

# THE HORN

## Village People

Don your Swiss t-shirt and wave your flag (freshly purchased from Migros) its time to celebrate all that is Swiss!!

This time of year sees Switzerland engulfed in a plethora of parties, music and film festivals. From Zurich to Locarno every lake, park and street (outhouse, doghouse etc) is put to excellent use by the local innkeepers and nowhere is this more evident than in Zermatt, where outdoors is the new indoors, even more so since the smoking ban.

There is quite literally no excuse not to get out there and do something, but if you need that extra shove there is an article on page 2 which should provide you with some inspiration. Of course there is also our monthly run down of events in the calendar on the last page.

The highlight for many in the coming weeks is the "Folklore Fest" where locals dressed in traditional outfits parade around the streets. However, one Englishman is always chosen to portray Edward Whympfer, and lucky Laurie Gilfoy (pictured) was given this honour last year. Who is going to be this year's Whympfer is as yet unclear but we are assured we will have our cameras out!

If you are a fan of endurance sports then the upcoming Matterhornlauf could be right up your strasse. Even if you don't fancy taking part, it seems as though half of Zermatt is, so get yourself up to Schwarzsee on the 23rd to cheer on those brave souls that have dragged themselves up the Stafelalp piste. Runners start at 9.30 from the Bahnhofplatz so you'll have to get to



Laurie hoping he is allowed to remove the rope when the parade is finished

Schwarzsee by about 1030 to see the top runners make it in. Word is that August really is the last properly warm month of Summer in Zermatt with September often bringing the first flurries so make sure you enjoy the weather, either from the comfort of your balcony, at a barbeque, beach volleyball or biking at Blauherd!

## Bullets - Film review in bite-size

### PUBLIC ENEMIES

**PLOT:** Heavyweights Johnny Depp, Christian Bale, and Director Michael Mann, fresh from such worthy films as Collateral and Ali collaborate in the tale of notorious 30's criminal and folk hero John Dillinger

**WATCH?** Flavour of the decade, Depp provides the cool criminal, Mann's direction is detailed and the action is bloodily convincing, the hitch? May cause tendencies towards a life of crime

### HARRY POTTER AND THE HALFBLOOD PRINCE

**PLOT:** In the 6th instalment of the burgeoning enterprise the "who must not be named" causes trouble for wizards and muggles alike.

**WATCH?** Director's prerogative has allowed parts of the book to be ditched in favour of sense and length, (down to just 2.5 hrs) and the "kids" are finally growing into their characters and acting a lot better, to the benefit of all.



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## From Fun to Fear.. and everything inbetween

As exciting as mountain life can be, sometimes it feels as though you have exhausted all the options of fun. However, fear not, for The Horn in association with those nice people at the North Wall has come to the rescue, like a knight on a steed of knowledge. So, here are our suggestions for pastimes depending on your mood. Whether your idea of fun is lounging longer than nurse would allow or getting a sweat on, we've got the activity for you!

### Lazy Days

- BBQ / picnic and swim at the lake in Täsch (or at Grünsee if you don't mind cold water)
- Teatime at Zum See (worth the walk for the home made ice cream)
- Street parties. Can you beat the record of 14 raclettes in one sitting? Saturday evenings around the town.
- Ping pong on the North Wall terrace
- Check out the Folklore Parade (it's a local fest for local people!) But watch out for the water-spraying firemen..! 9th August



Dancing in the streets, Zermatt style

- Sunrise at the top of the mountain. The early start isn't very lazy but you can go back to bed after breakfast. Heading up to Gornergrat costs you nothing with your lift pass, but you will need to pay more to head up Rothorn

### Active

- Hike to a hut. Don't just walk the tourist trails around Sunnegga. Get up in the mountains to the Hörnli, Schönbiel and Monte Rosa huts
- Bike the Downhill Club to Visp (ask in the North Wall Bar for details)
- Anyone for tennis? A game with a view at the Spielplatz
- Hike to the Mettelhorn. The vertical ascent (to 3406m) is more than an ascent of the Matterhorn from the Hörnli Hut
- Volleyball on Sundays. Ask Nikk in the Pipe for details



*Gin or Vodka drinks 6CHF all summer  
Big Cheeseburger and Chips 20CHFS through all of August  
Now open for Lunch!!*

- Ascent of the Breithorn. Rope up and get your crampons on to knock off your first 4000m peak. Ask at the Alpine Centre for details
- Summer skiing. Check out the pros (jibbers in baggies and racers in lycra)
- Forest fun park. Play at being Tarzan and challenge yourself on the fearsome 'black route'
- Camp at the Fluhalp (or stay in the hut) then hike the Pfulwe Tour
- Hike the Höhbalmen. A classic Zermatt day trek

