

interests you most, you can refine your choice of club.

Now, this may seem all very serious, but in fact the clubs are usually great fun. Because people are dressing and behaving in the way they want to be seen, they are very relaxed. So what you see is how the person wants you to perceive them, and people frequently enjoy talking about what they are wearing, so it is easy to get a conversation going. After all, they have put all that effort into the way they look because they want to be noticed. People are also pretty well behaved too, and it is very rare for anyone to get drunk or disorderly.

A typical fetish club would normally open its doors at about 10 pm, and close around 4 am. They don't normally get busy until at least midnight – and then people tend to arrive in their droves. Most clubs require you to be wearing some sort of fetish outfit to get in (although you can bring clothes and change at the venue). So you need to have made an effort with your outfit, and that applies to both men and women. The men may be as extravagantly dressed, if not more so than the women. What can you wear? As I said before, the best thing to do is look at the website of the club you want to go to. It will have a gallery so you can see what people like to wear – but one thing is certain – you won't get in in street clothes. For guys, you won't get in with smart-casual style clothing common at swinging events, either. So you will need to go shopping!

### The club itself

Inside the club there will be a bar area where people can chat, often (but not always) a dance floor, and also a dungeon area where there is specialist furniture for people to

scene. Dungeons can range from a small, roped-off area, all the way up to almost the whole club being the dungeon! Like most clubs, people start off chatting, but as the evening progresses, will tend to gravitate to the dance floor or the dungeon area. You are free to watch people in the dungeon area and can chat with people after they have finished sceneing. If you want to know what a scene was about, then people are usually happy to talk about it, but as they are very intense and emotional activities, you should give people some time before approaching them. And of course, not everyone is going to want to talk to you, but normally as long as you are polite when you ask, they will be polite in return – even if they don't want to talk further. Don't be afraid to ask, but if someone declines, don't be concerned or offended. After all, they are out to enjoy themselves too, so may simply not want to chat this time around.

### The evening's events

As the evening goes on, the atmosphere usually gets more and more erotic. Because there is no full-on sex in the clubs, you effectively have a whole evening of foreplay, and this can create a wonderful atmosphere

of sensual tension. You may also find people wearing fewer clothes as the evening progresses! For some of the clubs where the emphasis is more on the Dom/sub or Master/slave play, you will find that the slaves can end up almost completely naked. So, when I take my slave to a club, I often undress her before we scene, as the sceneing may involve some spanking, caning or some breast play – in which case her outfit may get in the way. But again, the 'no touching' rule is so important. You may be at a club where a girl is standing beside you completely naked, but it doesn't mean she wants to have sex with you... or even wants to talk to you. This will simply be part of the way she and her partner scene together.

Another aspect of the fetish scene is that, once you get to know people, you may get invited to private parties too. These are usually at the house of someone who has kitted out a room or rooms as a dungeon, and can often provide an opportunity to see, and experience, very sophisticated BDSM play, and there may be sex too. But the same rules apply as at the clubs – don't touch or get involved without asking.

### Do your homework

If, having read this, you want to go to a fetish club, what should you do? You need to do two things. You need to do some reading – on the web, or in books about fetish and BDSM, so that you have some idea about it before you go. You also need to look at club websites to work out what sort of clubs they are, and what people wear to them. Then choose one and go along! A good place to look is [www.londonfetishscene.com](http://www.londonfetishscene.com) – even if you don't live in London – as there is lot of information about what's on, and a very good gallery, which is updated with photographs from clubs from the previous weeks. Once you get to a club, chat to people, ask questions, get to know them and you may find that the fetish scene can add a whole new dimension to your life!

