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ab was of course LGBT History Month (blink and you missed it). But let’s not dwell, shall we? I’ve glided off the lavender crystal ball (you think I’m kidding, I actually have one). So looking ahead…

A big change coming up in sexual health provision that’s funded by NHS Lothian and include sexual health screening and testing, counselling, one to one support, group support, STI and HIV prevention work and condom distribution. From Sat Apr this will be moving out of the hands of Gay Men’s Health and will instead be carried out jointly by LGBT Health & Wellbeing and Waverley Care. If you have any questions about getting access to the services you need, please contact one of these organisations for advice.

Mhairi Black MP launched the Pride Glasgow Volunteers Programme this month. Pride Life is designed to engage volunteers year round through a range of activities, training and workshops to help build confidence, improve skills and promote team work with an overall aim of providing volunteers for the weekend long festival held annually in Aug. If interested, go find more details via pride.scot. Personally speaking, I think volunteering at any given pride should be like queer national service.

Self taught contemporary artist Mark Vice has recently collaborated on a series of digital photographs with Edinburgh based drag queen Alice Rabbit. Having previously created artwork for Alice’s weekly cabaret show The Rabbit Hole, Mark and Alice have teamed up once more to create a series of striking pop art portraits. In order to capture the perfect photographs, Mark spent four hours covering Alice in fluorescent paints and glitter. The result is a camp and colourful celebration of deconstructed queerness, glossy but messy and fabulously fun. You can catch them online along with other works at markiceart.com.

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Pink Saltire are a new Scottish charity working to reduce discrimination and isolation for Scotland’s LGBT+ communities, not just in the central belt but specifically in more outlying areas. They’ve just announced a sponsorship from Arnold Clark, who have gifted them a vehicle to help them achieve their goal of physically reaching especially (but not exclusively) those living in Scotland’s rural communities who often believe they can’t be open in their own town or village and sometimes feel they don’t have a voice.

What the hell are you up to? What are you planning? What would you like to get up to? Drop us a line at news@scotsgay.co.uk with some details.

Cause we’re really nosy.

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Well that’s Feb nearly over de spite being slightly longer with it being a leap year, the evenings are getting ever so slightly lighter for longer but it is still bloody freezing so our venues around the scene continue to provide a warm and welcoming space out of the chill night air. I hope all you get a chance to take part in the many LGBT History month events that took place not just across our great city but throughout the country. So let’s take a look at the end of Feb and into Mar and see what lies ahead.

Starting out on the scene with The Street, which continues to draw the pre club crowds in (and at the weekend downers is a club in its own right) especially on Fri evenings with DJ’s Wendy and the Wendy House Party. The other highlight from the street is the arrival of the Bii monthly Mini Mumbo night. Mumbo started out life in the Bongo Club and features the resident DJs Wendy and Austin playing a plethora of musical styles and with an appearance from Bongo Dave who can make purcussive sounds from anything to hand keep an eye on Facebook for further Mins Mumbo night announcements.

Next door is Chalpy’s the eminent scene club in our fair city with a raft of entertainment options including the Saturday Night Bosty Sessions in the main room couple with great drinks offers ensure an amazing night out. The highlight of the week in Chalpy’s has to be Thu and cabaret evening featuring the stars of Circa’s Drag Race and it’s been confirmed by the gorgeous Scott Barnes himself that Miss Lola LaFierce will return with her very cabaret evening on Thu 24th which features fabulous routines and few special guests it promises to be an amaz ing night all kicking off at midnight. The following week on Thu the Max, Alastair will take to the cabaret stage with her own brand of fun and frolics so be sure not to miss out. Chalpy’s is also the home of Drama on Tue nights which is continuing to get ever less so make sure you’re there early!

Moving across to Planet, the home of pre club fun (make sure you get stumped in the door in order to gain five entry to Chalpy’s!), Sun sees a new residence for Crazy Friday hosting the Karaoke slot every Sun from 7pm onwards which is proving popular. OnThurs CitiStudios continue to give the cash away with their cash prize quiz, so popular is this evening it’s a struggle to get in the door never mind get a seat for quiz, with excellent offers behind the bar no wonder Planet continues to pack them in for pre cab fun club. Moving up the road to CC Blooms they have launched their Mondays Mega Mondays where you can eat and drinks for just £5 yes you read that correctly just £5 with a range of food and beverage available this is an excellent offer, to take the offer up check out their Facebook page for details as full reservation is required using the online app required! Tue nights down the lab in Rabbit hole hosted by Alice Rabbit and her family which continues to prove hugely popular however the recently launched Wig Wars has come to an end. With Alice herself releasing her own statement, it’s better to have tried than never to have had it all you can catch Alice and her crew, so make your way up to the lab this coming Monday on Tue to the lab.

