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Coming Up In December

Wed CODA, Lunatix, ChainSka Brassika 19th Brixton Jamms For Africa!

- Fri ALAN vs Jungle Syndicate
- 21st DJ Switch, More Like Trees, Equinox, Andy Skopes

Sat Jungle Splash Presents... 22nd Digital Niya Binghi, Nicky Blackmarket, Ragga Twins Wed Congo Natty, Tenor Fly, Reggae Roast 26th Bass Heaven

- Fri Pete Doherty Live 28th Xmas Acoustic Show
- Tues Kerfuffle All-Dayer
- 1st New Years Day Party 2pm 2am

For more info & tickets www.brixtonjamm.org Brixton Jamm 261 Brixton Road SW9 6LH Just announced... NGE Outlaw! Alabama 3 Full Band Live Set + plenty of Outlaw shenanigans



Photo: Clock tower of The Railway Hotel/Brady's pub, Atlantic Rd.

Happy Christmas and welcome to the first edition of a new, independent listings magazine for Brixton...

More 'pop down the pub' than 'pop-up vintage lifestyle,' we're looking to provide accurate and comprehensive coverage of Brixton events, while doing our best to promote the places that are often ignored elsewhere.

BrixtonBuzz was spawned from the non-profit Brixton community site, urban75.com, and we've been providing local listings online for over a year now. With web traffic growing fast, we decided to try out a pocket-sized print version.

Printing 2,500 copies is a pricey business and as the magazine is entirely self-financed, we originally feared that rustling up the cash would prove a formidable task. Happily, thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of local businesses, a quick stroll up Coldharbour Lane on a wet Tuesday night saw us managing to sell all the advertising space we needed to make this issue viable.

Buoyed by such a positive reaction, we're hoping to start producing an extended monthly magazine from Feb 2013, and include features on local history, gigs and club nights, independent businesses, grassroots campaigns and all the things that make Brixton such a great place to live.

If you'd like to contribute to future issues, please get in touch. We're also keen to keep this local and avoid getting involved with corporate sponsors, so if you'd like to support this venture by advertising with us, please drop us a line.

We'd love to hear what you think about our new mag, so please contact us with your ideas, criticism and feedback.

Dear Santa, All I want this Christmas is to be happy and be entertained. Some lovely burlesque dancers would be nice, with a bit of magic and funny stuff will be wicked. And then I'd really like to have a festive sing-song with all my friends drinking some cool cocktails please. And if you can please get me a ticket for New Years Eve to have a Glam night of live music and burlesque and fun and I'd be well chuffed.

Yours sin-freely,

Steve Caged 3th

Saturday 15th Cake Club Cabaret presents...Cameltoe & Wine Thursday 20th Knees-Up Mother Brown Christmas Special New Years Eve Whiskey Rittens Rock 'n ' Roll Party FREE Rittens Rock 'n ' Roll Party

www.kaff-bar.co.uk



Photo: The happiest post box in Brixton, Coldharbour Lane/Somerleyton Road

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Got something to say about Brixton? Join our discussion boards and get involved!

Our sister site, urban75, has the busiest Brixton forum in the known universe, with an active and passionate community. With over 200,000 posts about Brixton, the discussions cover local news and rumours, local politics, help and advice and, of course, much raging debate about the continuing gentrification of Brixton.

If you want to be the first with the news about Brixton, this is the place to look!: u75.org/Brixton

BrixtonBuzz is created in Brixton by Rich & Mike. No animals were harmed in the making of this magazine, but many beers were slaughtered. Magazine layout and design by Emerald & Mike. All original photos © urban75. A hearty thanks goes out to all the venues who were so quick to commit to advertising with us and making this possible, and even bigger thanks to Emerald for the production of the magazine. We hope to be back with a bigger and shinier BrixtonBuzz magazine in February 2013, but here's to great Christmas and a wild new year.



Best of Brixton

Pubs:

Prince Albert, Coldharbour Lane.

Lively, friendly, mixed and often pleasingly random, like every proper boozer should be. **Also:** Duke of Edinburgh, Effra, Grosvenor, Beehive, Crown & Anchor, Hand In Hand.

Live music venue:

Windmill, Blenheim Gardens.

Consistently brilliant, down to earth pub venue with an endless supply of fabulously variable acts. Also: Hootanany, Grosvenor, Academy, Effra Tavern.

Club:

JAMM, Brixton Road.

It can be hit and miss but when it's good, it's very good and well worth the walk up Brixton Road **Also:** Plan B, Dogstar, Electric Social.

Photo: The Brixton Evangelist outside Brixton tube station, 2000

Cafe:

Phoenix, Coldharbour Lane.

If this place closes, Brixton truly is finished. Also: Kaff, The Lounge, Cafe Sitifis.

Late, late venue:

Club 414, Coldharbour Lane

Apparently open forever on weekends, it's the place to be for the late party crew. Also: Brixton Bar & Grill, Queen's Head.

Most missed:

Cooltan Arts squat, Coldharbour Lane

Now home to the hideous Brixton Square, Cooltan was once the beating heart of Brixton's anarchoprotest-art scene — and their parties were the stuff of legend!

Also: Bradys of Atlantic Rd, George IV, The Queen, Hamilton Arms.

Honourable mentions:

Khans curry house, Brixton Station Road street markets, A&C Deli, Nour cash & carry, the Electric Avenue fruit & veg stalls, and Federation Coffee in the Villaaaaaage.

Local Heroes

Brixton-based contemporary skifflers The Severed Limb have been wowing the crowds across London – and they've already played the Albert Hall! Here's some highlights from their BrixtonBuzz interview:

Your favourite Brixton gig...

Charlie (percussion): The Effra on a Thursday is always good for a fix of top quality Jamaican ska flavoured jazz. We're really lucky to be able to see such brilliant and illustrious musicians on our doorstep for free. Of course in the Academy, we have the best live music venue in London for bigger bands. I saw Radiohead supporting James which was a great example of headliners being upstaged by their support. Seeing Kraftwerk live was fantastic and has to be the highlight. **Bobby (vocals and guitar):** I always enjoy the Offline gigs at the Dogstar and Albert. But yeah, the Effra is incredible for the live Jamaican Jazz. Way better than any Jazz club I've ever been to.

Your favourite Brixton musician, band or song...

Bobby: Linton Kwesi Johnson. Or Diz and the Doormen. **Charlie:** I'm a big Bowie fan so it's nice to claim him for Brixton. Brixton has a disproportionately rich musical heritage and there are exciting current bands as well. Errol Linton plays brilliant blues harp and combines Chicago blues with reggae. Melodica, Melody and Me play beautiful dub tinged folk songs. And Alabama 3 are still ploughing that glorious techno/country/hip hop furrow. You can hear in these bands' music that they're products of Brixton. **Bobby:** The best song is Guns of Brixton though, obviously!

Your favourite place to drink in Brixton...

Charlie: Ha! There are loads! I'll stick to pubs. Prince Albert. Cheap drinks. Real Brixton. Good live music at the Offline nights. Duke of Edinburgh. Great big garden. Pool table. Creative management (free pasta Mondays, computer games, silent discos etc). The Queens Head. Den of iniquity. Real Brixton. Live music. The Marquis of Lorne. Quiet old man pub. Pool table. The Effra. Jamaican pub. Free live jazz. Ginger beer on tap. The Railway Tavern (Tulse Hill but what other blog will they get in?).

Your listening suggestions for Brixton...

Charlie: The thing about Brixton is you can hear areat live music every night, often for free. Keep going to The Windmill, Hootananny, Mango Landin', The Grosvenor, Upstairs at the Ritzy, The Effra, The Railway and all the other venues in and around Brixton and you're bound to unearth some gems. Bobby: It's almost like the European capital of reagae. It's brilliant how you can walk through the market and hear roots stuff. We're very lucky. I know people who come from France who love Jamaican music and culture and they just love Brixton, because not every country has somewhere like that. Charlie: The recent gentrification of Brixton is not responsible for Brixton's creativity. It's nice to be able get a decent coffee or a tasty crepe, but Brixton was a thriving creative hub long before Brixton Village. I worry that the amazing people who made Brixton the unique and vibrant place it is are being priced out of the area

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FRI 14TH DECEMBER

Orbital at O2 Academy Brixton: Electro/Dance

7pm – 11pm. £33. Torch-headed electro-dance titans Orbital from the mighty Sevenoaks get ready to illuminate the Academy with their Everready-powered noggins. Expect satanic classics from yesteryear and a new set of expansive explorations to make your weekend go a little bit 'Wonky'. We're hoping for some inflatable Daleks too. With Santa sacks.

