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Roscommon Rose of Tralee Deirdre Lenehan with Eoin Wang from Ruby King Chinese Roscommon pictured at The 2010 Roscommon Rose of Tralee which was held in Kilonan Castle on Friday. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com.

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## Miley for Dublin launch of Roscommon Life

The Dublin launch of Roscommon Life Magazine will take place in Maye's Tavern on Tuesday, May 18th at 8.30 pm. Rahara man, Jim Miley, CEO of 4FM Radio and Roscommon Herald columnist, with be present with candid comments on the state of Roscommon football.

Kieran Furey will be back again

to read selections from his latest book, Linnane in London and 'the voice of Roscommon GAA', Willie Hegarty of Shannonside FM and Roscommon Herald columnist, will be present with candid comments on the state of Roscommon football.

For this special 30th Anniversary

edition, there will also be a launch at the County Library, Roscommon Town on Wednesday, May 26th at 8 pm.

\* If you would like to advertise in this special 30th anniversary edition, contact Roscommon Life Editor Paul Healy on 086-8054227 or email paul@roscommonpeople.ie

## Political rivals in celebrity cook-off final on Friday

The two finalists for the RLF Restaurant Celebrity Cook Off were announced after two fantastic semi finals this week as part of the Roscommon Lamb Festival 2010 with the grand final taking place this Friday 30th April in the Festival Marquee on the Square.

On Sunday night a packed out Gleeson's Townhouse saw Denis Naughten (representing Clann na nGael and The Athlone Springs Hotel) win over the public vote against Micheál Curley who represented Coffey's Bar, Lecarrow and the Roscommon Hunt. Denis will go head to head against Eugene Murphy who won Monday's semi final against Maureen Claffey (Hester's Golden Eagle & Castlereagh Musical Society) in Jackson's Restaurant on Monday night. Eugene is representing Strokestown Community Initiatives and The Percy French Hotel.

Throughout the previous heats, all of the celebrities have been



Denis Naughten TD



Cllr. Eugene Murphy

kindly helped by the head chefs of the restaurants they originally cooked in. The two political rivals will swap policies for pots and pans on the night of the final, which will be a brilliant night where the

two finalists will cook a brand new lamb speciality for the final public vote.

Tickets are only €20 with meal, glass of wine, music and entertainment and a fully licensed bar, available from Gleeson's,

Jackson's and Eight 'til Late as well as the festival ticket booth on the Square! So get your seat for a tasty evening and support your celebrity chef! For more details visit www.roscommonlambfestival.com

## Dance around the maypole at Rathcroghan

Celebrate Bealtaine at Rathcroghan on Saturday, May 1st. The day starts with a guided tour of Rathcroghan, starting from Cruachan Aí Heritage Centre, Tulsk at 2 pm. The guide for the tour is Joe Fenwick of NUI Galway, co-author of 'Rathcroghan - Archaeological and Geophysical Survey in a Ritual Landscape'. There will be a short talk and a powerpoint presentation followed by a trip to Rathcroghan for a walking tour. Your own transport is necessary and remember to dress for the weather. Admission is free, but you must register first with Roscommon Lamb Festival - www.roscommonlambfestival.com/register

At 5 pm there will be a family barbecue at Rathcroghan with storytelling and a return of the famous maypole at Cruachan Aí, Tulsk. There is a charge per person at the gate, which includes food and entertainers eat free!

At 9 pm the Festival of the Fires bonfire takes place. Gather at Rathcroghan car park by 9 pm. Originally known as Bealtaine, the summertime festival was an important fixture on the ancient calendars, attracting attendees from the four corners of the world.

## SPCA thanks

Roscommon SPCA this week thanked most sincerely all those who donated so generously to their recent church gate collections and the volunteers who gave up their time to help the cause. All donations go directly to help animals in need in Co. Roscommon. Collections were held at Ballinameen, Corrigreenoe, Tulsk, Killina and Kilmurry churches.

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