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An odd General Election - with most of you reading this after the result is known. For the first election since I came of age, I won't be voting. Standing for the Liberal Party (WWW: http://www.liberal.org.uk/) in Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk, I'll be attempting to get round the 80 polling stations in 15 hours. Feasible when there were but 50 of them - but probably impossible in the new enlarged constituency.

It’s down to my boyfriend to cast my Proxy vote so I’ll never know for sure how I actually voted! At least I trust him - unlike the uncertainties of Tippecanoe on the Postal Votes that got divorced!

So, it is he who will have to hold his nose as he goes to the Polling Booth and wields the Big Black Pencil. He’s been told to cast my vote for the LibDems. Their only saving grace is that they’re in second place in Edinburgh North & Leith and aren’t the Labour Party - although with them sharing the same King Size in the Scottish Parliament, it’s difficult to tell the difference most of the time.

Elsewhere in Edinburgh, a long time SNP member tells me he too is holding his nose and voting Tory - another 2nd placer. I can sympathise. Anything to reduce what looks as if it will be another Tony Majority.

There’s so little to choose between the three Tory Parties - NuLabour, LibDem and Conservative. The stench appalls. So, it is he who will have to hold his nose as he goes to the Polling Booth and wields the Big Black Pencil. He’s been told to cast my vote for the LibDems. Their only saving grace is that they’re in second place in Edinburgh North & Leith and aren’t the Labour Party - although with them sharing the same King Size in the Scottish Parliament, it’s difficult to tell the difference most of the time.

Despite having to move their event to allow the G8 to continue un molested, Pride Scotia (Edinburgh) seems to be running up a nice little programme for their big day on Sat 25th Jun.

As we go to press, a number of the events were still unconfirmed, but the order of proceedings looks as if it will shape up rather like this:

- Noon - Assemble in East Market Street (behind Waverley Station) for speeches before departing for the Happy Walk up Cockburn Street, up the High Street, down The Mound, along Princes Street, down Leith Street, into Picardy Place, down Broughton Street, finishing up in Albany Street (which will be specially closed for us). If you fancy bringing a float, please make sure you read the Float Info Pack on Pride Scotia’s web site and complete all the formalities!

- Marchers will arrive in time for the Health and Community Fair in eGo which will feature stalls run by all manner of people and even, if it’s hoped, sessions with a therapeutic masseur. The venue, which is being donated free of charge to Pride by the owners, is on two levels and is fully wheelchair accessible with access to the lower floor via the rear lane. It will be open from Noon-5pm.

- Kids up to 12 will be catered for by the Edinburgh Crèche Co-op whose registered workers will provide a free service in Macdonald Road Library during the afternoon.

- Then, come the evening, there will be Ocean Pride - a massive Party with Loud Popular Noise at the Ocean Terminal in Leith. Organised for Pride Scotia by Alan Joy, it will feature DJs from all the major clubs and will run from 10.30pm until 3am. Tickets will be £10 in advance (from The Regent or Q Store) and £15 on the day.

- Pride Scotia also hopes to be running an exhibition of AIDS Memorial Quilts (the first in 10 years) and are currently negotiating with a major West End venue for a lengthy booking which will take in Pride Day and beyond.

Other associated events, not run by Pride Scotia, include a Youth Space in Gayfield Square run by LGBT Youth Scotland, a season of LGBT films at the Filmhouse and a Pilgrimage Picnic on Sun 26th Jun organised by Novice Rosemary Beads of the Order of Perpetual Indulgence. And many of the LGBT venues will be running their own events throughout the day.

Elton John will also be playing at Easter Road on the day but, despite several requests to his management, has yet to provide the requested greeting for the Pride Programme.

Stewards for the day are now being recruited - get in touch by E-mail: stewards@pride-scotia.org or leave your details on 0131-556 9471 - the usual free T-shirt and other incentives will be on offer. WWW: http://www.pride-scotia.org/
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Womens club night
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April 2005 marked the 10 Year anniversary of PHACE Scotland, an innovative charity which provides support services to men and women in Scotland who are affected by HIV/AIDS. Fellow Scots: X-Men actor Alan Cumming, novelist Iain Banks, singer/ songwriter Horse and MSP Patrick Harvie have kindly expressed words of encouragement and support.

PHACE Scotland (Promoting Health And Challenging Exclusion) provides a wide range of services including; support and advocacy, 1-1 counselling, a buddy programme, welfare rights advice and gay men’s services, which includes a condoms-by-post initiative, for people living in rural areas of Scotland. The organisation began in Glasgow in 1995 as PHACE West and expanded to national status in 2000 with the opening of a regional office in Aberdeen. The work of PHACE Scotland covers a wide geographic area, also including major projects in Argyll and Clyde, Ayrshire and Arran and Lanarkshire.

PHACE Scotland Chief Executive, Susan Douglas-Scott elaborates, “PHACE Scotland’s overall aim is to support people to be sexually healthy. Our work addresses mental and emotional well-being, alongside HIV prevention and safer sex messages. We are very proud of the work done at PHACE over the last 10 years and the many HIV infections we have helped to prevent. We also work tirelessly to challenge inequalities such as sexism, racism and homophobia. We cannot rest on our 10th anniversary laurels however, as we need to do more, especially in an increasingly diverse Scotland where HIV and STIs remain a risk. This year for the first time it’s been great to have the support of public figures; Alan Cumming, Iain Banks, Horse and Patrick Harvie MSP, as they can help to highlight the issues for us all.”

A number of fundraising activities and events are planned throughout the anniversary year including; a fundraiser dinner at The Tall Ship, Glasgow Harbour, a sponsored Skydive, a benefit evening at The Stand Comedy Club and a host of charity collections at selected Glasgow venues.

There is an increased need for HIV support services, with currently 4219 known cases of HIV infection in Scotland (74% male 26% female) and 91 new cases reported in the last recorded quarter (Oct-Dec 2004).

**BORDERING**

The Scottish Borders LGBT Barbeque will be held at Boleside picnic site, Galashiels, by the River Tweed (National Grid Reference NT 502 337) from 2-5pm on Sat 4th June. Barbequeing facilities and basic foodstuffs provided. Please bring meat to eat, and something to drink. Boleside is reached by car from the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Tweed Road and Winston Road, near Heriot Watt University (NT 509 348). Major bus routes from Edinburgh to the Borders pass nearby, on the A7 and the A6091 (Melrose bypass).

There is usually some kind of social activity in the evening, maybe a party or a night out in Gala. For those with clear heads, the Gay Outdoor Club has arranged a walk over the nearby Eildon Hills on Sun 5th.

For further details please contact Alastair on Galashiels (01896) 757861, mobile 07763 850087.

**PHWOARR**

An Edinburgh heat for Mr Gay UK will be held in eGo on Sun 15th May.

Pictured here are the winners of the recent Dundee heat.

**DOON RA WATTER**

There’s a new group for LGBT people from Inverclyde. Info from Sandra on Greenock (01475) 892197 or Matt on 0141-332 3838.

**SPEED**

An Edinburgh speed-dating event for gay men will be held on Thu 5th May in Espionage. All the proceeds will go towards the costs of building a community garden for a small village in The Gambia this summer.

**TOWN CRYER**

Undisputed ‘King of the one-liner’, Barry Cryer, will bring his much-acclaimed show The First Farewell Tour to Edinburgh’s Queen’s Hall on Sat 11th Jun at 7.30pm for a one-off performance in support of Waverley Care.

**SPACE**

LGBT Youth Scotland have opened a new office in the Glasgow LGBT Centre.

**ABERDEEN PRIDE**

Is now definitely on for Sat 4th Jun in Duthie Park.

**WALKING IN SUNSHINE**

The Highlands and Islands Equality Forum Conference is on Wed 25th May at the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness. WWW: http://www.hief.org.uk/
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The clocks have gone back, the weather has got nicer – summer is nearly here!

Edinburgh’s trendiest bar, The Street, situated at the top of Broughton Street, is now serving food every day 11.30am-7.30pm in association with Devil’s Kitchen http://www.devilskitchen.co.uk/ Opening hours are 11.30am-1am and Happy Hours are Mon-Fri 4-8pm on selected drinks. Wed is Quiz Night with Harry Ainsworth (Perrier award winner), which starts at 9pm downstairs. A new theme on fortonightly Thursdays ‘creating a scene’ is now on offer – see http://www.bornitobewide.co.uk/ Every Fri has a top DJ downstairs from 10pm and Sat sees the Street hosting the very best of Pre Club Parties for the likes of FEVER, JOY & WIGGLE. Not forgetting that one of the owners, Trendy Wendy, also has her club Tackno’s pre club party there on the last Sun of each month with DJ Rodger McSandwiches.

