

Philip Herbert came as the official reviewer for Mark Bunyan's excellent musical "Unburied Treasures", which plays at the Rosemary Branch before "Strip Search" at 7.30pm. However he decided to stay on for our show - and this is the result!

"A HIT a veritable hit"

by [Philip Herbert](#) on 22/04/10

Star rating * * * * *

Male stripper SQUADDIE works hard. Gay bars, mixed bars, Hen nights, The Lot . He makes a decent living. "I'd rather do a gay bar than a Hen - see they grab at your bits, the hens" - he charms us with his Welsh accent and winning smile. An ex soldier from Iraq & Afghanistan and a working male striptease artist.

He goes into his routine - we are at the club, music pounds heavy beat - then suddenly he stops and smiles again and speaks. Stories of his life, his first gay encounter, men who would pay him £££ for sex and sometimes just for a look - and he liked it too - or did he? Rent boy, Escort, Stripper. Are they all the same?

An incredible performance from Titus Rowe as SQUADDIE. Hip thrusts one minute and his gambling addiction the next. He cried when his one real mate dies, his mate died and he cried. This great big strapping stripper wept on his knees and we wept with him.

Titus is a lovely mover, has all the cheeky charm of a cock-sure soldier and shows a wealth of experience as a pro stripper. Raunchy faces and knowing grins. "It's all about power see". But boy can he act. Yes the routine continues till the "baby oil moment". This is when a 'punter' is invited to rub some oil into his muscles and legs. Some hilarious improvising with a very happy old geezer and willing 'victim' sitting at the front. He even planted a gentle kiss upon his cheek as a token of thanks. The punter's cheek not SQUADDIE's.

This is a 5 star performance of a 5 star show. Written by Peter Scott-Priestland with some real home truths revealed with some snappy direction from Roger Scales.

I have in the past seen one or two male strippers - purely for professional purposes you understand and SQUADDIE is the best. One man, one chair, a row of lamps, some baby oil and a blast of a show. A gay mans dream and for all woman too. The stripper speaks and tells his stories at an energy level so high it is amazing to watch.

ALL THE GAY BOYS BOOK EARLY - THIS WILL SELL OUT April 20th - May 8th. Yes The Rosemary Bush (sorry Rosemary Branch) does it again. Be warned there is full frontal male nudity shoved in your face. A HIT a veritable hit which deserves a West End run.