

Dubliners' Diary

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ABOUT TOWN

Lots of masked antics in Lillie's

CELEBRITY haunt Lillie's Bordello was awash with familiar faces over the weekend for a charity masquerade party for the Cari Foundation.

Glamorous ladies were out in force for the fun-filled evening as they donned a mask and helped drum up funds for a worthy cause.

Things kicked off with a cocktail reception followed by live entertainment from karaoke king James Brown.

Among those spotted letting their hair down were Miriam Ahern (inset) alongside fellow Malahide socialite Roz Flanagan. As patron of the foundation, Miriam has been fundraising for the organisation for years and usually draws on her extensive contacts to make sure the events are a success.

Also seen enjoying a girls' night out was X Factor finalist Mary Byrne, as well as Aisling Holly, and Claudine Keane's mum Joan Palmer.

Proceeds raised from the night went towards maintaining services essential for the Cari Foundation, which helps support youngsters who have been affected by sexual abuse.



Rozanna Purcell has been spotted getting cosy with someone who is well-known on the music scene

Bad news boys, model Roz has a brand new man

Melanie Finn

TOP model Rozanna Purcell has a new man in her life, the *Diary* can reveal.

In news that will come as a massive blow to her many male fans, one of Ireland's hottest women appears to be off the market.

The well-known lifestyle blogger and author (25) was seen cosying up to a handsome suitor - who's well known on the music scene - in the VIP area of the Electric Picnic in Stradbally.

FESTIVAL

One onlooker said they looked like they were "very taken" with each other as they soaked up some festival fun together at the popular Laois event.

"They looked like they were more than just friends and she seemed very happy with him," said a source.

"She's a stunning girl, is hugely successful and is a genuinely nice person.

"She was never going to be single for long."

Roz had made her Electric Picnic debut over the weekend, having presented a slot at the Theatre of Food area.

Last May saw the Tipperary girl splitting from Blizzards frontman and Voice of Ireland judge Niall Breslin after spending more than three years together when the pair decided to call quits.

She said at the time that there was "no story to it" and that the relationship had just ran its course, insisting that the pair were still good friends.

The author of healthy recipe book *Natural Born Feeder* has spent the summer months working on her many different projects, including filming for RTE's *The Taste of Success*, and working hard on a second book.

The health-food guru and fitness fanatic revealed over the weekend that sometimes people presume that she's going out with someone when really she's just spending time with a male friend.

But the former Miss Universe Ireland prefers to keep

her cards close to her chest when it comes to her personal life and has said that if she were dating again, she would never publicise it.

"If I did have a boyfriend, I'd probably be keeping it very quiet. I doubt I'd be putting him all over Snapchat," she said.

"I was thinking about it recently and five of my best friends are guys - that's maybe because I spend so much time in the gym, too."

STAR SECRET

Which two PR ladies have had a massive falling out after competing for the same gig?

POSITIVE

And despite her break-up from Bressie and her beloved sister Rachel being diagnosed with Leukaemia, she said that the past year has been "one of the best years ever."

"Life is what you make of it. You need to have a positive attitude going in or out of anything, that's what's going to get you through," she said.

A representative for Rozanna declined to comment when asked about her relationship status.

Two fragrant launches for Dublin

A BLOOMING lovely launch will take place at the Dean Hotel today with invited guests heading to the southside venue for the unveiling of Bloom & Wild. The online UK florist will arrive to these shores this week, with guests invited to check out its colourful offerings in the city centre hotel.

Another fragrance-filled event will take place tomorrow with the Jo Malone Christmas press launch at a venue on Harcourt Street.

The invite-only bash will feature all the latest must-have items from the British designer's perfume and candle collection as the company looks ahead to one of its busiest periods.

Cathal's striking a few solid blows in his acting career

Melanie Finn

MICHELE McGrath's other half Cathal Pendred is certainly fighting fit when it comes to his new acting career.

The former UFC fighter announced his retirement from the sport back in November 2015 after saying it was "time for me to move on".

But the 28-year-old certainly hasn't looked back since, having bagged new representation with a top acting agent in the States.

American and Irish viewers saw him in the hit US drama *Ray Donovan*, which stars Liev Shreiber, after bagging a part as an Irish boxer called

Joxy Maguire. In a turn-up for the books, it sees Cathal getting knocked to the ground after being punched in the face in one particularly memorable scene.

He certainly went down well with fans of the Showtime series in America - attracting much praise for the part on social media.

MOVIE

Now, he has nabbed a role in another movie which started shooting recently - *My Name Is Lenny*, which tells the story of Britain's notorious bare-knuckle fighter, Lenny McClean.

Pendred posted a pic from the movie set over the weekend, posing in a fight-

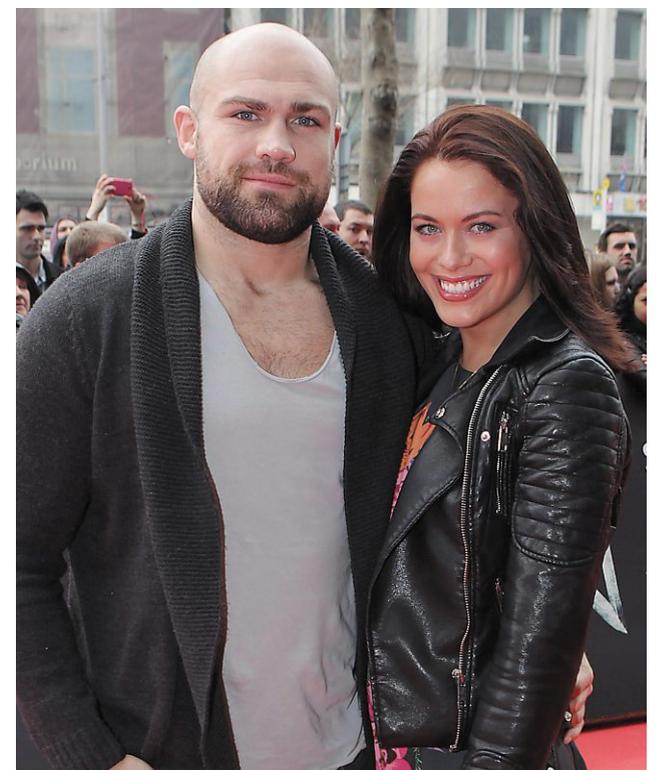
er's stance alongside UFC champ Michael Bisping who also appears in the flick.

Cathal will also be featured in the forthcoming *Baywatch* movie, which is due out in 2017.

He has also entered the health food business and has bought into the successful *Chopped* franchise.

Cathal and Michele have been dating for more than three years and share a home together in Drumcondra on Dublin's northside.

Although they appear to have spent their summer going to a dizzying array of weddings, the pair say they are in no rush down the aisle themselves and are more than happy to enjoy a quiet life in the suburbs.



Cathal Pendred with his partner, Michele McGrath