Jake does not like other dogs and can be nervous of people he does not know. He would like a quiet but active adult only home call the Dogs Trust on West Calder (01506) 873459 www.dogstrust.org.uk/ rehoming/searchcentres/westcalder

Clementine is a shy, quiet, dark tortoiseshell female with a lovable nature. She’s only 1 and a half. Call Lothian Cat Rescue on Bonnyrigg (01875) 821025 www.lothiancatrescue.org

Rape Crisis Scotland have launched a new resource and helpline service for LGBTI survivors of sexual abuse. The resource is available in print or pdf through their website at www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk It’s thorough and down to earth in its approach and wording. Whether you have experienced sexual violence yourself or if the victim is a loved one, or if you just want to educate yourself on the issues faced - it’s a really valuable tool. To speak to someone call their usual number 08088 010302. which is available 7 days a week, 6pm to midnight but the specifically LGBTI service is available 7pm to Midnight on Mon and Thu.

Another gay marriage first - Tony Gross and Mark Bitel were the first couple in Scotland to have a Quaker same-sex wedding (shown photographed with Marjorie Farquharson, the Quaker Registering Officer). The ceremony was held on Valentine’s Day at the Quaker Meeting House in Edinburgh. We reported on the first UK Pagan same-sex marriage (also conducted in Edinburgh) last month. These events help highlight social progress, remind us all of LGBTI-supportive faiths and that spirituality is perfectly accessible for us all. Well, if the meek inherit the Earth us power bottoms should be well catered for. (Pic credit: Alicia Bruce Photography)

It’s been LGBT History Month (Again? Already? How time flies!) and Saints LGBT, the University of St Andrews LGBT Society, raised the bar with their Queer Fest week. Talks, theatre, comedy, film and art all helped highlight LGBT culture contributions and make for a helluva week. The highlight might have been the first ever Scottish visit from Panti Bliss, Ireland’s foremost drag queen, gay rights activist and gender discombobulist. It was a rousing talk about honouring the gifts of being gay and celebrating what makes us different. The event was an emotional rollercoaster - a celebrity dish story of Panti meeting Madonna at a funeral had everyone in stitches and a question from a 13 year old queer fledgling who came with their Mum had us all in tears. Kudos to Fallon and the organising team for all their hard work!

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At Over the Street, they are launching a brand new gay night’s evening, starting on Tue evenings. By the time you read this, we have started some community

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information on the dates and times of meet new people, get advice, inform -

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There was fun and games at the Saints and Sinners Valentines Disco at Styx Bar in Kirkcaldy for this year’s LGBT History Month and loads of great prize goodies were given away. Although the attendance wasn’t the greatest, those who did attend had a fantastic night. There were also some pretty outstanding costumes, but Michael and Martin from Terence Higgs Trust Scotland stole the show with their Fab prizes donated: so thanks to Nando’s, Babydoll, Robert Gilmour Hairdressing, The Fragrance Shop, Robert Thomson Portraits, Rossie’s Unicut, Nail It Ltd, Olive Bannatyne’s, Frankie and Claire’s Hairdressing and Adventure Golf for their super prize.

GAYDY is back at Brodie’s Bar Tue March. The next one is Thu 26th from 6pm-8pm. Come along and have a good time.

And if you are aged 23-38, there are four youth groups in Fife. Check out www.lgbt-youth.org.uk for more info on your closest one.

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LGBT Health and Wellbeing

Bannatyne’s are recruiting for a Develop -

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GMH have started some community drop in meetings at all over Grampian to give gay and bisexual men the chance to meet new people, get advice, informa-

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on Aberdeen 01224 930355 or E-mail: andrewm@axm.org.uk

Cheerz Bar continues to be the place to go on any day of the week with some -

thing for everyone with karaoke, cabaret and a great mix of music too. Mar sees the return of those fabulous queens Tina Sparkle and Brucey, both whom aren’t to be missed with great banter and aix. Also this month Cheerz welcome back winner of Pop Idol none other than Michelle McManus on Fri 27th singing all her hits and a few of your favourite songs too. Michelle always loves to en -

tertain her crowds so you will be spoilt for a treat if you go along that evening. There are so many acts in the pipeline for this next few months at Cheerz and the best places to be kept, up to date at the website www.cheerzbar.co.uk or on facebook.

Don’t forget that there is a weekly LGBT radio show on the air across Aberdeen on 198 FM and online at www.shmu.org.uk The show Aberdeenabroad is hosted by Alan Purker with weekly guest presenters and guests too is LIVE from sam-eam every Sun and is well worth a listen for new and interesting news and information on all things LGBT.

