

THE POSH PAPER



NO RIFF-RAFF

BRIGHTON - CRAWLEY - HASTINGS - HACKNEY

RITZY TEA & CLASSY CABARET FOR SWANKY SENIOR CITIZENS & GLAMOROUS GOLDEN GIRLS

Hello Posh Clubbers,

The main business in The Posh Paper is the showbiz listings for our four big clubs in 2019. We are presenting dozens of dos featuring the finest entertainment, combined with the warmest welcome from the smartest volunteers in our four fancy gaffs - in Crawley, Brighton, Hastings & Hackney.

Come and enjoy our classic afternoon tea, watch cult cabaret, chin wag with chums, drink bubbly ... then dance. It's afternoon action for the groovy, grand, golden generation.

The Posh Paper is an attempt to link the clubs together in a cultural scene, and invite you to get to know some of the hosts, performers, volunteers, punters and 'vintage sandwich artistes' that make up our crew.

For a laff, we have mimicked the tropes of mainstream tabloids, and these pages contain the likes of a Horoscope, Crossword, Agony Aunt,

Pop Charts, Pin Up and other frippery created by The Posh Club gang with a tongue-in-cheek stance.

We want to encourage our guests to visit our other clubs and cross-pollinate. Why not check out the performance listings and get on the train for a big day out to catch your favourite acts in another town? Hackney punters schlep to Hastings, Crawley punters take a beano in Brighton ... and so on. You never know, you might even meet a new partner, or at least a few new mates.

See you at the Speakeasy,

With love,

The homespun showbiz gang that make The Posh Club

Simon, Dicky, Annie, Emmy, Tracey, Azara, Becca, Lorraine, Phil, Anna, Beannie, Dan, Geoff, Rhys, Daisy, Claire, Ken, Wendy, Enid, Luke, Lou, Daisy, Mr Magoo ... and all of our glamorous volunteers.

**ALL EVENTS:
12NOON - 3PM**

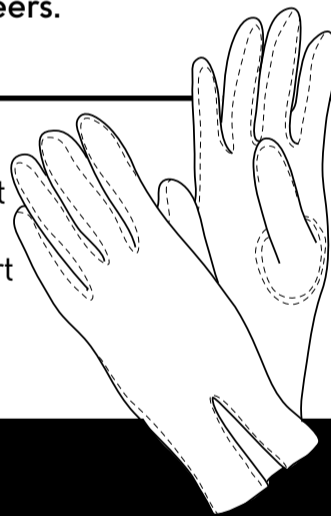
ALL TICKETS: £5

**FOR PATRONS
AGED 60+ AND
THEIR GUESTS**

DRESS CODE: POSH

GUANTI BIANCHI POSH TIP

Remove your white everyday gloves before reading this newspaper. You might prefer to wear a darker pair to disguise any ink stains or, if you are in the right sort of company and feeling bold, try using your naked hands, it's quite liberating.



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— TO MUM —

The Posh Club is dedicated to The Posh Club founders Simon & Annie's late Mum, Florence Irene Casson, who passed away in 2012, aged 84, just as the club was beginning. Mum loved fun, line dancing, prawn cocktails, Morecambe and Wise, Pontins, Russell Watson, dressmaking, Countdown, tea, Strictly Come Dancing, half a lager, gardening, and most of all, her kids.



THE POSH PINUP

IRENE SINCLAIR

At the incredible age of 110 years old, Irene Sinclair is the most senior Posh Club guest, a Hackney *grande dame*, former model and a fashion icon. Born and bred in Guyana in the Caribbean, Irene settled in Britain in the 1950's.

A message to discerning young fashionistas, if you want to truly understand proper glamour, check out Irene's looks on Wednesdays. From her hats and gloves, to her chic vintage cocktail dresses, she has definitely got *the lick*.

As our first Posh Paper Pin-Up, we pay homage to Irene.



SPOTLIGHT ON ... PINK SUITS

A big fav at the Posh Club, especially with their gender bending Dirty Dancing tribute, Pink Suits are an original dance duo made up of real life couple Lennie & Ray.

LIVES:	Margate
EATS:	Cake
SLEEPS:	Pink silk and lots of pillows
READS:	Autobiographies (Slash, Tommy Steele)
WATCHES:	Would I Lie To You
DANCES:	Dirty Dancing
HATES:	Lateness
SMELLS:	Cake
WEARS:	Pink onesies
LOVES:	Black coffee in bed



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VOLUNTEER CORNER

VOLUNTEERS WORDSEARCH

There are 31 names hidden in this wordsearch, some of the main volunteers from the four clubs, can you spot some of them?

C	L	A	U	N	A	I	L	L	I	G	B	R
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| Amelia | Gill |
| Anita | Gillian |
| Ann | Jayne |
| Arno | Judy |
| Barb | Linda |
| Bea | Lydia |
| Becky | Margaret |
| Beth | Pat |
| Bonnie | Peter |
| Bridie | Rachel |
| Caralyn | Richie |
| Colin | Robert |
| Claud | Sue |
| Despo | Thomas |
| Dudley | Viv |
| Enid | |

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Posh Club have been blessed with over 200 volunteers in the past few years, and we love all of them. Our first ever and most longstanding volunteer, Enid Bacon - 89 years young this May - has to be our choice for Volunteer of the Year.

