flop £15





Debenhams Armani Rectangle Frame Sunglasses £63

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THE LATEST SIZZLING SUMMER FASHION TRENDS FROM THE UK'S TOP ONLINE CLOTHING RETAILERS. CHECK BACK NEXT MONTH FOR AN EXTRA SPECIAL FASHION FEATURE.

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Debenhams Cream No. 85 T-Shirt £12.99

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Blue Denim Shorts £22.99



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BHS Pride Coloured Beach Towel £11.99



Next Tiger Print Swimsuit £25

> Schuh Multicoloured Converse £50

# **READER'S SECTION**

# **READER'S RANT**

Make an appearance in next month's issue: Email your rant to: info@mygayzine.co.uk



When did we lose the sense of anticipation and get so involved with updating? Probably a result of crowded, competitive and rapidly developing markets but there has to be some resolve somewhere.

Let me enjoy my iPhone 6 and three thirds before throwing the i phone 7 at me and asking me to remortgage my home for it. No matter which device your using there will be updates for that on there somewhere. Windows, Apple, Adobe, Twitter, Facebook, antivirus, Internet security, iTunes and the rest form a team of programs constantly vying for your attention and demanding to be updated. I'm sick of being told who outdated everything is and I am sick of hearing the word update!

Update this and update that. Lord I pray for an auto pilot app that will update my programs that are so reluctant to get left behind. Something that can auto tweet to my tweeties and auto respond to likes and comments on Facebook and prevent all this technology interfering with my real life.

Too much to ask? I Thought so. My sister told me she was updating her Candy Crush Saga app the other day and I almost tore her arm off, I haven't seen much of her from the day and hour she downloaded the stupid thing and the thought of it updating and absorbing her attention further made me furious. Give me back my Nokia 3310 any day, the only colours I needed on the screen were green and black and the only update required was to my phone credit.

The big corporations have sucked everyone into a profit producing black hole that has us all racing to stay up to date and keep with the trends. Purchases within apps and updates to a firmware's software, it's all a little mind boggling but keeping with trends and spending more cash is usually at the core of it all. Is this issue just with me? Am I being a moany auld fecker?



It's about time that the product makers and app testers to do a little more to prevent these increasingly annoying daily annoyances on all of our devices. My mobile bleeps with so many uninteresting notifications and silly requests so often sometimes I think it's actually ringing. #simplicity

**Barry Lynch, Galway** 

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Happy Birthday Donal O'Leary from Waterford. From Kevin & Ryan x

Congratulations to Misty on her win at Drag Wars. Well done gurl :-D xx Anon

A big shout out to Michael McCann from Waterside good luck with your exams. From Ross xx

Can we say congratulations on your new job Angela Kerr from Belfast from Shelly, Chris, Ben and Katie

Hi MyGayZine well done on the magazine, I really love the read every month thank you, Helena Whiteabbey Best of luck to Aiden and Jay on your engagement, wishing you all the happiness in the world. From all your friends x

Ryan Jagger is HOT can't wait to see him at Pride ;-) Liam, Carryduff

Loving the photo section from Spice from last month, was a brilliant night and was great to meet you. Mick &Darren



Meet Calvin our newest addition to our family. Isn't he Gorgeous? Jim and Eoin, Cork



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## **FEATURES**

## Peter Francis Fahy A Brief History of Homoerotic Art



Once more, with feeling, I'm going to launch into the article with horror, horrible horror, horrific horror: a gump-faced geek standing beside a headless ostrich, a taxidermy dog holding a sign declaring 'I'm dead', a blurred vision of a fat bastard pissing in a urinal.

No, these aren't set pieces in the latest Clive Barker film, but submissions for the Turner prize of modern art.

I don't know about you, but how anyone can consider these abortions to be art is beyond me. And what's even more disgusting is that these modern art monstrosities not only make it into museums and galleries but also creep into the creative canon, while pieces featuring homosexual content are often excluded.