Downstairs at The Street is available for hire for all kinds of functions – speak to one of the staff for more info or call 0131-556 4272.

Feeling stressed out, in need of a little TLC? Why not check out PURE WORKS an alternative Health Fair which is going to be held at St Georges West Church, situated at the West End of Edinburgh (Sandwick Place, beside Prêt a Manger and Boots). The fair will take place over a whole weekend on Sat 7 and Sun 8 May (Sat 11.30am-5.30pm & Sun 1.30-5.30pm). Entry is a mere £2. A wide variety of treatments are on offer including; Massage, Reiki, Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Psychic Readings, Holistic Advice and much more! Full treatments are available as well as taster sessions and one-to-one advice. A café providing refreshments will be on offer over the weekend – go on treat yourself! More info? E-mail: alan_reiki@hotmail.com

Planet Out is now running a movie afternoon every Sun 2-7 (ish) when all the best movies from all genres will be on offer from very old to very new – if you are nice, the staff may even let you bring your own. Wee goody bags with popcorn and sweets are on offer as well as the usual drink promos on selected spirits and shooters. DJs are now on in Planet Out on most evenings. Thu sees popular DJ Michelle (Wiggle, Joy) on the decks with all the best in dance music past present and future. Thu is pre club for new club night FUR BURGER, a new girls’ night which is held over at eGo. The night is designed for gilrites and guys pals to go along for a no holds barred night of fun and frolics with a selection of Edinburgh’s best DJs catering for every music need. The opening night was so popular last night that the LST mag ran a feature on it! Excellent drink promos run throughout the night – see a member of PLANET OUT Staff for more info/flies and dates.

ALFRESCO restaurant is sponsoring the FUR BUGGER going on and promoting itself as a gay friendly joint to dine out in. Why? It offers excellent service with gorgeous waiters (male and female), a selection of dishes to satisfy any appetite and affordable prices too. Alfreco always supports the LGL Ball and will be working with Planet Out during Pride Scotia for a big extravaganza! The cosy wee restaurant is situated opposite Planet Out just down from big brother Guilianos.

Habana seems to be the place where all the tourists hang out when in Edinburgh so head along if you want a bit of foreign willy. Habana seems to be the venue for supporting any charity night that comes up from Waverley Care through Gay Men’s Health to Pride Scotia, Habana backs its community 100%. Our pic shows our Editor losing 10 year’s worth of hair there to raise funds for Pridel A big ‘Hello’ to Samantha Swallows who is now hosting a drag-eke every second Thu from 9pm. Catch wee cutie Chris DJing most night with all the camp classics (Chris was runner up with BENT Mag for DJ of the Year). Fabulous drink promos run throughout the whole week on shooters, spirits and bottles, and now the summer months are in, the tables and chairs will be outside – wo hoo! Habana also has fabby new plasma screens although I have to admit if I see Kylie live in Sydney one more time!!!!!!! Habana is Edinburgh’s busiest gay bar with excellent bar staff and the best prices for booze.

On Sun May 1st, ‘2 Cherish’ ran a unique event at the Apex International Hotel in The Grassmarket to promote the civil partnership shenanigans in December. If you are into that kind of thing, then this was the place to be for the best advice on clothing, hairstyles, and any other advice you would need for a civil partnership, blessing, gay wedding or whatever you want to call it. Seems like every gay couple is on the starting blocks for December! 2 Cherish has been set up to cater for those who want a partnership to be every bit as recognised as a heterosexual wedding and the guys at the Claremont Bar are the brains behind it all. 2 Cherish has a fantastic new website if you would like more information – this isn’t amateur either, it is a professional company here to help those who are genuinely wanting help with their civil partnership – http://www.2cherish.com/

Bars I forget to mention: The Newtown, situated in Dublin St, fabulous spacious bar with excellent drink promos and a wicked downstairs which is open for disco goings on with a top DJ on Fri and Sat.

Frenchies is still going strong in Rose St Lane - small but cosy, the bar has a unique atmosphere with mostly regulars but staff will make you feel welcome - ideal if you want to chill without all the hustle and bustle of other venues.

The Regent on Montrose Terrace, slightly older crowd with Real Ale on offer as well as all the usual bar stuff.

Other:

Feeling peckish? Like you don’t already know, the Blue Moon is still Edinburgh’s number one LGBT Eating Out Joint with daily specials.

Sala, Edinburgh’s finest Tapas. Hang out with live acts at the weekend - Wed is Women’s Night.

La Favorita has just opened up at 325 Leith Walk and I hear good reports of this new pizzeria owned by the folk from Vittoria.

Anything else:

Steamworks in Broughton Market is Edinburgh’s newest sauna with a hot masseur, whilst Number 18 on Leith Walk is as dependable and friendly as ever.

OK, that’s your lot, have a good one.

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Spanish Parliament OKs same-sex marriage

Spain's Congress of Deputies voted to legalize same-sex marriage and adoption on 21st Apr. The vote was 183 to 136 with six abstentions.

The bill now moves to the Senate where it should pass as well, although the Senate's approval is not necessary for the bill to become law.

The measure modifies the Civil Code in 16 places, mostly replacing the words “husband” and “wife” with “spouse,” and the words “father” and “mother” with “parent.” It also states: “Marriage will have the same requirements and effects when both parties are of the same sex or of different sexes.”

Spain will be the third country to legalize full same-sex marriage, following the Netherlands and Belgium. Eight Canadian provinces and territories and one US state also allow same-sex couples full access to marriage.

Lawyer beats up gay activist

A leading Greek gay activist has been beaten up in a public square recently. Kougias reportedly called Vallianatos a “faggot” and began punching him.

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MP sues gay organization

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Televisa network to get gay-sensitivity training

“This is an important first step in what we hope will be a productive, collaborative between Televisa and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community”, said Televisa General Programming Director Xavier Labrada.

Hong Kong police raid gay fashion show

The Hong Kong Police Tactical Unit has raided a gay fashion show in a bar at King’s Hotel. Officials later claimed they were executing a search warrant against the premises and were not targeting the attendees or the fashion show, which featured men in swimsuits and underwear.

The show was stopped only 10 minutes after it began and the 300 guests were searched and had their IDs checked for about an hour.

Nepalese police beat up transgenders

Police officers from the Durbam Mog station in Kathamandu, Nepal, beat up a group of 18 transgender males who were walking on Kantipath Road on 13th Apr, Human Rights Watch said. Nine of the “metis” (Nepalese men who dress and identify as women) were severely beaten with batons, gun butts and sticks, the organization said.

“This attack is only the latest of a string of police assaults in Nepal against transgender people”, said Scott Long, director of HRW’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Programme. “In a country where political and civil rights have been suspended, the violence sends a message that no one who looks or acts differently can feel safe”.

French marriage rejected

An appeals court in Bordeaux, France, has upheld the annulment of a same-sex marriage performed last year by Béglès Mayor Noël Mamère. Mamère and the gay couple — Stéphane Chapin and Bertrand Charpentier — had argued that the French civil code does not prohibit same-sex marriage. The spurned grooms plan an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

Bavaria to fight against gay adoption

The German state of Bavaria will challenge a new federal law that allows registered same-sex couples to adopt each other’s children.

“The deciding factor in an adoption cannot be the wish of same-sex couples to have children but must be what is in the best interest of the children”, said Premier Edmund Stoiber.

Beijing holds gay film festival

China’s second gay film festival was recently staged in Beijing by the Film Association of Beijing University. Seven movies and five documentaries from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong were screened, along with two French films. Information about the films is online at http://bgff.byhoo.com.cn.
Hi there, and here is what’s happening. North of anywhere this month and it’s all happening here.

The biggest news has to be that Pride in Aberdeen is definitely going ahead on Sat 4th Jun in Duthie Park as originally planned. It’s coming at you faster than a pope’s election in the Vatican and promises to be a bigger and better event than any previous Pride in Aberdeen. There will be a mixture of bands and DJs and headline acts are due to be confirmed. As well as a day filled with fun and entertainment, the Pride in Aberdeen event seek to provide an opportunity for individuals, organisations, service providers, professionals and anyone interested to gain information and support on matters such as sexuality, sexual health, youth issues, health and well-being and much more. Many local and national organisations from the voluntary and public sector will be present in the Information Tent for the majority of the afternoon with the chance to take away information resources and answer any questions. Once again Bar Indigo will be providing opportunities for quests, donations or offers of help at the new Phace Offices on Waverley Place on their own dedicated line Aberdeen (01224) 644101 or visit their website http://www.prideinaberdeen.org.uk/

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The Belmont Cinema continues their Rainbow season of films with But I’m a Cheerleader (15) showing on Fri 3rd Jun at 6.45pm. The film is described as ‘An endearing, camp, sweet, outrageous, sympathetic, uplifting and hilarious comedy about gender stereotypes and the need to be who you need to be.’ For tickets please contact the box office on Aberdeen (01224) 345356. There will be a Pride event Karaoke session in the bar afterwards for all to play.

