Following the article in the last issue of ScotsGay, featuring the Glasgow LGBT Centre’s banning of the magazine, Gordon Pike, co-chair of the Centre issued the following statement:

“ScotsGay is a useful resource for the LGBT community, in terms of its listings and national coverage. Unfortunately, we are unable to continue stocking the magazine due to its adult content. The Centre is used by all sections of the community and the adult content is, by law, not deemed suitable for young people. This is not a reflection or a criticism of the general content of the magazine, simply a reflection of child protection policy and legislation. We did inform the ScotsGay staff at the beginning of 2006 that we wished to reduce the number of ScotsGay magazines delivered to the Centre as we were preparing to re-locate in new premises and were undecided as to our future plans in terms of publications available within the Centre. We have subsequently reduced the amount of magazines we received over the year. We are surprised and somewhat disappointed that Mr. Hein has responded in such a dramatic fashion. Aside from the reported telephone quote mentioned in his article, neither Mr. Hein nor any of his staff have engaged at any level with the Centre regarding this matter. If any Centre member has any view, either positive or negative on this matter, they may contact Gordon Pike (co-chair) by writing to him at: Glasgow LGBT Centre, 11 Dixon Street, Glasgow, G1 4AL.

In fact, prior to phoning Centre Manager Ruth Black for comment, I had a lengthy conversation in the Centre with one of its Directors, Alastair Smith, something of which Ruth Black was well aware. Gordon Pike manages to totally avoid the issue of the Centre’s inability (or unwillingness) to control children’s access to so-called adult content - something which other LGBT community projects seem to manage adequately whilst ensuring that ScotsGay is freely available to the adults who form the vast majority of their users.

Has the Centre never heard of a top shelf or “copies available on request”? Meanwhile, daily editions of popular “newspapers” which regularly promote homophobia and sexism are freely available to pollute the minds of all ages on the Centre’s premises.

The Centre can be contacted via the response form at: www.glgbt.org.uk/Admin/Contactboard

Let us know what YOU think. Join Jodie Fleming and Katriona Godward. The two Centre workers who have voluntarily suspended their subscriptions to ScotsGay because of its adult content.

Jodie Fleming and Katriona Godward.

To enter by Post scribble your limerick on to a postcard with your full details and send to PO Box 666, Edinburgh. EH7 5YW

The winner will receive a large painting of YOU, created by Katriona Godward.

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Many dread the arrival of Feb. Valentine’s Day falls mid-week this year, so there won’t be many Cupid inspired nights. I’m wise enough to know that it’s best not to wake up till the spring, but I shall try to tempt you all out with a few tasty treats and hints.

We start with the welcome return of BookMarc’s on Sat 2nd Feb. The boys are still going strong, and all they ask is that you respect the three code and enjoy the fare! For all those who love real men, Barwars are meeting in Revolver on Fri 9th Feb from 8pm. At the moment these are informal gatherings, but there are plans to expand the events which may include a sauna visit and charity night. The group has increased in numbers and, as always, the Revolver staff do their best to make the night special.

On Sun 28th Jan (Cocktail Monday) will be singing in Bennets, and the girls are back on top on Fri 2nd Feb with the lovely latex. The next Utter Gutter is on Sat 3rd Feb - this is a night which has really gone from strength to strength. It features a wide range of music and personality, offering a real alternative to what the scene normally serves. The Women’s Library have set up their new home and are offering a packed diary, starting with a Creative Writing Workshop which was held on Thu 25th Jan. There’s a Women’s History event on Wed 7th Feb at 7.30pm, led by Ann Donaldson who will guide you through the history of women. Tips on tours with Sandra Middleditch will meet outside the City Chambers at 6pm on Tue 13th Feb. All of these events are well organised, informative and fun.

The Arches has a new mood exhibition on until Tue 27 Feb. This is an exhibit of postcard work called GOPex Art Collective, a group established to provide an easy outlet for Scotland’s upcoming creative talent, and a source of fresh contemporary art pieces. The Arches are also showing more of their Fisters shorts on Sun 28th Jan and Sun 11th Feb. Also showing is the coming of age Schweppes No 1 after (looking for more), beautifully done film which tug at the heart strings.

