

THE PLUM

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"NO ANIMALS WERE HARMED DURING THE
MAKING OF THIS NEWSLETTER"

NEWS

"It's the end of the world as we know it"

Welcome to the final edition of The Plum, your limited edition, collectors copy of a newsletter which brings you all the news as it happens via satellite. This issue is sponsored by Kleenex.

Yes dear friends, after the 21st February 2004 The Plums - Cardiff's most ethnically diverse band - will be no more. After 12 triumphant years we have decided to call it a day as we move on to pursue solo projects.

TINZ

...is duetting with Janet Jackson during the half-time entertainment at next month's Scunthorpe and District skittles championships. Police are keeping abreast of the situation.

CRAIG

...is leaving to set up a veterinary clinic. The Mal-Practice will open in the Spring.

ROB

...is emigrating to Australia to mix red and white wine with members of the alcoholic beverage aristocracy.

JEZ

...is attempting to re-form Atomic Kitten after their acrimonious split earlier this month. Jez has persuaded Kerry McFadden to join him and Midge Ure as the "New Atomic Kitten" - to avoid comparisons with the old band.

IRIS

...is leaving his job as a breakdown specialist with the AA to open a vineyard in Bournemouth. In the hope of getting both red and white wine, he is planting red and white grapes.

FEATURES

PLUM CELEBRITY INTERVIEW



with....JEREMY SPAKE
(the chubby one from BBC1
docusoap Airport). Put him next to
a VW van and you'd hard pushed
to see who was the camper.

- The Plum : Alright Jeremy?
J.Spake : Ooooh yes...fine thanks
The Plum : He's fat, he's round, he gets planes
off the ground, Jezza Spake, Jezza
Spake
J.Spake : Ooooh very funny. I haven't heard
that one before. I'm actually
nothing to do with take offs. I look
after passengers.
The Plum : More like passages
J.Spake : What?
The Plum : Nothing. Anyway what's it like
operating such a busy route. Is it
tiring?
J.Spake : It can be exhausting. I'm up and
down all night.
The Plum : I'm sure you are. Does the runway
ever get worn out?
J.Spake : I really wouldn't know. I don't get
up it very often.
The Plum : I find that hard to believe. We
would've thought that was a perk
of the job.
J.Spake : I'm not sure what you're implying
The Plum : Nothing...wouldn't you be better
off working in a holiday camp.
J.Spake : Ooooh no...I love my job. Now let
me tell you about my new
programme. It's an investigation
into the misuse of sausage meat.
The Plum : Is that the time....ta ra

IRIS' TOP 6 PUKES

Our drummer is famous for a lot of things - being a father of 8, his DIY prowess and his shock of red hair - but recently he has become infamous for a very different reason. Fathering many children has meant that his drinking time is limited, so when allowed out he really goes for it.

6 GOBBERT'S PARENT'S DINING TABLE

"Gobbert is one of my mates from college. After a night out up north I went back to his parent's house and covered their wooden table. They had to have it cleaned and re-polished."

5 JEZ'S STAG DO (READING)

"We'd been out and as per usual I'd had a skinful. On the way back to the hotel the taxi driver got lost and stopped at a garage to ask directions. I got on the driver's two-way radio and told the controller I'd shagged his missus. We should've known there would be trouble. That night I chucked on my bed and threw the mucky sheets in the cupboard, before trying to relieve myself on them. Rob, my unfortunate room-mate woke up and wondered what on earth was going on."

4 DEBBIE'S PARENTS' HOUSE

"I'd had a particularly big night in Cardiff, and went back to their house at about 2am. I knew when I woke up at 3am that I was going to hurl, but only made it as far as the landing when I power-yacked from the top of the stairs to the hall below. I decided the best cause of action was to hoover it up, and to this day Debbie's parents never knew why they had to throw out the hoover cos' it stunk."

3 MAL'S DAD'S BEDROOM

"This was one of my earlier pukes. We'd been out in town and I was staying at Mal's house. I woke up in the middle of the night and barfed on the floor. In my pickled state I decided that the best way to clear it up was by covering the unsightly mess with talc and hoovering it up. Mal's dad had to replace the carpet as a result."

2 MY UNOFFICIAL STAG DO

"It had been a good night at the Toucan Club, and when it closed we decided to go for a curry in Canton. I was browsing through the menu when a wave came over me and I barked all over the empty plate in front of me. No one really wanted to eat after that."

1 BULL HEAD'S STAG DO (NOTTINGHAM)

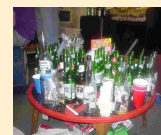
"We started drinking at 6pm, and after the lager I moved onto Turbo Shandy (lager and Smirnoff Ice) and then Vodka Red Bull. I was tottering at the bar before I lost my lunch all over it. Mal helped me make a hasty retreat and got me back to the hotel. The bar staff weren't too pleased having to clear up all the taps before they could start serving again."

STUFF

IAN DIMENT'S FILM REVIEW



The last time I saw a film in a cinematic palladium was East is East at the Monaco, which has tragically been reduced to a pile of rubble (some will argue that it always was). The time before that was Robin Hood Prince of Thieves after an ill fated fishing trip with Terry and Alb when I 'accidentally' tipped a pot of maggots down Terry's back as he drove his mother's Mini Metro (only after Thomas had fallen in the river) ...happy days....Bringing myself back to the modern era, I bought Human Traffic on DVD in Asda last week, but I haven't got a DVD player. I would be happy to review this motion picture however if my situation were to change.



COMPETITION TIME !!!!!

Yes, you could win the chance to be a really important part of this historic event, by buying five pints of strong lager for the band. All you have to do to win is answer this question:

How many pints would you need if you bought one for each of The Plums?

FOR SALE

Epiphone Les Paul and Marshall Amp - hardly used. Contact Mal c/o The Plums.

LOST

The offbeat from REM's Man on the Moon. If found please return to Iris Diment care of the AA.



HIT OR SHIT

In a new feature this month, our very own bass and cello player reviews some new releases in the hit parade.

Ronan Keating - She Believes (In Me)

Another witty slice of pop brilliance from the gay crooner, this is Ronan at his best. Belting out the ballads has always been Ronan's forte, and this is no exception. If I had one criticism, it's of his hair, which clearly needs more mousse. **HIT (I LOVE RONAN!)**

Fatman Scoop & Crooklyn Clan - It Takes Scoop

At first listen this is reminiscent of It Takes Two, which I believe was originally by Jean Claude Van Damme. The Fatman can again be heard shouting a lot, which goes a long way in this "Darkness"-friendly era. I predict it will be his second number one, after his eighties success with Renata on Save Your Love. **SHIT (A STINKER)**

Sam & Mark - With a Little Help from my Friends

There is a school of thought that you can't better the Beatles, but these Pop Idol losers (it's no shame coming second to a fat Scots biffer) manage it with a plum. I can't get enough of these Pop Idol style shows - I'm currently working on my own format "Cock Idol", where chickens battle it out for cock supremacy. It's a winner! **SHIT (BUY GOOD QUALITY LAGER INSTEAD)**

NEWS FLASH..... Congratulations to Bryn's wife Kerry on winning "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!" Bryn wasn't surprised to see her eating disgusting worms - "par for the course" he said.