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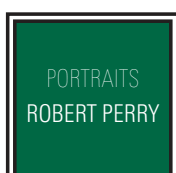
# MOST WANTED TED

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Scotland's top 100 eligibles

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It's time once again to reveal the identities of the most eligible men and women in Scotland. Get ready to meet some of the most fascinating, funny, intelligent individuals we could find. And despite their wide range of backgrounds, professions, romantic histories and hobbies, they all have one thing in common. Right now, not one of them is dancing cheek to cheek with a special someone. Curious? Turn the page

# MOST ELIGIBLE

THE MEN



**BILLY BOYD**

ACTOR, 34  
Lives Glasgow.

**Who he?** In the last 12 months Boyd has become a household name in the wonderful world of movies – thanks to his most famous role to date, playing Frodo’s loyal sidekick, Pipin, in *The Lord of the Rings*. Boyd then spent a year shooting a short film in Newfoundland, and he played a hilarious and unforgettable walk-on part in BBC Scotland’s *Still Game*, with best pals and co-stars Mark Cox and Paul Riley. Most recently he’s been down Mexico way, filming a new movie alongside Russell Crowe.

**Conquests** Boyd admits he’s got his eye on a dancer, but he’s not mentioning any names.

**Haunts** Science fiction conventions across the world. There’s no end of demand for a hobbit. But when he’s back in Glasgow, check out the pubs dotted around the city centre.

**Pluses** If you fancy the glamorous life, there are the premieres, parties and exotic locations.

**Minuses** He is a complete wind-up merchant. You’ll never know when he’s kidding you.

**Do say,** “*The Lord of the Rings*? Never heard of it.”

**Don’t ask for** co-star Viggo Mortenson’s phone number, or mention *Julie and the Cadillacs*. Well, have you ever seen it?



Good sport: last year’s number one, Prince William, is at number three



**JAMIE BYNG**

PUBLISHER, 33



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** Scottish publisher James Edmund Byng, youngest son of the Earl of Stafford, was recently named one of the most powerful men in Britain by GQ magazine. His company,

Canongate, became big news after Yann Martel won the Booker Prize for *The Life of Pi*. The win is worth around £2 million to a business that seemed headed for receivership in 1994. Byng began working at Canongate in 1992, after leaving university. Within two years he was involved in a management buyout of the company. **Conquests** Recently split from wife Whitney after 12 years and two children.

**Haunts** Cinemas. Jamie was a fixture at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

**Pluses** A very cool circle of friends, including Gil Scott-Heron.

**Minuses** Will you ever get him out of his jeans, trainers and unironed shirts? Or his office. He’s a world-famous workaholic.

**Do ask about his latest project,** in which writers retell a myth of their choice. Among those already on board are Jeanette Winterson, Margaret Atwood and Philip Pullman.

**Don’t say,** “What’s the Booker Prize?”



**PRINCE WILLIAM**

STUDENT, 20

**Lives** St Andrews and London.

**Who he?** As if he needs any introduction – Prince William Arthur Philip Louis, son of Prince Charles and the late Princess of Wales, has lived on the front pages since his birth. He is second in line of succession to the throne (following his father). After much deliberation over whether to study in Edinburgh or not (William’s first choice), he currently attends the University of St Andrews on a four-year MA honours degree course. St Andrews gives him the privacy he needs, and which he also found at school. “I enjoyed Eton very much,” he’s said. “Being able to go about as just another student without media attention.”

**Conquests** There have been rumours of a few women with double-barrelled names, but no one dares try to cut through the red tape surrounding him. Oh, except Britney. Dream on, girl.

**Haunts** Local hotels and tearooms in St Andrews, for bacon rolls and cups of tea. When in Edinburgh, he can be spotted in Rick’s or the Opal Lounge with cocktail jugs and the obligatory entourage.

**Pluses** The royal stamp of approval.

**Minuses** Although William has accompanied his father on several occasions, he hasn’t yet started to carry out his own public engagements. Find a slot in his diary if you can.

**Do take him for his fast food.** Unfortunately, he’s a devotee. What would the Queen say?

**Don’t mention** Paul Burrell.



Boyd up: Billy Boyd is our number one Eligible for 2002



**4** NEW

**MARTIN COMPSTON**

ACTOR, 18



**Lives** Born and bred in Greenock. About to launch himself in Hollywood. **Who he?** A modern-day fairy tale made real. Persuaded by his PE teacher to attend a film audition, Martin was plucked from obscurity to take the lead in Ken Loach's *Sweet Sixteen*. He plays Liam, a bright lad who turns to dealing drugs to buy his mum a home in time for her release from jail. Although he had never acted before, Martin's performance has taken the film world by storm, and the accolades keep pouring in. A Best Actor nomination at Cannes was followed by a win at the Scottish Baftas. Last month he snagged the Most Promising Newcomer title at the British Independent Film Awards.

**Conquests** Young, free, single and enjoying it. Martin couldn't believe his luck in Cannes: "The talent! The girls were just unbelievable." **Haunts** On red carpets everywhere, or with his family in Greenock. **Pluses** Intelligent (he gained three 'A's in his Highers), talented, with a great future predicted. **Minuses** He's 18 and has a lot of wild oats to sow. **Do** say, "I love Ken." Martin has an enormous amount of respect for the director, and says he owes all his success to him. **Don't** mention his ambitions to be a footballer. Martin was a £65-a-week apprentice at Morton, his local team, and always dreamed of playing professionally. He says, "It was a bit of a tear-jerker when I handed my notice in," but he's going to give acting a proper go.

**5** NEW

**TONY KEARNEY**

ACTOR, 30



**Lives** Glasgow. **Who he?** Currently most famous as Scott Wallace, the graphic designer in BBC Scotland's new twice weekly soap, *River City*, this Barra-born boy is no stranger to our screens. Tony was in the Gaelic soap *Machair* for six years, and has taken roles in *Taggart* and plays on Radio 4. A lesser spotted boast of his CV is his stint as a 'Prize Guy' on STV's *Wheel of Fortune*. Like Carol Smillie before him, Scott has stroked the freezers lovingly and smiled brightly alongside the microwaves. Well, it paid the bills.

**Conquests** He's definitely looking. **Haunts** Barra, visiting his mum, but when in Glasgow, Café Gandolfi is his favourite. **Pluses** He'll whisper sweet nothings to you in Italian, Spanish, English and Gaelic. **Minuses** Keeping up with him. When not in Barra he travels a lot, particularly to his holiday home in Florida. **Do** take him to Spain. He's fancies living there. **Don't** ask him Gaelic swear words.

**6** NEW

**DES HAMILTON**

CASTING DIRECTOR & ACTOR, 36



**Lives** Glasgow and London. **Who he?** If you haven't heard of Kathleen McDermott, you must have been hibernating. She is the unknown star of *Morvern Callar*, Lynne Ramsay's latest film, and Des is the man who discovered her strolling along a busy Glasgow street. Des also cast the forthcoming Ewan McGregor film, *Young Adam*, and *Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself*, starring Shirley Henderson, as well as the second series of Channel 4's acclaimed *The Book Group*, in which he plays footballer Jamie McCann. His next project is Lynne Ramsay's third film, an adaptation of *The Lovely Bones*.

**Conquests** The list is endless and international. Too many women, too little time – though he wishes the very-married Madeleine Stowe was among them. **Haunts** Any five-a-side football pitch. He plays several times a week. Or the GFT in Glasgow. **Pluses** A die-hard movie fan. Popcorn and ice cream – his treat. **Minuses** There's nothing you can tell him about films. He is a walking encyclopedia. **Do** take him half-time oranges. **Don't** say, "Are you the guy who used to be in the Nescafé ads?"

**7** NEW

**DARIUS DANESH**

SINGER, 22



**Lives** His family resides in Glasgow, where Darius grew up, but he doesn't stay in one place very long. **Who he?** Love him or hate him, you've heard of Mr Danesh. After narrowly missing out on joining Hear'say,

Darius said no to several record offers to return to Edinburgh University. When auditions for *Pop Idol* began, he sang his heart out – and the rest is history. Despite losing, he was offered a record deal by Simon Cowell's BMG, but turned it down. He signed with Mercury in May, and saw his first single, 'Colourblind', go in at number one in July.

**Conquests** He told us, "I don't have a love life any more; I'm just too busy." **Haunts** Children in Need, award shows, movie premieres, TV spots, radio interviews – also playing a free gig on December 6 at Jumpin' Jaks on Glasgow's Sauchiehall Street. **Pluses** A sweetie who's kept his feet on the ground and actually seems to have genuine musical talent. Potential to become huge. **Minuses** Can you live with the odd evening together here and there whilst he works hard on his career? **Do** compliment him on his art work. Darius recently designed some Christmas cards for the Prince's Trust in Scotland. **Don't** say, "Oh, hit me baby one more time."



**8** NEW

**SAM HEUGHAN**

ACTOR, 22



**Lives** Glasgow. **Who he?** Edinburgh theatre-goers will know him by his rather pert behind. Sam, who is still at RSAMD, starred in David Greig's *Outlying Islands*, at the Traverse Theatre last summer, and the role required

him to simulate sex in the buff. From Balmacclellan, in Dumfries and Galloway, he moved to Edinburgh at 14, and sneered at all things creative: "I didn't want to be one of those arty nutcases." But after travelling for a few years in between studying, he realised acting was his calling. **Conquests** Enjoying bachelor life but says, "I'm willing to change the error of my ways." **Haunts** Merchant City, or "that bar" next to the academy. You can also see him in *Scrooge* at the Citizens this Christmas. **Pluses** Um, there is the rather fine posterior mentioned earlier and, well, need we say more? **Minuses** Always on the go and a real flirt. It'll be hard to keep track of this one. **Don't** say, "You've got great legs." Sam often strips people of their tights and puts them on himself. In public. Ahem.



**11** NEW  
**MILES DUNCAN**

BUSINESSMAN, 37



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** A Glenalmond schoolboy who has gone on to become marketing director of the Glenvarigill Motor Group, best known for its Porsche dealerships. Miles is part of a well-oiled team

that's made a £50m-turnover company into a £180m-turnover one with 26 businesses in just four years. He's currently working on a new Porsche site at Fort Kinnaird.

**Conquests** Has only just realised why he is still single – he's too busy.

**Haunts** The Apartment in Edinburgh.

**Pluses** The car, naturally. And a great traveller, who especially enjoys visiting Dubai.

**Minuses** Staying as fit as he is. He is an avid runner. "A run each day takes the edge off a bad day and puts the shine on a good one."

**Do** ask about his motto for success, which happens to be: "When you don't know what you are doing, make sure you surround yourself with people who do." His mum taught it to him.

**Don't** be cruel to animals. He is a huge animal lover and shares his life with a dog.

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**LORENZO AMORUSO**

FOOTBALLER, 31



**Lives** Originally from Palese in Italy; now lives in Bearsden.

**Who he?** Rangers' star defender. He's been with the club for five years and has until the end of next season to decide whether he'll head home to Italy. Luckily,

Lorenzo has indicated his desire to remain in bonny Scotland. "If my body is still in good enough condition to make an impact with Rangers, then I'd be delighted to stay," he says. And if the commentary on his many fan sites is anything to go by, his body is in good enough condition for more than just footie! Even fellow players hold him in high esteem – he was voted Scotland's players' Player of the Year in April.

**Conquests** Rarely seen without a bevy of beautiful babes, but none has made a lasting impression.

**Haunts** At Ibrox, or Glasgow's most exclusive restaurants. There's nothing he likes more than good quality food and fine wine.

**Pluses** Sultry, sexy and athletic, with a spine-tingling accent. He's also very generous, auctioning his Scottish Cup final shirt in aid of the earthquake victims in San Giuliano di Puglia.

**Minuses** You'll have to compete with that bevy of beautiful babes, as well as his devotion to the beautiful game.

**Do** congratulate him. Rangers are neck and neck with Celtic at the top of the Premier League, and his autobiography, *LA Confidential*, is out now.