Warhol has been going for a few months now, with a welcoming atmosphere and one of the few places where food is available. They have a quirky gallery space and also run a ‘Making money is art and working is business’ course. It’s the only course of its kind in the UK - if you opened a women’s market - if you opened a women’s market - if you opened a women’s market - why would we do this? I asked tired value for money, comfort and social nature of 6. The establishment have become as much a part of the Glasgow scene as any of the other venues in our life time. When you go in you are met with a smiling face they have an understanding of the lay out and guides you throughout the various areas. I must admit being struck by just how relaxed and welcoming it is there.

Last, but by no means least, The Garage. It’s open till 3am, has a major coffee bar and helpful staff.

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It’s a lean month on the Edinburgh scene throughout Jan! Withholds the promise of promos, pubs and clubs resorting to dining on provocative Spanish Christmas churros, it’s time to get back out there. As our end of Jan pay cheque arrives, we can all breathe a huge sigh of relief and get enthused with all that Feb has to offer.

Felt heralds the celebration of pagan-originated Valentine’s Day, and with it the make-up, break-up and re-evaluation of many relationships! Society has dictated that those of us lucky enough to have found our soulmate - or simply just a well-intentioned stag bud - can celebrate that union on Wed 14th Feb. So get yourself to Citi and spend your money on yet another card and maybe even a fluffy rag toy, just to show you care! Or you could book a table at Velvet’s Valentine’s Night of Decor and Dancing, put on just for the occasion. Readings are being held now for this auspicious three course feast, commencing at 7.30pm upstairs. Non-diners can join the party downstairs from 8pm, with resident DJ Random and Leatherboy on the decks. Further entertainment will be provided by Cindy the sexy Sahar Dancer, getting everyone in the mood for grinding their hips. Velvet’s usual Friday and Saturday night party is moving to Sat 3rd Feb. So get down to Marlow at 8.30pm for 2-4-1 on all drinks until 11pm.

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The bevy of Switchboard Ball will be held on Sat 17th at the Assembly Room. The theme this time is Rio Carnival, which is fabulous! Livelier than ever and the Black Rio Gold Band. The Pink Paper Readers’ Awards were announced for 2007, with Best Scots Club being awarded to CCC Blooms (No. 3) and Ego (No. 5). Best Scots pub was awarded to Haban (No. 2) and Planet Out (No. 3).

Time to stop procrastinating and put into action those New Year resolutions you made? You have the perfect opportunity on Sat 10th Feb as the LGBT Centre for Health & Wellbeing’s quiz night, 7pm at the Edinburgh Edinbane (58a and 60 Broughton Street). Houses Negociants), 45-47 Lothian Street. It’s both fascinating and informative. Wellbeing team. The evening will kick off at 7pm and will cost £2 per person. There’s a fantastic free exhibition on women’s suffrage at Holyrood. ‘If I Can’t Have, I shall Dance’, Revue and contest for the prizes will be awarded to the supporting LGBT team. The evening will kick off at 7pm and will cost £2 per person. The new and exciting antithesis to Velvet arrives this month in the form of Zena’s, the new-look, new-theme venue on Sat 10th Feb, this is a night for the boys! Velvet 10 Kemptons and Leatherback will be joined by DJs Kilk It and Ear are solo, from 9.30pm-2am. Drinks promos include 2-4-1 from 9-10pm, and although gay girls are welcome when accompanied by a male, this night is primarily for the boys.

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There’s a full food menu from Noon-9pm each day and it’s open Noon-1am. Meanwhile, the original Destination is open 7pm-1am (plus Sat-Noon on Fri and Sat). The Cabaret Show (with a minimum of two drag queens) is on Thur-Sat, Mon is a Student Night with all drinks for £2 and Thu Sue smalls Complementation Karaoke, while Topping and Butch are revamped for Fri and Sat and 3rd 3rd Sat. Gordon at Habana tells me that a new Quiz Night will be starting soon on Thu night. DJ Gears is on the decks on Thu evenings for House of Sin.

Finally, if you’re acquainted with Edinburgh, how about this job for the boys! Destination on Fri 5th Feb. For an application pack write to Chris and Mikey Dowser. Ask them for details.

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Is it the sign of a good festive period when you're still making apologies throughout Jan? If so, I had a good time! My last set of apologies go to the boozers at OUT for my drunkness on the 30th Dec (no, I couldn't wait for New Year’s Eve!). That's what happens when you go out for lunch and don’t go home. One pint too many me thinks!