Thankfully, there has been a growth in the acceptance and appreciation for gay artists, but art historian James Saslow explains that many museums, galleries and universities, the complex of institutions that oversee our artistic heritage, tend to overlook or suppress the historical evidence of homosexual artists and themes.

In his essay 'Closets in the Museum: Homophobia and Art History' Saslow explains that much of the art world still considers gay people and their emotions to be rather 'obscene' (the word obscene derives from Latin obscenus, literally meaning 'offstage').

So for the most part, we've been shuffled off the stage, but this institutional aversion to homosexual content does not change the fact that homoeroticism has been a powerful and influential force in the history of art for thousands of years.

It's important to differentiate between homosexuality and homoeroticism. "Homoerotic art has existed for millenia, but it was never viewed or interpreted with the modern classification of homosexuality that we know today."

I've been banging on about this and I'm going to repeat myself: homosexuality, or the contemporary understanding of it, is essentially a social construct. This discourse began back in the mid 19th century when sexologists from all across Europe wrote hundreds of articles on the nature of the homosexual, often portraying us as morally corrupt, oversexed fiends with an uncontrollable inclination for depravity and pederasty. These ideas snowballed, accumulating decades of misinformation and misrepresentation that have warped the view of anything associated with gayness, including art.

Homoeroticism, on the other hand, is an aesthetic energy, an appreciation of the male body.

Homoerotic art is neither crude, nor pornographic and anyone with the vulgar assumption that all homoerotic art features men with their bits hanging out is under the spell of the socially constructed homosexual discourse.

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The hostile response to homoerotic art is a new phenomena - it's an acquired distaste, as homoerotic art has been celebrated by countless cultures for thousands of years.



It's possible to trace the presence of this art back to illustrations in Chinese novels from 500 BCE, to the mass produced woodblocks of Pre-Meiji Japan, to Roman wine goblets like The Warren Cup, to the paintings and potteries of ancient Greece, the last Western culture to freely depict homosexuality in a variety of art forms before Judeo-Christianity stormed in and demonized same-sex love in all its guises.

Raymond deBecker's book 'The Other Face of Love - A Study of Homosexuality in Art and Society' reveals that many heavyweights in the world of art, DaVinci, Botticelli, Michaelangelo, were practicising homosexuals, but this fact is often omitted from lectures and lessons, as if their sexuality might sully the grandeur of their work.



One of my favourite Renaissance artists, Giovanni Bazzi, renamed himself II Sodoma (the sodomite) and shamelessly signed this sobriquet on all his paintings.

Il Sodoma's painting of Saint Sebastian (1525) is a perfect example of homoerotic art. Sebastian, stripped down to nothing but a loincloth, is tied to a tree and penetrated by arrows. He stares skyward with a vague expression of euphoria and release on his face, an expression which has generated centuries of debate.

Another excellent example of homoerotic art would be Benjamin West's Death of Hyacinth (1771). It's not well known that the mythological characters Hyacinth and Apollo were lovers. West's painting features an intimate scene of Apollo holding his dying lover in his arms, gently touching his forehead and seemingly whispering words while angels cry in the background. The pathos and emotional impact of the painting is undeniable, and proves how homoeroticism can be just as poignant as heterosexual scenes of love and affection (if you want to see another homoerotic depiction search for Jean Broc's Apollo and Hyacinthus).

Keeping with the mythological theme, we've already seen Peter Paul Rubens' magnificent painting of the eagle Zeus carrying Ganymede into the heavens, but other painters portrayed same-sex love/ romantic friendships from mythological canons. Francois Bouchot's painting of Pylades and Orestes (1832) reveals the extreme closeness between the two handsome heroes, almost slotting into each other as Pylades defends Orestes from a wave of attackers.

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William-Adolphe Bouguereau Dante and Virgil (1850) Francois Bouchot Pylades and Orestes (1832)

homoerotic art doesn't have to be intimate or affectionate. His painting of two men locked in a violent embrace offers a dynamic view of the male anatomy.

