

Clubbing at Luvely's

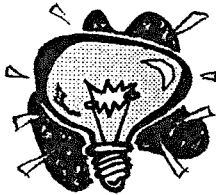
A clubbing trip to Luvely's in Edinburgh was made on Saturday, April 17th. Richard P. was the star driver of the minivan that took six other society members to Wilkie House for a night of dance and fun. Short visits were paid to CC Blooms (where it was discovered that the top floor was closed for renovation) and to the packed Planet Out (ex-Route 66). Luvely's itself was thronged (80% straight) and most members had a blast. The night was freezing but Richard brought all the queers home in one piece! Thanks Richard: you're our HERO!

EVENTS

...UP AND COMING...

Yes, there is an end of the year celebration!!!...so everyone get excited. The plan is for the society to go to a ceilidh that is **GAY!** Hurray! Transport is being arranged: the idea is that we will all get the mini-bus up to Aberdeen (whose LGBT are hosting the event). Get ready for a fab night of dancing! E-mails with further details have been sent. It'll be great! This is scheduled for next **Saturday: May 8th**.

How many Gay Activists
does it
take to
change a
lightbulb?



*None: The lightbulb
shouldn't have to change
to be accepted by society.*

The Gay Saint

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Rampant Sex!!!!

Now that I have your attention....here are the results of the AGM that took place on Monday, April 19th. **Mike Bonello** was elected as Gay Soc's new President. Mike (objectively) is a great guy and has been an active member of the society this past year...from submitting a variety of funky articles to playing a key role in the Bank of Scotland protests. He says that there are "a lot of things to do if we want" and is open to ideas from members and supports the formation of a sense of community among gay, bi and trans people in St. Andrews. "If we don't stand together we're f**cked". Mike is looking forward to getting something together for students to be able to attend Pride in Edinburgh this summer and wants to raise even more money than last year on World Aids Day. He sees our primary purpose as "**helping people who are coming out to see the positives of being gay. It is an amazing thing and we should make the most of it.**" Our new Vice President of Welfare is **Calum Parker** (a.k.a. Clum). He's a great friendly guy who is excited about his new job so if anyone wants to go talk to him (or ask for safe-sex tools) they shouldn't be shy!!! Go for it! (He also felt the need to state that he is "50% lesbian" so the gals shouldn't be put off by his masculine bod! ☺). **Steven Reid** was elected Vice President of Events and says that he has plans for "many party nights to cram into what's left of this year, so watch your e-mail for upcoming events, including a gay ball in that illustrious home town of mine, Aberdeen!" Also "if there are any events y'all want planned, then don't be shy, TELL ME!" and so you should! The more fun we have this upcoming year, the better! Sounds like parties will be inevitable as we have elected a club animal to organize it all: Hurray! **Joe Murray** was elected as the new CPO (campaigns and publicity officer)...did I hear someone say "what publicity?" (Not Noreen's fault!) Fear not! The fabulous website that the illustrious Noreen set up is going to be maintained by Joe (who is learning from her!) There will also be a real poster campaign next year with posters that people get to see. Joe hopes to revamp Gay Soc a bit and add a little bit o' style to the old society image. He also wants to try and spark up interest in political activism. **Esther Wheeler** was re-elected as Treasurer and will no doubt continue doing the fabulous job she did last term. Plus her regularly changing kaleidoscopic 'doo will keep the committee awake in meetings. She plans to keep all money grubbers away from the society's account and perhaps get us a couple of discretionary grants for some hot pom?! (Come on, Esther.... pleeease!). And, finally, yours truly; my name is **Eli Grant** and I'm an... (>>Hello Eli!<<)...secretary now that y'all have elected me. I will do my best to get out regular newsletters: please submit (and you may be rewarded! *wink*). We're starting a problems page...so write!

