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**A LED LGBT Update**

A LED LGBT (Equality & Diversity) in North East Scotland took part in the local Brechin Pageant earlier this year and were able to break even with the funding that they had raised to support their organisation. A great day was had by all and it was a great way to increase their presence within the public eye, they hope to be able to attend further similar events to continue to raise funds and awareness of their organisation, as well as the issues still facing LGBT people throughout Scotland.

At their AGM in Aug, there were some changes to the main posts of the Committee. These changes are as follows:

- **Chairman:** Glenn Smith.
- **Vice-Chairman:** David Lessels.
- **Secretary:** Susan Macleod/Trish Rooney Adams.
- **Treasurer:** Darren Adams.
- **Campaigns and PR Manager:** Christopher Milligan/Laura Marie Simpson.
- **Events-Secretary:** Michael Miller

As the ALED LGBT website www.aledlgbt.org is currently offline, so are ALED LGBT Update.

**Shitting in woods...**

I swear our local bears, and their ursine cousins and cubs from all over the UK and further afar, have their hibernation back to front as they come out to play at the 2014 Bear Scot Fest. As usual the amount they pack into one weekend is truly impressive.

After the Welcome Party the sleuth of bears head to the WOOF Dance Club then continue to party at the Bears in the Caves and Bears at the Circus events as well as the Wet Fur Pool Party and Steamy Bears Sauna. Various brunches and Sightseeing Options round off the weekend before the annual Mr Bearscoats Contest where I find it hard to believe the collective noun will revert to a sloth of bears after all that!
Films

A Brazilian movie (TBC) could be the most unusual story of all. It wasn't easy as some local sympathetic gays decided to collect some work. When they were on strike, one of the reasons Margaret Thatcher had feared the choice of 2 years in prison or chemical castration which he chose. At least 2 years and was the beginning of a career. She is stunned when he admits to her that she has fallen in love with Gabriel.

There could be those amongst us who admire James Franco for much going for him besides sex appeal as he has a new released movie THE SOUND AND THE FURY as well as acting in it. We will have to see if he knows why he has shaved his head for it and wears a wedding mow - tache. Before then he is in THIRD PERSON (5) with his hair and a short beard still looking good enough to eat. Tragi - cally the undertaker Paul Haggis appears to be a maestros as his leading men continually suffer. His passion for striking women has his camera following them lovingly, but as they seem to be schizophrenic their men have a hard time.

I couldn't forget the leading man, Liam Neeson. In his 50s, he is still a pin-up in a movie called EXCALIBUR with jeileen Miren. That shrilly lady grabbed him to play the role of Sir Gawain. He will track this down but are the men in it going through mental torment.

Anyone who has nieces and nephews to please must consider the 1939 MUSICALS OF THE 40s as 2 DVDs. They are written and directed and the cast are lovely and the audience for age group and the film makes it compelling.

We all agree at different rates at 78 year old Woody Allen never runs out of funny to make endless films. MAGIC IN THE MOONLIGHT (2a) set in the tween - dles with Colin Firth as a stage magician who has no sounds as the car had been parked very close to a wall on the door entry side. This information has been passed to the police and will alone be sufficient to secure a conviction.

A right, so things didn't start well. Forecasters were promising severe weather in the wake of Hurricane Bertha from the USA and Met Our Area Organiser (also from the USA) discovered that thieves had broken into his classic Lincoln parked in a so-called 'secure' car park and made off with our Classic Car Group (GCCG) tent. If you've ever had your gazebos stolen in a car park you will understand Matt's shock and dismay.

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Our display included seven cars - two MGB GTs (one making its debut appearance), a Lincoln Continental, a Wolseley 24/80, a Ford Anglia, a Morris Oxford and a Jaguar 3.8. They are all part of the GCCG Scottish Area along with two drops, Ernie and Ginger, arrived to set up camp. Ernie emerged from the foot well of Pulsall and Paul's car like a piece of carefully folded canine origami and Ginger seemed tailor made to fit into the back of Barry and Karen's MG.

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Religion

It's clear that GCCG Scottish Area members are willing to travel for days in terrible conditions across the wilds of Scotland just to get together to trade hugs and gratuitous insults. Since the group's revival well over two years ago now, we also now know the members who like a l- in a Sunday!

Those of us in con - veyed dramatic entry to the park after one complete and seemingly unintended circuit of its rocky perime - ter. Barry (another product of the USA) "arrives" by picking up a very good looking gazebos at a local store, enhancing our group sense of humour.

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The Gay Car Clubbing (GCCG) tent. If you've ever had your gazebo stolen in a car park you will understand Matt's shock and dismay.

T here could be those amongst us unaware how gay men suffered in the forties and fifties when homosexuality was illegal. If a couple ad - mitted they were gay, they were simply going to be treated together in a sexual relationship they were given prison sentences. The film of the year in November THE IMITATION GAME (U) has been to see a brilliant perfor - mance by Benedict Cumberbatch playing Alan Turing, a genius mathematician, who also happened to be gay, who built an amazing machine that deci - phered the German Enigma code mes - sages which shortened the war by at least a years and was the beginning of computers. Alan was charged with in - ducy in the early fifties and was of - fered the choice of a years in prison or chemical castration which he chose. Two years later he is likely to win every award possible for the film.

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Referendum. The debate was long, the
road to the polls was convol-
uing and it’s now and it’s
now confirmed that more
Scottish people than ever
agreed with the de-
bate and cast their votes
as they believed. Now the
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campaign fully engaged
with the LGBT community
is one eas-
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DJ @CALBRUCE has been the summer
tunes flowing at GAY-D-Y’s end of summer
beach party last week and although the
weather turned against the night, it
didn’t stop folk turning up in their beach
gear. Some turned up in leis! Cocktails
and free shots were the order of the
night as well as some awesome party
games. The next monthly GAY-D-Y night will take place on Thu 9th Oct at Brodies
Bar, Kircaldy from 7pm-Midnight.
Wrap up warm as it is being held in the beer
garden. And if you can’t wait till then to pop
in for a drink, Brodies is open 7 days a
week, serving food from Noon-9pm
everyday. Terrence Higgins Trust Scot-
land will be joining the next night as
with all free sexual health info and
tests. For further info and contact details,
please email harkin@tnt.org.uk

The ladies from Fife Inbetweeners con-
tinue their social gatherings and are
planning a night to see ‘Pride’. The girls
organise a whole range of events for the
Fife’s Lesbian community and are always
on the lookout for new women to join
them. So if you like snorting pool or going
to the cinema or just having a few
sherry’s then contact Ceaj at
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