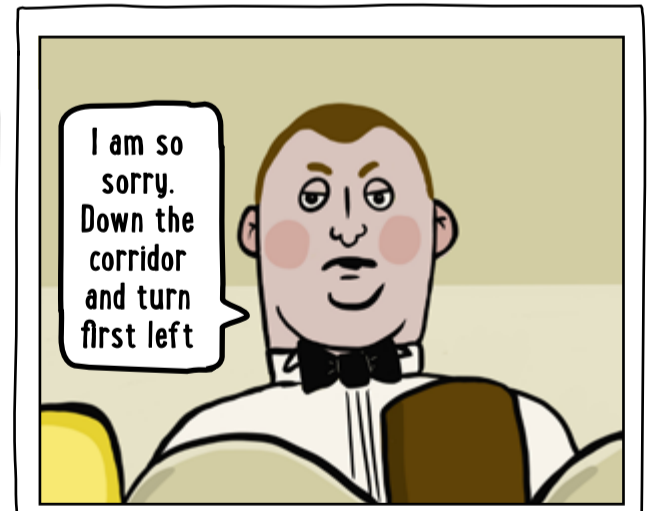
As well as juggling the vintage cups and saucers in Crawley, Enid volunteers for both Age UK and a toddlers group at her local church St Mary's. Originally from London, she moved to Crawley in 1957 and was happily married to her late husband Stan for 60 golden years.

Not a fan of slippers and the telly, this dedicated community activist will never give up grafting and actually retire, but on her rare days off, she relaxes with her two sons, Phillip, 64, and Kenneth, 70. A big fan of musical theatre, her favourite show of all time is Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'Oklahoma!'

Enid Bacon, we salute you, they don't make them like you anymore.

THIS POSH LIFE

10.30am: The Posh Club setup begins. Volunteers & performers arrive, ready to make the magic happen.



Later that day on stage...





ASK ANNIE

Got a Problem?
Why not 'Ask Annie'?
The Posh Club's resident Agony Aunt.

Q Dear Annie,
After a wonderful 56 years of marriage, I lost my beloved husband last year. I have been feeling quite lonely and wonder if will ever feel happy again. I have a lovely daughter and 3 grandchildren, who I see every week. But I feel I've lost my zest for life. Annie, please can you advise me?

Betty in Broadfield

A Dear Betty,
I am so sorry to hear that you've lost your husband. 56 years is an amazing achievement. You will naturally grieve for a long while, but within time things will start to get better. Don't stay at home hiding yourself away, as you will only feel worse and lonelier. Get out, keep busy, do social things and see people, it will help the grieving process. Carry on coming to The Posh Club, as it will lift your spirits, and just take each day as it comes.
Sending you love, Annie x

Q Dear Annie,
As a single lady, I attend The Posh Club once a fortnight. I had been on the look out for a gentleman friend, and one of the single men on my regular table kept winking at me. I was waiting for him to make a move on me, but he never did. So I thought I would ask him out, as I thought he was interested, because of the winking. Although he did say yes, I've since found out he has a twitch - hence the winking - so it wasn't a sign that he fancied me after all! However, we are going on a date next week to the pictures.
Can you wish us luck?

Ingrid in Ifield

A Dear Ingrid,
Oh dear, I can imagine how embarrassed you were, but he did say yes, didn't he? Tell him this funny story - have a laugh and really enjoy your date.

Q Dear Annie,
My husband and I used to go ballroom dancing and still have a few beautiful ballgowns and smart evening suits. We were wondering if they would be too over the top to wear at The Posh Club? Please can you help us decide?

Maureen & Mike in Maidenbower

A Dear Maureen & Mike,
We love stylish and glamorous outfits at the club - please go for it you two and dress to impress. You will be the beau and the belle of The Posh Club ball.

Please send your problems to:
email: annie@theposhclub.co.uk
post: Annie Bowden, 28
Wakehurst Drive, Crawley,
W.Sussex, RH10 6DH

Posh Club co-founder Annie runs the original gaff in Crawley.



NOTE FROM NIALL

Greetings from St Paul's Church - proud home of the eternally youthful Hackney Posh Club which does a wonderful job of keeping old Vicars like me feeling young at heart and hot to trot. As an honorary 'Posh Clubber' myself with a little grey on top, I'm a firm believer in that old Celtic adage which says that 'A little snow on the roof doesn't mean to say that the boiler is out.' I hope that's true for you too!

