

THREE OF A KIND

Take three wise promoters from the world of gay clubbing, add them to a new and improved venue in the heart of the West End and what do you end up with? The one-off Pride event Club Together at The Den! Here **Oliver M**, **Patrick Lilley** and **Wayne Shires** tell us all about it.

OLIVER M PATRICK LILLEY

You've each worked together in the past...what is it like working together again now?

I respect Wayne as one of the most cutting edge club promoters and Patrick is also a big idol for me because he is one of the old skool club promoters from way back when. Both of them are also lovely people to work with.

Tell us what we should expect from Club Together.

It will be a party in the spirit of Pride and unity, where all tribes and promoters come together as one unit and offer an amazing night, just like the London gay scene was around ten years ago.

What have you got planned for the next month or so?

I'm working on Matinée's big move to Cable, which will be a sell-out I'm sure, and at Brighton Pride we're hosting The Official Brighton Pride Afterhours with Wild Fruit on the Brighton beachfront. And at Manchester Pride I'll be at the Uni Challenge event where we'll host Revolver and BPM.

You've each worked together in the past. What's it like this time?

Wayne and I go back 20 years! Wayne brings some really fast thinking and decisiveness to a party. He's great at utilising space in clubs and visualising what will happen where. I just can't do that! Oliver M is a new friend and colleague. He's also Mr. Matinée of course, so who could say no to working with Oliver?

What are you going to be doing for Pride exactly?

I will start Pride at Pendulum, my new bar at 56 Frith Street (formerly Profile), and as midnight approaches I will be running between Queer Nation in Brixton and Club Together at The Den.

What have you got planned for the next month or so?

Work!, my R&B night, has left Heaven and is doing very well at Area in Vauxhall, and I'm also starting a new urban night called Bordello at The Den.

WAYNE SHIRES

You've each worked together in the past. What's it like working together again this time round?

I've known Patrick Lilley since I was 18 and Queer Nation has been one of my favourite events over the years. Oliver was a Crash DJ and helped us start the Matinée parties at Area three years ago. I think he's done a great job with Matinée and I'm so excited about its move to Cable. It's an amazing space and will be perfect to help keep the Matinée brand fresh and exciting and ahead of the pack.

What are you going to be doing for Pride exactly?

For the first time in years I will be on the parade and I'm very honoured to announce that I will be a walker for the Trannyshack float!

Wow - sounds fabulous! You better work! And can you tell us a little bit more about what we should expect from your night Club Together?

It's going to be a great party – the DJ line-up is fantastic! We just want to have a good old-fashioned Pride party – I'm so looking forward to it.

What have you got planned for the next month or so?

Stevie B, Steve Darragh and myself will be launching our new club event Konektd at Cable next month – it's going to be fantastic! People on the scene are fed up with tired old venues that are still pushing the same old nights – they're ready for a change and Cable is the future of London clubbing.



• **Club Together is on this Saturday (4 Jul) from 8pm until 8am at The Den, 18 West Central Street, WC1.**

• **Entry is £5 before 10pm, £8 before midnight, £10 from midnight until 3am and £8 after 3am. Otherwise it's £15 on the door.**



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