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But the message is timeless. AIDS is a crappy shitty disease.

The only cure is not to catch it in the first place.

LIVING WITH HIV

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Now I’m starting to get on in years and it’s been some 10 years since I was a student but even I know what goes on. And I know what can happen when it goes wrong.

Yup we’re talking about that small thing called HIV.

It’s something you don’t get taught enough about at school nowadays. Well, not in the gay sense anyway.

It’s something that affects us all and sometimes we don’t even know when it’s happening or how it’s affecting us.

Knowing someone well isn’t going to protect you against HIV. And you might think you know someone well enough after meeting them a few times. But you can’t tell if someone is free from infection just by looking at them - it doesn’t matter how nice they are! And you can’t always trust all the people all of the time, now can you?

And I should know. I’ve been positive for about 8 years.

It’s not the easiest thing to solve either. There is no cure, just a handful of pills you have to take. Twice a day.

Everyday. Taken in a certain way.

It’s not the one-pill-wonder drug that everyone thinks it is.

Everyday it’s the same routine. Sort out the pills, three of one, one of the other and I’ve got to eat when I take them otherwise it completely screws with my body. Then it’s the anti-sickness tablets to stop me throwing up. And it doesn’t stop there.

There are the vitamin tablets I need to replace what the tablets take out of my system.

And that’s when I get up. The whole routine is repeated at night as well, the whole thing all over again. And that’s just the half of it!

They make you feel like crap some days. Some days you don’t want to take them. Some days you wish it would all just go away.

Even then, there is the whole list of what you can and can’t eat or drink.

What you can and cannot do.

That even relates to alcohol. The amount of alcohol you can drink on some tablets is so minimal that it’s not worth drinking. That’s enough to put you off going out. And this means any recreational drugs too. They completely screw up the pills and can actually stop them from working.

It means you have to live to a routine. I’ve seen days when I’m at work taking my pills cos I haven’t been able to take them at home or even the shift I’m working changes things.

And I’ve seen days when work was too much to take and I’ve had to have sick days. You try explaining that one to your work!

You can’t miss them. It stops the whole process. It has to be like this.

Then there are the constant hospital checks. Every three months I’m there.

Thankfully I’m ‘undetectable’ but this doesn’t mean I can stop taking all the meds. It just means that they are working.

Then there’s everything else you might need. A simple anti-histamine for hay fever? A Lemsip? All these things have to be checked with the hospital first to make sure that they don’t do something to me. You try going to Boots and explaining the situation to the pharmacist. It doesn’t happen.

There is so much you can do to prevent this.

You’ve got to play safe when you’re out and about. If you pull - as you will, make sure you’re safe.

The bars out and about should have the usual supplies stocked up. Condoms and lube are available in most places nowadays and you should pick some up. Even if you’ve not pulled it’s worth having them at home just in case you do.

Trust me: this is not something you want.

If I could turn the clock back 8 years and realise what I was doing then I would.

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But there are enough support groups about that can help you. And you’ll soon realise who your friends are.

There is a bucket load of information on the old info-clever-bypass internet about this and I’m sure that your own student groups can help with information. That’s what the counsellors are there for.

If you need more advice speak to them, search out your local support groups, PHACE West in Glasgow, Solas or Positive Voice in Edinburgh - that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

Just remember to be safe, and if in doubt use your head - ask the person you’ve picked up. It’s not a nice thing to ask, but if you have a doubt leave it out.
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As a general rule, anything underground is good and club night Disko Bloodbath is no exception. Situated on the lower level of eGo it’s at the central of Edinburgh’s gay scene. Set up over a year and a half ago the night was an instant success and has continued to draw crowds ever since. As Edinburgh’s first alternative gay night it filled a much-needed niche in the city.

Doors open at 11pm and first to greet you is a bouncer of considerable presence, further inside the foyer there’s a place to leave your coats and bags for a small fee. Down the stairs you pay your three-pound entry fee and enter the world of Disko Bloodbath. The room is verging on small with low ceilings and dark walls but it’s cozy rather than cramped. A large glowing fish tank partially divides the room, the fish swimming lazily, oblivious to the crowds around them. Before it is a seating area facing the small well stocked bar. Good drinks prices outweigh the size of the bar.