God bless and go well, **Father Niall**

DICKY'S HAIR TIPS

Dicky from Duckie is the big fixer across all of the Posh Clubs. But how does he fix his lovely hair? Is it:

- A. Brylcreem
- B. Lard
- C. L'Oréal Bourgeois Crème de Mousse

[Answer on inside back page]





POSH T'S STAR SIGNS

Genuine mystic Posh T is also the
Maître D' at The Posh Club in Hackney

Aries

20 March-20 April



This is the year when you have to stop being so inward-looking and start getting yourself out and about a bit more. There's no point in waiting for people to come to you: they won't. So don't sit around waiting for others to make the first move - start the conversation, take the plunge, and see where it leads you. I can see big changes ahead for Aries, if you'll just grasp the opportunity.

Cancer

21 June-23 July



Mysterious Cancer: what makes you think you're so interesting? What's so great about secrets? In my 25 years as a social worker, I never heard a secret that wasn't causing misery and pain. So come on, Cancer: open up and come out of that shell! Let people know what's going on inside, and you'll find that they reciprocate with trust and friendship. Learn to trust, and stop burying yourself in the sand, little crab.

Libra

23 September-23 October



This is going to be an interesting year for Librans. I know all horoscopes say you're coming to a crossroads - but you actually, really are. Whichever way you choose, you'll never know where the other path would have led - but that's fine. Just make a decision, and live with the consequences. I knew a woman once who could never settle on one man because of all the other ones she'd be missing out on, and she ended up missing out on everything. So whatever it is, Libra, choose a course and stick to it.

Capricorn

22 December-20 January



Cheer up, Capricorn. It's not all doom and gloom. I know the world seems to be going to hell in a paper dress, but that doesn't mean that you have to add to the misery. We've all been through worse, and we should know by now that the only way to get through difficult times is to remain happy in yourself. Start smiling now, because this time next year things will be even worse.

Taurus

20 April-21 May



I've never met a Taurus I didn't like, but you lot certainly need to control your impulses. Most of you go about life as if it's an all-you-can-eat buffet, plunging in and stuffing yourselves without thinking of the consequences. Try taking a step back before you act or speak: you could save yourself a lot of trouble, and you might find that people are a bit less wary of your crazy bull impulses.

Leo

23 July-23 August



I dated a Leo once. Wonderful in bed, great fun to be with, but the worst temper I've ever come across. I know there's a lot to be angry with in the world, but let's save it for things we can actually change, rather than each other. So this year, Leo, next time you feel the red mist rising, repeat these words to yourself: Posh T Says Calm Down, Love! In twelve months' time you'll be so calm that little birds will be perching on your shoulders.

Scorpio

23 October-22 November



I went on holiday to Spain once and I found a scorpion in my bed, which was not the holiday surprise I was hoping for. I screamed at first, but after a while I realised he was quite a cute little creature, and so are Scorpios if they'll only let people get to know them. So come on, Scorpio, put those stings away and let people see the real you. Just don't try sneaking into my bed.

Aquarius

20 January-18 February



The kindest woman I ever knew was an Aquarius. She couldn't do enough for people. She looked after local kids, she did shopping for people, took in parcels, and always had the kettle on. But she never took care of herself, and in the end she wore herself out. So Aquarius, make sure you balance that generous nature of yours with a healthy dose of selfishness. You won't be any use to people if you burn out.

Gemini

21 May-21 June



Life isn't simple for Geminis, is it? Always in two minds about everything, never making a decision. Well listen: sometimes you can't have chips and mashed potato, you can't waste your life wondering about the what-ifs, and unless you're very good at covering your tracks, you can't date two people at once. Make firmer choices this year, and you'll find new paths opening up left, right and centre.

Virgo

23 August-23 September



Don't be misled by the name: Virgos are passionate people. I put it down to the fact that they were conceived in the run-up to Christmas: all those parties, booze and mistletoe. So watch yourself, Virgo: life isn't one great big office party free-for-all. I like sex as much as the next woman, but this year try channeling your abundant energies into something less likely to get you a smack in the face.

Sagittarius

22 November-22 December



Just because you're usually right, Sagittarius, that doesn't mean that you always know best. In the last year you've annoyed friends and loved ones by being too opinionated: it's time to realise that people with different ideas might be just as right as you are. Sit down and talk to someone that you'd usually disagree with, then come back to me at the end of the year and tell me if the world doesn't seem a whole lot more interesting than it currently does.

Pisces

18 February-20 March



The last 12 months haven't been easy for Pisces, due to an arrangement of stars and planets that's far too technical to explain here. However, you're moving out of this dark time into a period of relative calm and contentment - and now's the time to take stock of the people who matter in your life. Out with those difficult buggers who make life so hard, and in with the ones who are on your side. Here's to a better year for you all!

SPOTLIGHT ON ... AZARA

Azara is the charismatic MC of The Posh Club in Hackney, and also works as a choreographer, performer and personal trainer

LIVES:	Streatham
EATS:	Cereal 24/7
SLEEPS:	In blue sheets
READS:	Thought for Today emails
WATCHES:	Game of Thrones
DANCES:	Hello Stranger by Barbara Lewis
HATES:	Open mouth chewing
SMELLS:	Calvin Klein Shock Pour Homme
WEARS:	Corduroy
LOVES:	My dog Athena



HIT PARADE



Each of The Posh Clubs is a bit different from the others, and the musical preferences are unique to each venue due to the different dancefloors they serve, and the tastes of the DJ.