**Don't** offer him a Bailey's. Lorenzo apparently became a little too fond of the Irish liqueur while laid up with a tendon injury.

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**ALAN PERT**

ARCHITECT, 31



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** It's been a busy year for this wonder boy, who left Zoo Architects to set up Nord, his own architectural practice. Already projects are flooding in fast and furiously. Alan's still working on phase

two of Glasgow's Homes For The Future, as well as designing additional Republic Bier Halles for fellow Eligible Colin Barr, in both Edinburgh and Glasgow. He is also working on designs for a major new city-centre nightclub in Glasgow.

**Conquests** Yes, there may well be someone special, but that's for him to know and you to wonder about. He plays it close to his chest.

**Haunts** Glasgow's Rab Ha's or Republic Bier Halle in Shawlands.

**Pluses** A man with excellent taste, Alan is also a great storyteller. And, reputedly, one of Scotland's last gentlemen.

**Minuses** With all these projects on the go, does he ever have time for romance?

**Do** ask when his touring architectural exhibition, Common Place, opens at The Lighthouse.

**Don't** dare mention artex.

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**JOHN AMABILE**

DESIGNER & PRESENTER, 38



**Lives** Glasgow's West End.

**Who he?** This year has been his busiest ever. After another series of *Better Homes* with Carol Vorderman, John launched a new-look *Home Show* with Kaye Adams and acquired a contract for ITV's

*This Morning*, presenting travel and design. He's just back from Cuba on behalf of *Scottish Passport* ("Me in Havana, havana great time").

In addition, he manages to keep his private clients happy with his innovative creations for their homes and offices.

**Conquests** "Very single and very eligible."

**Haunts** In Glasgow's Air Organic with best mate Anna Ryder Richardson, or away on holiday with Sarah Heaney.

**Pluses** Free interior design advice.

**Minuses** His own home is a constant work in progress. John never tires of changing the colour schemes.

**Do** have dinner at his place. He cooks up a mean plate of pasta.

**Don't** say, "Has anyone ever told you you look a bit like Boy George?"

Fame beckons: Martin Compston has given up being a professional footballer to try to make it as an actor

**13** NEW

**CATHAL McAITEER**

FASHION DESIGNER, 30



**Lives** London.

**Who he?** Runs Macandi, a fashion sales agency that looks after a host of labels – including Nuala (Christy Turlington’s yoga label), Mihara Japanese footwear, Rudolph Dassler, Platinum

footwear and Zaki Shariff. He also designs menswear under the label Folk.

**Conquests** A good few serious relationships.

**Haunts** Find him on the football pitch – he plays weekly and wanted to become a professional. In Scotland, he always hits a golf course.

**Pluses** A fabulous new wardrobe.

**Minuses** Always having to look your best. He is a true fashionista.

**Do play him** Mary J Blige. He is a huge fan.

**Don't say,** “I bought a jacket just like that at British Home Stores.”

**14** NEW

**MICHAEL JACKSON**

ADVENTURER, 32



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** Owner of Wild Day, a multi-million-pound outdoor leisure and equipment company with the biggest website of its kind in Europe. He has just signed with Random

House for a book due out next May. It'll be called *Look Back to Get Ahead – Life's Lessons from History's Heroes*, and will impart valuable lessons from the giants of the past. Random House reckons it will be among next year's top five life-coaching books.

**Conquests** Mostly mountains and munros. “There have been a few wonderful, wonderful women, but sadly I'm still single.”

**Haunts** In a boardroom – he's been asked to sit on a strategy board to share his wisdom with today's youth.

**Pluses** Energetic and inspiring.

**Minuses** He is a workaholic as well as a night owl. He runs Wild Day by day and writes through the night.

**Do ask him to sing.** He was once a singer in a band called Marcha Fresca. Remember them?

**Don't ask him to moonwalk.**

**15** NEW

**LORNE BALF**

COMPOSER, 26



**Lives** LA, London, Inverness.

**Who he?** He has done a lot in a short time, including composing the theme for *River City*. A graduate of Fettes College, he performed with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra while at school. He's written hundreds

of commercials, worked with composer Guy



of commercials, worked with composer Guy Michelmore, and made his mark in Hollywood. The plot of *Pearl Harbor* may have stunk, but its critically acclaimed music includes Balf's compositions, as does the recent US remake of *Ring*.

**Conquests** Recently back on the market after a long relationship ended.

**Haunts** Grand Cru in Edinburgh.

**Do talk science.** Lorne loves talking cold, hard logic as a great antidote to the emotional world of music.

**Don't admit you're tone deaf.**

**16** NEW

**GEORGE MITCHELL**

BOOKMAKER, 36



**Lives** Glasgow's West End.

**Who he?** George is a bookie who travels all over – Ascot, Kelso and Glasgow's own Shawfield. Luckily, he doesn't wear a set of tweeds, garish gold jewellery or use old-school hand signals. It's all

walkie-talkies now – although this brings new problems “when you tap into the same frequency as the local cab firm”. He's also setting up internet gambling firm [www.giracing.com](http://www.giracing.com).

**Conquests** He hopes there might still be a fine pedigree out there for him.

**Haunts** Shawfield and Kelso, or the best Chinese in Glasgow – Chow's.

**Pluses** Buying a hat for Ascot's ladies' day.

**Minuses** Competing for time with the animals.

**Do place your bets.**

**Don't say,** “You've really gone to the dogs.”

**17** NEW

**NICK WALTER**

BUSINESSMAN & POLO PLAYER, 30



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** A former polo star now working as project manager for UniTech, a small internet software development company. Nick won a scholarship to New Zealand at 18, where he helped run

yards and played on a private polo team for two years. Back home, he managed England's Beaufort Polo Club before being offered a place on a Palm Beach team. Nick turned down Florida in order to break into the world of new media.

**Conquests** Two big loves, but single for about eight months.

**Haunts** Edinburgh's Opal Lounge. Or the Dundee and Perth Polo Club – Nick still plays and is one of the highest-ranked players in the country.

**Pluses** Just imagine those thigh muscles.

**Minuses** Little time for romance.

**Do let him know how you feel.** Nick admits he's clueless at reading the signals.

**Don't call him a snob.** He may belong to the landed gentry, but he's totally down to earth.

Free spirit: Jamie Heriot Maitland is Eligible number 32. See Page 19

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## DEREK MARSHALL

CHEF, 35



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Chef and partner at arguably Glasgow's best restaurant, Gamba, and winner of numerous catering awards. His reputation as one of Scotland's best chefs was obvious at a recent charity

dinner, when someone bid £10,000 for Derek to cook in their home.

**Conquests** Nothing worth mentioning.

**Haunts** You'll find him taking a busman's holiday at Rogue in Edinburgh, his favourite Scottish restaurant. He's also a big movie fan.

**Pluses** The best breakfast in bed.

**Minuses** He works all the time. It's a hazard of the profession.

**Do** cook for him, for a change.

**Don't** ask to see his six-pack. He reckons "it's more of a bag of tatties at the moment", and is fixing it at the gym as we speak.



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## STEFAN KING

PUBLICAN & PROPERTY MAGNATE, 39



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Walk into any bar in Glasgow's city centre, and the chances are it's owned by Stefan. In the last year he acquired the pubs that were once under Ron McCulloch's Big Beat umbrella. Plus he's

busily converting the GPO building in Glasgow's George Square into *the* address in the city for dreamy, expensive flats.

**Conquests** Who knows? His life is a closed book and he'd never kiss and tell.

**Haunts** Obviously the Corinthian, Arta, Gong, etc. Or you'll find him visiting foreign countries, no doubt looking for fresh ideas.

**Pluses** You'll always have a designated driver on hand - he's teetotal.

**Minuses** You'd better love the night life.

20 NEW

## GREIG SCOTT

BUSINESSMAN, 41



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Deals with international real estate for a large American conglomerate. No, we don't know what this means either, and when asked, Greig himself seemed to struggle. It involves a lot of

time spent jet-setting, staying in fabulous hotels and having the odd meeting.

**Conquests** Meets lots of high-flying women at corporate dos, but nothing serious.

**Haunts** Stravaigin in Glasgow's West End, or Firebird - his mate is DJ there. If all else fails, look up a mountain: in the last year he has travelled to

Nepal, Bhutan, Chamonix and Utah.

**Pluses** His knowledge of top hotels around the world is pretty impressive.

**Minuses** Sport takes up a lot of his time.

**Do** offer to dog-sit. He has a beautiful golden retriever called Storm.

**Don't** say his jokes are rubbish. He fancies himself as a bit of a comedian.

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## OLIJF WEINBEGA

WEBSITE DESIGNER, 34



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** This blond, blue-eyed website designer from Amsterdam fell in love with Glasgow after a visit a few years back.

**Conquests** Sophia Loren. NOT.

**Haunts** The hills. Can you

imagine what Scotland's like to a flatlander?

**Pluses** He's 6ft, blond and has a vintage BMW motorbike - how cool will you look on the back of that?

**Minuses** The biker gear and the long hair is a bit close to Eighties *Eurotrash*.

**Do** take him sightseeing. He loves Scotland and all things Scottish - including the lassies.

**Don't** mention the VengaBoys. Yes, Holland is responsible.

22 NEW

## RICHARD MCLELLAND

ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE, 25



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Richard markets Red Bull in Scotland's bars and nightclubs, a strange career choice for a former English and philosophy student.

Working for a company called Liquid, his job takes him all

over, and, he hopes, they'll soon break into the Austrian and Italian markets, since he'd like to move to the Continent.

**Haunts** In Glasgow's Rococo or Rogano.

**Pluses** Also a part-time model, so it's free drinks and great looks.

**Minuses** Hanging out in the country's best bars and clubs means you'll never have him to yourself - he knows everyone.

**Do** take him to New York City. He loves it.

**Don't** ask what kind of music he likes. Richard writes and produces his own. Is it indie, is it rock? Who knows? He doesn't.

23 NEW

## DR ROBERT GIBB

DOCTOR, 41



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** A consultant forensic psychiatrist, Robert works in Carstairs and also in Lanarkshire. His career has included research work for the Home Office and a stint at the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

He also held a lectureship in forensic psychiatry at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne. On the flip side, Robert has an "on-off relationship with music and the arts", and is currently finishing a "faux classical techno pop" project.

**Conquests** Dr Gibb has yet to find his soul mate and confesses he has so far found relationships to be "hard work".

**Haunts** He can't let people know where he hangs out because of the nature of his job. Seriously.

**Pluses** Playing 'Doctors and Nurses' for real.

**Minuses** Are you really ready to have your behaviour examined?

**Do** be yourself. Apart from the fact that he will probably know if you're faking it, Robert much prefers women who are honest and up-front about things.

**Don't** expect him to talk much about his job. Like we said, it's top-secret stuff.

Miles better: businessman Miles Duncan is Eligible number 11. See Page 13



**24** NEW

**CRAIG HARKNESS**

BRAND MANAGER, 30



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Since joining Ten-nents as a sales trainee six years ago, Craig has flourished. Now brand manager, he was part of the team that launched tripTych three years ago, and he is already

preparing for next year's 10th T in the Park. Much of his year is spent travelling to music festivals and checking out new bands and clubs. You can't keep a good man down.

**Conquests** Known to be very choosy, but says, "if I decide to jump I am very loyal and honest".

**Haunts** St Jude's, Moda, hip gigs and Bond movie premieres – Craig's a dedicated fan.

**Pluses** Tickets to any music act going – a never-ending, top-quality social life.

**Minuses** He's incredibly energetic and enthusiastic, so you'll be hard pushed to keep up. And there's the massive CD collection that needs to be categorised.