Past the fish tank is more seating lining the side walls with the wood dance floor in the middle. A few pillars break up the dance floor, great for hiding behind if you don’t want the whole club to see you dancing. The best part is the pole complete with pole dancer (and anyone else that sees fit to try their hand at it). At the top of the room stand the DJ decks, overlooking the dance floor, white screen behind. Various DJs have played here, DJ Michelle, Daughters of Kaos (London), Sally F (Joy and Wiggle), DJ Byrd (Fur Burger and Nowhere), The Under Skirts, Terry Aka Arnie (Opium). On this particular night, the DJs were Fiona and Alan and Jemma Bloodbath. The music is a mix of rock, electro, indie, punk, metal with artists such as the Distillers, Killers, Rancid, Hole, Garbage, Placebo, Murderdolls, Peaches to name a few being played.

The crowd is a fairly evenly mixed bunch of guys and girls, bi, gay and a few straight. Some look as though they could have stepped off the pages of Bizarre Magazine but this is no bad thing. Girls go about in short skirts and see-through tops, guys walk around in skimpy t-shirts and pvc trousers. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and being a small club it’s easy to strike up a conversation with anyone, best place being in line for the toilets of course. Like most clubs it tended to get busier after Midnight though there were plenty of people on the dance floors throughout the night.

Jessica
Welcome pervs and pervesses to another instalment of my slap happy BDSM column.

Well just like last time we have a number of moves on the BDSM scene. Though it is interesting to note that it seems there is no shortage of venues willing to host munches and the like. So maybe publicans are finally waking up to the fact that as a group we are less trouble and provide more regular income than many other social groups.

Okay first up is news of The Edinburgh Munch, which has moved to the Holyrood Tavern on Holyrood Road. The old venue had decided to start charging an excessive amount to book the room, silly people you just lost a good set of customers. The Munch runs from 8pm to Midnight on the third Thu of the month. They do serve coffee but not food - and there’s Real Ale too.

Next is Scotland’s longest running munch which is held on the first Wed of the month, from 8pm at The Balcony, Ward Road, Dundee. They will be seated upstairs in the small room to the right - just follow the F&T Munch signs. Any singletons wishing a meet and greet or anyone wishing further information, E-mail: fifeandtaysidemunch@yahoo.co.uk

Onto home territory the Glasgow Munch, which is now held at the warm and welcoming Admirals Bar on Waterloo Street. It runs from 8pm until kicking out time, on the 4th Thu of the month. Your meeters and greeters are Bumhug and Simply D, lovely people and very welcoming. As you go through the main entrance, simply go down the stairs to the lower bar and look for the table with the little teddy bear sitting on it. 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. So feel free to do likewise. Now onto the clubs. ‘Rebound’, a very popular Glasgow club, has moved to The Bastille Bar formally known as Sloan’s Bar. This venue is in a prime city centre location and absolutely awesome, the entire first and second floors are taken over by the club. The original fixtures and fittings make a stunning contribution to the ambience, which resembles a decadent turn of the century party in a country house. This not to be missed.

‘Rebound’ is ideal for those who like their perversions served straight with a twist! Doors open at 7pm and close at Midnight, The entrance fee is £10 on the door. Location is 1st Floor, The Bastille Bar/Sloan’s Bar, Buchanan Lane (off Buchanan Street) Glasgow (10 mins walk from George Square and Queen Street Station). Dress code is fetish and/or black.

Now to an old favourite, club ‘Violate’ - it next takes place on Sat 5th Nov at the Big Joint, 1084 South Street, Scotstoun. A very popular event, this club welcomes a mixed crowd of all ages. Music is provide by DJ Loveless a mix of Dance and Rock. A play area is set up in the large back room and food is included in the ticket price. As an introduction to the BDSM scene this club night is ideal. Doors open at 8pm club runs until 2am - doors close at Midnight. Tickets are £10 on the door or £5 for members.

