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# The Pork & Pickle Pie Comedy Club unveils anti-valentines stand-up spectacular

The Britannia Pub to host stupid Cupid stand-up night

-Taking place Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>  
-Doors open at 7pm



Sunday Defensive headline London's biggest anti-valentines stand-up spectacular

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Comedy sensations **The Sunday Defensive** are headlining the **Pork & Pickle Pie Comedy Club's** anti-Valentines stand-up spectacular at **The Britannia Pub** in East London on **Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>**.

The stupid cupid stand-up night offers the perfect opportunity to laugh in the face of love – with all comedians giving their own unique comedic take on Valentine's Day, just days ahead of international day of romance (or rip-off).

**Loaded** magazine headliner **Lee Kern** is supporting, along with television's own **Buddy**. A female comedic take on Valentine's Day is coming from Edinburgh Fringe star **Holly Burn** and one to watch **Naomi Hefter**.

Comedy-goers pay just **£5** for a ticket which includes some of this year's most hotly tipped stand-up comedians, a couple of surprise guests and importantly a slice of The Britannia's renowned **pork and pickle pie**.

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The **Pork & Pickle Pie Comedy Club** is being produced by **Idea Generation Events** and is set to feature some of the UK's best comedians from both the Edinburgh and London comedy circuits throughout 2010.

Taking place at The Britannia – a handsome community pub with the feel of a countryside pub next to Victoria Park in East London – the night promises fine ales, outstanding pork & pickle pie and the very best of the comedy world in an intimate and setting.

As actors **The Sunday Defensive** have featured in Channel 4's **'Peep Show'** and **'The IT Crowd'**, and are hotly tipped for stand-up success in 2010. Earning rave reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe, **The Sunday Defensive** have gigged all over the United Kingdom and have more than five years of stand-up experience under their belts and are sure to deliver a fantastic headline set.

**Lee Kern** is an artist, writer, filmmaker and comedian. A former roving reporter on **Big Brother's Little Brother**, Lee now tackles the bigger issues of life: war, racism, love and twiglets as part of his burgeoning stand up career – a career which sees him going on the forthcoming **Loaded Magazine UK Comedy Tour**, where he'll be performing every night to a baying tit-hungry mob of lads with opening jokes about Nietzsche and Friedrich Engels - before then moving onto the difficult stuff. This is Lee's second return to the **Pork & Pickle Comedy Club**, where he'll be introducing a special Valentines set for the sad and lonely.

Television's own **Buddy** kicked off his stand-up career in style, reaching the finals of Hackney Empire's *'New Act of the Year'* and *'So You Think You're Funny'* awards. Fed up of watching alternative comedians becoming more mainstream than mainstream ones, he pioneered the 'Alternative Alternative' comedy movement. His work on television includes presenting on the Extreme Sports Channel. hiking 10,000 miles around the world in 2008 for National Geographic show *The Adventurists* (which will be airing later this year).. He also presented **Shooting Britney** for **E4**, in which he went to LA to stalk Britney Spears and in the process expose the underhand tactics of the paparazzi. Other TV work has included teaching Donna Air to tap dance on the **Big Breakfast**, presenting on Ted Turner's CNX channel, BBC 3's *'How Not to Live Your Life'* and NBC's *Last Comic Standing*.

**Holly Burn** has appeared in three very successful one woman character comedy shows at the last three Edinburgh Fringe Festivals and gained rave reviews last summer. **Holly** played the masseuse in **Mark Watson's** Fringe First award winning *Hotel* where ( for which she appeared on BBC2's Culture Show) She filmed for BBC3's *The Wall* and ITV's *Comedy Cuts*, performed her show at **The Latitude Festival** and has been **Time Out Critics' Choice**.

Expect some sharp observations on love from **Naomi Hefter**, a breakthrough act on London's comedy circuit this year following her television appearances in *Skins*, *Casualty* and her impressive stage work. She has also modelled for a well-known lads mag...

Cymon Eckel and Andrew Maillard joint owners of The Britannia Pub, said: *"The last Pork & Pickle Pie Comedy Club in November was a night no-one will forget - and looking at this line-up of comedic talent February 11<sup>th</sup>'s night will be equally as brilliant! We're making it an anti-Valentines comedy night, to give everyone opportunity to laugh at this day.*

*"Valentine's Day really isn't for everyone – so we wanted to give people the chance to have a good laugh ahead of the 14<sup>th</sup> – and what better way to do this than by bringing some of 2010's best new stand-ups to our beautiful East London pub."*



\*\*\*Tickets are £5 and are available from here <http://pppcomedyclub.eventbrite.com/> – this night will sell out so advance purchase is recommended\*\*\*

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## Editor's Notes

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### The Britannia

The Britannia, located by the Queen's Gate entrance to Victoria Park, E9 and offers a full bar selection, including beers sourced from independent British breweries; alongside carefully prepared menus reflecting the best of the UK, including an evening à la carte of Modern British dishes which can be enjoyed with full table service in a dedicated dining room. There's also a one acre garden, with its own al fresco kitchen as well as a stunning first floor private dining room with views across the park. Uniquely, there's a rolling programme of events to cement its role at the heart of the community, from bands and DJ's in the pub, to cinema screenings (in association with the BFI) and a vintage clothing swap in the garden.

The Britannia is at 360 Victoria Park Road (at Queen's Gate/ the junction with Harrowgate Road), London E9 7BT. Telephone 020 8533 0040 or visit [www.thebritanniapub.co.uk](http://www.thebritanniapub.co.uk). The pub is open daily, with the bar menu available all day, and the bistro menu Tuesday – Saturday evenings.

### The Pork & Pickle Pie Comedy Club

The Pork & Pickle Pie Comedy Club is a production from Idea Generation Events and aims to introduce a whole new audience to some of the UK's best comedy talent.

Idea Generation is the UK's biggest arts & culture PR agency with a ten year history in some of the most creative and successful media relations campaigns. The company's recent work includes Manchester International Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe and The Big Chill. Full credentials are available upon request. For more information visit [www.ideageneration.co.uk](http://www.ideageneration.co.uk)

The Idea Generation Gallery has also been launched by the company and has recently hosted some of London's blockbuster exhibitions and events including **The Hammer Festival**, **Monsters Inked** and **Hoppy: Talking About A Revolutionary**. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/ideagenerationgallery](http://www.facebook.com/ideagenerationgallery)

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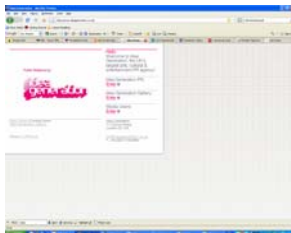
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