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2006 has brought about many favourable changes in law for the lesbian and gay community. However if you check the ‘small print’ it’s clear to see that the Scottish Parliament is still as homophbic as ever and their small efforts to ‘place’ us just aren’t going to cut it.

The issue of hate crime. In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, judges have to take into account the hate motive of crimes committed on grounds of sexual orientation, transgender identity or disability when sentencing perpetrators of hate crimes. It was suggested to the Scottish Executive that this legislation should be introduced in Scots law, but in June this year the proposal was rejected outright. What sort of message does this send, not only to the victims and families of these pointless crimes, but to the perpetrators and society in general?

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Well, here we all are again. I should start with the news that Revolution is still playing. If you would like to renew one of the most successful gay bars in Glasgow - that went up against the big boys on the scene and won by filling a gap in the market that no one else saw - give them a call. I’m told that the quiz on Sat is safe, as is the Bears night on the first Fri of every month.

I have heard a rumour that XXL might be looking for premises in Glasgow. As I’m sure you are all very aware this is one of the most successful of all the club nights for ‘real men.’ The night is very like our own Burly.

Delmonica’s is still doing its quiz on a Thu night with John as well as Karaoke on Sun with John and Lee.

The LGBT Centre is offering meditation classes, some of us do need to chill, these are run by the Buddhist Centre, places are limited so give the Centre a call for more details.

The Tron has a wonderful exhibit of photography covering its history over the past years. At The Arches there is the exhibit of Janica Honey’s work Manniskor. This award-winning photographer is attempting to find the ‘real’ in her images, driven by her interest in people, she peals away the false visual culture to reveal the true image. Janica is originally from Stockholm but has lived here in Scotland for eight years. It’s well worth a look and is on till the 31st Oct. The Arches are still looking for artists. They can be from any discipline so long as the work is keeping with its innovative approach to the space, so no I don’t think the pics taken in the dunes of the Grand Canaria counts nor do the cat pictures on your mobile. I’m sure there are artists out there just waiting to be discovered. The Arches has done well with its wide spectrum of art. It does live up your coffee!

The GFT has been hosting Women on Screen each Mon with All About My Mother the 25th Sep. John Binnie will be hosting a discussion about four women in particular as Women in Film in general on the 2nd of October. If you have never seen the playwright and director that in John Binnie I strongly suggest that you attend. Mr Binnie is one of those rare things today, a humble man who has no right to be! I have seen the plays of Clyde Unity all my life and it’s talent never seems to stop taken my breath away. John was even involved in Glasgow’s first arts festival when he ran a workshop in the puppet theatre in the Westend. I must say that I do find it hard to hide my affection for someone who would never tell you himself how good he is.

Well, that’s all that I have heard, seen, been told and had screamed at me! Till our next merry meeting...
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OUT has also been taken over, DJ Dean is now Manager Dean. The first thing you notice is the brand spanking new DJ booth (every Friday and Saturday night). The DJ will vary but includes lots of alcohol will be involved!!!

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OUT also holds its very successful “come one come all” gay bar. Brooklyn's has been taken over, and boy what a change it has made. Everyone is going to step up to the challenge and dress all the way. The only question is which of the gay problem!!! They also hold an ice

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By now all you new students should be bored of the union and looking for somewhere else to go, so you're in luck, bring a towel but have a tendency to be quite 'hetero', and by now you're all probably dying for some 'girl on girl' or 'boy on boy' action. Well you're all in luck, there has been a male stripper which went down a storm. So what's new, well firstly

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August saw the extension of the Blue Moon Cafe with the opening of Deep Blue, a modern, cool, basement bar and ideal relaxation area for before and after your meal. Deep Blue, a separate venue in its own right, mirrors the Moon’s well established reputation for quality and uber-friendly service.

On offer are a variety of lagers from Carlsberg, San Miguel and Poretti (new Italian draft lager) and a wide range of bottled beers, wines and spirits from around the world.

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- gin & mixer
- bacardi & mixer
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(1am closing from November)
News from PHACE Towers - There is a new face at PHACE. Bridget Stone has been appointed as the Buddy Group Co-ordinator and will be looking after the Buddy Group, as well as services for people who are affected by HIV. If you would like more information about the group, or would like to volunteer, please phone Bridget on 0845 241 2151.