Choice Cuts at The Dogstar: Brixton dance party

9pm – 4am. Free before 10pm, £5 after. A Friday night mash-up of the best 80s, 90s, Electro, Indie, Hip Hop, Pop & Party Rock with the Choice Cuts DJs & friends!

Club 414 presents Smash Techno: Acid Techno

11pm-7am, £5 b41am £10 after. Dj's Mobile Dog wash, Proton, Acid Steve, Birinight, Artur.

Friday Christmas Market, Brixton Station Road

10am – 5pm. Free. Buy some unique and original Christmas presents at this community-run street market. More: brixtonmarket.net

Grand & Gorgeous at Grand Union: Funky House & Disco 8pm –1am. Free.

★ The Lost Cavalry at Offline Club, Prince Albert

Fri 14th Dec. 9pm – 2.30am. Free all night. Formed by vocalist Mark West, ex-guitarist of Fanfarlo, The Lost Cavalry serve up beautifully textured, finely crafted tales of adventure and hope. The soundman is kept busy as the band work their way through a vast array of acoustic and electronic instruments to produce a wonderfully eclectic sound. "An instant delight... a beguiling set of crafted alternative indie folk tunes ...their songs are uncluttered gems" said one besotted reviewer. Time Out described them as "Smiths and early Travis-like guitar pop" and that sounds mighty fine to us. As ever, there'll be a cask of ale-spilling Offline DJs on hand to keep the party going all night with ska, new wave, 80s pop and big party tunes on the decks.



Christmas Party at The Grosvenor: House

9pm – 2:30am. £3. Slip on some festive baubles and get shimmying to DJs Photomachine, Mojo Filter, David Agrella, Mark James and Sean Gleeson.

The Official Orbital After-Party at Jamm: House, Techno, Electro, Breaks

9pm - 5am. f10 adv.Following the Orbital gig at Brixton's O2 Academy, Jamm will be hosting an after-show party with a headline DJ set from one of the band members, Phil Hartnoll. Having played at the venue on previous occasions, we know this is going to be a massive night with a rocking dancefloor, so make sure you don't miss out.

Earth To Middle Earth with Perhaps Contraption & Goodbye Leopold live Upstairs at The Ritzy: Alternative/ Experimental

8:30pm. Free.

To celebrate Peter Jackson's return to the magical World of Middle Earth (in the form of The Hobbit), Upstairs at The Ritzy wants to mess up your mind with two reality-warping bands. The twisted brass-parping Perhaps Contraption are an art punk marching band with choral harmonies, horns and a 'relentlessly pulsing, mutantpram-kit at the core.' Err. OK. Goodbye Leopold sound equally bonkers, blending three ethereal voices with choreography and a 'holistic approach' that pledges to deliver music that stimulates all the senses while creating transportive atmospheres, whatever the chuffing heck they are. Apparently experimenting 'with the extremities of the human voice' expect much improvisation, abstract sounds and techniques. We haven't much idea what any of that means to be honest, but it's probably a lot more fun than a warm pint of Arnold's Old Scrotum in Ye Olde Stab & Punch.

The Big Council Xmas Party at Veranda: R&B, Soul, Reggae, House and more

 $9pm - late. \pm 5 adv, \pm 10 on the door.$ An evening of comedy from Felix Dexter plus fun & games with Kat B, with an afterparty. Last year was massive, book tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Winter Warmer III at The Windmill: Indie, indie and more indie

8pm — late. £4 or £3 in a Christmas Jumper.

The Windmill's annual Christmas shindig returns for a third year in collaboration with those fantastic chaps at Musical Mathematics zine. Expect curious bands, danceable DJs and one very epic festive finale. Line-up: Quadrilles, Waking Aida, now i see bees i won, Leyaks & Musical Maths DJ Set.

Club night at the White Horse 9 - 3am. Free.

DJs playing funk, hip hop, breaks, some house and all that kind of groovy shizzle.

SAT 15[™] DECEMBER

Orbital at O2 Academy Brixton: Electro/Dance

7pm – 11pm. £33 Second Brixton Academy gig for the torch-touting electro-tweakers.

Audiosushi at The Dogstar: DJ selection

9pm — 4am. Free before 10pm, £5 after. One of Brixton's longest running parties with Jeffrey Disastronaut

playing a hyper party mix of dancehall, electro, rock, dubstep, jungle & indie.

Mountain of Love at the Prince Albert

10pm-2.30am. Free. Dance electro rhythms from one of Brixton's finest bands, featuring 2 of the 3 founding members of local legends Alabama 3.

Saturdays at Electric Social: Dance & Party Tunes

8pm – 2am. Free entry. Upstairs at Electric Social you'll find DJs Aaron Curtis & So Called Scumbags, while downstairs you can enjoy Stangers!

Retro & Vintage Market, Brixton Station Road

10am – 5pm. Free. Community street market with food, entertainment, hand made gifts. More: brixtonmarket.net

Submit presents SubLive with NZCA/Lines, Moscow Youth Cult & Betacivilian live at Hootananny: Electro & Dance

9pm – 3am. Free before 9 £3 after (no admission after 11pm). Submit have been making a name for themselves with nights of "innovating Bass music" (View London) at Plan B. Sister night 'SubLive' returns to Hootananny for a night of Synth-Pop & Bass-heavy beats. Headlining are electronic pop maestros NZCA/Lines who have been busy in 2012 touring the UK and Europe & releasing their debut album, 2 EPs and recent single 'Airlock'. Supporting are Loaf label mates Moscow Youth Cult whose debut album Happiness Machines came out this summer. Expect B-movie samples, analogue workouts and digital beats. Betacivilian travel down from Bath with their 'Stevie Wonder meets Justice' sound fresh off the back of releasing their debut single 'The Haunting'. Plus Submit residents: Vaider & Raymon (Totem records) with a b2b live set of Bass music to close off the night.

Fun Times at Grand Union: Funky House & Disco 8pm – 1am. £5.

The Subhumans live at The Grosvenor: Punk

7:30pm – late. £8. Spiky mohicans, vertical dancing, airborne snakebite, stripy jumpers and maximum moshing ahoy



★ Retrospectacular 1987 at The Windmill: Bands performs songs from 1987. Sat 15th Dec. 4:30pm – 11pm. £6. A rotating cast of superdudes will take on Pixies, Dinosaur Jr, REM, The Replacements, Guided By Voices & more. Expect special quest appearances from Manchester's Beat The Radar (Sonic Youth) and Songs For Walter (Husker Du), and local hero Dexy (The Smiths). There's live karaoke, featuring songs from Michael Jackson's BAD, and other massive 1987 hits. Here YOU are the singer. If you want to sing a Jackson hit, or maybe tunes by Whitney Houston, George Michael, Bon Jovi, Belinda Carlisle, Chris DeBurgh, Rick Astley, T'Pau etc. contact joinmyfreakinband@ hotmail.co.uk. Bands from 5ish - 11ish, then JOPHIE DJs (Trouble At 'Mill / Zonino) will tear up the dancefloor with indie/ rock/pop/rap smashes from the late 80s until the early hours.

with Hagar the Womb, Antidotum (Poland) and more eardrumtroubling sonic ruffians.

Supatronix Christmas Breakbeat Reunion Party at Jamm: Breaks, Beats and Bass

10pm — 6am £10 early bird. £12 Adv. £15 on the door.

You will certainly find some Xmas spirit at Supatronix HQ with a breaks line up that will not be bettered anywhere! Stanton Warriors, Rennie Pilgrem, Freestylers and a load more talented artists are bought together, with room 1 hosted by Deekline's Hot Cakes (an afterparty to their Xmas boat party during the day) and room 2 hosted by NuSkoolbreaks.co.uk.

Cake Club Cabaret presents Cameltoe & Wine at Kaff: Cake, Cabaret & Burlesque

8pm — 2am. Free.

