



MEETING ERIN BROCKOVICH I THOUGHT 'HERE'S A PROPER CELEB'. BUT SHE'LL ALWAYS BE QUIZZED ABOUT JULIA



IMAGINE having your name hijacked by an Oscar winning Hollywood star who won her best actress Academy Award with your story. Every day poor ole Erin Brockovich has to deal with people comparing her with Julia Big Lips Roberts.

As if she hasn't tackled enough of life's injustices. I met the real Erin Brockovich in Dublin while she was in town to give a talk about the power of the individual to make lasting change.

I thought 'here's a proper celebrity'. Here's a brave soul who confronted a multi-billion dollar corporation and stood up for the little people who were being poisoned by contaminated water. What a hero.

The sad truth is most of us would probably never have heard of this formidable woman had it not been for Roberts and her spell-binding performance in the movie.

Meeting Erin got me thinking about who I'd like to play me in the movie about my life. Would I go for the best looking celeb in Tinsel Town to massage my ego but make me feel inadequate for the rest of your life? Or would I chose a less attractive mortal who'd do a decent job but make me feel perfectly average forever? It's a tough one.

Part of me feels sorry for the real Erin Brockovich who will, in all likelihood, field questions about Julia Roberts until her last breath.

★ One man who plans to play the lead role in his own movie



INSPIRATIONAL: Me with the real Erin and (left) Julia

is singer Mike Skinner from The Streets, who I interviewed recently. Now there's a fella who can pen a good story and turn it into a chart-topping song. His unique rap style lyrics are so basic they can come across as childish, but there's nothing simple about Mike.

Remember his big hit Dry Your Eyes? Who couldn't relate to that heart mangling dirge about a one-sided break-up. Few artists can encapsulate the dreariness and wonder of modern life the way he does.

He confirmed that the next Streets album will be the last because he's had enough of all the connotations that go with the name. He's going to continue making music but he's also planning to make a movie

and star in it himself. There'll be no Hollywood hot shot stealing his lines in this film, he's keeping them all for himself. Can't wait to see that one.

★ Another movie I can't wait to see is Guy Ritchie's Rock'n'Rolla. I was in London for its world premiere when the missus herself turned up to support her man. At 50, Madonna is dazzling. It just shows you what three hours working out every day can do for you, combined, of course, with a little extra help here and there.

You see, it's easy really...I wish. I've been hobbling around all week after my fitball class on Monday.

Mr Madonna was just lovely when I spoke to him on the red carpet. Very humble and witty.

I assumed he'd be defensive and uptight but he was open and even answered my questions about his wife.

I wonder who he'd hire to play the role of Madonna in the story of her life. Julia Roberts in a cone shaped bustier would never work. ●



Guy was lovely - and Madge looked great



I've finally found a foundation that matches my skintone perfectly. International make-up artist Gary Brunker sorted me out with my own custom made blend from Prescriptives while on a recent flying visit.

Using a special skin pen, he figured out my undertone and then rattled me up a concoction. I'm always on the hunt for a good foundation and so far this method has impressed me most. By the way, yes Gary is a relation to our own Amanda Brunker.



APPARENTLY black lip gloss is in fashion. Yves Saint Laurent has just launched the new product as part of the goth look which is really big this autumn winter. All I can say is, unless you want to look like a three week old corpse, don't do it.