



Press Release

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Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel in Snowdonia National Park, named AA Hotel of the Year Wales

Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel received nationwide recognition last night when it was named AA Hotel of the Year Wales at the AA Hospitality Awards 2009 - 2010. The AA, celebrating the best in hospitality for over 100 years, held the glamorous black-tie ceremony, hosted by Natasha Kaplinsky, at the London Hilton on Park Lane.



Mark Watson and Lorraine Fielding, proprietors of Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel, who received the award in front of an audience of 800 members of the hospitality industry, commented, “we are delighted that the hard work and dedication of the hotel’s management and team of staff has been recognised”.

Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel is a Victorian manor house that has been converted into a luxury hotel set in the beautiful Snowdonia National Park close to the market town of Dolgellau, where Mid Wales meets North Wales. Set in private grounds above Penmaenpool, the hotel consists of fourteen exquisitely furnished bedrooms, with wonderful views over the Mawddach Estuary and the Welsh mountains beyond. The stylish hotel offers a range of outdoor activities, including mountain biking, fishing, walking and golf, as well as excellent contemporary British food.

AA Hotel Services Group Area Manager Giovanna Grossi said: “We selected Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel as AA Hotel of the Year Wales because this luxury country house hotel is impeccably presented and offers the ultimate in comfort and design, a beautiful peaceful setting and locally sourced imaginative cuisine.” The Hotel of the Year Award is the AA’s ultimate accolade for hotels in the UK, and is presented to hotels that are recognised as being outstanding examples in their particular market.

Attended by world-renowned chefs, prominent hoteliers, hospitality gurus and key industry media, the AA Hospitality Awards recognise and reward the excellent services provided by the UK's very best establishments and launches the 2010 AA guides to UK hotels and restaurants.

This year, guests were treated to a sensational three course gourmet meal prepared by three of the industry's most highly esteemed chefs - Eric Chavot, Chris Galvin and Gary Rhodes - in conjunction with the Hilton Park Lane kitchen team, as well as a special performance by *Britain's Got Talent* winners Diversity.

Selection is made based on overall excellence and the specific achievements throughout the previous year. Other AA Hospitality Awards 2009 – 2010 winners were:

AA Hotel Group of the Year – **von Essen Hotels**

AA Small Hotel Group of the Year – **Exclusive Hotels**

AA Restaurant of the Year Wales – **Y Polyn, Carmarthenshire**

AA Pub of the Year Wales – **The Queen's Head, Llandudno**

AA Wine Award Wales - **The Bell at Skinfrith, Monmouthshire**

AA Chefs' Chef of the Year Award – **Marcus Wareing**

AA Lifetime Achievement Award – **Raymond Blanc OBE**

AA 5 Rosette – **Restaurant Sat Bains, Nottingham**

AA 4 Rosette – **Hibiscus, London; The Connaught Hotel, London; and The Latymer at Pennyhill Park Hotel & Spa, Bagshot**

For more information about the AA Awards go to www.AAHospitalityAwards.com

For more information about **Penmaenuchaf Hall Hotel** go to <http://www.penhall.co.uk/>
