

## EDITOR'S LETTER

The government has done a great job of ruining clubbing. After the heavily-protested, anti-rave, Criminal Justice Act they obviously knew that they'd have to be more subtle in stamping out all night partying this time round. And they were good, boy were they good. They gave us just what we thought we wanted – all night boozing. So we stay in the pub late, go dancing late and come home in dribs and drabs. As a result club nights take ages to get going and limp to a close. The powered excitement of, say, the early days of the Big Beat Boutique are almost impossible to replicate now. Three hours of madness are now spread over six slightly-fatigued hours of low impact aerobics to a minimal soundtrack. And with the smoking ban we all seem to spend our time outside, hanging out anyway. Who knew that we didn't want to be *in* clubs – all this time we wanted to be *near* clubs, loitering on the pavement. So what's the answer? We don't know, but we're praying that this all-night drinking law gets revoked, like Middle England wants. We haven't seen more trouble – we just want to get in more. And anyway, what's wrong with an illicit party after a club? That was where the fun was, wasn't it?

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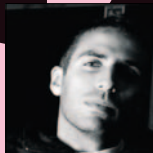
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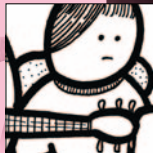
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