A one off event in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. We'll be asking for donations and creating some special cocktails with proceeds going towards the charity. Santa's favourite tea lady and our darling of the Golden-pie, Tina Turner Tea Lady will be hosting while the delectable Lady Cave. Diamond Dahlia from Oz, shows us her down-unders. There's a sprinkling of Mixtures from the delightful Dolly Rose; and one for the ladies. 'Dave the Bear.' There's comedy and magic from, 'I'm no Debbie McGhee', Miss Delores Deluxe and the hilarious, Jayde Adams to tittle ye up. There's also Jaz Delorean on the piano and the Yule Time Log himself, DJ Lord 'S'Ant'a' B! Cake Club isn't just about the cabaret it's also about your cake. so get baking and you could win our coveted 'King of Cakes / Queen of Tarts' award!

Delfina with Simon Baker (2020 Vision) Spencer Parker (Rekids/TSUBA/Ovum) at Plan B (Main Room): House & Techno

9pm – 4am. £12. DJs, partners in crime and all round troublemakers, Ben and Oscar, have teamed up to create a fresh and exciting music-centric venture with guest acts including Simon Baker (2020 Vision) Spencer Parker (Rekids/TSUBA/Ovum) and Sam Russo (Leftroom) in the main room; and that's just for the first night!

InnerSoul with Artificial Intelligence, Technimatic, Broken Drum & Duoscience at Plan B (Basement): Drum & Bass

9pm — 4am. £10 before midnight, £12 after.

Innersoul continue their unstoppable D&B voyage with this killer line up for December in Brixton.

Toast with the Young Professionals Upstairs at The Ritzy: 70's dub reggae, rocksteady, ska and dancehall *8pm. Free*.

The new monthly Sunday night hops to a Saturday for a special Christmas party night & tribute to the Jamaican DJ innovation of MC Toasting. Expect the finest in 70's dub reggae, rocksteady, ska and dancehall instrumentals on vinyl, brought to you by the Young Professionals.

Mixology at Veranda: R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae, Bashment, Soca, Pop, Jungle, Afro Beats, Old Skool 80s Soul, 90s

8pm – late. Free before 11, £5 after 11, £8 after 12. DJs: Residents Phat Kontrollaz and invited guests.

Club night at the White Horse 9-3am. Free.

DJs playing disco, funk, hip hop, big beat and more booty-activating dance tunes.

SUN 16TH DECEMBER

The xx at O2 Academy Brixton: Indie 7pm – 11pm. Sold Out. Following the release of their

★ Rootmaster with Lokandes live at Hootananny: Alternative

Andean Sun 16th Dec. 8pm - 12am. Free entry. Lokandes aims to bring its audiences original music with socially conscious lyrics, at the same time bringing awareness to Latin-American cultures. Lokandes is the combination of two words: "Crazy" and "Andes" which represents the intention of their music-crazy music from the Andes. This project was started by Karlos Saldaña and Alx Alfaro and aims to create Alternative music with roots from traditional Andean music.



second album 'Coexist', the ultra-trendy (and very talented) xx bring their infectious brand of understated indie groovin' to O2 Academy Brixton.

Christingle carol concert at Myatt's Fields Park

2pm-6pm, singing from 5pm. Free. Local traders selling craft goods, with Southwark Concert Band leading a programme of traditional carol singing. The Little Cat Cafe will be open and serving mulled wine and Christmas treats. Lovely.

Clothing & Food Collection for The Homeless on Windrush Square: Charity Collection, Mulled Wine & Carols

11am — 6pm. Free: Donations needed Please show some of that lovely Christmas spirit and bring any unwanted (warm) clothes and food to the Ritzy this Sunday, for us to give to The Norwood & Brixton Foodbank who will distribute them where they are needed most in the area. They'll start hoarding vour goodies outside the Ritzy on Windrush Square at 11am and will be there until about 6pm. There will also be Carols on the square around 1pm and a supply of Mulled Wine on hand - so come get warmed up for Christmas and give a little back if vou can.

Soul House Upstairs at The Ritzy: Soul, Rap & Open Mic Night

8.30pm – Midnight. Entry £7. Chyna Productions & Soul Liberation Funk present south London's hottest live music, showcase & open mic event. Soul Liberation Funk (formerly of UK Soul Jam @ Jazz Cafe & UK Soul Lounge) will be providing the soulful live music, our featured acts & open mic will do the rest welcoming singers/ rappers/ poets/ comedians/ dancers.

Sunbeats at Veranda: Brazilian, African & Latin Funky House, Jazz and Broken Beat, Independent Soul

4pm — midnight. Free entry. DJs: Danny Tammuz, Rashan K, CLK, DJ Silk.

Windmill Xmas Party at The Windmill

Please check the Windmill's website for details – windmillbrixton.co.uk.

MON 17TH DECEMBER

Learn to Swing Dance at Electric Social: Swing Dance Classes ★ Xfm Winter Wonderland with Editors, The Courteeners, The Temper Trap, Lucy Rose and Theme Park at O2 Academy Brixton: Indie Mon 17th Dec 6pm – 11pm. £25. Xfm Winter Wonderland returns to Brixton with an all-star UK indie line-up including Editors, The Courteeners, The Temper Trap plus rapidly rising indie stars Lucy Rose and Theme Park for this annual festive celebration by the rockin' radio station for London. Xfm will make a minimum donation of £10,000 to War Child.



7pm — 10pm. £6.

Learn to Lindyhop, Jitterbug & Hand Jive with Swing Land at Electric Social. Beginners start at 7:30pm with Improvers at 8:30pm

Spark London Story-Telling Open Mic Night Upstairs at The Ritzy

7:30pm – 11pm. Free. Britain's first true story-telling club Spark London are taking London and the national press by storm. It works in open-mic form, with the madefor-listening tones of host, Mathy. Stories must be true, first person accounts about 5 minutes long and connected to a theme. For more details go to www.sparklondon.com.

Folk Lore at The Windmill

7:30pm – 11pm. One of London's best new cutting edge folk nights; bands tbc. Please check the Windmill's website for details of the full freaking fluffy folkiness on offer.

TUE 18[™] DECEMBER

The Prodigy at O2 Academy Brixton: Dance

8pm – 11pm. £45 After notching up over 25 million record sales and selling out venues across the world, snarling Gods of Synth Punk & Rave Rock, The Prodigy are back in Brixton. Expect an explosive performance of skull crushing anthems from their incredible back catalogue and maybe some new tracks fresh from the studio.

Quiz at The Grosvenor

8:30pm – 10pm. £1 per person. With a different quiz master every week, anything could happen. Starts at 8:30 with team formations, questions get asked from 9pm.

Biarritz Music & Teen Creeps Present Reks (First UK Show) at Jamm: Hip Hop

8pm – 11pm. £8 adv, more on door. Boston rapper Reks makes the trip to the capital for his first ever UK show. Currently riding the wave of critical acclaim from all corners of the hip hop world for his breathless flow and style, this is a massive and unique opportunity to see a lyricist of some class perform on UK shores Et our south London doorstep.

You're Gonna Need A Bigger Boat- Film Quiz Upstairs at The Ritzy

7:30pm start. £3.50 per person. The movie quiz like no other rounds the year off with a Review Of The Year Quiz, so Avengers Assemble, get out of your Cabin in the Woods and join their Moonrise Kingdom. 21 Jump Street into your Holy Motors and get Taken 2 the Attic before the Skyfalls. Be Brave and test your Total Recall of movies from the year gone by.

The Windmill – live bands.

Please check the Windmill's website for more info: windmillbrixton.co.uk.

WED 19[™] DECEMBER

The Prodigy at O2 Academy Brixton: Dance

8pm – 11pm. £45. More firestarting for the jilted generation.

Open Mic Night at Electric Social

9pm – midnight. Free. Electric Social throw the spotlight on anyone who fancies sharing their musical talent with a fun & friendly crowd.

Hootananny All Star Jamboree - Open Jam Night

8:30 — midnight. Free. A live jam session open to all musicians and vocalists, exploring innovative musical fusions & energies with house band Kaleidoscope & DJ Snuff. Hosted by the vocal pugilist & spoken word guru DAVID J. Sign up to jam on the night!

Brixton Jamms for Africa at JAMM: Reggae, Ska & Dubstep

7.30pm – late. £5. 18+. A fundraising charity night of live Reggae, Ska & Dubstep night featuring CODA, Chainska Brasska & Lunatrix plus DJ sets (proceeds go directly to VSO).