These paintings are just a few examples of proper homoerotic art. If you do a google search for more you'll probably come across crude images of naked men with huge erections. It's a bit too crass for me.

But the good news is that museums, galleries and other institutions are ending the monolithic silence on homosexuality and art history, as they can't deny that homosexuals are a continuous presence in human culture.

Art is a powerful catalytic force, a creator of social values and cosmologies, and if homoerotic art has been dismissed or discounted, it suggests that the ruling institutions are resisting the reality of homosexuality, but talented artists like DaVinci and Caravaggio find beautiful ways to break through the barricade with stunning scenes that subtly celebrate same-sex love, paintings like The Boy with a Basket of Fruit (1593) will live forever.

Contemporary artists like Robert Mapplethorpe and Mikel Marton continue to create homoerotic images, and the art has entered into other genres, like Japanese Bara and Yaoi.

The ancient tradition of homoerotic art lives on, and when I'm not drawing celtic legends or gruesome demons, I dabble in the art myself. Although I prefer to avoid overtly pornographic images, unless I'm drawing someone naked. I should try and use that as a chat up line: 'would you like me to make you a work of art? Strip down. Strike a pose.'

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## Fidelma Carolan Out at Work

Please Tick One Box From Below: I am a member of the (.....) community



Gay Straight Bisexual Other

If you answered other, specify below:

I believe that one of the things that would challenge societal homophobia is if everyone who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender was out at work. It is too easy to hold prejudicial views about people you believe you have never met, fed by stereotypes from the media, church and schools.

To be out or not out in the workplace is a considered decision that LGB&T people have to make. For those who are already out to family and friends, it may be an easier option though the decision may be influenced by the sector in which you work. UNISON's experience is that there are very few of our members who are out in schools where we would have substantial membership within non teaching staff.

It is more positive within health and social care and the community voluntary sector but a small scoping survey carried out by the Public Health Agency found that over 50% of those surveyed were not completely out at work.

## So why do people not come out within workplaces?

People tend to work locally and the six degrees of separation theory is reduced to three in Northern Ireland. For some who are not completely out to family, being out at work is a sure way of aunty Maureen finally hearing about why niece Sinead is the only one in the family to possess a full set of powertools.

Others believe that they will be treated differently by work colleagues, it will impact on promotional opportunities or they will be subject to verbal or physical harassment. There are those who have said that it isn't anyone's business who they are in a relationship, people don't need to know. But discussions with work colleagues go well beyond professionally related issues, coworkers talk about their families, what was on the television the night before, the weather, current affairs, sport, life in general.

If you work with a group of people over a period of time, you tend to get to know their children's names (and when they are doing exams), their dog's/cat's names, who belonging to them has died, if they are looking after elderly parents, where they go on holiday, who they go with, where they socialise and what sports team they support. "a small scoping survey carried out by the Public Health Agency found that over 50% of those surveyed were not completely out at work."



For LGB people who are not out, they are forced to censor their input, omit certain details or lie about who they are, sometime creating a work personae. This can be very stressful and can impact on mental health. While my gaydar tends to be as accurate as my lottery number predictions, the one give away for me is when someone can string a whole paragraph together about a partner without once using the pronoun he or she. And if the person uses 'they', I am thinking 'sexually adventurous or gay!'

For transgender people, the issues can be different depending on what part of the transition people are at. For many who have transitioned, amended their documentation and then moved into a new workplace or role, colleagues are none the wiser. There may however be issues with personnel records, references and Access NI checks where a person's gender history may be identified. It is more difficult for someone who transitions within a work place as there is little understanding of gender dysphoria by colleagues straight or gay. Where employers engage positively with the individual and agree how they want to be supported through the process in terms of informing colleagues, awareness training, the transition process for that staff member can be much better.

