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Whether you’ve just picked up this copy of ScotsGay, you’ll almost certainly be in the same place as some copies of the Pride Scotia 2005 Guide - ScotsGay subscribers are having their copies posted out to them with this issue. However, if you can’t find one and have access to the Internet, you can download a copy at http://www.scotsgay.co.uk/pdf/prideguide05.pdf

But things have moved on just a little since the Pride Scotia Guide went to press.

Firstly, we can confirm that the March will assemble at Noon in East Market Street (behind Waverley Station). For some reason, that wasn’t made clear in the Guide! And secondly, we can announce that Phace Scotland will be holding their annual Pride Awards ceremony from 3pm at the Pride Scotia Health and Community Fair in eGo. These awards are given out each year to folk who have done things for the LGBT community in Scotland and are always popular.

Tickets are selling well for Ocean Pride - the massive Club Night being organised by Alan Jay down at Ocean Terminal in Leith which will feature top DJs from all the best gay pubs and clubs in Edinburgh. In addition to being available from Q Store, the Regent Bar and Habana, you can order your tickets online at http://www.ticketweb.co.uk/ (just type Ocean Pride into the Advanced Search facility) or there’s a 24 hour telesales number: 08700 600100.

The AIDS Quilt Exhibition at St George’s West Church is also all go with the quilts being shown for the first time in ten years in Scotland. A good way of keeping in touch with any further developments is by looking at the Pride website which can be found at http://www.pride-scotia.org/

We’re urgently recruiting Stewards for the March. If you would like the free T-shirt, bag of goodies and sense of being a Responsible Adult on the day, please contact our office on 0131-556 9471 or E-mail: hrc@pride-scotia.org.

If you live in the Glasgow area, you should contact our Glasgow Steward Co-ordinator Bill on 07810 825854.

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Hi there and here is this month’s round up of what is happening north of anywhere.

Pride Aberdeen 2005 is almost here – the big day is Sat 4th Jun in the Duthie Park from 12.30-7.30pm.

The fundraiser at the start of May in Bar Indigo raised over £970 towards the event and the open mic night earlier in May in Cellar 35 has also added to the funds. Thanks must go to all those who contributed. A further fund raising event was due to be held on the bank holiday weekend in Café Drummond’s (Belmont Street, Aberdeen) on Sun 29th May from 8pm. The night was due to consist of acoustic performances from some of Aberdeen’s newest, most up and coming and experienced musicians including Karl Alexander, Amy Sawyers and Gerry Jablonski.

The AbFab Gayleidh was well attended and the band did a good job of getting people up to dance and keep order. Thanks go to AbFab for organising the event and the guys at RGU for putting on a pre-event buffet. I hope that this event remains in the calendar for next year.

The Belmont Cinema (Belmont Street, Aberdeen) will be showing ‘But I’m a Cheerleader’ followed by a karaoke session in the bar afterwards. This will be on Fri 3rd Jun at 6.45pm and tickets can be purchased from the box office on Aberdeen (01224) 343536.

Wellman’s Health Studio on Justice Mill Lane will be open until midnight on the day of Pride and is offering 10% discount on entry.

The headline acts for Pride are Kelly Wilde at 3.40pm and Kym Mazelle at 6.30pm. The rest of the day will include performances from Baby Karma, Ellie Mulhern, Finniston, Babibelz Street Drummers, Potted Heid, Red Man Walking, Amy Sawers, The Little Kicks and several DJ sets including Camp is Back.

There will be a very interesting and exciting variety of companies, local traders and individuals selling their goods and services at the event. Codona’s fairground rides will be present again this year with even more attractions for your enjoyment. Bar Indigo will be providing the alcohol in the beer tent on the day and will be the place to go for the after event party which runs until 3am.

Every penny you spend at the event in some way will contribute towards funding local events, consultations and work towards Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender equality in the North East.

The Pride in Aberdeen volunteers will be visible at the event throughout the day with collection buckets and raffle tickets and many more opportunities for you to donate to the cause. If you wish to help out on the day there are still opportunities for you to volunteer.

