Gregor Laird guest dj Utter Gutter

exclusive Phoenix Nights Velvet & Zeus
Dumfries & Galloway

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OK, enough already! I know you have missed me, and I know I haven’t written for a few months, but it’s certainly not because we haven’t been busy! I’ve been keeping up with the stuff that’s happening at the LGBT Centre and Dumfrisco and Galloway!

Whether it’s because of the rainbow flag flying across 4 of the county’s towns during LGBT History Month, the number of training sessions we’re running on LGBT issues, or the sheer volume of folk that are passing through the doors of our shiny new LGBT Centre, our heads are spinning with the demand for and range of our work. Oh yeah, and that’s not to mention I am moving house to a tiny new place without a shop, pub or post office and where without a doubt I’ll be the only gay in the village! Still, I can’t complain... it feels good that we’re slowly turning D&G a subtle shade of rainbow!

Last but not least, our legendary Mixed Bag Club night held highly entertaining “Time Tunnel” night for LGBT History Month in Feb, where folks came dressed as their favourite LGBT icon. Characters ranging from Joan “the Freak” Ferguson from Cell Block H (shame), Radcliffe Hall, Amanda the Great and Art were soon arraming their funky staff to misuse from the 1950's comedy, all originally produced by www.radionando.org. DJs were spinning to attract local people, and those who are sick of their own, Faye want a piece of the action, next dates are Friday 27th Apr and Fri 25th May at 8pm, at the Beckhill, St Mary’s Street, Dumfries. See you on the dancefloor!

Dumfries is now a city... but Dumfiros & Galloway are now a region.The group, made up of local LGBT people, their partners, friends and supporters, as well as individuals from relevant organisations, will meet quarterly to have regular area and issue based sub-groups. It will also be linked to the local Community Planning structures, and will aim to work together to make sure LGBT people are better included in the life of Dumfries and Galloway. The first meeting was very well attended and came up with some great ideas around how to address issues for local LGBT people. Though we’ve had a really good start to the Forum, we really need more help and more folk joining so get in touch with me - Email grace.cardozo@lgbtyouth.org.uk if you want to come along. The next meeting will be in Dumfries on Fri 27th Apr (time to be confirmed).
If you answered NO to any of these questions, you will have rights and obligations to one another.

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May in 'Priscilla Queen of Glasgow' his chance of pulling would be in! I hear enough from it's going to work. And not just in bars. It has been tried before in Glasgow. I do hope it works this time round as application forms from you can pick up membership bar. Is still a closely guarded secret, expecting the patter of tiny feet and 'If you open she will come!'

Yes, that's right. The Arta is changing its popular fish quiz format to Tue night from 7pm. It will run two 'half Quizzes' with the second half starting at 8pm, and Thu with DJ's Darren and Shawn. 

'Fish on a Bike' is designed to be cruisy. £8/£10.

'The Tunnel' is still running 'Alles' on Wed and 'Kidnapping' on Thu with DJ's Darren and Sharon. Revolver is changing its popular quiz format to Tue night from 7pm. It will run two 'half Quizzes' with the second half starting at 8pm, and everyone who enters the quiz will get entry to Boofy for £8. Boofy is hosting an Army Night on the 6th April at the Arch. 

The 'Women's Library' is supporting two films on Sat 14th April, 'The F Word' and 'Fish on a Bike', showing in the GIFT at 11:45am. And if you have ever been interested in your own family history, the 'Women's Library' is running a course starting on Thu 19th Apr from 2-4pm. This is a six-week course. Later on that evening, at 6:30pm, Jon Nimmo of 'Making Waves' will be giving an informal illustrated talk about her work followed by her most recent work 'Pak Vida'. This Glasgow-based filmmaker, artist and actress is a treasure of both enthusiasm and knowledge.

And last but not least. Utter Gutter is moving to the 'Classic Grand' on Jamaica Street (next to Sub Club) on Sat 14th Apr. They will launch Utter Gutter East Coast in Edinburgh on 30th Mar, so that Edinburgh can be given a little taste of what Glasgow has long enjoyed. Did that cross over a little bit? Well, that's all I have heard, been told and had screamed at me. Till our next meeting, this witch must once again, fly!
What a difference a year makes!!

