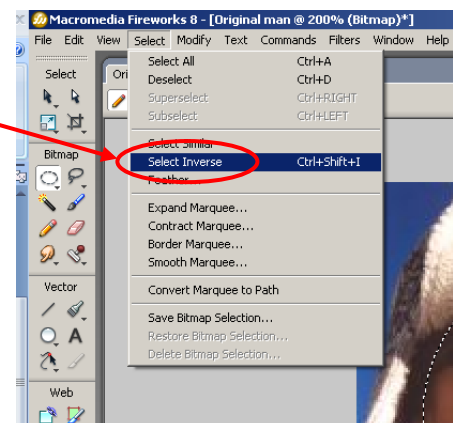1. Open the desired image, select the "oval marquee tool" . Set the edge mode to "Feather" and set the feather value to a suitable high value (somewhere between 30 and 60). Then draw a suitably shaped portal onto the image (remember to hold the SHIFT key to get a circle).
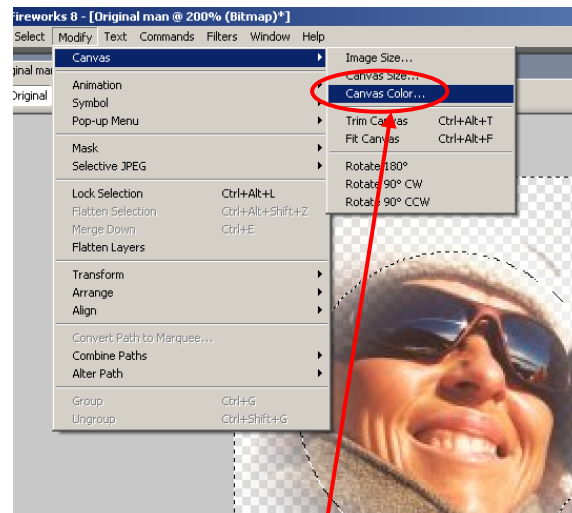
2. Next from the menu choose **Select>Select Inverse**, which reverses our choice so that we keep the ci4rcular window and will lose the background.
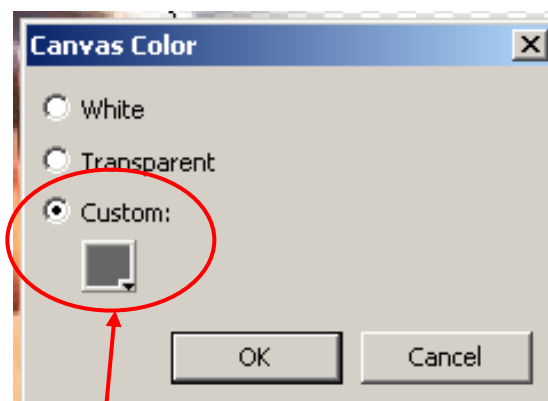

3. Next press CTRL+X to cut the selected area (our background outside the circle) so that you get similar to this.

Notice the effect of feathering the image to fade it away at the edges.

4. From the menu select **Modify>Canvas>Canvas Colour**

5. Select a suitable colour for the canvas. I have used a medium grey.

6. Which should give a finished picture similar to this. Simple masking like this with transparent or coloured backgrounds is a useful tool when making collage pictures.