### Extreme / Scary

- Climbing at Beehives. Sport climbing routes of all grades. Find someone with experience to show you the ropes
- Bike to Randa and hike to the Dom hut
- The Klettersteig. Rent Via Ferrata equipment from Matterhorn Sport and go with someone who knows what they're doing
- Gornerschlucht descent. Another Via Ferrata but with abseils and zip wires. Ask at the Alpine Centre for details.
- A tandem paraglide flight. Check out the bird's eye view of town. Ask Alpine Adventures in the Coop centre for details
- Winkelmattefest. Brilliant booze fuelled 2nd weekend in September. Extreme even for alcoholics. Scary for everyone



Or you could do some Extreme Ironing...

## SPARKY'S

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## Hangover City

"Something about being in the open air always cures hangovers".. That is the sentence so often uttered as you drag yourself up the mountain for a bit of exercise in the belief that "it will all be ok once you do something", but I believe hangovers are hangovers, irrespective of what happens afterwards. However the problem of being somewhere like Zermatt with a hangover is that you feel permanently guilty if you aren't "doing something". Now the fact that I may have a slight booze headache while writing this, has absolutely nothing to do with it, and I promise this article is the beacon of objectivity, however I believe I am not the only one who breathed a sigh of relief this morning when the heavens opened and the village was subject to a thunderstorm the length of which surpassed even the uncut full length version of Lord of the Rings. Turning it on its head, if you had a hangover from hell and woke up in slightly less inspiring surroundings of, say, London, I am sure you would be much more inclined to enjoy your suffering with no guilt whatsoever, at least part of which must be due to the more grotty and less life affirming environment. I would go so far as to say rather than feel obliged to get out and do something energetic, you would drag yourself to the nearest caf, and having greased up on a full English, washed down by plentiful cups of tea, you would retire to your lounge on a dvd fest for the rest of the day, pausing later only to order the curry in. I don't think this happens half as often in Zermatt. So I say revel in your hangover, forget about the mountains (they will still be there tomorrow) and fire up the dvd player!



Just making a quick call...

## Horoscopes

Capricorn: 22nd Dec—19 Jan

Love is knock, knock, knocking on your door, but are you ready to answer?

Aquarius: 20 Jan—18 Feb

Wise man says, only fools rush in. Are you wise or are you a fool?

Pisces: 19 Feb—20 Mar

Release the pressure. Either in the comfort of your own home or possibly via the means of a long run.

Aries: 21 Mar—19 Apr

Life is very short and there's no time for fussing and fighting. So get out there and make the most of what you've got.

Taurus: 20 Apr—20 May

Aren't you happy, feeling glad? Have you got sunshine in a bag? If you haven't maybe its time to get a different bag.

Gemini: 21 May—20 Jun

If you find you jumped the gun, you have to go back where you begun. Don't let it happen or you'll end up last.

Cancer: 21 Jun—21 Jul

Don't mix your drinks, don't mix with him. It will kill you one day. Good advice.

Leo: 22 Jul—22 Aug

What's the fascination with lovers at the station? You might just have to tear yourself away.

Virgo: 23 Aug—22 Sept

In the end the love you take is equal to the love you make.

Libra: 23 Sept—22 Oct

You can't put your arms around a memory, its time you moved on and left the souvenirs behind.

Scorpio: 23 Oct—21 Nov

Seize the moment, try to freeze it and own it, squeeze it and hold it, because before too long, its gone.

Sagittarius: 22 Nov-21 Dec

Seasons change with the scenery, weaving time in a tapestry, will you stop and remember...?

## SKI NEWS BROUGHT TO YOU BY

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- Despite Zermatt laying claim to the highest lift serviced ski area in the European alps, the resort of Gulmarg, in Kashmir, India is apparently making plans to build new lift to reach above 4,000m. However the title of world's highest ski resort goes to China's kung fu—sounding "Jade Dragon Snow Mountain" where you can ski at heights of 4572m... Oxygen bag are available for rent at the resort!
- The Saas Fee ride early July was cancelled due to hot weather and rain, never a good mix when you are trying to build safe giant kickers
- Flights to Sion with "Snowjet" start this winter from Stanstead on Saturdays and Sundays. Additionally, Eurostar have just announced new trains to take you from London to Geneva in just over 6 hours. Now there really is no excuse not to pop over to Zermatt for the weekend!

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## What's on this Month...In Zermatt and beyond..!

