

# HOT WHEELS

**Crumlin**

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**Hi everyone!**

Hope you all had a good summer and a wonderful Indian summer, that was great.

The wait is finally over! This September we moved into our new Centre!

To read all about our brand new sparkling centre check page 2 and page 4 for snaps of our Official Opening.

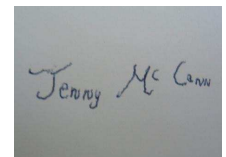
Calling all you lads wondering what its like to be an escort check out page 3.

There are more great articles and on the last page some of the memories of our good friend Elaine who we lost recently R.I.P.



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## What I am so proud of...

**By Anonymous**

I am so proud of myself. I am now washing my hair. And I love it!

I came to Enable Ireland centre in Cashel Road in 2008, before that I thought I couldn't manage washing my own hair but now I realized I can do it

and I can also do so much other stuff.

People may think not washing your own hair is not a big deal but it is a big deal for me. Some people might think it's a chore but for me it's a pleasure.

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## We've moved!

By Wayne Keogh



This September we moved into our new Centre!

Even though it is just across the way from where we used to be there has been a lot of talking and excitement about it!

The new building it's just great, there is a lot more space, more room to go around for wheelchairs and it is connected to our training department though a sliding door.

It also has bigger and modern bathrooms, there is more light coming in and everyone seems really happy here.

## Italian Holidays

By Laura Dempsey

On the 23 of July I got up at 7 am and I got dressed then I went down to the kitchen and Mum made me some toast, I had to have it fast as I had to be in the airport at 9 am sharp. That was the day I was flying to Italy!

I met the group leader of the Order of Malta and she introduced me to the volunteer who would look after me during the holiday.

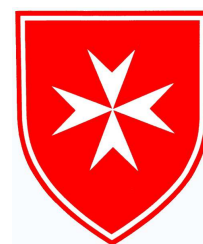
She was very nice and she gave me a camp t-shirt.

Then we got to Italy and it was very hot and I had to have a big drink, I

made lots of new friends, they were all nice.

We had a busy week every day we had things to do, I went horse riding and I loved it and I went in a boat in the sea and I loved that as well! There was so much to do so feel free to ask me about my holidays. The Order of Malta organize a Summer Camp for people with disabilities every year, you can find more info here:

[www.orderofmalta.ie](http://www.orderofmalta.ie)



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## Being an escort

By James Coughlan

Last June I was asked to be an escort for a lovely lady called Jean Kelly. Jean and I are friends since school and we get on very well so when she asked me to be her escort I was delighted.

The night of the heats I got ready and tried to look my best to support her. She was great, she looked beautiful and she sang a Celine Dion song from the Titanic that left everyone in the audience speechless.

I got to sing a few words with her so her party piece was a great success. When they finally announced the winners I was so happy when I heard Jean's name, we are going to Limerick I thought!

The following week was all about getting ready for Limerick, we had to book the hotel, think about transport and of course get ready for the public and the judges.

We decided I was going to read a poem about our friendship that Jean wrote for me, it's a beautiful poem and it's called The Gift of a Friendship.

Being an escort was a great experience, thanks to Jean I won the 'escort of the year' Title and I had a great night. What more could I ask for?

*Sometimes it's hard to find a friendship  
that is so true.*

*But the friendship happened for me the  
day I saw you.*

*We have been friends from our school  
years to our adult years.*

*We may have different interests and hob-  
bies.*

*As you know Jean, I like Jedward and  
Manchester United.*

*I know Jean, that you love Westlife and  
Shopping.*

*Friendship isn't all about having different  
interests and hobbies.*

*It's about making each other laugh and  
also being there for each other in our dark  
days when we need our friends most.*

*I really like our friendship and I hope that  
we can remain friends for many more  
years to come.*

*The Gift of a friendship*



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# Taste of Crumlin and Opening Party

## 20 September 2011



Jenny Mc Cann cut the ribbon with Jaya and Fionnuala's help



Deirdre Gill, Cyril Barrett, Paul Glover and Collette Brown



Rosary College Choir



Marian Cullen receives her Fetac Level 3 Cert in Computer Literacy



Jenny Mc Cann, Jean Kelly and Erika Boucher, our Greek Goddesses



Jasmine, Isabella and Christian playing the bodhrans



Enjoying live music in the afternoon.

