



# Utterly FABULOUS TRANCHESTER



My boyfriend David and I have just booked our spring holiday - a 17-day drive around Europe centred on Vienna and Prague in May and June. It will be our fourth trip abroad together, and despite my initial trepidation, I

have never yet encountered the slightest problem or had a single negative comment cast in my direction.

## PASSPORT TO HAPPINESS By Donna

Although people tell me I am quite convincing (blush blush), I am not vain enough to delude myself that no one susses me out as being TG. But either nobody gives a damn, or they are too wound up in their own business to notice this particular 'woman with a difference'.

The only point where they definitely DO know is at passport control, since my passport remains in my male name and contains a picture of what looks like a shaven-headed thug.

I still remember so vividly my first experience of travelling abroad - my trip with David to Amsterdam just before Christmas 2001. The young man sitting at the Easyjet check-in desk in Liverpool took my passport, looked at the page bearing my photo, and handed it back to me.

"Sorry madam, I need YOUR passport," he said. "Uhhh, but this IS my passport," I replied, handing it back to him and casting a nervous glance at David, who had already checked his luggage through.

The young man looked up at the neatly made-up woman in the check jacket, polo neck and black skirt, then down at the undesirable yob on the passport photo. Finally, it dawned on him. "Oh, umm, do you mind if I just check with a colleague?"

As if I wasn't nervous enough after having to doll myself up to check in at Liverpool Airport at 8am. Now I had visions of a policeman frog-marching me away, watched by several hundred other, until-now, blissfully ignorant travellers, shouting: "Now come along with me please, SIR!"

In the event, a young lady came over, had my passport thrust into her hand, looked at it, smiled at me and said to Master Nervous: "That's fine, no problem."

These days I make a habit of inserting one of my visiting cards inside my passport, complete with my female picture. This year I have an additional 'weapon' - namely a legitimisation letter from Dr Russell Reid.

**LAST LINE** - Rumour has it someone is thinking of opening a clandestine northern version of the WayOut Club. It's going to be called the ... 'Say Owt Club'.

# Utterly FABULOUS REVIEW - The Thai Princess By Jodie Lynn



The Philbeach Hotel in London's Earls Court recently relaunched their restaurant as The Thai Princess. Some may remember that 14 years ago the restaurant served Thai before a change to French. Now Sammy and Jade, meet and greet their clientele Monday to Saturday serving traditional Thai food once again.

The Wayout Club's Miss Sarah Lloyd and I set out to sample this NEW Thai experience for Utterly FABULOUS. We decided to go on a Monday night, as this is "Lipstick", the hotel's special tranny night where many TG girls socialise in the basement bar. Upon arriving we found that the restaurant was heaving with people and it was very buzzy and lively.

Sammy, a beautiful Thai transsexual, gave us a basket of spicy crackers to nibble on and a menu to read.

Once seated we were presented with the wine menu, by Jade, also a gorgeous Thai transsexual who gave us excellent advice on their extensive wine and drinks list including specially imported Thai beers. Prices ranged from £10 for still wines and £25 for sparkling. Unfortunately, I was driving and the lovely Miss Lloyd is a non-drinker (silly girl!!), but others in the restaurant assured us that the quality of wine is always excellent at the Thai Princess.

The food menu is amazingly varied to say the least and NOTHING was 'off' the menu, which is always an excellent sign. I decided to start with the "Poa Pia" Thai baby spring rolls on a bed of lettuce served with a sweet plum dip. Miss Lloyd decided to go for the "Tom Yam" - Thai spicy soup served with either prawn, chicken or vegetables. Sarah chose the prawn variety. Jade told us that the most popular starter dish was her very own recipe of spicy sausages, aptly named "One night in Chang Mai" (as this is where she is from). These are quite a dry type of sausage, which comes with a sweet chilli dip and a bed of lettuce. The other favourite is the "Wing of Love" - Chicken wings with glass noodles and chestnuts. Starters range from £3 to £6.

Within minutes, our starter was served onto hot plates (another good sign) and the presentation was immaculate. I noticed that every drink and every dish is served with a beautiful pink, edible orchid, Sarah ate her orchid and said it tasted like sweet cabbage with a very fresh taste. My baby spring rolls were lovely, and the sweet plum dip was to die for. The lettuce was very crisp and fresh too. Sarah said that her soup was very tasty. The size of the portions was just enough to leave you wanting more without filling you up too much.

