



CLUB SUBVERSION ARCHIVE

(CSA)

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Club Subversion Archive

2005-2018

Name of Creator: Club Subversion, fetish club

Extent: 3 Boxes

Administrative/Biographical History: Club Subversion was one of London's top fetish clubs and ran from 2004-2018. Originally launched by Mistress Absolute, Mistress Kate and bobette with the first event selling out it continued from strength to strength despite the many venue issues over the years. Mistress Kate bowed out of the organisation due to work and family commitments after a year or so and Mistress Absolute and bobette took the helm. Club Subversion spawned many spin off events including Subversion Mansion, Subversion Boudoir and its most popular 'sub' version, Subversion Noir. The decision to finish Club Subversion was made after the terminal cancer diagnosis of Dave Playpenz. Dave was a dungeon furniture maker and supplier of kit for 12 of Subversions 14 glorious years and there was no way that the Club Subversion would ever be the same without him. The last Club Subversion was on November 23rd.

Custodial History: Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Mistress Absolute, January 2019.

Scope and Content:

Archives of Club Subversion, including flyers/postcards for all Club Subversion, Subversion Noir and Club Femdom events and club nights, 2005-2018; Club Subversion laminated signs on Club etiquette, the use of photography and directions, n.d.; Club Subversion mugs, n.d.

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CSA/1	Club Subversion: General Flyers	n.d.
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Includes:

- ticket for Club Subversion at Jacks, 7-9 Crucifix Lane, London, SE1 (2 copies) (n.d.)
- membership card for Club Subversion (2 copies) (n.d.)
- general flyer for Club Subversion at Jacks, 7-9 Crucifix Lane, London, SE1 (n.d.)
- general flyer for Club Subversion at Jacks, 7-9 Crucifix Lane, London, SE1 (n.d.)

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CSA/2	Club Subversion: Flyers, 2005	2005
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Includes:

- flyer/postcard for Club Subversion at Cable Studios, 566 Cable Street, London, E1 (8 January 2005)
- flyer/postcard for Club Subversion at Cable Studios, 566 Cable Street, London, E1 (5 February 2005)
- flyer/postcard for Club Subversion at Shillibeers, Carpenters Mews, London, N7 (5 March 2005)
- flyer/postcard, 'April Showers' for Club Subversion at Studio 33, 100 Tinworth Street, London, SE11 (2 April 2005)
- flyer/postcard, 'Bank Holiday Bender' for Club Subversion at The Fridge, 1 Townhall Parade, London, SW2 (2 copies, 1 A5 and 1 postcard) (30 April 2005)
- flyer/postcard, 'Terry and June' for Club Subversion at Shillibeers, Carpenters Mews, London, N7 (4 June 2005)
- flyer/postcard for Club Subversion at Shillibeers, Carpenters Mews, London, N7 (2 July 2005)
- flyer/postcard, 'Special Play Party' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC3 (6 August 2005)
- flyer/postcard, 'They're Coming To Take Me Away' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC3 (3 September 2005)
- flyer/postcard, 'The Hunt for Pink October' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC3 (1 October 2005)
- flyer/postcard, '1st Birthday Bash' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC3 (5 November 2005)

- flyer/postcard, 'December Devils' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC3 (3 December 2005)

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Club Subversion: Flyers, 2006

2006

Includes:

- flyer/postcard, 'Alternative New Year' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC1 (7 January 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Cruel Cupid's Play Party' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC1 (4 February 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Quick March' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC1 (4 March 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Only Fools & Ponies' for Club Subversion at 1 America Square, London, EC1 (1 April 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Darling Butts of May' for Club Subversion at Throgmorton's, 27a Throgmorton Street, London, EC2N (6 May 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'GI June' for Club Subversion at Abacus, 24 Cornhill, London, EC3V (2 different flyers) (3 June 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Strawberries and Cream' for Club Subversion at Throgmorton's, 27a Throgmorton Street, London, EC2N (1 July 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Summer Party' for Club Subversion at Abacus, 24 Cornhill, London, EC3V (1 July 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Summer Party: New Venue!' for Club Subversion at Sub Bar, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 copies, 1 A5 size, 1 postcard size) (1 July 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Seven Deadly Sins' for Club Subversion at Sub Bar, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 September 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Rubber Ball: Warm Up Special' for Club Subversion at The Apt Bar, Aldermay House, 10-15 Queen Street, London, EC4N (2 September 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Happy 2nd Birthday' for Club Subversion at Abacus, 24 Cornhill, London, EC3V (2 copies, 1 A5 size, 1 postcard size) (4 November 2006)
- flyer/postcard, 'Summer Party' for Club Subversion at Abacus, 24 Cornhill, London,

EC3V (2 December 2006)
- laminated passes for 'Dungeon Monitor' and
'Couples Room Monitor', (n.d.)

