



Serenity...
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Shawn & Glenn would like to welcome you to Serenity... a country hideaway & Gay B&B set in picturesque and tranquil Camolin Park, North County Wexford. Shawn a professional Chef from South Africa and his husband Glenn, a Tourism Lecturer, are a match made in B&B heaven and have only recently opened their doors to the gay public. They hope to tap into both the weekend getaway market and the local Gay Community by hosting LGBT events, classes and a relaxed meeting place.

Serenity is not just a B&B by any standards. Guests can avail of many enticing extras such as Aromatherapy Baths, Meditation, Angel Card Readings, Gourmet Food,

Cookery Classes and full access to the Lounge with SKY+, free WiFi and a fully stocked film / dvd library. Relax in their large

comfortable en-suite bedrooms, unwind in the peaceful surroundings of hundreds of acres of majestic forest, bordered by a private stream.

E.A.G.L.E were delighted to have been contacted by Shawn & Glenn with a view to teaming up for LGBT events and using Serenity as a possible Resource Centre and a place to meet up and relax. Hopefully this will be the start of a very successful relationship.

Serenity will be hosting their first LGBT Summer BBQ on Saturday 20th June 2009. Advance Tickets are €20, more info

available on the website below.

Serenity will also be jointly holding another BBQ in July with E.A.G.L.E (the first of many collaborations).

E.A.G.L.E will be running a bus from Wexford Town.

Sunday brunch and afternoon tea at Serenity for the LGBT community and friends, every Sunday from 10am-6pm.

Call or text to reserve (details below).

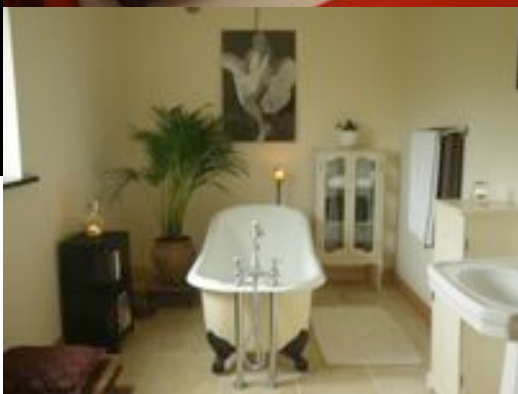
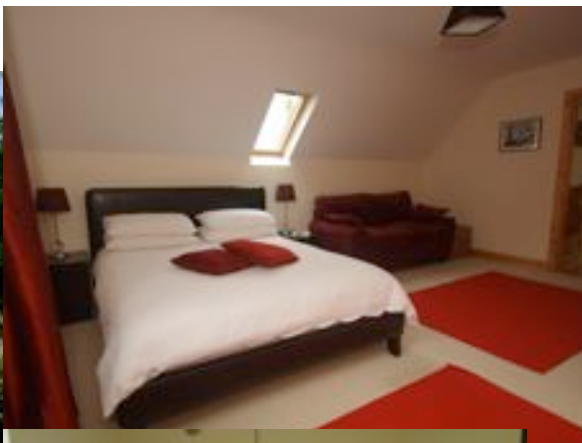
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Thanks Lads!

This use of 'lads' is peculiar to the Southeast of Ireland. It means friend people I know irrespective of gender. A term of equality. Equality EAGLE's credo.

Alison Martin laid the foundation with Out In Wexford and was a founder EAGLE committee member. John Val Walsh formalized matters and set up EAGLE, Equality Alliance of Gays and Lesbians of Éire. Very 'Sci-Fi, Star-Wars' but then science fiction is the genre of social satire, social comment & totally gay. The name Éire dates from a time before... A time of the Brehon law, A more equal Irish society. Not a dual sexuality but one of many. Though a long way from true equality.

Val's intention to develop nationwide LGBT community groups, a charity encompassing rural Ireland's needs, counselling, social outlets, drop-in centres, the political fight and generally being there for the Gay Community. Barry brought Val's vision closer by facilitating the launch of EAGLE as a Company taking the formal steps to EAGLE becoming a charity. The meal with Senator David Norris being an occasion I will cherish. It is rare to meet a hero and not be disappointed, grounded by their humanity. Under Barry's

guidance, the social side of Wexford Gay life flourished, more social evenings, community meals, sports nights.

Many have been involved over the years. Martin, whose duties have extended beyond secretary into web design & maintenance, visual communications and general volunteer. Nicky has provided a hand where they have been needed most. Intensely involved in the three exhibition and the successful 'Wex in the City' fashion show. John's persistent pursuit of fact and figures has provided foundation for grant applications and his precision pester power successfully secured the Westgate location for the 2008 exhibition. Check out the Bebo site for Liam's photographic catalogue of EAGLE's events and his occasional video. Eamonn dipping in and out as required. His friend Victoria's occasional appearance providing a flamboyant unofficial hostess role and unofficial EAGLE mascot. Darren keeping on top of public communications, keeping the database up to date and providing the public with information and reply when they contact EAGLE through the website. Deirdre created & maintained the website in 2008 distributed promotion. Karen T., Karen A. & Aisling assisted on a volunteer basis and recruited, cajoled and encouraged others to attend events. In all the team has worked well slipping into each others roles if required. With that solid foundation EAGLE will go on to

greater things in the future. As ever groups a volunteers are the backbone of the success of any event or fund-raiser. I extend special gratitude to the friends and family who have helped & lent their support over the years.