We asked the DJs from the four main clubs to show us their playlist and make a Top 10 Chart that gets the guests up and grooving, or at least tapping a toe.

Robbie Tea, Brighton

1. I'm in the Mood for Dancin', The Nolans, 1980
2. That Old Devil Called Love, Billy Holiday, 1944
3. Blame it on the Boogie, The Jacksons, 1978
4. Stop in the Name of Love, The Supremes, 1964
5. Heartbeat/Tragedy, Steps, 1998
6. Rivers of Babylon, Boney M, 1978
7. When Will I See You Again?, The Three Degrees, 1973
8. 9 to 5, Sheena Easton, 1981
9. Super Trouper, Abba, 1980
10. You Spin Me Round (Like A Record), Dead Or Alive, 1984

Dan the Music Man, Hastings

1. Dream Lover, Dion, 1959
2. Twist and Shout, The Beatles, 1961
3. Hit the Road Jack, Ray Charles, 1961
4. Superstition, Stevie Wonder, 1972
5. What a Wonderful World, Sam Cooke, 1960
6. It's Your Voodoo Working, Charles Sheffield, Date Unknown
7. These Boots are Made for Walking, Nancy Sinatra, 1965
8. Doo Wah Diddy Diddy, Manfred Mann, 1964
9. Come Together, The Beatles, 1969
10. C'mon Everybody, Eddie Cochran, 1958

Mr Magoo, Hackney

1. My Boy Lollipop, Minnie Smalls, 1958
2. Breakfast In Bed, Lorna Bennett, 1972
3. Bony Moronie, Larry Williams, 1957
4. One Love / People Get Ready, Bob Marley and The Wailers, 1977
5. Red Light Spells Danger, Billy Ocean, 1977
6. Lets Twist Again, Chubby Checker, 1961
7. Lucille, Little Richard, 1957
8. Twist And Shout, The Beatles, 1961
9. (Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher, Jackie Wilson, 1967
10. 54-46 Was My Number, Toots and the Maytals, 1968

Lucky Luke, Crawley

1. Return to Sender, Elvis Presley, 1962
2. YMCA, Village People, 1978
3. Line Dance Medley, Black Lace, 1969
4. We Will Rock You, Queen, 1977
5. That'll Be the Day, Buddy Holly and the Crickets, 1957
6. Rock Around the Clock, Bill Haley & the Comets, 1954
7. Wake Up Little Susie, Everly Brothers, 1957
8. She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain, Artist TBC, 2006
9. Do the Conga, Black Lace, 1993
10. We'll Meet Again, Vera Lynn, 1939