Remember, Pride in Aberdeen is in Duthie Park from Noon until 7.30pm and note that this year it is being held on a Saturday so you can make a weekend of it. So put the date in your diary and join us for a weekend of fun here in the pink granite city. Pride in Aberdeen can be found online for queries, donations or offers of help at the new Phace Offices on Waverley Place on their own dedicated line Aberdeen (01224) 644101 or visit their website http://www.prideinaberdeen.org.uk/

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The Equality Conference – ‘Conversations at the Edge’ – on Sat 9th Apr was well attended and deemed to be a success. John Wilkes from the Equal Opportunities Commission opened the conference by paying tribute to Pride in Aberdeen Ltd, Aberdeen City Council and Grampian Police for the superb work they were doing for the LGBT community in the North East of Scotland. He went on to say that “The last ten years has seen tremendous advances in the rights and protections for LGBT people in Britain. We have seen the equalisation of the age of consent, the gender recognition act, the introduction of protection in employment for lesbians and gay men and later this year the legal recognition of our relationships with civil partnerships. In Scotland devolution and the establishment of the Scottish Parliament has also been highly significant. From the start the Parliament and Executive have put equalities at the core of their work. In many other areas of life and society we can see advances in the position of LGBT equality. In the TV and media LGBT issues have become mainstreamed. There are more openly visible gay men and lesbians and transgender people than ever before. Many of our public services such as in health and the police are trying to positively address the issues that LGBT communities face and move this agenda forward. However it is not all positive of course. There are still many barriers to equality. People are still being discriminated against daily in employment. Homophobic bullying is still rife in schools and our education system, with young lesbians and gay men six times more likely to attempt suicide or self harm. There is also still the tension between some religions and faiths and sexuality which has exhibited itself most recently here in Scotland. Of course this difficulty between faith and sexuality is not universally true of all religions and churches and many, such as the Scottish Episcopal Church, have made many positive advances in the acceptance of lesbians and gay men”.

He recognised that “there is still a reservoir of prejudice and negative attitudes resident in Scottish society. You could argue that why should it matter. Mainstream opinion and particularly political opinion is on our side and we have, or will have, the legislative protections and guarantees that we need. It matters because I believe that while absolutely fundamental and hugely important, legislation in itself is not enough to bring about change. It matters because as the section 28 debate has shown, people are afraid to play up to their identity. People are afraid to engage with others on their identity and who you are. There is a reservoir of prejudice and negative attitudes”. I think we only have to look across the Atlantic to America to see the battles that can so easily develop over these issues of equality and morality”.

He concluded “We need to ensure that in every workplace, every school and education institution, all public and private services and in policing and the justice system that LGBT issues are mainstreamed into every day life and we create an environment of respect and acceptance LGBT people and intolerance of discrimination. It requires the work of all activists and all LGBT people and our allies and friends – all people in fact – should seek to become equality activists. We need to check and challenge and nag and lobby and encourage institutions and organisations into effecting change – into putting our rights into institutional practice – to make it second nature. We can all do it. Sometimes it is about the little things that can effect change. I realise of course that it is not always as easy as that and that this is a difficult, challenging and tough agenda for the next 10 years”.

The rest of the day was spent in Open Space discussions. Numerous topics were posted on a board and assigned to different tables at different times. The idea being that you could move between discussions and contribute as and when needed. This method worked very well and encouraged discussion while allowing you to move on when you had heard or said enough. Topics discussed included ‘Homophobia in Schools’, ‘Where are all the Women’s’, ‘Parenting Issues’, ‘Why are so few Gay People Out in Sports?’, ‘Is there a Gay Community?’ Suggestions and comments were recorded by staff from the Equality Network and will be taken back to Edinburgh to help plan future initiatives. The day was rounded off with a social event at the new Phace offices on Waverley Place and thanks go to Mark and the guys for a lovely buffet with plenty of wine.

Tivoli
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And so to Glasgow, per-chance to shag ...

As Angharad has gone off in postures new, it falls to me to present a jaundiced Edinbugger’s view of the Glasgow scene this month.

But first, a few words from the Boys at Burly:

“We wanted on behalf of the "Burly Boys" to publicly thank Fiona for the support she has given Burly over the last 2 and a half years. We have enjoyed her scene reports and appreciated her comments about how she experiences the scene. She has always said it as she sees it and pulls no punches when it comes to stating what she likes and doesn’t like about certain “gay” establishments. Her commitment to her column and writing style has not gone unnoticed. Although she "shall return in another guise", she will be missed and we wish her well with her new column.

Our launch night at The Complex in Edinburgh was a great success and we were able to make a donation of £250 to Waverley Care. Our follow up night on Sat 16th Apr proved to be a popular night with many guys donning football strips and rugby tops and looking damn sexy too. We will be able to make a donation of £200 to Gay Men’s Health as a result of this well attended night.

We're looking forward to “Uniform Month” with a "Boot Camp" theme. We will be engaging the services of a "Shoe shine boy" and "barber". Discipline will be the order of the night!

"Uniform Month" takes place on Fri 6th May at The Arches, 10.30pm-3am £10/£8 and The Complex on Sat 14th May, 10.30pm-3am (tbc) £8 door entry.

The Cockpit is a fortnightly men only club which launched on Thu 28th Apr at Basura Blanca downstairs in the Brunswick Hotel to a reasonable crowd.

It's run by a well kent face: Craig Wilde who will be glad to welcome you to his website at http://www.warholandqueen.com/cockpit/ The club benefits from the discographic arts of DJ Atlas who has the world about his head if not upon his shoulders.

We still await news of Bennetts new floor - or rather, the re-opening of one of the old ones. It has been long promised, but as we went to press, it was still the one floor at the old prices. Come on, Bobby - you won’t have room for Mr Gay UK if you don’t get it open!

Talking of Mr Gay UK, nobody has yet picked up the Glasgow heat for this popular contest. Now, there’s an opportunity for some enterprising night spot promoter!

Down at the Waterloo, I stuck my nose in the door and could hardly move for the crowd of happy punters - no change there then!

Revolver Bar also seems to be pretty much the same despite the change in management - but the loss of the final opening hour is a bit of a scunner.

Vivid Youth are on a mission to reduce stress in the city - they’re running a Stress Management Course for young folk which will run from Tue 3rd May in the LGBT Centre from 7pm. The course will probably run for ten weeks by which time Glasgow will be a totally stress managed city! They are also running a basic Spanish course. Y porque no?

Down also at the GLGBT Centre the latest exhibition in the Centre by artist Jo Morris entitled Summerland is well worth a look.

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Scotlands Top Escorts!
So the pope is dead! It sparked a media spectacle of breast-beating, stomach-churning, media-fawning obscenity not seen since Mrs Thatcher found Jenny Lives With Eric and Martin in a Hackney library. Reliably swinging her burning handbag up the aisle, Mrs Katie Grant, an Ovalteenie in a Bacardi Breezer world, wailed in Scotland: “...The simplicity of that small, egyp wood coffin lying open to the elements under the forbidding, overbearing front façade of St Peter’s would have melted a heart of stone, it is easy to get carried away”. A naugby Alan Taitler in The Sunday Herald saw it differently: “Instead of the whole shebang being shrouded in mystery it should be televised as a reality show...with the candidates seen in situ, as real human beings, cooking meals for one another while slurping wine, wandering around in their undies, their foibles and weaknesses being open to all and sundry. Registered Catholics could digest their views on contraception, abortion and divorce, and vote accordingly; a puff of black smoke announcing the exit from the Sistine Chapel of each of the rejected candidates. Eventually, only one Cardinal would remain and he would emerge blinking into the sunshine of St Peter’s Square to be quizzed over his ordeal by Davina McCall. Is Pope Idol too obvious a title?” After watching impatient Hearts fans chasitised in media reports for not observing a minute’s silence before their match with Celtic, I retched into the remote control’s sofa pocket. The outcome was as predictable as a minute’s silence after chucking-out-time at the Dog and Duck! There was mayhem! The one-minute had to be cut to a channel-hopping 20 seconds. Similar protests at the fixture between Dundee and Hibernian attracted fewer reports. At the match in Glasgow at Hampden Park, there were five arrests. But what if those arrested were protesting at the human rights abuses of the Catholic Church? Unlikely, I know. Politically incorrect