**Do** Vogue. One of Craig's favourite artists is Madonna, so you can't go wrong by praising the Material Girl.

**Don't say** a good word about Dubya. He's Craig's enemy number one.

**25** NEW

**AIDAN MOFFAT**

SINGER, 28



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Aidan lists his official occupation as "singer and *bon viveur*", but he's more commonly known as the lead vocalist for indie band Arab Strap – Falkirk's biggest claim to fame. Core

members Aidan and guitarist Malcolm initially came to prominence with their single 'The First Big Weekend', a song about the pair's antics over the 48-hour period that saw Scotland fall out of Euro '96. Originally snapped up by Glasgow-based record label Chemikal Underground, the band had a brief fling with the industry's heavy hitters before rebelling against executives who told them to make their music more commercial. They returned to Chemikal in 2000. So far it has been a quiet year for Aidan, with no tours and work on a solo album.

**Conquests** Love comes way down the list of Aidan's priorities, although he's still holding a torch for his first love, Kate Moss.

**Haunts** So regular he's practically listed in the guide books, Aidan takes to the dance floor at Optimo on Sunday nights.

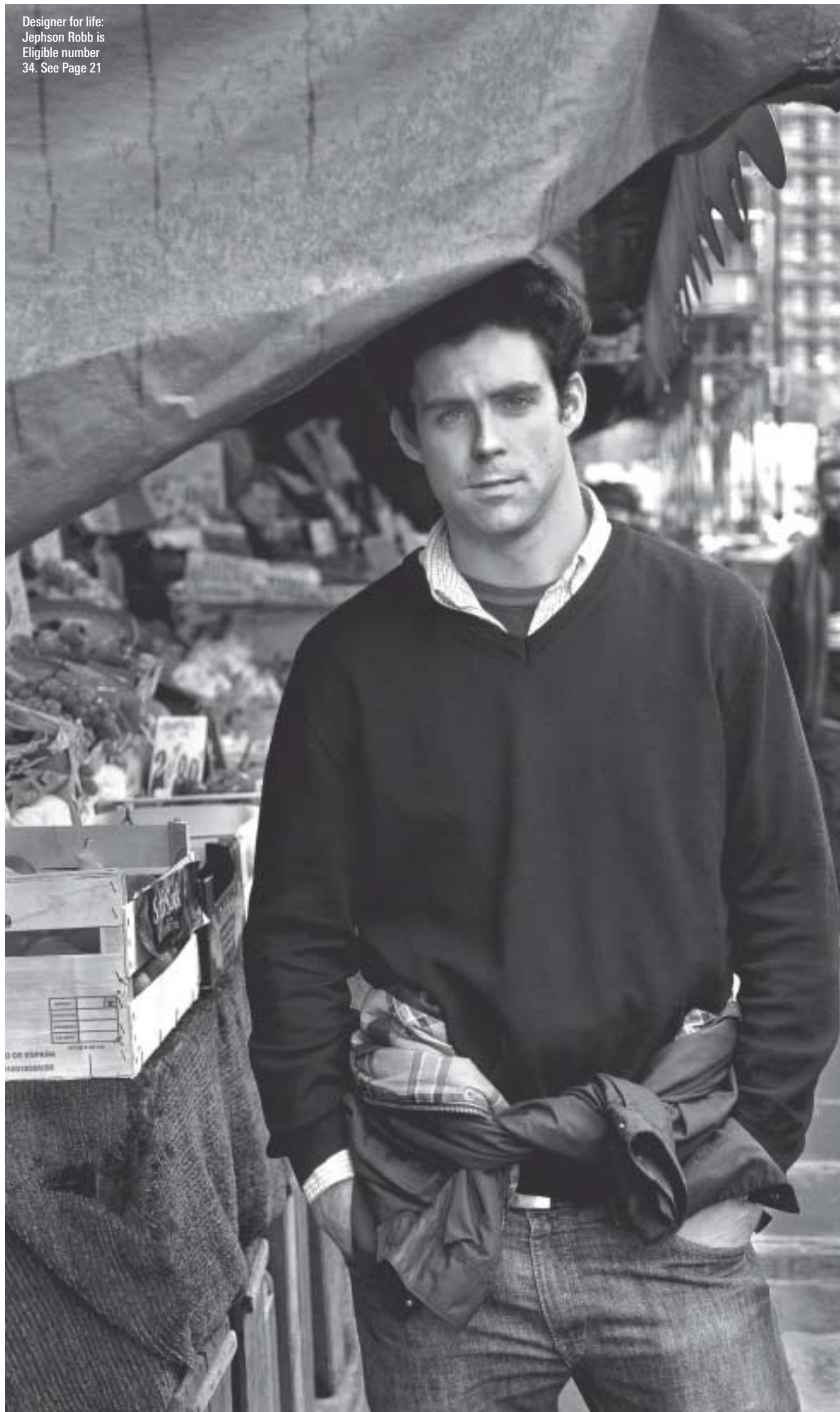
**Pluses** He can write you a love song, and show you the music industry from the inside.

**Minuses** Aidan is known for his party-hearty ways.

**Do** have a sense of humour. This is the man who named his band after a sex aid.

**Don't say** "Cheer up!" Aidan is a tortured artist, and takes pride in his downbeat music.

Designer for life: Jephson Robb is Eligible number 34. See Page 21



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## AAMER ANWAR

LAWYER, 34

**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Recently joined Beltrami, Scotland's biggest criminal defence firm. Aamer is also recognised as one of Scotland's premier human rights lawyers, as well as a keen activist for the anti-war movement and asylum rights.

**Conquests** Due to the high-profile nature of his job, he prefers to keep his private life exactly that – although he does admit to enjoying candlelit meals accompanied by good music and sparkling conversation.

**Haunts** All over the country, campaigning zealously. But when he's in Glasgow, look for him in Rogano and the Ubiquitous Chip, his favourite pit-stops at dinner time.

**Pluses** Instant legal advice and a palate for gourmet cooking. Apparently he's not too bad at the whole Naked Chef thing himself.

**Minuses** He never stops working. Even when he's 'relaxing', this dedicated chap enjoys reading political literature.

**Do** make love – not war.

**Don't** ask about his clients. He's the absolute soul of discretion.

27 NEW

## OLI NORMAN

ENTREPRENEUR, 24

**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** An entrepreneur currently revitalising the social lives of Scots everywhere. A law graduate from Edinburgh University, Oli worked with McGregor Donald for less than a year before

realising the legal trade wasn't for him. He took off to Singapore, working in a shipping company as a business developer, handling multi-million-dollar takeovers and doing freelance journalism on the side. Back in Scotland, he became an ideas man with Ideal World Productions, creating and writing TV programmes, before setting up Dada a few months ago. The company proposes to offer a solution to anyone tired of the same old night down the pub, and combines theatre, cinema, music and good food to create a unique social event you won't forget.

**Conquests** Oli says that he's only ever had one true love, while he was at university, and that he's been single for two years.

**Haunts** "It's who you're with, not where you are."

**Pluses** Access to the hottest parties in town, with a successful, charming gent as your date.

**Minuses** Unsocialable working hours and stiff competition from beautiful socialites.

**Do** say, "Haven't I seen you on TV?" Oli was a contestant on Channel 5 series *The Mole*, and still keeps in touch with several of his teammates.

**Don't** be scared of exercise. The best way to spend time with Oli is to join him in a bit of snowboarding in Glencoe or kite-surfing in Spain.

28 NEW

## BRUCE NICOL

SINGER, 28

**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** Lead singer and guitarist with emerging Scottish band The Silver Pill, touted as "the nation's wild corrosive sons of atom-rock heaviness". A recognisable figure on the underground

scene, and doing quite well above ground too – with appearances at T in the Park, Gig on the Green and the Musicworks seminar. He's also appeared on Radio One's *Session in Scotland*.

**Conquests** Single again after a few years' involvement, and looking to make some new friends.

**Haunts** The Basement on Broughton Street, his home away from home.

**Pluses** A charismatic, passionate singer. Snag him before he becomes too big to touch.

**Minuses** Ear-splitting music and the hard slog of a band trying to make it.

**Do** take him shoe-shopping. Bruce has a collection to rival any gal, and will happily try on pair after pair. Yes, a man who likes shopping.

**Don't** sing Steps songs. This guy is "rock to his seismic silver soul".

29 NEW

## COLIN BARR

BAR OWNER, 42

**Lives** Glasgow's West End.

**Who he?** Colin has been setting the trends and fashions of Glasgow's bars for more than a decade. His venues include the Volcano and the Tunnel, the Lounge, the Living Room, Mas and the

Republic Bier Halles.

**Conquests** Separated from wife and fellow eligible Kelly Cooper.

**Haunts** Well, the Republic, of course. Or Chow in Byres Road.

**Pluses** Free beer, goulash and entry to any club you like. He knows everyone.

**Minuses** All those girls trying anything to get into his nightclubs.

**Do** say, "You're looking fit." The gym is part of his new regime to stay healthy.

**Don't** go for the quiet night in. He likes to party, party, party.

30 NEW

## PETER WOOD

ACCOUNTANT, 29

**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** This Ayrshire-born chap studied maths and physics at Glasgow Uni, and became a chartered accountant specialising in corporate finance. Has been with the Scottish clothing company

USC for the last two years, the country's leading

branded clothing and footwear retailer, with 35 stores and annual sales of £70m.

**Conquests** Very single these days.

**Haunts** Band practice or playing tennis.

**Pluses** He is a classical pianist and a winner at the 1989 Glasgow Music Festival.

**Minuses** Accountancy is boring.

**Do** Ask about starring in *Bugsy Malone* in school. He is still immensely proud.

**Don't** Mention *Stars in their Eyes*. He applied to appear as Jason Donovan, and failed.

31 NEW

## MICHAEL O'BRIEN

ACTOR &amp; WARDROBE MASTER, 35

**Lives** Glasgow and London.

**Who he?** Michael works behind the scenes of the movies, but when he kissed Scotland goodbye, the idea was to go to NYC to study acting at the famous Lee Strasberg school. It's not that

he strayed from the path, just that he's trying other routes – such as working on fashion shows with John Galiano, assisting in the wardrobe department on *Bridget Jones's Diary* and as wardrobe assistant on Dougray Scott's *The Bum's Rush*, being shot in Tomintoul and Glasgow.

**Conquests** One major relationship behind him.

**Haunts** Cinemas. A bit of a home bird, he does enjoy catching a movie when he can. Also try Café Gandolfi during Sunday brunch.

**Pluses** He travels a lot, and you might be able to join him. Last year he was in Arizona filming with *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet*.

**Minuses** Always having to look your best. He knows fashion inside out.

**Do** tell him that he should be an actor.

**Don't** race him. He's an avid runner.

32 NEW

## JAMIE HERIOT MAITLAND

FILM PRODUCER, 24

**Lives** Edinburgh, and the family home in Perthshire.

**Who he?** A cowboy with blue blood, Jamie spent a year in Australia, working the ranches, and almost failed to return – so great is his love of the equine form. After a

couple of years working in the stock market, Jamie is now forging a career in film production. His last project was as location scout for a French production of *Dangerous Liaisons*, starring Rupert Everett and Catherine Deneuve.

**Conquests** Admits he's "not one to commit".

**Haunts** When not at Igloo, he's roaming the hills of Perthshire "doing countryside things".

**Pluses** An easy-going lad who considers himself a good listener, Jamie has his eye out for a woman who can also be a friend.

**Minuses** An unpredictable commitment-phobe.

**Do** say "It was how big?" Jamie's favourite pastimes include shooting and fishing.

**Don't** say "Bring back Thatcher!" One of his biggest turn-offs is strong political views.

**33** NEW

**JONATHAN JENT**

ARTIST, 27



**Lives** Glasgow and London. **Who he?** This Edinburgh College of Art-educated chap has had an unusual career path to becoming an artist – from builder and welterweight boxer to painter of abstract canvases

that adorn the walls of such celebrities as Tilda Swinton, Samantha Morton, Nick Moran and Emily Mortimer.

**Conquests** Once took Julianne Moore to see his all-time favourite film, *The Wizard of Oz*. Actually, he made that last fact up, but it sure sounds good.