Contact the Pride office on Aberdeen (01224) 644101 or E-mail info@prideinaberdeen.org.uk

All the details for Pride Aberdeen 2005 can be found on their website at http://www.prideinaberdeen.org.uk/

I have just received these details of a new club night in Aberdeen. If anyone ventures along please let me know how it went. A new club night was due to start on Fri 27th May beneath the Hotel Metro called Xenophon. They are trying to capture some of the atmosphere from the film ‘Party Monster’ – i.e. over the top, flamboyant, glamorous costumes, glitter, make-up etc. and the music will be very much electro based. It’s not a gay night - but then again it’s not a straight night either - it’s really just about throwing away inhibitions and having fun. I guess it won’t appeal to everybody here, but if anybody feels that Aberdeen is a bit too grey and is up for something different, then please come and check it out. The details are at http://www.xenophon.co.uk/ The night is on the last Friday of every month with half price admission for the ‘extravagantly attired’.

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Well! They say a new broom is as good as a spring clean but mine is used for flying! Criz is the name and reporting my game, amongst other things we shall not speak of here but don't you just love Burly? I'm less a 'scene queen' nor a 'club spy' more a 'secret shopper'. Yes, I know we have all said "never again I'm staying in with the cats, a DVD and a decent bottle of whatever!" Then the summer's short nights draw us out! It is my aim, however, to find a more diverse 'scene', I know it's there. I've found it before and we are varied - it's our greatest strength!

Theatre, Clubs, Centres and Pubs - if I hear it, see it or you tell me about it (that's tell not scream!) I shall type it here for all to see. So here goes. Revolver Bar: it may have changed owners but it is still as popular as ever it was. With over 40 seats, it's a wee bit like a TARDIS, it's bigger than it looks, and let's face it size is important! The staff are friendly and the 'punter' are mixed. Open earlier than most, I have never seen it empty (making it a wee bit tricky to take a pic!) - more bars like this and Glasgow LGBTs would be a happier, less separate, bunch! Sadly, they've stopped their popular Sat Quiz and 'might!', be changing it to a Tue night once a month starting in July! Every Sat afternoon that I have been in, it has been jumping - but I suppose they know what they're doing! And speaking of Quiz Nights: Killer Kitty is still going strong on Del's from 9pm on a Thu. I was told that there was bingo too! Fresh, on Fri, Lush, on Sat, and Tlady's on a Wed - all on at the Pole.

Merchant Pride still has its Sat afternoon 'Jazz' till 5.30ish and DJ Annie takes over at 9ish. Sundays are May Miller and Angelo takes over at 9ish on Sun night for the 'Sing Song' a host who has a body to die for and a rapier wit that would put both Graham Norton and Julian Clary in their respective places! And now to the thespians among us: The Tron! Monologues have never been my cup of tea, as for dresses, well at Halloween maybe, but 'Sisters, Such Devoted Sisters', had me spellbound! Russell Barr exposed the darker side of both gay and straight culture in his vivid look at the life of a drag queen in the clubs and pubs of Glasgow. David Leddy's show, again in the Tron, 'In The Shade' was a wee bit harder to define! It's about a Psychic Soul sister called La Toya Levine who has the ability to 'channel' 'divas'. Well, I said it was tricky! Dressed in a 'fat suit' David sings, dances and 'peals' his way in to your heart. A BIG part of the performance is the the layers of 'fat suit', each one revealing a different La Toya. She is 'sporty' can be 'ethnic' even 'sexxy'! Like some multi python shedding a variety of colourful skins, Leddy is able to perform 'solo'. If you’re looking for 'high camp' with a wee pinch of 'super bitch' make a date with the irrepressible David Leddy. I have had a long love affair with the Tron, like so many a lost soul craving good food, fine wine, great entertainment and of course magnificent eye candy!

