



IS THERE A WAR ON? | Clubbers will be dressed up in retro 1940s gear

Getting in the Blitz s

on the scene

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My mum made a good point this week about the inability of London to cope with the snow: what would become of us if we were at war? I don't have the answer, but we can but try to understand down at **Blitz Party**, a 1940s night that will be brimming with community spirit tomorrow.

Expect a totally different clubbing experience where neighbourly camaraderie is the order of the evening. Imagine a venue decked out

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with sand bags, searchlights, blackout curtains, oil lamps and military bunk beds, with ration books as bar tabs and war-era entertainment. Expect some of the country's finest swing bands, DJs and performers, while in another room newsreels and war-time films will be screened.

Hopefully the snow and ice will have disappeared so that the high heels can come out in force. Ladies should don curls, lipstick, tea dresses and stockings while men in uniform get a definite

thumbs-up. The Blitz team have the perfect location, under arches off Brick Lane (Reliance Square, New Inn Yard) and plan to make this a regular shindig. Bunkers open at 7pm, tickets cost £15 in advance via ticketweb, or more on the door.

If you're jitterbugging in anticipation but, like me, are panicking about finding suitable attire, help is at hand: the first **Jumble and Pearls** of 2009 will be running from midday till 5pm tomorrow at Albert and Pearl, 181 Upper Street.

A mix of designer labels, vintage and all manner of jumble will be on sale. And we're not talking tat – think Westwood, Rykiel, vintage Conran and heaps of jewellery. As always, while you select your goods, guest DJs will play a blend of lounge music and classical. Entry is free.

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