

Macdonald Craxton Wood announces Aiden Byrne to open third restaurant in hotel

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Macdonald Craxton Wood has announced that Aiden Byrne will be launching his third eponymous restaurant on July 29th 2011. Working in a new collaboration with Macdonald Hotels, Byrne will be taking over the 120 seater restaurant at the 72 bedroom Craxton Wood Hotel on the Wirral, where he will showcase his cooking in a brand new 'British Grill' concept bearing his name.

Byrne who currently operates the 3 AA Rosette Church Green Pub in Lymm, and The Collingwood in West Kirkby, confirmed that he was thrilled with the collaboration with Macdonald Hotels

(<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk>) and the hotel in Chester

(<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/craxtonwood/>). Byrne also confirmed that he will be looking to introduce the style of dishes already established in his other two establishments. The 'Aiden Byrne British Grill' concept is going to pick up the breezy comfortable style of cooking that has thrived at The Church Green and The Collingwood.'

Byrne explained: "It's a venue for all, for everyone. We're looking to enrich the dining experience by blending traditional British cooking with a relaxing venue in tune with what the British public are looking for."

The 'Aiden Byrne British Grill' will begin trading as a brand new refurbished restaurant on the site of the Craxton Wood (<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/craxtonwood/>) hotels former dining room; The Garden Room. David Guile, CEO of Macdonald Hotels, is keen to confirm another headline chef to work alongside the Macdonald brand.

Byrne continued: "The food and beverage culture within the collection has been particularly strong in recent years. Bringing Aiden onboard allows us to diversify with unique skills we know our hotel guests will find memorable and ultimately enjoy."

Aiden Byrne, previously head chef at the Dorchester has enjoyed a stellar career having enjoyed spells working alongside Tom Aikens, Paul Rankin and David Adlard. Byrnes many TV appearances have allowed audiences to explore his dynamic cooking ethos on shows such as Master Chef, Saturday Kitchen as well as the Great British Menu.

Macdonald Hotels won AA Hotel Group of the Year in 2007 and over the last 5 years has become a self-styled industry leader in the hotel dining (<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/dining/dining.htm>) market. In 2010 it boasted 40 AA Rosettes across its collection nationally.

Food and beverage director Alan Swinson confirmed the group's ongoing commented: "There are locations around the UK which lend themselves very well to joint ventures with top chefs. Delivering added value to our hotel guests is key to what we do."

About Macdonald Hotels:

First established in 1990 by Donald Macdonald and colleagues Macdonald Hotels & Resorts operates over 40 hotels across the UK and ten resorts throughout the UK and Spain, including hotels and restaurants in Chester (<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/craxtonwood/foodanddrink/>). Macdonald Hotels employs over 4,400 staff and operates in excess of 4,134 hotel rooms. Its focus is on developing its strong portfolio of four and five star hotels, with each offering its own character and individuality underpinned with the quality and attention to detail expected of the Macdonald brand.

In particular, the company prides itself on the seasonality and provenance of its food within the hotels, from breakfast through to dinner, as well as its wide range of specially selected wines. As testament to the excellent level of service the Group provides, it has on numerous occasions won several prestigious accolades, most notably the AA Hotel Group of the Year 2007-08 and the National Customer Service Awards for Leisure and Tourism.

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