

# Willie Mullins to address Cheltenham preview in Strokestown tonight

With the Cheltenham racing festival less than a week away, Roscommon Lions Club announced this week that special provision has been made for the



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award-winning jockey and trainer Willie Mullins to address this week's Special Preview Night for the event at the Percy French Hotel in Strokestown tonight (Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>).

Willie will give his top tips for the festival as part of a conference get-together

and will link up over the airwaves with Tony Mullins, Ken Whelan, Dungi's Brian O'Connell and RTE sports presenter Jonathan Mullins on Thursday night in Strokestown where the kick-off is at 8 pm in the Percy French. Roscommon's very own Dermot Cox is once again in the chair for the event.

Willie Mullins' contribution to racing is world-renowned. His domination of the Irish National Hunt scene in recent years has been profound; alongside considerable success in the UK. Last season, he had arguably his strongest team ever and he looks set to continue his success in the upcoming 2010 campaign.

The Mullins family are synonymous with Irish

racing and Willie was a jockey of significant note long before he took out a training licence in 1988. He actually continued to ride while training and is one of the few people that rode their own horse to victory at Cheltenham

## Simon says!

The clerk of the Cheltenham Course, Mr. Simon Claisse will take a phone call at 8pm in the Percy French Hotel tonight (Thursday) and will advise the audience of the expected conditions!

(Wither Or Which in the 1996 Champion Bumper) but he hung up the silks soon afterwards.

There are some tickets still available for Thursday night's preview though racing enthusiasts should note that going along early to the Percy French is advisable as the capacity is fixed at 300 people on the night. Tickets in Roscommon Town are available from Larry Brennan in



Members of Roscommon Lions Club pictured with Leo Cox at the announcement of this year's Cheltenham Festival Preview which will take place on March 11th (tonight).

Down The Hatch, John Earley in Property Partners Earley in the Square and Dermot Cox, Ballinagard. Tickets are also available at the Door in the Percy French Hotel

or by ringing the Percy French Hotel at Telephone (071) 96 33300, Fax (071) 96 33083 or email info@percypfrenchhotel.ie or any Roscommon Lions Club member.

Tickets for the Preview are priced at €20 but this also includes a free five euro bet for everybody in the house - a bet that can be spent on any race at the Cheltenham festival.

Proceeds from the Preview will go to the Roscommon Leo Club Suicide Prevention projects with a special contribution going to Bernie Compton's Haiti Trust Fund.

## Win two free bets!

The first 50 guests in the Percy French Hotel for tonight's Cheltenham Preview will each receive two free €5 bets!



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