**Haunts** Coffee shops on Byres Road, or in his secret studio underneath a West End launderette.

**Pluses** Truly in touch with his feminine side, and generally well-mannered. While doing this interview, he was writing out a birthday card to his granny.

**Minuses** The David Brent gags. He's a huge fan of *The Office*, particularly the recent MC Hammer dance routine.

**Do sit still.** He might just paint you.

**Don't ask him to show you his etchings.**

**34** NEW

**JEPHSON ROBB**

INVENTOR, 34



**Lives** London's Portobello.

**Who he?** An established inventor in the final leg of a two-year masters in product design at the Royal College of Art. Created the Robbo Neck Guard for hairdressers.

**Conquests** Demi Moore? No, that was Rob Lowe, his doppelganger.

**Haunts** On the sea. This year Jephson sailed in the International One Design World Championship at Marblehead in the United States.

**Pluses** A left-handed Sagittarian, apparently a rare and good thing, according to astrologers.

**Minuses** He's bit of a nomad and a free spirit.

**Do** have a quiet night in. His clubbing days are over, and he's happy about that.

**Don't ask him what he is designing.** He'll never say. He's been stung before.

**35** NEW

**NICK HADDOW**

PHOTOGRAPHER, 35



**Lives** London and New York.

**Who he?** International fashion and portrait photographer with the top fashion press. Famous for stopping traffic in Edinburgh with his risqué Gossard campaign – and helping to revitalise the Gossard label. Directed the new TV ad campaign as well.

**Conquests** Too busy working and generally being quite fabulous.



**Haunts** He's always on the go, so try Concorde's departure lounge.

**Pluses** Nick has never forgotten his Glasgow roots. He's hilarious and you'll laugh like a drain.

**Minuses** Constantly making sure you're well-lit.

**Do** go dancing with him. He burns up the floor.

**Don't say,** "Shall we fly economy?" It's always first class for Nick.

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**MARCUS DI ROLLO**

RUGBY PLAYER, 24



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** A former pupil at George Watson's College, this broad-shouldered centre is in the second year of his contract with Edinburgh Rugby.

After his international debut against the US this summer, Marcus was forced to rest due to torn knee ligaments. He's now back in training, and great things are expected of him next season.

**Conquests** Mostly in the line of duty, on the pitch.

**Haunts** You can catch him sweating his stuff on the Edinburgh Rugby grounds at Meadowbank.

**Pluses** Tall, dark and handsome.

**Minuses** Love him, love the sport.

**37** NEW

**MATTHEW SMALL**

BUSINESSMAN, 29



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** Managing director of the Glasgow Chiropractic Clinic. Originally from Queensland, Australia, Matt left a long-term relationship and secure job as a manager in the building industry to

travel. He liked Scotland so much he decided to stay. To his disgust, he finds more and more Aussies are "discovering" how great Scotland is, although at least one returned Down Under – handing the clinic over to Matt on his departure.

**Conquests** A definite ladies' man, with several medium-term "things" behind him.

**Haunts** He likes Strata and the Arches.

**Pluses** A fit and energetic guy, who claims to be able to strut his stuff on the dance floor.

**Minuses** Dedicated to his job and won't be able to commit to any long-term plans.

**Do** hold back. If there's one thing Matt hates, it's pushy women who come on too strong.

**Don't remind him how glorious the weather is** "back home".

**38** NEW

**PHILIP HOWARD**

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, 39



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who he?** The man at the heart and helm of the Traverse Theatre reigned at London's Royal Court Theatre on the Regional Theatre Young Director Scheme, before joining the Traverse as associate

director in 1993, then artistic director in 1996. Helped turn the theatre into a major player, with its open-door policy for new writers and tours of the Highlands and Islands. He directed several Fringe Firsts, including *Wiping My Mother's Arse*.

**Conquests** A notoriously loyal and private man, so who knows?

**Haunts** Obviously the Traverse bar, but you'll also find him at the Caledonian hotel gym.

**Pluses** Energetic and lively, and with a thoughtful intelligence.

**Minuses** His success is due to hard work, which shows no sign of letting up.

**Do say,** "Fancy a trip to Harvey Nicks?"

**Don't say,** "Are you casting your next production?"

Rock and roll story: Bruce Nicol, singer and guitarist with The Silver Pill is Eligible number 28. See Page 19

## ELIGIBLES

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NEW

### DAVID FINLAYSON

BUSINESSMAN, 41



**Lives** London and Amsterdam.  
**Who he?** David runs a firm called [www.intofashion.com](http://www.intofashion.com), which markets, plans and operates sales for large US companies including Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein. He started his career in fashion

with Cruise in Glasgow and went on to become president of Calvin Klein.

**Conquests** Too many to mention.

**Haunts** Everywhere. He loves dining out and can often be found at Nobu or Le Caprice.

**Pluses** He loves to shop.

**Minuses** What do you buy the man with it all?

**Do** treat him to dinner. He is a big foodie.

**Don't** say, "See you at the gym." David just doesn't do sport.

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NEW

### ALAN BIRD

E-BUSINESSMAN, 31



**Lives** Born in Yorkshire and raised in Edinburgh, where he resides.

**Who he?** Managing director of digital communications company Enter Activity. After studying for an MSc in London, he's built a reputation as a new-media expert, creating Tennent's 2002 fantasy football site.

**Conquests** Married once; but single for over a year.

**Haunts** Leith's Pond bar or skiing in Verbier.

**Pluses** Friends call him "a complete gentleman".

**Minuses** An "ultimate fun-seeker", he can take things to extremes.

**Do** admit to having a sweet tooth. Alan loves quality chocolate.

**Don't** be shy. He loves skinny-dipping. Brrr.

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NEW

### ALAIN BAXTER

SKIER, 28



**Lives** Aviemore.

**Who he?** The son of a British ski-team couple, he climbed onto his first set of skis at age four and hasn't been off since. Entered this year's Winter Olympic season ranked 11th in the world,

then went on to exceed all expectations and bring home the bronze medal – the first Brit ever to do so. Days later he was stripped of his award, after testing positive for methamphetamine. The Court of Arbitration has since cleared Alain of any intention to cheat, and acknowledged that not only was the banned substance not the performance-enhancing type, but is naturally found in the US version of Vicks inhaler that he bought while there. Bad fortune behind him, Alain returned to form recently by storming into



third place in the Nor-Am Cup in Colorado.

**Conquests** Alain will admit he's been in love "a couple of times, but that it never seems to work out." Funnily enough, he's a bit of a gay icon, which he thinks "is quite cool".

**Haunts** His family home in Aviemore, the Cairngorm ski slopes or training in Austria.

**Pluses** Incredibly fit, dedicated and well-travelled. Will take you out in the Highlands on his motorbike.

**Minuses** A punishing training regime and long periods abroad mean that absence will have to make your heart grow fonder.

**Do** call him "The Highlander". It's a nickname given to him by the Austrians early in his career.

**Don't** be fooled by the sporty exterior. He loves curling up in front of the TV, being lazy.

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NEW

### IAIN F MACLEOD

PLAYWRIGHT & DIRECTOR, 29



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** The bearer of a first-class honours MA in the Celtic language, Iain's work has covered such diverse subjects as an expedition of Scottish musicians to Tonga, to a children's sports programme in Gaelic. His play, *Homers*, received rave reviews last month, and placed Iain firmly on the map. He also plays the guitar in the Anna Murray Band, with whom he has released four albums.

**Haunts** The Traverse bar, or the Lismore pub.

**Pluses** A penchant for fine dining and expensive hotels, and likes to travel to far-flung climes.

**Minuses** You'll either have to live with long absences or be ready to pick up sticks at the last minute and go. And when he is home, he likes to practise the bagpipes.

Ski Sunday: Alain Baxter, aka The Highlander, and our Eligible number 41

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NEW

### KRISH MUJUMDAR

DIRECTOR, 27



**Lives** Glasgow's West End.

**Who he?** A TV documentary director for the BBC, he did the recent programme on Martin Compston (Eligible number four), star of Ken Loach's *Sweet Sixteen*. With Bengali roots and a Welsh upbringing, he's unique, cultured and talented. At 27, he's already worked with Anne Robinson, Sir Ian McKellan and Kirsty Wark.

**Conquests** Krish admits he is "a born romantic", and is quite picky about who he spends his precious spare time with.

**Pluses** Vast knowledge of TV and film.

**Minuses** His dedication to his career means you could be spending a lot of time alone.

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NEW

### MURRAY FARQUHARSON

BUSINESSMAN, 32



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who he?** General manager of the systems integration division of Graham Technology, Scotland's largest privately owned software company.

**Conquests** Engaged once, but "failed at the final hurdle".

**Haunts** St Jude's or chic restaurants in Glasgow.

**Pluses** Affectionate, romantic, a keen partying type who likes travelling.

**Minuses** "Hard to find quiet, quality time – although the right lady can create this."

**Do** cheer for Hibs, he's a dedicated fan.

**45** NEW**RORY KERR**  
RUGBY PLAYER, 22**Lives** Glasgow.**Who he?** After playing for Scotland in every age group, Rory was approached by Glasgow Rugby and he now plays wing or full back for his country. Made his international debut in mid-June, and scored hisfirst international try against the US a week later.  
**Conquests** Split up from his childhood sweetheart a year ago.**Haunts** Vodka Wodka for drinks, Beanscene for coffee and Next Generation gym for weights.**Pluses** He loves good company and interesting chat – and he's cute and well-toned, too.**Minuses** Confesses he can't hold his alcohol well, so he's not a big drinker. Come to think of it, that could be a plus.**46** NEW**PROFESSOR DAVID BEGG**

ACADEMIC, 46

**Lives** Aberdeen and London.**Who he?** Director of the Centre for Transport Policy at the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, chair of the Commission for Integrated Transport, chair of the National Advisory Group

and a non-executive director for the Shadow Strategic Rail Authority, Transport for London and British Railways Board.

**Haunts** On the golf course or at Easter Road.**Pluses** Believe it or not, he does know when to switch off and always makes time to support his favourite team – Hibs.**Minuses** Trying to keep up with the topic of conversation.**Do ask him,** "What is it you do exactly?"**47** **40****ROSS LAURIE**

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT, 27

**Lives** Edinburgh and Glasgow.**Who he?** Head of marketing and PR for ITSNOTROCKET SCIENCE, one of the UK's leading new-media agencies. Previously worked in Seattle for Emurge. Also starting a club night called Planet

Miaow – he fancies himself as a bit of a DJ.

**Conquests** He claims to have dated several ladies on this list.**Haunts** At band practice with his mates. They're called The Volumes and are available for weddings, bar mitzvahs, christenings etc. Otherwise, seek him on the tennis courts.**Pluses** He was in Company magazine's UK top 50 eligibles this year.**Minuses** Claims to change his image every six months. Suspicious, don't you think?**48** NEW**RICHARD EMANUEL**

BUSINESSMAN, 34

**Lives** Monaco.**Who he?** Richard started as a teenager selling mobiles door-to-door. This led to a chain of shops called DX Communications, which was sold to BT Cellnet for £42m. Now chairman of Interactive

Telecom Solutions, he received an MBE for his services to the telecommunications industry.

**Conquests** Recently split up from his fiancée of five years.**Haunts** Ken McCulloch and David Coulthard's new hotel in Monaco, The Columbus.**Pluses** Free top-up cards?**Minuses** Fresh out of a relationship and known for working 18-hour days.**Do ask his motto** – "The most important thing in a goal is not what you achieve but what you become in the achievement... If you set a goal to become a successful person but become a horrible person in the process then that's not good."**Don't expect to dish the dirt on the ex.****49** **37****ERNST KALLUS**

BUSINESSMAN, 45

**Lives** Edinburgh.**Who he?** One of Scotland's most-wanted businessmen, with a CV which bears the names Orbital Software, Realise and Glowworm e-business solution companies. Part of the team

responsible for Edinburgh's first internet café. You could call him a real trendsetter.

