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New Head Chef at The Lawns



The award-winning, four-star Thornton Hall Hotel has appointed Richard Collingwood as their new Head Chef of award-winning restaurant, The Lawns.

Richard Collingwood has over 16 years' experience in the hospitality industry across a number of AA Rosette and Michelin-starred restaurants and was most recently Head Chef at The Cottage in The Wood, Cumbria, which holds three AA Rosettes.

Describing his cooking style as "one that is focused on seasonality and clarity of flavour", Richard uses the freshest "in season" produce, cooking it in a sympathetic manner to present the ingredients in the best possible way. He said: "In a couple of months, some of my favourite ingredients will become available – wild garlic, forced rhubarb, morels, Jersey Royals and asparagus, and I'm really looking forward to showcasing them on our menu. It's really important to me to create a menu based around seasonality to ensure the best possible flavour in my dishes."

General Manager of Thornton Hall Hotel Geoff Dale commented: "We're delighted to welcome Richard to the team. He brings a wealth of skills and expertise to our already award-winning restaurant and we're certain he can help retain those accolades and indeed improve on them! We're really looking forward to having our guests experience Richard's latest menu and to see how it evolves through the seasons."

Situated in the charming countryside village of Thornton Hough, Wirral, the four-star hotel was recently awarded the prestigious AA Silver Star Award for their high standards of hotel keeping, in particular, hospitality, service and cleanliness along with an AA Rosette award for the quality of their food. In addition to this, Thornton Hall Hotel and Spa was also listed in the Michelin Guide 2019, which is selected by a team of inspectors and lists only the best places to eat and stay in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

For more information about The Lawns and Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, visit: <https://www.thorntonhallhotel.com>



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Established in 2019, Pensby Football Club is a brand-new club formed by a group of friends with an abundance of experience in amateur football. We are looking to become a real flagship club by becoming an integral part of the local community and are looking for local people to become involved and become part of the club.

Playing at Pensby High School, we are applying to play in the West Cheshire League with games on a Saturday afternoon. Being an open age adult club we are looking for new players from the local area.

Club officials include: Robbie Matthews (Chairman), Gary Vost (Vice Chairman), Gaynor McLaughlin (Events & Fundraising Manager), Connor Noble (Treasurer) and Danny Hart (Team Manager).

We currently have a range of sponsorship opportunities for local businesses to get involved and are open to any ideas around fundraising for the club. If interested please contact our Events & Fundraising Manager Gaynor McLaughlin at pensbyfcfundraiser@gmail.com or Club Chairman Robbie Matthews on pensbyfcchairman@gmail.com

A Huge Thank You

Wirral Lions Club would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the residents of Wirral who, through their kind generosity, enabled the Club to raise a fantastic £7,900 with their Christmas Float during December. The money raised will be used to support local charitable good causes and Lion's charities internationally. Special thanks must also be given to Aldi, Bromborough, and Tesco, Heswall, for allowing collections to be made at their premises, to the Friends of Wirral Lions Club and to the boys of the 6th Form at Wirral Grammar School for their invaluable help and support.

On behalf of Lion President Alan Murray, thank you once again and a Happy New Year to all. If you are interested in becoming a Lion and helping in your local community, then please contact Dave on 0151 648 9157.