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Free Pride in Glasgow will once again be organized by the same weekend. They’ve put all the vigour of last year’s anti-discrimination policy behind them and are welcoming all performers provided they “comply with their safer spaces policy”. I’ve asked for a copy of it so we all know where we stand (if it’s on the stage or not).

One location we’d love to have for a Highlands Pride if anyone fancies it is Kinlochewe near Achnasheen in Wester Ross. What’s up there, I hear you cry? That’s where Tom and Liz Forrest run Cromasaig, their “Family & Heterosexual Friendly” Bed & Breakfast. Their charming retro website features some stunning views back around the Crusades. Maybe they’ve not heard that ILGA just declared Scotland’s “LGBT History in Cumbria project have commissioned an exhibit by photographer Colin Tennant. Although the final exhibition will be in Sep, there will be a preview from 9th-10th June of “Hers, Today” which comprises eight images of LGBT people in Cumbria who are over 60 and reflects on their lives.

Finally, the Church of Scotland has decided by a 339-139 vote to recognize Ministers and Deacons in same-sex marriages. But Kirk ministers will not be able to register same-sex marriage ceremonies being held in churches because each General Assembly is unique and has a mind of its own.

As always, if you’re anything and want us to spread the word (people read this, right?) then drop us a line at news@scotsgay.co.uk or remain forever in obscurity!

Why yes! Ooh! Well, the rather sporadic mixture of sunshine and hailstones can only mean it’s June - taps all around! So what’s new, folks?

TIE Campaign, the Time for Inclusive Education lobby, won a major coup this month when it was announced that they will be partnering with Pride Glasgow (which will take place 20th-21st Aug) and their vision of LGBT-inclusive education for schools and tackling homophobia, biphobia and transphobia will become the official theme for the event.

This ticks a major box for the community as well, giving a political theme back to the March and Festival that has been effectively absent since the old anti-Sec tion all presence from (a few) years ago. Yes, it’s nearly time for my annual “which is why you need Pride” lecture. Bear yourselves.

The new testing nights on Tue began in Apr and are linked in with RAOA and NHS Scotland. They are looking to expand and solidify their offering to Gay, Bi and Men Who Have Sex With Men in the Lothians but for now some volunteers and interested individuals got together to give their views on possible branding. It was lovely to just sit and talk about what our needs are, how we want to see ourselves represented and bringing some of our experiences of working within the community into the process.

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pring is very much with us and summer is in the air with all the promises that holds and there is no greater start to summer than Pride Edinburgh and all the other festivities that come with it.

Starting with the news from Pride Edinburgh: The date is Saturday 7th and pride does indeed come home with the main stage being outside the Playhouse Theatre and top talent is promised, the Community Fair also return to The Omnibus Centre with even more venues hosting events. It’s also been confirmed that the annual Pride Scotia march will return and for full details of that plus all the other events head to:

www.prideedinburgh.org.uk

Elsewhere starting with Nabaena, They have come through an emotional few weeks that culminated with the laying to rest of the legendary DJ Bumpy Martin Clancy and a touching green and white balloon release held outside the bar. Life however does go on and Nabaena held its annual Bo’s night where all the gang and customer slipped into some stunning Bo’s costumes (well done Darren Glasgow for bringing Freddie Mercury, a hoover and a pair of pink kittens for the evening), Nabaena are also promising fun and games a plenty in the run up to pride and the bar is always the perfect venue for a post work drink while taking the sun outside the doors or getting your Saturday night out started in style as sure to pop-in.

Moving next to CC’s where Sun nights continue to be The Church of High Kicks with a rotation of the best drag and cabaret acts from across the city hosted by Jon Pleased/Winnie and the Kickettes and always rounds off your weekend in spectacular style. Speaking of Jon, the next Automatic Night is confirmed as Sat 11th Jun and promises to be another packed night of pop, disco, house music plus a few surprises. Finally in CC’s they keep an eye on Alboh Rabbit Hole on Tue night down in the Lab especially as she delivers a few Pride fundraising treats.

Down the road in Planet the best pre-club fun can be found with drinks offers and DJs opening the best tracks, and as always big cash prizes with Cida Slack’s Big Quiz which parks them in. Also keep an eye out for the free stamps (often available from a gorgeous drag queen or two) that get you into Chalkeys for half price or better still for Free.

Speaking of Chalkeys it’s still the best club night in the city and they’re breathing big plans for Pride so keep an eye on their Facebook for all the latest. Next door in The Street it’s official! Quality Street is back - with Jasper and LouLou delivering their mix of Tunes, Gin and Pussy Bombs it promises to be the very best of entertainment every Thu Night. The Street also delivers the best atmosphere for pre club drinks, with a variety of snack options available or perhaps a glass of white wine over conversation.