Maybe 10 minutes passed and our main course dishes were gracefully delivered to our table. We opted for "Phad Ka - Holy Basil", aromatic stir-fried fresh chillies, garlic, green beans, onions and holy basil leaves. You can have this dish with chicken, pork, beef or lamb or with prawns or duck. We opted for pork.

We also chose the "Phad Prieu Wahn" - Thai style sweet and sour. Pineapple, cucumber, fresh tomato and onion served either with prawns with chicken. We chose the chicken. We also decided on the "Khoa Phad Kai" - Simple stir-fried rice and eggs with special soya sauce. The stir-fried pork with chillies was VERY spicy but very tasty. The presentation was again excellent and everything arrives with an orchid placed somewhere on it. The sweet and sour chicken was amazing. The presence of peppers and pineapple etc was just right and the sauce was thick and incredibly delicious. The rice was light and fluffy and not too much egg mixed with it.

Jade explained that she had her own restaurant in Chang Mai - Thailand, and had also worked for many years in a famous Thai restaurant in London. The sheer variety of dishes in this very impressive menu is down to her adoption of various recipes and styles. "Ped Sawarn" - Paradise Duck, Jade told us was one such recipe that she had brought to the Thai Princess. The dish consists of stewed duck breast with seven herbs combined with pineapple on top with a special honey and Tamarind sauce. Main dishes range from £4 to £8.

Desserts are just as gorgeous as the rest of the extensive menu. The "Mother of Pearl" - Quick deep-fried ice cream wrapped with pancake and coated in coconut flakes on fire with Sumbuca liqueur was to die for. The "Slow boat to Chang Mai"- Chunks of banana poached in sweet coconut milk and pandanus leaves looked very tempting and was clearly a dish close to Jade's heart, but we had to leave that dish for another visit as we were so full. Desserts range from £3 to £5. Simple dishes such as vanilla ice cream or mango sorbet are also available.

Miss Sarah Lloyd and I enjoyed our evening at the Thai Princess immensely. The atmosphere was lively and interesting with a great mix of TV, TS, gay and straight (there was even a family having a birthday party). The food was flawless, immaculately presented and served piping hot. The size of the portions are generous, the hostesses were wonderful and the prices very attractive. We would strongly recommend a visit on either a Mondays or Friday, (their busiest nights) so try to book on one of these nights for that bit of extra atmosphere.

**The Thai Princess at The Philbeach Hotel, Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court London. Monday to Saturday 6pm to 11pm Contact: Jade or Sammy Tel: 020 7373 9046 or 07932 624 446 or 0207 373 1244**



