

TRYING IS GOOD!



THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE
THAT GOES WITH THE SHOW

TOUR Edition

HELLO!

Hello! Thanks so much for coming to my show. I'm Josie and I made this because I thought it would be cool to get a free programme. I've just realised the paper I'm using is way too thin and for that I can but apologise.



RAD!



I hope you like the show.

I want it to be as full of as going to the planetarium.

WONDER

NEW JOKES
Shelley Garrington,
34, from Kidderminster,
Worcs, says



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This doesn't sound like my kind of thing at all

What a cow!

That was **TRYING IS GOOD**

but your adventure does not have to end here, young champion.

The show is ending. But what do you think after this?

Do you think

(A) I want an adventure!

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(B) I want a reward, NOW!

THEN GO TO PAGE (11)

(C) I went to last year's show.

I feel I should be rewarded for this. Is there a way that I can be?

THEN GO TO PAGE (8)

(D) I hated it / I thought it

disappointing / It was whack

THEN TURN TO P (12)

(3)

What was (hopefully) on the intro CD when you came into the show?

Hi I was playing some music hopefully when you came in and if you liked it here is what it probably was...

"Rad" by Smoosh This is made by a 12 & 13 year old. It's the happiest music in the world.

"There's always someone cooler than you" by Ben Folds I really like the bit in this song that says "life is wonderful, life is beautiful, we're all children of one big universe..so you don't have to be a CHUMP!"

"Sleeping Lessons" by The Shins I love how this song just builds and builds.

"Young Shields" by Casiotone for the Painfully Alone

How can you not love a band with such a name? I like this song because it does that thing of making you yearn for something but have no idea what it is.

"Here" by Pavement "Your jokes are always bad" I just thought it would be funny to play this right before a show.

"Love not dead" by Daniel Johnston.

What a dude!

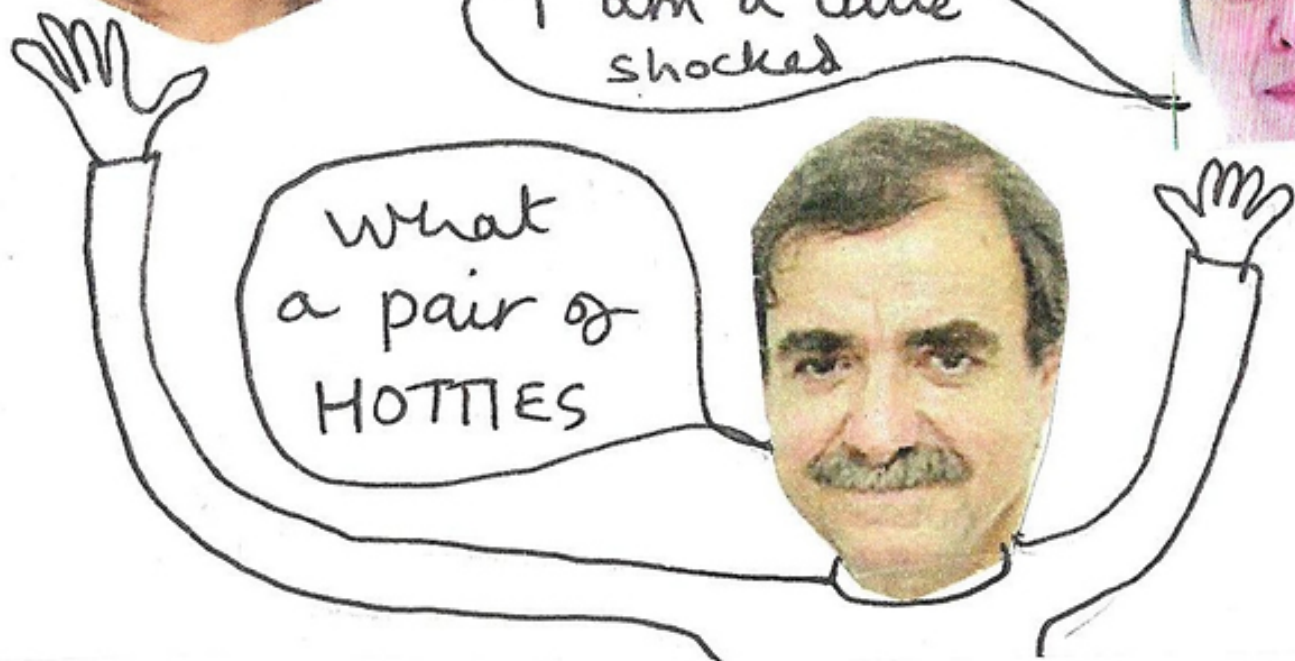
what do people think?



