



SHE'S well-known for showing off more than her fair share of flesh, but Liz Hurley turned up to publicise her own beachwear range in a kaftan and jeans at a discount designer shopping outlet in Oxfordshire.

Guess the celebrities

AN actor, I was born in New York in 1935. As a young man I worked as a chauffeur for Mae West. I starred in many films and played the character of Detective Lennie Briscoe in *Law & Order* for 12 years until my death in 2004, making him the longest-running character on a US prime-time live action show.



QUESTION TWO: who clashes with Naomi Campbell over fur?

A MODEL and human rights activist, I was born in Aldershot in 1968. A vehement anti-fur protestor, I have recently clashed with stars such as Naomi Campbell and Jennifer Lopez over their decision to wear animal furs. I lost half a leg in 1993 and have since become involved in helping other people who have lost their limbs.

A NOVELIST, I was born in Brooklyn in 1923. I was educated in Colombia and served in the US army air force during World War Two. My works include *Good as Gold* and *Picture This*, but I'm best known for the wartime satire *Catch-22*, which has entered the English language as a term for a situation with no way out.



TV host Fiona Bruce, 44, says she's terrified of ageing and fears that, when she gets too old for TV, she'll be axed. She said: "There are days when I look in the mirror and think: 'Urgh, a bit tighter here would be great.'"



GUESS THE CELEBRITIES ANSWERS: 1 Jerry Orbach, 2 Heather Mills McCartney, 3 Joseph Heller, 4 Brenda Strong, 5 Desmond Tutu, 6 Lena Zavaroni.

POP Princess Kylie Minogue has admitted her flawless complexion and youthful good looks are the result of Botox. She said: "I've tried Botox, I've tried them all. Everyone can individually do what they want."



AN actress, I was born in Oregon in 1960. I am nearly six feet tall, and in 1980 I was crowned Miss Arizona. I have appeared in a number of popular US TV shows, including *Party of Five*, *7th Heaven* and *Everwood*, but currently I am best known for the role of Mary Alice Young in *Desperate Housewives*.

A CHURCHMAN, I was born in South Africa in 1931. In 1984, I became the first black bishop of Johannesburg, and archbishop of Cape Town. An outspoken critic of the apartheid system, I have campaigned for years for the peaceful reconciliation of black and white communities in South Africa, and was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1984.

A SINGER, I was born in Scotland in 1963. I came from a musical family, and found fame at the age of 10 after appearing on the TV talent show, *Opportunity Knocks*. A year later I released my first single, *Ma*. He's Making Eyes at Me, which was followed by a string of hits in the 1970s. I died tragically young in 1999.



MICHELLE HEATON sent the paparazzi into a frenzy when she went shopping at Mamas and Papas baby shop last week. But sceptics claim it was just a set-up to gain publicity by making the media think she is pregnant.

MYSTERY FACE

THIS football club chairman may have cheered some people up and built a few bridges after his involvement in certain managerial appointment last week. Do you know who he is? Answer is on far right of page.

Superstar unknown comes to territory

SINGER Valeriya is the Russian equivalent of Madonna and has sold over 100 million albums. Ahead of her first concert in the North East she chats to LIZ LAMB.

WITH her blonde locks and youthful good looks, Valeriya is every inch the pop star.

She may be a relative unknown in Britain, but back home in her native Russia she is as big as Madonna and so famous she is treated like royalty. The 40-year-old has sold in excess of 100 million records, more than Simply Red who she is supporting on their UK tour. She says: "I know Simply Red very well and I love their music from their first album. "Their show is absolutely fantastic. Everyone should come and see it."

To highlight just how famous Valeriya is in Russia you only have to look at her accomplishments. As well as the 100 million-plus record sales, she has picked up a state prize from former President Vladimir Putin, is ninth in Forbes magazine's list of the 50 best-paid Russian celebrities, has her own fragrance and jewellery line, and is an associate of that other high-profile Russian, Roman Abramovich.

She is now hoping to take on the British music market with the launch of a new album *Out of Control* and single *Back To Love*, released next month. The mum says: "It's important for me to try and be successful in the British market. I want to do something new. It's a challenge. "Here I am like a beginner. It's refreshing for me. In my country I can predict it, but here it is unpredictable. "Everyone asks me if I am frightened, but I'm not. I have millions of fans in my country but I'm just curious to find out what happens here. When I'm on stage I'm curious whether the audience will accept me." Valeriya describes her music as guitar pop. "It's a mix of cultures and influences," she says. "It's very international as well as Russian." The singer is now looking forward to coming up to the North East on tour. She says: "I have never been up North. For me, it is a really good chance not only to perform to a new audience but to see the North of the country. It's going to be great."

MAXIMO PARK'S FESTIVAL CALL-UP

NORTH rockers Maximo Park have been announced as one of the acts of this year's Leeds Festival.

The Newcastle five-piece will play the event alongside headliners The Arctic Monkeys, Radiohead and Kings of Leon. Others on the bill of the three-day August festival - which also holds a simultaneous event in Reading - include Ian Brown, The Kaiser Chiefs and The Prodigy.

Weekend tickets have now sold out, including coach package tickets from Newcastle and Durham, but there are still a small number of day tickets left. Festival organisers have warned music fans off from buying tickets from unofficial sources.