The youth group had a great outing to Dunnett Castle a couple of weeks ago, and a nice day out was had by all, despite the ‘Scotch Mist’. They were privileged to be spectators at a wedding and would like to wish the happy couple all the best in their life together. Their next meeting is Sat 16th Oct when LGBT Youth Scotland will be holding a consultation workshop, on behalf of the Scottish Executive and national government strategy for young people. This is the perfect chance for anybody aged 12 - 25 to air their views and ideas, meet other people from the Aberdeen area and enjoy ‘punch and pie’!

PHACE Scotland are due to merge with the Terrence Higgins Trust to become THT Scotland on 1st Nov. All services currently provided by PHACE out of their office in Waverley Place will continue as normal, and the merger with THT will mean that new services will be introduced as soon as possible. WATCH THIS SPACE. Free condoms and lubricants are available from the office, as well as in Cheerz and Indigo. If you would like to contact PHACE for any reason, their phone number is 0845 241 2151

North East Scotland Gay Group are back up and running on a trial basis until the end of the year. They are a group of gay men who get together for discussion/video nights and just a general catch up on the 3rd Sun of every month. To get more information on the group please contact Michael on: 07906 246123 (Wed & Fri 7-9pm) or you can E-mail: nesgg@hotmail.co.uk

There have been lots of happenings on the scene over the past month, Indigo held a School Disco night on 16th Sep which went down a treat with plenty of you guys in school uniform for the night. Rick the manager has a few other ideas up his sleeve for various theme nights etc as well as the return of the Pink Pigeon Project once a month with various themes which have previously included Cowboys & Indians!! More info next month.

Cheerz Bar continues to be very popular of an evening for a quiet drink early on in the week or a more raucous night out from Thu onwards with the quiz night, Fri Revival Night with Steve Motion and Drag and Strip shows on Sat! Cheerz are also looking for your ideas for theme and event nights, if you have an idea speak to Mark the manager or send me an E-mail and I will pass it on for you.

Wellmans was scheduled to open late Sep, hopefully by the time you are reading this they will be open in their new location just off Holburn Street near the Holburn Bar for more information please call Aberdeen (01224) 211441 and check out the website www.wellmans-health-studio.com, which should be updated once it is all up and running.

Pride In Aberdeen has given up the office space that they so lovingly decorated and are now home-less!! All enquiries for Pride In Aberdeen should be directed to Babs Greenwood at Aberdeen City Council.

That should bring you up to date with what’s going on in the region, remember if you have any news or information that you want included feel free to E-mail me using the details on this page.
With many of us suffering post-festival fatigue, Edinburgh’s pubs and clubs have risen to the challenge in offering an excellent range of activities to bring back the sparkle to our social lives.

Destination, the newest addition to the Edinburgh scene, continues to flourish, one month on from launch. Sassy Stryker will be returning to Edinburgh to host a weekly gameshow at Destination. Sassy, who made her time in Bangkok and was featured in Channel 4 doc, will host ‘Play Your Cards Right’ at Destination from 9pm every Thu. Many of you will have seen Sassy when she appeared in Planet Out mid-Aug. She dazzled the crowds with her own brand of filth, just the way we like it! Now on every Sun comes Open the Box, another night of games and prizes commencing at 7pm. Finally, Destination is bringing yet another amazing proposition to Edinburgh – a Christmas Pantol Auditions will soon be underway so if you would like the opportunity to take centre stage, pop into Destination and pass on your details and this could be the start of your 15 minutes of fame!

Habana closed on Mon 25th Sep for its long-awaited refurb. Habs is closed for 4 weeks, in which time it will be completely transformed to include a new bar, change of location of the staircase and the addition of a kitchen for the purposes of serving food.

CC Blooms, buzzing from the success of their early openings over the festival, continue to offer service from 4pm daily. And on Sun they continue to open at 3pm for a chilled out afternoon, leading into karaoke at 6pm and the dynamic Ms Cilla Slack entertaining the masses from 10pm. Drinks promotions on offer throughout the day. Cilla also tells me there’s been a change of DJs downstairs on a Fri evening – no more banging dance tracks, with DJ Roberto bringing us the best of high camp that we’ve come to expect from CC Blooms. Find out more about what’s happening at CC’s at Cilla’s website, www.cillaslack.com.

