

#### **BELFAST PRIDE 2008**

The streets were alive with the sound of pride on August 2nd for the 14th annual gay pride march in Belfast City.

Over 7000 people walked the parade of colour around the city centre thats not including the floats from all over the North of Ireland making Belfast pride the biggest in Irish Pride history and Wexford was represented in it by Eagle Committee members Eamonn and Karen who flew the rainbow flags for Wexford with style.

The top class party in the square hosted by Belfasts own Sahira Du Phrox with a little help from a Hollyoaks star, the acts on the day included some former acts from the X-Facter and Britains Got Talant as well as the Free Masions and it goes without saying every drag act in the north. The night was filled with entertainment too as one party stopped



## "If I hadn't been a woman, I'd of been a drag queen" – Dolly Parton

in the square another began on Union Street with an open air concert featuring some more of the same acts.

After the acts had finished everyone rambled into the Union Bar, Kremlin and Mynt which all were filled to bursting point. We rambled out till about six and the party was still in full swing, the talk of this years gay pride belfast was the homophobic remarks made by MP Iris Robinson . but despite her comments or maybe because of them I can honestly say everyone had a ball.

#### **OAKWOOD TRIP**

EAGLE ARE GOING TO OAKWOOD ON SEPT 14TH. ANYONE STILL INTERESTED IN GOING, BOOK ONLINE AT <u>WWW.STENALINE.IE</u>. GROUP WILL BE MEETING AT 7AM AT ROSSLARE EUROPORT ON THE 14TH

#### Charity Drag Night in Ballygarrett!

Yes folks you did read it correct. A charity Drag night will be held in the Macamore Inn, Ballygarrett on Friday 5th September 2008 @ 9pm.

The night is being organised by Helen Byrne who is heading to Zambia to spend time working in an Orphanage. Taking part is on other than current E.A.G.L.E Chairperson, Barry Devereux.

If you fancy supporting Barry and seeing some strapping GAA boys mime their way through Grease, Cher, the Cheeky Girls & many more poptastic hits come along on the night for lots of fun.

Tickets available at the door. All monies are going to a very worthwhile cause.

## EAGLE ATHLONE AND PINK KILKENNY

The Equality Alliance of Gays & Lesbians in Eire (E.A.G.L.E) are proud to announce their impending expansion, and the launch of two new gay community groups in Athlone & Kilkenny in the coming weeks. Both groups will be working independently at a grass roots level to organise and provide the same social, outreach & promotional services currently on offer in Wexford. They will be coordinated and supported by E.A.G.L.E Wexford, an established LGBT community group.

E.A.G.L.E Wexford were approached a number of months from a group in Athlone about setting up a similar organisation in the town. Pink Kilkenny is the brainchild of current E.A.G.L.E Wexford chairperson Barry Devereux. Barry currently works and lives part-time in Kilkenny and noticed a complete lack of any organised scene in the city. Pink Kilkenny hopes to have its first gay social nite in mid – September.

E.A.G.L.E Wexford would like to wish both groups the best of luck and we look forward to forming a close working relationship in the coming years.

Check Out <u>www.gayathlone.bebo.com</u> / www.pinkkilkenny.bebo.com

## Wexford Eagles Gay Football Club

Following the success of the 3 football matches this summer Wexford's gay community group have set up a new football team, "Wexford Eagles" to further develop the sports events.

Gay people are not exactly well known for their sporting ability. I don't think anyone could have predicted it but a large proportion of the gay population of Wexford have gone sport crazy this summer. E.A.G.L.E Wexford have been running a sports programme of Bowling, Crazy Golf & 5 a Side Football since June 08 as an alternative to their Pub based social events. This is especially important as it gives younger members a chance to come along and integrate into the group.

One of the most surprising success stories has been the 5 a side football matches in Leisuremax. Once a month E.A.G.L.E do battle on the pitch in mixed 5 a side football. Participation has increased month by month and its success means it will now be a regular fixture on the gay social calendar in Wexford under the "Wexford Eagles banner". We are actively seeking opponents to play in challenge matches and it is hoped to play sOUTh Waterford in the coming months.

ChECK out www.wexford\_eaglesgfc.bebo.com for more info. Everyone is welcome to join in or support (perv) from the sidelines

#### INSIDE LOOK: GAY TV

VAL WALSH

This month's choice is the film "Another Gay Movie". Whilst it has not been shown on mainstream terrestrial television it has gained a cult following and judging by DVD sales is proving a very popular movie. Another gay movie is a parody of the veritable cornucopia of horrendously bad teen movies that have flooded the cinema and straight to DVD market in the last decade. It is a wonderfully colourful gay romp that panders to every stereotype of the LGBT community and

seemingly sets out insult everyone. That said it is without doubt the funniest gay movie I have seen.

The movie starts with four male high school students who are "happy, carefree and gay" deciding to lose their virginity before a labour day party that is thrown by the school's lesbian jock. The movie is peppered with familiar faces from the gay T.V., movie and porn scene such as Lipsyncha and Mink Stole. The film has a fantastic soundtrack that will be stuck in your head for weeks, especially the opening number by Nancy Sinatra. Gaytastic.

The show stealer however is the portrayal of the foreign exchange teacher Mr. Puckoff. Mr. Puckoff A.K.A. rodzilla is the object of the main characters affection and gives him a memorable experience in his dungeon.

For all the camp, politically incorrect and downright offensive portrayals of LGBT people, Another Gay Movie is actually a hilariously funny, in your face, affirmation of gay pride. I dare anyone to watch it and try to keep a straight face.

