



Romance is in the air – although so is driving sleet. February seems the wrong month for Valentine's Day. It should be in spring, as new shoots unfurl and flowers blossom... but then, I'm probably the wrong person to ask. I find very little romance in being designated one (just one?) day of the year to be taken out for dinner and possibly proffered a bunch of overpriced flowers. Dear Valentine, take note: spontaneity is what really sweeps women off their feet.

What I do find romantic (DV can also pay attention here) are the beautiful gems by Lauren Adriana. The jewellery designer has her grandfather Sir Paul Smith's eye for design, which she has clearly combined with her love of stones. We met Lauren in her Notting Hill flat – complete with signature Paul Smith striped dining chairs – where the designer took pot shots at the fashion industry (which made us love her even more) and talked about her future plans.

Also feeling the love is newly engaged Notting Hillbillies Sophie Conran and Nicholas Hofgren who spread their obvious joy by hosting annual charity bash Naughty or Nice at The Tabernacle. Brother Tom was on hand to celebrate, as was Grove coverstar Guy Pratt, raising much-needed dosh for children in refugee centres – particularly poignant in light of the recent Haiti disaster.

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On the cover
Lauren Adriana in
Kensington Gardens
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Social Whirl



Blair MacKichan of Blair

PLAY TIME

The Tabernacle was the scene of annual charity event Naughty or Nice, hosted by newly engaged Notting Hill power couple **Sophie Conran** and **Nicholas Hofgren**. The event raised almost 600 toys and over £1,800 for children in refugee centres around the country. More than 500 guests, including **Guy Pratt** and **Tom Conran**, descended upon the iconic building, and all were kept well-lubricated by Notting Hill-based drinks company, Alibi.



Cheryl Konteh and Cheryl Newman



Harriet Arbutnot



Nicholas Hofgren and Sophie Conran



Sofia Holbech and Charlie Gautier



Danielle Hooper and Harry Dodd-Noble



Audrey Tom and Steven Collins



Ben Newton and Mick Newton



Hannah Hopkins and Vicki Russell

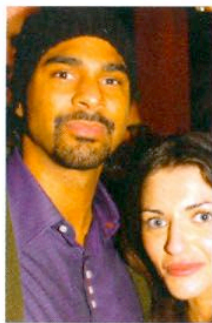


Mark Newman, Tom Conran and Blair

THE FIRST SUPPER

Legendary Amsterdam restaurant and club, Supperclub, launched just off London's very own Portobello in utter decadence. On site of that other legendary institution, Subterranea – the nightclub that defined clubbing in London in the Nineties – Supperclub lived up to its reputation with hints of S&M and more than a little louche behaviour. **Rhys Ifans** and **Adrian Chiles** were on hand to help, as were delicious nibbles, copious drinks and some very cool tunes. Notting Hill's newest place to be has arrived.

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David Hays and friend



Johanna and Tamer



James Rossiter



Rhys Ifans and Johanna



Jasmine



Adrian Chiles and David Misin



Rhys Ifans and Mark Cutler