Christmas Party at Seven at Brixton

6pm – 11pm, Free, Seven at Brixton will send the word to their regular Twitter friends and throw a party as an opportunity to say thank you and merry Christmas to all of their quests. They'll be celebrating with special cocktails. cava on arrival and mulled cider. The week leading up to Christmas Eve will also see their 7 days of Christmas, in which they'll give out a festive freebie each day: Monday 17th - Pan de Cadiz Tuesday 18th - Mulled cider Wednesday 19th - Cava Thursday 20th - Chorizo & Chestnut Soup Friday 21st - Hot Chocolate with marshmallows Saturday 22nd - Mince Pies Sunday 23rd - Candy Canes

Shepherd's Delight with Leonie Evans & guests Upstairs at The Ritzy: Acoustic & Folk

8pm – 11pm. Free . Stepping up to replace usual ringmaster Adam Beattie, this intimate night of incredible music will be hosted by Leonie Evans. Joining her will be The Owl Dolls (Righnach Connolly) & other guests.

Jam Karaoke at Veranda

7pm – 11pm. Free. If you think you have the X Factor, come and try! It's all about fun. Free cocktail for the singer voted the best in the house!

The John Blaze Rap Jam Xmas Special with It's Nate & many, many more at The Windmill

7pm – 11pm. Free. In association with thelostworld. co.uk, Lost Boys are bringing you the third & final John Blaze Rap Jam of the year. It's a dedicated rap show for rap fans with some of the finest UK talent from across London. The night will be hosted by Mo The Comedian.

THU 20[™] DECEMBER

The Prodigy at O2 Academy Brixton: Dance

8pm – 11pm. £45. Final night of electronic dance madness in Brixton for Liam and the boys.

Battleacts in The Dogstar Ballroom: Improvised Comedy 7pm – 11pm. £5.

Finite Triphit. Ed. Each month, two teams of intrepid improvisers battle to the death proving their worth through a series of punishing impro games. The prize: their audience's respect! In the tradition of the late, great Ken Campbell, a ball-busting compere pits players against each other in no-holds-barred games that would have even Uri Geller bent out of shape; such as Big Mouth, The Sonnet Machine, Lipography, Russian Stand-up, and Die! Who will be victorious? Who will fall? This is no joke. Comedy just got nasty.

Jazzmo'thology at Club 414

8pm — 11.30pm. Free before 9pm, £7 after.

This night is one of Brixton's hidden gems, where you can find amazing live music in an intimate setting. Tonight the acts include Merle Forbes & Band (Westley Joseph, Dennis Davis,) + Helen Cox with Mark David Gray. Recommended!

Get Low at The Dogstar: Dance

7pm – 2am. Free. Crunk to Funk, Hip hop, House, Boogie to Bashment – Dubstep to Deep house and everything in

★ The Knees-Up Mother Brown Christmas Special at Kaff: Open Mic

Thu 20th Dec. 8pm midnight. Free. With Christmas just around the corner, what better way to celebrate with friends and neighbours than a good ol' singalong around the ol' Joanna! We plan to bring you more drama than a Christmas special of 'Enders with the aid of our verv own live piano player, 'The Impressive Pianist' and hostess with the mostest (earrings), back from the dead, Pearly Queen of the East End. PAT BUTCHER! You could call it the ultimate 'open mic' night with audience participation or 'old school karaoke' without the autocues. Sing our songs with everybody joining in for the choruses and wear your favourite Christmas jumper and we'll reward you with a free cocktail for your efforts. There's also special drinks offers on, so shake off your inhibitions and have some fun with other people for a change. Other musicians are welcome to turn up and join in.

between. Get Low Cartel play every Thursday at our favourite weekday Brixton venue and – blow me! – it's only ruddy well free all night. More info: getlowblog.com.

Hootananny Roots Rock Reggae special with Courage Aretha Marie–Jah & JahRevelationMuzik

9pm — 2am. Free (no admission after 11pm).

Cecil Reuben presents a Roots Rock Reggae special with Courage with lead singer Robert Sutherland (former guitar player in The Ruption, The Overdrive and Calvin Christe). Their single "Time So Hard" has been enjoying rotation on radio, especially in Ghana and the UK. Plus soulful reggae from Aretha Marie-Jah & residents JahRevelationMuzik

Big Stuff Thursdays at The Grosvenor: Punk

8pm - late. Big Stuff Promotions bring their popular night of live punk back to The Grosvenor. Get ready to hit the cider and enter the mosh pit.

Wally Funk's Sh*t Kicking Christmas Bonanza Upstairs at The Ritzy

8pm — midnight. Free. A smokin' night of rhythm & blues, whisky induced folk-rock, techno, soul & cheesy pop. The bill includes with Power/Blackened Bluesters Smokin' Benny Brown Band, plus alternative folk-pop-come-rockers Heart Kill Giant. There's also singersongwriter Blair from oop north, soulful Swedish singer-songwriter Robin Thomas Martin plus Robin, with the evening compered by Quinn Wallace.

I Like Rye live at The Windmill: Alternative Country *Times & costs tbc.* New goodtime Alt Country with support at our favourite Brixton venue.

FRI 21st DECEMBER

Soulwaxmas at O2 Academy Brixton: Dance

8pm – 3am. £27.50. Scandinavian masters of the Soulwaxin' mash-up, 2manydjs are back in Brixton causing more Christmas carnage at the Academy. Featuring a marathon mash-up of breaks, beats & boogietastic classics from 2manydjs Live, Ego Troopers, Mike Simonetti (DJ), Kindness (Live), Soulwax, Erol Alkan & Mixhell... Happy Waxmas!

Superhoot with King Punch, Mangoseed & Stax Dempsey live at Hootananny

9pm – 3am. Free before 9, £3 after (no admission after 11pm). Superhoot presents King Punch, south London's energetic 7 piece ska-punk band, and Mangoseed who fuse reggae and funk guitar riffs and rock bass with a poetic hip hop lyrical delivery. Stax Dempsey delivers the folk-rock/surf & DJ Resolute (Rude FM, Supreme Dance FM) mixes Jungle, Breakbeat, Dubstep, Funk, Soul and Hip Hop.

Friday Christmas Market, Brixton Station Road

10am – 5pm. Free. Run by the Brixton Market Traders' Association, this not-for-profit community enterprise is a great place to pick up unique and original Christmas presents. More info: brixtonmarket.net

Grand & Gorgeous at Grand Union: Funky House & Disco 8pm – 1am. Free.

Christmas Party Old Skool Knees Up With Danny Rampling, The Dogstar

7pm — 4am. Free before 10pm, £5 after.

The legendary Danny Rampling and Ilona International DJing with resident disaster DJ Jeffrey + Bella Taylor.

Club Integral at The Grosvenor: Indie

7:30pm – 11:30pm. Club Integral like to shuffle all over London to dollop up distinctive evenings of experimental indie in a stylish bohemian styleee. Tonight they're back at The Grosvenor.

★ Mrs Mills Singalong, Mass Kazoo buzzalong, live magic and the Annual Brixton's Best Bono Challenge, Prince Albert Fri 21st Dec. 9pm - 2.30am. Free.

Offline Club know how to put on a good party and this is going to be an unmissable one, with BBC TV stars The Mrs Mills Experience knocking out rousing music hall classics. There's also the incredible Sleighed! playing the greatest Christmas songs ever heard, including festive hits from East 17 and Wham, with drinkers invited to join in with a Mass Kazoo Buzz-along for Jona Lewie's 'Stop the Cavalry.' After the success of last year's competition, Brixtonites will once again be challenged to come onstage and deliver the most earnest Bono line from Band Aid's trouser moistening classic – with prizes to be won! There'll also be the incredible Simon Subvert doing mind-bending live magic tricks, Vic Lambusco busting the verse and other odd festive treats, backed by DJs playing party tunes all night.



ALAN Vs Jungle Syndicate! The World's Not Over Yet!! at Jamm

10pm — 6am. £12.50 Early Bird £15 adv £15 on the door

ALAN return for their Xmas shenanigans, and have teamed up with Jungle Syndicate to create a party that will see a line-up of heavy hitters including headline DJ Switch who will apparently 'blow a big fat hole' in the dancefloor with his turntable skills and killer beats. Plus DJ Switch, More Like Trees, Beatbox Collective, Equinox & Andy Skopes and much more. Expect D&B, Hip Hop, Bass Music, Jungle & Electronica

Sidekick featuring Phil Asher, The Mighty Zaf & Sel (Elements 360) at Market House: House, Disco, Funk, Reggae & Soul

9pm – 3am. Free before 11pm. SideKick brings the loft style warehouse party vibe back to Brixton hosted by the legendary Phil Asher and serious crate diggers who share his passion for great music, like the Mighty Zaf who ran Reckless Records for many years and continues to search the planet for incredible music. Playing a fusion of Grooves, Disco, Funk, Reggae and Soul, The Mighty Zaf, Ben and Sel aim to warm your senses till midnight. Then with the lights dimming and the volume nudging up, the legendary Phil Asher will take you on a journey of house music, old and new, prototype and vitage.

