

Secret Life of a Brighton Butler



After a hard night's work

Approximately £500 million is spent on hen and stag parties in the UK every year, with women paying on average £175 per party, an increase by 50% since 2008. One of the top places to experience this prenuptial blow-out is the rock n' roll, bohemian city by the sea, Brighton. One man reveals his scandalous stories behind closed doors at some of Brighton's wild hen do's.

Throughout the year, the people of Brighton witness flocks of women with 'L' plates on their backs, pushing a bride-to-be in a Tesco trolley down the seafront and blowing their fluorescent whistles in the air. With an array of holiday home rentals in the centre of town, hens tend to take up private residency in a glamorous eight bedroom town house for the weekend, where certain hen party traditions take place behind closed doors.

On Saturday 12th November 2016, a particular group of ladies were sat in a livingroom in St James street at 7:30PM, sipping their beverages through penis shaped straws. There was a sense of nervousness amongst the 11 young women as they waited anxiously for the doorbell to ring, squabbling over who should open the door.

Dressed in a provocative Disney outfit, one 'hen' named Ellie Dawson, said "A hen party is a great excuse to go wild and be naughty. We get to act like the boys for a bit!" She goes on to explain her usual nights out and feels like men are becoming more forward than ever, without thinking twice about grabbing her inappropriately at a bar or on the dance floor, without consent. When asked if she would ever do anything like what they are about to witness, on any other occasion, a look of horror and embarrassment swept over her face and she replied, "Of course not!"

The suspense lifted when there was a knock on the door. Standing on the front step was a gentleman who appeared to be in his mid 20s, in a pair of jeans and a grey hoodie with a rucksack thrown over his shoulder, dressed surprisingly normal. He gave a dazzling smile as all 11 girls attempted to get a glimpse through the doorway simultaneously. It was clear to all that he was very attractive, broad and tall, with sandy coloured hair. He asked, "Is there anywhere I can get undressed?" and all the girls erupt in a fit of giggles.

When everyone has their drinks topped up and are engrossed in a game of 'Mr and Mrs', the mysterious naked butler opens up about his profession and his personal life. His name was Matthew Cook, an electrician in Brighton and Hove, but works for Hunks In Trunks by night. Although his service is £200 for two hours, Matt explained how he



Keeping the bubbles flowing

only receives 10% of the profit. He said, "I don't really do it for the money. I go clubbing a lot anyway and I see this as pre-drinks. I love meeting new people and it's a real confidence booster." It's a surreal experience having a civilised

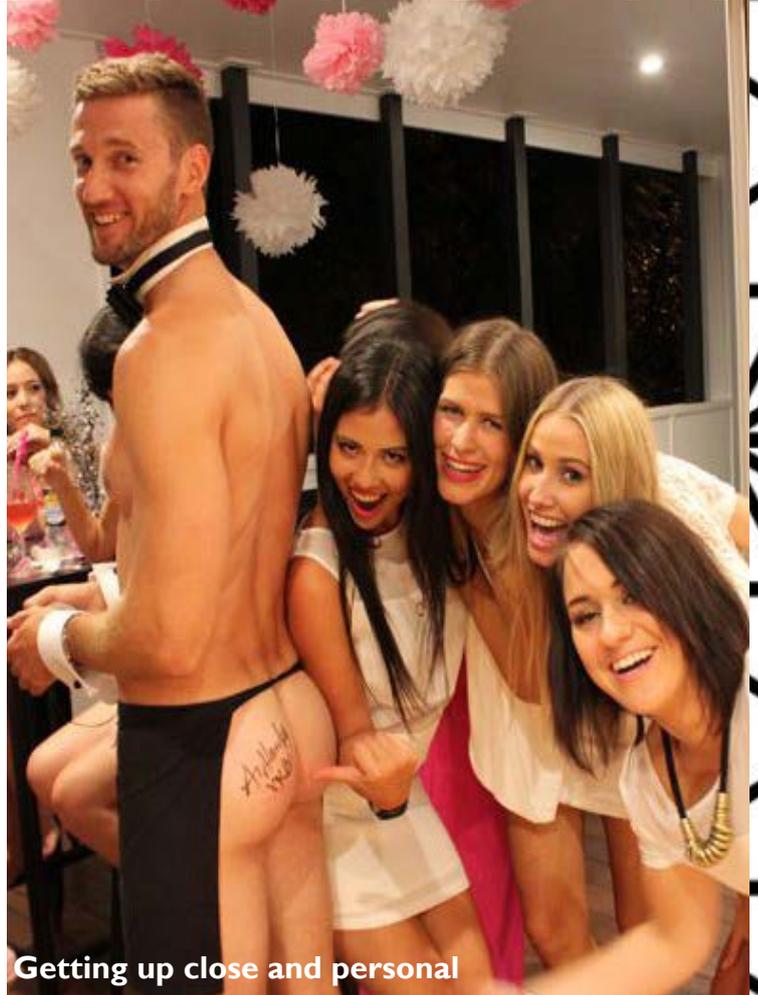
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conversation with a stranger who has barely any clothes on, but it is apparent that there's more to Matt than his physique.

He lies face up on a kitchen table with the women in line to lick salt off of his torso, before shooting tequila from his mouth. Whilst doing so, Matt casually goes on to explain some of the experiences he encountered at hen parties over the past 3 months working for Hunks In Trunks. "I was with a big party of women, all ages, and they were drinking heavily. By the time they went to leave the house, one bridesmaid could barely walk and was very ill. The other women were going to leave her there but I felt I had

Job requirements

- Great personality - You must be able to connect with a variety of people and personality types and enjoy working in a party environment whilst maintaining a level of professionalism
- Good physical condition - we employ butlers with a mix of body types from weightlifters to runners but what all of them have in common is they look after their bodies and have a toned physiques to prove it
- Well groomed – hair length can vary but must be groomed including body hair (if skin is sensitive, aloe vera wax is advised.)
- Confident and polite – nerves are understandable on your first job, but if you can't relax and socialise with your guests in a friendly manner then this isn't the job for you
- Between the ages of 18 and 39



Getting up close and personal

to assist her up the stairs. I put a bucket next to her bed and came downstairs and all of the women started drunkenly shouting at me and were aggressive!" He felt he was doing the right thing, as he was fully clothed, sober and ready to leave, but believed because of his job, the women jumped to the conclusion that he had a different motive. "I have a sister who I am protective over. I just knew if it was her in that situation I would be thankful for anyone to help her, regardless of their profession," Matt explains.

In his short time working for the company, Matt has experienced two sisters (who were also the bridesmaids) physically fight over his attention, and a 75 year old mother of the bride try to corner and French kiss him in the kitchen. He said, "I don't have personal relations with any of my clients and I don't drink alcohol on the job. I know I put myself in this situation but it can get scary sometimes when women get drunk and rowdy." He goes on to make apparent, "It's worth it though, I love being a part of their special day and I meet some brilliant people." As much as you are led to think otherwise, it is important to maintain the fact that this is a person like any other, just trying to make a living, but with really good buns.

Maybe the 50% increase in hen party budgets since 2008 has something to do with the increasing pressure to deliver a weekend of extravagance and raunchy activities. It seems

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long gone are the nights of a 'knees up' down the local pub with your mates and stumbling home after. These days, a hen party is not complete without real naked men and a trip across the country, or world in some cases. But what excuses them to expose their inner sexual predator just because they are celebrating a marriage? How much further are we willing to go for the sake of a 'hen' party? As the bride to be in St James Street, Hannah Dawson, said: "I'm glad I got the chance, I'm never going to see a bum like that again!"

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