Down at the Claremont Bar, in Edinburgh, is the Fabulous Stunners. This club moved over from the now defunct ‘Duck last year, and has found an excellent home when it takes over the whole bar on the fourth Sat of the month. Your delectable hostess Maggie from Viva is supported by every fabulous person in the Central Belt. The Claremont still has the long running SMgaycots night running on the third Sat of every month, no strict dress code but leather, uniform, skin gear, rubber are all encouraged! And for those T’s who want their own night, well you can’t go wrong with Absolutely Dragulous started by two of our very own novices from the Convent of Dunn Eideann.

Just a quick note on ‘Nightshade’, please check their website for the latest situation as the venue had some issues. As far as I know these have now been resolved, but please check http://www.nightshade-club.org/

A quick mention for the rope workshop that was held at the Admiral Bar on Sun 16th Oct, due to the success of this event, further workshops are planned in the future. I will include these as soon as I am aware of the dates.

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If you have been following this column, since I took over, you may well see that I have tried to cover as much as possible as diversely as possible. So as the leaves fall, let’s just enjoy the season!

Weans in the Woods is on at the Tron Theatre from 5th Dec to the 7th Jan, to love struck wannabe child stars, Baxter Beathy and Logan Maclean meet Shirl ‘Gingery Squirrel’ and are granted a chance at stardom as the new faces of ‘Funnocks Fondant Fancies’ but is there something evil in the factory? Oscar Wilde wrote stories to read at bedtime to his children and one of the most beautiful of those was ‘The Selfish Giant’. Arches Theatre Company did ‘Little Mermaid’ last year to rave reviews and at 55 minutes you’re not going to have to suffer your sister, or in my case, brother’s ankle bitters for too long! The interactive performance uses music, song, visual effects and puppetry and runs from 8th Dec to 7th Jan. Also in the Arches from 8th Dec - 9th Jan is an exhibition of work by a young artist called ‘Onezero’. Curated by Ben Fallon, the intention of this work is to give new artists wider exposure and experience of exhibiting.

I remember a time when ‘Gay Socs’ were commonplace in most universities and colleges. ‘Gossip’ in Strathclyde Uni Union in John Street may well be unique with its Wed gay night. It’s on from 8pm and Allure is on at the Tunnel on the same night with its happy cheesy pop DJ Darren. Passionality is on Mon at the Cube with DJ Shazza Halliwell who plays a really good mix of different musical tastes. Drew Robertson the ‘soul man’ is in Merchant Pride on Sat afternoons.

Q! Gallery has a new exhibition until 9th Dec called ‘Cock Tales’. This unique comic book resource is illustrated by Scottish Cartoon Art Studio for Healthy Gay Scotland and is aimed at younger people. I know some do not consider comics as ‘ART’, and if that is the way you look at things this may not be for you. All three comics are very funny and in their own way very beautiful. If you see yourself as an ‘ARTIST’ it’s time to let your own light shine bright! Q! Gallery are looking for visual work (http://www.qgallery.org/) Tel: 0141-552 7578) and Glasgay! are looking for everything else (http://www.glasgay.com/) the quality for this year’s festival was excellent with over 17,000 people attending! So if you have a wee something for 2006, let them know. For those who still have difficult finding the gallery - if you can find St Andrews Square to give your kill a whirl you can find the Saltmarket!

Glasgow Women’s Library is hosting the Lesbian and Bi Women’s History Group every Tue 2-4pm and it’s open to everyone with a story to tell or memories to share. Our history seems to have so little importance sometimes, with so much emphasis on youth, but so much could be lost if the older members of our community remain silent! The LGBT Centre has a Police Surgery last Tue of the month at 7.30pm - I hear that this is not as well attended as it could be! Why not pop along? After all, they are there to help: may the force be with you!

Fri 2nd Dec will see the COCO CLUB open its doors with Floor One of its multi floored development, with no expense spared, a project costing just under half a million pounds. A project that joins together the talent and commitment of Scotland’s Biggest Independent Gay Night Promoters and one of Scotland’s most respected nightclub operators (TLC Glasgow and Michele Pagliocca oh and of course a little flamboyant help from one of Scotland’s Top Interior Designers John Amabile) so you can expect something radical and forward thinking!