Finer Fridays at Veranda: R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae, Bashment, Soca, Pop, Jungle, Afro Beats, Old Skool 80s Soul, 90s

8pm – late. Free before 11pm, £5 after 11pm, £8 after midnight. DJs: Residents DJ Kane & Danny Tammuz.

Club night at the White Horse 9pm - 3am. Free. DJs playing the funky platters that matter in this hot'n'sweaty bar.

Danny & The Champions Of The World, The Lucky Strikes, The Dreaming Spires + support at The Windmill: Folk & Indie

7:30pm - late. £7.

After a busy year of festivals and tours, Danny and the Champions Of The World end 2012 with a big party at The Windmill. The acoustic indie heroes will be joined by a host of guests including roots garage-blues Thames Deltamen. the Lucky Strikes. Oxford's The Dreaming Spires feature Robin and Joe Bennett formally of Goldrush and Danny & the Champions of the World and with Loz Colbert of Ride on drums, this is something of an Oxford supergroup. The band deliver fine Americana: not so much foot-tapping as dancing with abandon from a band that fuses the warmth and energy of west-coast America with the spirit and heritage of their beloved home town of

Oxford. Husband & Wife duo Trevor Moss and Hannah-Lou serve up perfectly synchronised harmonies while rounding up the bill is Case Hardin who have been critically commended for their 'aching lyrical genius.'

SAT 22ND DECEMBER

Soulwaxmas at O2 Academy Brixton: Dance 8pm – 3am. £27.50.

Christmas Party at Electric Social: Dance & Party Tunes

8pm – 2am. Free. Join Electric Social's festive frolics as they throw a Christmas Party to shake Acre Lane to its core. Featuring Tommy & The Thieves, James Goodhall & Aaron Curtis.

Fun Times at Grand Union: Funky House & Disco 8pm – 1am. £5.

Live gig at The Grosvenor

8pm – details tbc. Strings will be plucked, drums will be thwacked and singers will warble, but at the time of press we have no idea who will be expressing themselves through the medium of the Grosvenor's well-trodden stage. Please thrust your browser to thegrosvenorsw9.co.uk for updates or check out brixtonbuzz.com.

It's A Swing Thing Upstairs at The Ritzy: Swing

8.30pm — 1am. £6, £5 Concs, £4 Members.

From fiery Gypsy swing to the streamlined sounds of Benny Goodman and Chick Webb, this pocket orchestra delivers high octane Machine Age swing to power your dancing feet. A collective of musicians from the corners of the well-loved Shirt Tail Stompers and the straits of Time Out's most highly rated jazz musicians; to the curves of the New York buskers and New Orleans touring wild-things, this is a small but powerful quartet with a swinging and swooping fire in their belly. Come to the Swing Patrol class beforehand to learn the moves, or come with your crew of flappers to sip gin & juice. Get ready to shuffle, hop, spin and sway at Brixton's most long-awaited Swing night.

James Zabiela presents Born Electric at Electric Brixton: Electro/Dance

10pm - 6am. £15. After launching at London's XOYO to tremendous effect, Born Electric will be rocking all the way through to the early hours, featuring James alongside some very special quests, delivering a diverse range of beats and cutting-edge sounds that fully illustrate the Born Electric vibe. This summer has seen James continue his mind-blowing residency at We Love Space, having assembled four Born Electric lineups at the legendary Ibizan nightclub this summer. Featuring quests of the calibre of Modeselektor, Shackleton, Simian Mobile Disco and Appleblim. these showcases have served to tease James' fans with what lies in store for the year ahead.

Xmas Brix Mix, Brixton Station Road Market

10am – 5pm. Free. A Xmas medley of everything Brixton has to offer:Retro, Secondhand, Food, Fashion, Art & Design. More info: brixtonmarket net

Mixology at Veranda: R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae, Bashment, Soca, Pop, Jungle, Afro Beats, Old Skool 80s Soul, 90s

8pm – late. Free before 11, £5 after 11, £8 after 12. DJs: Residents Phat Kontrollaz and invited guests.

Club night at the White Horse *9pm – 3am. Free.*

DJs pointing in the air and throwing down a hot platter of funk, hip hop, breaks, house and more.

Joe Strummer 10th Anniversary Memorial with



★ Jungle Splash Presents Old Skool Jungle vs Jungle Dub at JAMM Sat 22nd Dec. 10pm – 6am. £7 advance, £10. Jungle Splash celebrate Xmas with their final party of the 2012 following some memorable events at the venue since their introduction in February. Showcasing the forward thinking Jungle Dub vibe alongside the old skool jungle beats and bass that have helped shape today's sounds, Jungle Splash pack both rooms with DJs at the top of their game and ready for a seriously big festive knees up. In the line up: Digital Niya Binghi, Nicky Blackmarket, Uncle Dugs, Ragga Twins, Jnr Buzz playing Jungle, Jungle Dub, Bass Music, D&B, Reggae.

The Ten O Sevens, The Lone Groover, Billy Prince Brown & White Ape at The Windmill: Punk 7:30pm – late, £5.

A celebration of Uncle Joe Strummer – in memoriam... and a Xmas bash to boot with four great bands who have been inspired by and are indebted to Joe and The Clash, doing their bit in keeping his memory alive and raising some much needed dosh for Strummerville. All bands are doing at least one Clash cover and our DJs for the night will be playing a selection of vinyl that has got a little bit of Joe's DNA within. It's gonna' be a Saturday night like they used to make 'em.

SUN 23RD DECEMBER

Sunbeats at Veranda: Brazilian, African & Latin Funky House, Jazz and Broken Beat, Independent Soul

4pm – midnight. Free. DJs: Danny Tammuz, Rashan K, CLK, DJ Silk

Live music at The Windmill

The amps are turned on, the drum kit awaits a jolly good thumping and the PA has warmed up, but you're going to have to check the Windmill's website to see who's playing - windmillbrixton.co.uk.

MON 24TH DECEMBER

Christmas Market, Brixton Station Road

10am – 5pm. Free. Hasten ye down to Brixton Station Road to bag that last minute Christmas present! More info: brixtonmarket.net

WED 26TH DECEMBER

Bass Heaven with Congo Natty, Tenor Fly, Reggae Roast, DJ Spoony, Nicky Blackmarket, Congo Dubz & much more at Jamm: Jungle, Reggae, Dub, Bass Music, Garage, D&B

10pm — 6am. £8 Early Bird £10 adv £12 on the door.

Up2Beat Productions present another brilliant Bass Heaven party pulling a Christmas cracker of a line up out of the stocking. The nights name couldn't be closer to the truth as the finest purveyors of the bass scene line up to deliver the finest Xmas present you could imagine.

THUR 27TH DECEMBER

Roots Rock Reggae special with Sharon Tucker, Glen Sloley & JahRevelationMuzik live at Hootananny

9pm — 2am. Free (no admission after 11pm).

Cecil Reuben presents a Roots Rock Reggae special with Sharon Tucker backed by the artist's band. Plus old school hiphop RnB & Reggae from London-based Glen Sloley & residents JahRevelationMuzik.

Get Low at The Dogstar: Dance 7pm – 2am. Free. Crunk to Funk, Hip hop, House, Boogie to Bashment - Dubstep



★ Club Skaaville at Club 414 Thu 27th Dec. 8 midnight. Free before 9pm, £5 after.

Expect another night of inspirational foot-tapping live ska with Ray Carless Skaaville All-Stars and some very special guests joining together for some tight tunes and incredible jams at this fantastic small venue in the heart of Brixton. Recommended! to Deep house and everything in between. Get Low Cartel play every Thursday and it's ruddy well free all night! More info: getlowblog.com.

Live music at The Windmill Please check the Windmill's website for details - windmillbrixton.co.uk.