knuckle-scrapping Union Jack wavers will do what they always do at matches: Bring the male species into disrepute, but for one brief moment I felt myself standing in solidarity with the bleak and hopeless world of sectarian hate. Paul Stokes severed the join in Scotland on Sunday: “The creation of new hate crimes appears to be a mini-industry in Scotland. Did you know we have a Working Group on Hate Crime which is advising the Scottish Executive? It wants the current legislation, which is only a couple of years old, expanded so that we can’t ‘hate’ gay, transgender or disabled people either. But what if they hate each other? Given that we already have laws to deal with discrimination against minority groups and laws to protect our persons, it is difficult to escape the view that the ‘hate crime’ industry is less interested in protecting its chosen groups than it is in finding hatred wherever it can.” Are they? A ‘hate crime’ is crime motivated by malice or spite towards a particular group, usually involving assault and vandalism, not to the sort of ‘outrage’ Stokes refers to. ‘Hate crimes are, for example, graffiti messages scrawled on the door of a mosque; designed to spread a message amongst this community to be afraid. If it can be proved that these actions were part of a wider intent, then punishment can be extended under laws referring to ‘statutory aggravation’. In Scotland, queens don’t have the protection of ‘hate crime’ legislation. The law refers only to racial or religious groups. Uefa had requested that a minute’s silence be observed before a whole week’s Champions’ League and UEFA Cup matches. Lars-Christer Olsson, Uefa’s chief executive insisted the pope come commanded enormous respect and demanded his work be properly recognised, clearly considering the middle of a Scottish football match a good place to start. Amidst nonsensi- cal outbursts that old man Karol ‘was a saint’ that had ‘died for our sins’ our supposedly impartial media unfurled such sycophantic headlines as “He’s with the Lord now” (The Metro). It looked like “the world” - albeit one just a wee bit over-represented by the citizens of Poland and the world’s media – had flocke to Rome before the priests had a chance to fight over the red slippers! Through the frosted glass of media manipulation and censor- ship it was a lovely service. And he was a lovely man. Out of ‘respect’ we were reduced to the occasional aside over his ‘moral conservatism’. Mrs Katie Grant explained in The Scotsman: “Where outsiders, and even some in our own church, saw authori- tarianism, many of us saw certainty, and although he did not try to make life easy for us – no movement on birth control and no moral loopholes to slide through – we were left with even over-riding impression, which was that John Paul searched harder and more openly than almost any previous pope, not for popularity or for respect, but for truth.” Business tycoon Sir Tom ‘Kwik-Fit’ Farmer, Papal Knight and sponsor of Brian Source’s ‘Keep the Clause’ opinion poll in the The Sunday Mail added: “While you may not agree with everything the Pope said, you could be sure that he would do as he said and be believed what he said. He was someone you could really look up to”. Ron Ferguson was one preacher man who was having none of it in The Herald. His column started off with a string of apologies and excuses that entailed reminding us of his glowing tribute to the pope in The Herald, (“I expressed my admiration for the integrity and spiritual stature of John Paul”) and his “genuine admiration and affection for Catholicism...” which led him to describe Karol Wojtyła as “one of the champions of the free world”. Getting down to business, Ferguson finally registered his unease at the “uncritical adulation which has bordered on the idolatrous” and reminded us of the plain daft scenario of a church that tells its priests they can’t marry, yet wecomes married, Anglican priests who have left their church in opposi- tion to the ordination of women. The day before the funeral, Ferguson’s real anguish was thinly disguised: “How will tomorrow’s funeral tributes sound to an African woman dying of AIDS, know- ing that her church has banned the use of condoms to prevent the spread of the HIV virus? What will be the feelings of devoted Catholic single-sex couples, who not only plead in vain for a Christian blessing, but are described as ‘evil’? Or how about the mother of one of Chile’s ‘disappeared’, knowing that the Vatican secretly lobbied for General Pinchot’s release from Britain? There is a contra- diction at the heart of the legend which is John Paul II... And it is impossible to parody the giving of a papal knighthood to Rupert Murdoch, that Dark Knight of the soul who produces family values’ newspapers like The Sun.” Cardinal Ratzinger, the man now in charge is God’s rottweiler; a 78-year-old former member of the Hitler Youth who believes homosexuality is a ‘tendency towards moral evil’. He has castigated the elected Scottish government for introducing gay marriage. I’m sure Spanish premier José Luis Rodriguez Zapatero carries the Church’s alliances with dictator Franco clear in his head as he turns Spain into a secular coun- try and strips the church of its privi- leges. What government will do the same for Scotland? Not Labour, Conservative or SNP, I’m sure! The TES Scotland (The Times Education Supplement) said it all really, splashed over the front page: “BISHOP SLAPPED DOWN OVER GAYS”. (Of course, the Bishop of Motherwell, Joseph Devine should have been slapped a long time ago). He heads the Catholic Education Commission and said gay staff should be barred from schools and face obstacles to promotion. Trouble is, if I’m to believe the gay priests who have spoken to me, if that ever came about, it would be the end of the Catholic Church as we know it! ‘Miss’ Devine, at her best when the subject of homo- sexuality is doing the rounds, was last seen eagerly gathering signatories to a petition to help Cardinal Winning ‘Keep the Clause’ after the Scottish Executive announced it would repeal Section 28, the law that banned local authorities from ‘promoting’ homo- sexuality. Menthinks the lady doth protest too much. Thomas Donnelly had a brainwave in The Herald’s Letters to the Editor when he wrote: “It is now time to ask questions about openly Roman Catholic teachers in non- denominational schools. It seems to me that their Roman Catholic ethos makes it impossible for them to treat openly gay teachers and students fairly and without discrimination. As a result, in line with the bishop’s philosophy, I feel that openly Roman Catholic teachers should have no place in the anti-discriminatory ethos of non-denominational schools. Perhaps
we could swap the openly gay teachers in Roman Catholic schools for the openly Roman Catholic teachers in non-denominational schools”.

One of the last bastions of licensed homophobia, The Scottish Daily Mail exposed: “Rights for gay crofters”. This has to be one of the biggest pieces of non-news since Jade Goody was evicted from the Big Brother house. “Gay crofters are to be recognised in law for the first time, ministers announced yesterday”.

What they meant was that co-habiting couples of any sex were now so dominant in society that to ignore their legal right to inherit would seriously threaten the existence of crofters. It was nonetheless, in the twisted world of The Mail, a “controversial move” but more importantly, one that helped boost a dwindling rural population. Patrick Krause, chief executive of the Scottish Crofting Foundation was used to justify The Mail’s homophobia, saying: “I don’t really know where the Executive is coming from on this one. I suppose it is updating the law. I certainly don’t know if we will see a Gay Crofters’ Association springing up in the Highlands any time soon.” (Stupid oik!)

Whenever you stop over in a hotel, (the Marriott is a favourite), the first thing to do is grab the Gideon Bible, usually stuffed in a drawer in a bedside cabinet, and rip out offending pages in Leviticus. These days, I tend to just drop it in the bin. It was refreshing to read that students – albeit out of consideration for a string of other faiths – have taken action and banned “Bibles – some 6,000 of them – from halls of residence at Stirling University. A motion to have them removed was passed 15-1 at a student council meeting with seven abstentions.

ITV’s Reporting Scotland ‘balanced’ the story with former – was the current one all for the idea? - Rev John Munro of Kintross Parish Church who spoke in tongues, spouting passages from The Daily Mail: “I think there’s an agenda here, seemingly politically correct. But there’s actually a hostility towards faith by those who have none…” Alan Massie, columnist in The Scottish Daily Mail was miffed. “Scotland and the United Kingdom may still be nominally Christian countries but the young students of Stirling disapprove of any manifestation of this fact”. Well, hardly! They just felt the library was the best place for storing books! Massie wasn’t having any of it. “Now I am quite sure that if some Islamic charity arranged that copies of the Koran were placed in every student’s room, there would have been no such protest. It would have been unthinkable”. In his piece entitled: “Why it’s time to stand up for Jesus”, he ranted: “On page 75 of The Scottish Book of Common Prayer, approved by the bishops of the Episcopal Church of Scotland in 1929 and reprinted in 1986, you can find a prayer for ‘the Conversion of the Mohammedans’ (as we used to call Muslims) and all who know not Christ. Extend thy mercy, we beseech thee, it runs, ‘to the nations of the world that still walk in darkness. Enlighten the Muslims with the knowledge of thy truth…’ I don’t suppose this prayer is often offered in churches today. It would doubtless be thought politically incorrect, offensive to immigrants in our multi-cultural society and possibly even dangerous. Yet there it is, in the Prayer Book, evidence of the confidence of our Christian churches only two or three generations ago”. Yes, and evidence of the same mindset that had Little Black Sambo shining his master’s shoes. And remind me, how long did it take us to peel the golliwog off the side of jam-jars? Students were forced to buckle after “a storm of protest” (The Daily Record) from religiously inclined students who all religions to submit their holy works.