One
 kiss illuminates the way
 and
 you now see how
 dark
 life was before
 But
 if this kiss is only
 imagined
 are you creating light
 for
 the purpose of seeing
 or
 to hide the darkness from your soul?
 A lifetime is going by
 while
 you are waiting for that kiss
 if
 it never comes
 are
 you in the dark forever?
 Let
 your mind run free
 to collect that kiss
 or
 replace it with the ideal
 Artificial light can be as
 efficient
 as daylight, but
 lightening
 only strikes once
 Just pray it hits you
 or
 life will be forever dark.

Just One Kiss

Emma Donoghue

Dr. Emma Donoghue visited St. Andrews on Wednesday, March 3rd. She gave two presentations: one in the afternoon entitled "Digging up Queer History" and in the evening she read some of the short stories in her collection. Dr. Donoghue is a respected queer writer and historian who lives in Canada (though she is Irish by birth) with her partner. Both events were enjoyed by those who attended; they ended with open floor discussions where everyone got to ask questions. We are all hoping that Dr. Donoghue will come visit again next year. A letter was written to her asking her to be our honorary president and she accepted very kindly. Her stories can be found in the University Library: worthwhile reads!

WELFARE VIDEOS!

The Gay Man's Guide For Safer Sex

According to the Sunday Telegraph "The video shows how to play it safe but sexy" Beyond that...?! See for yourself!

Getting It Right: Safer Sex For Young Gay Men

Described as "an excuse for porn" by a member, this video shows erections (!!!). as it is (supposedly) educational. It has patronizingly basic instructions i.e. "use a condom". Though you might not learn anything you didn't already know, you may well be entertained (unless you hate porn or something).

Like it Is

...is fictional. Ha! According to the Times it's a "Pleasurable, refreshing and unpretentious gay British love story". That view is supported by those who've seen it. It's got a good script, uses a couple of poof stereotypes, isn't too long and has a few HOT men and a bit of violence thrown in to get your heart rate up.

The A-Z of Lesbian Love

Said to be an educational yet explicit (batteries included?) guide to lesbian sex and lovemaking. Tends to border on "lesbian for straight men" porn.

It's in the Water

...and "the homos are on the loose!" This is a cool little movie about (rich) small town Texas...and how contagious homosexuality can be. Worth watching for sure, it is sweet as well as funny. Lighthearted and enjoyable, with bits about gay men and lesbians.

WELFARE BOOKS!

The Penguin Book of Gay/Lesbian Short Stories

A Great book! Excellent stories, some by well known authors from D.H. Lawrence and Graham Greene to Virginia Woolf and Gertrude Stein. And our honorary President, Emma Donoghue, is in there too!

Gay Sex: A Manual for Men who love Men

You guessed it! This is a factual book! Well illustrated, it also has listed websites related to each section. There is also a bit in it about Animal Noises, in case any of you were wondering. Humorous and informal, it's a fun read. But don't get a complex because your willy doesn't look like the elephantine monsters pictured; those drawings are hugely out of proportion. Remember guys: medium to small is okay anyway! Good book to learn about fisting, too.

If you want to borrow any of the above, Calum, our VPW is in charge. You can e-mail him privately at cdp1 or through the lgboc e-mail account. He also has safe sex tools (condoms, flavored and extra-strong, lube, rubber gloves and lolly's). Confidentiality is guaranteed and you don't need to be shy!!! Use our resources!

Special Recipe For Bread

Mike

Ingredients:

Golf-ball amount of yeast

2/3 cup of warm water

1 1/2 tablespoons of oil

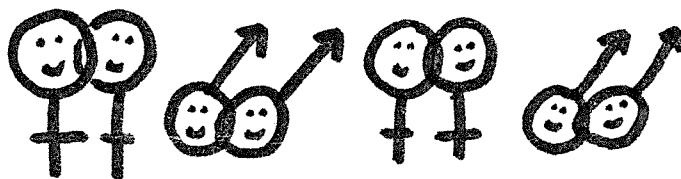
1 tablespoon of salt

Seeds (sesame, poppy, pumpkin, hemp, random seed etc)