Well folks, it’s been 12 months since I began writing the scene pages for our great city, and in this time it would appear that everything has changed. Beginnings and endings aplenty, it’s all been terribly exciting and Ace promises to be no exception!!

Firstly, the most exciting news has to be the fab new addition to our scene, which comes in the form of Trash’d - to be held at Cmm, the boat moored at the Shore in Leith. What a cool venue!! Trash’d consists of two rooms, the Tap Tish room and the Ellicot Tish room. The dog has just had a complete refurb, and the plan over the next few months is to add a third Sal/Fish room, and to have the Santeri Saik open for the summer season!! It’s just the sort of thing Edinburgh needs in upping the ante to give us a sophisticated and cool place to be. Resident DJs will be 1/18 and Slim Boy Fat, both of Planet Out! and The Street fame. There will also be regular guest DJ performances, promising to take us on a ‘great Electrifyman trip’. Trash’d launches on Sat 21st Apr, with more dates to be announced soon.

Read the centre pages for the full story on the Great Fire of Leith. As Mariners give us hope in smoke, the NuffNuk Studios24 claim yet another of our club greats - Velvet 2nd Floor. Already monthly home to Alan JOY’s long standing house phenomenon, Mingoz, the newly refurbished Studios are also providing accommodation to Utter Gutter: Yes, the Edinburgh alternative queer market that has finally been tapped into, as Utter Gutter launches at Studios24 on Fri 18th Mar. Utter Gutter has long been the place to be for any alternative queer in Glasgow, as Madame 5 and her crew serve up

‘squeak but sticky intoes into your tight little sales guaranteed’. Utter Gutter is already on prime time and, given the high standard of venues they’re likely to use, the group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sat of every month from Apr to Aug, and is the first sporting club specifically for trans people in Scotland. This pilot project aims to

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Fire @ Mariners! On Sat 3rd/Sun 4th Mar 2007 - the morning after another very busy and happy night at Velvet, there was a tragic accident.

A fire in Mariners razed the club to the ground. Fortunately for the owners of Mariners, they had just filled their diary for the next couple of years with unbeknown to the owners or smoke was rising.

The fire was caused by an electrical fault which had been sparking in the ceiling, unbeknown to the owners or the large crowd at Velvet, as the smoke was rising. Mariners have been told it was a very relaxing atmosphere with a very strong woman at the helm. Gill has an all consuming passion for all her customers, which is very much appreciated.

When Mings’ recently relocated to Studio 24 customers, promoters, staff and owners literally embraced each other with open arms, as the same owners and the same staff are still in Studio 24 as were when JOY! first opened there many years ago! Wow that is so unheard of!

So we have found you all a new home where you will be welcomed with open arms and sincerity.

Initially both Velvet & ZEUS will run on the three Spring Bank Holiday Sundays in Apr and May. Velvet will be held on The Ground Floor and ZEUS on The Top Floor, two separate club spaces with both clubs will be sharing the Mingling entrance Hall. The first of the three dates is Sun 8th Apr with the launch of The Velvet & ZEUS 3 Gay Spring Flings (all three dates are Pride Scotia fundraisers).

Studio 24 has two separate self contained club spaces, one on each floor, which can be combined into one huge club if required. There is also a large entrance hall with seating to mingle and chill-out in, chat in, and browse the stalls being provided by Rainbow Rise our very own On-line LGBT Gift Shop and Crave 2000.

Studio 24 was home to JOY! in the past and has always been very welcoming to our LGBT Community. Indeed a great number of our lovely boys and girls frequent Studio 24’s Clubs and Band Gigs on a weekly basis. It has always been the home of a diverse and fascinating mix of open-minded club night’s including Joy, Mingin’, Lite Gutter, Club Noir and now Velvet & ZEUS, to mention just a few.

Studio 24 has a very relaxed atmosphere with a real Community feel to it and does not have a history of fights or trouble - something they share with Velvet & ZEUS. We intend to keep it that way! So remember The Velvet & ZEUS Zero Tolerance Policy still applies!

The fiercely independent Studio 24 is a family owned and run business, with a very strong Velvet & ZEUS spirit. It will take more than a fire to burn out the Velvet & ZEUS spirit. We are back in action already with a superb new home... the newly refurbished and rustic beauty that is our fabulous Studio 24, on Calton Road, just yards from the heart of our Pink Triangle.!
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