So what does the future hold: continued work towards charitable status in order to better provide you with information, support and social outlets when you need them. Better communication with you through electronic media, a more interactive website, with dedicated health, youth, political, general LGBT & transexual editors to name but a few new features. Exploiting social sites to their fullest. Increasing the type of sport & social events, fund-raisers & listening to you.

Thanks Lads!

Deirdre Ni Dhubhail
EAGLE Chairperson



Pride Season

Gays n Gals, its that time of the year again, time to dust off your rainbow flags and give Ireland a bit of post recession colour again. The gay pride season kicks off this year in cork on the 31st of May. This years pride events will have a strong focus on Gay Marriage and Gay Irelands struggle for full equal treatment for Gay People. Expect this years pride celebrations to be bigger, brighter, bolder and gayer than ever before ! with something for everyone to enjoy. So what ever you do this summer get yourself to one or more pride events and help make a difference.

Our own little love dove and Roving Pride Reporter, the fantastic Victoria De Tampax will appear at all the prides of Ireland this year so keep your eyes out for her the

dates are as follows. Hopefully she will bring back all the goss and inside news.

- CORK - 24th May -01st June (parade on May 30th)
- DUBLIN- 19th June - 28th June (parade on June 27th)
- BELFAST- 27th June - 2nd Aug (parade on 1st Aug)
- NORTHWEST-7,8,9th Aug (to be confirmed)
- WATERFORD - 12-16th Aug (will center round dignity)

More prides maybe added at a later time so join us at pride and bring some friends along too for the ride.



Dignity 2

The South East has just gotten a little bit Gayer !. Dignity 2, Kilkenny's new gay bar, officially opened on Friday 29th May for the first time. Owned by the same entrepreneurs behind the hugely successful Dignity Waterford. It is great news for all in Kilkenny and the surrounding areas who have been longing for a focal point for many years now. It is also especially pleasing that in the current recession, the pink pound is still growing strong ! Best of Luck to Dignity 2 from every one at GW & E.A.G.L.E

Dignity
Parliament Street
Kilkenny City

www.dignitybar.com



'Finding the Lesbians'

As a gay woman involved with gay community groups in Wexford since 1996, I've found predominately the volunteers and participants have been male. Women participating briefly then 'disappearing into the sunset' upon finding a 'mate'. When I've questioned people about this, I've been told that they have gotten what they wanted, they have what they need and don't need further involvement. Even from a social point, many are reluctant to come along to events. Use it or lose it!



Since my coming out there have been occasions when I and others of my acquaintance have been grateful that a gay social group has been available in Wexford, for support and as a healthy outlet. Some have received support because of appalling cruelty directed at them. All of the gay community groups I've been involved in were initiated by women then developed and maintained by men. I kid you, not.

Some women say the groups are not conducive to women's participation, yet if women won't get involved in the process how can an entirely appropriate service be provided. Individual women have requested 'make-up evenings' and 'women away weekends', funded trips or age specific to under 25's, over 40s women 'theme evenings' would be a great idea. EAGLE has offered to subsidize a few of these in the same way some of the sports evenings are subsidized. But when the chips are down, feedback requested, women don't comment much less attend.

As a woman I ask, if you want EAGLE to provide for you, get involved, don't complain behind our backs. Be heard, not herd!

Star Signs



AQUARIUS...
THE WATER CARRIER.
21ST JAN - 18 FEB

Typically, Aquarius have misshapen genitals. Mothers deliberately try to avoid having babies under this sign. As your ruling planet is Aranus lets face it, you don't stand a chance.

PISCES
THE TWO FISHES
20FEB - 20 MARCH

Things haven't being going well for you lately. Well sorry to tell you this but there's worse to come. For your own sake, stay away from traffic and dont eat seafood when there's a d in the day.

ARIES
THE RAM
21STMAR - 20 APRIL

Your ruling planet Mars has it in for you this week. Don't leave the house. Infact....If I'm honest, it's going to get you sooner or later so you may as well know you won't be enjoying a long life.

TAURUS
THE BULL
21ST APR - 21MAY

Ah, Thurus. You've done your best to live a good life. Yet, things are still shite. Unfortunately, they won't get any better. My advise is take to the bottle, then take to your bed. No one will notice your missing anyway.

GEMINI
THE TWINS
22MAY - 21JUN

Geminis are changeable by nature. I call that two faced. Is it any wonder no one returns your calls? You should be glad you're a duel sign as it's the only relationship you'll ever be part of.