When the Scottish Media Monitor began nearly ten years ago I remember the paedestera that mushroomed around the massacre of schoolchildren by Thomas Hamilton in Dunblane. One leisure centre staff told the press he wanted patrols in swimming pool changing areas. It’s no laughing matter now. The Scottish Sun reported:

“LEISURE STAFF TO LOOK FOR PERVS”, like it was an everyday occurrence. They “revealed… leisure centre staff are to be trained – to look out for paedophiles… People seen hanging around near kids or approaching young ones they don’t know will be confronted by staff about their behaviour… Those without an innocent explanation for their activities will be reported to cops”. The Leisurewatch initiative is being rolled out across Midlothian. A police spokesman was quoted: “The scheme is designed to protect children and vulnerable adults”. Given the aggressive nature of kids to manipulate these situations, at least he got that right!

The Sunday Mail’s story of former PC Delwyn Williams hadn’t quite gone away. (Scottish Media Monitor, March 2005). Neither, it seemed had some dated clichés of gay life not seen since the Tony press used them to garnish outrageous lies over porn mags for children in school libraries during the eighteen ‘Reporters’ Jane Hamilton, still living in a world where gay men ‘haunted’ basement bars and upstair function rooms on upstairs function rooms on Wednesday nights, reported on the “astonishing double life” of “a policeman caught moonlighting in a gay sauna…”, adding: “Boobs at the sauna, a popular haunt for older members of Edinburgh gay community, claimed Williams was their tea-boy…”. And you’re a tea-bag, Jane!

One last thing before I go… COME ON THE GREENS! Yup! It’s election time once again when everybody pours out to vote Labour. Come on Scotland; use your imagination! Failing that, there is always the Liberal Democrats, I suppose. But whatever you do…

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Hello everybody! This month I had been hoping to offer an in-depth political exposé of local candidates for the General Election and what they could offer the local LGBT community. Only one of the parties responded to my e-mail however: the SNP. Other parties either have not checked their e-mails or are too busy to respond to some part-time amateur journalist such as myself! Anyway Joe Fitzpatrick, SNP candidate for Dundee West did respond with his party’s belief that “all of Scotland’s citizens have a right to participate fully in society and to share in our nation’s prosperity” and that if successfully gain seats in Westminster would “work to ensure that all legislation promotes equality of opportunity” including equality on sexuality, gender and status.

Diversitay – the Dundee LGBT switchboard – have their next ice-breaker evening on Wed 18th May (every 3rd Wed of the month) at 8pm for 8.30pm in Braes on Perth Road. Other news from the switchboard is that they hope to host a drop-in meeting on the afternoon of Sat 11th Jun. I’m not entirely sure what the topic is but look out for details either here or in Diversitay’s newsletter nearer the time. There will be some disturbance to the switchboard’s usual operating hours while they search for new premises. They will be operating fortnightly only with the next night being on Mon 2nd May. Diversitay also urgently need volunteers. No matter what skills or experience you have, chances are you have something to offer this worthy organisation, and they can offer you training and expenses paid. Some of the work that volunteers take part in include staffing the telephone lines that still play an active part in Dundee LGBT life, writing articles for the Diversitay newsletter, helping with the youth group and assisting in raising funds for the LGBT cause in Dundee and Tayside. Details on how to volunteer are available on the website or by calling Diversitay.

Over at Out Mr Gay UK was won by Brian who works the bar in the club. Over the next month the club will be offering all the usual nights and offers, including having Brooklyn’s Bar prices in the club on Thursday’s and some extra drinking hours on the May day holiday weekend. Wicked Wednesday has also been extended from the club to include promoting the drink in Brooklyn’s Bar, also on offer in the bar is Carlsberg £1 a pint every day from 5-9pm. The Show Bar is also making a return, opening the last Saturday of the next two months and possibly beyond. For those not in the know this is a small intimate bar accessed via Brooklyn’s that gives you the opportunity to see and hear some of your favourite musicals.

Further along the Seagate at Charlie’s Bar all the usual offers are on the go, including the quiz night on the first Tuesday of the month and DJ Ross providing disco on Friday and Saturday nights. It is possible the dance floor will be temporarily unavailable whilst some refurbishment goes on, but I’m sure it will be back up and running soon.

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The Outer Hebrides, or Western Isles; literally – as well as metaphorically – amongst the most isolated parts of the British Isles. Far from the madding crowd, plucky gay explorer Adrian Gillan makes his Great Gay Getaway: fab for queer solo detox or remote romantic retreat.

Scotland’s pro-gay tourist authority, VisitScotland, swiftly deleted a “family run” Highland guest house from its records recently, after its owner branded a gay couple “sexual deviants” whilst (alas still legally) refusing them a double room because of their “perversion”. Chucking this rotten apple has – not surprisingly – helped ensure a warm gay welcome in even the remotest of peaks or glens.

And you can’t get much more remote than the Outer Hebrides, off the North West coast of Scotland. In many ways, more Scandinavian or Gaelic than Scottish – though falling fully under UK and Scottish laws – the Outer Hebrides have struggled more recently with the influence of the Free Presbyterian church, who abhor Sunday openings. Rest assured: all accommodation in this feature is completely gay-friendly.

Lewis

The Isle of Lewis, together with adjoining Isle of Harris – 55 miles long and 30 miles at their greatest width – form the largest island in the Outer Hebrides. It has a declining population of approximately 20,000, a third of whom live in main settlement Stornoway, on the north east coast.

In a single day, you can witness a magical kaleidoscope of history, nature and wildlife – from dramatic cliffs and barren peat moor; through mountain passes via lochs and breathtaking beaches; to ancient standing stones and brochs, plus the odd fleeing otter or playful seal.

Start off at main settlement Stornoway (population 6,000). SFy families of seals lolling and basking in the small harbour; stroll through the hilly Castle Park grounds for fine views back across the bay; and grab a bite at trendy, modern eatery HS1 (Cromwell Street). If you’re late in town on a weekend, you might check out the main nightlife at The Clachan bar (North Beach; T: 01851 703653) or The Heb club (South Beach) – best apply the same coy discretion you would at any straight venue in central London. But you’ve probably come up here to avoid noisy clubs! That said, horny, harmless men have been known to loll around in the car park behind Euroclean; or along Castle Park paths after dark.

Stay the night at Doune Braes Hotel (Carloway, Isle of Lewis; T: 01851 643252; www.dounebraes.co.uk), a short drive over, on the west coast, just south of tiny Carloway: an utterly gay-friendly hotel near major archaeological sites, with bar, lounge and restaurant (open Sundays). Doune Braes is ruled by the friendly, feisty Eileen MacDonald and her team of dogs – prime movers behind Sunday opening on the islands, still prayed against in certain die-hard pubs.

Refreshed, head north and you’ll soon stumble upon Dun Carloway (www.historic-scotland.gov.uk), one of the most miraculously preserved broch towers (fortified homesteads) in Scotland, whose poetically-proportioned dry-stone walls date back to around 500BC, the same age as the Parthenon in Athens, and scarcely less archaeologically important. No entry fee, no guards or gates: just chewing, knowing sheep, and stunning views across an inland bay!

Gorged on human history, head right up to the enticingly-named Butt of Lewis with its Phallic lighthouse on the Isles’ northermost tip. Witness raw Atlantic breakers crash against cliffs whose folded strata expose Lewisian Gneiss, some of the oldest rock in the world, dating back 3 billion years – almost as ancient as the very Earth!

Heading back south again, stop off for a timeless moment at low-key and only recently exposed Steinacleit Stone Circle, dating back to around 2500BC. Warmed up, pop back past Carloway – and yet further back in time – to Lewis’ undisputed man-made glory: the famous Standing Stones of Calanais, dating back beyond 3000BC – older than Stone Henge.

Harris

After the abundance of moorland on Lewis, you’ll by now be yearning southwards to Harris – “high heart of the Hebrides” – via mountains and lochs, like mini great Italian lakes. Having crossed the peaks, as you briefly bypass Tarbert onto South Harris, you suddenly encounter beach after expansive beach of fine shell-crushed sands, webbed out in snow-white arcs to your right.