FRI 28[™] DECEMBER

Tiger Lilly Presents Laid Blak + more live acts at Hootananny: Reggae, Rhythm & Blues & Dub Rock

9pm – 3am. Free before 9 £3 after (no admission after 11pm). Tiger Lilly Presents Laid Blak, urban Reggae Heavyweights from Bristol taking the UK Live music venues and underground club scene by storm. They're joined by The Dirty Gentlemen, a 9 piece rhythm and blues explosion & Solko, a 7-piece dub rock fusion straight out of Norwich. Plus much loved DJ and remixer John Hendicott will be cutting and scratching between funk, soul, hip hop and dub, drum & bass and breaks.

Pete Doherty solo set at JAMM

6pm. Tickets from £25. The troubled troubadour returns to JAMM for another live solo acoustic set with support & DJs. See brixtonjamm.org for details

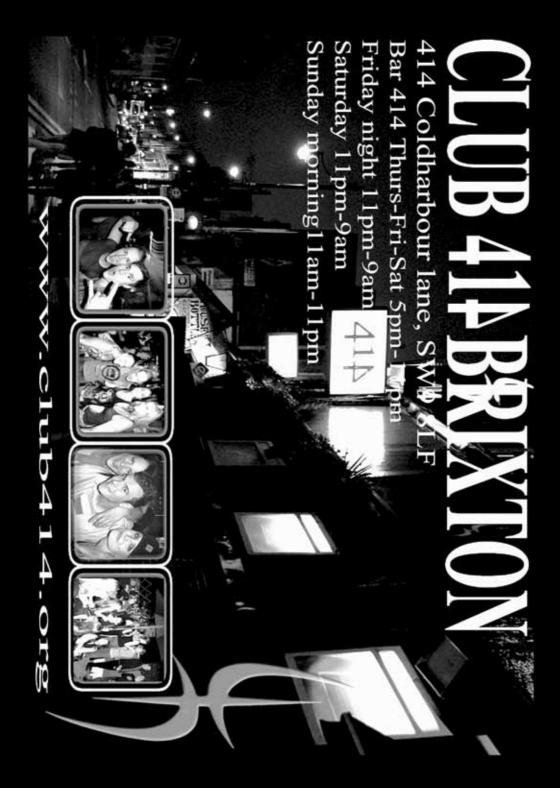
Grand & Gorgeous at Grand Union: Funky House & Disco 8pm – 1am. Free.

Choice Cuts at The Dogstar: Brixton dance party

9pm — 4am. Free before 10pm, £5 after.

A Friday night mash-up of the best 80s, 90s, Electro, Indie, Hip Hop, Pop & Party Rock with the Choice Cuts DJs & friends! It's always packed so get down early to avoid the beastly chilly Coldharbour queues

Live music at The Windmill Please check the Windmill's website for details - windmillbrixton.co.uk.



Simply Salacious featuring Sy Sez (Soul Heaven), Gordon Mac (Mi-Soul.com) & Peter Borg at Market House: Soulful House

9pm — 3am. Free before 11pm £5 after.

Join us with for an extra special soulful pre-NYE party featuring KissFM founder Gordon Mac alongside Sy Sez and Peter Borg. The music policy is simple - it has got to have soul! That's right, be it house, be it disco, be it funk, not only will we guarantee to get your feet tappin', it will be music with soul! The Simple Salacious parties are about a time for friends to come together, to laugh, to dance and of course to smile. A Funktion One sound system, a well-stocked bar that serves cocktails too. lots of room to dance and sexv Chesterfields should you need to rest!

SAT 29TH DECEMBER

The NYE warm up at Electric Social: Dance & Party Tunes 8pm – 2am. Free. Electric Social All-Stars invite anybody looking to get in some hardcore practice partying before the big one on Monday.

One Tree presents The Mardi Gras Mambo, Dom Pipkin & The Ikos, Chris Corcoran Trio & The Brass Volcanoes live at Hootananny: Funk & Boogie

Free before 9. £3 after (no admission after 11pm).

One Tree presents The Mardi Gras Mambo; a funky good time celebration of all things New Orleans with more piano led New Orleans funk and boogie from Jonathan Ross' piano teacher Dom Pipkin & The Ikos plus guitar led, groove riding, funking rhythm and blues from Chris Corcoran Trio. With The Brass Volcanoes & their global brass band sound & the Gumbo DJs playing New Orleans inspired funk, R&B and swamp-infested soul.

Audiosushi at The Dogstar: DJ selection

9pm — 4am. Free before 10pm, £5 after.

One of Brixton's longest running parties with Jeffrey Disastronaut playing a hyper party mix of dancehall, electro, rock, dubstep, jungle & indie. The staff are lovely here too.

Fun Times at Grand Union Funky House & Disco 8pm – 1am. £5.

Tasty 11th Birthday & Christmas Cracker with Ian M, Billy Daniel Bunter, Slipmatt + more at Jamm

10pm — 6am. £10 saver, £15 standard.

Make the most of the holidays with as many parties as you can and this is a cracker to keep you in the Xmas spirit. Tasty celebrate their 11th birthday and bring their friends DanceKORE along for the ride and provide two rooms and a stunning line up including Ian M, Billy Daniel Bunter, Slipmatt, Vibes, Whizz Kid and more playing UK Hardcore, Old Skool Hardcore and D&tB.

Live music at The Windmill Please check the Windmill's website for details – windmillbrixton.co.uk.

SUN 30TH DECEMBER

Rootmaster with Zaza live at Hootananny: West and North African Roots

8pm – 12am. Free. Zaza are a stunning dance sound with vibrations of West and North African roots music infused with a driving electric edge. Master Drummer from Ivory Coast, Henri GaoBi has been rehearsing his new eight piece ensemble in a South London studio throughout the past twelve months and says their sound is unlike anything you have heard before and now the time has come for Zaza to perform the uniquely spiritual and grooving fusion music which they have created.

Get Cape Wear Cape Fly Annual Piss Up at The Windmill

Times & costs tbc , please check the Windmill's website for full details.

MON 31ST DEC / NYE

New Year's Eve All Nighter with UKF Bass Culture at O2 Academy Brixton: Bass

9:30pm – 6am. £45.

UKF Bass Culture returns to London for the UK's biggest New Years Eve dance event with an all-night affair incorporating the biggest and best names in bass music including UKF Bass Culture Live, Chase and Status, DJ Fresh, Foreign Beggars, Shy FX, B Traits, Mistajam, Koan Sound, Drumsound & Bassline Smith, Delta Heavy, Ayah Marar & True Tiger keeping the Academy buzzing until 6am. That's a lot of bass, Brixton!

NYE ska, punk, new wave, dance party at Offline Club, Prince Albert

9pm - 5am. £3 donation. One of Brixton's longest running nights, Offline Club has a killer reputation for putting on great NYE shows, and this year they've got a gang of DJs playing a fabulously diverse mix of party tunes. Expect to hear ska, skiffle, drum and bass, rock'n'roll, reggae, rock and roll, rockabilly, punk, dance and good time music till the very small hours. The beer is cheap, the atmosphere friendly, the sounds are unpretentious and they've kept the price on the door as cheap as a bag of festive chips. Damn, we love this place!

New Year's Eve All Nighter Get Diverted and Slide NYE at Brixton Club House: Dance

8pm – 6am. £10 Early Bird, Advance £15/20, more on door. Nic Fanciulli,Greg Wilson and Alexis Raphael, Slide and Get Diverted team up to bring in 2013 with Todd Terje headlining. The Norweigan DJ sensation is back to play an extended 3 hour midnight set. Todd has released 2 huge EPs over the past 18 months - 'Ragysh', which became a monstrous anthem across dancefloors - and 'It's The Arps'. which included the futuristic disco stomper, 'Inspector Norse', possibly the year's biggest club track. He has also re-hashed, re-edited and remixed an incredible spectrum of artists, including Chic, Paul Simon, Wham!, Roxy Music, Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder, Support comes from residents Elijah Collins, Rob Alldritt, Lloyd Wakeman, Rich Smith and more, 'Up On The Roof' Silent Disco returns on the terrace post midnight.

New Year's Eve All Nighter Defected In The House at Electric Brixton: House

9pm – 7am. £33. Dress code: Be Yourself but smart/casual dress essential. Defected In The House brings some of the world's finest underground house DJs to Electric Brixton for a very special New Year's Eve celebration.

