The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 came into effect at Midnight on Tue 16th Dec meaning that same-sex couples could give notice to marry and can marry from Hogmanay, whilst those in a Scottish civil partnership are now able to convert it to a marriage.

One of the first couples to tie the knot in Scotland were Scott (47), who is originally from Edinburgh, and Peter (47), from Melbourne, who converted their civil partnership to a marriage at Glasgow City Council Registration Office shortly before 9am. They were joined by family and friends, Scottish Government Minister Marco Biagi MSP, (pictured below signing the last of the secondary legislation), Glasgow City Council Chief Registrar Fiona Berlend, and Equality Network campaigners, to celebrate the marriage and mark the start of the new law.

The Equality Network, who ran the Equal Marriage campaign in Scotland, said the popularity of the new law was evidence of its importance and success. The recently published 2014 Scottish Social Attitudes survey has revealed that 68% of people in Scotland now agree that same-sex couples should have the right to marry whilst 17% remain opposed — a majority of four to one.

Meanwhile, the Church of Scotland’s Barrier Act has unexpectedly proved to be no barrier to the appointment of LGBT ministers in the Kirk. Thirty-two of the Kirk’s forty-six Scottish presbyteries have voted in favour of allowing congregations to call a minister who is gay and in a civil partnership. A final decision is likely to be made at the General Assembly in 2015.

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**Pets’ Parade**

**Thelma**

4 year old Dalmatian - Staffie cross

Thelma is a sweet girl who loves everyone she meets at the Dogs Trust on West Calder (03058) 879399 www.dogstrust.org.uk/ rehoming/contact/contact/ westcalder

**Jackson**

5 year old Jackal has been with us since June and has a really interesting past, he started his life in Cyprus. Now at Lothian Cat Rescue. Phone Bonniebridge (0858) 880883 www.lothiancatrescue.org
Sacks are burning, large objects are hugging, white stuff falls and a big hairy man delivers gifts...no it’s not near night at Underworld, it’s Xmas! It’s been another busy month in our wee Glasgow town!

Dellmonica’s has just had a weeklong series of charity events raising money for LGBT Youth Scotland, which is a vital service for young people in Glasgow and the rest of the Scotland. They had Eurovision winner Katieison (the waves) and Danny-Miller from Emberdale dropping by to add to the little gay vibes. So don’t come to Del’s for raising money for such a good cause but also giving their punters a week to remember.

Ron y Deepcheeks are back in on stage from 9pm through to 11.45pm-2am with all of your favourite tunes and maybe some naughty but nice gifts with an instrument or object gone to please even the most frigid of friends! So Merry Xmas EVERYONE! Have a blast at Hogmanay, be safe and spread joy!

Cheerz will be open right through the festive period too! Free condensed/cube can be picked up at Cheerz Bar and Club, Wellman, Holburn Street and at GMH, 246 George Street. If you need any support or advice on sexual health check out www.sexual-healthscotland.co.uk whilst services are closed. That’s it over for another year, don’t forget if you have any news e-mail it across or follow me on twitter and address on the page or tweet @DavidJackson. Good luck to anyone getting married when the new law comes into effect on Hogmanay. That’s it from me. Wishing you all a fun filled Xmas and a boozy New Year when it comes xx