**Pluses** Food! He was a professional cook.**Minuses** Doing the washing-up.**Do admire his toys:** fast cars and motorbikes.**Don't wait up.** He's a busy man. "My lifestyle might be difficult to adapt to."**50** **43****MALCOLM MACINTYRE**

TEACHER &amp; MOUNTAIN RESCUER, 36

**Lives** Braemar.**Who he?** A member of the Braemar Mountain Rescue team, Malcolm lives life on the edge. Well, most of the time; by day, he's a geography teacher in Aberdeen.**Conquests** Besides saving lonely hill walkers up mountains? Nothing we've uncovered.**Haunts** His local in Braemar or on the slopes in Europe during winter.**Pluses** Your very own real-life hero.**Minuses** The job's risky.**Do wait for him to return from the hills.****Don't beg him to stay home where it's safer.** He's committed to his work.Anything special  
you'd like to tell us?

It's funny the things that can slip your mind when you're busy working hard. You know, like forgetting to get a dental check-up, forgetting to do the laundry, or forgetting your wife. Little things like that. Over the past couple of months, Scotland on Sunday journalists have been led many a merry dance as they tried to confirm whether certain alleged 'eligibles' were really single after all.

One successful entrepreneur was outraged at the suggestion that seeing the same woman for over a year counted as "a relationship", whilst another chap even went as far as having his photo taken before admitting that he was on the verge of walking up the aisle.

A couple of chancers asked us to give them 24 hours to "get rid" of their respective partners, whilst one bachelor was so worried about being targeted by gold-diggers that he withdrew his name with only days to go. In the interests of fairness, we'll admit to a few embarrassing blunders on our part as well, including ringing up Hibs player Scott Paterson – who's been married for almost 10 years and has two children. Who knew? Well, his wife, obviously, and his friends, and... Look, nobody's perfect!

And if you think it's different for girls, don't look so smug. The women we contacted proved just as slippery. Several admitted to having a "regular" guy, but seemed to think that didn't really matter. One publicist launched into a philosophical discussion about what we actually meant by 'eligible', in a desperate attempt to ensure his client's inclusion on the list. A famously beautiful young celebrity handed her number out to a good-looking source at a party, whilst appearing in a magazine feature with her lovely boyfriend a week later – ensuring she promptly dropped straight out of the running. Actress Ruth Millar proved most tricky, as everyone and their dog gave us a different opinion on her relationship status, before the lady herself called to say she was most definitely, firmly, 100% single.

But the biggest worry for the females of the species seemed to be what ranking they'd receive, with some – who shall, like the others, remain anonymous, but the words 'diva alert' spring to mind – demanding they be removed if not placed in the top 20. A few were unhappy about supplying their ages, and one agent even admitted he was lying, but still refused to reveal the true number.

If you do spot any errors, despite our very best attempts, then rest assured that next year we will be even more ruthless; the SAS has already been asked to conduct lessons in how to psychologically break down the enemy. □

# THE WOMEN

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## DAWN STEELE

ACTRESS, 27  
Lives Glasgow.

**Who she?** Think of the Scottish countryside. Think of Sunday nights. What do you get? Lexie, Dawn's most famous part to date, which put her up there with the best of Scottish acting talent. Since graduating from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, work hasn't stopped flooding in, including parts in *Tinseltown* and the Gregor Fisher comedy *Snoddy*. With the third series of *Monarch of the Glen* just off our screens, Dawn has been working on *The Key*, filming in and around Glasgow. Her character is union leader Mary Corrigan, and the epic spans the decades from 1915 to 1997. "It was bizarre," she says. "I wrapped *Monarch* at 6pm one night and was on set the next day at 8.30am in period costume. I didn't even have time to think, 'Where's Archie?'" Next year finds her back on the set of Glenbogle filming the fourth series of *Monarch*.

**Conquests** Archie, Laird of Glenbogle? You mean, it's not real life?

**Haunts** Bamboo, St Judes and Cube. In December, however, Dawn will be in Australia taking a well-earned break with a few friends.

**Pluses** The best of both worlds: hanging out on a country estate during the week then hitting the city at the weekend.

**Minuses** Are you willing to spend months in the Highlands?

**Do** be kind about *Snoddy*. She thought it was a laugh.

**Don't** make fun of hobbits. She's close personal friends with Billy Boyd, her counterpart on this year's boy's brigade.



You make me want to...: Lulu, still fabulous and famous

**2** NEW

## LULU

SUPERSTAR, 54

Lives International.

**Who she?** The Glaswegian singer who's been making us all 'Shout' for 38 years. Lulu has been singing since she was four and had her first hit when she was just 15. Voted Britain's Most Promising Newcomer in Showbusiness by Melody Maker in 1965, she's toured with Roy Orbison, acted with Sidney Poitier, won Eurovision when it was still cool, and all before she was 23. Over the next few decades Lulu's star has waxed and waned but never died, and the hits keep on coming. Her first autobiography appeared in 1987, but last month saw an updated version, *I Don't Wanna Fight*, hit bookshops. With an OBE awarded in 2000, Lulu shows no sign of slowing down. She has just released her latest single, a cover of 'We've Got Tonight', with Ronan Keating.

**Conquests** Married to Bee Gee Maurice Gibb in 1969 for four years. Then hitched to hairdresser John Frieda in 1976, with whom she had a son, Jordon, in 1977. She's been single now for seven years, although recent gossip had her seeing *Night and Day* star Stuart Manning, 32 years her junior.

**Haunts** Hanging out with pals Posh and Becks, or attending one of Elton's balls. Currently doing the rounds to promote her new book and single.

**Pluses** That voice! That energy! A guaranteed good laugh, Lulu's kept her feet on the ground.

**Minuses** Be prepared for the paparazzi taking a sudden interest in what you eat for breakfast. **Do** keep it stylish. Lulu has received numerous 'Best Dressed' awards, and still looks fabulous wherever she goes.

**Don't** say, "Shouldn't you be retired by now?"

**3** NEW

## SHABANA AKHTAR BAKHSH

ACTRESS, 21



Lives Glasgow.

**Who she?** Currently seen twice-weekly on the new Scottish soap, *River City*. This is Shabana's first major acting role since completing two years at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and one of the best things that ever happened to her, she says. She's utterly thrilled to play Zara.

**Conquests** No one yet, but she wishes it was Samuel L Jackson.

**Haunts** Babaza nightclub in Glasgow, or down at her local pool hall. Apparently she is something of a shark on the baize.

**Pluses** Shabana used to play for the school football team so she's good for a game of five-a-side.

**Minuses** A self-confessed shopaholic who loves spending money in Karen Millen, Miss Sixty and Kookai. If you hate shopping, you'll go mad.

**Do** talk about her idol, Robert Carlyle, the Scotsman whose talents inspired her to go to drama school.

**Don't** take her on at basketball either. She's pretty good at that, as well.

**4** NEW

## EMMA REDFERN

BUSINESSWOMAN, 31



Lives Edinburgh.

**Who she?** A lady who almost defies definition, Emma runs her own online marketing company, but has several other strings to her bow. Educated at home from the age of eight, she set off at 15 to earn

her fortune, working as everything from a pizza delivery girl to a runner on films. Emma ran her own business for two years, servicing rented accommodation, before taking a geology degree with the Open University. Work forced her to put aside studies but Emma is still determined to find a way to be "both a businesswoman and a scientist". Oh, and she's taking a second degree in physics. Just to "keep my brain active".

**Conquests** Hobbies include "hill walking and collecting eligible bachelors".

**Haunts** Trendy bars have given way to good restaurants as Emma's appreciation of quality food has matured.

**Pluses** A free spirit, spontaneous, intelligent and well-travelled.

**Minuses** Very independent and doesn't suffer fools gladly.

**Do** take her to the world's hot spots. Emma has to physically restrain herself from jumping on a plane every time a volcano erupts.

**Don't** set the alarm. Early mornings and Ms Redfern do not agree.

**5** NEW

## DIANE MAIN

ARTIST, 34



Lives Glasgow.

**Who she?** A fine artist and creative spirit *extraordinaire*. Her paintings are inspired by a wide range of subjects, from "the looming landscape of the skies to psychedelic colour blips". Diane sees the

world as a treasure trove of exciting visuals, an attitude that she tries to convey when teaching life drawing and painting classes at Glasgow School of Art. She started teaching there just a year after completing her MA in fine art.

Currently designing a range of kids' T-shirts, her other interests include interior design and contemporary dance. Diane claims she's also "a bit of a Buddhist".

**Conquests** Recently split from comedian Phil Kay after 12 years, and enjoying her solo status.

**Haunts** St Mungo's Hi Fi or the Bongo Club in Edinburgh.

**Pluses** A laid-back, funky woman who is quirky enough to keep you on your toes.

**Minuses** Diane's two children, Coco and Felix, will always come first.

**Do** bring along some matches. Diane's ambition for this year is "to fire dance on an incredible mountain in the moonlight".

**Don't** tell even a white lie. Her pet hate is people who are scared to speak the truth.



Just like Lexie:  
Dawn Steele  
divides her time  
between the city  
and the country

**6** **36**

**EMMA RICHARDS**

SAILOR, 28



**Lives** Raised in Helensburgh, Emma now lives close to the sea in Southampton.

**Who she?** One of the best British sailors out there, Emma has been compared to Ellen MacArthur and has received praise and accolades

from old hands and hacks alike. A Glasgow University graduate and former member of the Scottish National Olympic training squads, she was selected by Tracey Edwards to be part of her all-girl crew for the Jules Verne Trophy in 1998. At 23, Emma was the youngest on board. In 1999 she broke the female speed record for the RORC Round Britain and Ireland Race. Emma is currently competing in the single-handed, round-the-world-race Around Alone.

**Conquests** Any romance takes a firm back seat to Emma's first love, the ocean. Although, you know what they say about having a man in every port...

**Haunts** Anywhere the surf is roaring and the waves are pounding.

**Pluses** An energetic and determined woman, you'll be able to see the world whilst waiting to cheer her arrival in exotic locales.

**Minuses** Waiting is the operative word. The majority of Emma's time is spent on the open seas, leaving you high and dry.

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**EMMA CARRICK ANDERSON**

SKIER, 26



**Lives** On the international ski slopes - originally from Dunblane.

**Who she?** Scotland's - indeed Britain's - most successful female ski racer. Strapped onto a pair of skis by her dad at the age of two, Emma now

ranks 32nd in the world. With mere milliseconds separating her from the top players, she's a definite contender for a medal in the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin. With physical scars to prove her grit - her ear was sliced off by a razor-sharp ski at the age of 11, but quickly sewn back into its rightful place - Emma's determination produced great results this year: she came 19th in the slalom at Salt Lake City and eighth in the Europa Cup. Emma has also turned her hand to journalism and commentating, so her star can only grow brighter.

**Conquests** Her love life is strictly private, but with training, training and, uh, more training, there's been little time to develop anything long-term.

**Haunts** Holed up in a retreat in Canada, or on the slopes in Austria, Switzerland or Chile.

**Pluses** All those exotic locations and her spontaneous nature.

**Minuses** Think you can keep up with her?

**Do** take her out dancing. Emma's a big music fan and plays the saxophone.

**Don't** say, "Summer is my favourite season."



**8** **NEW**

**RHONA CAMERON**

COMEDIAN, 34



**Lives** London.

**Who she?** Rhona was born and raised in Scotland, but she headed off to London in her 20s. She quickly made an impact on the comedy scene there, and established herself as one of the best stand-ups

in the country. She regularly sells out comedy tours, even as far away as Australia and New Zealand. She won Channel 4's *So You Think You're Funny* award in 1992. Most recently, though, Rhona achieved national recognition for speaking her mind on the hit ITV reality show *I'm a Celebrity Get Me out of Here*. The Scot is now on her way to being a well-established TV star, thanks to *Celebrity*, which raised her profile in a way that her short-lived sitcom, *Rhona*, failed to do. Recently she played the narrator on the Scottish leg of the *Rocky Horror Show* 30th anniversary tour, and she has also joined the cast of the *The Vagina Monologues*.

