



Cllr. Eugene Murphy in esteemed company at the recent Lá na gClub in St. Barry's GAA, Tarmonbarry.

## Sign up for a challenge

Following the overwhelming success of last year's event, Oxfam Ireland is now encouraging people from Roscommon to sign up for Trailtrekker 2010 and complete the 100km trek within 36 hours.

Trailtrekker is a truly unique event, with teams being required to walk by day and by night, along a cross-border route; and amongst all the international Trailtrekker events around the world. "I've done it, so can you!" says TV medic Dr. Mark Hamilton, who accepted the Trailtrekker challenge in 2009 and hopes to participate again this year.

Taking place on 4-5 September the Oxfam TRAIL-TREKKER challenge returns for 2010 with a revised route and organisers hope to sign up even more teams and to confirm the event as Oxfam's top fundraising event in Ireland. Teams of four endeavour to complete a cross-border 100km trail, starting in Newcastle, Co. Down before traversing the Mourne mountains, the Ring of Gullion and the Cooley Peninsula and finishing in the medieval village of Carlingford. While anyone with a moderate level of fitness can train to take part in Trailtrekker, over the course of 36 hours participants' determination, stamina, dedication and camaraderie will be thoroughly tested!

For more details on Trailtrekker 010, text trek to 51500, call (01) 6350406 or visit [www.oxfamireland.org](http://www.oxfamireland.org)

## Dysart student wins film award

Dysart student Anne-Marie Lynch was recently declared among the winners of the Dare2bdrinkaware film awards at a ceremony in The Digital Hub.

Anne-Marie (23) won the award in the online public vote category for her film 'A serious mix-up'. A student at Athlone IT, she was presented with her award for 'Online Public Vote' by Caroline Twohig, News Anchor on 3e. One of those who acted in Anne-Marie Lynch's short film is also a Roscommon native: Barry Beirne, who is 24, is originally from Boyle and is also currently studying at Athlone IT.

Over 16,000 people voted for their favourite Dare2bdrinkaware film in the online public vote, which ran on the Dare2bdrinkaware.ie website for the week leading up to the awards ceremony. Now in its third year, Dare2bdrinkaware is a film competition for third-level students, aimed at highlighting young people's attitudes to alcohol. The competition is organised by the Digital Hub Development Agency and sponsored by drinkaware.ie.



Caroline Twohig of 3e and award winner Anne Marie Lynch of Lynch Productions at the Dare2bdrinkaware digital film competition awards ceremony on 29th April, 2010. Pic: Marc O'Sullivan.



EBS Building Society in partnership with the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) has celebrated with winners of the 2010 National Handwriting Competition. The competition, now in its 18th year, was open to all national schools throughout the country and this year focused more than ever on keeping the art of handwriting alive in the schools across the country. Jack Freeman, The Don NS, Cortoonmore, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon came first in the '1st and 2nd class category'.

## Strokestown €10,000 ticket remains unclaimed

Check your Easter Millionaire Raffle tickets now, as a ticket worth €10,000, which was sold in Dawn 'til Dusk in Strokestown, is still waiting to be claimed.

If you bought a ticket for the Easter Millionaire Raffle and have not yet checked your ticket, it's time to do so, as you could be the owner of one of

these lucky tickets, worth €10,000. The ticket number of the unclaimed Strokestown ticket is 015760.

You could be sitting on a fortune so hurry, time is running out. These three prizes must be collected from National Lottery Offices or An Post Company Office before 5.30 pm on Friday 2nd July.

# G'wan the Rossies!



## Sofa, so good....!

Is well-known local man (and current Co. Hurling Board Treasurer) Gerry Keane in line for an award for 'unprecedented attention to animals'? Gerry had a surprise in store recently. While clearing out some old furniture Gerry placed this sofa in a shed on his farm at Ballymurray, Roscommon. When he returned to the scene a while later, Gerry discovered this calf had taken a liking to the sofa! We cannot confirm reports that Gerry is to open a luxury centre for pampering pets!

## Derwin secures place on Washington Programme

Derwin Brennan, a past-pupil of Elphin Community College, has been selected onto the Washington Ireland Programme (WIP), an organisation designed to give students a rich insight into America's professional and social culture, through a two-month internship and an intensive training course in leadership and service.

The programme aims to select promising individuals from Ireland and Northern Ireland, who will ultimately use their unique talents to contribute back to their home communities.

The class was chosen from more than 270 applicants throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland and the UK. "All of the students will emerge from the WIP program with both common and unique experiences that together create a true understanding of real leadership and service," says a spokesperson.

WIP, which celebrated its fifteenth anniversary in 2009, awards each student a prestigious internship and promises an exciting summer for all involved. The internships include placements on Capitol Hill, government agencies and the private sector.

Looking ahead to this summer, all members of the team

are excited about the prospects that lie ahead, as student Derwin Brennan explains: "I am thrilled at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of the Washington Ireland Programme and to experience political life and leadership at the heart of the American Capital. I really hope I can do those who have

invested in me throughout my life proud with this opportunity and come back with a new perspective on life and leadership."

If you would like to track the progress of this year's team, you can read their personal blogs and view photos at the programme's website [www.wiprogram.org](http://www.wiprogram.org)



## Patrick a hit with the Roses!

Rose of Roscommon, Deirdre Lenihan was pictured with Patrick Boyle at the Sacred Heart Hospital on Friday afternoon last. Patrick was holding a front page clipping from the Roscommon People that contained a photograph of Patrick and former Rose of Roscommon, Maria Hoey. Picture: Andrew Fox.