Club 414 presents Prime Time Party: Hard Uplifting House & Trance

10pm – 7am. £10 before 12am, £15 after. Dj's Jamie Tennant, Hemlock, Skol, Roosta, Andy Mccall, JK, Matt Ashton, Flippie, Monique, Bosha. More info: club414.org

New Year's Eve Party at Electric Social: House, Disco, Pop & Party Tunes

8pm – 4am. £20. Electric Social get set to light up Acre Lane with a NYE Party that will feature DJs Vern, Tommy & The Thieves, Aaron Curtis & Jon Macinerney spinning Nu-Disco, House & Remixes upstairs while DJ Philly & Stangers serve up Guilty Pleasures & Pop Classics downstairs. Ticket price includes a complimentary glass of Moet & Chandon between 8pm & 11pm only.

★ Lost in Space NYE party at the Dogstar

NYE 9pm – 7am, £10 adv. Disastronaut [Audio Sushi] is the space cadet at the controls of the main room with late night support from Mike Swaine [Bass and Breaks], up in the In Ballroom Get Low Cartel play everything Bass while Elvis in Area 51 take over top room with rock n roll, classics and space age. Remember you'll need Photo ID to get in – No ID, no entry!



New Year's Eve Party at Hootananny with The Correspondents, Coda + more

9pm — 5am. £15 earlybird £20 advance.

Never mind the Mayan calendar, let's party & Hootananny favourites Wormfood London will host an almighty party. For the third year in a row The Correspondents bring their unique blend of lycra-clad vintage influenced electro madness. Coda bring their sensational live dubstep show, Bristol's Sheelanagig grace Hoots with their high energy virtuoso Balkan folk mayhem, and DJs from the enormously respected Soul Jazz label bring styles ranging from dancehall and afro-beat to house and jungle as Soul Jazz Soundsystem. Late license till 5am plus special surprises.

New Year's Eve Party at Grand Union: Funky House & Disco 8pm – late. Purchase £20 tickets from behind the bar in advance. Ticket includes a complimentary cocktail on arrival.

New Year's Eve Party: How Does It Feel To Be Loved at The Grosvenor: Indie Pop

9pm - 3am or later, £10. HDIF at The Grosvenor is back again this New Year's Eve. Guest DJ will be Daniel Novakovic, but this time doing a Too Cute To Puke set rather than a So Tough So Cute one - so playing exclusively girl-fronted songs. Expect "Sixties girl-groups. yé-yé and garage girls, punk, indie pop. northern soul, new wave. post-punk, riot grrl, motown, ska, diy - as long as it's sung by a girl we're putting it on." The Grosvenor has a 36 hour license for NYE, so if they feel like going on after 3am, they will - and once the club night ends you're welcome to stay on in the pub, because it won't be closing until the evening of Jan 1st.

New Year's Eve All Nighter: Whiskey Kittens Rock and Roll Party at Kaff

8pm — 5am. £15 (free cocktail, glass of bubbly and food).

Our NYE rock and roll party features three burlesque beauties - Miss Luna DeLovely, Ava Iscariot and Spank Grrrl whipping up some truly tantalising fun. Live Music from The New Cut Gang who are on hand to provide some upbeat rock and roll revelry whilst Cats from Japan are going to inject some glam into your NYE with a David Bowie tribute set to celebrate one of Brixton's most famous musical residents. The Whiskey Kitten DJs will play all your favourite songs, guilty pleasures and party classics amongst the finest Rock and roll, Northern Soul and floor-stomping alt and indie

crowd pleasers with a bit of Soul Funk and Old School Hip-Hop to cover all bases. Get your tickets in advance because this WILL sell out. Price includes a cocktail on entry, glass of bubbles at midnight and access to a buffet

New Year's Eve All Nighter: New Year's Eve Shakedown across two floors at Market House: Tropical, Latin, Funk 8 Soul

9pm - 6am. £10 or £5 early bird (until 15th December). It has been an amazing 2012 for us at the Market House and we hope that you can join us for our first New Year's Eve party. We have invited our finest resident deejays to curate a night of great music to make the switch into 2013. Downstairs El Residente aka Rosko John and quests mix up a tropical carnival of Latin, funk, soul and party tunes. Upstairs Brixton Village's very own Chris & Cyndi (the cool hipsters behind Unted80 shop) give it a soulful twist.

New Year's Eve Party: Supda Dupa Fly with CJ Beatz, Big Ted & Emily Rawon at Plan B: 90s Hip Hop

9pm - 4am. £10/£15.

Since launching last year, Supa Dupa Fly has become a necessity in any 90s hiphop lovers diary, as well as hosting acts including Jazzy Jeff, Rizzle Kicks, Rita Ora, Conor Maynard and lots more. In the main room, we'll be spinning the best of 90s & early 2000s hiphop & RnB, so if Dre, Snoop, Nas, Bigge, Tupac, A Tribe Called Quest, Gang Starr, Missy, SWV, TLC, Montell Jordan, Total & early Usher are your thing this is one for YOU! Downstairs, it's all about UK Garage, so if 'Booo' 'Little Man' 'Destiny' 'My Desire' 'Lovebug' 'Doolally' & 'Crazy Love' ring a bell, this is your time!

New Year's Eve Party at Veranda: Everything goes 6pm - late. £15.

There is only one place to be this

★ Alabama3 New Year's Party at the JAMM 9pm – late. Price tbc.

Brixton legends the Alabama3 will be bringing their hardcore party crew down to JAMM for an almighty evening of mayhem. Alabama3 - full band live set + plenty of Outlaw shenanigans. More info: brixtonjamm.org.



New Years Eve. Veranda transforms into Casino Rovale, play Roulette & Black Jack tables, get your fun money buy chips and win prizes! Free Caribbean nibbles, dance and party until late.

New Year's Eve Party with The Winter Olympics, Local Girls + more at the Windmill 7:30pm. £6 early bird.

A huge live music night with dancepunk indie rock and roll whirlwind outfit Winter Olympics headlining. There's also a load of saaaarf london bands including angular fuzzy indiesters Local Girls, Effort and quirky post punk from Blake Rumfitt. There's also the rap skills of BB Manik who's managed to beatbox with Rolf Harris! Keeping the shoe leather warm is a shedload of DJs including: Dan (Best Laid Plans). Adam (Mosquito Research Unit), Jon (Effort Collective/Shotgun Wedding) and the Balotelli of the decks. Twisted (a.m. Lounge)

TUE 1ST JANUARY

Club 414 presents Peace & Love Party: Soulful House

7am-7pm. £5 before 8am, £10 after. Dj's Dublin, Kwame Alexander, James Banbury, Rooska, Colin Escape, Wesley Pitter, Darren Brandon, More info: club414.org

Kerfuffle A New Years All-Dayer with Special Guest TBA, Alison Marks, Daren Nunes, J Jeff. Tom Baker and more at lamm

2pm - 2am, £10.

New Years Day is all about Kerfuffle and their underground house music parties which are now into their sixteenth year. Bringing together the best crowd and atmosphere alongside the finest purveyors of house music and you can guarantee you are in for a massive treat! Expect a hangover curing mix of underground house, bass and electronica.



Brixton Landmark

The iconic Barrier Block

Often mistaken for Brixton Prison on account of its daunting edifice, Southwyck House is known locally as the Barrier Block, and is one of Brixton's most distinctive landmarks.

The block's layered construction towers over Coldharbour Lane, with the horseshoeshaped structure giving the appearance of a medieval fortress.

With its harsh, neobrutalist-inspired architecture and tiny turret windows peering out over the street below, the block was designed as part of a ghastly Brixton redevelopment that - thankfully - never got off the ground.

The evil plan hatched by insane planners was part of the 1968 'box of motorways' project by the GLC, which would have seen an elevated six lane motorway scythe through the heart of Brixton, flattening streets and neighbourhoods in its wake.

The block was designed to protect the Somerleyton Estate from the inevitable pollution and traffic noise, which explains its tiny windows and unusual 'zig-zag' design which was intended to 'bounce' the sound back to the ground.

Land was compulsorily purchased for the motorway but when the road project was finally abandoned the block was already under construction, and thus Brixton ended up with the 'Barrier Block'.

Squatted before it had even been officially opened, there was a stark reluctance by Brixtonians to live in

a block so brutal, but inside it was a different story, with many residents enjoying south facing balconies and large windows at the rear of the building.

