



Where are you now and what are the vibes like?

Chris: Chillin' round at Alcohol Terry's with a crate of Tennants Super and the vibes are 9.8 per cent proof
Phil: Inside my head and the vibes are spooky
Miki and Emma: We're inside Phil's head too

Who's the band wet blanket?

E: More to the point, who wets the blanket?
M: Steve Rippon for leaving Lush. He thought 30 was too old to rock 'n' roll

Who's the band comedian?

M: Phil King for joining Lush. He's 31
E: Chris for impersonations, Miki for jokes, Emma does a great turn with Japanese juggling balls, and Phil for being 31

What's the least rock'n' roll thing you've done today?

E: Truly f—ed by Fabulous (ie I paid to go and see them), and their drummer's haircut is even worse than ours

P: Sorting out the Lush pension scheme

C: Only the one bottle of Jack before breakfast instead of the usual two

M: Gave up smoking

Key films in your life

P: *Abba The Movie* (prepared me for Lush)
C: *Taxi Driver* (if De Niro can drive a taxi, so can I)

M: *You Only Live Twice* (I was a three-month-old embryo swimming in the woman who scrubbed Sean Connery's back)
E: British '70s TV horror films with Ian Ogilvy

Sell Lush to the public

Swells hates us, so we must be good

Who's gonna be big this year?

E: Wolfgang Press, Stereolab, Soul Family Sensation
P: Denim, Raja Marimba Band, Pulp
M: Waynetta Slob, Kevin Allen (with a video diary of the Olympics) and Paul Walsh
C: Smashing Pumpkins, Bobby Gillespie's record collection

Fave writers

M: Jay McInerney, Kurt Vonnegut, Fergie
P: Neville Baker-Street, Alfonso B Casares, Truman Capote
E: Jenny Diski, Margaret Atwood, Milan Kundera and Jim Carroll
C: Harry Harris (*Daily Mirror* football correspondent), Jon Savage (*Sun* football correspondent)



Lush — new line-up exclusive! (l to r) Phil 'Beauteous Profile' King, Miki Berenyi, Chris Acland and Emma Anderson

LUSH

Ten fave band logos

Freur
Average White Band
999
Secret Affair
Pulp (our lawyers are dealing with this one)
Josef K
Mazzy Star
Hole
Woody Woodmansey's U-Boat
Crass and anything with a circled 'A'

Fave footballers other than Spurs

C: David White, Lee Sharpe, Chrissy Waddle, Paul Proudlock (Carlisle), Steve from Ride
M: Billy The Fish

What do you say to Clive Anderson's New Year wish?

E: Good on yer, Uncle Clive
C: A resounding chorus of 'We love you Wrexham, we do'

Why did you bottle out of touring Russia?

M: No Gorby, no Lush
C: No Holsten Export on the rider
P: I got caught changing my date of birth on my passport
E: No leadership, no food, they're hardly going to want to see some souped up indie band with stupid haircuts playing insipid guitar music with wafty lyrics — anyway, that's why the Cocteau Twins aren't going.

When will you be famous?

Well what does 'famous' actually mean, what's the concept beneath it and where does it take you? Is it achieved or given, how does it work, what's behind it and what's driving it and if it stops what's stopping it and that's my question to you. . .

Heavy Metal

Messrs Bachman, Turner and Overdrive — let's rock!

Steve the old bassist Ragin' Rippon — standing centre stage with his basslines pasted to the floor by his feet after turning up an hour late to soundcheck because he found an interesting second-hand record shop in Sacramento with bargains on Crowded House LPs. There he is, sipping his half of cider, winking at a girl in the front row and standing so close to the edge of the stage his monitors are three feet behind him. . . what can we say — the man's a star and we'll miss him like hell

Manic Street Preachers

E: Less make-up
M: No-one with a Welsh accent can expect to be taken seriously
C: Respect
P: Fabulous

The Premier League

E: More make-up
C: No respect

General election

Max Bygraves for PM; Val Doonican as Leader Of The Opposition

Who's spooky?

The Amazing Creskin

Fave foods to eat

P: Cold sandwiches
C: Chips and curry sauce, Razzle bars, Thai food
M: Milky biscuit (ask any public schooboy)
E: Anything I don't have to cook

Fave foods to cook

E: Anything I don't have to eat
P: Burnt sandwiches
C: Pasta, pasta and pasta
M: Braised cyst

Who wears the trousers in Lush?

Steven Wells

The inexorable rise of Carter

M: I rather preferred him as a peanut farmer
P: Keep the rhythm section, sack the rest of the band
E & C: What does inexorable mean?

Vices

E: Reading the music papers
C: I'm a secret lemonade drinker
M: Cumberland wrestling
P: 'Cold drinks'

Spices

E: Paprika
C: Coriander
M: Fenugreek
P: Dormant Man aftershave

Underwear

M: Incontinence knickers and a string vest
P: St Michael's petit pants
C: Lightly soiled hernia briefs
E: Very old Marks & Spencer's knickers; bras aggravate my back so I settle for a boob tube. . . I hear stockings are more hygienic — only if you don't wash, I reckon. . . Yuk. Sounds like Femfresh to me. . .

Value of the pound in the ERM

Erm. . . Hurrah!

Fave Mungo Jerry track

'You Better Leave That Whisky Alone', 'Have A Whiff Of Me', 'Pearly Dew Drops Drop'

Which character in *The Addams Family* are you most like?

C: Bryan Addams (*sic*)
M: Uncle Fester (similar complexion)
P: Camden Lurch
E: Thing (same manicurist)

Fave kids' TV shows

Fingerbobs, *Mr Benn*, *Clangers*, *Mr Trimble*, *Captain Pugwash*, *Josie And The Pussycats*, *Singing Ringing Tree*, *Ace Of Wands*, *Byker Grove*, *Roger Ramjet*

Fave decade

M: 1980s, for giving us Spandau Ballet, Yip Yip Coyote, Blue Zoo and Paul Morley's Dollar revival
P: '70s (1870s that is)

Are you the best band on 4AD?

We'll never be as good as Modern English

Your message to The Kids

M: Get yer hair cut and stop being so small
C: Punx and skinz unite and fight together we are dynamite
P: Take good care of your parents
E: No message, just a massage