



## Gloucestershire Airport bids farewell to 1<sup>st</sup> Aer Arann departure to Dublin during the Cheltenham Festival

Punters returning from the racecourse and a number of local residents grabbed the opportunity to use the scheduled services between Gloucestershire Airport and Dublin operated by Aer Arann. The service was specifically put in place to accommodate the Gold Cup traffic and it has certainly proven popular and a big hit amongst local residents.

One local resident commented on how pleased she was after checking our website to find out about the flights as she normally departs from Bristol and it would certainly be her first choice to depart from her local airport.

This special departure also had Mr David and Alison Matthews onboard. The lucky couple from Longlevens had won two tickets in a competition run in the local press. They pair are enjoying a three day break over St. Patrick's Day. When informed about the win, Mrs Matthews ecstatically shouted to her husband, "We've won the tickets to Ireland!"

Welcomed with glasses of champagne and flashing cameras Mrs Matthews indicated that they had last been to Ireland in 2001 and had departed from Heathrow. This trip was a pleasant surprise and a welcome break for the couple.

Verline Leo Business Development Manager at Gloucestershire Airport said, "Gloucestershire Airport may not exactly be Heathrow, but we certainly pride ourselves in the exemplary service and free -parking offered to our passengers. Gloucestershire Airport is here to serve the local community with everything from flights to Jersey and the Isle of Man, to pleasure flights and even hot air balloon rides."

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