After the two big riots in Brixton, Brixton Challenge was born to rejuvenate the area and a huge £5 million plan was approved to split the block into three sections to stop burglars/druggies/ne'er do wells running the length of the block.

Opting for a style reminiscent of Eastern European checkpoints, two new sections were added to either end of the building housing new lifts and concierge space, and CCTV was installed.

This had an immediate effect on crime and the block became a far safer place, although there were still serious problems in 2008 when a major police raid saw crack and heroin dealers arrested.

Now immortalised on the back of Brixton Pound notes, there are moves to get the block listed as rumours continue to circulate that the council are considering demolishing the structure.

With the growing appeal of Brixton to profit-hungry developers, fears are growing that the lure of such rich pickings may prove irresistable.

Against all the odds, a strong and positive community has grown among the long-term residents, many of whom are fiercely proud and protective of the block. If the demolition rumours ever do become true, the council can guarantee it will have a fierce fight on their hands.



Thanks to everyone for supporting new music through 2012 & especially those who voted in the Time Out Best London Venue competition in which we came in the top 3

See you in 2013

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Electric Brixton

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(formerly the Fridge) Big venue for big club nights/gigs ♥ 1 Town Hall Parade, Brixton Hill, SW2 1RJ 📅 020 7274 2290 🌐 electricbrixton.com

Electric Social

Shiny and new bustling bar/club on two floors ♥ 40 Acre Lane, SW2 5SP T 020 3588 1111 @ electricsocial.com

Elm Park Tavern

Recently refurbished old style boozer ♥ 76 Elm Park, SW2 2UB **1** 020 8674 3538

Grand Union

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Chain bar for suity and rugger shirt types • 123 Acre Lane, SW2 5UA 📅 020 7274 8794 🌐 grandunionbars.com

Grosvenor

Old school pub/live venue where the patrons love punk, folk and real ale • 17 Sidney Road, SW9 0TP

🛅 020 7733 1799 🌐 thegrosvenorsw9.co.uk

Hand In Hand

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Traditional boozer well worthy of your support ♥ 61 New Park Road, Streatham Hill, SW2 4EN **1** 020 8674 8606

The Hero of Switzerland

Friendly, hipster-free estate pub, worth a visit • 142 Loughborough Road, SW9 7LL **1** 020 7274 2763

Hootananny

Hugely popular pub/live venue - expect monster queues 95 Effra Road Brixton, SW2 1DF 1 020 7737 7273 🕀 hootanannybrixton.co.uk

Jamm

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Our club of the year – 2 rooms and great soundsystem • 261 Brixton Road , SW9 6LH 🛅 020 7274 5537 🌐 brixtonjamm.org

Kaff Bar ***

Friendly bar/café with regular live events ♥ 68 Atlantic Road, SW9 8PY 1 020 7274 5373 🕮 kaff-bar.co.uk

Lounge

Restaurant/cocktail bar - a Brixton original § 58 Atlantic Road, SW9 8PY 🛅 020 7733 5229 🌐 loungebrixton.com

Mango Landin'

Slightly off the beaten track cocktail bar ♀ 40 Saint Matthew's Road, SW2 1NL 020 7737 3044
Website currently borked

Market House

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Formerly the Living Bar, now putting on two floors of club nights, cocktails and food 020 7095 9443 **(P)** market-house co.uk

Marguis of Lorne

Old school, no frills pub with stunning tiled facade • 49 Dalvell Road, SW9 9SB **1** 020 7771 9408

02 Academy Brixton

Enormodome mega-gig. Best of its type in London 211 Stockwell Road, SW9 9SL 1 020 7771 3000
Ocacademybrixton.co.uk

Plan B

Bass-thumping club nights on two floors housed in the old Wimpy Bar. • 418 Brixton Road, SW9 7AY 📅 0207 733 0926 🌐 planb-london.com

Prince of Wales

Chandelier-bedecked bar, some club nights • 467- 469 Brixton Road, SW9 8HH 🛅 020 7183 3610 🌐 theprincebrixton.com

Prince Albert

Raucous Brixton pub for fun-loving locals with regular live gigs/club nights

♀ 418 Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8LF

🛅 020 7274 3771 🌐 facebook.com/brixtonalbert

Oueen's Head Stockwell $\star \star \star$

Late bar with occasional gigs and much drinking • 144 Stockwell Rd. SW9 9TQ

Satay

Restaurant/cocktail bar with tasty food

♀ 447 Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8LP

satavbar.co.uk

Seven at Brixton

Tapas/cocktail bar in gentrifying market space with hideously slow service

Market Row, SW9 8LB

👕 020 7998 330 🌐 sevenatbrixton.wordpress.com

SW9 bar

Compact cocktail bar opposite the tube ♥1 Dorrell Place, SW9 8EG 1020 7738 3116?
Sw9bar.co.uk

Trinity Arms

Nice pub in a Putney kind of way • 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9 8DR 📅 020 7274 4544 🌐 trinityarms.co.uk

Upstairs at The Ritzy

Intimate bar with regular live music & great balcony P Brixton Oval, SW2 1JG 1 0207 326 2627
facebook.com/UpstairsAtTheRitzy

Veranda Bar

Restaurant/cocktail bar ♀ 30 Acre Lane, SW2 5SG 📅 020 7733 2335 🌐 veranda-london.com

White Horse

Busy bar with DJs and t'ing 94 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QN

👕 020 8678 6666 🌐 whitehorsebrixton.com

Windmill

Small, scruffy and the best live music venue in town 22 Blenheim Gardens, SW2 5BZ T 020 8671 0700
windmillbrixton.co.uk

Brixton's finest	***
Worth a visit	***
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Photo: Graffiti outside the old Cooltan squat on Coldharbour Lane.

Brixton 2012

Jan: Rain and hangovers.

Feb: Snow. Lots of it. Mass and Babalou clubs go up for sale. Protest against the cuts at Lambeth Town Hall. Brixton tube closures.

Mar: Websters shoe shop shuts after 140 years. Mass and Babalou closed. Brockwell Park Miniature Railway first trip of the year. Costa Coffee opens. Tube closures.

Apr: Streatham kite day. Crystal Palace switches from analogue to digital. Crown & Anchor pub opens on Brixton Rd.

May: Brick Box take over the Angel pub on Coldharbour Lane. Meh. Barratt Homes dream up Brixton Square. Rushcroft Road squatters get notice to quit. TK Maxx opens. Living Bar morphs into Market House. June: Mrs Mills Experience Offline Club debut. House of Bottles gets new artwork. Tornado steam loco thunders through Brixton.

July: Tube closures. Urban Art fair. Bad Boys Bakery cakes go on sale. Huge, happy crowds for the Olympic Torch Relay. George IV pub closes to become another ruddy Tesco.

Aug: Holiday Inn announced for Brixton. Brixton Splash and Jamaican Independence Day.

Sept: BrixtonBuzz listings now in Lambeth Weekender. Lambeth Country Show is a success but Chucklehead cider stocks sell out too soon. Former job centre in Josephine Avenue squatted.

Oct: Craft Beer Co opens in Station Rd. Brixton Beer debuts. Brixton Bolt 100m race in Popes Road. More tube closures. Oxjam Brixton event.

Nov: Brockwell Park fireworks. Brixton Square advertises one bedroom flats from £257k. Nour Cash & Carry face huge rent hikes as Brixton gentrifies at speed. Motorhead play the Academy.

Dec: Rumours of council's plans to demolish Brixton Rec persist. BrixtonBuzz mag launches. We get festively drunk.

BRIXTONS BIGGEST XMAS SINGALONGI FRIDAY 21ST DEC

Stars of BBC TV, icons of Channel 4 and East End market entertainers deluxe 'THE MRS MILLS EXPERIENCE

A festive singalong with Brixton superstar group

Steached with BONO TIME! Come onstage and sing his BUTTOCK CLENCHING line from 'Feed The World' to win PRIZES!

PLUS! A grand KAZOO CHORUS! SIMON SUBVERT the bizarre MAGICIAN! Compere: VIC LAMBRUSCO and lots more!

PRINCE ALBERT 418 COLDHARBOUR LANE BRIXTON SW9 **10PM-2.30AM FREE ALL NIGHT!** OFFLINECLUB.COM MYSPACE.COM/OFFLINECLUB TWITTER@OFFLINECLUB