Don’t forget if it’s food and drinks you’re after then pop into Café Nom de Plume or perhaps some nice pub food and pint or two of ale before then head to The Regent.

The 2016 Hidden Door Festival returns to the Capital with a celebration of arts built around the theme of Electric City taking place around a stretch of the Kings Stables road from 18th May to 6th June, promising a mixture of music, art, cinema, theatre, spoken word, poetry, street food and so much more this is eclectic mix with something to suit all tastes. For full details check out their website at:

hidendoorfest.org

So there we have it, another month rounded up! With Pride on the horizon and a summer to embrace it looks like 2016 is going to be a good one! Finally congratulations to all you Hibernian supporters! Our scene sits in the heart of the green side of the city and many of you will be glad your son plus year wait to hold the cup aloft is finally over! There was a special atmosphere around the scene during the after match celebrations.

Whatever you choose to do enjoy it and stay safe.
Summer has arrived! Yes! We'd all been奢望着 for the arrival of summer for the past few months, and now we have it! The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and everyone is happy. Let's enjoy the good weather and make the most of it.

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Re-Act is a Scottish volunteer run, Not For Profit co-operative that has shipped over 500 tons of hand-sorted donations from the people of Scotland to people fleeing the conflicts in the Middle East. Please donate what you can to provide clothes, food and shelter.

Glasgow

Poetry Club, a massive congratulations and clearly desired! I love having a hole filled and so do the patrons of DILF! Klozet has also had a few acts and over the past few weeks we saw Jynx Effect whilst the Sat disco night with DJ Ross McGillvray is open right through till 2.30am. Every second Sun there is some great entertainment in Waverley Care's hustle and bustle. 

At the Salty Dog, Dave and the team are doing a great job as ever notably with their Sunday Club every week which is always a good laugh with banging tunes. Dean and his team are doing well at OurBar out with Jim playing the tunes along with Dean whilst in B4 you can enjoy Gnuke Blue hosting karaoke.

Glasgow Club

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Aberdeen

Aberdeen has the smallest of gay scenes and so word has a habit of getting out more, it's been pretty warm! Now to move on to pastures new. A massive thanks to all the LGBT+ folks for their support and love over the years and dark rooms! Unfortunately there aren't many dark rooms in Glasgow so you can see why the island is so popular with our city's gays!

Back to the dear green place! What's had been going down this month? Well DILF celebrated their 1st birthday party at the Postr5 Club, a massive congratulations to DILF in Chief James Mowatt on the milestone! A monthly night filling a hole in the gay scene that was long overdue and clearly desired! I love having a hole filled and so do the patrons of DILF!

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bar dheidhain

Promising future bar will also be taking over the space at the bar. We also saw Storn. We're looking forward to seeing more of his work in the future. A massive thank you to everyone who came out to support us this month. Your support means the world to us.

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SUNSHINEONLEITH

Sunshine On Leith - The Musical

The Sultans of Stepney's classic script focusing on the lives of the Han- shaw family as the Son and his best pal Alby return home to Edinburgh after a tour of duty in Her Majesty's Forces combined with the hits of Scottish duo The Proclaimers is no sooner run away success.

With the release of the author's rights, many companies around the country are taking on the show, local theatre companies regularly try different ways of re-creating a show that's a packed with heart, comedy and familiar music.

Playing the principal parts of Rab and his sister Meg, two of the central characters in the show, are directors Douglas and Lynne Gibb who conceived and developed the show, with the help of librettist and musical director, the late Andrew. Their two children play the roles of the children, and Lynne Gibb who convince as a couple of kids who have been round the block more than once and despite the revelation of their gran who effected a generation of Americans.

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In The News

A Musical Review

The musical review is a hit by popular street performer, who cast in the Miss Hamish Henrick production. Annie is the title role, and she's truly a production for Annie. For a show with a production cost of £100,000, The King's Theatre in Tollcross is a big enough venue for its star performer. The show was released at the start of the season, and it's already a sell-out.

The Kings go it so right when singeing up to the consortium and with stools and chairs like this, they may gain their share of the benefits. Some of the benefits of being a successful producer of Annie are the show's success and the fact that it has been played to a sell-out audience. The show has been a hit, and it's currently going strong.

Where the show fails is following a lengthy 30 minute interval, Joby returns to the audience, and his performance is not as good as the first part. He promises more high camp, low reference and a show that will keep the audience on their toes.

Our verdict: It's a fantastic show, but at least good for a laugh. His shows are continually tried to find inventive new ways to attract the audience and keep them coming back. He promises more high camp, low reference and a show that will keep the audience on their toes.