The LGBT Centre is planning some barbecues! After the undoubted success of the 'Women's Nights' the 'Gay Men's Discussion Group' is planning to have some evenings of their own. Social events may well include cinema and theatre (I swear on a stack of holy books I have nothing to do with this most wonderful of ideas!) the two Joes have set the last Sat of the month from 2pm-4pm for the fun to commence. I am told that all ages and types are welcome. Details of this and coming events can be obtained for the Centre. The AGM of the Centre with annual report and year's accounts has been announced. Sun 12th Jun at 2pm - light refreshments will be served.

Well that's all that I have heard, seen, been told and had screamed at me! Until our next merry meeting, this witch must fly!

Criz
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Club Velvet’s next confirmed date will be Sat 4 June @ The usual venue which is the Complex in Leith near Guiliiano’s Italian Restaurant. I am also led to believe that the Complex has a had a cheeky wee makeover and the DJ Box is now downstairs. Velvet have also issued an apology for lack of bar staff at the venue and is assuring all you ladies it will not happen again!! Velvet normally has a two for one offer on entry for those who arrive mega early. Various drink promos run throughout the night.

A big apology (again) to Wanda Wet Thighs ... I mean Samantha Swallows as her drageoke is on EVERY THURSDAY not fortnightly as printed last month. Samantha Swallows will be on the decks also that night to ply all your requests. Catch Samantha and the rest of the gorgeous gang at HABANA – one of the official sponsors of PRIDE SCOTIA 2005. Drink promos run all day and night at Habana and rumour has it that a 3am license may be in the pipeline on a permanent basis for Edinburgh’s Premier Gay Bar.

Check out Burly Too at the Complex - the next theme will be ‘Topless and Tattoo’, so all you burly boys can head along and show off your tats. A burly bus brings all the Glasgow boys through so there is a variety of meat on offer for this “designed to be cruyse” club! A big thank you to Burly for raising £250 for Edinburgh’s Gay Men’s Health. The pic shows the presentation of the cheque. See http://www.dv8scots.co.uk/ for more info on this popular club night.

Also some important info for you Heroes fans, their new venue is the Subway Cowgate with the next night on Thu 23rd Jun. Heroes promotes an eclectic mix of music with a variety of Edinburgh’s top DJs including One Arm Bandit (Planet Out) and Voodoo Doll (Club Motherfucker- London, Disko Bloodbath).

The Street Bar seems to be busier and busier as the months fold in. The trendy mixed bar offers drink promos Mon–Fri 4-8pm. Food is served from 11am–7pm and is provided courtesy of Devil’s Kitchen. A variety of comestibles are on offer from salads to traditional fresh pub grub. The downstairs is now available for hire for birthdays etc speak to Wendy, Annie or Lou for prices and availability.

As we go to press, I hear of a new Sauna down at Portobello Roundabout called “Dé Vils”. It’s rumoured to be run by Raymond (who previously ran a sauna in Haddington Place). More in our next issue.

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Here goes with a quick glance on what is happening in Dundee this month, it may look small but it fills the gap.

At Charlie’s Bar there is the usual monthly quiz night, next one on Tue 7th Jun. There is also the disco on Friday and Saturday nights provided by DJ Ross, and all the work in the dance and pool table area is now complete – talking of the pool area hopefully the property’s owner has finally paid attention to Charlie and lain and fixed the leaky roof as well.

Out, Brooklyn’s Bar and the recently occasionally re-opened Show Bar have all the usual offers and nights happening, details on display. Diversitay switchboard will have their next ice-breaker evening on Wed 15th Jun at Braes on Perth Road. They still have to restrict the switchboard’s opening hours to Monday evening every second week, so is next available on the 30th May.

Ok that is about all that I can say about the scene in Dundee for this month, just remember that there is a wealth of other pubs/clubs in the west end of the city centre that are considered LGBT friendly and have plenty to offer, such as Braes, the DCA Centre, The Social and HET Theatrecafe.