CANCER
THE CRAB
22JUN - 22JUL

Did you know, that statistically Cancereans are 95% more likely than any other sign to have crabs? Don't be surprised if people run a mile when they hear what sign you are.

LEO
THE LION
23JUL - 23 AUG

With the sun as your ruling planet, you are supposed to be passionate, fiery and courageous. What a shame no one likes you enough to ever find out if any of this shite is true about you.

VIRGO
THE VIRGIN
24 AUG - 22 SEPT

Virgos are repellent to the opposite sex. There are a few exceptions to this rule but you are not one of them. That is why people always laugh when they hear you are the Virgin sign. Because iy's clear to everyone you are one.

LIBRA
THE SCALES
23 SEPT - 23 OCT

Librans are supposedly charming, kind and gentel natured. So what the hell happened to you, you cold hearted bastard?

SCORPIO
THE SCORPION
24 OCT - 22 NOV

Your gay. Everyone knows it and your fooling no one. Stop pretending it isn't true, leave the rest of us decent folk alone and go sign up for Mardi Gras.

SAGITTARIUS
THE CENTAUR
23 NOV - 21 DEC

Sagittarians consider themselves to be entrepreneurial. Thats not the same thing as being a scabby prick. You never get a round in, swap price

CAPRICORN
THE GOAT
21 DEC - 20 JAN

The Goat sign, this month like every other month you're horny, so get off my leg.



We all know those cute little computer symbols called 'emoticons,' where:

:) means a smile and
:(is a frown.

Sometimes these are represented by
:-)
:-(

Well, how about some
'ARSE-ICONS?'

Here goes:

(!_) a regular arse

(__!__) a fat arse

(!) a tight arse

(_*_) a sore arse

{!_} a swishy arse

(_o_) an arse that's been around

(_x_) kiss my arse

(_X_) leave my arse alone

(_zzz_) a tired arse

(_E=mc²_) a smart arse

(_\$_) Money coming out of his arse

(_?_) Dumb arse



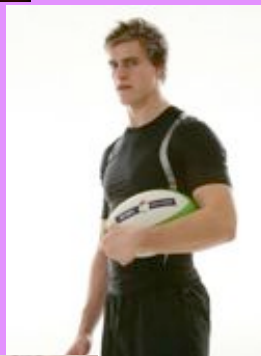
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OUR HOMAGE TO IRELANDS GRAND SLAM HEROES



1. Donnacha
O'Callaghan

2. Andrew Trimble



3. Gordon
D'Arcy

4. Ronan O'Gara



5. Brian O'Driscoll



Social Calender

Friday 5th June - Bowling in
Leisuremax.

Friday 19th June - Drinks in Anu bar

Saturday 20th June - Mid Summers
Eve BBQ - Serenity, Camolin - see
www.serenitywexford.com for more
info.

Friday 10th July Dinner Nite.
Fundraiser for MarriagEquality, VIP
guest - Venue to be Confirmed

Friday 24th July - EAGLE Summer
Barbecue in Serenity B&B, Comolin.
Bus will be available from Wexford
Town and Enniscorthy.

Also keep an eye out for

5 a side football / basketball

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MISS USA GAY MARRIAGE ROW



The runner-up at the Miss USA beauty pageant says her outspoken opposition to gay marriage cost her first place in the competition. During the televised event, Carrie Prejean - Miss California - said she believed that "a marriage should be between a man and a woman". She had been asked for her views on the subject by one of the judges, celebrity blogger Perez Hilton. "It did cost me my crown," said Ms Prejean, after the competition. The eventual winner of the pageant was Kristen Dalton, Miss North Carolina. The issue of same-sex marriage is a flashpoint in American politics. Four US states now allow gay marriage, but many other states have passed legislation outlawing it.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

A virus contracted through oral sex is the cause of some throat cancers, say US scientists.



HPV infection was found to be a much stronger risk factor than tobacco or alcohol use, the Johns Hopkins University study of 300 people found.

The New England Journal of Medicine study said the risk was almost nine times higher for people who reported oral sex with more than six partners.

But experts said a larger study was needed to confirm the findings.

ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR GAY EUROVISION VOTERS



PERU BANS GAY PEOPLE FROM POLICE



Peru's government says gay police officers damage the image of the force. Peru has announced that it will ban homosexuals from the police force for damaging the image of the institution.

The law is one of several new regulations put forward by the Interior Minister, Mercedes Cabanillas.

Ms Cabanillas is trying to shake up the institution, which has a dismal reputation among the general public.

But critics say some of the new laws, especially those regarding sexual orientation or activity, are unconstitutional.

The law states that any police officer who has sexual relations with someone of the same gender will be indefinitely suspended from the police force.

The same applies to officers who have extra-marital relations - their actions are also deemed to cause scandal and denigrate the institution's image.