

Weekly Come On In!

A Cup Of Tea With

Lee Mead

How do you take your tea?

I love a cuppa. I take after my late grandad – I'm very particular about tea. Let it brew and add the milk afterwards, not before.

Who would you most like to have a cup of tea with?

The Queen – I've met the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles, so I'd like to meet the full set!

Tell us about your upcoming tour...

I always enjoy getting out and singing live. I'm doing one concert a month finishing at the Garrick Theatre in London. It's a nice mix of old-school musical theatre songs like *Singin' In The Rain* and *Guys And Dolls*, as well as more contemporary pieces of music.

Did you always want to perform?

I wouldn't say I wanted to perform from the age of five like some kids do. If anything, I wanted to play football for Chelsea.

What's your favourite role?

Chris, the male lead in *Miss Saigon*. The music's epic and I had a gun!

If you could be any character in any musical, who would you be and why?

I'd like to do a brand-new original production, but they don't come along very often and you have to be in the right place at the right time.

What's the best piece of advice you've been given?

In this business, there's an old school mentality of work hard, respect your colleagues and do your research for every role. I try to embrace every new experience.

❖ Lee Mead will be touring the UK throughout the year. See leemead.co.uk for details.

PAWS FOR THOUGHT



These two dapper chaps were definitely dressed for the occasion and chilled about the attention they were getting from the crowds at a canal boat festival I recently attended.

Editor, Diane

❖ Got a pet pic that makes you smile?

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Why you'll love... ...Fermo, Italy

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Where I went...

Fermo, in the Marche, the central region of Italy on the east coast, about 7km from the Adriatic coast and in the Sibillini mountains.

What I did...

I explored some of the pretty hilltop villages, originating from medieval times, in the mountains. I did lots of walking on cobbled streets and visiting churches. In Fermo, I toured the Roman Cisterns, which stored enough water in the 30 interconnecting underground tunnels for the whole town, and the Civic Art

Gallery, whose collection includes a Rubens.

Where I stayed...

The family-owned Palazzo Romani Adami B&B (palazzoromaniadami.com). Each room/apartment has its own unique character, in the old part of the 18th-century palace where the racing stables used to be.

What I ate...

Wonderful breakfasts, with homemade jams and honey,

and hams from the region. Delicious lunches and dinners starting with antipasti (including breaded cubes of custard as well as pork), pasta (my favourite was ravioli in a lemon sauce), and hearty pork dishes (a speciality of the area), all accompanied by delicious local wines.

