

Press release – exclusive story

Prince Charles and Camilla to visit Bongo Club

Buckingham Palace today confirmed that Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall are to attend a performance in Edinburgh's notorious **Bongo Club** later this week. Following a protracted honeymoon at Balmoral the royal couple are currently in residence at Holyrood Palace "recuperating", according to royal sources, "and resting". It has long been an open secret in royal circles that the Prince enjoys the relative anonymity of the atmospheric **Bongo Club**. On several occasions patrons are reported to have been "surprised, but not alarmed" to see the Prince demonstrating his distinctive West African shuffle at a club night, or amusing one and all at the bar with his definitive Spike Milligan impersonations.

Only two hundred yards separate the famous Edinburgh nightspot (where celebrities Ozzy Osbourne, Madonna and Shaun Connery also drop by on a regular basis) from Holyrood Palace. Royal sources confirmed last night that the Prince "has been known to give his royal bodyguards the slip", using a number of imaginative disguises, to "spend time" at the club.

The event at which His Royal Highness and Her Royal Duchess are to be present this week is the performance on Wednesday by the indefinable and quite unique "**Mr McFall's Chamber**". "They are quite indefinable, and quite quite unique", commented the Prince last night.

Reaction to the news has been muted. As details started to leak out last week a representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at an emergency press conference, described the planned visit as "sheer folly". "The Prince, as heir to the throne and the Future Head of the Church of England, such as it is, has a responsibility to uphold moral values and a high moral tone", commented the spokesperson, "The bible specifically forbids such practices." Home secretary Charles Clarke when pressed on the matter on the infamous Today programme admitted that he himself had, while a student, found himself unwittingly (and hilariously) at the Bongo Club on one occasion, as he afterwards discovered. A spokesperson for the home secretary, speaking in his defence at a hastily-convened emergency press conference later this morning, explained "Charles is an honourable man – he would not knowingly have allowed himself to be involved with something as unashamedly pleasurable as the Bongo Club.

Who among us can honestly put their hand on their heart and say that they haven't, at one time or another had an unforgettable experience at the famous **Bongo Club** in Edinburgh?"

The performance by **Mr McFall's Chamber** begins at **8.30 pm this Wednesday**. "Tickets are £8, but we are operating a special £5 rate for royalty and archbishops", a spokesperson for the club verified last night.