PERFORMANCE LISTINGS FOR
BRIGHTON

THURSDAYS

TICKETS £5

BOOKINGS: 07848 827 806

12NOON - 3PM

4 APR

**STEPHEN BLOY LEGS
ELVIS '67
BY REQUEST**

11 APR

**STEWART GRACIE
PEMBERTON
THICK & TIGHT**

18 APR

**KERIS LEA
TRICITY — AND —
VOGUE SYMONÉ**

25 APR

**SADIE SINNER
DON THE BEES KNEES
ONE KATY BAIRD**

6 JUN

**CHINESE TURNING WORLDS
ELVIS TANIA PIERI
PINK SUITS**

13 JUN

**JOSEPHINE SHAKER
THE DIVINE & PRIYA
THE MISS EM & MISTRY**

20 JUN

**ALISON DAVID JESS
LYNN RUTH — & —
MILLER & LOVE**

27 JUN

**THE SOPHIA
HAT MAN VAUGHN**

1 AUG

**OBVIOUSLY ELVIS
SIMONE CRADDOCK
+ MR ANDY**

8 AUG

**RHYS'S PIECE'S
DONNA**

15 AUG

**BOLLYWOOD VIBES — & —
REPLAY**

22 AUG

**MISS HANNAH FORD
HIGH — AND —
LEG MICHELE
KICK OSTEN**

29 AUG

**LUCIANA & REGGIE
THE GREAT &
ANTONIO
THE WIMBLEDON UKULELE BIG BAND**

APRIL - JUNE - AUGUST

ONE MONTH ON & ONE MONTH OFF - 2019

HOSTED BY COCO DEVILLE & ALFIE ORDINARY

MAITRE D: POSH BECCA

DJ: ROBBIE TEA

**THE BALLROOM
KING ALFRED LEISURE CENTRE
KINGSWAY, HOVE**

3 OCT

**BLACK
ELVIS &
CARLIE MILLER**

10 OCT

**AUDREY &
HEARTBURN &
SIX YEARS**

17 OCT

**SWAN JOHN ——— AND ———
LAKE BEEVER SHERIKA
SHERARD**

24 OCT

**ANDREW MADAME
FARR IS GALINA
EDITH & AURORA
PIAF & STARR**

31 OCT

**ANDY WILSHER SINGS
MICHAEL
BUBBLE
& THE RAT PACK**

5 DEC

**THE DAVE BAKER
PROJECT +
LUCY JONES**

12 DEC

**RONNIE RIALTO &
JENNIE
CASTELL**

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WITH

19 DEC

**IDA BARR & DEBBIE
HAZE**

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

ONE MONTH ON & ONE MONTH OFF - 2019

PERFORMANCE LISTINGS FOR
CRAWLEY

TUESDAYS

TICKETS £5

BOOKINGS: 01293 451 056

12NOON - 3PM

SEASON 1

SPRING 2019

9 APR

**STEWART PEMBERTON
THICK & TIGHT
& GRACIE**

16 APR

**STEVE
BARKER
TRACEY SMITH**

23 APR

**SYMONÉ & MICHELLE
OSTEN & THE
BEES KNEES**

30 APR

**TANIA ELVIS BY
PIERI REQUEST
KATY BAIRD**

7 MAY

**ALISON DAVID
JESS — AND —
LOVE TRICITY
VOGUE**

14 MAY

**KERIS LEA
— & —
OBVIOUSLY ELVIS**

21 MAY

**DON ONE ↓ MISS
PINK + HIGH
SUITS ↑ LEG
KICK**

28 MAY

**THE HAT & LYNN RUTH MILLER
THE MAN &**

4 JUN

**CHINESE TURNING
ELVIS WORLDS
— AND —
WRENCH & FRANKS**

11 JUN

**THE DIVINE JOOLS & JOE
MISS — & —
EM PRIYA
MISTRY**

HOSTED BY
POSH ANNIE

DJ: LUCKY LUKE

BROADFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
BROADFIELD BARTON,
CRAWLEY, WEST SUSSEX

SEASON 2

AUTUMN 2019

15 OCT

**SOPHIA &
VAUGHN &
HOT NOTES**

22 OCT

**MADAME GALINA
& BLACK
— ELVIS**

29 OCT

**AUDREY
HEARTBURN**

VICKI & JOE

5 NOV

**LEGS — AND —
'67 JOHN
BEEVER**

12 NOV

**PURE MAGIC:
THE FREDDIE MERCURY TRIBUTE ACT
— & —
JOHN CHEENY**

19 NOV

**RHYS'S PIECE'S
— + —
DONNA**

26 NOV

**RIO &
GRAND &
STEPHEN BLOY**

3 DEC

JENNIE CASTELL **LIZZIE'S 1960'S
SWING SHOW**

10 DEC

**THE DAVE
BAKER PROJECT
— AND —
CARLIE MILNER**

17 DEC

CHRISTMAS PARTY
TWO SHOWS - 11.30AM & 3.30PM
IDA WIMBLEDON
BARR UKULELE
BIG BAND

PERFORMANCE LISTINGS FOR
HASTINGS

FRIDAYS

TICKETS £5

BOOKINGS: 07848 831 290

12NOON - 3PM

SEASON 1

12 APR

**STEWART & PEMBERTON
THICK & TIGHT
& GRACIE**

19 APR

**THE HAT — AND —
LEGS '67
MAN SYMONÉ**

26 APR

**KERIS LEA & SADIE & THE BEES
LEA & SINNER & KNEES**

3 MAY

**HELEN SHARPE
AND THE SOULSHINE BAND
+
TANIA PIERI**

10 MAY

**KING SIZE SLIM
JESS & KATY
LOVE & BAIRD**

17 MAY

**PINK SUITS AND
ALISON DAVID**

24 MAY

**MISS DON &
HIGH LEG ONE
KICK ONE
DR SAVAGE**

31 MAY

CHINESE ELVIS TRICITY VOGUE

7 JUN

**LIANE CARROLL THE TWO
TURNING WRONGIES
WORLDS WRENCH
& FRANKS**

14 JUN

**THE DIVINE MISS EM
FOXIVOX
TRACEY SMITH**

SPRING 2019

HOSTED BY
RACHEL SPINETTI

BOX OFFICE: BEANIE
DJ: DAN THE MUSIC MAN

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST HALL
BRITTANY ROAD
UPPER ST LEONARD'S

SEASON 2

AUTUMN 2019

18 OCT

**SOPHIA &
VAUGHN &
BLACK ELVIS**

25 OCT

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BY REQUEST**

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& SIX
YEARS**

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**DONNA
AND
CARLIE MILNER**

22 NOV

**BOLLYWOOD
VIBES
OBVIOUSLY ELVIS**

29 NOV

**SWAN +
LAKE
JOHN BEEVER**

6 DEC

**DEBBIE / REPLAY / MYSTI
HAZE / REPLAY / VINE**

13 DEC

**LUCY JONES &
THE DAVE
BAKER PROJECT**

20 DEC

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
IDA BARR
AND
JENNIE CASTELL**