For those who are out at work, you become a magnet for the bizarre questions that straight people ask about lesbian and gay life. People have no qualms about asking about my sex life, who is the man in the relationship, do you use toys, what do you do in bed? My responses are yes, if I wanted a man in my relationship I wouldn't be a lesbian, I have a lego set does that count. sleep and read the papers. For transgender people, the questions are often even more intrusive enquiring about their surgery and their genitalia.

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There are colleagues who have a genuine interest in learning more about being gay or trans and the issues it can raise in terms of coming out, family, children, equal marriage and discrimination. In work I talk about my wife and our dogs, in the same way as other colleagues talk about their partners and children, what we did at the weekend, what's on offer in the supermarket, what films we've watched, what I do that drives her mad (there's a long list), what she does that drives me mad (slightly shorter list but only slightly). I have a twitter account where I sometimes post things we say to each other, which if there were more than 140 characters would be always be followed by #banallesbians.

Being able to have open conversations is helpful to debunk some of the myths and stereotypes that people have picked up from family, church, school and the media. However, in a work environment, discussions involving religion can be more controversial. Successful grievances have been taken by LGB staff who were told by coworkers that 'their gav lifestyle offended them because of their christianity', that 'they would go to hell', that 'it wasn't appropriate for them to talk about their partners in the tea room'. Within a person's terms and conditions, they must adhere to organisational policies which will usually include Equal **Opportunities, Bullying and Harassment** and sometimes Dignity at Work.

All too often people put up with comments which are essentially homophobic or transphobic. sometimes said maliciously. sometimes out of ignorance. It is important that it is not just the LGB&T person who challenges the rhetoric, but that colleagues also voice their objection. Over the past three months, UNISON reps and members have put up our new LGB&T posters in workplaces across Northern Ireland and many have been taken down from notice boards, presumably by other staff. However, there is a commitment to continue putting them up to let LGB&T staff know that we are there for them and send a message to those who are removing the posters that we are not going away.

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There are laws in place which protect LGB&T people in employment and LGB&T people have successfully won cases in Northern Ireland against employers who failed to protect them or discriminated against them. The Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (NI) 2003 and the Gender Reassignment **Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999** make it unlawful to discriminate in the workplace because of someone's sexual orientation or gender identity. If you do feel you have been discriminated against or experienced harassment you should firstly contact your trade union. A trade union can provide advice and representation and free legal support should a case go forward. If you are not a member of a trade union. the Equality Commission (www.equalityni.org) can provide free telephone and face to face advice and funds a number of legal cases.

Some workplaces have forums or networks for LGB&T staff. Currently in Northern Ireland a staff forum exists for those working in Health & Social Care Trusts and Regional Health Organisations (lgbtstaff@hscni.net@ LGBTStaff\_Forum), Queens University (lgbtq@qub.ac.uk) and the Department of Justice (ldu@dojni.x.gsi.gov.uk). Some Trade Unions also have networks for their own LGB&T members, if you a member of UNISON, email lgbtni@unison.co.uk to go onto the circulation list. The Public Health Agency has developed an E-Learning package on LGB&T which is accessible to all and employers can introduce it as part of staff diversity training http://www.lgbtelearning.hscni.net.

The Equality Commission has developed a new microsite on sexual orientation which contains lots of useful information for individuals and employers http://www.some-ni.co.uk/

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## **FEATURES**

Well, it's that time of the month for me again! There is no question too big or too small - I'll take on anything! Oh I've had the pleasure of reading all of your questions this month! I'm not laughing at your expense, I'm privileged to be trusted with your issues and I'll help you the best I can!