Next door in Habana, the new look continues to go from strength to strength and a great Valentine’s Night was had by all with a special cabaret by that dear woman Patti Stanger (who is always jammed to the rafters regardless of whether the best pre club cabaret is in town and with music and drinks decades being spun by the best DJ’s Chillers offer’s can’t be beaten make sure you keep a close watch on their monthly events.

Elsewhere on the scene, The Regent’s...
A re really at the end of Feb all ready? Seems so my loves, you know what they say time flies and all that! Another referendum in on the cards only this time was doing the hokey cokey with the EU, in and out and state about, sounds like an aver：“age night on grinds to be honest. So what’s been happening in Glasgay?

Glasgow Katie Boyle launching her CD with an extra performance from the high-camp Alien Jay and with lots of live entertainment on offer throughout the weekend. Sun wouldn’t be Sun without May and Robert Miller in the Merchant Pride and of course Cabannabloc’s yours truly down Underground, which is my favourite night of the week!

DILF at the Poetry Club is proving to be the hottest night in town for the bucolic masculine daddies and their followers, sweaty, steamy and raunchy, if poppers were still around I’m sure there would be a whirl for two in your proximity. HOT Maze also at the Poetry Club gives another alternative to the mainstream clubs; I’ve heard things get sticky and will be back soft Mar.

The Waterloo had the winner of their singing competition ‘The Voice of Glasgow’ made sure you get down to Delf for the weekly quiz.

AXM has got lots in the bag to keep you coming, from GBX to Adore Delano, hosted by Divine Di Campio with support from my sister Acid Taint, speaking of which you must make sure you take a trip to the Hillhead Book Club for Lady Balls Bingo with myself and Acid last Wed of every month. If you feel like dancing get down to Poole any night of the week for all the homosexualist tunes you can imagine!

So whatever you’re after, from quizzes to sweaty nights out Glasgay has you covered, so get down with your bad self and shake a tail feather! Until next month, be yourself, be free, be a slut and do whatever (or whoever) you want!

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H ello again Aberdeen. How are we all doing? You know this is one of my favourite months of the year! The weather starts getting a little warmer, the flowers start coming into bloom and this little selfish bitch has his birthday about three weeks into the month! In the words of Adore Delano... PARTY!

This month we’re going to have a look at what’s coming up in Mar in our lovely little gay scene! If you’ve been a hermit crab this last month you’ll have missed such classic appearances in Cheezes such as Tina Sparkle (this fiery tongued Welsh Diva won’t be put off by a few flies, make sure to come see her), Angie Brown (Angie wowed audiences once again in Cheezes Nightclub, a returning favourite it would seem), Mcxy Penny (First time seeing her and loved her!) and many more.

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Don’t forget to head to your favourite watering hole this Mar to see such talent are back and raising money for Cheezes’ next fundraising events. This show will showcase the beautiful songs from shows such as West Side Story, Les Miserables, to the upbeat Footloose, Hairspray and Dirty Dancing. Not to mention those more reclusive shows such as Spamalot, Shrek and Wicked.

Also in Mar, Michelle Mirovsky will be back on the 13th to wow the nightclub once again! This season a winner of Pop Idol is one of Aberdeen’s favourites and tickets were half sold out on the first night! Be sure to get yours soon to avoid missing out. They are now available at Cheezes nightclub through the E-Tickets tab.