Method:

1) Dissolve the yeast in the water and leave it for 1/2 an hour. 2) Add the seeds to the mixture and add enough water and flour to form a stiff batter. Leave for 1/2 an hour. 3) Add the oil and salt, mix thoroughly and add enough flour so that the mixture holds together. 4) Turn out onto a floured surface and knead for ten to fifteen minutes. Knead with the bottom of the hand, pushing air out of the bread. It is essential to keep your head full of positive thoughts whilst kneading. 5) Leave for one hour or until the mixture has doubled in size. 6) Knead again for a few minutes then cut the bread in half. Knead each loaf. 7) Put the bread in the oven and gradually increase the temperature over a period of c. forty-five minutes till it is turned on full. 8) Leave the bread in on full for ten to fifteen minutes. 9) When the bread is cooked the bottom will ring hollow when tapped. Turn the loaves out onto a wired tray. It should not be eaten until it has cooled or you will get tummy ache!



PIERRE

Part II

His beer shook in its very glass as he suppressed a moan. All the people around us disappeared as in a dream; we were caught in the romance of the moment. I tore myself away; he turned, a protest on his lips. His eyes were half shut as he murmured "Come back!" I shook my head and smiled. His breath caught but he stayed where he was. I slowly sauntered to the exit. As I opened the door, I saw him rise to follow. I waited in a dark alley outside. I could hear his heels clicking, his footsteps nearing. Then suddenly he was there, pressed against me once more, his breath urgent on my neck. He fell upon me passionately, breathlessly. I swooned into his waiting arms. And we began to strip. His skin was soft, sliding against me, warm and sweet. I slowly peeled back his black silk shirt. His belt and mine opened simultaneously, the sound of metal upon metal loud against the silent night. He was my stallion; I was his rider.

Lipstick

REVOLUTION

by Emma

I love lipstick. I never leave home without my Chanel No 57, or my Dior No 31. I guess you could describe me as a 'lipstick lesbian', but not if you valued your ability to walk.

The term 'lipstick lesbian' developed about the same time as Anna Friel came out on 'Brookside'. It was great, I was there with the rest of the lesbian population glued to the TV. Unfortunately, the media used the whole thing as an excuse to label every lesbian who wasn't a stereotypical butch as a 'lipstick lesbian'. It's a patronising term that makes my lips curl, used to imply an *acceptable* kind of dykeness that needn't be taken seriously and is sneered at by the gay community and condescended to by the straight community. It conjures up images of a cheerleader-type who fools about with her girlfriends in the hope of attracting more attention. Ok. Fine, cheerleader tottie may exist (Wahey!). But personally, my lipstick is as much a part of my lesbian identity as your combats are a part of yours. I may have 4-inch heels, a Chanel compact and a pair of eyelash curlers, but that doesn't mean I'm not a real carpet-muncher. I'm as gay as gay can be, baby. Right through from my Blue Ice to my Rouge Noir. And I can teach you a thing or two about pool.

For me, a lipstick lesbian isn't a helpless tottering fem waving her handbag and unable to open a door for herself. A lipstick lesbian knows her Hard Candy from her Cotton Candy, just like she knows her spark plugs from her camshaft. Wearing lipstick is about having the confidence to be who you want to be. (And any dyke worth her membership knows that you get bonus points in dyke-heaven for colour coordination.) Lipstick can be a great way of letting everyone know that your girlfriend is *your girlfriend*, and flipping open that compact to re-apply can grasp a moment of calm in the midst of chaos (and *really* irritate everyone else). Applying lipstick is a sensual experience, watch any woman do it, and I'm sure you'll agree. Germain Greer once said that lipstick poisons the brain. I wear just enough to get me slightly pickled.

I wear lipstick because I want to. It's not about being a stereotypical femme. It's about being who I am. In my world lipstick equals freedom, baby, yeah!