A little out to sea, you see the sand-fringed island of Taransay (www.visit-taransay.com), location for BBC series Castaway 2000. Weather permitting, take a boat over! Continuing south, Scarista is as good a Harris beach as any to lay your towel. Liovsh yourself with 5-star self-catering at nearby Blue Reef Cottages (www.stay-hebrides.com), complete with Jacuzzi and sauna.

And so down to generally unlocked, beautifully proportioned, atmospherically carved, 16th Century St Clement’s Church at Rodel, on the southernmost tip of South Harris. Continue round, on the single-track road, along the haunting and heart-achingly barren rocky eastern coast of South Harris – location for film classic Space Odyssey 2001.

Follow this ring-of-a-road round to end up back at Tarbert (population 1500) – second largest settlement in the Isles after Stornoway. Settle into Harris Hotel (Tarbert, Isle of Harris; T: 01859 502154; www.harris-hotel.com): a recently renovated mid-Victorian mansion with bar and fine restaurant (open Sundays) overlooking a neat lawn and Tarbert harbour itself. Peter Pan creator J.M. Barrie stayed here in the 20’s. His signature initials – carved on the dining room windows – can still be clearly seen.

Transport:
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Only gay in the village?
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The Outer Hebrides, off the North West coast of Scotland: amongst the most isolated parts of the British Isles. 31-year-old Glenn from tiny Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis – male nursery nurse, part-time local radio host, creator of a now sadly defunct local LGBT support website and just about the only out queer in the Western Isles – shares his thoughts exclusively with ScotsGay.

“Growing up gay in a remote place, you do begin to think you’re alone – especially in my youth, because the internet hadn’t quite taken off then. The web is so important nowadays, both for accessing information and for making contacts – so you know you’re not alone. Even though we’re part of the UK – with its shift in attitudes and legal advances – you can still feel cut off over the water on these Isles.”

“The only real form of gay community that I have seen here has been through the internet, especially with websites such as Gaydar. To hook up – whether for friends, sex or to find someone special – online is the way now. I met my first boyfriend through a website. Plus, there are a few outdoor places where guys can meet in and around Stornoway [see ‘Extreme non-scene’ feature on page 16].”

“So one way or another, I know lots of other gay guys round about but only a handful of us are ‘out’. My first ex and myself are – plus a mutual friend is too, but only to close friends. This is such a tight community most guys are scared about what people will say and how quickly the gossip will spread.”

“I’ve had three proper ex’s up here, although one of them’s moved away. Of the other two, one I still talk to; and the other – well, he doesn’t talk to me. Only once – almost by accident – did several of us local gay guys meet up together; but there’s no regular organised LGBT social group up here. We may be aware of each other through our common sexual- ity, the web and hearsay, but that’s about it.”

“I’m not really interested in gay scenes per se anyway. I occasionally meet up with a friend of mine over in Glasgow and go out there, but I’m not fussed. I once snogged a guy I was seeing in The Heb club here in Stornoway. We were both very drunk and copped off on the dance floor. We were both very drunk and copped off on the dance floor. Apparently, you could see us at it on the big screen upstairs – or so I was told by one of my nursery parents I later bumped into! No problem. Not sure I’d have done it without the booze though – my boy kept mixing my drinks.”

“www.gayhebrides.co.uk’ [now defunct] started off with about three or four of us local gay guys – good intentions – but we didn’t have the time to maintain it. We never really got that much feedback but I think it provided a valuable service. When it closed down, I had to read the news out on my own local radio station! One national newspaper even ran an item suggesting we’d shut due to homophobia – untrue!”

“I’ve never had any trouble because of my sexuality. That said, I don’t shove it down any- one’s throat but if they ask me then – yeh – I tell them. I’m out to family, friends and those that ask. I’m totally out at my nursery; and more or less out at the radio sta- tion – although I’ve never dis- cussed my sexuality on air and can’t think why I would – unless some big local issue flared up, then I would.”

“It’s a highly religious community and you have to be sensitive to that. The Churches have a very big stranglehold on the way things move up here. I don’t really follow a specific faith – I’m agnostic – and tend to believe that religion rules many people’s lives and can repress them in many ways, not just their sexuality. Up here, we’re stuck in a time warp and things change – but at a snail’s pace.”

“A decade ago, the children’s play swings in the park were chained up on Sundays – not now! Pubs, restaurants and petrol stations are now opening on Sundays! My radio station still doesn’t broadcast live on a Sunday – we’ve an automated service – but we will some day.”

“Many things, including sexuality, have been repressed here for generations but people’s attitudes are gradually changing and gays are starting to feel more confident about being a little more open in public. But the transformation will happen in ‘Lewis Time’ – extreme- ly slowly.”

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Uploading a photo will only cost callers their standard network charge for sending a Picture Message (MMS) and downloading a photo is a free service for all readers who use the Maleforce service.

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- Cheaper (it was the first to be on a non premium rate number)
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Maleforce proved to be so successful that although other services have copied its features, none has been as consistently busy as Maleforce. Maleforce typically receives over a million calls a month. More callers make a better chat service, because it means you are more likely to find a man that you like.
Welcome pervs and pervesses to the spanking new ScotsGay BDSM/Fetish column – in which I shall endeavour to unmask the dark arts of a good thrashing and the places you can inflict and enjoy such things.

Okay over simplification, but it’s a start. The scene in Scotland is actually quite active. Even though it keeps a reasonably low profile. So what’s all about then, Guv? Well here is a brief overview of what it means to most people within the scene.

The acronym BDSM breaks down as follows: BD – Bondage and Discipline. Ds – Domination and submission. SM – Sadism and Masochism. As you can see there is some overlap and hence the use of this particular acronym.

Many of the specific practises in BDSM are those which, if performed in neutral or nonsexual contexts, are widely considered unpleasant, undesirable, or disadvantageous. For example, pain, physical restraint and servitude are traditionally inflict ed on persons against their will and to their detriment. In BDSM, however, these activities are engaged in with the mutual consent of the participants, and typically for mutual enjoyment.

This emphasis on informed consent and safety is also known as SSC (safe, sane and consensual), though others prefer RACK (Risk Aware Consensual Kink), which places the emphasis more on informed consent, and acknowledges the fact that all activities are potentially risky.

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The Glasgow munch is a movable feast, currently it is held upstairs in the Hogshad on North Frederick Street, in the centre of town. It takes place on the 4th Thu of the month and normally runs from 8pm until kicking out time. Your meeters and greeters are Bumhug and Black Alaric, lovely people and very welcoming. Dress code is street clothes or casual wear.

You will notice from the above example that people often use a pseudonym, mine for example is Mistress Anya.

There is also a well attended club night in Edinburgh. It is held Ryries on the corner of Dalry Road and Haymarket Terrace on the third Thu of each month, from 8pm until close. Dress code is street clothing or casual wear.

The oldest and longest running Munch in Fife is Fife and Tayside Munch in The Auld House, Whitburn, Tayport, Fife D66 9BZ. Next due to be held is Wed 4th May, it runs from 8pm until Midnight, located in the lounge bar (to the left inside front door) and can be identified by the Fife and Tayside poster which features our infamous mascot Bert. As the pub only sells pies and toasts there will be sandwiches served at “half time”. Dress code – vanilla.

WWW: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Fife_and_Tayside/
E-mail: fifeandtaysidemunch@yahoo.co.uk

Some of the club venues have previously been listed on their respective city ‘scene’ pages. However from now on they will be listed here.

So first up is an old favourite of mine, club ‘Violate’ it next takes place on Sat 7th May at the Big Joint, 1084 South Street, Scotstoun, G14 0AP. A very popular event this club welcomes a mixed crowd of all ages. Music is provided by DJ Loveless a mix of Dance and Rock.

A play area is set up in the back room and food is included in the ticket price. Doors open at 8pm, club runs until 2am, doors close at Midnight. Tickets are £10 on the door or £5 for members.

Annual membership is available on the door at £10. Discount news, you can get 10% off products from the Juju website. Don’t forget that your Violate membership card will also get you 10% off in Spyker and Cyber on Kings Street – also Meliicious, Joy 4 Us and all UK outlets of Clone Zone.

Next up is club ‘Rebound’ another popular Glasgow club. Next date is Fri 11th May. Rebound is ideal for those who like their perversions served straight with a twist. Doors open at 8pm and close at 2am, the entrance fee is £10 on the door.

Location is the Brunswick Hotel, 106-108 Brunswick Street (off Ingram Street) Glasgow (5 mins walk from George Square and Queen Street Station). Dress code is fetish and/or black.

