



THE LASSWADE COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

Like many 'time forgotten' places in rural Wales, Llanwrtyd Wells lies in the scenic beauty of mid-Wales. It is reputed to have the 'cleanest air in Britain' and is the perfect place to visit and unwind from everyday hectic lifestyles. In July 2001, Roger and Emma Stevens decided not only to do this, but they actually changed their lifestyle, moving from the busy hustle of the Thames Valley to Llanwrtyd Wells. It is an area that was familiar to both of them and it was the perfect location to run a small country hotel and bring up their young daughter. Hence the Lasswade Hotel had acquired enthusiastic new owners from across the border.

Roger and Emma decided to offer a very high standard of hospitality combined with an excellent food menu. Drawing on their life experi-

ences and being 'hands-on owners', has been the key to their success. *"We enjoy talking to our Guests and taking the time to give them a real sense of place. This is often whilst enjoying a good drink after dinner in the comfortable large drawing room enhanced by the warmth and friendliness of a real log fire in Winter,"* says Emma proudly.

The bedrooms have spectacular views of the surrounding countryside and are comfortably furnished with all bathrooms have soft towels and organic toiletries. The house itself, stands on the outskirts of Llanwrtyd Wells, which also hold the title of the



smallest town in Britain. Outside stretches the wild, untouched Cambrian Mountains, the brooding Epynt Hills with the Brecon Beacons beyond. It's the ideal base for touring, walking, mountain biking, fishing, golfing, riding, bird watching and a host of other country pursuits. The Lasswade Hotel is a haven of peace and tranquillity that is so hard to imagine. The views are panoramic and breathtaking. The area is



a low fuel destination, accessible by Rail and Road and just 3hrs from London. For those travelling in the U.K. there are no Airport problems or traffic congestions.



Roger, a professional chef (originally from London), is known for his accomplished and enthusiastic use of produce which is locally sourced from farmers markets, local shops or from the farms themselves, direct. This philosophy has recently been rewarded by the couple winning the U.K. 'Sustain Food Challenge' award and receiving 2 A.A. Rosettes for the Restaurant. Roger also teaches, judges and cooks at live appearances throughout Wales. His approach has been serialised on BBC Radio Four and also by independent Television.

Emma, a Farmers daughter from Hampshire, knows how important it is to interact with the community and support the hill farmers and producers. Too many people move from urban life to a beautiful part of the countryside, yet keep themselves apart from local life and by doing so, fail to get involved. Emma says "It is all about helping one another, supporting local businesses and keeping rural communities alive. We run the Lasswade in an environmentally friendly way, with a commitment recognised by many 'green' awards."

The Lasswade is situated only a few minutes walk from Llanwrtyd Railway Station, part of the scenic Heart of Wales railway from Shrewsbury to Swansea. Incentives are available for those travelling by train. Emma and Roger were also the pioneers in re instigating the use of the Railway line to transport some food. You may think that with their busy schedule they have very little time on their hands for personal relaxation but they still find the time to enjoy a good quality of life with Emma pursuing her love for equestrian activities while Roger continues his interest in motor sport. The Hotel's achievements have been acknowledged by the Good Food Guide, Good Hotel Guide, Michelin Guide and many Restaurant reviews in various books. The Sunday Observer listed us as one of 25 destinations on the planet to spend New Year 2007. It is also worth noting that this is a 'smoke free' hotel.

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