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Sleepy suburb's not-so-secret sex parties

The X-rated world of "adult" parties is usually a closely-guarded secret shrouded in, well, PVC. But not to Kiwi. He's happy to shout about his kinky parties from the rooftops.

And that might surprise some of the residents of sleepy Rottingdean, where every Saturday night, a suburban home is turned into a playground for adult pleasure.

Set between the poshest girls' school in Britain and, appropriately, Whipping Post Lane, is Kiwi's den of, if not iniquity, then indulgence.

Every weekend, the house, complete with pool and dungeon, hosts the hottest party in the area. The last Saturday of the month is dedicated to Kiwi's fetish fantasy.

It is, of course, over 18 and strictly members only. But membership is open to anyone who wants to party.

Kiwi says: "It's just a light-hearted adult party. We don't sell sex. We provide a venue for open-minded people to enjoy themselves.

"If you try to keep it secret, people are going to do something about it. We're very open about what we do.

"We are clean. We are comfortable. We're not noisy. There's no drunkenness or people getting off their heads.

"And we're not into beating the hell out of each other. The party just allows people to experiment a little."

Kiwi's fetish parties attract up to up to 150 people, who are locals and from around the world, to talk, drink, dance and have sex.

Among his guests, he says, are at least one judge, a couple of policemen, builders, plumbers and secretaries.

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He also has a number of celebrity clients. He reels off three names and swears me to secrecy. One is an internationally-known chart star, one a well-known actor and one a local entrepreneur.

Although the dress code is outrageous, Kiwi says the atmosphere is relaxed.

He said: "We encourage people to dress up but if you don't want to take your clothes off, or you just want to sit and talk, that's fine."

Just sitting and talking seems unlikely when you see what is on offer at the house.

There is a 30ft heated pool, DJ and dance floor, six play rooms, spa bath and a dungeon with cross, cage and whipping bench. Oh, and some pictures of Kylie Minogue.

Guests are encouraged to attend in couples, £35 a time, but singles are allowed and Kiwi always makes sure the male-to-female ratio is balanced.

According to Kiwi, the nights, which sometimes stretch into entire weekends, are peaceful affairs.

"We've never had any trouble and we've never had a guest who didn't want to come back."

Kiwi says neighbours who know about the parties are "cool" with it.

"We don't hide anything but we don't flaunt it. You can see the conservatory and the pool from the top of the buses on the seafront. But we do pull the blinds down on Saturday night.

"We don't put our address on the flyers so we never get uninvited people turning up. Once you are a member you can check the web site to see who else is arriving on the night."

However, when I asked around in Rottingdean, there were one or two complaints. In typical British fashion, not about the sexual shenanigans but the parking.

Kiwi is an extraordinary character. He has been a surfer, beach bum, hitchhiker and a biker. He is now happy to be known as a sex maniac.

His latest role is all the more surprising when you discover he is confined to a wheelchair.

Seven years ago Kiwi - his stage name and now the only one he uses - was a despatch rider working in South London.

Following a minor shunt he came off his bike, landing on his spine on the kerb. The accident left him with no feeling below the chest.

In an extraordinary statement he gestures to his wheelchair and says: "It is one of the best things that ever happened to me.

"Before I had the accident, I was the sort of guy who didn't have respect for anyone or anything. Now I respect a lot of things people take for granted, such as how easy it is for most people to get up the stairs and how much hassle it is for me.

"I cherish the memories I have, silly things like the tingling you feel in your feet when you jump off a wall or how it feels to pedal a bike.

"And with women, I concentrate on making sure they are enjoying themselves. I get a real kick out of it. I'm a pervert in a chair," he laughs.

Although he has always been a big fan of sex, since his accident it has become his raison d'tre.

"A couple of years after the accident I was at the hospital when I met another guy in a wheelchair who introduced me to the fetish scene. As soon as I went to a club I realised as well as being very visual, the people who go are so open and so honest. I immediately felt comfortable."

Kiwi, 37, began writing about and organising club nights and eventually found himself running the fetish nights in Rottingdean, which he does in association with skinnydippersuk.com The house is rented by "mutual agreement" from the owners.

Kiwi advertises his Rottingdean nights through his web site, www.kinky-kiwi.com His database has almost 1,000 names on it.

He has also found himself spearheading a campaign to dismiss the myth that physically challenged people are not interested in sex.

He has become something of a celebrity on the fetish scene, appearing in three adult films and talking about his experience to anyone who will listen.

But not everything is rosy for the Rottingdean revellers.

Tory councillor David Smith said: "I have had a complaint from a neighbour about the amount of cars arriving and going throughout the night, sometimes leaving at breakfast time in the morning.

"Loud music has also been heard. I have asked the environment health department of the city council to look into it.

"What goes on at the house is the talk of Rottingdean and there are concerns it could bring down the price of nearby properties.

"I know one neighbour complained personally and was greeted with a woman just wearing a bra and knickers who invited them in."

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