Sat 1. Aug	Sun 2. Aug	Mon 3. Aug	Tues 4. Aug	Wed 5. Aug	Thur 6. Aug	Fri 7. Aug
<b>Swiss National Day</b> <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Brüno <u>Potters</u> 1200 England v Australia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test 1715 Arsenal v Athletico Madrid	<b>Fêtes de Genève</b> <u>Potters</u> 1200 England v Australia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test Day 4 1715 Arsenal v Rangers	<b>Fêtes de Genève</b> <u>Potters</u> 1200 England v Australia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test Day 5	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Jake Gough</b> <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Brüno <b>Fêtes de Genève</b>	<b>Fêtes de Genève</b> <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Chéri <u>Potters</u> 2100 Man Utd v Valencia pre season friendly	<b>Fêtes de Genève</b> <u>Sion</u> Irish Festival <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Brüno	<b>Champéry Weinfest</b> <u>Potters</u> 1200 England v Australia 4 <sup>th</sup> Test 2100 Middlesboro v Sheffield Utd
Sat 8. Aug	Sun 9. Aug	Mon 10. Aug	Tues 11. Aug	Wed 12. Aug	Thur 13. Aug	Fri 14. Aug
<b>Zurich Street Parade</b> <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Chéri <u>Potters</u> 1200 England v Australia 4 <sup>th</sup> Test 1345 Soton v Millwall	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Jack Hurrell</b> <b>Alice Hewetson</b> <b>Zermatt</b> <b>Folklore Festival</b> <u>Potters</u> 1200 England v Australia 4 <sup>th</sup> Test 1345 Coventry v Ipswich City 1600 Man Utd v	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Jenna Barron</b> <b>Leonie Lepri</b> <u>Potters</u> 2045 Darlington v Leeds Utd <u>Papperla</u> Swiss Night (6.50CHF Raclette)	<u>Cardrona NZ</u> Burton Open <u>Potters</u> 2045 Bury v West Brom	<u>Cardrona NZ</u> Burton Open <u>Potters</u> 1900 Norway v Scotland football 2045 Netherlands v England football <u>Vernissage</u> 1800 Brüno	<u>Cardrona NZ</u> Burton Open	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Clint Harris</b> <u>Cardrona NZ</u> Burton NZ Open <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Public Enemies
Sat 15. Aug	Sun 16. Aug	Mon 17. Aug	Tues 18. Aug	Wed 19. Aug	Thur 20. Aug	Fri 21. Aug
<u>Cardrona NZ</u> Burton Open <u>Vernissage</u> 2030 Public Enemies <u>Potters</u> 1345 Chelsea v Hull City 1820 Newcastle Utd v Reading	<u>Potters</u> 1430 Man Utd v Birmingham City 1700 Tott Hotspur v Liverpool	<u>Papperla</u> Swiss Night (6.50CHF Raclette)	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Tom Cloke</b> <u>Potters</u> 2045 UEFA Champions League Broken Bar Workers night Cheap drinks	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Donna Tait</b> <b>James Stewart</b> <b>Hunter</b> <u>Potters</u> 2045 UEFA Champions League	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>James Bradley</b> <u>Lausanne</u> For Noise Fest	<u>Lausanne</u> For Noise Fest
Sat 22. Aug	Sun 23. Aug	Mon 24. Aug	Tues 25. Aug	Wed 26. Aug	Thur 27. Aug	Fri 28. Aug
<u>Bearsdon, SC</u> Westbeach freestyle series <u>Lausanne</u> For Noise Fest <u>Potters</u> 1200 Australia v New Zealand 1820 West Brom v Ipswich Town	<b>Matterhornlauf</b> <u>Potters</u> 1430 West Ham Utd v Tott Hotspur 1700 Fulham v Chelsea	<u>Papperla</u> Swiss Night (6.50CHF Raclette) <u>Potters</u> 2100 Liverpool v Aston Villa	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Lou Davidson</b> <b>Christina Brähler</b> <u>Potters</u> 2045 UEFA Champions League	<u>Potters</u> 2045 UEFA Champions League	<u>Potters</u> 2045 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Carling Cup	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Adam Steadman</b> T-Bar Fête Blanche
Sat 29. Aug	Sun 30. Aug	Mon 31. Aug	Tues 1. Sept	Wed 2. Sept	Thur 3. Sept	Fri 4. Sept
<u>Potters</u> 1200 Australia v South Africa 1345 Chelsea v Burnley 1815 Man Utd v Arsenal	<u>Potters</u> 1430 Portsmouth v Man City 1700 Aston Villa v Fulham	<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Hari Williams</b> <b>Maddy Didsbury</b> <u>Potters</u> 2045 Newcastle Utd v Leicester City			<b><u>Birthday!</u></b> <b>Katherine Carey</b>	