The Vegas Showgirl inspired club will bring together high levels of customer service provided by friendly well trained staff, stylish design and an entertainments package - including top DJ’s, Regular Live PAs from top artists and the odd after show party thrown in for good measure - the likes of which Scotland’s let alone Glasgow’s gay scene has never seen before.

Details of the COCO CLUB launch weekender have just been finalised and will include LIVE entertainment from Thu through to Sun night, providing a little something for everyone, so look out for special Invitation Flyers or alternatively why not visit their website @ http://www.thecococlub.co.uk.

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

Criz
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"What has been going on on the scene this month?", I see you yawn. There's a new club night - yeah sees the Newown. The brains behind it, Maggie and Alan Joy made noticeable for club nights such as Joy, Wiggie, Mingin', and the chintzy Regent. The new night to be held at .... yeah, you guessed it, eGo, will be called UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS (Reminds me of the Won Kel, Ed.). The night debuts on Dec 3rd and admission is £6 - apparently a bargain! The night will run from 11pm-3am and probably the usual drink promos will run throughout the night. Anyway... in the main ball are two excellent resident DJs from HABANA Chris Paton and Graeme F. Chris normally DJs at the weekends and Graeme on a Mon. Teaming up these boys should have all the veteran DJs a wee bit worried - unlike others they are approachable, get the crowd going and play requests i.e. give the punters what they want, not an extended mix of some DJ’s favourite songs. They will be playing all the best dance tracks from 80’s, 90’s and 00’s. And Maggie and Alan Joy will be downstairs with all the classics and new stuff thrown in. Seems like there is something for everybody here folks so go along and give it a go!

And let’s remember that Dec 1st is World Aids Day. While all the other bars will more than likely have various things planned the Newtown were the first to announce their fundraising plans. Thu 1st Dec sees the Newown celebrating with a generous happy hour Noon-8pm where £2 from every drink bought will be donated to Waverley Care. The bar will obviously be open until the usual closing time but the generous promo which is in aid of such an excellent cause should get you in the mood to stay out for the rest of the night. Maybe even check out the other venues to see what they are up to.

A big happy Birthday to Planet Out. They celebrated in style with top act “Topping & Butch” and excellent drink promos to thank all the customers since the takeover last year. Planet offer drink promos most days during the week and will no doubt have lots going on for World Aids Day.

Edinburgh’s most popular mid week club night VIBE is still going strong and as popular as ever. Mainly popular with the youngsters who don't care about going into work hungover or are students and don’t give a fuck about lectures. This night is £2 entry with cheap drinks on vodka and VK (I think) A wide mix of cheese and dance is on offer with DJ James Longworth and occasional special guest DJs. Little sister Blaze is also still on the go offering a way to dance into the weekend on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Fri of each month. Blaze opens 11am-3pm like VIBE @ eGo. Similar drink promos run, the music is a wee bit more dancey, and entry is £5.

Not fancy any of these nights? Hop across the road to CC Blooms, Edinburgh’s ONLY OFFICIAL GAY NIGHT CLUB which is open 7 days a week with non stop party antics 7pm-3am. There is no door charge although if you intend to go along at the weekend try and get there before Midnight to avoid queuing to the downstairs dance zone. Drinks are fairly priced and DJs are on both floors throughout the majority of the week.

At Habana, drink promos run throughout the whole week and are too long to mention. DJs are on most of the nights and also check out resident drag act Samantha Swallows on selected charity nights and quiz nights. Habana is always the first to be involved in fundraising and will have major plans for World Aids Day so check out the bar for more details.

In case you are missed the exciting news that both The Regent and The Broughton Street complex that houses Sala now have free WiFi Internet access.

