Don’t forget...

Pride Scotia - Edinburgh, 21st June
Remind everyone:
volunteers@pride-scotia.org
Dyke March Scotland

On Saturday 17th May, in Edinburgh's High Street, by the statue of Adam Smith, Scotland's first Dyke March and rally began. The speakers were Maud Robinson, the reverend from the Unitarian Church: Beverley, representing Unity Glasgow: Jo Clifford, Edinburgh poet, performer, and playwright: and Maggie Chapman, the Scottish Green party's lead candidate for the sixth MEP seat.

About sixty people – mostly women, some men – then marched up the High Street, down George IV Bridge, and by way of Forest Row and Lauriston to the Tollcross Community Centre, where Cathy Fullerton, SNP councillor for Sighthill/Gorgie, was the closing speaker.

In support of the kidnapped schoolgirls in Nigeria, Dyke March Scotland stood for a group photo - graph holding signs saying “Bring Back Our Girls.”

The community fair was supported by the Equality Network, Stonewall Scotland, LGBT Youth Scotland, iHollaback, the Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre: funded by donations and gifts. Tunnocks gave a box of caramel wafers and another of teacakes. Alison Bechdel, the cartoonist who created the long-running Dykes To Watch Out For series, gave permission for her artwork to be used for badges to sell to support the march. The pub quiz night that raised a substantial fraction of the march's funds had prizes donated by the Cuckoo Bakery and the Filmhouse.

“We're delighted at the range and quality of support we received from so many people,” said Jane Carnall, one of the organising committee. “The next Dyke March Scotland will build on what we achieved.”

www.facebook.com/DykeMarchScotland
Also @DykeMarchScotland on Twitter
Photos, including our cover: ML Pearson

Scottish Borders LGBT Pride BBQ

The 15th Scottish Borders LGBT Pride Barbeque will be held from 2-5 pm on Sat 7th June at St Monans, Tweed Road, Galashiels, TD1 3DY (National Grid Reference NT501 352). Barbequing facilities and basic foodstuffs provided. Please bring meat to eat and something to drink.

This event will continue the celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Borders Gay Group.

The event will be followed by afternoon tea and social activities in the early evening.

The First bus X95 route from Edinburgh to Carlisle passes nearby on the A7. Ask for the bus stop near the Fire Station, Galashiels. Tweed Road starts at the mini-roundabout east of the Fire Station. Signposted “Netherdale, Heriot-Watt University” and “BAM access point 40”.

Please note that Winston Road is closed to vehicle traffic: there is no direct route to Tweed Road from the B6374 in Langlee.

For further details please contact Alastair Lings on Galashiels (01875) 821025, mobile 07763 850087, or E-mail: alasting@btinternet.com

By Jane Carnall

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With Pride Scotia just around the corner, we in the Kingdom are gearing up for our annual outing to the capital. Preparations started over here a few weeks ago with Kirkaldy’s Flavours of Fife LGBT Youth Group organizing their Band Wot Night. Well done to everyone who made this a fantastic night as well as raising money for LGBT Youth Scotland. Also a massive thank you to the following bands for their support, Vertebrae, Ascension, Annahad, Dread Mink, Xancharthala, Sam and Abby, Vertical Lips, Tom Boyle, NVK, Nick Cheyne from the NSA and the battle of the band winners The Blinde Lights.

There’s also a special night happening at Bradie’s bar GAY-D-Y night on the 29th May. NHS Sexual Health Fife will be launching their new project pocket-sized ‘About In Fife’ guide from the night with local media and politicians attending. The guide offers advice on sexual health, how to get involved with the youth groups and all the various social groups that run in Fife. Entry to the night is always free and a great night is guaranteed. Terrence Higgins Trust Scotland will also be there with free sexual health info and supplies.

And remember that all gay and bi men in Fife can get free condoms and lube by signing up to THT Scotia’s condom postal scheme. Visit www.getrubbered.com

The women from Fife Inbetweeners are still out and about organizing their various activities around the Kingdom. From monthly social nights to hill walking and pool competitions, there’s something for everyone arranged by the girls. More info on them from braethehugg@btinternet.com

And for our young folk there are four LGBT youth groups around Fife. You can get more info on them by emailing info@lgbtyouth.org.uk.

Happy holidays to all the Fife gys over in Gran Canaria for Maspalomas Pride. At least try and behave! See you all at Pride Scotia’s.

With we’re in summer and it’s been a great time getting here, as the sun is alone Dundee get on down to all the places where you can drench your thirst for what you fancy, be that a dance a drink every Sun, there’s always a fun-filled week for others of the week and Sunday Club every Sun. Get yourself down for a drink and have a good laugh. But if you want a nice relaxing coffee or tea look no further than The Burgh Coffeehouse, providing great prices, free Wi-Fi and student discounts, being situated on Commercial Street, Dundee (a café with gender neutral toilets) and King Street, Stirling. Be sure to get the mobile app and start collecting points for a free coffee. Check out www.burghcoffee.com for more information.