**Conquest** A long-term relationship has just ended.

**Haunts** Well, the jungle, of course, or comedy festivals, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Rhona has even presented the BBC's own *Edinburgh Nights* festival review programme.

**Pluses** Non-stop laughs, and she picked up a few hints about surviving in the jungle.

**Minuses** Rhona will always know the punch-lines to all your jokes.

**Do** 'The Timewarp'.

**Don't** mention *Blankety Blank*.

**9** **NEW**

**MARY FORSTER**

ARCHITECT, 40



**Lives** Isle Of Skye.

**Who she?** An architect with the design company Dualchas. Mainly works on domestic projects and small buildings in locations as diverse as the Western Isles, Newtonmore, London and Ireland. Current

ly has a project on the go in Africa. Check out Mary's work on [www.dualchas.com](http://www.dualchas.com)

Soap gets in your eyes: Shabana Akhtar Bakhsh is one of the stars of River City and Eligible number three. See Page 24



**Haunts** Swimming or climbing the mountains – which brought her to Skye three years ago.

**Pluses** Her love of Skye doesn't extend to the weather – every winter she disappears off to India or Thailand to grab a few rays.

**Minuses** If you're not a nature lover you don't stand a chance.

**Do** say, "I just love the smell of the sea in the morning."

**Don't** say, "Why don't we go to the flicks?" After three and a half years on the island, the only thing she misses about city life (Glasgow and London) is the cinema.

## 10 NEW KELLY COOPER

FASHION STYLIST, 41



**Lives** Glasgow's Southside.

**Who she?** Scotland's very own It Girl and uber-stylist. If there's a TV commercial or a fashion campaign needing a touch of gloss, Kelly's called in. She even has a club named for her – The Kelly

Cooper Bar. Thanks to her contacts, Kelly helps organise some of Scotland's top events, such as the Harvey Nichols opening in Edinburgh.

**Conquests** Recently split from husband and fellow Eligible Colin Barr.

**Haunts** We just told you. The Kelly Cooper Bar. Aren't you listening?

**Pluses** A little black book to die for. If the party's worth its salt, Kelly probably helped organise it.

**Minuses** Kelly's posse puts Puff Daddy to shame.

**Do** the lotus position. Kelly's best mate is a yoga instructor.

**Don't** ask for stories about her celebrity friends. Kelly's a pro to the end and never tells.

## 11 NEW HEATHER ROSS

OPERA SINGER, 37



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who she?** A long-term member of Scottish Opera's chorus who says she's lucky enough to be making a living doing her dream job – but then she's worked very hard at it. After leaving school, Heather

worked as an IT programmer and sang as a hobby. After winning several local competitions, she switched to part-time work, and set about studying French, Italian and music, before securing a place at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Within five days of graduating, Heather secured a job with Scottish Opera. Originally hired to cover a year's sabbatical, she has stayed on, becoming a mezzo soprano and playing larger roles. Her latest appearance was as Mrs Pinkerton in Scottish Opera's 40th birthday revival of *Madama Butterfly*.

**Conquests** No serious relationships recently, a trend Heather attributes to the fact that "as you get older, you become increasingly fussy".

**Haunts** A woman who likes her creature comforts, she prefers cosy get-togethers at friends' homes



to the club scene. But she can be found out in the West End fairly frequently.

**Pluses** Free opera tickets. She's loyal and steadfast and finds it easy hanging out with the guys.

**Minuses** Unsocial working hours means you could find yourself in a solo role several nights a week.

**Do** ask her for a game of pool. Heather's ideal date is hanging out at her local with a cue in hand.

**Don't** challenge her to a bet – she's a terrific pool player, so hold on to your wallet.

## 12 NEW LISA SMITH

ESTATE AGENT, 23



**Lives** Glasgow and Spain.

**Who she?** Owner of Properties Spain, a real-estate consultancy specialising in the Costa Blanca and Costa del Sol. She sells fabulous whitewashed villas to anyone wishing for a second home for holidaying, investment or a permanent move.

**Conquests** Business is going really well at the moment, so Lisa doesn't get much in the way of spare time, "which is why I'm probably single".

**Haunts** Clubbing with friends at Luvely in Edinburgh. Or on the slopes, snowboarding.

**Pluses** An insider's knowledge of Spain means you can avoid the tourist traps.

**Minuses** Hates the Scottish weather and plans to relocate permanently. Catch her if you can.

**Do** learn Spanish.

**Don't** even think about going up north for New Year. The only way is south, with this gal.

## 13 NEW LYNN FORBES

BUSINESSWOMAN, 37



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who she?** The woman behind several great Edinburgh establishments. After working as a bar manager, Lynn went into business with her brother Richard and opened the Basement, a popular bar on

Broughton Street. Two years later, business was good enough to expand into the Smoke Stack, chucking in an outside catering company for good measure. A few years later, fancying a challenge, she decided to turn one of her hobbies into a business and created The Bachelor Pad – a shop selling funky, retro furniture.

**Conquests** A few long-term relationships, but nothing serious lately. Lynn reckons she's "pretty happy to live the bachelor life" as she treasures her independence.

**Haunts** Any of her three successful businesses, or searching through auctions and jumble sales.

**Pluses** Lynn is a modern woman, happy to "change a fuse or get a spider out of my bath", and pay her own way wherever she goes.

**Minuses** With such an independent spirit and heavy workload, she'll expect you to be able to look after yourself.

**Do** book a date in the Caribbean. Lynn loves scuba diving and finds men who whisk her off on spontaneous holidays "very sexy".

**Don't** get hung up on money. Her biggest turn off is a wallet that's too flashy.

Dance the night away: arts promotor Jean Cameron is eligible number 25. See Page 30

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## POLLY MURRAY

ADVENTURER, 29

**Lives** Perth.**Who she?** Most famously known as the only Scottish woman – and the youngest British woman – to make it to the top of Mount Everest, as part of the first ascent of the new millennium. She's since

succeeded at even more weird and wonderful challenges. After climbing 20,320ft-high Mount McKinley, in Alaska, she skied off the top. The fearless Polly went sailing in the Arctic with her best friend, exploring the most isolated islands in that part of the world. She's planning to hop into another boat in February, travelling from the tip of South America to South Georgia.

**Conquests** You mean apart from the biggest mountain in the world? Polly's had a few long-term relationships, but finds it hard to sustain something meaningful with her lifestyle.**Haunts** She spends winter in the Alps, where she teaches skiing and models for sponsors Tiso. Check the sides of high mountains everywhere.**Pluses** Polly's very fit and enjoys sports, but she's also happy to sit down with a tub of ice cream.**Minuses** Her interests don't make her insurance company happy, and you could spend anxious weeks with no means of communication.**Do** admire her tool belt. Polly's a professional builder, and spends summers hanging from the roofs of Edinburgh's buildings.**Don't** take her clubbing. She prefers homey pubs where she can hold a conversation. Hear, hear.

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## SARA DAVIDSON

BOUTIQUE OWNER, 28

**Lives** Edinburgh.**Who she?** In the past year Sara has gone from being fashion buyer for cool boutique Jane Davidson to being the owner after buying the business from her mother. It's also been a transforming year forthe shop: Sara opened a new floor featuring a full range of *Sex and the City* fashion.**Conquests** "Haven't got my eye on anyone – otherwise I'd be out there trying to catch them."**Haunts** Keeping a low profile now, but on the rare occasion that Sara ventures out she'll be found in Edinburgh's Oloroso or Rogue restaurants. She's even more likely to be at her Stockbridge local for a swift drink. "I stopped going out as much this year. It got to a point where I thought I was going to far too many parties."**Pluses** No shopping at the weekend – Sara does it all week.**Minuses** Even taller than average in a pair of Jimmy Choo heels.**Do** ask about her recent accolade – she was runner-up in the Top Buyer category at the recent Drapers Record Awards.**Don't** ask to see her portfolio. Sara was also once a model.

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NEW

## ALICE McVITTIE

TRAVEL CONSULTANT, 26

**Lives** Edinburgh.**Who she?** Alice works for Farside Africa, an exclusive, personalised holiday service in Stockbridge, catering for well-heeled travellers wishing to sample the wonders of Africa. She can create your

dream vacation, whether it's a romantic honeymoon up Kilimanjaro or a weekend golfing in Morocco. She's also a keen skier and sailor.

**Conquests** Recently gone solo after a three-year relationship and looking for a man who's a cross "between Ewan MacGregor and Mel Gibson".**Haunts** Iglu or Grand Cru – but doesn't venture in until the 'after work' crowd has dispersed. Or yachting off the west coast of Scotland.**Pluses** Your own unique trip of a lifetime, with a witty, good-time girl on your arm.**Minuses** Won't appreciate a night in watching TV. **Do** be spontaneous. Alice fell for a guy when he surprised her with an all-action weekend away.**Don't** make her a tuna sandwich – the fishy filling is one of her pet hates.

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NEW

## TAMSIN AUSTIN

MUSIC PROMOTER, 30

**Lives** Glasgow.**Who she?** Flower child turned concert promoter, Tamsin is the music diva for the Arches in Glasgow. Born to hippy parents, she was raised on a diet of music festivals, before moving on to playing and

Out of Africa: Alice McVittie, new this year at number 16, can make your dreams of adventure come true

touring with bands, producing concerts and then moving into promotion. She also runs two clubs at the Arches.

**Conquests** She gleefully admits that in her music festival years her tent "resembled Tracey Emin's" and that "everyone I've ever met is a conquest".

She's also had two serious relationships. She's been single for almost a year now, and loving it.

**Haunts** Various dancefloors, or out walking with a "large, black, testosterone-fuelled male with excessive body hair" – her dog, Jack.**Pluses** Your name on the guest list for the hippest gigs, and a partner for some dirty dancing. And did we mention that she's tall and blonde?**Minuses** She refuses to compromise her filthy sense of humour, so she might not be ideal for an afternoon at your granny's.**Do** say you love *The Office*; Tamsin lusts after Ricky Gervais.**Don't** say, "We really should invest in our future."

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NEW

## CAROLINE ROLLESTONE BROWN

LAWYER, 36

**Lives** Glasgow.**Who she?** Caroline moved to Glasgow from London eight years ago, and now she's a partner in one of Scotland's largest law firms, Maclay Murray & Spens. Recently dubbed a "rising corporate

finance star" in the latest legal directories.

**Conquests** A few semi-serious relationships, but until Mr Big from *Sex and the City* comes a-calling, no-one else measures up.**Haunts** Strata in Glasgow or Rick's in Edinburgh. And at French films – she likes to squint her eyes to blur the subtitles and "get the full effect".**Pluses** Highly intelligent. Works and plays hard.**Minuses** Often works into the wee small hours. **Do** invest in trainers – she's a keen runner.**Don't** say, "Yes, you look like a lawyer."

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NEW

## SUSIE GRAY

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT &amp; SINGER, 27

**Lives** Edinburgh.**Who she?** From work as a scary ghost on a Royal Mile tour to marketing jobs for the Edinburgh festival and Traverse Theatre, Susie has brought entertainment to the masses for years. Originally from

Thurso, she's also a professional singer and will perform in the Usher Hall's Christmas concerts.

**Conquests** "Not quite enough to make me blush, and all very fabulous." She's single again after a lengthy relationship, so watch out Edinburgh!**Haunts** Traverse Bar, Botanic Gardens and David Bann's restaurant.**Pluses** Enough energy to power a steam train. Her pink hair means it's easy to keep track of her.**Minuses** She's made friends with nearly everyone in Edinburgh, and "must behave at all times".**Do** feed her mangoes. She could live on them. **Don't** say, "I'm tired."