Whatever night of the week you fancy a nightlife out, you have all the bases covered if you fancy a spot of Karaoke on a Fri you could swing by the Merchant Pride and possibly even win some cash for Bingo with yours truly. My good friends Barbra La Bush and Majordonna have welcomed a bit of the big hairy man delivers gifts…no its Major Scales from Sydney. So well done to Del’s for raising money for such a good cause whilst also giving their punters a week to remember. The FCSA volunteers made sure everyone was wearing their red ribbons, the college Xmas tree was not exempt, glad to hear the college is allowing the ribbons to stay on throughout the festive period as a reminder to the community. The evening saw Waverley Care hold an intimate community gathering, the first ever in these parts, made especially poignant this year with the passing of Arthur Jack (1935-2013). Arthur worked for many years and was well known around Fife as an LGBT and HIV activist, chairman of the Live Aid project which promoted safe sex in the gay community. Thanks to Sandy Power Music for coming along and playing a few songs and to Eman from Waverley Care for filling us with mince pies and refreshments. Brodie’s Bar also hosted their monthly GAY-DAY night with a tinge of Xmas involved. They were true to their word when they said it was going to be the campest Xmas party in Fife. I don’t want to give away too much but nice gifts with an instrument or object gone to please even the most frigid of friends!

The legendary Cheerz New Year Party is back this year! Taking in the balls with Brodie’s Bar hosted by the tart with a heart Alis Cherry Balewood with free entry into the bar and the usual fun, frolics and surprises to be expected New year thru until 2am with the club open until 3am.

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The perfect gay-crowned venue for celebrations and ceremonies

Marriage Equality is here

Chewerz will be open right through the festive period including the Xmas Day with some great entertainment. For those of you that have a breath after your turkey and a good stuffing then Xmas Day, the bar is open from 9am-Midnight in the fabulous Miss Kitty Deepcheeks on stage from 3pm with top banters and maybe even a cheeky song or two. As always Xmas in the gay bar won’t be the same without some glitter and sparkle! But 26th Dec, see the return of Iris Sparkle to Chewerz, ably assisted by local quine Cherry Balewood for an evening not to be missed PLUS it’s free entry too – what more could you want? The legendary Chewerz New Year Party is back this year! Taking in the balls with Brodie’s Bar hosted by the tart with a heart Alis Cherry Balewood with free entry into the bar and the usual fun, frolics and surprises to be expected New year thru until 2am with the club open until 3am.

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The free condoms are available to all gay and bi men in Fife through THT, you can sign up by visiting www.getconbered.com

THT are also offering HIV home test kits to everyone in Scotland through www.tht.org.uk/fastest

And for our young folk there are 2 LGBT Youth groups in Fife. These are in Kirkcaldy, Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes and Levenmouth. You can get more info on these by E-mailing info@lgbthealth.org.uk

If anyone has any news or gossip that they want to share with me for the next edition, get in touch through the email address on the page or tweet @DavidJackson. Good luck to anyone getting married when the new law comes into effect on Hogmanay. That’s it from me. Wishing you all a fun filled Xmas and a boozy New Year when it comes xx
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AMES is a weekly social group for LGBT people in the Edinburgh area. We meet every Wednesday at 7pm at the AMES building. All are welcome, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

AMES is open to people of all ages and abilities. We provide a safe and inclusive environment for everyone to come together and enjoy themselves.

AMES is part of the UK-wide network of LGBT community groups. We provide a range of activities, including social meet-ups, sports events, and cultural opportunities.

AMES is based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and is run by volunteers. We rely on donations and funding from the Scottish government to support our work.

AMES aims to create a welcoming and supportive community for LGBT people in Edinburgh and the wider area. We believe in creating a space where people can come together and feel safe.

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WELCOME to the final Theatre Round up of 2014. What a year it has been especially across the theatre scene where the transitions brought about by the biggest funding shake up in history alongside the preoccupation of barley matting around the Scottish referendum has been striking. However the theatre world continues to thrive and we at Scottsdale will continue to provide the best coverage, news and review we can. Let’s round up the reviews first.

EGMC Elements Review:

Edinburgh’s former male choir for those who identify as gay produced their annual Xmas concert at the Churchill Theatre, performing a programme of songs inspired by the Earth elements, fire, wind and water. The audience felt the earth move under their feet, fought fire with fire, cried themselves a tear of Allan Stewart, Andy Gray and Grant Stott once again return to the Kings for a third stab at performing a programme of music pushed all the right buttons. Well done EGMC for a stunning performance. 