The next is more of a fetishy, dress up and have blast kinda place. BED-LAM Goth Club where the next event is Sat 28th May. Usually takes place the last Sat of the month. The Doors open from 9pm-2am at the Gudas, Main Floor, Queen Margaret Union, Glasgow University, Hillhead, Glasgow.

Bedlam Tickets usually available from: Osiris, 487 Great Western Road, Glasgow & Missing Records, Wellington Street, Glasgow and on the door on the night or E-mail: brian@cantara.demon.co.uk or gg@nakedtruth.co.uk or bedlamcorporum@bedlamcorporum.plus.com
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Okay a word of warning, a small club in Perth, the so called ‘House of Principals’ is at the Plough Inn, Jeantfield Road, Perth. Regular monthly club on 4th Sat of the month. It is run by a clique of disaffected individuals who have worn out their welcome in Glasgow. So this venue comes with a health warning, I would not advise attending solo. They are also averse to being reviewed in person and have issued threats to myself and this magazine. But as always you pays your money and takes your choice.

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Patrick Gale has done it again, this is a superb novel, full of charm and humanity. I must admit that since reading “A Sweet Obscurity” not so long ago I’ve been chasing up the back catalogue of this inspired writer, whether it is his the biography of Arnimstead Maupin or the strangely titled “Aerodynamics of Pork”. I’ve not come across anything written by him I didn’t devour with the greatest pleasure. This book tells the story of Phil, who is an exceptionally bright child who has not known her parents and has spent all her life in a children’s home. Her life is transformed when she wins a scholarship to Tatham’s, a kind of Oxbridge university for teenagers, but this is only the start of an education as much emotional as intellectual. She falls hopelessly in love with Lucas, adored gay son of a wealthy Jewish family and, through him, is drawn into a tangle of betrayed friendship and forbidden passions that ends in tragedy of betrayed friendship and forbidden passions that ends in tragedy.

Heaven Knows I’m Miserable Now
By Andrew Collins
Published by Ebury Press
£ 10.99

If you’ve been reading this column for a while you must realise that I’ve got a penchant for reading little bits and babs in the loo. Here’s a great book for just that activity with memorable quotes such as “I’m a do-it-yourself. Usually two or three times a day.” – Thom Filicia, “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy” or “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy”. Through him, is drawn into a tangle of betrayed friendship and forbidden passions that ends in tragedy of betrayed friendship and forbidden passions that ends in tragedy. Of course, the odd double entendre is never too far away though.

I think I might be just a little old to see this book as the “Unashamed nostalgia fest” promised on the cover, but as the saying goes, never judge a book by it’s etc. pp.

May I should have made an exception with this one though, because when I read the blurb on the back I thought to myself ‘ah no, not another coming of age story’… And sure enough that it is, complete with awful poetry, moany music and wannebe political activists in the universal tale of trainee hedonism, girl trouble, wasted grants and begging letters to parents. I dare say if you grew up in the 70’s and had your teenage years in the 80’s you might like to revisit places in this book, but I had to force myself to honour the promise to myself of finishing any book I start to read.

This is a book that very much defies the established paradigm please do buy, all of whom have passed rigorous self-selection processes, and to those who notice the daily abrasions of established assumptions (just for a change, could all those who do fit the established paradigm please do all they can to make themselves known…). The collection opens with the evolution of mankind (‘Trevor the Axe Grinder’) and closes with the true cause of this paradoxical anomaly (‘Ooh, Bless Me!’): a couple of cavemen go out of their way to incite hostility by inventing caves, the wheel and the labrador dog, while Adam and Eva join the ‘more divorces than marriages’ set after carelessly propagating an entire species for which they have made no domestic provision (incidental children). Cucumber-sandwiched between these covers is a representative collection of stock-broking cows, moaning Martians, hunting-shootin’ fishin’ New Labour MPs, bread-baking Orang-utans, trot-enabled space-captains and humanist Beezelubs. ‘Just the thing for everyone’s off-white lumpy animal to identify with.’

Hunt down a copy of this book, you’ll love it…

This is a book for all you lovers of the perfect pint of Guinness. It tells the story of Evan McHugh, an Australian raised on Vegemite and his hitch around Ireland with his travelling companion Twidkiwom (the woman-he-didn’t-know-he-would-one-day-marry). You’ll meet all sorts of weird and wonderful characters on this quest like a German bag-piper (did you know that the German for bagpipe is “Dudelsack”) and an one armed windsurfer. He survives getting very drunk on Poteen, but ultimately gets told that the best Guinness gets brewed somewhere else. It’s an entertaining book, well written and definitely worth reading whether you’re planning a trip to the Emerald Isle or not.
Debra Messing has developed a vast TV fan following by playing Grace in the "Will And Grace" series for years now. That is why it is surprising she accepted the script of "THE WEDDING DATE" (12a). She is living in America and invited to the London wedding of her sister whose best man is Debra's still stunning former boyfriend. She wants to arrive with an impressive guy who is clearly mad about her and she would pass as straight and could have chosen a good looking gay friend with acting ability who would have intelligence would clearly have noticed. She will be there, her. Anyone with her looks and intelligence would clearly have chosen a good looking gay friend with acting ability who would pass as straight and could have been happy to have a free trip to London without payment.

It is quite amazing that the production team on "The Wedding Date", plus Debra, didn’t notice the incredible incoherency of the script. Otherwise it is an amusing wedding comedy. "ANDREW & JEREMY GET MARRIED" (15) is a humble British movie about two mature gay guys, a former bus driver and one time teacher, who decide on a legal agreement. It takes us through their relationship, their parties, a cruise on a luxury liner and American holidays. Nobody has made anything like this before.

"A GOOD WOMAN" (PG) is a very pleasant surprise - a version of the Oscar Wilde play "Lady Windermere’s Fan" updated to the Italian coast at Amalfi amongst the wealthy in the 1930’s. It is a joy for anyone who knows the play having Helen Hunt as Mrs Erlynne, an older woman of ill repute surrounded by youth and beauty of both sexes. The Wilde wit has been expertly featured from the lips of perfectly cast character faces and it is an engaging time trip to another world.

**Current Releases**

Every so often a phenomenon happens in films and "TARNATION" (15) is one of those. It is a documentary filmed by a boy of ten years of age on his mentally unstable mother and grandmother over almost twenty years. American audiences have been flocking to it and one wonders if it is because the boy grew up to be gay filming himself with his lovers. The most surprising hit of the year at US box offices.

"DOWNFALL" (15) covers Adolf Hitler’s last days in his 1945 Berlin basement bunker as the Russian army arrives and he decides suicide is the best way out. It is a compelling film. But nowhere does it point out the Germans who had died in years of air raids as Hitler felt they deserved it for not winning the war for him.

If tall, tanned unshaven men with developed bodies are your hobby you must see Matthew McConaughey in "SAHARA" (12a). Penelope Cruz found him so irresistible they developed a relationship away from the cameras. Some women get all the luck. They are righting wrongs against villains in the desert is all you need to know about the plot. Fancying one of the two leads here is worth the seat money.

"THE INTERPRETER" (TBC) has Nicole Kidman as a translator at the United Nations building in New York who overhears a plan to assassinate an African politician. Reporting it leaves her in danger of being murdered. Sean Penn is brought in to protect her. It is a gripping thriller made by director Sydney Pollack who knows exactly how to keep an audience in suspense.

**DVD World**

If you enjoy watching someone reap terrifying revenge on those who deserve it you are about to experience ecstasy in studying DVDs of two British movies. "I’LL SLEEP WHEN I’M DEAD" has the magnificent Clive Owen, with a beard this time, seeking out who is responsible for raping his young brother. The advantages of DVDs is you often get interviews with the makers after the feature film and the astute director, Mike Hodges, who made his name years ago with "Get Carter", talks about the production.

"DEAD MAN'S SHOES" needs a strong stomach as director Shane Meadows and leading man Paddy Considine have written a script together that is memorable for having first time actors who bring breathtaking authenticity with the two leads Paddy and Gary Stretch. Set in a quiet provincial town Paddy returns from years in the army to deal with local drug dealers who had enjoyed bullying his simple-minded younger brother. You’ve seen nothing quite like this before.

In total contrast film directors across the world have raved about the work of French director Jean Vigo who died at 29 in 1934 after making four films. Now "THE COMPLETE JEAN VIGO" is on a 2 disc collectors’ edition. This 160 minutes is a time trip to yesteryear with subtitles that will interest far more than aspiring directors who want to copy his style.