Dear Lucy,

I have a crush on my friend! My BEST friend in the World! We've been friends ever since I can remember, and last month out of nowhere I started to have feelings for her! She's lesbian too, so its not a big catastrophe. I asked my sister what I should do, and she basically told me that its not going to happen! I'm gutted because I really like her! I think we would be a<u>mazing</u> together! What should I do? Gemma, 20, Belfast

#### Hi Gemma!

This is a pickle! I love the odd complicated love set up because it keeps me young, but I genuinely feel for you! On one hand you have an amazing friendship and on the other you have a handbag full of complicated feelings, fears and judgements. The way I see it, you have two options. Say nothing, hope it goes away and move on with your friendship. If you need to talk about it, talk to someone you can trust, because you need to vent in confidence....we all need a bitch now and again, even me! Second one is... tell her how you feel and see what happens! I'm sure if its that great of a friendship she won't freak out! She might be flattered! There's no harm in it! Just don't expect much though, and don't put too much on her! Take your time with this and don't make rash decisions! Hope this helps!

## Lucy Lashes presents... Dear Lucy DRAGony Aunt

#### Dear Lucy,

I've been with my boyfriend for almost a year now and it's been such an amazing year! I love him to bits and I can't see myself with anyone else. I'm not sure if he feels the same. I recently discovered that someone has been using Gaydar on our computer and nobody else uses the computer except me and him. I was able to view the profile but there was not much stuff on it and there are no pictures. He hasn't been the same lately, he's out all the time with "friends from Work" or Working overtime and he never Wants to be close to me. The last time we were "together" was after he came back at 2am and he was really drunk....is that what it takes? I don't know what to do - I don't Want to lose him! Please help me! 19 (male), Newry

#### Dear Reader,

Thanks for writing! Firstly, congratulations on being with your boyfriend for so long! I haven't made it past one month! However, it doesn't take a drag queen to see that there's something queer going on here! The Gaydar profile sounds about right, most of them have very little information on it. The primary reasons for that would be that the user is having a little nosey to see what's out there, or they are just looking for one thing only (and that's not a bunch of flowers!) In your boyfriends case, he might be making sure that he won't get caught, but I'm not psychic – have you confronted him about the profile? If you haven't then you really should, as this is completely unacceptable (unless you're both knowingly in an open relationship as so many people are these

days). You then need to establish if trust still exists in your relationship. I understand you don't want to lose him, but do you really want to be in an unhappy relationship with a man who clearly doesn't treat you the way you need to be treated? RESPECT is what's coming to my mind, and if you're not getting it then he has to go! Also, you're 19!!! There are plenty of fish in the sea, and I'm sure you will find someone who treats you better! On the other hand, he could be completely innocent (although from what I'm reading, he's still a bit of an eejit!) Just have a talk with him about the situation first before you storm out....but if he's guilty, then I would lose him! Hope this helps, pet! Xx

> Have you got a question that's burning inside of you like Syphilis? E-mail your questions to info@mygayzine.co.uk and don't forget to check out Lucy's column in next month's pride edition.

osmic Kosmic Karen returns for issue 9 of MyGayZine Magazine to help guide your spirit through the month of June. "I'm here to strengthen the spiritual wellbeing of MyGayZine's readers, my predictions and advice will help direct people down a positive path of light. I have consulted my guides and looked to the stars for advice so I can offer an insight into your future and transport you through your present. Check out the applicable star sign below or on the right to begin. Contact me at info@mygayzine.co.uk if you would like to know more. Don't be afraid, I only bite on a full moon.

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## ARIES March 21 - April 19



June brings big changes to homelife. A new change of address or development to bring family together and good fortune lie ahead. You may be feeling resolutions are difficult to reach at the moment but you will get there eventually. There may be a romance brewing which will come to fruit as the summer continues. A deal with money or property will have you smiling by the turn of the month.

## GEMINI May 21 - June 20



Invest your time and efforts wisely this month. You may find yourself having to tighten your belt and adjust to a new budget. If your experiencing drama in your family it'll take time to make the changes you need, someone around you really needs your reassurance. If the chance of a promotion comes up be sure to take it.

