

We were thrilled to learn that we had been shortlisted for a prestigious *Georgina Campbell Award*. This was totally special to us, in that we are proud of our breakfast offering for our guests, and do invest a lot of time and research into perfecting the breakfast menu, and sourcing new and exciting local artisan products.

Georgina Campbell is one of Ireland's leading food and hospitality writers. Each year Georgina leads a team of fellow food writers, and hospitality professionals, who travel incognito to every county in Ireland, to update and compile her Georgina Campbell's guide. Georgina is widely recognised and respected in the Irish hospitality industry as having one of the most comprehensive guides, and admission is based entirely on merit.

We were delighted to learn that Georgina had shortlisted us to receive one of her much sought after breakfast awards. Now in their third year, the Irish Breakfast Awards celebrate Ireland's leading hospitality establishments, and the people who strive to make the most important meal of the day a memorable and special experience for guests. According to Georgina *"the significance of the humble breakfast cannot be understated and it is important to Ireland's reputation in food and tourism. A great Irish breakfast starts with the raw ingredients, and as part of those awards we identify exceptional Irish breakfast food producers, who help chefs turn a good breakfast - into an exceptional one."*

We set off bright and early on a February morning, for the Intercontinental Hotel in Dublin to attend a brunch awards ceremony. We met lots of our colleagues in the hospitality trade, some the we had known previously such as Neven McGuire of Macnean House in Cavan, Paul Carrol of Ghan House, in Carlingford, and Margaret Bowe of Marlfield House. We also chatted to Dee Laffan of Food and Wine magazine, and world renowned chef Richard Corrigan of Bentley's Townhouse London and the Virginia Park Lodge in County Cavan Ireland. We feasted on a lovely brunch, quite a change for us to be served, and very different for Brian not to have to cook.

A Thoroughly enjoyable morning which we loved attending and we were so proud to bring our 'Highly Recommended' plaque back to the gang in Castlewood, where it is proudly displayed.

Thank you Georgina, we love it.