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HOPPy New Year

Hopefully everyone’s recovered from BearScotsFest by now (the hairballs can take weeks to clear) and we’re getting geared in for the Winter. The impulse to hermit at home can be a strong one but there are still reasons to get out there!

The most successful BearScotsFest took place over the weekend of 4th-5th Oct. Social media has been buzzing as the bears have been posting to the Facebook page, events page etc. The event was a total sellout! Over 6000 gays descended on Edinburgh for one of the biggest bear events in Britain. The success was down to hard work that goes on, mixed with support in our community and the guys that attended. Sun afternoons saw the crowning of the new Mr. BearScots. Robert from Glasgow was a popular winner and has claimed the sash for the next year. Robert and his partner are our cover bears this issue.

BearScots has worked closely with Gay Men’s Health over the last few years. Over the weekend, weekend GMH and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were able to promote positive health and well being at the events. Fundraising over the weekend has meant the guys attending BearScotsFest raised over £2,500 to support the work of GMH. They are already planning for next year and welcome any ideas and suggestions to improve the event. The dates will be 22nd - 23rd October. Keep up to date with BearScots at www.bearscots.org.uk or at @bearscots

The Lyceum in Edinburgh will be hosting their production of Tipping The Velvet from 18th Oct – 5th Nov. The Victorian coming of age story of Nancy Astley and her love for the women in her life, based on the novel by Sarah Waters, looks stunning and should be well worth checking out.

More cultural Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo are hitting Edinburgh and Inverness in late October and the Royal New Zealand Ballet are also in Edinburgh with their performance of Giselle, featuring the magnificent Loughlan Prior and Maclean Happer. See the review on our Arts Pages.

Having a wee look at politics now, the National Record of Scotland (NRS) who are the people responsible for the national census, have recommended that sexual orientation be included as a question in the next census (2022). Although previously there have been concerns about privacy and how well the age suburban nuclear family would cope with ques-
**Brave New World Review:**
Aldous Huxley wrote the book “Brave New World” in 1932, as an examination of a society marred by a dystopia brought about by happiness. Long before “1984,” the world was already distant, and it has been a hundred years since it was written. This book is about the future controlled in the extreme by happiness. Long before “1984,” Brave New World Review: The spectrum of the arts so let’s go to it.

**Shrek the Musical Review:**
Shrek is a musical with music, lyrics, and book by Elton John and Harvey Fierstein. The musical is based on the 2001 film of the same name. Shrek’s story follows the ogre as he sets off with Donkey to rescue princess Fiona from Lord Farquaad. Along the way, they遇到 various obstacles, including a cartoon crocodile named Swampy and a talking donkey named Donkey. The show is filled with humor, heart, and adventure as Shrek and his friends face their fears and overcome challenges.

**The Bodyguard! The Musical. Edinburgh Festival Theatre:**
The Bodyguard! The Musical is a musical with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Don Black, and book by Tim Rice. The story is based on the 1992 film of the same name, which starred Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner. The musical follows the story of a world-renowned singer named Rachel Marron, who is being stalked by a dangerous hit man. Her personal bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is brought in to keep her safe. The show is filled with romance, adventure, and music.

**The Shapeshaker Redemption Review:**
The Shapeshaker Redemption was written by James Howard and directed by David Mitchell. The play is a complex story about the theatre and its role in society. It explores themes of identity, power, and control. The play is set in a world where the human body is a commodity, and the theatre is a place where this control is exerted. The play is character-driven and uses a variety of theatrical techniques to explore these themes.

**The Bodyguard Review:**
The Bodyguard! The Musical is a production of a well-known musical, but this specific production is set in Edinburgh. The show features a talented cast, including an excellent performance by Whitney Houston as Rachel Marron. The musical is a thrilling experience that will leave you wanting more.

**Carmen:**
Carmen is an opera by French composer Georges Bizet. It was first performed in 1875 and is based on the novella by Prosper Merimée. Carmen was critically acclaimed and has become a staple of the opera repertoire. The opera is known for its exciting plot, passionate characters, and beautiful music. It is a tale of love, passion, and betrayal.

**Carmen Review:**
Directed by Mary Woodward, this production of Carmen is a riveting and passionate retelling of Bizet’s masterpiece. The cast is led by top talent, including Lesley Castle and Nicholas Meier as Carmen and Don Quixote. The production is visually stunning, with a powerful score and a cast that brings the story to life.

**Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo Review:**
Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo is a company of male dancers who perform as female dancers. Their performances are known for their gender-bending and comedic elements. The company’s name is a play on the Trockadero, a famous dance hall in New York City. The company’s performances are often described as “bizarre” and “hilarious,” with audiences often left in stitches.

**Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo:**
The Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo are a troupe of male dancers who perform in drag. They are known for their humorous and often risqué performances. The troupe is famous for their parody of the works of various ballet companies, including the Paris Opéra and the Russian Bolshoi Ballet.

**Chisnall Review:**
Chisnall is an endearing character in the musical. She is known for her strong voice and her ability to convey emotion on stage. Her performance is a highlight of the production.

**The late Whitney Houston was pric-**
**ed as an actress none more so than her**

**Big Fish! The Musical. Kings Theatre Edinburgh:**
Big Fish! The Musical is a musical with book, music, and lyrics by Tony Award-winning team Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz. The musical is based on the 1998 novel of the same name by Daniel Wallace. The show tells the story of Edward Bloom, a man who sets out on a journey to find his true love. The musical is filled with songs, dance, and humor, and is a heartwarming tale of love and adventure.