MenOnlyTayside are still up and running here in Dundee and in Perth. Full FrSTI screening and HIV rapid tests are available! Please visit the support page at menonlytayside.com for full details, or if you prefer, follow them on Facebook at MenOnlyTayside.

For those of us who are 13–25, LGBT Youth Scotland brings several great youth groups throughout Scotland. For Dundee we have Allsorts, meeting every Tue 5-8pm. In Stirling we have Triangle, meeting every second Wed 6:30-9pm and in Perth we have Glow, meeting every Thu 6-8pm. All of these groups provide a safe space for young people to chill, meet other young people and take part in activities and workshops that happen from week to week. There are great chances to be involved with other LGBT Youth Scotland events – please visit www.lgbtyouth.org.uk for more information.

Finally, apologies for not crediting photos which we used in issue 147 of the magazine Joebhoy Designs Group, www.joebhoy-designs.co.uk was the photographer and we at ScotsGay greatly appreciate his permission to use pics of the recent Pride Scotia fundraiser in this issue too.
By the time you read this issue we will be into June and that means one thing: It’s time for Pride 2014! This month’s column will keep you clued up on just some of the events planned around Pride Scotia on Sat 21st June and just some of the Fringe events also taking place. There is much to pack in – so let’s go to it.

First off the big day! Sat 21st June is Pride Day! All those wishing to participate on the March should assemble outside the Scottish Parliament by the Holyrood Lawn. The March moves off promptly at Noon. The route will take us up the Canongate and High Street before stopping at the Mercat Cross (opposite the City Chambers) for speeches. The March will then move again continuing up the Lawnmarket and turning left into George IV Bridge then heading to Bristo Square and Teviot where the Pride Party in the Square and Pride in Teviot events will take place. The line-up of entertainment thus far includes Vanity Van Gline, Edward Reid, Lloyd Daniels, Kitty Brucknell, The Rhetoricks, Ryan Jaggers, Saskia Eng, 4th State, Sweet Injection, Brit Hikan, Kameelonne, Divine, Wolf, Lisa Leak, Miss Tessa Tosterone, Darryl Gibson and Alan Smith plus there are still lots more names to be announced. Also at Teviot will be the Health and Community Fair with lots of stalls, the Sisters Tea Party, live DJ sets and loads more.

On the square itself will be the Main Stage plus an open air bar and BBQ!

It’s going to be the biggest pride day yet! So please party to the party of the night, most of the venues on the scene will be hosting pride events, including those lovely Folks down at The Street who are hosting Saturday Night Live Bearer (formerly Velvet) a night for all gay and Bi Girls and their LGBT and Friendly friends. With DJs galore, check out www.saturdaynightlivebearer.co.uk

There are also major parties taking place in Bannana, Planet, Chalkey’s, and The Regent to name but a few, as well as an impending launch event for Pride scheduled for early June, take a look at the Pride Guide or Facebook for all the details. www.pride-scot.org

Pride this year isn’t just about Saturday 21st June, it spans across 5 days with the Fringe Festival which includes a range of events from 18th – 22nd June and full details can be found at www.pridescot.org/fringe-events

Some of the highlights include; Scottish Club Night, Big Quiz and Mini Auction, a screening of the film The Pink Singer, Women’s events, Panel Discussions, a reflection event and Lantern Release to remember those close to us who aren’t able to share in Pride this year. Events were rounded off with a Closing Ceilidh on Sun 22nd June.

There is also representation from the arts at the Pride Fringe Festival. Pride Scotia in association with UJ Stageworks will present Thief by Liam Ruddan see www.pride-scot.org/menmpjes for full details and to buy tickets. This is one play that has won the critics and audience alike at the Brighton Fringe and comes to Pride Scotia ahead of its run in the LGBT section of the Edinburgh Fringe in Aug. Other theatrical events include Shattered and films at The Film House check the Pride Website.

On 11th May, Loud and Proud Choir performed a near sell out concert at St. Cuthbert Parish Church with special guests Common Voices Chorus form Massachusetts USA. It proved to be a fabulous evening of song. Loud and Proud have been invited to return (without Common Voices) to the New Talent Stage of Pride Scotia in Teviot House on the 21st So don’t miss their performance. Also appearing will be Edinburgh Gay Men’s Chorus. They will be joined by a raft of local and Scotland wide new talent as part of the Pride celebration so don’t forget to pop up to the Debuting Jaff at Teviot on the big day. Between events and for those ready to party into the small hours there is something for everyone to enjoy, take part in and join in our di-versity and the power of love.

So there we have it! It’s going to be the biggest and best Pride Festival ever. Pride remains as important now as it did in 1995 when it accepted the first pride marches took place. It gives us the chance to celebrate diversity at its very best. Sexuality is part of us, but I believe it doesn’t have to be the first thing we serve to be respected for who we are and not judged on who we love or feel love from. On that basic alone, just let me on the march and working hard be hind the scenes on the day itself to ens ure we all celebrate together in a safe environment and with the best entertain ment we can afford it and hope to see you there!
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