I'm the editor of Chat magazine and even I find this low brow



I am a little shocked



What a pair of HOTTIES

This is the best piece of
graffiti I have ever seen.
It was written in biro ...

Bobby

+

Malcy

+

"Bump"

2005.

on the corner between the
bookmakers and the penny black
(the pub that opens at 6am) round
by the cage royal in Edinburgh.

It seems really tragic (did they
write it between the bookies + the
pub or vice versa?) but it's pretty

⑥ beautiful - they're fighters!
+ they're survivors!

FROM PAGE 3...

Hello adventurers! Here is what you need to do.

FIND MY GYM FIANCEE. HE IS AROUND TOWN ALL MONTH.

IN HIS SPORTS CLOTHES BUT ALSO IN CASUAL WEAR. HE WILL
GIVE YOU THE NEXT STEP. GODSPEED. AND TAKE HIS PICTURE TOO!

THIS IS AN EARLY
FANCY DRESS +
PEACABLE KINGDOM
RECREATION I DID IN MY
PARENTS' BEDROOM (PRE-OBESITY)

OVEN
GLOVE
HANDS
PLEASE
NOTE ↗



MAD CABBIES

I LIKE TALKING TO CAB DRIVERS. IN EDINBURGH WHEN I WAS 17 THEY WOULD ALWAYS SAY A VARIATION OF THE SAME THING

ALL MEN WILL CHEAT ON YOU, HEN YOU LISTEN TAEME

gulp

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AS IF THERED BEEN A RADIO CALL OUT...



BUT RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN FAR MORE EXCITING. I KEEP MEETING CABBIES WHO ARE DOING BRILLIANT CREATIVE THINGS.

FROM PAGE ③
Hello Old Friend!

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Go up to Josie after the show and say ONLY "This is a small good thing". You will be rewarded.

LIKE THE MAN IN NEWBURY WHO WAS LIKE KILGORE TROUT FROM KURT VONNEGUT BOOKS:

OH YEAH, I WRITE STORIES. I'VE WRITTEN HUNDREDS. I JUST HIDE THEM IN THE ATTIC THOUGH

OH NO! ONE OF MY FRIENDS WAS GOING THROUGH MY LOFT AND HE SAID "I FOUND THESE STORIES AND I BEEN READING THEM. THEY'RE GREAT" I SAID "NO! YOU'RE KIDDING"

DON'T YOU WANT TO GET THEM PUBLISHED?

AND A WOMAN WHO TREATED HER CAB LIKE A KIND' OF TRAVELLING STUDIO. SHE WAS PAINTING AN OIL PAINTING WHEN I GOT IN..



BUT SHE KEPT TURNING ROUND WHILE DRIVING.

DO YOU THINK I CAN SELL THIS?

BUT THE ODDEST ONE WAS AN INVENTOR. I THOUGHT 'HE'LL BE COOL' AFTER THE OTHERS..

UNTIL HE TOLD ME HIS IDEAS



A CHAKRA WHEEL FOR ~~FOR~~ YOUR WINDOWS... TO ALIGN THEM (?) (WHY?) (HOW?)



WATER VENDING MACHINES FOR THE STREETS - BECAUSE * HOW ELSE CAN YOU GET WATER?

AND HE SAID...

"I'VE BEEN BLACKLISTED. LISTEN. I SENT THIS WATER IDEA IN 1992 TO 30 WORLD LEADERS - INCLUDING F.W. DE CLERK - 3 MONTHS LATER NELSON MANDELA WAS FREED.

COINCIDENCE?

* he proposed importing the water with super tankers?.

Hey, if you liked the show,
there's a book by Kurt Vonnegut
called "A Man Without a Country"
that I think really influenced it.

He talks about a doctor called
Ignaz Semmelweis who tried to
convince people about antiseptic
surgery and people didn't really listen
and thought him a mental.
And he says you should still try,
despite being criticised.

He says...