Just a short column this month from Ab -

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Marriage Equality is here

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AXM have been jam -

ming their schedule with more treats than you can shake a stick at with plenty coming up from the queens to UV event

2017 Memory AXM have just wrapped up the Monster Queen staring Gai with Edinburgh extra -

dinaire sashaying to victory! It was a fierce competition and an extravaganza of colour!

Katie’s Bar has lots going on all months, whatever of the week you choose to saunter down to their welcoming in -

terior, from karaoke on a Wed to a Cher tribute act coming soon! Did someone say Whoahhh?? Katie’s offer a cheap and cheerful night for all you cheap and cheerful types!

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Lastly my home Underground! If you’re after some camp entertainment and keen to see home grown talent make sure you swing by on a Sun for Lighting Up Gay’s shear! She’s going from strength to strength, there aren’t enough sausage rolls to satisfy her -

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Scotland is set for a brand new radio station dedicated to the LGBT+ community with the launch of Xpress Radio Scotland.

The station will provide a range of content including local and national news, a diverse music mix including unsigned artists, as well as discussion programmes of interest to the community.

The station is available to stream online at xpressradio.scot or via the TuneIn App for iOS or Android smartphones. While the team test the broadcast technology you’ll be able to catch some of the artists the station will feature, and live presenter shows and Scottish news will start soon.

Station Director, Benedict Garrett, told ScotsGay, “We hope this is a big step in giving the LGBT+ community in Scotland an even louder public voice. From research conducted in 2012, people said they wanted a better media profile for the LGBT+ community and this is our way of filling that gap.”

“As a self-described ‘sexual activist’, I’ve spent the last few years speaking on national television and radio, writing in various magazines and attending university debates, fighting for a more open and tolerant attitude in this country when it comes to sex and sexuality.

Enabling people with a forum that encourages honest, frank and non-heteronormative discussion around such issues as sexuality and gender is merely an extension of the work and campaigning I have been part of.”

Xpress Radio Scotland has five main goals:

- to entertain
- to provide a voice and an ear for organisations, charities, politicians and public figures, individuals and our listeners
- to connect all members of the community, no matter whereabouts in the country they may be, providing a live line to show or even the remotest of locations who may we well be the ‘only gay in the village’
- to help spread the important work of organisations, and be a crucial tool, in fighting against homophobia & transphobia and raising awareness in such issues as sexual health and wellbeing
- to offer opportunities for people of all ages to gain experience within the media industry.

We will be offering a variety of content – music, talk, news – but are not prescriptive about what we will do. We encourage input and participation from contributors and anyone who wishes to get involved, on whatever level, is urged to contact us to find out more.”

To find out more about the station, find them on  @XpressRadioScotland  or  @XpressScotland  or  www.xpress.co.uk.
The other major fault is the sound design—bangs, crashes, and wallops emanating which fails the show spectacularly with rig installed for the show there were audiences are paying to see a production shadow or miss their marks completely. Arts for artsake...

Twenty years after Jonathan Larson saw Rent performed for the first time off Broadway (he wouldn't live long enough to see it transferred or any of its success) local Edinburgh company Footlights staged a new production at the Churchill Theatre Edinburgh delivering a mixed bag of a performance. The very essence of Rent is the story of a group of friends living through the 70s—struggling to hang on to their bohemian beliefs whilst coming to terms with the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Theatrical. It's a heavy subject but one that ultimately golf star(

This production is pure joy, its comic timing is completely enthralling. bell actors of laughter from the captive audience. There are moments in the performance when the audience are forced to laugh at the show of a hair on their head. But there is also a sense of something better and as long as there is love then friends will make it through. The performance aspect of Footlights' production is on the whole excellent specially Rachel Anderson as the drug addledstripper Mimi who falls for the charms of Natsu's Roger. Roger's voice echoes as does her performance which filled with true heart and emotion. The highlight performance is that of Rent is the story of a group of friends currently touring the UK. It stopped off in Edinburgh's Festival Theatre. The production used Actor Musicians as opposed to a band and although the setting looked great the entire look and feel of the production. It can be a bit hit and miss with actor discos/short scenes combined with musical arrangements for the show are excellent and could make the overall sound of the show much more like the Broadway version that we're now familiar with to say the least. Danny Boyle plays Tony Manero in the original movie version of Saturday Night Fever. The original movie dance scenes are now familiar to everyone who saw the original movie. It's a sense of something better and as long as there is love then friends will make it through. The performance aspect of Footlights' production is on the whole excellent specially Rachel Anderson as the drug addledstripper Mimi who falls for the charms of Natsu's Roger. Roger's voice echoes as does her performance which filled with true heart and emotion. The highlight performance is that of Rent...
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