So it's the romantic time of the year again with Valentine's Day just around the corner, and Dundee is celebrating! If you can’t pull this month then I think you need to seriously reason you tactics!

The Gauger is celebrating Valentine’s Day a couple of days early, with a party on Sat 10 Feb. There’s a fancy dress theme too, so a good excuse to bring out that Halloween Costume that’s only been worn once. And of course a great excuse to see all you boys dressed as ladies! Tickets are £3 with music from 8pm. There will be prizes for the best dressed so make an effort! The Gauger still have calendars available, £4 and available at the bar. All the money raised is going to a good cause. Ross will be DJ-ing on Fri and Sat nights.

Brooklyn's is celebrating on the 14th Feb with the new traditional Shag Tag. If you need Dutch courage beforehand, Brooklyn’s has free pool and drinks promotions every day between 5pm and 9pm. There’s a Karaoke on Wed, Fri and Sun, with DJs on the intervening nights including DJ Reilly on a Tue.

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Diversitay will be out on Dundee’s scene on 10th Feb with Valentine’s Day outreach (granted a few days early). This is an ideal opportunity to discover and support your local LGBT group. So if you see them out and about, go up and have a chat. But be warned, they may try and convince you to volunteer! Diversitay’s help is still running every Mon night from 7-9pm, or you can E-mail contact@diversitay.org.uk or shock out their website at www.diversitay.org.uk

A quick mention to DVR Dundee’s LGBT youth group. DVR is a youth group for young people under 25 who have issues with their sexuality, or with the sexuality of a member of their family. It’s a safe and friendly environment where you can meet other young people and discuss issues affecting the LGBT community and their families. They also have guest speakers from the police, health and voluntary sectors. For more info, E-mail Marley at marleyDVR@btconnect.com.

Abertay University LGBT Group is still going strong and meets on the 1st and 3rd Mon of each month at 7pm, in the cinema room on the 3rd floor of the Student Centre. It’s open to students from both universities and is currently planning events for upcoming months. If you’re a student, joining your LGBT society is the ideal way to make new friends and get support from like minded people.

Abertay University LGBT Group seems to have really taken off - despite being only a few months old, it’s already got over 50 members. Like its counterpart at Abertay, it’s an ideal way to make friends and have a few drinks along the way.

See you all next month!
LGBT History Month
A guide to Scotland’s events in February

For more information and updated listings go to: lgbthistory.org.uk

Below are listed events which have already been fully planned and some which need a few additional details. There are also details for some proposed events and restaurants which have committed to providing a rainbow flag at their premises, menu items, quiz nights, themed nights and more.

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Let’s be honest, at some point we have all dumped somebody in a horrific and insensitive manner, and we walk away from the debris with not a single splash of guilt but no real perspective on the repercussions of our actions.

Source: https://markcorrigan.markcorrigan.scot

It’s a fascinating dynamic that can be observed in some of our favorite TV shows. For example, in the show EastEnders, when the character Sonia is dumped by her child’s father, Denial makes you believe that you can still be loved and accepted, we have lost something sacred to us, it's a way of existence we made for ourselves whilst we have lost something to us, it's a way of existence we made for ourselves whilst we have lived beyond the bubble of dreamy optimism.

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Clear The Shelves!
The march of the militant prudes

Are Scots finally cool with sex? Last September in Edinburgh the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art managed to erect a hoarding of The Story of Sex by Magritte’s depiction of a S&M sex act. The hoarding touched on every wet, vulva-like lip (though the story was cut for reasons of taste and decency). The hoarding was hung tautly along the flesh-like stamen of each magnificent floral mokum, posed in various states of sexual arousal without a hint of a tingle. Moral conservatives ran out of the necessary steam to lay their consigns on the laps of Catholic Reporter. And there was more! Poi-faced researchers were brushed off at the National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh recently to see two flourishes of flesh (Adults only - accompanies children under 12). An anonymous, provisionally called Duncan Macintosh, embellished in The Sunday Times Scotland “Standards of nakedness in the National Portrait Gallery are perfectly tolerable. The types of imagery which people set aside to be inoffensive and in the newspapers are gaudy comparably to 20 years ago. The tide has turned.”

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Clear The Shelves!
The march of the militant prudes

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