If stand up comedians are your thing you must see "RICHARD PRYOR - LIVE AND SMOKING", a black guy revered by comedians everywhere for breaking new ground in comedy that nobody had touched. He was swearing 40 years ago onstage. He didn’t need to as much of his humour is clever. It becomes desperate when he details his drug taking and womanising. When one of his wives was leaving because of it he emptied a gun of bullets into her car to stop her. He admits it all here. A brilliant performer if you can put up with his excesses.

"CIRCUIT" is a Peccadillo Pictures import about a tall, tanned and tempting policeman from a small town who leaves his uniform behind to holiday in Los Angeles. On the gay club circuit he is lavished with attention and every kind of drink. Most of the cast are walking temptations. Anyone who has considered a Hollywood safari will enjoy this to inspire them to keep saving.
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BE SPEOLT
John from Central Scotland likes soccer, club, pub, music and sports. He is in mid 20's and would like to meet a younger guy who can spoil and treat him well. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6127.

BOUNDLE DUKE
Passionate submissive guy with his own place near Dundee is looking to meet dominant guys up to 45 years old. That is also into cross-dressing, bondage, CP and poppers. "Genuine Gay only please. All calls will be returned" Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6162.

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Retired 50 year old headmaster is an experienced disciplinarian who is looking for a long-term relationship with someone 30-35 year old. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6164.

CALL PAUL
Paul is a 42 year old guy from the Edinburgh area who is into flogging and boys who like dark skin, Blks and having a good time. "Genuine is interested - will meet somewhere" Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6087.

SLAVE SLAVE
39 year old slave looking for dominant gay. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6093.

AUBREY ASHETY
Lady 20 years old, 5’7” tall, straight guy with shoulder length hair, grey/blue eyes who was from Ireland originally. He is a man from Scotland and describes himself as a quite a nocturnal person who art/craft, bees, fashion, photography, painting, tattooing, and caring for others. He is looking for similar gay for fun and games. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6098.

DUNDEE DUKE
Duke looking for a mate. Likes and works in the Dundee area. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6117.

TAKE ME AND USE ME
Andy is a 53 year old guy from Cardiff and is looking for an older gentleman, preferably in his 60’s, with a big set of nuts and a mouth who will do anything is he can. “I will be your man if you are so interested.” Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6118.

SHAFTED WANTS HARRY
Edinburgh smooth, shaved, high-collared with smooth works and is looking for a nice Pakistani or Arab guy. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6069.

GRANT YOUR WISH
Guest is a 39 year old gay and friend of mine, looking for a willing and discreet, is looking for a hairy Pakistani or Arab gay. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6067.

BEND OVER
Edinburgh headmaster 61 years has vacation needs for now especially for "naughty boys". "Drop your trousers and bend over for a sound landing" Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6065.

FELLOW NOVICE WANTED
Spike, 25 year old from the far east, 5’10”, 37” waist, likes films, eating out and the occasional drink. Looking for another mature 30’s 40’s, preferably likes and shares who are willing to experiment on our return. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5970.

BLUE COLLAR
Male, 38 years old, down to earth, migrants passive young boy 25-37, seeking a manual worker Glasgow/West of Scotland area. All calls are returned. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5918.

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLBOY
Would the schoolboy who is in Edinburgh and who replies to my ad S25 please get in touch with. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5971.

WHY NOT SINK IT AND SEE?
Any thing goes (NAME YOUR INTENT)
"I am a male in my early forties who is looking for a dominant master to be your slave. Anything goes, uniform, dressing up, you name it. I come from the Fife/ Edinburgh area. I will work it out, I will call you if you are interested". Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5610.

FORCEFUL take me
Paul from Dundee is 45 years old and is looking for someone whom is into A and O and dominant and realist. Can accommodate. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6071.

YOUR PLACE OR MINE
Gossip from Scotland is 35 years old, 5’7” tall and of a medium build. He is looking for a guy 16-50 for “no holds barred fun of your place or mine”. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6075.

UNHINDERED
Shane, 45 years old, healthy and with his own flat in Edinburgh is interested in having new righthanders. Fun with parties over 30? “Interested. Give me a call”. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6070.

BORDER BOARD
Andy is 53 years old with a medium build, no-regarded good bone hearty and quite fair all over. Lives in Hawaii, loves kissing, looking, taking 100% pure, and looking for an attractive or verses gay 35-50 years of age in touch, tall, dark and good looking, for laps of fun, friendship, and possibly a 2-1. He has a big bag of all videos and a kink/boy bed. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6077.

MOLES, LECTARDS AND DANGLY EARRINGS
I am a mid 50’s guy who is looking for someone on the south side of Glasgow. He is 5’11” tall and would like to meet younger. Likes funny and some 30’s. The guy likes cross-dressing guy who has a very attractive attitude and feel good about what they do, particularly if they want: tight, stockings, female footwear like making me more like my way, if thats your thing - get in touch. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5740.

HORNY UNCLE
Harry uncle type seeking nephew for fun, has no ties with any strings attached. He is 40 years old, 5’7” tall with a 30” waist and 40” chest. “No camps, effeminates or fatties”. Can accommodate or travel in the Glasgow area. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5318.

SUBERDONIAN
Abereen area 38 years old submissives gay seeking dominant gay 40-50. “I am looking for some bondage ideas. Age looks unimportant. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5332.

DO YOU LOOK GOOD IN UNIFORM?
Here's something to your advantage if need be”. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5330.

FITS FORTY FOLKS
I am looking for a dominant TV. I am a wild head-butt who is working in Fife and works in Edinburgh. Looking for somebody who is into fun and entertainment. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5675.

I WANT DISCIPLINE!
Mid 50’s, stocky, straight acting, Edinburgh gay with a need for some discipline in my life. I am looking for a hairy, masculine 30+ guy willing to train me by my direction. It’s up to you - that’s your call i'm me. Please Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5673.

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Mature from Dundee

Save from Dundee is his mid-20s with a slim build, 5’8” tall with blue eyes. He would like to meet as active gay for fun and friendship. Preferably mature, but age and colour would be most welcome. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 5270.
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Mary's 36, female, looking for a gentle, caring, loving, kind lady with a heart of gold and a smile to put sunshine in her world. Box SG63002.

YOU MUST EXIST! You are my dream, my mental image, my lover, my best friend. I am waiting for you and I love you. Box SG63007.

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LOOKING FOR MORE THAN A WEEKEND POTEN'TIAL GIRL☎️
24, 5’4”, brown hair, eye, in pubs, clubs, classical music (pop, Hendrix), theatrical. I am 100% interested in sex, love and friendship. Text/have a phone conversation. Box SG63015.

YOUNG AND HANDSOME

Box SG63001. Please show me to and teach me. Box SG63017.

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Genuine young guy. Box SG63014.

LOOKING FOR 50 PLUS GUYS

In baggy 40's, 7’1”, dressing for looking for boys in age range for male/male spanking bondage fun. Can travel Box SG63007.

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40’s masculine, down to earth, attractive, generous, wide, eager to meet someone with similar interests. Generous for any companions for nights out (paid) regular basis. Prefer skater type friend. I'm clean, honest, honest, honest. Please send photo. Box SG63001.

BAD BOYS NEEDING SPANNED

21 year old, 5’8”, built, dark, cool, good time, was last seen at 17 years old. I'm 37 years old, 5’10”, ready to party, need to be punished. I will give you my phone number for quick reply. Box SG63010.

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Looking for a cute, well built, nice, fit nephew for traditional CP sessions at any place my niece can accommodate. Box SG63005.

PAISLEY GUY SEAKS SOULMATE

36 year old, bi curious personal, looking to meet the right bi curious male, and need to be punished if you can. Please help me, please reply. Box SG63006.

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We are a gay male couple. Together for over 5 years and looking for friends to increase our social circle. Friendship only. Box SG63007.

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DON’T ADD TO THE MESS

Up and away

Frequency: anonymous international traveler, seeks younger gay (16-25) companions for short term personal到底 or UK. Do not use the gay scene anywhere. Much less in the world, trink and culture. Box SG63011.

GIVE ME A GOOD TIME, BOYS

Hi guys, I’m 36, slim, commuting TV looking for a guy who knows how to give a lady a good time. I’m 26, single, friendly and will full you down wrong when truly. I’m in the ringhams and can accommodate or travel. I’m 6’4” first. Mail me. Box SG63012.

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Frequency: anonymous international traveler, seeks younger gay (16-25) companions for short term personal到底 or UK. Do not use the gay scene anywhere. Much less in the world, trink and culture. Box SG63011.

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Hi guys, I’m 36, slim, commuting TV looking for a guy who knows how to give a lady a good time. I’m 26, single, friendly and will full you down wrong when truly. I’m in the ringhams and can accommodate or travel. I’m 6’4” first. Mail me. Box SG63012.

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