For the ladies, Club Velvet entertained us verrrry nicely last month with the Truly Truly Scrumptious dance troupe, who gave several sassy lap dances. Velvet brings us yet another night of titillation on Sat 7th Oct with Burlesquad, a group of burlesque show girls. Book me a place at the front of the queue now please! The club offers a 2-4-1 on everything at the bar between 10 and 11, but in the grand tradition of drinks promos the bar staff appear very scarce at this hour so I’d recommend getting there early to avoid disappointment!

Every pub in Edinburgh has offered us a pub quiz at one stage or another, but none do it with quite as much style as Planet Out. Every Mon, Jules brings us her Quiz Night with fab prizes and a diverse range of questions. Get your friends down, choose your team name and you’re away! The overall prize is a case of beer, but no one’s a loser cos there’s prizes at the end of each round – mostly made of chocolate which is just wonderful. There’s also a fun round, which consists of tasks like making things from plastecine, and the prize for the fun round is good ol’ hard cash!

Sala plays host to Kirsty Baird on Sat 21st Oct, who will many will know from Sun at Planet Out. Kirsty is a professional singer with a fab voice and even better wit and repertoire. You can find out more on her website at www.kirstybaird.co.uk. Sala will be holding a special Halloween event at the end of the month.

Congratulations to The Regent who have got into the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for the second year running which is quite an accomplishment. Alan seems to spend many of his free evenings in the bar with numerous pints of beer in the interests of Quality Control. The new menu (with a heavily photoshopped photo of the outside of the pub sans street furniture) are a nice touch.

I fear that Robin at the Claremont is taking up some form of physical exercise. He tells me, ‘We just jog along as we are’. He’s also running a Quiz Night on Sat 21st Oct. It’s a Movie Quiz with lots of prizes and there will be even more prizes for those of you who turn up dressed as your favourite film characters.

Taste - Edinburgh’s longest running LGBT-friendly club - is downsizing as it moves from the Liquid Room to the more intimate Cabaret Voltaire in Blair Street. Fisher & Price and Martin Valentine will play for their grand finale at the Liquid Room on Sat 21st Oct. Club loyalty is rewarded as special guests Spooky will be with Fisher & Price in the main room and Martin Valentine in the back room on Sun 8th Oct which is their first night at Cabaret Voltaire.

The Street in Picardy Place will be two years old on Sun 1st Oct. To celebrate, they’re having a party and regulars will soon be able to pick up their free invites from the bar.

Down in Dublin Street at the Twist, Ray tells me that he and Andy are trying to lure even more customers into the downstairs bar at the weekends with the offer of a Winter Warmer from 10pm - this consists of vodka and mixer or alcopop for £1.50.

If you’re looking for something stylish and civilised to impress a new conquest, you probably can’t do much better than Deep Blue – underneath the Blue Moon in Barony Street. Impressively lit with background music that is background music, this new bar is a well hidden gem. The usual drinks promotions are on offer.

Finally, a quick reminder anent the BearScots Fest which runs Fri 6th to Sun 8th Oct. Lots of events are planned for the fat hair bastards - see www.bearscots.org.uk for full details.
The lesbians, of course!

What do you love about your bar?

It was just then my alarm went off and I realised I was going to be late for work.

What's your best bar story?

We'll never forget when Sharon Stone walked in and ordered a drink. As I took it across and down to place it on the table she leant across to whisper something in my ear. It was just then my alarm went off and I realised I was going to be late for work.

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Blow out your candle and prepare for boarding as Death Disco locks horns with the reanimated corpse of Cafe Loco, the Arches first ever club night.

Justus Kohncke, Babybones, DJ Mingo-Go and the gurning drag queens of London's top alternative gay night Horse Meat Disco will be present and correct - with a smidgeon of over-the-top performance frippery from the original Loco crew.