PERFORMANCE LISTINGS FOR
HACKNEY

WEDNESDAYS

TICKETS £5

BOOKINGS: 07938 985 644

12NOON - 3PM

8 MAY

**T-BONE
FIGS IN WIGS**
+
SON OF A TUTU

15 MAY

**IDA
BARR**

22 MAY

**SHERIKA SHERARD
TRACEY SMITH**

29 MAY

**TAMMY WHYNOT
DMITRI VAN
ZWANENBERG**
- & - LEGS '67

5 JUN

**CARLIE
MILNER
& DEMI NOIRE**

12 JUN

**AMA-ZEBRA
ZULU DANCE**
AND
TRICITY VOGUE

19 JUN

**CORINA PIATTI
COCO
DEVILLE**

26 JUN

FISTON LUSAMBO

SEASON 1

SPRING 2019

HOSTED BY
AZARA

MAITRE D: POSH T

DJ: MR MAGOO

ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL
CORNER STOKE NEWINGTON ROAD
& AMHURST ROAD, N16

SEASON 2

16 OCT

**THE BLACK
BEES
KNEES
— & —
ELVIS**

23 OCT

**EVIE
LAKE**

30 OCT

**ALFIE & T-BONE
ORDINARY**

6 NOV

**VANIA LIMA
— AND —
MYSTI VINE**

13 NOV

**CHICHI
ARMSTRONG**

20 NOV

**AMBER &
DURRANT &
THE LIPSINKERS**

27 NOV

**BOLLYWOOD
VIBES
& JAMES JUNIOR**

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ELVIS & MAGIC · TRIBUTE ACT**

11 DEC

**ANDY WILSHER SINGS
MICHAEL BUBLE
& THE RAT PACK**

18 DEC

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WITH
**DEBBIE HAZE
FRANK CHICKENS
— AND THE —
ACTIONETTES**

AUTUMN 2019

STRICTLY COME DANCING

As a sister project to The Posh Club, Duckie also run PC*DC - Posh Club Dance Club - a participatory dance workshop project for folks aged 60+ and ending in a performance at the club.

Founded and led by long-term Duckie associate professional choreographer H Plewis, with support from Azara, the project has so far completed six seasons in Hackney, and they make their Sadlers Wells debut in June. It also had one short run in Crawley, led by dancefloor activist Matthew Black.

We are currently seeking funding to roll it out to all of the clubs, so cross your fingers, polish your dancing shoes, and watch this space...



CLASSY COMPETITION: TEA FOR TWO

Would you like to win a prize of afternoon tea for two at the Ritz in Mayfair in London?

Just finish this sentence with up to 100 words:

"I come to The Posh Club because..."

Annie, The Posh Club founder, will choose the winner, based on the story she likes the most. Please put your name and your contact phone number on your submission. Please note that Annie doesn't accept cash bribes that might affect her judgment.

The prize will include train travel to London for two people on a date of your choice*.

Deadline for submissions: **Monday 3 June**
The winner will be announced on **Monday 10 June 2019**

*Subject to reservations being available

Send your responses to Annie
by email: annie@duckie.co.uk

by post: Annie Bowden, 28
Wakehurst Drive, Southgate,
Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6DH.

by hand: write it on a napkin, hand
it to the Maître D at your club, and
they will send it on to Annie.





COCO DEVILLE'S RADIANT ROLE MODELS

We asked the Toast Mistress of Brighton's Posh Club, burlesque bon-vivre Coco Deville to choose three historical female role models that give her inspiration - in her work, her private life, and most importantly, her tireless commitment to the art of glamour.



My Nana, Emotional Role Model

My Grandad passed away before I was born, leaving my Nana to run her household singlehandedly for much of her life, but she did so with such gusto, warmth and good cheer. Like many women of her generation, she was a highly skilled dressmaker and I grew up surrounded by funky fabrics and learnt how to enjoy style and express myself through clothing and image. My favourite three pearls of wisdom that I took from Nana are: Don't wait for a special occasion to wear your favourite outfit, have fun with fashion and try to wear life lightly.

Mae West, Glamour Role Model

The legendary actress from Hollywood's golden era was bold and brassy, shamelessly sassy, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but always classy. Emerging from the Depression Era, the world was hungry for a big star that really looked like a star. After making it big, she'd be seen on the red carpet dripping in jewels, fur and feathers, largin' it, her curvaceous body always looking a million dollars. And then there are the famous witty lines, delivered with 100% chutzpah. My favourite is her classic: *When I'm good, I'm very good. But when I'm bad, I'm better.*

Eartha Kitt, Showbiz Role Model

What a ballsy, badass babe Madame Kitt was, they don't make them like that anymore. From her portrayal of Cat Woman in the original Batman TV show to her uniquely purr-fectly feline voice, this sultry, sexy siren was such a big talent with a formidably long career. In interviews her message of loving yourself first and never compromising on who you are struck a chord with me, and even after her death a decade ago, she remains a source of inspiration and empowerment to go-getting glam gals the world over.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... IDA BARR



- LIVES:** Thabo Umbecki Court, Dalston.
- EATS:** Anything with a cut priced sticker.
- SLEEPS:** Really! This is more nosy than Hackney Council Re-enablement Officer's checklist. I like flannelette, that's all I'm prepared to say.
- READS:** Old love letters.
- WATCHES:** Rap battles on the dark web.
- DANCES:** Over My Shoulder by Jessie Matthews. You can crunk to it.
- HATES:** The minute they said we are living in a post-truth world I decided I was living in a post-hate world.
- SMELLS:** You ain't so fresh yourself, dear!
- WEARS:** Bustles, headscarves, housecoats.
- LOVES:** Life! I've plenty of pals who are lacking in that department.