## TAURUS April 20 - May 20



Luck is on your side this month so make sure to use this to your advantage and play the odds. Things may be slowing down in your personal life at the moment but use the time wisely and take a look inward. Opportunities will be coming your way, a gift from the gods that you know you have earned, bask in the sunshine. Only you can make that dream a reality, make it happen.

#### CANCER June 21 - July 22



Prepare for some very good news this month, something positive is coming your way. A new acquaintance with fresh optimism enters your life and the fresh burst of energy will lift your spirits. Trust in your judgements and shed the self doubt, you are in control of your destiny. Try not to over think things.

#### LEO July 23 - August 22

This is your favourite time of the year, gaze into the crystal

ball of your own subconscious and look at what gifts lie in your dreams. If your finances need attention now is the time to take action. Start by looking at what you are owed. June brings new energy and happier times. Going that extra mile for someone could lead to an opportunity.

### LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 22

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You are due a boost the likes of which is only seen once every twelve years. Don't go in search of answers to questions with no meaning, you will eventually find it was a waste of time. Working hard will guarantee you success and bring with it many rewards. Use your natural gift to counsel, there are those around you that need your ear.

## SAGITTARIUS Nov22 - Dec21



This is your dream so dream up something good and get on with the chase. Options will present themselves when you are ready. June will be emotionally intense, don't let things get to you. A situation needs to be the way it is to grow to what it needs to become.

## AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18



Work matters are in the foreground. It's time to grow up and start concentrating on solving

problems others only toy with. Adapt your outlook to fine tune yourself with reality and achieve your goals. Hope will present itself by offering a cross roads and revealing the option of a new path.

## VIRGO August 23 - Sept 22



You have a need to help people less fortunate than yourself and it isn't going un noticed. Remember secrets aren't for sharing and gossip is not to be repeated. Your relationships will be alot more peaceful in the month ahead. Don't allow old fears to resurface and get in the way of new choices, take strength from those closest to you.

## SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21



Evaluate whether your efforts have been appreciated by the people you are trying to impress. Open your eyes to the people around you. Ask questions before you spring into action & you'll avoid misunderstandings. Continue on your mystical path and your spirit will reveal itself. Self reflection will make everything seem easier.

## CAPRICORN Dec22 - Jan 19



Someone from your past may cross your path again this

Summer. Take some time out to see how you have been relating to people before then, it could pay off. Time unhinged will be time best spent being productive in June, activate your inner strength and free yourself.

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20



The people around you are going to help you understand what is going on now more than ever, don't be afraid to ask for help. It will be worth your time and effort to fix the areas of your life that you may feel are broken already, you will be a much happier and content spirit.

## Sean McGeough

You could bottle and sell the psychic energy oozing from this month's MyGayZine as we welcome another Psychic to the MyGayZine Team. Get in touch with us and let us know the area of your life you would like to know more about and Sean will provide some advice through a psychic reading. Our first question comes from Stacey Kearney in Belfast.

## PSYCHIC SEAN

Stacey Kearney, 26.09.91, Libra. Stacey asked could she have some guidance on future career prospects, she fears the unknown of the future and was wondering if you could maybe provide some direction.

#### Hi Stacey,

The first thing i can see from your reading is you are much a thinker, and always think your decisions through when it comes to career and your professional life. This is a good quality to have but at times, especially now i can see that this is holding you back from progressing. The reading is very much business at the moment which is great to see the cards are talking about you not knowing which options are available for you at this time.

You know what you want to do, but just cant figure out how to get there. This is where the over thinking quality comes as a bit of a hindrance.

I can see that you want very much to do something you know and love doing which at this time is a great way to see things. You need to come out of your comfort zone and get rid of the "fear" of what's to come!

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I can see that there is changes around your work scene very recently and still some more to come and your going to feel like a fish out of water for a while, but just a short time as i can see you are able to adapt to what is going on around you and bring in the focus you need. Its a bit of reassurance you need that things will work out for you, and they will!