Panto Round up:

Edinburgh isn’t the only pantomine in town! Check out these too!

Glasgow:

Kings Theatre: Peter Pan! Celebrating 50 years of pantomine with Greg McHugh, Des Barrowman and Scott Fletcher. Go to www.atgtickets.com for more info!

Pavilion Theatre: It’s all change at the Pavilion cast wise this year for their adaption in Treasure Island. Joining Stephen Round and Johnny Mac this year is Gary Lament and Cat Harvey. Check them out on www.paviliontheatres.co.uk for ticket information.

CECC, Celinde Local Edinburgh girl Rachel Flynn sparkles the magic as Cinderella alongside John Barrowman and the Krankies in Odos Pantomimes’ biggest pantomime in the UK. Go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk/cendelle-auditorium/glasgow-for-tickets.

Aladdin Review:

This, the first of Beaumarchais’ trilogy about the Almaviva family is light and frothy, never hinting at the complications and tragedy of the later plays. It’s a fast paced adaption of Mozart’s Randy pageboy Cherubino in last month’s Figaro to the high-spirited Rosina, who has caught the eye of Count Almaviva, and is determined to oust her guardian Dr Bartolo and get her man. In this she is ably assisted by the ubiquitous Barber, who has a finger in every pie and the entire into every house in Seville. Christopher Maltman’s Figaro was a delight; he and Rosina sparkled off each other at every opportunity, casting the vocalty excellent but factually immobile Lawrence Brownlee’s Almaviva quite into the shade. I wished that Figaro and Rosina had run off with each other; they would have made a splendid couple, and all the miseries of panty two and three have could have been avoided....

Mary Woodward

Edinburgh Royal Lyceum Theatre

Theatre Review: Almaviva

In this new adaption of Cenci, the character of Almaviva is lightened by adding an additional character of a younger boy, thus allowing a greater lightness of touch to the Admiration and attraction between both the young Hero and Don Almaviva quite into the shade. I wished that Almaviva and Rosina had run off with each other; they would have made a splendid couple, and all the miseries of panty two and three have been avoided.

ScotGay took this opportunity to interview one of Edinburgh’s upcoming singing Draglings, Alice Rabbit.

Alice is a well known Drag Queen from Edinburgh who has been strutting her stuff for the last two years and has had her lights timed in a number of shows. She told ScotGay, “I taught myself make up from the age of 15, first as a way to cover the acne. I then took up drag and ended up having a full face of makeup and a wig in time."

Performance is still tricky, though not less about the price of admission and the glamour of Drag the “clump, clump” of larger high heels will start to fill the streets of Edinburgh or so it’s hoped. But for Alice, being a simple town girl her dreams are: “To be happy, be one of Britain’s best known Drag Queens and maybe have my own bar with a weekly drag show. But right now I’m working on getting my foot in the door. I plan to live in Glasgow but will always return to Edinburgh for a gig or a drinking engagement – you never know when!”

Alice Rabbit

The Drag Royals will bring him a storm.

Edinburgh Fringe Round up

Edinburgh’s annual festival is the world’s biggest arts festival and brings the world to the town. Over 3,000 shows run across the month and there is something for everyone.

“In the Pink Triangle of Edinburgh the drag scene has been pretty small since I began going to it. There is a church of High Kicks with Jon Pleasied Wimmin at C.C. Blooms and Drag Di’Host Cilla Slack of Planet and Chucky’s. Outright the gay scene, queer events like “Confusion is Sex” and “Duck Out” focus on the “Klub Kids” approach and push Drag to new and exciting frontiers. Within the gay scene, the competition for Cilla Cuckoo’s Drag Race is won by Alice Rabbit as one of the finalists in a final due to happen this year. The “War of the Worlds” noted, “This has breath life into new and exciting frontiers”.”

Nigel Farage blames gays for the rain – The Drag Royals will bring him a storm.

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