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Club Subversion: Flyers, 2007

2007

Includes:

- flyer/postcard, 'Alternative New Year' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (6 January 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'February Fairies' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (3 February 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'Military March' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (3 March 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'Military March' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (6 April 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'May Pole Dancing Play Party' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 May 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'Good Vibrations' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 June 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'Subversion's School's Out' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 July 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'Biker Bitches Dance & Play Party' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (1 September 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'Happy 3rd Birthday' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (3 November 2007)
- flyer/postcard, 'I'm Dreaming of a Pink Christmas' for Club Subversion at Sub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (1 December 2007)

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Club Subversion: Flyers, 2008

2008

Includes:

- flyer/postcard, 'Alternative New Year' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 January 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Tutu Much!' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 February 2008)

- flyer/postcard, 'Rites of Spring!' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (1 March 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Quintessential Fetish' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 April 2008)
- flyer/postcard, '3/10 Squadron' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (10 May 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Sixth Form Sluts' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 June 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Strait Laced' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 July 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Summer Party' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 August 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Boot Camp' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 August 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Births, Deaths and Marriages' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (8 November 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Christmas Stockings' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (6 December 2008)

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Club Subversion: Flyers, 2009

2009

Includes:

- flyer/postcard, 'Alternative New Year' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (3 January 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Detention' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 February 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Kinky Boots!' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 March 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Naughty Nursery Rhymes' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (4 April 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Vicars and Tarts' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 May 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Saturday Night at the Movies' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (6 June 2008)

- flyer/postcard, 'Stars and Stripes' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (4 July 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Cult Fiction' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (1 August 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Saints and Sinners' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 September 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'The 5th Element' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 November 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Christmas Fairies' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 December 2008)
- flyer/postcard, 'Tantrabound Festival' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 December 2008)

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Club Subversion: Flyers, 2010

2010

Includes:

- flyer/postcard, 'Alternative New Year' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (2 January 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'Love at First Bite' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (6 February 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'The March of the Dead' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (6 March 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'In Japan' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (3 April 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'May the Force be with you' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (8 May 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'Boogie Nights' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 June 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'Attention' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (3 July 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'Black & White' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 August 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'School Rulz' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 September 2010)

- flyer/postcard, 'Uniforms!' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (7 November 2010)
- flyer/postcard, '6th Birthday' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (5 December 2010)
- flyer/postcard, 'All That Glitters' for Club Subversion at Hub Club, 2 Goulston Street, London, E1 (11 December 2010)

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Club Subversion: Flyers, 2011-2018

2011-2018

Includes:

- flyer/postcard, 'Alternative New Year' for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (5 January 2011)
- flyer/postcard, 'Subversion Bound' for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (2 April 2011)
- flyer/postcard, 'Dark Side' for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (30 April 2011)
- flyer/postcard, 'Dappers and Dandies' for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (4 June 2011)
- flyer/postcard, 'School's Out' for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (2 July 2011)
- flyer/postcard, 'Summer Lovin' for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (7 June 2008)
- flyer/postcard listing general dates for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (June-December 2011)
- flyer/postcard listing general dates for Club Subversion at Union, 23 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (February-December 2012)
- flyer/postcard, 'Corseted Xmas' for Club Subversion at Area, 67 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 (8 December 2012)
- flyer/postcard listing general dates for Club Subversion at Crystals, 122 Whitehorse Lane, London, SE25 (2 copies) (August-December 2015)
- flyer/postcard for Club Subversion (2 copies) (2016?)
- flyer/postcard for Subversion Noir (2 copies) (2016?)
- flyer/postcard for Subversion Noir, The LFW

Big Ball, at Islington Metal Works, 7 Torrens Street, London, EC1V (2 copies) (2017?)
 - flyer/postcard for Club Femdom, Club Subversion, London Fetish Weekend and Subversion Noir (2 copies) (2017)
 - flyer/postcard, 'Subversion & Spank present The Secret Mansion Party' (10 June 2017)
 - flyer/postcard for Club Subversion and Club Femdom (4 copies) (2018)
 - flyer/postcard for Club Femdom at Protocol, 6 South Lambeth Place, London, SE8 (2 items with different reverse) (2018)

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CSA/9 Club Subversion: laminated rules and signs n.d.

Includes:

- laminated Club Subversion signs, including 'Rules and Etiquette', general direction signs and signs regarding BDSM play and photography (n.d.)

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CSA/10 Club Subversion: Dave Playpenz 2018

Includes:

- order of service for the funeral of Dave Playpenz (3 copies) (19 December 2018)

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CSA/11 Club Subversion: Other Items n.d.

Includes:

- white Club Subversion mug, 'I Love 50 Shades of Earl Grey' (n.d.)
 - white Subversion Noir mug, 'I Love Forced Chai' (n.d.)
 - white Subversion Noir mug, 'I Love C.B. Tea' (n.d.)
 - plastic direction signs for Subversion Noir (n.d.)
 - two large plastic banners for Club Subversion (n.d.)