**20** ↓  
**JENNY COLGAN**  
 AUTHOR, 30



**Lives** London.  
**Who she?** Born and bred in Ayrshire, this lassie spent six years working in the health service while moonlighting as a cartoonist and doing stand-up. Then she wrote the bestselling chick-lit novel

*Amanda's Wedding*, and she's never looked back.  
**Conquests** Keeping mum but really fancies Darius.  
**Haunts** Endless book launches and blagging her way into other people's private clubs. Or at home in the bath reading other people's novels.  
**Pluses** Book advances mean she's quite well-off.  
**Minuses** Jenny is her own Phileas Fogg and has managed to clock up nine new stamps in her passport this year alone. Can you keep up?  
**Do** visit her website, [www.jennycolgan.com](http://www.jennycolgan.com).  
**Don't** suggest a sporting event of any kind. Not even remotely interested.

**21** NEW  
**LAURA MCINNES**  
 EVENT ORGANISER, 33



**Lives** Glasgow.  
**Who she?** Laura and her firm, Lollipop, put the 'organiser' into event organiser. When a major gig, festival, concert or corporate do rolls into Scotland, Laura's your gal. She looks after all aspects of the

event, from working with the bands to sorting out the dressing rooms. In the last year, Laura's performed her magic for Robbie Williams, Texas, Travis, Radiohead. Get the picture?

**Conquests** Absolutely not saying a word.  
**Haunts** When not travelling, she'll be propping up the bar at her favourite local, Firebird.  
**Pluses** A concert's sold out? Laura can fix it.  
**Minuses** Travels a lot. Part of the job.  
**Do** mention Barbados. Laura spent time there setting up and running the new Ragged Point Motel some years ago.  
**Don't** mention Curiosity Killed the Cat, Go West and T'Pau. Yes, she worked on their tour last year.

**22** NEW  
**NIKI FURLEY**

SPONSORSHIP MANAGER, 36



**Lives** Edinburgh.  
**Who she?** Niki works for "the best arts festival in the world" – Edinburgh International Festival. Her job involves persuading companies to hand over "lots of dosh", which she does with unflagging

verve. Niki grew up in the Canary islands, Brazil and Scotland, and ran her own PR and sponsorship company before being head-hunted by the festival. Niki escapes to Scotland's beaches every weekend, and was once knocked unconscious by her dog as they both tried to catch a frisbee.

**Conquests** Single now and "waiting impatiently to meet my soul mate".  
**Haunts** "You'll find me doing handstands on beaches, laughing uproariously with friends."  
**Pluses** Her wild streak means you won't get bored.  
**Minuses** With a hugely busy life and oodles of friends, you might have to fight for her attention.  
**Do** say, "Fancy heading off to Lapland in search of the Northern Lights this weekend?"  
**Don't** say, "Can I get free tickets?"

**23** ↓  
**LIZ WILSON**

MUSIC AGENT & BOOKER, 32



**Lives** Glasgow.  
**Who she?** Liz works on the Bafta-nominated BBC *Live Floor Show*, overseeing music policy and crafting new music ideas for BBC Scotland. She's also setting up her own music and celebrity booking

service, and has been known to hang out with Coldplay, Gomez and Primal Scream.  
**Conquests** Divorced. Men don't seem to be able to handle the pace of her job.  
**Haunts** Look for her in the hospitality tent at the next big music event.  
**Pluses** A top Britpop contact. Name your festival for 'Access All Areas' passes.  
**Minuses** Finding a gap in her diary. She may be too busy hanging out with the Appleton sisters.  
**Do** mention Bailey, her son. The two are off to Thailand soon for a well-earned holiday together.  
**Don't** mention Moby. They dated – she taught him the Gay Gordons in a field at a music festival.

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**GILLIAN TAYLOR**

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, 32



**Lives** Glasgow.  
**Who she?** Gillian is part of the nations and regions team overseeing Channel 4's programme targets for production outside London. Her task is to promote the core values of Channel 4.

**Conquests** There may be a special person in the pipeline, but she's not saying.  
**Haunts** A-list parties, dinners and receptions with Mr Channel 4, Stuart Cosgrove. Also Glasgow's CCA, where she often stops for lunch.  
**Pluses** A qualified independent financial adviser, so she's got looks and brains.  
**Minuses** About to sit her motorbike test, and a red Ducati will be on its way soon. Envious, boys?  
**Do** take up jogging. She's into marathon running.  
**Don't** mention Patches or Blue Jeans. Gillian was once a writer for DC Thomson.

**25** NEW  
**JEAN CAMERON**

ARTS PROMOTER, 33



**Lives** Glasgow (but staying at Findhorn from early 2003).  
**Who she?** After working as a programmer for various arts organisations, Jean went freelance this year and has worked as creative producer on several unique projects.

**Conquests** Her most recent relationship was with "a Celtic eco-warrior".  
**Haunts** The Arches, the Tramway, or the outdoor hot tub in Findhorn – at midnight, in the snow.  
**Pluses** A diploma in therapeutic massage, combined with the flexible body of a dancer...  
**Minuses** Untamable and an "over-emoter".  
**Do** ask her to read your runes whilst sorting your wine bottles for recycling.  
**Don't** say, "Isn't Georgia in the US?" Jean has strong ties with the Soviet republic.

**26** NEW  
**LORNA BEATTIE**

BALLET DANCER, 21



**Lives** East Kilbride.  
**Who she?** Born and bred in East Kilbride, Lorna trained at the Dance School of Scotland, joining Scottish Ballet in 1998. Lorna has danced on tours throughout the country and in France and Portugal.

**Conquests** Far too busy on stage for boyfriends.  
**Haunts** Doesn't go out very often, apart from the odd bit of clubbing at weekends with friends.  
**Pluses** The elegance and grace of a ballet dancer.  
**Minuses** All those roundabouts when you want to visit her at home.  
**Do** make her giggle. She likes a sense of humour.  
**Don't** ask to try on the tutu.



**27** **21**

**GILL MILLS**

SINGER, DJ & RADIO AND TV PRESENTER, 30

**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who she?** Tune into Radio 1 every Thursday and you'll hear the dulcet tones of Gill on *Session in Scotland*. When she's not on air, Gill is busy doing voice-overs, writing music articles, singing with

Glasgow indie band The Reindeer Section, DJ-ing and presenting music festivals on TV. **Conquests** A few long-term partners in the past. **Haunts** Glasgow's Ben Nevis pub for a wee dram. **Pluses** Likes going to the pub, but is still trying to figure out a way of being paid to do this. **Minuses** Too many gigs, too little time. **Do** take her to New York. It's her favourite city. **Don't** take her to a boy-band concert.



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**GILLIAN BERRIE**

FILM PRODUCER, 36

**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who she?** Producer and co-founder of Sigma Films. Its first feature film, *The Last Great Wilderness*, was screened at this year's Edinburgh film festival. She also runs casting agency Big Fish and won an outstanding achievement award at the Scottish Baftas.

**Conquests** "Mind your own business." **Haunts** Cannes, of course, darling. But when she's at home look for her in the Kelly Cooper Bar. **Pluses** She works hard and plays hard. She's one of the boys. **Minuses** Never chills out; always on the go. **Do** the film chat. She loves it. **Don't** ask for film premiere invites.



**29** **28**

**LAURA HIRD**

AUTHOR, 34

**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who she?** Her *Nail and Other Short Stories* was short-listed for the Saltire Society literary awards, and her last book, *Born Free*, was nominated for the Orange Prize. Laura has also had her stories featured

alongside authors such as Anthony Bourdain. **Conquests** No news on this front. Writing can be a very solitary lifestyle. **Haunts** Local pubs are always favoured. **Pluses** Great dinner conversation, as this gal's a wonderful storyteller. **Minuses** An overactive imagination? **Do** ask for signed copies of her books. **Don't** ask, "When is the next one out?"



It's a jungle out there: 34-year-old comedian Rhona Cameron is at number 8. See Page 26

**30** **22**

**NIKKI KING**

SINGER, 26



**Lives** London.

**Who she?** This stunning, sultry, smoky jazz singer was the first Scots finalist and winner of last year's Perrier young jazz vocalist award – and that's no mean feat.

Nikki also received a nomination for last year's prestigious Spirit of Scotland music award.

**Conquests** Free as a bird these days.

**Haunts** Ronnie Scott's, The Blue Note, The Jazz Café or any good jazz gig.

**Pluses** That voice, those looks. Need we go on?

**Minuses** All that second-hand smoke.

**Do** ask about T in the Park. Nikki once performed there with old jazz/funk band Captain Shifty.

**Don't** put on the lights. Jazz singers like the dark.

**31** **NEW**

**CLAIRE CHAPMAN**

FILM EXECUTIVE, 35



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who she?** New head of production at Scottish Screen, Claire started her career in theatre, producing a string of shows for both the Fringe and the West End. She began her movie career at

Renaissance Films. Next she was executive producer on *Rogue Trader*, before setting up her own film consultancy.

**Conquests** Give her a chance. She's just got here.

**Haunts** Glasgow's Buff Club and St Jude's, where the film crowd hangs out.

**Pluses** New to Scotland. You can show her round.

**Minuses** Constant tux hire for award ceremonies.

**Do** keep up with her knowledge of British films.

**Don't** say, "Introduce me to Ewan McGregor."

**32** **NEW**

**LINDA DARBY**

CASINO DIRECTOR, 47



**Lives** London.

**Who she?** Linda studied sports physiotherapy at Glasgow University and waitressed in a casino, where she was asked if she'd like to work as a dealer. A then-upcoming marriage to an RAF recruit

meant lots of travel, so obtaining croupier skills seemed an easy way to be sure of finding work. Now resident director of Maxim's Casino Club.

**Conquests** The marriage ended in 1990. Since then she has found it difficult to get everything she wants "from just one man".

**Haunts** London's West End – she's an avid theatre-goer and also loves the ballet and art exhibitions.

**Pluses** Content, successful and well-travelled.

**Minuses** Very antisocial hours. She has to struggle to secure a weekend off, and isn't allowed to date

customers, so forget any plans about having an 'in' at the blackjack table.

**Do** leave your inhibitions at the door. A dedicated traveller, Linda's trips have taken her to Malaysia, North Carolina and Dubai, where she found herself the only woman in a 50-strong Bedouin village and feasted on camel brains.

**Don't** be camera-shy. She's recently taken up photography and may well ask you to model.

**33** **NEW**

**AUDREY JENKINSON**

ACTRESS & WRITER, 37



**Lives** Edinburgh, though formerly lived on a houseboat in Henley-on-Thames.

**Who she?** An actress turned writer, Audrey is working on a book, *Past Caring*, about how long-term carers rebuild their lives after the death of a

loved one, which is due to be published in March. She has just set up a company that supplies actors for role-play situations in corporate training. Audrey first found fame as the jockey Mo in the BBC horse-racing drama *Trainer*.

**Conquests** Strictly single at the moment.

**Haunts** On the waterfront.

**Pluses** Audrey is a qualified Swedish masseuse and reiki practitioner. Make sure you ask nicely.

**Minuses** A busy woman; hard to pin down.

**Do** offer to rub *her* back for a change.

**34** **33**

**GAYNOR HOLMES**

PRODUCER, 29



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who she?** Production executive on BBC1 dramas *Monarch of the Glen* and *2000 Acres of Sky*. Executive producer of Tartan Shorts, a BBC Scotland and Scottish Screen film scheme designed to develop

and encourage Scotland's emerging film-makers. **Conquests** Relationship history? The key word here is history.

**Haunts** Clubbing with friends at Luvely in Edinburgh, or on the slopes, snowboarding.

**Pluses** A taste for fine wine.

**Minuses** A shopaholic.

**Do** get sporty.

**Don't** go hill climbing with her. Apparently, she is a bit of a liability up there.

**35** **27**

**ANNIE LENNOX**

GODDESS, 47



**Lives** London, NY, Spain.

**Who she?** Her talent for music was spotted at age four. All grown up, she formed the Eurythmics with Dave Stewart. Her *Diva* solo album was a bestseller, and she was one of the highlights of the



Queen's Golden Jubilee Party at the Palace.