For those who travel further afield Pride Scotia will be just down the road in Edinburgh this year, held on Sat 25th Jun. For those who are not averse to heading north Pride in Aberdeen is also this month on Sat 4th Jun.

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I'm watching lads, lugging, kissing, rolling around together; their muscular legs all-akimbo on my plasma. Mmm… Sky Sports! Shame about the fans though, knocking back the lager; farting into their vinyl sofas. It's a bit like killing crabs with Clearasil, but the Scottish Executive want to wipe out sectarianism in Scottish football. Come on! Drunken, foul-mouthed, knob-scraping, Buckie-drunk, football yobs pouring over Scottish Executive circulars on country breadth at football matches? I don't think so. A whole load of problems bubble to the surface in the same Petri dish, amongst them, drinking, drugs, violence, sexism, litter, and, dare one say it? Homophobia. Remember 'our' gay professional footballer, Justin Fashanu who was publicly referred to as "the bloody poof" by his manager? The Scottish Sun obviously finds homophobia in football very funny. "Training camp" featured a couple of cute Killie boys strolling across the pitch holding hands. SunSport was disgusted from Kinning Park. "First Aberdeen's Noel Whelan and Russell Anderson are caught in a passionate clinch… now this!" Under a pic of Noel and Russ, tongue-jousting, they quipped: "Who's a pretty Boyd, then…!" Kilmarnock comics Kris Boyd and Freddie Dindeleux make a lovely pair as they stroll hand-in-hand." Apart from chatting about French chanteuse, Mylene Farmer, I never got the impression my old neighbour, Fred ever kicked for the other side, but who knows! The Sun summoned former Celtic manager "Billy McNeill's manly verdit" on "one forgettable image that left a football nation shocked", while The Sun's Iain King dismissed it as "an isolated moment of madnes in the macho world of SPL football". The Scottish Sun's "eagle-eyed snapper went to spy on Kilmarnock… at another training camp" this time Freddie Dindeleux was gazing at Kris Boyd as they held hands and pranced around the pitch". Billy McNeill admitted: "Dressing-rooms are vicious environments yet I think in this case Dindeleux and big Boyd have been caught out in a training routine to be fair to them. However, that is not going to stop them being anathematized at Rugby Park this morning when they see this! Sauvage's picture will be pinned up in the dressing-room – with every caption you can think of beside it!" Summing-up his "manly verdict", Billy McNeill recalled a better example of footballer's behaviour to capture: "Dave got fed-up with Billy kicking him and got a fistful of jersey and was ready to shump him – now that's a true football picture for me!" The Scottish Sun's Iain King concluded: "So there you have it, conclusive proof from the nation's most famous captain that this sort of conduct just won't do. Listen to a legend, listen to a player who grew up when being a mani man meant something else entirely". I'm holding up my pink card to you lads. See, I can be funny too!"

**"CON-DOMS"**

was a chance for Scottish Sun reporter Kevin Lowry to stoke "fury at Scots prison's freebies for gay sex". The only "fury" I want to see should be aimed at those who do nothing to protect the lovers and partners of people who may have participated in risqué behaviour in prison. This was a story about The Scottish Sun placing its twisted morality before reality. "Fury erupted last night over plans to dish out free CONDOMS to prisoners. Lags will be given them on request in a bid to encourage safe sex behind bars". It's a cheap trick, but the media effortlessly orchestrate 'fury' from a small gaggle of Scottish religious fanatics and right-wing politicians. In this case, Tory Bill Aitken made the extraordinary assertion that: "The way things are going, quite a section of the population will be queuing up to get into Greensock jail!" An insider told The Sun: "This is just saying to cons. 'Come in and have a good time. Most of the cons are off their heads on drugs in here, so these condoms are seen by guards as one last little freebie for them to round off their fun…'" The Sun brushed aside qualified advice to insist: "…Politicians across the spectrum Scotland did not need the programme". They found three. The Sun's editor shrieked: "…Handouts of free condoms to prisoners can have safe gay sex? Now that really is a holiday camp option". This was "liberalism gone mad". Of course it wasn't. Nor was it "camp" or an "option". The Scottish Sun is anything but liberal but liberal, but is definitely mad and sometimes camp. But thankfully, reading it will always be an option.