Cheers, Alan
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Starting off with Marcello Mega and another bit of shoddy reporting in Scotland on Sunday. He and Richard Gray had a go at a story on ‘£25k sex change for Scot at 69’. Mega wasn’t exactly stretching himself. It was a rehash of Charles Lavery’s story from The Sunday Mail (Scottish Media Monitor July 2004). Although you might never have thought so, reading Mega or Lavery’s reports, this was the story of a gullible, retired antique dealer from Buchlyvie in Stirlingshire who only felt comfortable enough to properly tackle his transgender status after his wife had died of Parkinson’s disease, I went through for most of my life.”

Mega jumped from exploring the need for the operation. The patient greeted her with hostility at recent appointments I made, it never seemed to stand it! At the last minute, the article was pulled and I was given more time to alter the decision-making in this case”.

Helen Percy, a Church of Scotland minister who worked in six rural parishes in Angus, says she was forced out of her job after having an affair with a married Kirk elder. I remember reading a report in The Scottish Daily Mail a while back explaining: “The scandalised parishioners... declared Miss Percy as a witch amid tales that she preached in her nightdress... Good old’ modern Scotland, eh?” Ms Percy wants to know why the Kirk is not taking similar action against male ministers known to have had, or were still having, extramarital relationships. Quite right, sister! Astonishingly, the employment appeal tribunal and the Court of Session in Edinburgh have both ruled they have no jurisdiction since she is employed by God! (Not! I’m not fucking making this up)! They insist she isn’t employed by the Church at all! Surely, any sane person would have considered her agreeing to work as a minister constituted a contract of employment? The Herald reported: “Lords Nicholls, Hoffman, Scott and Hope, and Baroness Hale must decide new the 1971 Church of Scotland Act, which lays down the church’s right to regulate its own affairs, interacts with EU’s 1976 equal treatment directive, which provides that men and women must be treated equally at work”. The paper also reported, Kirk lawyers have insisted that under the act, “the Kirk’s power to decide all matters of doctrine, worship, government and discipline comes from Christ alone.” I expect her legal advisers will be gathering their scrolls of parchment and New Testament, made available for free by the Church of Scotland. It seems the wheel has turned full circle. This column began life only the week of the famous Tugher Report advertising sexy lingerie. The Triumph advertising sexy lingerie. The white marble. With impending legal action on the part of the Beauty Centre, it would be interesting to know what this Council did. I’ll tell you what’s “radical”. Days after the Dunblane massacre had led to campaigns like The Daily Record’s PervertWatch. Apparently, she said, Sunday Herald readers wouldn’t understand it at the last minute, the article was pulled and I was given more time to make alterations. Yet, however many alterations I made, it never seemed to be enough, until finally, I was told my style would not translate into this newspaper and was urged to allow my story to be written, instead, by Professor Brian McNaIR, from Sussex University. The article started [2] on this Sunday describing my column as ‘radical’. I’ll tell you what’s ‘radical’. Days later in The Herald, another Professor, John Haldane, was reported having been

must then live as a woman for at least a year, taking hormones to prepare the body for the change and to demonstrate commitment. Nearly half of all patients in Scotland are forced to wait more than three months for operations on the NHS. Those needing hip and joint operations to restore their movement face waits of up to nine months between referral and treatment. But Paterson was given a sex-change operation with wait times of up to 12 years. Shona Robison demanded answers from fatuous health officials about Paterson’s case, explaining the decision-making in this case”.

