



## **RUDDING PARK WINS BEST HOTEL AT 2007 NORTHERN HOSPITALITY AWARDS**



28 March 2007 - Rudding Park Hotel beat off stiff competition to win the **Best Hotel** category at the second annual Northern Hospitality Awards on Monday 26 March.

The results were revealed at an exclusive invitation-only gala dinner at The Lowry Hotel in Manchester for 250 of the most important, influential and talented professionals in the Northern hospitality industry.

The five properties shortlisted for the Best Hotel award were judged by a panel of experts on a selection of criteria, which included the ability to demonstrate outstanding success in the market sector and to set inspirational standards for the hotel industry at large.

Rudding Park unanimously impressed the judges with the excellence and consistency of its service. Judge Liz Smith-Mills commented, "A perfect example of a large hotel which is beautifully and consistently run. It does the things that others do, but much, much better."

Simon Mackaness, Managing Director of Rudding Park says, "We are delighted and honoured to receive this award, particularly as the hotel prepares to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next month. It is testament to the continued dedication and hard work of all our staff."

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## **Notes to Editors:**

### **Northern Hospitality Awards**

*A regional industry as large and diverse as that in the North of England deserves its own awards to ensure the successful people and operators within it are truly recognised and rewarded. For that reason, the unique Northern Hospitality Awards have been created; the first ever trade awards for the North of England. The Northern Hospitality Awards are intended to be credible and prestigious, with expertly chosen judging panels, rigorous criteria, and an invitation only awards dinner which will be a fitting accompaniment to the awards themselves.*

### **Northern Hospitality Awards 07 Winners**

#### **Best Restaurant**

*Sponsored by The Russell Partnership*

**Winterringham Fields, Winterringham, North Lincolnshire**

#### **Best Hotel**

*Sponsored by RSVP North*

**Rudding Park, Harrogate, North Yorkshire**

#### **Best Bar**

*Sponsored by Brown Forman*

**Trio Bar and Grill, Leeds, West Yorkshire**

#### **Best Pub**

*Sponsored by Woodward Foodservice*

**Crofters at Holbeck, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria**

#### **Best Newcomer**

*Sponsored by Northern Restaurant and Bar*

**El Gato Negro Tapas, Rippondon, West Yorkshire**

#### **Best Chef Mentor**

*Sponsored by AAA and Skills for Chefs*

**Paul Askew, London Carriage Works, Liverpool, Merseyside**

#### **Best Chef**

*Sponsored by Steelite International*

**Michael Wignall, Devonshire Arms Country House Hotel and Spa, Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire**

#### **Lifetime Achievement**

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**Terry Laybourne**

**Rudding Park Hotel**

*Rudding Park is independently owned by Simon Mackaness and his family. Over the last 30 years they have carried out a comprehensive programme of improvement and redevelopment, which includes the opening of Rudding Holiday Park in 1978, the renovation of Rudding Park House in 1987 and the subsequent opening of the 50-room hotel in 1997.*

*The estate also comprises an 18 hole, par 72 golf course set in mature Parkland, complemented by an 18 bay floodlit driving range and Golf Academy. A new development of 18 luxury holiday lodges adjacent to the golf course opened in May 2006 and a six-hole short course will open in April 2008.*