"What you can become is the miracle
you were born to be through the
work that you do"

And

"Save our lives and your lives too.
Be honourable".

And he also says.

"How beautiful it is to get up
and go out and do something.

We are here on Earth to
fant around. Don't let anybody
tell you any different"

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I ♥
PHOTO
BOOTHS



Peckham Rye Profiles #1

I LIVE IN PECKHAM RYE AND I LOVE IT AND
HERE IS WHY....

ON THE WAY TO THE GYM, I SAW A GROUP OF OLD LADIES (AND ONE OLD MAN - WHAT A STUD) SITTING OUTSIDE ON THE PAVEMENT, ON DECKCHAIRS, WITH CUPS OF TEA, CHATTING HAPPILY

OUT IN FRONT OF
TESCO METRO



45 MINS LATER, AS I WALKED BACK, THEY WERE ALL STILL THERE. I WONDERED WHAT COULD BE HAPPENING. SUDDENLY A COACH PULLED UP AND THEY PILED ON. THEY WERE GOING ON OLD LADY HOLIDAYS!

BUT THEY'D OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT "WHY NOT START EARLY?"



A WEEK LATER, ON MY WAY TO THE GYM, I SAW THE SAME COACH DROP THEM ALL OFF!

FROM PAGE ③.....

to the front of

There are sweets sellotaped under the onstage chair.* Take them when the show has finished.

DO IT!

* ~~OR TABLE~~ *box thing



The Show has got two mottoes....

"Nemo teneo is lingua ullus
magis. Ego tantum teneo is
quoniam ego adsuesco assuesco
a reddo in internet"

and

the following, which was said by Theodore
Roosevelt (for 'man' read 'person' - bloody sexism)

"A MAN'S USEFULNESS DEPENDS UPON HIS LIVING
UP TO HIS IDEALS INsofar AS HE CAN.
IT IS HARD TO FAIL BUT IT IS WORSE
NEVER TO ~~MANAGE~~ HAVE TRIED TO SUCCEED
ALL DARING AND COURAGE, ALL IRON
ENDURANCE OF MISFORTUNE, MAKE FOR
A FINER NOBLER TYPE OF MANHOOD"

But they are both long so the everyday
motto is "Bitches ain't shit".

FROM PAGE 3... You answered "D"?

YOUR ADVENTURE ENDS HERE!

⑫ Josie Long will cut you.

THE ORIGINAL

UNO®

Draw

Skills

In UNO if you get to 1
card you have to say "UNO"
but me & my friends play =
4 cards = Frank Bruno
3 cards = George Cluno
2 = Yoko Uno
failure to say so incurs
having to swap hands with
the player with
the most cards.

These are some people at the festival that I recommend. Go and see them! It will be worth it!

Isy Suttie in "Love Lost in the British Retail Industry" 3.30pm
pleasance cellar.

- she is really brilliant, its magical!

Luke Roberts and Nadia Kamil in
"The Gently Progressive Behemoth"
at the Gilded Balloon at 1.45pm
They are the future of comedy!!

"Psister Psycho" at Baby Belly 2 at 10.30pm
Fosse inspired horror nunsploitation wonder!

Pappy's Fun Club @ SoCo. They are
what sketch comedy should be like =
Full of joy and delightful surprises.

Liz Bentley @ SoCo 12:30pm

She's GREAT - both deadpan and adorable!

(14) Maeve Higgins @ assembly. Irish wonder.
... AND Holly Walsh + Caroline Clifford + Caroline Mabey

ALSO! Please go and see....



Andrew McClelland's Mixed Tape
at the Gilded Balloon.

Lawrence Leung Learns
to breakdance at Assembly.



Hannah Gadsby is Wrong and
Broken at the Gilded Balloon.

They are wonderful Aussie comics.
(Travelling, sensitive)

ALSO! ALSO! My friend Joey Chickenskin
gave me an amazing comic book
called "Do you wish you could write?"
by Lynda Barry (it's a preview of
a book she's writing) It's from
DRAWN & QUARTERLY and it's free.
It's about writing for fun and the
love of it. Order one!!



Revolutionary Road



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by Richard Yates



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Darrell + Joe at

MAVERICK

(The management company
that I like to imagine the
figure skater Johnnie Weir
or the nature poet John
Clare would be a part of
if they were comedians
instead of a figure skater
and a nature poet.)