

The Black Swan at Oldstead in North Yorkshire  
named AA Pub of the Year for England



The team at The Black Swan at Oldstead were celebrating last night when it was named Pub of the Year England at the AA Hospitality Awards 2010, hosted by Penny Smith at the London Hilton on Park Lane.

Tom, Anne, James and Tommy Banks, Family Owners of The Black Swan at Oldstead, who received the award in front of an audience of over 700 members of the hospitality industry, commented, “We are all absolutely delighted. It’s a really tremendous thing for us to be named ‘AA Pub of the Year’. It’s such a prestigious award – we can hardly believe it!”

The Black Swan at Oldstead offers some of the best food in Yorkshire with superb accommodation in a stunning rural location. Open fires, a traditional bar and restaurant serving award-winning food oozes understated quality. Oldstead has spectacular landscapes that are steeped in history and The Black Swan pays tribute to the beauty and elegance of its surroundings.

AA Hotel Services group area manager Giovanna Grossi said: “We selected The Black Swan as AA Pub of the Year for England because this family run pub has real character. Top notch inn-keeping, great food, real ales and beautifully appointed accommodation, make this a real destination pub worthy of a detour.”

Gary Verity Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire said: “We are absolutely delighted that the Black Swan at Oldstead has scooped such a prestigious award. It is

a well-deserved accolade for an exceptional pub which truly shows that Yorkshire really does offer the best in Britain!”

Attended by world-renowned chefs, prominent hoteliers, hospitality gurus and key industry media, the AA Hospitality Awards recognise and reward the excellent services provided by the UK’s very best establishments and high achieving individuals, and launch the 2011 AA guides to UK hotels and restaurants.

This year, guests were treated to a sensational three course gourmet meal created by five AA Rosette-awarded chef Marcus Wareing in conjunction with the Hilton Park Lane kitchen team, as well as a special performance by multi-million record selling and twice-Brit Award winner Heather Small, formerly of M People.

Selection is made based on overall excellence and the specific achievements throughout the previous year. Other AA Hospitality Awards 2010 – 2011 winners were:

AA Hotel of the Year England - Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, Colerne, Wiltshire  
AA Hotel of the Year Scotland - Boath House, Nairn, Highland  
AA Hotel of the Year Wales - The Imperial Hotel, Llandudno  
AA Hotel of the Year London - The Royal Horseguards, London  
AA Restaurant of the Year England - The Harrow at Little Bedwyn, Marlborough, Wiltshire  
AA Restaurant of the Year Scotland - The Peat Inn, Fife  
AA Restaurant of the Year Wales - The Hardwick, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire  
AA Restaurant of the Year London - Galvin La Chapelle , London  
AA Wine Award England (sponsored by T&W Wines) - Hambleton Hall, Oakham, Rutland  
AA Wine Award Scotland (sponsored by T&W Wines) – The Kitchin, Leith, Edinburgh  
AA Wine Award Wales (sponsored by T&W Wines) - Fairyhill, Reynoldston, Swansea  
AA Pub of the Year Scotland - The Sun Inn, Eskbank, Edinburgh  
AA Pub of the Year Wales - The Swan Inn, Little Haven, Haverfordwest  
AA Chef’s Chef of the Year (sponsored by Caterer.com) - Martin Wishart  
AA Small Hotel Group of the Year (sponsored by beacon) - Apex Hotels  
AA Hotel Group of the Year – Marriott Hotels  
AA Eco Hotel of the Year (sponsored by British Gas Business) - The Scarlet, Cornwall  
AA Eco Hotel Group of the Year (sponsored by British Gas Business) – Elite Hotels  
AA Lifetime Achievement - George Goring OBE