CAKE BAKE

BECCA'S POSHEST SPICED APPLE SLICE



This is a wonderfully sticky spiced cake with a caramelised almond and apple topping. The warming aromas of cardamom, star anise and cinnamon make this luxury cake suitable to serve up to your poshest friends only. Serve cold with a cup of tea, or warm with ice cream and a glass of the finest sherry you can find.

Serves 8 - 10

INGREDIENTS

Cake;

225g Unsalted butter
plus 30g butter for the tin
30g Soft brown sugar
225g Caster sugar
1 tsp Vanilla Extract
4 Eggs
225g Self Raising Flour
½ tsp baking powder
2 -3 tbsp Milk
50g Flaked Almonds

Spiced Apples;

2 cooking apples, such as Bramley, peeled, cored and cut into 1cm slices
200ml water or orange juice
½ tsp nutmeg
1 cinnamon stick or 1 tsp ground cinnamon
2 star anise (optional)
5 whole cardamom pods (optional)
30g Soft light brown sugar

METHOD

1) Start by preparing the spiced apples. Place the apples in a saucepan with the water/juice, spices and sugar. Cover with a lid and heat gently until the apple is just soft but not breaking up. Remove from the heat and leave with the lid on to cool and let the spices infuse further.

2) Preheat the oven to 200°C/Fan 180°C/Gas Mark 6. Line the base of a 23cm round, springform cake tin, grease the sides of the tin and then thickly grease the bottom of the tin with 30g of butter. Sprinkle the base with 30g of soft brown sugar and lightly dust with some extra cinnamon and nutmeg.

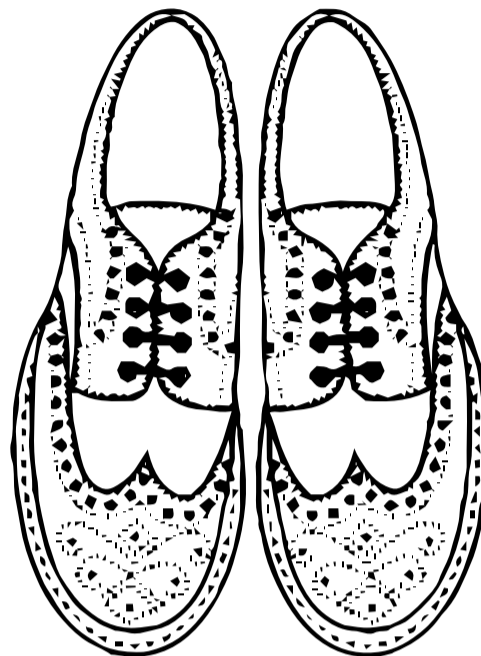
3) Beat the butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy and then add the vanilla extract. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition and adding a tablespoon of the flour after each egg if needed to stop it curdling. Sift in the flour and baking powder and fold in. Stir in enough of the milk to give the mixture dropping consistency.

4) Strain the apples and remove the cinnamon stick, star anise and cardamom pods. Scatter the flaked almonds over the base of the tin, then place the apples on top and cover with the cake mixture.

5) Bake in the oven for about 50 minutes until the cake is springy to touch and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Allow the cake to cool for at least an hour, then turn the cake out onto a cake stand or plate so that the nuts and apple are on top.

Posh Becca is Maître D' at The Posh Club in Brighton

IN'S & OUT'S: BEANNIE'S FASHION TIPS



Fashion Guru Beannie is the Box Office Bunny for The Posh Club in Hastings

IN

Being Posh
Silk Knickers
Velvet Gloves
A Nice Pair of Brogues
Vintage Lamplights
Hats & Scarves & Feathers
Being Old & Wise
Health
Going Out
Vicars

OUT

Being Stuck Up
String Vests
Lycra
Stuffed Animal Slippers
Fluorescent Lighting
Tracksuits & Trainers
Being Young & Foolish
Sickness
Staying In
Tarts

Rachel Spinetti's Joke Corner

"Doctor, Doctor, I can't help singing the Green Green Grass of Home"

Dr: "that sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome"

"Is it common?" I asked

Dr: "Well... it's not Unusual"