The founder of New York's Drag King culture, Diane Torr comes to the CCA in Donald Does Dusty. For many years Diane harboured the desire to create a performance in celebration of the life of her late brother, Donald Torr, who died from AIDS in 1992. Diane and her two elder brothers, grew up in Mastrick, a new housing estate that pushed into the countryside on the outskirts of Aberdeen. Donald was always 'full of big ideas', and in 1953, at the age of five, dressed in his mother's clothes, his small boy feet sloshing about in high heels, Donald went trick or treating. This Halloween disguise was only the beginning, and Donald continued his various female impersonations, and other daring explorations throughout his childhood. Then as a young teenager, Dusty Springfield became his role model. She was the only other gay person he knew of. To his Mastrick-oriented eyes, it was Donald and Dusty. Everyone else was boringly heterosexual. There was only one solution - get out of town!

CCA
25th-28th Oct at 8pm

The comedy programme is headed by Jason Wood fresh was his latest successful Edinburgh Fringe run. Jason's My Anus Horribilis will have you in stitches.

The Stand
22nd Oct at 8.30pm

Transfusion Underground will be a real highlight. The cross dressing wild party night leads the Glasgay club programme in Oct, (along with Cafe Loco's 15th Birthday Party - see below). Transfusion Underground promises a walk on the transgender wild side. Dressing rooms and assistance will be available.

Carnival Arts Centre
21st Oct 8pm

Glasgay runs from Sat14th OCT - Sun 12 Nov.
For more information visit www.glasgay.co.uk

Glasgay! is 13 years old this year. The festival has matured into a significant annual event attracting visitors from all over the world.

Highlights of the programme in October include:

Boy Culture - a sexy, funny and sharply written gay comedy of manners. It presents us with a feasible yet fantastic gay family set-up: 'X' is an older (well he’s in his 30s) 'hooker with morals' in need of a dose of intimacy. He is secretly obsessed with his flatmate Andrew (the beautiful Darryl Stephens from last year’s Noah’s Arc), who is starting to experiment on the scene. And then there’s Joey, their young sexually voracious twink ‘son’ who completes this intriguing threesome. When ‘X’ meets an enigmatic older trick who wants him to feel the time is right before they have sex, he begins to drop his guard. And as he does, all their relationships spin out into intricate, hilarious and complex patterns. This is gay life as it is so often stereotyped, but cut through with real heart, intelligence and emotional integrity.

Boy Culture turns you on, makes you think about relationships and leaves you with a smile on your face.

GFT
18th Oct at 6.30pm

The international programme is headed by leading New York artist and cultural phenomenon Richard Move, two time winner of a Bessie, in Martha@Tramway, his loving and often satiric tribute to the legendary grande dame and mother of the contemporary dance, Martha Graham.

Tramway
20th-21st Oct at 8pm

The founder of New York's Drag King culture, Diane Torr comes to the CCA in Donald Does Dusty. For many years Diane harbourered the desire to create a performance in celebration of the life of her late brother, Donald Torr, who died from AIDS in 1992. Diane and her two elder brothers, grew up in Mastrick, a new housing estate that pushed into the countryside on the outskirts of Aberdeen. Donald was always 'full of big ideas', and in 1953, at the age of five, dressed in his mother's clothes, his small boy feet sloshing about in high heels, Donald went trick or treating. This Halloween disguise was only the beginning, and Donald continued his various female impersonations, and other daring explorations throughout his childhood. Then as a young teenager, Dusty Springfield became his role model. She was the only other gay person he knew of. To his Mastrick-oriented eyes, it was Donald and Dusty. Everyone else was boringly heterosexual. There was only one solution - get out of town!

CCA
25th-28th Oct at 8pm

The comedy programme is headed by Jason Wood fresh was his latest successful Edinburgh Fringe run. Jason's My Anus Horribilis will have you in stitches.

The Stand
22nd Oct at 8.30pm

Transfusion Underground will be a real highlight. The cross dressing wild party night leads the Glasgay club programme in Oct, (along with Cafe Loco's 15th Birthday Party - see below). Transfusion Underground promises a walk on the transgender wild side. Dressing rooms and assistance will be available.

Carnival Arts Centre
21st Oct 8pm

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**Meat you soon!**

Scottish guy looking to meet younger guy. Have a soft spot for younger. Genuine, honest. Box SG71116.

**I've lost my smile but I think I**

am a naturist, I will reply. Box SG71143.

**Wanted: Sugar Daddy**

Scottish gay looking for younger (16-21) with温柔 side of life. I enjoy toys and would like to do house work or accommodate. I like to know more get in touch. Box SG71117.

**Always up for a good time!**

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