For a man describing himself as ‘hot gay’, I’ve no doubt this ‘half-way house’ will be about as stimulating as popping a condom over a banana! I mentioned the employment appeal tribunal and the Court of Session in Edinburgh have both ruled they have no jurisdiction since she is employed by God! (Not! I’m not fucking making this up)! They insist she isn’t employed by the Church at all! Surely, any sane person would have considered her agreeing to work as a minister constituted a contract of employment? The Herald reported: “Lords Nicholls, Hoffman, Scott and Hope, and Baroness Hale must decide new the 1971 Church of Scotland Act, which lays down the church’s right to regulate its own affairs, interacts with EU’s 1976 equal treatment directive, which provides that men and women must be treated equally at work”. The paper also reported, Kirk lawyers have insisted that under the act, “the Kirk’s power to decide all matters of doctrine, worship, government and discipline comes from Christ alone.” I expect her legal advisers will be gathering their scrolls of parchment and New Testament, made available for free by the Church of Scotland. It seems the wheel has turned full circle. This column began life only the week of the famous Tugher Report advertising sexy lingerie. The Triumph advertising sexy lingerie. The white marble. With impending legal action on the part of the Beauty Centre, it would be interesting to know what this Council did. I’ll tell you what’s “radical”. Days after the Dunblane massacre had led to campaigns like The Daily Record’s PervertWatch. Apparently, she said, Sunday Herald readers wouldn’t understand it at the last minute, the article was pulled and I was given more time to make alterations. Yet, however many alterations I made, it never seemed to be enough, until finally, I was told my style would not translate into this newspaper and was urged to allow my story to be written, instead, by Professor Brian McNaIR, from Sussex University. The article started [2] on this Sunday describing my column as ‘radical’. I’ll tell you what’s ‘radical’. Days later in The Herald, another Professor, John Haldane, was reported having been

appear not to blink an eye at these events believe the massage adverts are too sexy for Glaswegians.” Recently, the Council also banned advertisements that had been carried on the side of cabs in London, Liverpool and Bristol by Triumph advertising sexy lingerie. The Council’s policy - which good number of weeks you would find offensive - forbids nude or semi-nude advertising. 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chosen by the Catholic Church to promote its values, (including the denial of our human rights). The Herald described him as "a leading thinker" and clearly didn’t see any point in dismissing someone to tone down his vile opinions in question the generous provision of a platform for them. He had already shared with The Herald his opinion on gay sex. "The primary function of sexual activity remains that of reproduction," McNair assured readers that constitutional consumption of indigestible material or the continuing and deliberate regurgitation of food, is a misuse of natural human capacities.” This "thinker" has been a figure of ridicule in the treatment of homosexuality in the media. McNair skipped lightly over them and insisted: ‘I for one don’t see the results of their protests in legislation…’ No? And McNair is a faithful reader of the Scottish Media Monitor? What about the real threat to me of six months imprisonment should the pending bill of 50,000 a year the efforts of charity, Fertility Care Scotland (FCS) to give ‘religious and moral education’ in schools? The FCS also funding from the Catholic Church and charges schools ‘tutor fees’ to promote its ‘pro-abstinence’ message which urges teenagers to refrain from sex. A message that has been propagated by the church for hundreds of years in Scotland and has categorically failed. Perhaps someone more qualified than Brian McNair would’ve drawn readers attention to amendments instigated by moral campaigners to some of the legislation that has already gone through parliament. But it’s too late now. I’m collecting my coat and I’m halfway out the door. The upside of all this is that I now mistrust the Scottish media so much I’ve started to think for myself! I hope you will too. We owe that much to everyone who supported the Scottish Media Monitor. From the loyal fans to the National Union of Journalists; Karen Dewar, he adds: “And there was the so-called, vain, self-obsessed bigots to keep conflict alive”. Mrs Katie Grant in The Sunday Times: "...When the pig-headed fatuities to set up even more Section 28…" No? A poor Dewar was at the sharp end of this rise, with his glasses bent, his trousers bespattered and his tie an irresistible target to Glasgow’s ever-increasing bands of rather pathetic hooligans. Not that I don’t have some sympathy for the whole media-promoted defeat of oor Wendy! Throwing muck where he could find it at Donald Dewar, he adds: "And there was the gay-in-school thing". Wha?? Muriel Gray pointing out some discrepancies in the government’s plans for reform in its education white paper in The Sunday Herald: “...Allowing religious nutcases to set up even more ‘faith’ schools with our tax money in which to ritually abuse innocent children’s minds and ensure that there will never be a new generation of irrational, vain, self-obsessed bigots to keep conflict alive’.

"As Scotland’s first First Minister, Mr Dewar was an almost unmitigated disaster. His 18 months in office were dominated by… the poisonous, wholly unnecessary row about Section 28…" John MacLeod in The Scottish Daily Mail. "Mr Dewar had little insight to character and Wendy Alexander - his most notable protégé, with vast brains, mini- nal charm and scant common sense proved the administration’s Achilles heel": John MacLeod in The Scottish Daily Mail.
Hi there and here is this month’s round up north of anywhere.