**Conquests** Annie's divorced.

**Pluses** That voice. It is perfection.

**Do** applaud her. Annie is to receive a Billboard Century award for her contribution to music.

**Don't** mention fish fingers. One of her first jobs was in a frozen fish factory.

**36** **34**

**FIONA PENNIE**

CANOEIST, 20



**Lives** Brought up in Crieff, now lives in Loughborough.

**Who she?** The number one British junior canoeist, Fiona graduated to number three as a senior. Picked for the British team at the World Championships this August, and performed well in July's European Championships.

Now training for next year's competition and studying sports technology at Loughborough University in the Midlands.

**Pluses** Set to become one of our top sportswomen.

**Minuses** A keen competitive streak and a bit of



an adrenaline junkie. Her sport will always come first.

**Do ask** about her canoe's aerodynamics.

**Don't mention** exams. Fiona spent all summer studying for resits and is determined not to fail them again.

**37** NEW  
JULIE FLEETING

FOOTBALLER, 20



**Lives** Ayrshire and San Diego.

**Who she?** The captain of our women's football team has joined the San Diego Spirit from Ayr United, where she scored almost 300 goals in nine years. The country's all-time greatest player, she

scored 78 goals in 58 national team games.

**Pluses** A girl who likes football.

**Minuses** A girl who can beat you at football.

**Don't mention** 'Shrek'. It's the nickname her new American teammates have given her.

**Do ask** about her family. Julie misses them terribly since moving to the US.

**38** NEW

CAROL SUMMERS

BUSINESSWOMAN, 26



**Lives** Glasgow.

**Who she?** As business development manager for drinks giant Diageo, Carol is responsible for keeping Glasgow's bars and clubs fully stocked with brands such as Smirnoff, Gordon's and

Tanqueray. She's part of the team launching Gordon's Edge in Scotland.

**Conquests** Bar and club-hopping means she doesn't stay in one place for very long.

**Haunts** CCA bar and café at lunchtime, or on Glasgow's southside to avoid her customers – otherwise she'd never have a night off.

**Pluses** Besides the free booze?

**Minuses** Her car. It's Knackered because she keeps too many boxes of booze in the back seat.

**Do say** "Have you tried the new Gordon's gin? It's great."

**Don't do** marketing speak. She has heard it all before. Talk plain English, please.

**39** NEW

YVONNE TAYLOR

ACTIVIST, 31



**Lives** Edinburgh.

**Who she?** Works as campaigns co-ordinator for the Edinburgh branch of Advocates for Animals. A veggie since age 12, and a vegan since 21, her life revolves around her work. Yvonne has travelled

all over the world and donned various costumes in the name of her cause. Recently made the front pages getting arrested in Beijing for stripping naked to protest at a fur fashion show.

**Conquests** A couple of serious relationships, but the only males in Yvonne's life right now are her three pet rats.

**Haunts** Any of the veggie restaurants in Edinburgh.

**Pluses** Can laugh at herself dressed as a vegetable.

**Minuses** Meat-eaters need not apply.

**Do take** her back to Beijing. Yvonne was annoyed at being deported before she had completed her sightseeing.

**Don't tell** her you're a butcher.

Pass the tofu: Eligible number 39, Yvonne Taylor, is a devoted animal rights campaigner

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## DENISE WEST

MARKETING DIRECTOR, 43



Lives Edinburgh.

**Who she?** This law graduate from Edinburgh University has more than 15 years' experience in media and marketing. Joined the Insider Group as MD last March. Denise also spent two years as sales promotions manager at The Scotsman.

**Conquests** A true lady – she's not saying.

**Haunts** Working late at the office.

**Pluses** Denise is a real business insider.

**Minuses** Never being able to reveal all the business secrets she knows.

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## TINA HUDSON

GRAPHIC DESIGNER, 30



Lives Edinburgh.

**Who she?** A graphic designer at Edinburgh publishing house Mainstream.

**Haunts** Edinburgh's East End and Eighties discos.

**Pluses** Razor wit, killer legs and a great dancer.

**Minuses** Won't stand for any nonsense; a sense of humour is a must.

**Do** head for the hills. Tina likes donning a pair of walking boots and attacking the Pennine Way.

**Don't** say, "The Human who? Eighties music all sounds the same to me."

42 NEW

## BEX HUTCHISON

ARTIST, 30



Lives Aberdeen.

**Who she?** An artist who graduated from Gray's School of Art with an honours degree in sculpture. She kicked off her career with a successful exhibition in Aberdeen, and has another coming to Glasgow soon.

**Haunts** Her studio, where else?

**Do** buy her art.

**Don't** tell her you're doing up your flat with Athena posters.

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## RUTH MILLAR

ACTRESS, 27



Lives London.

**Who she?** Ruth Millar's acting career goes from strength to strength. She's appeared in *Footballers' Wives*, *Auf Wiedersehen*, *Pet* and, most recently, opposite Ewan McGregor in *Solid Geometry*,



a film based on the short story by Ian McEwan.

**Haunts** Glasgow's St Jude's.

**Pluses** A very brave girl indeed – she got naked with Ewan McGregor. On film, that is.

**Minuses** Being pestered. Boys love her, so it might be hard to keep Ruth to yourself.

**Do** say, "Roger, Roger." That's Ruth's new BBC project, due to start filming soon.

**Don't** mention *Pasty Faces*. A film that's best forgotten about.

44 NEW

## ANGELA MOFFAT

FASHION CONSULTANT, 34



Lives Edinburgh.

**Who she?** Scotland's answer to Susannah and Trinny. Set up the Moffat Consultancy to handle advertising and design for corporate clients. Also a stylist on photo shoots for the glossies and deemed

one of the trendsetters of her generation.

**Haunts** Regular *Sex and the City* evenings at Edinburgh's finest eateries.

**Pluses** Very social. This woman loves having fun in the city, before escaping to the coast for a rest. You get the best of both worlds.

**Minuses** No baggy cardigans or tired trainers.

45 NEW

## DEBBIE HAMILTON

AIR STEWARDESS, 30



Lives Edinburgh.

**Who she?** Brought up by "a very loving family of lunatics and hooligans", Debbie turned her hand to various jobs before becoming a stewardess for BA. She's been flying for over seven years, and counts walking the Great Wall of China and hang-gliding in Rio amongst the perks of her job. She's heavily involved in the Change for Good appeal that BA runs with Unicef, helping under-privileged children around the world. As an ambassador for the programme, she visits

orphanages to help put the £14m they've raised to good use.

**Conquests** She's mingled with celebrities, but says it's becoming difficult to meet a handsome young man closer to home.

**Pluses** Free tickets to your dream destination.

**Minuses** With the odd hours and jet lag, you'll have to make an appointment to see her.

**Do** say, "You're obviously very musical." Debbie is currently trying to learn the guitar.

**Don't** say, "Want to join the mile-high club?"

46 NEW

## LUCY OGG

ARTIST, 32



Lives Glasgow.

**Who she?** After graduating with a First from Glasgow School of Art, Lucy was offered a residency in Cairo. After a bout of painter's block on her return, she helped her mother set up Otago Framers.

This summer Lucy held an exhibition which sold well, and another show is expected before the year is out.

**Haunts** Glasgow's West End, or out jogging.

**Pluses** Sets her own hours.

**Minuses** Often works weekends.

**Do** be careful where you sit. Lucy takes her work home and often forgets where she's put her paintbrushes.

47 NEW

## KIRSTEEN MCFARLANE

FINANCIER, 30



Lives Edinburgh.

**Who she?** Up and coming bright young thing in the world of finance, currently a chartered accountant for Ernst & Young, on secondment to Scottish Equity Partners. A keen traveller, she represented the UK at an international youth camp in Japan, and backpacked through Australia, Nepal and India.

**Conquests** Single after a five-year relationship.  
**Haunts** Climbing munros or practising her bagpipes at the College of Piping.  
**Pluses** Enthusiastic and adventurous.  
**Minuses** Her eternal optimism can be a little overwhelming at times.  
**Do** use a little old-fashioned courtesy. Kirsteen says she really melts for guys who still believe in 'ladies first'.  
**Don't** say, "Will you do my tax return for me?"

**48** NO CHANGE  
**ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM**  
 MSP, 51



**Lives** Perthshire.  
**Who she?** Originally born in Scotland, Rose and her family moved to Western Australia when she was just eight years old. "That had an enormous influence on my life – starting only half an hour after we boarded the ship at Southampton, when I made up my mind that I would come home." Rose eventually engineered her return to Scotland when she was 25, and immediately delved into local SNP politics.  
**Conquests** Political wins are her true conquests in life.

**Haunts** Pounding the streets of Perth and Kinross.  
**Pluses** If you're ever in trouble, Rose can help you out. She was once a practising solicitor.  
**Minuses** She's a self-confessed *Star Trek* addict. Oh dear.  
**Do** bring Aussie wine to the table. Rose is partial to a wee glass or two.  
**Don't** start an argument. Rose will win.

**49** 40  
**JULIE CUMBERLAND**  
 MARKETING MANAGER, 39



**Lives** London.  
**Who she?** In the past year former model Julie has fled Scotland for a new life in the Big Smoke. The one-time marketing manager of Edinburgh technology company Indigo Vision is now doing freelance marketing work for a variety of clients in London.  
**Conquests** Very single at the moment but would like an extreme sportsman.  
**Haunts** On the river. Julie is a huge fan of white-water rafting, the more dangerous the better.  
**Pluses** She's good fun and always game for a laugh. Julie is known for her wicked sense of humour.

**Minuses** The endless trips on the London shuttle.  
**Do** take up sky-diving, surfing or something just as risky. Alternatively, the more faint-hearted could try volleyball, as this girl's a keen player.  
**Don't** ask to see the old portfolio. The modelling days are over.

**50** 38  
**SUSIE BROWN**  
 SKIER, 27



**Lives** Aviemore.  
**Who she?** Very few people in this world can call themselves professional travellers, but Susie is one of them. This former snowboard model likes nothing more than getting out of Scotland whenever she can, to catch the sun.  
**Conquests** Single for now.  
**Haunts** Airport departure lounges or, when at home in Aviemore, out on the slopes, of course.  
**Pluses** She's got a wealth of great stories from her travels abroad.  
**Minuses** You'll be competing with a very long list of admirers.  
**Do** what you can to keep up.  
**Don't** say, "I've booked us a fabulous two-week all-inclusive holiday in Benidorm."

OFF THE MARKET



**JULIE HANSON (WAS 10)**  
 Now in a serious relationship with Alan, the owner of an electrical contracting company. She's very happy – he really makes her laugh.

**SCOTT HADDOW (WAS 24)**  
 Scott gave up the life of a swinging single to shack up in Glasgow's Southside with Radio Clyde DJ Suzi Maguire. Apparently, fellow Radio Clyde DJ Tiger Tim played the role of Cupid on this one.

**COLIN LENNOX (WAS 26)**  
 After a small relationship break with his partner, Robin, life has resumed as normal in the Lennox household. The pair are back together, running the fabulous Edinburgh boutique hotel, Ardmour House.

**LENNOX MORRISON (WAS 24)**  
 Author and former Scotland On Sunday features writer Lennox says she's delighted to be off the list, as she is stepping out with a new partner, an artist.

**LISA COOPER (WAS 26)**  
 Lisa's on-again off-again relationship with Digicult digital film guru Paul Welsh is definitely ON.

**TAYLOR FERGUSON (WAS 17)**  
 The accountant son of Taylor Ferguson, of Glasgow hairdressing fame, got hitched to Justine. The happy couple (see picture) were married in August.

**PETER SAMSON (WAS 7)**  
 Now living with his partner in domestic bliss.

**LYNNE RAMSAY (WAS 8)**  
 Tied the knot with her artist boyfriend on a yacht off the coast of Cannes at this year's film festival, while on the mainland, her much-applauded film *Morvern Callar* premiered. Current eligible Des Hamilton (number six) performed best-man duties.

**HEATHER SUTTIE (WAS 9)**  
 After a whirlwind romance, the Beat 106 DJ is marrying her internet whizz-kid boyfriend Gerry in February. Congratulations!

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