Tiresome Tory/Catholic propagandist, Mrs Katie Grant boiled the kettle and rolled up her sleeves to deal with Dundeec's problem of teenage pregnancy in The Sunday Times Scotland: "Nobody shouts at a pregnant 13-year-old. Nobody wants to overload her with homework. She will elicit sympathy rather than condemnation and may even get out of carrying her schoolbag if she complains that it gives her pains. Being pregnant, in order for things to be removed that makes your life much easier". Full of answers she decided: "In the UK teenage pregnancy is not frowned upon and it is financially rewarded with the taxpayer footing out millions to pay for the young mothers and their offspring, in the form of income support, housing benefits, education and employment training and access to childcare". So if it's all about money, what is she doing opening her purse to suggest: "It may be expensive housing pregnant teenagers away from the mainstream and it may not be politically correct. But… it is mad to believe that there is ever an option!" Let's have Catholic orphanages for 'fallen girls', eh, Mrs Grant? She used this as an opportunity to trash the Dutch and their splendid ability to reduce teenage pregnancy with a quick plug for Joost van Loon's book, Deconstructing the Dutch Utopia. This sociologist tried to suggest that the Dutch don't start sex education at a younger age and neither is it more explicit than British sex education. In a nutshell, he suggests the family unit and lack of state support is responsible for the Netherlands's success. Oh, and Mrs Grant forgot to mention the publishers of the book: The Family Education Trust. How remiss! Would that be the publishers of the Family Education Trust? Oh, so it is! Be it the teen mags they read; access to erotica or discussion in school, take my word for it, the Dutch do start their education earlier and yes it is more explicit! I have to question the usefulness of Aberdeen University's 'research' into "every family planning clinic in Scotland, along with those of 161 GP practices…" feathering The Scottish Daily Mail's sensational report by the very opinionated Ian Smith on "girls as young as ten… pre-scribed the Pill". The Pill had been prescribed to over a thousand under 16s but only 35 aged 13 and only two "shocking-ly", aged 10. Given Scotland's record of sexual ignorance, am I alone in finding these numbers remarkably conservative? Much to the satisfaction of The Scottish Daily Mail, Dr James McLay, the clinical pharmacologist who led the study, was on hand to pin his own political opinions on the findings: "One of the worries that we clearly have is that there girls who are under 13 on the oral contra-ceptives should be reported to social workers because they are being subjected to rape". Whilst this might well be true since hav-
valley Tourist Board chose to tell provost and ward councillor and chairperson Alex Mosson, former Glasgow lord provost: “You know what you can do with your ‘of numerous complaints from...’

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The council ordered a site visit to be carried out. Perhaps they should invite the sauna-loving Saturday Mail, they’re only round the corner!

An “ordeal in bed”
The Daily Record described it, a “lesbian 30-minute sex attack on friend”. Apparently, “the shocked victim lay still throughout the assault because she didn’t know what to do”. Excuse me? She knew what to do about it, in fact, that the “victim” went and told a pal all about it saying she hadn’t been comfortable with what had happened before reporting it to the police. Michelle McComb, 22, from Hawick in Roxburghshire, has now been added to Michael Howard’s infamous Sex Offenders Register. Michelle normally slept on the couch when she stopped round her pal’s, but on this occasion, she went upstairs and joined “the victim” in bed. Michelle has learning difficulties and didn’t understand the concept of consent but conceded in court that her pal couldn’t have consented if she was asleep, an important point when considering the legal definition of rape. It is bad enough, with such appalling levels of guilt and shame attached to homosexual expression, that sex takes place in drunken stupors, but there are other ‘excuses’ that allow participants to emerge guilt-free from media-designated sexual encounters. One of these is simply to deny you ever gave permission in the first place. In a culture of sexual ‘victims’, have we completely lost our ability to negotiate sex? Drop the ‘excuses’ and the likes of “Katie, 19, from Liverpool”, who was, this month, shoving off her perky wee pink ‘uns in a garden centre. Real Radio has not asked me back. Well, their music is pants anyway! Where do you go for good radio in Scotland? Certainly not BBC Radio Scotland, that’s for sure! That’s so far up it’s own arse, stick a brush on the end and they could clean their own teeth!