By the time you read this a couple of important events will have taken place in Aberdeen. The first was the Pride in Aberdeen AGM where they met to elect the board that will bring us next year’s event and also seek to attain charitable status for the organisation. In addition two of their current members represent the LGBT community on the Aberdeen Civic Forum. This Forum has representatives from all sections of the community at large to discuss issues that affect all the citizens in Aberdeen. By making your views known on local issues this can help to shape our community for the future. Their website can be found at http://www.prideinaberdeen.org.uk/

The second was a couple of performances of ‘Game, Set and Match written by Mark Thomson and performed by Aberdeen Cares Drama Company. This was the first performance of this play and was kindly hosted at the former Linksfield Academy on the last weekend of Nov. All donations on the night went towards World Aids Day.

Aberdeen University LGBT society has been busy with a number of events held on Thu evenings since the start of term. Robert Gordon’s University LGBT Society is currently looking to elect someone to the post of LGBT Officer. Aberdeen College is also getting in on the act with this message from Kevin who has just taken the post in the Students’ Association as the LGBT officer at the College. He is looking to start an LGBT group within the college to give students the opportunity to meet other LGBT students, help fight for their rights as LGBT students and make new friends. Also, getting out and about in Aberdeen to places like the cinema, bowling, amusements etc. If you are interested in taking part or want any further information then come along to the Students’ Association office to speak with him or come along to one of their meetings on Mon at 4.30pm.

LGBT Youth Scotland has set up a group for LGBT Young people in Aberdeen. It happens on the 1st Sat of every month, in the Phace Grampian Offices at 11 Waverley Place in Aberdeen city centre. If anyone would like to go along or to find out any information on the group then you can E-mail: abdnlgbt@hotmail.co.uk, they will then be able to give you timings and directions. For full details of all activities, see http://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/

The LGBT Sports Group had an outing to Loch Muick near Ballater for a walk round the Loch. This must be about the 6th walk we’ve had where it has stayed dry and although there was a rather chilly breeze, the walk was enjoyed by all. Look out for more events with this group next year.

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Firstly, may I wish everyone the best of the season. December is always a busy time on Dundee’s scene, mainly with people escaping their traditional office party to head into town to show any brave colleagues the other side of Dundee’s nightlife. It is an ideal time for “people watching” to see nervous straight couples holding on to each other for dear life at 10pm, to then see them in the club a couple of hours later dancing with the best of us without a care in the world.

Like the other pubs in Dundee, Charlie’s is open ‘til one throughout Dec. Charlie’s is having its Xmas quiz at the beginning of Dec, they haven’t decided on Tue the 6th or Tue the 13th as yet, so next time you’re in, ask behind the bar. Xmas Eve sees them getting in the Xmas Spirit with Ross providing the music. They will be shut during the day on Xmas Day, but you have the chance to show off the new jumper that your great-aunt knitted when they open at 6pm. New Year’s Eve again sees Ross behind the decks, as normal there should be a buffet. Speaking from experience you are guaranteed a good new year in Charlie’s, especially if it is followed by a dance in the club.

Brooklyn’s as usual has Susie doing Karaoke on a Wed, Thu and Sun. Brooklyn’s will also be open on Xmas Day night at 7pm, again with Karaoke. The Showbar I believe will be open on either the 1st or 2nd of Jan to ‘ease’ you into the New Year, so look out for posters or ask behind the bar for more details. Dundee is also getting a new bar this month as Brian has decided to open what was the Showbar (next to Brooklyn’s) into a daytime bar. The Budget Bar, will do exactly what is says on the tin and offer cheap drinks during the day. (11am-7pm), in turn Brooklyn’s will be open at 7pm instead of 5pm. Brian hasn’t set a date for this change yet, but is hoping that it will be this month sometime.

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Does Your Mother Know is having a change of venue; Ross is hoping to host it in the Piano Lounge in London (formerly ‘After Dark’ and ‘The Circus’). This hasn’t been confirmed as yet, so I will give you more details next month.