Stop Wanking



(With the Help of the Mormon Church)

Be assured that you can be cured of your difficulty. You can be if you are determined. That is where we begin. You *must* decide that you will end this practice: and when you make that decision, the problem will be greatly reduced at once. Here are a few simple guidelines to help you:

1. Never touch the intimate parts of your body except during normal toilet processes.
2. Avoid being alone as much as possible. Find good company and stay in this good company.
3. If you are associated with people who share this same problem you *must break off their friendship*. You must keep away from people of that kind. Just to be in their presence will keep your problem foremost in your mind. Your mind should be kept on wholesome things.
4. When you bathe, do not admire yourself in the mirror. Never stay in the bath more than five or six minutes—just long enough to bathe, dry and dress.
5. Arise immediately in the mornings. Do not lie in bed awake, no matter what time of the day it is.
6. Keep your bladder empty.
7. Wear pajamas that are difficult to open yet loose and not binding.
9. A physical object might be helpful: A bible held firmly in hand, even in bed at night, has proven helpful in extreme cases.
10. Satan never gives up; pray fervently and out loud when the temptations are strongest.
11. When the temptation is overwhelming yell "STOP!" to those thoughts as loudly as you can and then recite a pre-chosen scripture or sing an inspirational hymn. Turn your thoughts away from the selfish need to indulge.
12. Force yourself to be with others and learn to enjoy talking with them. Use principles of developing friendships found in books such as *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie.

Stop Scratching

(Without the Help of the Mormon Church)

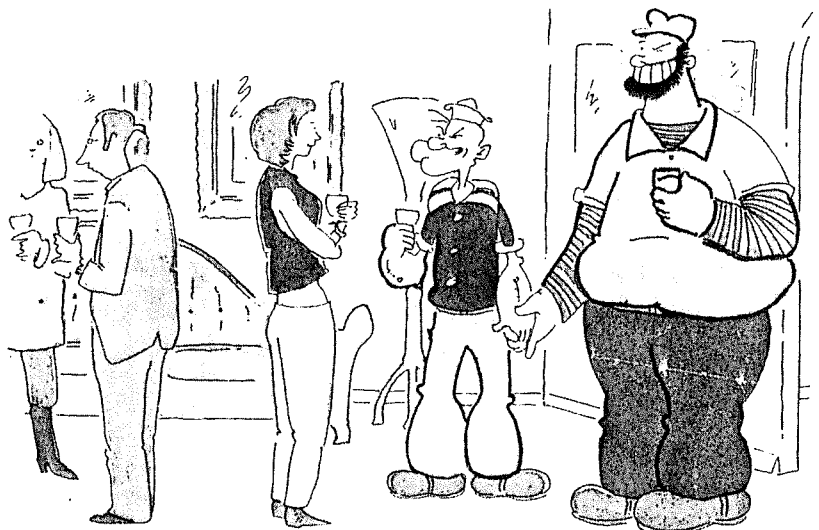
AN ORGANIC CURE FOR:

Crabs

Wherever the crabs are: shave that area totally so that they have no where to lay their eggs. They never give up, so be thorough! All exposed clothing and bedding should be washed and dried on a hot cycle to avoid reinfection. Items that would be ruined by laundering should be tightly sealed in plastic bags for 15 days. You may want to add lavender oil to the wash cycle in order to be sure all the eggs are killed.

Scabies

Powdered sulphur (sometimes sold as 'flowers of sulphur' or 'subliminal sulphur') should be mixed with oil (cooking oil will do) to make a thick paste. The paste should be thick enough to apply to skin. Coat your entire body from the chin down. Get it in every crack and crevice! Leave it on overnight. Sleep in fresh bedding and clothing. Wear clothes to bed to avoid the possibility of oil reaching the mattress. When this bedding and clothing are laundered use *lots* of detergent and wash it all twice. As with crabs, all exposed clothing and bedding should be washed and dried on the hot cycles with lavender oil.