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CSA/12 Club Subversion: Reviews and Adverts 2005-2007

Includes:

- 'Subversion Holiday Bender' from Bizarre, No.99 (2pp) (Summer 2005)
 - advert for Club Subversion in Forum presents

BDSM, Vol.1, No.2 (1p) (2007)
- 'Getting Subverted at Club Subversion' from
24:7 London (2pp) (26 January 2006)
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CSA/13 **Club Subversion: T-Shirt** **n.d.**

Includes:
- black t-shirt with blue lettering 'Subversion' on
front and 'Pain is Relative, Devotion is Absolute'
on reverse.
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CSA/14 **Club Subversion: Press Coverage** **2005-2012**

Includes:
- article, 'Subversion: The Raunchy Launch' from
Desire Contacts, No.12 (2pp) (February/March
2005)
- article, 'Club Subversion: If a wild night out at a
London club...' (Interview with Mistress
Absolute) from Pro-Domme Magazine (XD
Productions) (4pp) (Spring 2012)
- Advert for Subversion, from Curious, No.5
(given out at Erotica) (2009)
- Advert for DVD 'Mistress Absolute Presents...'
from Desire, No.72 (n.d.)
- Review of 'FleursduMal: Bobette's Photos from
Torture Garden, 2003-2007' from Forum, Vol.42,
No.3 (2008)
- Advert for Subversion, from Clinic Magazine
(1p) (March 2008)
- Interview with Master Cosmic from FRM (Adult
Spy), Vol.1, No.9 (2005)
- Interview with Mistress Absolute by Rhalou
Allerhand from Forum, Vol.42, No.3 (2008)
- Article, 'Londoners: Who Do We Think We
Are?' featuring Mistress Absolute from the
Evening Standard (2pp) (10 November 2011)
- Interview, 'Girly Boy Power' with Bobette from
Forum, Vol.43, No.11 (7pp) (n.d.)
- Advert for DVD 'Mistress Absolute Presents...'
from Curious, No.4 (2008)
- Advert for Subversion, from London Locked
(1p) (March 2008)
- Review of 'Mistress Absolute Presents...' from
Forum Presents DVD, Vol.1, No.5 (n.d.)
- Review of 'FleursduMal: Bobette's Photos from
Torture Garden, 2003-2007' from Bizarre
magazine (March 2008)

- Advert for XPO 2008, part of London Fetish Weekend, from Desire, No.69 (2008)
- Poster for London Fetish Weekend (2-5 October 2008)
- Photocopy of review of London Fetish Weekend from Dark Spy (1p) (In German) (2010)
- Adverts for Club Subversion and Mistress Absolute's 'Beginner's Guide to BDSM' from Latextra (1p) (Summer 2008)
- article/review of Club Subversion from One Week To Live, No.66 (1p) (12-18 March 2007)
- Article, 'Mark Ramsden's Fetish Extravaganza: Subversion' from Forum, Vol.41, No.3 (n.d.)
- article, 'Subversion: The Raunchy Launch' from Desire Contacts, No.12 (2pp) (February/March 2005)
- Article, 'Absolute and Bobette, of Subversion' from Latextra (2pp) (Summer 2007)
- Article, 'Getting Subverted at Club Subversion' from 24:7 London (2pp) (26 January 2006)
- Advert for Subversion, from 24-7 London, No.2 (1p) (26 January 2006)
- Print-out of internet review of Club Subversion from Eros Guide London (2pp) (19 April 2005)
- Article, 'Rubbed Up The Right Way' featuring Mistress Absolute from Skin Two, No.51 (Spring 2005)
- Article, 'You've Been a Bad, Bad Girl', featuring Mistress Absolute, from Scarlet, No.18 (April 2006)
- Advert for London Fetish Weekend and Expo 2009 from Marquis, No.46 (1p) (October 2009)
- Article, 'Subversion Holiday Bender' from Bizarre magazine, No.99 (2pp) (Summer 2005)
- Print-out of internet review, 'Subversion's Second Birthday' from Eros Guide London (2pp) (15 November 2006)
- Article, 'Retro, Rubber, and more...' from Lust, No.8 (2pp) (In Dutch) (December 2005)
- Article, 'The London Fetish Weekend: Impressionen aus dem Club Subversion' from Fet-X, No.8 (2pp) (In German) (2010)
- Article, 'Brand Spanking Newbies' featuring Mistress Absolute from Bizarre magazine, No.147 (6pp) (March 2009)
- Article, 'Pimp Your Night' featuring Mistress Absolute from London Lite (2pp) (26 October 2007)
- Review, 'Pimp and Fluffy' from One Week To

Live (1p) (October 2007)

- Article, 'London's Annual 3-Day Festival of
Fetish' from Latextra, No.36 (2pp) (Summer
2012)

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