The actual portion of the show that is Tell Me On a Sunday Review is fantastic with Freyja pouring her heart and soul into the part. Her emotive and emotive portrayal of Annie is truly moving and heartwarming. With the star role going to Jodie Prenger (who broke through on BBC's The Over The Edge), it's amazing to watch the growth of the character.

The narrow tale of Annie for the Fringe again. The hostile, the tourist, the living town of Edinburgh! In the new show, the King's Theatre would have been the first time that we've actually had a venue that's large enough to accommodate a large number of people. The show is a hit and is currently going strong.

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A Two Part Series By Steve O'Donnell

We arrived in Mumbai last night to be welcomed by the panoptic night skyline of the city and the sparkling lights of Marine Drive or the ‘Queen’s Necklace’ so called because of its horseshoe shape looking on to the Arabian Sea excurring Back Bay from the World's Western seaboard.

Mumbai is a city of contrasts and is home to many majectic buildings which date back to the days of the British Raj, alongside modern day skyscrapers, shopping malls and some of the most expensive real estate in the world. Some few examples of colonial buildings can be seen at the University of Mumbai and some of its many colleges, the Rajabai Clock Tower which is almost a replica of Big Ben in London, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Rail Terminus (Victoria Station) and the Bombay High Court.

Many very old traditions survive today in Mumbai one of these being the work of the Wachemini at Dhoji Ghate who clothes are washed in huge tubs of water and barefoot against rocks to remove dirt, stains and soap. The washers, known as the Wachemaker community, have been doing this work nowadays comes from Mumbai’s hotels and hospitals. The traditional way of doing this work for hundreds of years.

Another serving tradition is the wholesale market or Crawford Market which sells all manner of fruits, vegetables and household goods. Once the place only could buy imported goods it still provides a lot of imported produce at wholesale for resale by local businesses in Mumbai and further afield. Personal shoppers are also available.

Driving along Marine Drive southwards we head up a steep hill to reach the Hanging Gardens first built in 1809 and renovated in 1953. The gardens are built over a reservoir that provides drinking water to Mumbai and affords magnifi cent views of the Mumbai Skyline and the Arabian Sea.

Close to the Hanging Gardens is Malabar Hill, one of the most expensive areas of Mumbai and home to many Bollywood stars. The area contains the most magnificent private residences in the world, built by local businessmen who invest a cost of upwards of $5 billion US dollars.

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Within Alzheimer Scotland, Promoting Excellence is part of our ongoing quality assurance framework. To build on this staff need to have a better understanding of issues affecting the LGBTI community. The inclusivity for people with a dementia diagnosis, are similar to LGBTI, where individual’s hopes and experiences are to be appreciated with dignity. Views are listened and heard, safety and privacy are protected, and rights respected.

To embrace a holistic understanding of dementia we have to consider changing our perceptions of it. It is important to address issues around sexuality in dementia. Touch and intimacy is a basic human need, but too often perceived as a taboo within the elderly population. A recent study carried out by the University of Manchester found that 5% of men and 2% of women over the age of 70 were still sexually active. Although attitudes are changing, the sex lives of older people are still historically overlooked. This is an area where further work is needed; much of the available information tends to be anecdotal or grounded in research.

Care homes are a specific area where increased awareness of LGBTI would be beneficial. Some LGBTI people do not feel that support services will be able or willing to meet their understandable specific needs. They may have a fear of having to be unconfident with care staff knowing their sexual orientation.

The mental capacity of the individual will influence how they respond to services. Legislation such as The Equality Act (Scotland) (2010), - and professional bodies such as the Scottish Social Services Council and the Care Inspectorate protect an individual’s rights. I would argue that we all have - responsibility when supporting people who are vulnerable, to ensure their choices are upheld.

If you, a family member or a friend are interested in setting up a ‘LGBTI De mentia friendly support group’ please contact me, Richard, at rleckerman@alzscot.org

For further information, go to the website www.alexandriaconfidential.co.uk - Helpline 0808 808 3000 (24 hours).

By Richard Leckerman

Working with Alzheimer Scotland, the role is varied and interesting. Over 60,000 people in Scotland have a diagnosis of Dementia, with nearly 9,000 living in the East Renfrewshire local authority area that I cover. In my awareness raising to encourage communities to become more “Dementia Friendly”, I am determined to be inclusive of all community groups.

We support people living with a diagnosis, and their families, to live as well as possible with dementia. We would like to have greater visibility with the LGBTI community to increase awareness and use of our support and services.

Along with other Dementia Advisories, one of the key things I do is to deliver “Dementia-Friendly” awareness sessions. These sessions teach people about the little things that they can do that make such a big difference to someone living with dementia.

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