Q. What's brown and sweet and glides around an ice rink?

A. Bourneville & Dean

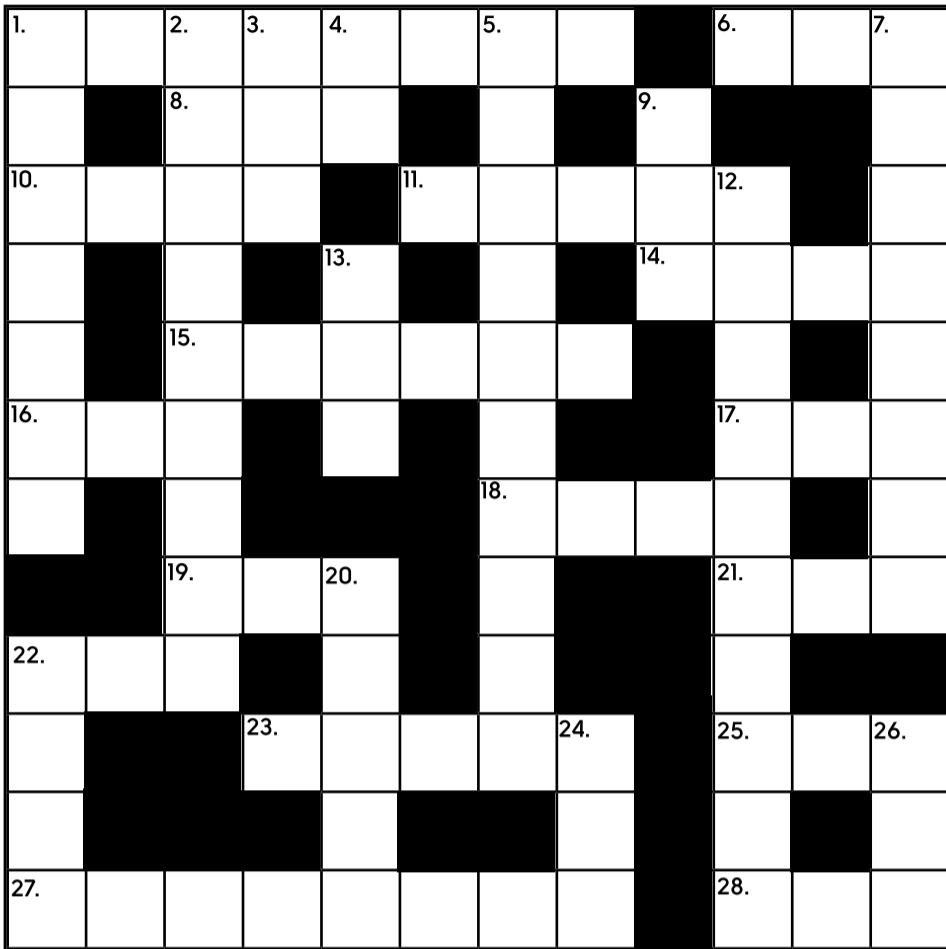
News Just In.

A cement mixer collided with a prison van at Dalston Junction - ... Motorist are asked to be on the lookout for 16 hardened criminals.

Rachel Spinetti's is the MC of The Posh Club in Hastings, catch her 30 Fridays each year in a glammed up church hall in St-Leonards on Sea

CROSSWORD

compiled by Zed



ACROSS

1. A mix up of hats sing in this historic Sussex coastal town (8)
6. boiled fruit sits in traffic (3)
8. Three of these made Marti's band not dry (3)
10. A jumble of chai has gone to seed. (4)
11. The Posh Club's favourite King lives in a mess (5)
14. Bubbles in Spain (4)
15. Squeezes cones together to go with 6 and 20 (6)
16. Partly heard you use this to enjoy the music (3)
17. Wrench & Franks and Pink Suits are two examples of this (3)
18. Do this up to adulthood (4)
19. Bug secretes varnish (3)
21. The first person climbs an atom (3)
22. The whole of these sweet sorts of licorice (3)
23. On the back foot this Posh attire is anti shorts (5)
25. Take this off to admire someones top cover (3)
27. As cool as this is, it gets posher in 12. (8)
28. Posh tiny drink (3)

DOWN

1. This bit of East London sounds like a workaround for your leg joint (7)
2. Turn over this European cake from the first aid place (5,4)
3. Builders make it strong (3)
4. This fancy crowd can fix your computer (2)
5. Silence is this for one young woman on this classic American series (6,4)
7. Start a car in purple for a coconut biscuit (8)
9. Half a clock sounds like a nervous jerk (3)
12. Snack favoured by dyslexic coven on the beach (10)
13. How we like our tea and our acts down at The Posh Club (3)
20. Double it or whip it, still works in sun or ice (5)
22. This electric band might be bisexual (2,2)
24. Formal bloke (3)
26. Do this to 25. or it's a mess (3)



WATCH THIS SPACE:

The Posh Club opens for runs in Elephant & Castle & Vauxhall towards the end of 2019 and start of 2020.

Dicky does his hair with C. L'Oréal Bourgeois Crème de Mousse

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The Posh Club are soon to launch our public fundraising scheme 'Sponsor a Scone'.

In these times of austerity and cuts, we have been very lucky to get public funding from the likes of the National Lottery, Arts Council England, local councils and other bodies.

But in the long-term we are hoping that the general public might back us and donate a few bob to make the clubs truly sustainable.

If you know anyone rich, or if you have a few coppers down the back of the settee, we would love to hear from you.

Go to theposhclub.co.uk/sponsor or email emmy@duckie.co.uk



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