Diversitay will be holding its month icebreaker in Braes, on the 21st of Dec. So if you know someone who is coming to terms with their sexuality and wants a few drinks that don’t involve the scene bring them along. Diversitay has also set a date for the next women’s disco, it will be held on the 4th Mar so it is a date for your new 2006 diary.

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No Strings Dale

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Phone Sue

I am looking for the 62 year old guy who wants me to report to him because I am ready to bend over and take his punishment. This 34 year old hot bull can supply everything you desire. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6427.

Mature Inness

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Glasgow Master

This master is seeking an addition to his stable. Are there any guys out there who can be tied, gagged, blindfolded and used for fun? Yes - there is when your master's wants! Does pain and bondage create excitement or pleasure? If that's at all important. “I guarantee that you won’t top easily and distracted” Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6430.

Leather And Boots

Edinburgh guy, 43 years old, into leather. If you’re looking for a guy to serve a very dominant Master. Likes boots and leather. If you’re interested in a me, you won’t be disappointed. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6378.

Go West

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Traditional Flogging

Handsome, 35 year old male, or female, who is interested in taking part in a traditional flogging experience. Travel expenses and/ or expenses towards a flogging kit. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6385.

Horny Pair

Two guys in Edinburgh: one active, the other very interested in flogging for strings fun with 16-32 year old Erskine same-scene and horny at all times. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6387.

Wellies and Waders

Abberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh. Guy who lives near others in Gum and waders. Can travel. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6388.

Settle in Edinburgh

I’d like to get in touch with a good-looking gay guy. Southern European (p), slim 25-45 years old with an interest in both men and women. He stands at least 6’5” and he is still looking out for others who are into Edinburgh with short dark hair, slim, 38 year old male. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6420.

Music And Dancing

25 year old straight-acting gay meet a looking male for someone 16-24 years, “like dancing and listening to music.” Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6405.

Dundee Forty-something

I am looking for a gay man who met my last 16 years, straight acting, preferably with hairy chest. Lance a man - I will get back to you! Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6411.

David From Aberdeen

David from the Aberdeen area is 45 years old, 6’1” tall with blue eyes, clear shaven face and a 34” waist. Hobbies include walk- ing, rights in, eating vegan and reading. “I am a genuine, easy-going guy looking for a guy who is fun and friendship with a view to one to one.” Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6406.

Modest Seekers

I am a very handsome, masculine, very muscular, 30 year old guy based in Aberdeen. Seeking extremely hairy guys, preferably with little or no clothes on. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6407.

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Furkin

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Rubberful

Rubberful would like to hear from others who are into rubber and latex. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6323.

Mature Student

Mature student from Inverness is looking for someone between 40 and 50 years. “I am a genuine, easy-going guy looking for a guy who is fun, friends, and for discreet, safe fun. He is 43 year old Tayside male is looking for new friends in the area and enjoys healthy cooking, the house and car. He is a Vegetarian and many other things is important. “I guarantee that you won’t top easily and distracted” Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6430.

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Two Masters

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Slam

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Loveing Andrew

Andrew age 30-40, 5’8” tall, good looking, 42 year old, hirsute and slim. He lives in Kirkcaldy, is looking for a house and car. He is a Vegetarian and enjoys healthy eating, the arts and cultural interests, cycling and swimming and is looking for someone 18-40 years, maybe taller or shorter. He describes himself as fairly kind and gentle and would like to find the same characteristics in other people. He is like friendship or a love relationship with someone else. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6324.

Easy Going in Aberdeen

At my age, slim, built, easy going from Aberdeen seeks male 25-35 years for friendship and possibly more. Genuine response only. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6326.

Rouge Cross-dresser

43 year old male is looking for discreet, fun. He is very open minded and doesn’t judge. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6374.

Dundee Seeks Younger Male

Dundee Seeks Younger Male, 30 years old, likes welding, cycling, tennis and other sports and many other things is looking for someone younger who shares similar interests who like socialising and meeting up. Phone 09068 556612 - Number 6314.

Dundee Smoothie

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