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## Garden Party in the Aras

By Jenny Mc Cann

On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July my Mam and I were invited to garden party in Aras. I had done job shadowing in the Aras earlier this year.



My Mum and I got there first. We went on tour of a little museum of President Mc Aleese. We came to the end of the tour and everyone was queuing up outside a big door. Guess who was first in the queue? Only my Mam and I.

Then we went into meet President Mary Mc Aleese and her husband Senator Martin Mc Aleese. Mary and Martin were very nice people. Mary Mc Aleese admired my dress. We talked for a short time, and then they took a few pictures.



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Then we were shown through the gardens up to another room to where the food was being held. The room was beautifully decorated. The food was lovely and so much to be had. The staff couldn't be any nicer. We met Mary Kennedy from Nationwide and her daughter. Mary was the M.C for the afternoon.



Just before we went over to the marquee to which the entertainment was being held, my mum and I got a picture taken beside the trees planted by President Obama and The Queen while on their visit.

After that we headed over to the marquee, which looked stunning.

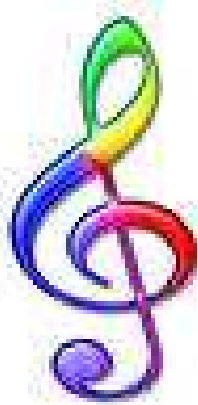
We got front row seats. They had red and white wine and juice if anyone wanted a drink.

It was great day. It was a nice sunny day which made it even more beautiful,

Just want to wish President Mary Mc Aleese all the best for the future.

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Elaine, every time I think of you, I hear you sing The Rose. I will miss your smile and your good humour. Although you're gone you will be forever in my heart. Miss you lots, your friend Jenny



I liked Elaine doing art beside me, I miss her now and I feel very sad that she is gone. She had a fantastic personality and she was a good friend, you could always talk to her. I miss her and I will miss her more when I will be doing art without her.

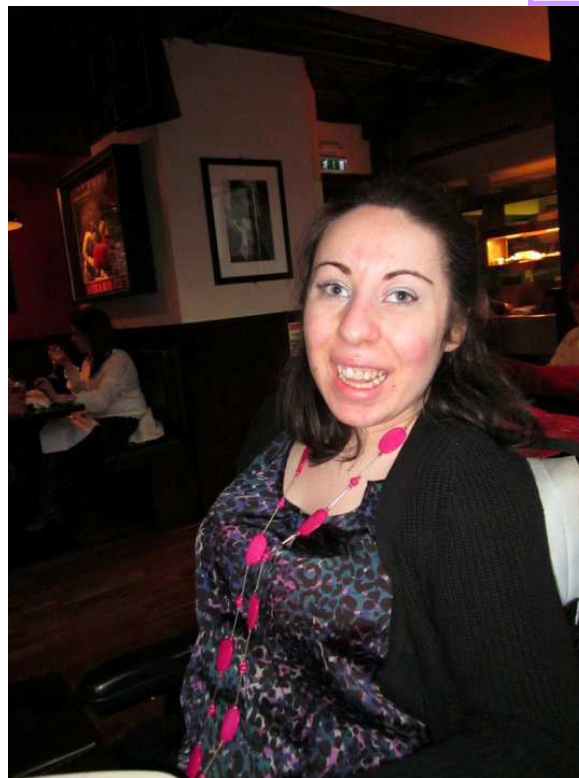
Marian

It was very good to know you Elaine and the time we spend together...

Laura

Elaine, you were a lovely person and a very good singer. Miss you

Erika



I say a prayer for you every night and I always think of you when I see your brother Enda Playing for Rovers.

James

Elaine, we miss you. Love from Amy

Elaine Stevens I will miss you because you were a really special friend to me. You were always singing "A whole new world" with me. You will always be in my heart, I will be always thinking of you and I will really miss you.

You are an angel in my heart forever. It was sad the day God called you home, the angels will take care of you now, God bless you are an angel yourself now. Rest in peace.

Wayne

Elaine you were and are a good friend of me and my sister's, you knew Maria through BCS school, for years you were her best friend, you knew Suzanne through a group you were involved in and you knew me through Enable Ireland.

Claire

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