I know that the passion you have for your life very much comes from the enjoyment of making money and being able to do things for yourself because you weren't always as independent as you now are. The amount of energy and focus you have when you are in an environment you enjoy really pays off and others see this about you.

You're a natural born leader and this is something that should be carried on. Over the coming months I'm seeing changes within your career for the better and i do want to put you in a role where there will be progression for you as you will excel very quickly to "management" levels and if not management there will be people under you.

At this time now you need to focus on not worrying and not stressing as this is getting you nowhere and is effecting other areas of you life. You need to trust things will work out, because they will. Your fear of failure is really holding you back at this time and is preventing you from moving on as you should. If you could see my cards you would see how positive they are!

You need to remember you keep your self in the real world sometimes and stay out of your head because thoughts lead to actions that sometime trip you a bit and your reach an unknown place and don't know how you got there. This is the only negative thing from your reading.

I need to jump a little off topic, if your thinking of a house move, go for the second choice.

## **Poetry Corner**

## **Chris McMurray**

TOGETHER & APART

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A very big Hi to you all, well it's that time of year again when we dust down our rainbow flags in preparation for the start of the Pride Festival season, both here and around the globe.

I have just come back from the US, stopping of at L.A. Well that place is a must for any queen, I'm just disappointed I'm not the Queen. Apart from meeting a James Dean look alike on every corner I turned there were quite a few sights to be taken in around Hollywood. It was great to take a dander down the walk of fame once again to see the names of the latest celebrities added to the walkway.

To my absolute amazement I bumped into a lady with dark Glass's, and as we exchanged our apologies, she raised her dark goggles and said "what the F--K are you doing here?" I never ever get recognized over in the US, but when I do it isn't by Joe public so I knew this person knew me personally – It was "Linda La Plante!" I knew that was my plans for the day out the window and we set off for her place after a short walk down Hollywood Bull to her waiting car.

As we drove to Beverly Hills I asked what on earth she was doing there,

and not being mobbed. The answer was easy she said, really there are "that many look-a-likes in LA they just treat me as another one." Hollywood can sometimes offer a much needed break from stardom and the ravenous paparazzi because many celebs blend so discretely with their lookie likie clones.

We arrived at her fabulous pad and relaxed drinking red wine all day and reminiscing of times gone by. It took me all of the following day to detox but it was worth it for a day of unplanned pleasure and a catch up. Linda and I parted after a great meal "down town" as they say and I went to check out a few bars on the Boulevard. Don't get me wrong when I say this but I felt that I had just walked into Madam Tussaud's wax works, nearly everyone had a doll like face like perfection, it was very surreal indeed. I chatted to a few delightful men who were intrigued by my accent and the bar was simply divine. A wonderful trip to La La Land and a much needed break after all my work on my new play Talk, the sunshine was a welcome bonus.

Now I'm back home and hopefully over the next few weeks I will get to visit my colleagues who do a great job with MyGayZine in Ireland. Danny get the Kettle on Girl!!!! I'm going to be on the

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Pat Kenny show soon too, so look out for me, I'll be sporting my trademark black and gold Elton John Jacket.

Before I forget here is a great contact if you or a friend/loved one who may be going through a difficult time in silence. Get a pen and write it down - The Lesbian & Gay Foundation have just published a handy pocket guide to good mental health "Mental health and well being a guide for Lesbian Gay & Bisexual People" is available now from www.lgf.org/ get-support/mental-health so don't suffer in silence life is too short and we all deserve a break after all we are human and even the best of us get a bit down from time to time. I did say that I would answer some of the emails I have received from our readers so here's a quick reply to a letter I received this month but I have been incredibly busy and I'll get round to addressing some more of your concerns next month.

Well you all seem to have jotted down My email address from issue 1 as you keep the emails coming so don't be shy there's nothing I can't deal with. Summer is FINALLY here, make the best of every drop of sunshine and fill your days with fun and laughter and once again remember to stay safe at night.

MAY YOUR GOD GO WITH YOU xxx

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