Melvin Benn, MD of Festival Republic, said: "This is the seventh year in succession that both events have sold out within 24 hours of going on sale. "The stature of the events have grown and grown each year and this year's line up only adds to that. "However, I must express caution towards all those who will now try to get their hands on tickets in whatever way they can as they do need to be careful of dodgy sites. "The only site I can recommend will be viagogo, who will at least guarantee anything they sell." The world-famous Reading and Leeds Festival takes place from Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30 2009. To buy day tickets or to find out more information visit the website at www.leedsfestival.com



HOT TICKET: Singer Valeriya is the Russian equivalent of Madonna

THE MIX

LIFE ON SUNDAY



RUMOURS about this week that Charlotte Church and Gavin Henson, 27, are going through a rough patch. The couple are said to be at loggerheads, with the Welsh rugby player resting at home with a serious ankle injury.



BRITNEY SPEARS is said to be getting close with another dancer, this time a hunky 21-year-old who is appearing on her Circus tour. Brit met former husband Kevin Federline when he was touring with her as a dancer.

WHEELMAN'S NO GTA

By DOUG YOUNG

IT'S a long time since I've played anything quite as over-the-top as Midway's new title *Wheelman* on Xbox 360.

It has elements that closely match other games like *GTA* and *Burnout* but combined they make one of the most outrageous racers to ever grace a 360 screen.

Put together by Midway's local Newcastle team, it's enough to make you proud.

You play Milo - voiced by Vin Diesel - an undercover agent, posing as a getaway driver or "wheelman" to infiltrate the underworld of Barcelona and gather information about an upcoming heist.

He's all set to stir things up, raising tensions between feuding gangs, while also staying one step ahead of the local police.

OK, so the plot sounds pretty good, yes? Well it's not the worst I've ever seen but nowhere near as polished as Rockstar's *GTA4*.

The game's cut-scenes try to link up gameplay with plot, but it's too disjointed and I stopped caring after a few hours. But the gameplay makes up for the blurred direction.

Here you take on missions which normally involve tearing around the streets of Barcelona pulling off a series of specialised attacks to destroy or capture opponents cars, depending on the mission type.

The are all sorts of daft things you can do with your character, but the most used and ridiculous option is the air jack, where Milo will slip out of the window, jump off the bonnet onto a car ahead, before side kicking the driver out as he slips in.

Another slight let down is a lack of open-world play. In *Grand Theft Auto*, you can just drive around the city and choose a mission when you want. In *Wheelman*, at the end of each mission, a screen pops up almost telling you this is your next mission.

I really can't see why Midway didn't just let the player make their own choices.

Controls are fine and pretty well-executed but, again, they're nowhere near as polished as *GTA* or *NFS*. All the cars just feel a little slack and, unlike other games in this genre, you feel that when you're taking a corner it's more pot luck than skill on your part.

Other than that, the game is fun to play and, once you start, you're easily likely to be at it for an hour before tiring of it.



MISSIONS: in *Wheelman* you play agent Milo, voiced by Vin Diesel



TITLE: *Wheelman*
FORMAT: Xbox 360
PUBLISHER: Midway
PRICE: £39.99

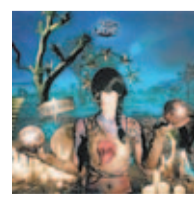
SUNDAY Sun STEREO

By LIZ LAMB

1990S: KICKS (ROUGH TRADE RECORDS): Following up the 1990s' acclaimed debut album, *Cookies*, in 2007, the Glasgow band return with an album packed with infectious and catchy songs. Influenced by life in the Scottish city and girls - as well as slightly more bizarre references to bears, Mongolian warlords and Scientology - Kicks is anything but dull. I love the very catchy *Tell Me When You're Ready*, their new single, 59 - a song about the 59 bus in Pollakshields - and *Giddy Up*. These are songs people can relate to and which make for a perfect summer soundtrack when you are getting ready to hit the bars. It's dancey rock n' roll at its best.



BAT FOR LASHES - TWO SUNS: Returning with the follow-up to her 2007 Mercury Prize-nominated album *Fur And Gold*, Bat For Lashes picks up where she left off. Opening song *Glass* - a work with yearning lyrics and intricate instrumentation - is a great indicator for the quality of the rest of the album. *Moon and Moon* is a delicate follow-up to *Fur And Gold's* *Sad Eyes*, and the first single from the LP is *Daniel*, which sounds like it would fit on the soundtrack to something like *Danny Darko*. It's both mysterious and nods towards a slightly more electronic sound. With the pressure on to make a good follow-up to her debut album, Bat For Lashes can rest assured she's delivered another high-quality release.



SID! BY THOSE THAT REALLY KNEW HIM (COLLECTOR'S EDITION), DVD AND CD SET: It's 30 years since Punk hero Sid Vicious was found dead from a heroin overdose at the tender age of 21 and, to mark the anniversary of his passing, this special-edition box set has been produced. The DVD documentary includes interviews with the people who knew Sid best, such as Sex Pistols manager Malcolm McLaren, childhood friend John Wardle, designer Vivienne Westwood, and The Damned's Rat Scabies, to name a few. The film is fuelled by a CD of Sid's music recorded live in New York in 1978 with Sid Vicious, Steve Dior, Arthur Kane and Jerry Nolan. This would be a brilliant addition to anyone's music collection.



THE MIX VIDEO OF THE WEEK . .

NEWCASTLE-BASED band The Little Comets will be on stage at one of the North's biggest music festivals, *Evolution*, on May Bank Holiday. They will be joined by *Tyneside's* *Detroit Social Club* and headliners *Dizzee Rascal* and *The Wombats*. See them singing their track *One Night in October*, at www.sundaysun.co.uk/mixvid



MYSTERY FACE ANSWER: Derek Lambias