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In The Daily Record, they reported: ‘A bus who branded a worker ‘all’ is “to no brain has been ordered to pay her more than £40,000”. Good heavens, what are ‘oons’? Fortunately, ScotsGay doesn’t act the timorous beastie over few choice words and our editor permits people to use the language they are comfortable with. It’s a pity the rest of the Scottish media wasn’t as inclusive. My colleague, Tivoli, who edits the Aberdeen section in ScotsGay, recently came up against a pathetic piece of censorship with a throwaway comment that Aberdeen Pride (on Saturday, 4 June in Duthie Park) appeared to be “coming at you faster than a pope’s election…” Aberdeen-G-Zone, an online group edited by a twat called ‘Andi’, thought ‘Tiv was insulting, stamping his trainers to insist: “I’m not going to argue or debate about it” and censored the offending passage. The Carbs are touchy! BBC Scotland’s Off The Ball, presenters Tam Cowan and Stuart Cosgrove had asked listeners what they recommended throwing at failed club managers. E-mail was read out suggesting, former Celtic boss Tommy Burns ought to be pelted with communion wafers. The Catholic Church came down on them like a ton of bricks. The Scottish Daily Mail reported: “The pair were yesterday spared an official reprimand after broadcasting watchdog Ofcom ruled the BBC had ‘addressed the matter’.”

Catholic activist Peter Kearney, director of the Catholic Media Office threatened to appeal. Of course, if it were homophobia we were complaining about, the religiost-sodden Scottish media would be up in arms over ‘political correctness gone mad’. The last time I was on radio I was given a stern warning about on-air use of the words ‘wank fodder’. I was probably referring to The Scottish Sun and the likes of “Katie, 19, from Liverpool”, who was, this month, shoving off her perky wee pink ‘uns in a garden centre. Real Radio has not asked me back. Well, their music is pants anyway! Where do you go for good radio in Scotland? Certainly not BBC Radio Scotland, that’s for sure! That’s so far up it’s own arse, stick a brush on the end and they could clean their own teeth!

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CROSSLYN NATIONAL TV/TS/TH HELPLINE

Mon 7.30-9.30pm. Phone: 0141-847 0878
WWW: http://www.croslyn.org/

CUMBRIA AND THE BORDERS GAY HELPLINE

Nightly 4-7pm. Phone: Bownesswater Lake (01768) 776244

DIVERSITY LGBT SWITCHBOARD (DUNDEE)

Mon 7-10pm. Phone: Dundee (01382) 220620 Write: PO Box 53, Dundee. 001 3YG. E-mail: contact@diversity.org.uk
WWW: http://www.diversity.org.uk/

FIVE HATE CRIME REPORTING HELPLINE

24 hours. Phone: Freephone 0800 3981475
A freephone number for people who wish to report in fear of being targeted by hate motivation. For fur- ther information about the service or becoming a trained helpline volunteer, please see our website.

HOMOPHOBIC CRIME LINE

Nightly 7-10pm. Phone: 0141-847 0647 or (0716) 469483
WWW: http://www.centralcard.police.uk/gb/

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Nightly 7-10pm. Phone: 0131-556 4049
E-mail: switchboard@sgls.co.uk WWW: http://www.sgls.co.uk/

LOTHIAN LESBIAN LINE

Mon to Thu 7-10pm. Phone: 0131-557 0751
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Nightly 7-10pm. Phone: 0141-847 0447
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If you’d like some support with talking about HIV, call PHACE Scotland on 0141 332 3838.