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There's something strange in the neighborhood, who ya gonna call... Homosexuals!! Are you ready to be ghouled? Spooked out your skull? Devilishly devious by the tricks and or treats that Glasgow's gay world has to offer? Of course you are! Whether it's pumkin out a pumkkin, or using a can- dided apple as a ball gag, Halloween's here!

The ever popular and very busy with the busy, twitty men of this city DLF has another successful club night in the Pop-Tetra-Club, there was also the launch of alternative LGBT night, Centro in the Brunswich with the next one coming up soon. The Glasgow Awards, with Christian West, Michelle Visage and Brian Deakin held its first event. A special shout out to Tommy Clarke for winning the Volunteer of the year award and congratulations to the Waterloo for winning venue of the year! Well done to all the women!

Now...Halloween, something wicked this way comes! You are spoiled for choice if you're heading out this weekend and Energy@AM have original club kit and New York LGBT royalty Amantis Leopard! With support from London's Virgin Xvaragana and The Munter Games, where fifteen aspiring drag queens will take to the stage and hope to win a spot performing regularly! Sunday evening at AMN the Fabulous Bordello La Bush brings a special Halloween edition of UPS with Lily Minogue and Lee Los! As well as all the other action the club has to offer!

The Party as ever has drinks promo, live entertainment and food available in the heart of the Merchant City. Stop by on your adventures! The Merchant Pride is in house Sat night DJ Bruce Fraser having the punters dancing Off Midnight, Bruce is also Xynx Radio Scotland Nos 2015

But be all weekend with Halloween so if you fancy some spookily bring or scary face, then Underneath is the place to be! Watch out for Abi! Also Bear Night will be back on the first of the month.

There's a nightmare of Virginia Street from Polo, Delt, Speaksay and the Riding Room. Darren Dunn and the team will surely have you all lubricated when you arrive! Remember and catch Bella Rostison's quiz night - here it's a howl! Spin your hoops and rime the troops! After a brief closure, Piperswona has reopened Hurrah!!!

A final mention has to go to dear friend and patron of the LGBT community in Glasgow, Jim Allston, known and loved by so many people, passed away this month. Jim was a fighter for gay rights, he was a trailblazer and a well-recognised presence in our wee scene. It was sad to say goodbye but he will never be forgotten!

So, until next month my lovers! Go have fun and forget your troubles at the door!
Well by the time you read this the clocks will have gone back, and the chemical darkness will descend ever and ever and we have Halloween candy on our minds. We live just beyond that is Xmas (yes I dared to use that word alone I’m truly sorry to those offended). No joke but Guy Fawkes night continues to be very busy with all sorts of entertainment on the go! So let’s go to...

Starting out in a sad and somewhat scary note, Police are investigating following a stabbing in a flat in Mearns Place. The incident occurred on Sat 17th Oct at around 9pm when a 42 year old male victim left Chalmies’s nightclub in Mearns Place. The victim walked towards Leith Walk before stopping to speak to a man. The man was then seen to assault the 42 year old, which caused him to fall to the ground. The male suspect then walked away in the direction of Leith Walk. The victim sustained a facial wound and was taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for assessment. He was later transferred to St John’s Hospital, Livingston, for further treatment.

Another incident occurred on Sat 17th Oct at around 5:30pm when a 21 year old male victim sustained a facial injury and was transferred to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

This month saw a shift in Chez’s mini weekend. The weekly quiz (hosted by everyone’s favourite ‘Mania’ Rom) will continue as normal at 8pm. Get your team registered at www.cheerzbar.co.uk/Quiz by 8pm and be in the bar for 8.30pm to get PIZZA! (Courtesy of Snappey Tom) Whether you have teams or not you should definitely come! I know you’ve got what it takes to beat the ‘Quirky Bachelors’ at least you should be! Mr Kevin Thorburn has taken over the Thursday night club action as he is the incomparable ‘Annabelle Sings’. Mr Thorburn has said ‘I’ll be in the bar for 8.30pm to get FREE Quizzy Rascals’. For more information check out www.cheerzbar.co.uk - Quiz by 8pm and be in the bar for 8.30pm to get PIZZA!

Turning to the community, Waverley Care have announced the 2nd Annual Tartar Ribbel’ Cellib. Taking place on Sat 7th Nov from 7-11pm and in the new venue of The Roxy Art House on Rosebery Avenue. The night will feature the Transgender Choir, and the Gay Gordons giving demonstrations. The event is sponsored by CC Blooms and Gay Times Magazine. Henka will be on offer and tickets to C/C’s for the evening. The night will be there myself in my heels shaking it till midnight.

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Now that the Universities are back in full swing I thought I’d mention some of the best Hallowe’en costumes I have seen this year.

Halloween events at Aberdeen University - LGBT were due to hold a Murder Mystery Night on 21st Oct in Chez. Following on, Wig’s society will also be holding a Bonfire Night. If you know what, about something bright with them! Anyways... These guys will be celebrating by having a Skype in the(bbox)box by the time you read this.

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As always guys make sure you are out getting regularly tested at any of the facilities available. We all have private browsing on our laptops and phones so why not just type Aberdeen GUM Clinic into Google and see what it comes up with. GMAT is a great source of information on where and when is good to get tested and even on their own clinic.

This month’s Mystery of the Month is a round of Hallowe’en themed quizzes to get you the likes of ‘Fannie’, ‘Peter Pansy’ and ‘Aiden Sutherland’. O’Ner appeared to take the two shots. Kudos to you Lisa! The fun photo quiz is on the theme of drag and I’m sure you’d want to show us what you’ve got. I would dispel hallucination and my brain now believes the drugs are the way to achieve this. Chemsex feels addictive than the chemsex it -...
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