



Happy
Birthday!
A day with Trans-pose



Congratulations on a first birthday – the birthday ‘girl’ was *Trans-pose* dressing service which celebrated its first year back in January. *Repartee* contacted owner, Teela Jane to arrange a visit, take some photographs and find out more about the service she offers.

Trans-pose seems to be one of the North of England’s best-kept secrets and it really shouldn’t be! They provide an excellent discreet service in lovely surroundings and nothing is too much trouble for Teela who really wants to make everyone’s visit something special.

Trans-pose is located in north Cheshire, just off junction 8 of the M53 going into Ellesmere Port. They are literally a minute from the motorway and that convenient access to the motorway network puts them within easy travelling distance of most of the North West of England. To be honest even Leeds or Birmingham would be within a couple of hours’ drive.

They are located in a commercial area with easy free parking right outside the door. You almost wonder if you have come to the right place. From the outside it’s just an ordinary-looking light-industrial unit, complete with roller-shutter doors. But, as with most of the clients, outward looks are very deceptive. Arriving in drab jeans and casual bloke gear no-one knows the secret femme identity waiting on the inside. And once inside *Trans-pose*, a warm welcome from Teela soon puts you

at your ease and ready to release the girl within! And what a great place to do just that.

There is a spacious make-up area with fabulous dressing-room style illuminated mirrors (as you can see in the main photo above). There is an area where you can sit and relax with T-girl magazines and books plus various photographic backgrounds – a cd of your own pics can be taken with you when you leave. Of course, there is a wardrobe area with clothes galore, from glamour to fetish and much more in between. There are shoes in sizes 6-12 and all sorts of different wigs in a variety of colours and styles. All the photos in this article feature outfits and hair from *Trans-pose*.

Nina wanted to be Marilyn Monroe from the start and I asked Teela to give me a different look too – so out came a short wig. We decided to give the whole shoot a glamorous style, so that meant lots of lovely dresses, which again are not what I would usually wear. But Teela had plenty of choice and I left the outfit selection to her and was very pleased with the results.

Trans-pose provide a wide range of services, including make-overs and dressing sessions, make-up lessons and workshops, manicures, waxing and much more besides. Too much for me to detail here, but all listed, with prices, on their web site. You can also subscribe to their free monthly e-newsletter which gives details of events and includes tips and advice too.

Often mentioned in the newsletter are the ‘Tea with Teela’ nights which take place every

third Monday. There are usually about a dozen girls attending but the record is 28! This is how Teela describes the evening herself: “Tea with Teela is an informal and friendly gathering for all cross-dressers and their partners to meet lots of nice and interesting people and make new friends. There’s lots of girly gossip and plenty of laughter – we chat about the latest fashions and new make-up, try on wigs, clothes and exchange tips and ideas.” It sounds like a great way to meet some new friends and admission is only £5 with refreshments provided too. Teela also organises nights out to the *Village* in Manchester on a Wednesday.

Now, back to our day at *Trans-pose* and between outfit changes and make-up touch ups we had plenty of time to chat with Teela. One thing that always intrigues me about people working with our community, who aren’t TG themselves, is how and why they got involved! Well, with Teela, like many of us, it all started when she was a child. There was nothing she enjoyed more than dressing and making up her little brother and no, before you ask, he hasn’t grown up to be a tranny (well not as far as Teela knows anyway!). From then on she always had a fascination with men dressing as women and spent most of her twenties on the South West gay scene, hanging out with drag queens, as there wasn’t really a trans-scene then.

She had always wanted to be more involved and although she conceived the idea of *Trans-Pose* back in the early 90’s nothing really came of it. “Time just whizzes by doesn’t it?” says Teela, “and suddenly I realised that if I didn’t start achieving my dreams, I would regret it later in life. So using my own savings, I set up *Trans-pose*. I believe I have the world’s best job and I get immense job satisfaction, which is not something everyone can say – I count myself fortunate and all my clients are treated as special, because they are special to me.”

Teela’s husband Dave has been fantastic with his support and is often to be found at the monthly *Tea with Teela* nights chatting to the girls. Teela’s sister Lynne is also involved in making clothes. The gorgeous pink Marilyn outfit modelled by Nina is one of Lynne’s creations. In case you were wondering, both Marilyn outfits were too big for size 10 Nina, it’s amazing the results Teela can achieve with some safety pins! So if you fancy trying the Marilyn look you don’t have to worry about the outfits being too small, the pink one especially, is easily adjustable to fit most people!

We had a great time at *Trans-pose* and would like to thank Teela Jane for making us so welcome and showing us what she has to offer. Our day also included a lovely lunch served by one of Teela’s regulars, Susan, who acted as our maid for the day.



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What a great job she did too, making coffee, pouring drinks and helping tidy away all the discarded outfits as well!

I would certainly recommend a visit to *Trans-pose* and maybe we can have a few more Marilyn photos, from other people, in future issues of *Repartee*?

Bella Jay

Nina says:

Well, yet again another one of my dreams has been fulfilled. No, I’m not talking about having the wind up my dress although that was quite nice. What I’m talking about, of course, is being dressed and made up like Marilyn Monroe!

When we first started planning the visit to *Trans-pose* the only thing I wasn’t sure about was how I wanted to look to show off Teela’s make-up skills. Then BJ mentioned seeing on the *Trans-pose* web site that they had a Marilyn Monroe dress, after which I didn’t want to hear about anything else.

I was going to be Marilyn and that was it! Trust me when I say that Teela really had her work cut out, as I normally look nothing like the ‘Some like it hot’ star. But I think you’ll agree that she made a rather good job of it!

Of course, the one pose everyone would love to copy is the famous scene from ‘The Seven Year Itch’ where Marilyn stands over a drain and her dress gets blown up, and I’m no exception and just had to try that. With hindsight I wish I had taken a bigger fan as unfortunately Teela only had a small one and we did struggle a bit! Still we did manage to get my dress to blow around just enough to get one good photo. Personally I still think Bella blowing up my dress would have done a better job as she’s full of hot air!

Anyway many thanks to Teela for making me Marilyn and for a lovely time at *Trans-pose* too.

Nina [Rose 4675]



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