

Out & About

with ZORAN BLACKIE

Games for a laugh

LAST Saturday, a couple of hundred people - including me - enjoyed a fantastic night on the Royal Daffodil with the Game Show Ferry.

Actually, that's not strictly true: one poor soul was violently seasick and the boat had to make an unscheduled stop to allow them to disembark.]

But that didn't stop the rest of us having a ball with games like The Prize Is - erm - Not Very Good (that's the printable name) and an epic game of bingo

Music was provided by the very impressive duo Nightshift, and Alicia provided the disco.

I know it took a lot of organising, and some things didn't go quite according to plan, but boys, please do another one.

If that's whetted your appetite for a night out on the Mersey then Garlands has the answer with Fairies Across The Mersey on September 4.

Tickets are on sale now at £25 until August 7; after that they go up to £30 - from the new Garlands shop on the first floor of the club.

As this is the 10th anniversary of Fairies they've promised to pull out all the stops. Dave & Huey and Les Calvert will be taking over the decks and taking you on a journey featuring the biggest records of the past 10 years.

Sparkly Tiara

LADY Tiara is a new addition to the scene and she'll be presiding over events at Superstar Boudoir on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The 6ft 4ins glamour puss will be presenting Glitter on Wednesdays with camp cabaret, games and a dance troupe. On Sundays she's promising a total revamp and a very warm welcome to everyone on their arrival. You can find Superstar on Stanley Street.

Lion brand

THE prestigious Venice Film Festival is to begin recognising gay themed films with a special award - the Queer Lion award.

It will go to the best full-length film featuring a gay theme or prominent gay character.

Competition director Daniel Casagrande said it had taken four years of negotiations to introduce the award.

He expects "around 10 or 12" films to be candidates for the inaugural prize. Any film entering the main competition is eligible as are any other films being shown at the September festival.

But it's not as ground breaking as it may seem; the Berlin International Film Festival has been presenting a similar award - The Teddy - for the past 21 years!

The winners will get a plaque featuring the festival's winged lion but with rainbow-coloured wings. And why not?

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Clubs



with Emma Johnson

Pez Telle's club top 10
1. Get Down - Todd Terry All Stars
2. Every Heartbeat - Robyn
3. Show Me Magenta - Arno Cost
4. Like This Like That - Se:SA
5. Alright (Danny Jay Mix) - Red Carpet
6. I Want Your Soul - Armand Van Helden
7. Let The Music Lift You Up - Asbo
8. Passion 2007 (Hoxton Whores mix) - Gat Decor
9. Turn My Life Around - Mike Di Scala
10. Miracle - Chris Ortega and Thomas Gold

Party time in Ibiza from dusk til dawn

HERE I am fresh off the plane from Ibiza. Well not so fresh, five clubs over four nights has left me feeling like I have been hit by a train. Hardcore ... me ... you betcha! Check out my party diary.

Thursday

We hit the tarmac at 8pm and it is off to my Ibizan home ... Pikes Hotel (home to many a debauched celebrity party and of course the setting for that famous Wham promo).

We arrive and the legend himself Mr Tony Pike is there to greet us with some sad news - he is selling up.

But at 73, the man who partied with Freddie Mercury and played host to Kylie, is still up for fun as we discover. After dinner and a glass or two of sangria we set off for Cream at Amnesia.

We arrive around 2am and the place is packed. Tocadisco is tearing up the back room ready for the arrival of tonight's star Sebastian Ingrassia. We take our places in the VIP area as the Swede hits the decks taking the roof off with punishing tribally, vocal house and crazy remixes. The man's a legend.

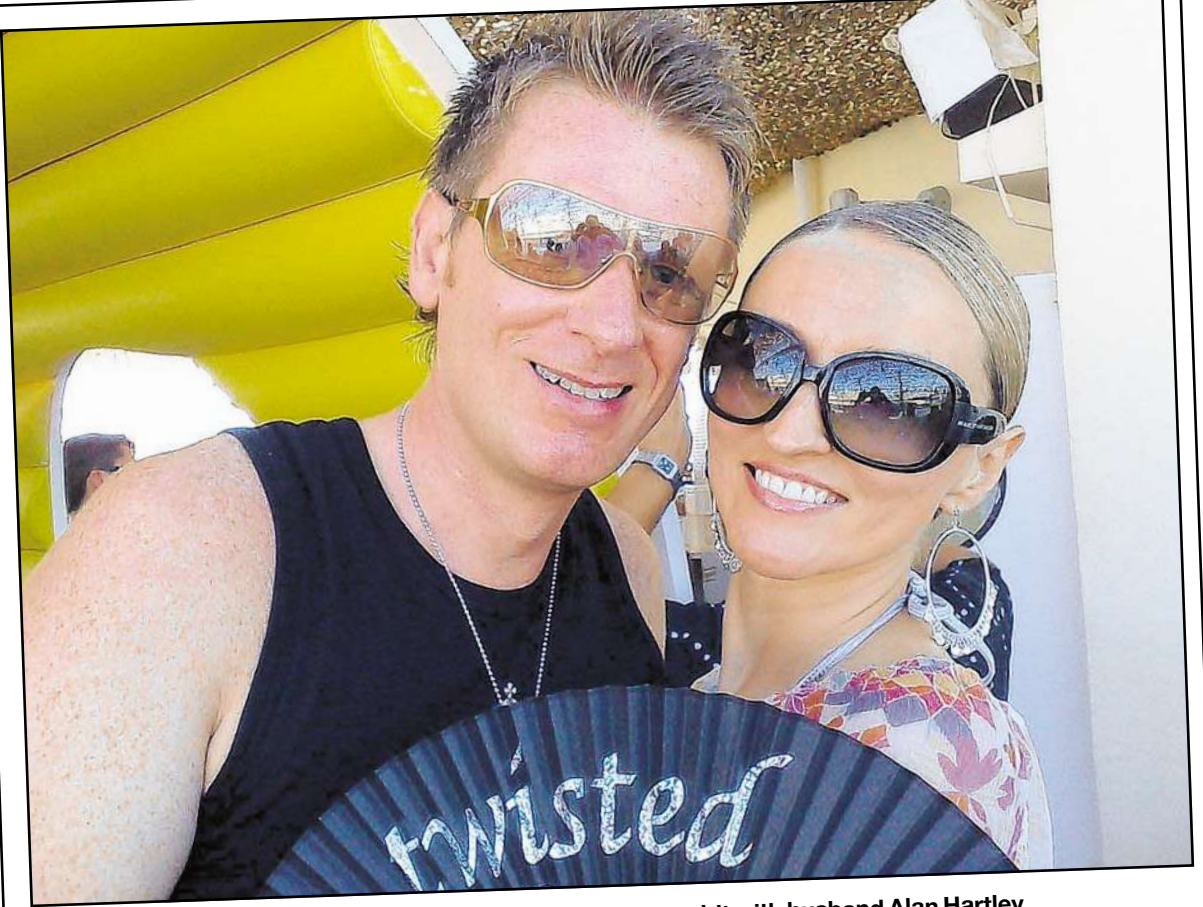
In the main room Paul Van Dyk is teasing the trance fans and we take a peep, but as 5.30am approaches we decide on an early night.

