

WRH doctor wins drive with Breen

Destiny or fate is defined as a predetermined course of events and that's the way it looks as Carrick on Motor Club announce the winner of their raffle to co drive for Craig Breen at this Sunday's PlasticBags.IE Willie Loughman Forest Rally. And the winner is Paul McMahon from Co. Waterford. There was certainly an element of fate as upon contacting Paul about his lucky win he disclosed he is a Pediatric Doctor in WRH.

PAUL'S PRIZE

To co-drive for current SWRC champion Craig Breen on the Willie Loughman Forest Rally. That's nine special stages, 100 km's of rallying in the forests near Mullinavat, Inistioge, New Ross, Slievenamon and the famous forest complex in Gurteen Kilsheelan.

The twist of fate comes by way of the club running the 00 car that Paul will now co drive in-conjunction with Cystic Fibrosis Ireland, their nominated charity for the event and Paul was sold his lucky ticket by Yvonne O'Connor (WRH Paediatrics), who works as part of the team on the newly formed Cystic Fibrosis Project within Waterford Regional Hospital.

Upon getting the call about his win, Paul said. "This is absolutely unbelievable. I so much wanted to win this prize. I was sold the ticket by my colleague Yvonne and I told her that I would give anything to win. I'm a huge motorsport fan, I usually get in an F1 race or two during each season with my family but my history in motorsport dates back to the old Circuit of Ireland when it was a true circuit. I'm very much

looking forward to meeting Craig, I can't wait to be strapped into the rallycar. I think over the next two weeks I'll be getting a crash course (no pun intended) on pacenote reading."

On making the announcement Clerk of the Course Andrew Purcell said, "It's amazing that the winner has such a connection to our nominated charity. There was a huge response to the tickets and we were hoping that the winner would be excited about winning. Paul's reaction when I called to let him know says it all. He was truly astonished and delighted, maybe it is fate. I hope he really enjoys what we and Craig have in store for him over the rally weekend."

In early March the Carrick Motor Club disclosed details that they had nominated the Waterford branch of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland as the their nominated charity for this years PlasticBags.IE Willie Loughman Forest Rally.

For the charity Anne Doyle, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Cystic Fibrosis Ireland said, "Cystic Fibrosis Ireland commenced a fund raising drive in December 2012 to raise €250k towards the refurbishment of four rooms to provide paediatric isolated ensuite facilities in Waterford Regional Hospital for children in the south east with Cystic Fibrosis. We are very excited to be chosen as the

charity partner for this event. The value of this project now and into the future is inestimable for children with Cystic Fibrosis in the south east region."

In order to maximise the amount of money raised from this venture the following fundraising will be undertaken:

1. The advertising space on the 00 course car that Craig Breen will drive to be sold and all moneys raised going to the charity.

2. The Rallycar to appear publicly in the week leading up to the rally, event programmes for the rally will be on sale at all venues and again all moneys raised to go to the charity. Last weekend the car was in City Square and in Wexford Town and this week it's at Ardkeen Quality Foodstore on the Dunmore Road on Thursday and then at the Market Cross Shopping Centre in Kilkenny City on Saturday.



SWRC Champion,
Craig Breen.