I eagerly await the follow up movie Another Gay Sequel.

#### CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

We are currently relaunching our website and changing hosting providers, so for all the latest news - check out the BEBO sites, and if you need to contact us for whatever reason, don't hesitate to do so on

GAYWEXFORD@GMAIL.COM

## INTRODUCING VICTORIA DE TAMPAX

Wexford native Victoria de Tampax is the newest, brightest star on Ireland's drag circuit. Victoria made appearances at the recent Belfast & Waterford Prides and E.A.G.L.E's beach party gay night in South 51 last month. GW are very privileged to be allowed an exclusive interview with the diva herself.

#### GW How did Victoria de Tampax come about ?

Well my dear I was born Miss Kitty Kisses in Dublin in the 90s later moving to Amsterdam (thats in Holland) to become a Dame to the dutch queen so then I was known to people as Dame K but now that I have run home to Ireland I use my middle name which is Victoria and my husband is a tampax so hence Victoria De Tampax.

#### GW What kind of reaction have you had?

V Oh people love me and with a face like mine who can blame them I was not Miss Lulabell Holland 2003 for nothing you know. I am and have always had an overwhelming reaction people love me.

## GW Is there any difference between Victoria's personality and her alter ego?

V Eamonn is too nice he lets people walk on him he is a fool but Victoria on the other hand is a no nonsense kind of girl she is fun fun fun wrapped up in a little tampax.

#### GW How do you find Wexford since you moved back from Amsterdam?

Wexford has changed in so many ways there is a big lgbt community in wexford now which was almost non existant when i left and thay are sexy too along way from a quick kiss down a back ally with some random stranger thank god those days are gone

#### GW Which established drag artist do you most admire?

**V** I admire some of my freinds such as the dutch dianna ross, miss suki la re, miss dasy day stelletto but my fav drag is lady bunny

#### GW Do ya fancy having a crack at hosting Telly Bingo?

V Oh dont talk to me about that show Sherly Temple Bar ripped that show out of my hands. One thing Sherly it was mine, mine I tell you, you were only lucky I went to Holland.

#### GW What does the future hold for victoria?

Well my dear I have a lot of tampons in the fire at the moment which I would be sued for talking about but I hope to see you all very soon!



Victoria De Tampax

"The next time someone asks you, hey howdia get to be a homosexual? Tell them homosexuals are chosen first on talent, then interview, then the swimsuit and evening gown competition pretty much gets rids of the rest of them" – Karen Williams

#### THAT OUOTE....

The unatributed quote on the back of the July GW issue caused a bit of a stir. "Some women can't say the word lesbian.... Even if their mouth is full of one." This quote is from the American comedienne of 25 years, Kate Clinton. Kate specialises in political commentary from a gay point of view. She describes herself as a 'fumerist' that is a feminist, humorist, her goal being 'to prove that being a lesbian can be funny and often is.' <a href="http://kateclinton.com/">http://kateclinton.com/</a> no www required.



KATE CLINTON

Come on ladies! We all know at least one person to whom this quip applies, male & female. The 'gay' who once in a blue moon comes onto the scene with or without partner, they sit to the side, then spend years critising the group and events, even those unwitnessed by themselves. These individuals invariably cross the road, skirt around an aisle or like; when they see someone they'd met on the 'scene'. As though the rule of mutual knowledge doesn't apply.

This appears to be a phenomenon nation wide. It was mentioned in a subtle manner on the new website www.ladylist.ie. A site that reports to promote lesbian social activities around Ireland. They are not inundated with submissions. Check it out. As for the critics put your money where you mouth is. Organise something and spread the word.

#### **GAY GROUPS IN THE SOUTH EAST**

## E.A.G.L.E Wexford Wexford's Gay Community Group

Website: <a href="www.gaywexford.com">www.gaywexford.com</a>
Email:<a href="gaywexford.com">gaywexford.com</a>
Bebo: <a href="www.gaywexford.bebo.com">www.gaywexford.bebo.com</a>

Gay Nights (Twice a month)
Social Meal Nights (Every 2 Months)
GW lgbt friendly Newsletter (Monthly)
Wexford EAGLES – gay 5 a side football (Once a Month)
Ten Pin Bowling (Once a Month)
Daytrips (Oakwood etc)
Health / Information Promotion
E.A.G.L.E Help Line 085-1346039 (6-7pm)
Charity Fundraising
Advocacy Group (Campaigning for Gay Rights)
Counselling

### sOUTh Waterford Waterford's Gay Community Group

Email: <a href="mailto:southlgbt@gmail.com">southlgbt@gmail.com</a>
Bebo: <a href="mailto:www.southlgbtw.bebo.com">www.southlgbtw.bebo.com</a>

Drop in Centre (Twice a Month)
Gay Youth Group (One in Ten)
Gay Developmental & Social Events
Health & Information Promotion
5 a Side Football
Advocacy Group (Campaigning for Gay Rights)
Counselling

#### PINK Kilkenny Kilkenny's Gay Community Group

Email: <a href="mailto:pink.Kilkenny@gmail.com">pink.Kilkenny@gmail.com</a>
Bebo: <a href="mailto:www.pinkkilkenny.bebo.com">www.pinkkilkenny.bebo.com</a>

Monthly gay nights.

2QTBSTR8 - Too cute to be straight

### Wexford LGBT Community group



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# "There is nothing wrong with going to bed with s your own sex. People should be yery free with

should draw the line with goats"