Shannah

"Finally, *we* realized where all that anger was coming from."

The Queer Evangelical

Life in St. Andrews can be difficult enough for the average student, I mean with all the choice of who do I meet for coffee today? Where am I going to have lunch? And, well, where shall I not go clubbing? We have this interspersed with moments of normality (sleep), moments of complete insanity (essay crisis) and then the odd get-away-from-it-all (home for the holiday). However, for most of us life is a little bit 'different'...after all, perish the thought that any of us would happen to fancy someone of the same sex! Oh dear. Well, that adds a little bit of spice to our lives, which, to quote Stuart from *Queer as Folk* are "so f**cking huge!" You may well guess who this is by now.

Some, though, have a more 'different' time than others. Not that I wish to mark myself as having a *really* difficult time...but, as an Evangelical Christian, being Gay does mean I hit a few brick walls now and again. Believing in the inspired Word of God and evangelising mean that both sides of the 'divide' can tend to view me with suspicion, if not, at times, a little contempt.

Thus, one is forced to ask how is it then that I can consider myself both Gay and Evangelical—I wish I had the answer to that one. All that I can say is that I am what I am, and I believe what I believe. There is, to my mind, no deep psychological or philosophical position one can take—it's that simple.

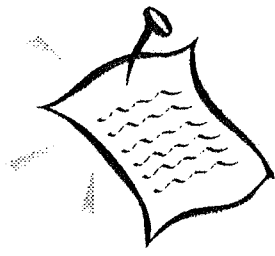
The realisation of my sexuality and my faith came at about the same time, and as one grew and developed so did the other. It has been a difficult path, but I doubt that any of us have an easy life, and in some ways mine *has* been an easy one: My parents are relatively liberal (though they don't 'know'), I was brought up in a Middle Class environment and went to a good public/state school. I have found acceptance of my sexuality from my Christian friends and understanding of my faith from my gay friends.

Though it isn't always so, my regular practice of wearing a cross has more than once brought me into conflict with a 'sister' or two. These two facets, Gay and Evangelical, have been reconciled in my life and I have not lost the integrity of either. In fact, each educates the other. Though many would, in a post-modernist identity/idea split, push my Faith into a private realm and my Sexuality into a Public Truth, I would probably view it the other way: They exist as a mixture of public and private, ancient and modern, liberal and conservative. My being Christian guides how I treat people and means that I apologize a lot (even when it is not necessarily my fault but my responsibility) and being gay affects my view of the Bible, the Church in general and the way in which I interact with other people. I have a dual culture of "Two Worlds".

It has been a challenge, and as my Lord and Saviour tells me, it will remain so. Life is not easy, some of us develop a deity of one person, others of the land, I believe in the God of Christianity, happen to fancy men, and am generally contented with that position. To modify a motto: I'm here, I'm a queer Christian and I'm here to stay!"

Yours with Love,

The Lady Bracknell



This is a brief note for everyone who helped me get this newsletter out. I especially want to thank my girlfriend (not just for being an awesome gf...), Emma. Most of the stuff in this newsletter came from the articles she compiled while she was secretary...she also wrote a lot of stuff...She helped me do most of it...☺ And most of it was her idea too!

Also, thank you to everyone who submitted! Submissions are rather important if we want these things getting out regularly next year. Anyone can submit...you can e-mail to: Lgbtsoc. You could also, alternatively, drop off pieces under the "L" pigeonhole at the Union. Or just bring them along on a Monday night. Just as long as I get them! I hope no one gets offended by anything in here; the key is to just not take it too seriously. Also thanks to the committee for giving me "blurbs" for the 'Rampant Sex' section. And finally....in the next newsletter (which will come out in September) we are hoping to start a Problems Page. So write in with your problems...*Also*: the last newsletter thanked Mike for his help with World Aids Day. There was a mix up: We would like to thank *everyone else* who helped too!!!