In more exciting news, Aberdeen’s little gay scene is expanding slightly! The fabulous Miss Cherry Bakewell has taken up a new weekly residency slot on Sat nights in Sinneras’ Bar! Now if you don’t know who Sinatra’s is I don’t blame you but come a little closer as I’m about to tell you. You know that restaurant on the corner of King Street and Union Street? That fancy looking restaurant with the taking on the side that you’ve probably stumbled into at 3am on a Sat? (and I wouldn’t blame you, their food is too die for) Yes that’s the one... Well any way, they have a secret bar downstairs! (It’s not a secret) with the entrance being on the Castlebay. Cherry will be hosting Karaoke and performing with her Cabaret show from 9pm-1am and entrance is free so make sure you get down there to support your local talent and see if you’d be more dysfunctional if we didn’t have issues with one another. The way I see it though, if they close down GMH Aberdeen we lose out on a free clinic, a free and secure place to get advice and support, counselling, group support for people with HIV or married men who experience homosexuality, or help with addiction, or money, outreach work, the events they arrange (traffic light parties, parties on the green), etc., something as silly as free condoms and lube! (not that they’re silly) I just see a lot more GMhshantor that). It will be a shame if this organisation classes down in Aberdeen, but hope that if it does the funding can go to something similar with a broader outreach.

That’s it for this month in Aberdeen. I do hope you’ve enjoyed the article and I shall see you in Apr as now I have to hatchdowns and begin my wait end! (See what I did there with the month pun again - yeah?)
Sinderella Review: Panto season is well and truly over here in Scotland but down on the South Coast in the LGBT Mecca of Brighton it’s this time of year that the audience of not only drag fans take to the stage. Brighton is home to the country’s leading alternative panto and it’s with Benney Theatre that crowds are flocking to see the sell out run of Sinderella with legendary stars including, Jason Sutton (Miss Gay), The Legend that is Dave Lynn, Starshes Richards II (LeLaVee), Lauren Pollkitt (Dasne Sparkle), Pride regular Allan Jay, and via prerecorded video the incomparable Ken ‘Keepin Up Appearances’ fame’ quaffing lustfully away and joining the dots to reveal every detail that had one fateful night in Clipping Geerogia. This is a show that has the warmth of Sunday night TV transferred into live performance and with gripping pace and unfolding story it’s a very worthy evening at the theatre. A Murder in Annan, Kings Theatre, Edinburgh, Run Ended, but UK Tour Continues

Blood Brothers Review: Willy Russell’s greatest achievement on stage has to be the phenomenon known as Blood Brothers. Now in its 27th year since its debut and following an astonishing 17,000 performances on the revival tour, the show has transferred to the stage and de 841.9

Talented and spicy Sinderella has lost none of its magic or charm for me. From its early roots in the 1950s, the show has been a sell-out every time it has returned to the stage. The story of a small town in Middle America, told through the tragedy of first impressions of the city the could create a false impression that you have arrived in yet another modern day Capital city dominated by high rise office blocks and condominiums and gridlocked traffic congestion. However, look beyond the modern edifices and you will discover a city full of contrasts reflecting its Italo-British past with narrow lanes bustling with street food and market stalls, traditional long tail boats on the river and glorious temples and palaces. Among the ‘must see’ landmarks of Bangkok, however, the temple is Wat Arun, the most iconic of the city’s temples. As you walk through the narrow streets that make up the city, the temple looms large in the distance, towering above the hustle and bustle of daily life. Its golden spires and intricate architecture are a testament to the skill and craftsmanship of the artisans who built it. The temple is a must-see for anyone visiting Bangkok, as it provides a unique perspective on the city’s rich history and culture. Whether you are a history buff or simply looking for a beautiful place to relax, the temple is a must-see destination. As you explore the city, you will also encounter local markets, street food stalls, and traditional long tail boats on the Chao Phraya River. These are all wonderful ways to see the city up close and to experience the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Bangkok. If you’re looking for a break from the hustle and bustle of the city, you can always visit one of the many parks and gardens that dot the city. These are wonderful places to relax and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. Whether you are a history buff or simply looking for a beautiful place to relax, the temple is a must-see destination. As you explore the city, you will also encounter local markets, street food stalls, and traditional long tail boats on the Chao Praya River. These are all wonderful ways to see the city up close and to experience the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Bangkok. If you’re looking for a break from the hustle and bustle of the city, you can always visit one of the many parks and gardens that dot the city. These are wonderful places to relax and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. Whether you are a history buff or simply looking for a beautiful place to relax, the temple is a must-see destination. As you explore the city, you will also encounter local markets, street food stalls, and traditional long tail boats on the Chao Praya River. These are all wonderful ways to see the city up close and to experience the vibrant culture and lifestyle of Bangkok.
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