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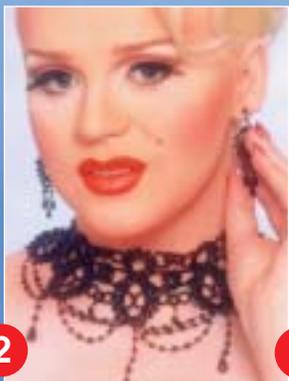
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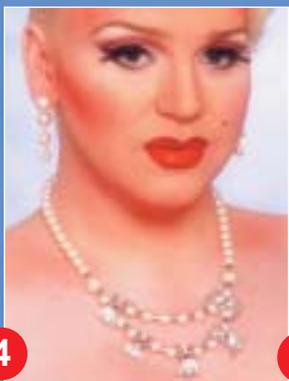
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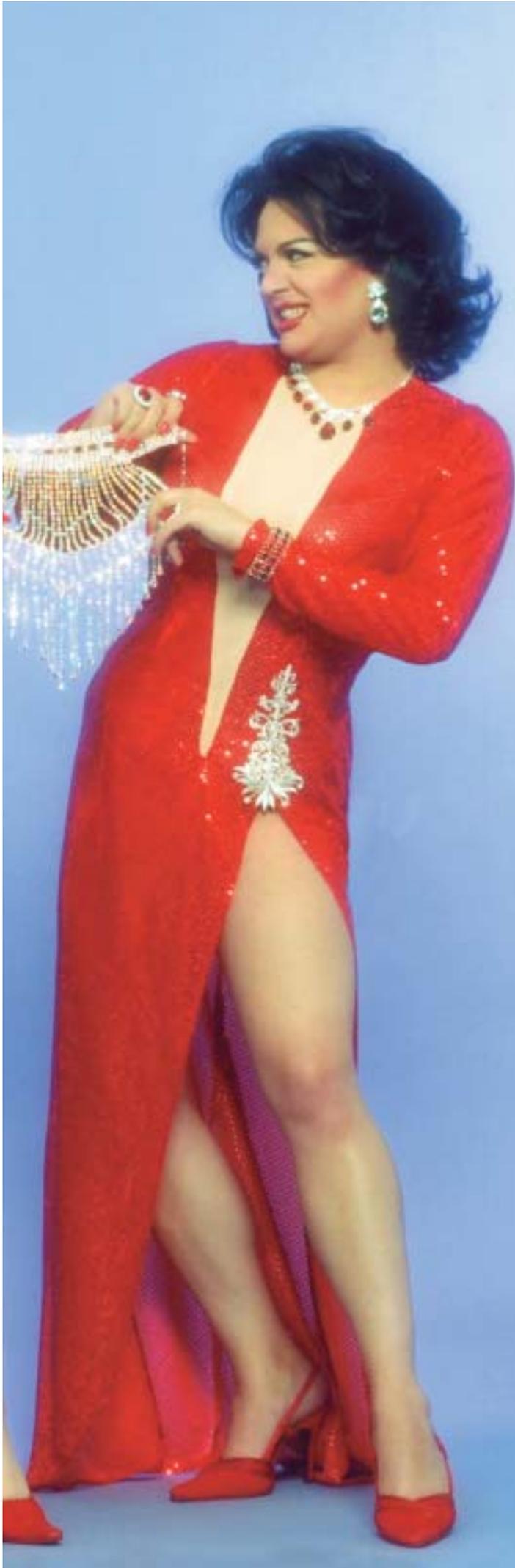
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# By Pandora De Pledge



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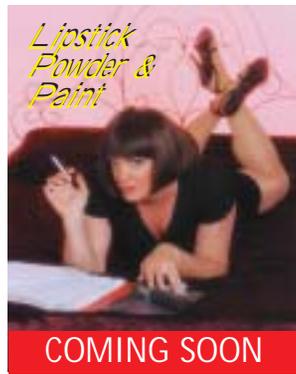


Utterly **FABULOUS** FILM PROJECT

Just thought I'd drop you all a line to let you know how things are going with the film.

First off, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, encouragement and support over the past several months.

You have kept me going through what have been possibly the toughest times I have had to face in my professional career.



COMING SOON

**LIPSTICK POWDER & PAINT UPDATE**

By Jay Wheddon

Over the past year, the production has faced near-collapse on three separate occasions due to problems with finance. At one point we found out that some of our funding was being supplied by a foreign crime consortium looking for a convenient laundering outlet!! I could write a new script based on that story alone!

And then we've had to deal with all sorts of casting and crew problems: availability, costs, that sort of thing. And then there was the near-collapse of the British film industry itself thanks to the chancellor changing the tax and investment laws. This calamity saw the demise of such rock-steady institutions like 'Film Four', 'Winchester Films' ... Believe me, the list is endless.

But "Lippy" survived and now we're back! And we've finally got our finance deals in place. A top cast that includes three Oscar winners, all signed up! And watch this space for news about our very special leading lady! (Can't fill you in yet 'cos the final contracts are still being sorted out by the lawyers).

The plan is that we start filming this summer and, as some of you know, that's a year later than we had originally planned. But we've put that extra year to good use. We've got better sets, a better script (if I do say so myself) and, most important of all, more money!

Those of you who applied to be extras last year, rest assured that we still have your details and will be contacting you in due course. Those of you that would like to be considered as extras in the WayOut Club scene which will be filmed on a special set in Pinewood Studios please email a picture and your contact details to Vicky Lee and she will pass them to me.

On a personal note I'd like to thank Vicky, Steffan and Pandora for all their patience, help and support over the past year. And to all of you, thank you. I hope the end product is worthy of your faith. All my love to you all.

Jay

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