Friday

After chilling around the pool at Pikes, we head down to San An to catch a sunset at Mambo.

We get there to find the place all smartened up with a new walkway and everything. After a quick change of clothes we head over to the infamous Rock Bar in Ibiza Town for a warm-up drink or two with Tony Pike. There we meet Lee Garret and Michael Ryan, who run Miss Moneypenny's at the uber-swish El Divino, our destination for this evening, and catch the boat with them.

The glamorous people are out in force at Miss Moneypenny's gyrating to the sounds of DJs like K Klass. Out on the terrace, the presence of Tony Pike secures us an invite into the VIP area from El Divino's owner. Normally this costs upwards of 300 Euros! Then he proceeds to open a bottle of vintage Dom Perignon Rose for us. Wow!



SUMMER SOUNDS: Emma Johnson gets in the Ibiza party spirit with husband Alan Hartley

Saturday

No clubs tonight, instead we book our favourite restaurant, the Moroccan El Ayoun, only to discover it is closed for refurbishment. Disappointment is not the word. Instead we eat at the hotel before nipping to Ibiza town for a couple of hours. Turn in early at 4am!

Sunday

Only one place to go in Ibiza on a Sunday and that is the 22-hour marathon that is We Love Sundays at Space.

We head over to Playa d'en Bossa around 4.30pm for the afternoon shift to find the place absolutely packed out.

Dancing on the terrace a guy taps me on the shoulder and asks: "Are you

Emma from the Liverpool Echo?"

Moments later the girl dancing to my right whips off her sunglasses and I realise she is one of my neighbours! Only in Space.

The atmosphere is buzzing but unfortunately the same can't be said for the music.

After a few minutes with Ibiza DJ legend Alfredo - who now has his own room at Space - we head back to the hotel around 11.30pm and drink by the pool until the early hours.

Monday

Can't believe it's our last day - but it's probably a good job as I can't keep up this pace.

Don't wake up until after lunch and

hide under an umbrella all day - can't risk strapmarks for tonight's ultra-glam affair Roger Sanchez's Release Yourself at Pacha.

Following an early dinner at Kasbah with Leeds DJ/promoter Rob Tissiera, we rock up to Pacha around two to find the place swinging.

Roger hits the decks at 3am to rapturous applause and cranks the music up a gear. For the next four hours it is non-stop big bouncy, vocal house with New Jersey's sexiest urging us to party the night away.

Sanchez drops Depeche Mode's Enjoy the Silence and the whole club sings along. We finally leave around 7am with Todd Terry's anthem Missing ringing in our ears. What a way to say goodbye to Ibiza.

Turn back the clock for Club 051

ARE you still 051 enough?

If you think you are then there is only one place to be this weekend and that is at Mount Pleasant for the most talked about club reunion in years.

Yes, more than two years after closing its doors for the final time, Club 051 has got all the old gang back

together to relive Liverpool's most notorious party.

Tomorrow night at Sunrise, the home address of Club 051, you can catch all your old favourites including DJs Pez Telle, Li'l John, Mark Simon, Lee Butler and Dave Graham. But that's not all, Miss

Alison Limerick will be on stage performing the ultimate club anthem of all time Where Love Lives while Scouse favourites Rezonance Q bring you their smash hit Someday.

Expect fun, craziness, fire eaters, grinders, stiltwalkers and more for this blast from the past.

This is a strictly over 21s event for those who remember the good old days and as it is a pay on the door party, you'll have to get there early to avoid disappointment. Doors open from 10pm-6am.

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BACK AGAIN: DJs (from left) Lee Butler, Mark Simon, Li'l John and Pez Telle.