

**“Good Food Ireland Awards honour people and places for their commitment to using local Irish food”**

Good Food Ireland, for everyone who simply loves good local food held its annual awards ceremony in its member hotel The K-Club on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon. The lunchtime Irish artisan picnic reflected members' continuous commitment to offering consumers a local food experience. Over 300 key representatives from the food and tourism sectors including chefs, restaurateurs, hoteliers, farmers, fishermen and food producers from the four corners of Ireland were in attendance. Guests of Honour speaking at the Awards included Trevor Sargent TD, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with responsibility for Food and Horticulture and key guest **Ian Walker, Skipper of the Green Dragon in the Volvo Ocean Race** who attendance in recognition of Good Food Ireland's voluntary efforts in travelling all over the world during the race to feed the crew and promote Irish food tourism.

*“The objectives of the awards are to highlight places committed to local Irish food so that consumers can find out and make informed choices on where to go to eat out or stay. Good Food Ireland is the only all island organisation that brings together a club of like-minded, committed people across all sectors of the hospitality and food industry”*

says **Margaret Jeffares**, Managing Director, Good Food Ireland

**1. Good Food Ireland New Member of the Year Award sponsored by Silver Hill Foods**Nominations

Boyles of Dromore, Co Down  
Deli on the Green, Co Tyrone  
Fallon & Byrne, Dublin  
Nude Food, Co Waterford  
O'Brien Chop House, Co Waterford  
Rathellen House, Co Tipperary  
Rua, Co Mayo  
The Blackberry Café, Co Kilkenny  
The Oarsman, Co Leitrim

**Winner - Rua, Co Mayo**

**2. Good Food Ireland Best Next Generation Award sponsored by Fíor Uisce**Nominations

Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Centre, Co Galway  
Farmgate Middleton, Co Cork  
Kelly's Butchers of Newport, Co Mayo  
Rathmullan House, Co Donegal

**Winners – Kenneth & Cormac Kelly of Kelly's Butchers, Newport, Co Mayo**

**3. Good Food Ireland Best use of Sustainable Local Fish Award sponsored by Classic Drinks**Nominations

Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Centre, Co Galway  
Cavistons Food Emporium, Dublin  
Fishy Fishy Café, Co Cork  
Rathmullan House, Co Donegal  
The Burren Smokehouse & Visitor Centre, Co Clare  
Ummara Smoked Products, Co Cork

**Winner - Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Centre, Co Galway**

**4. Top Regional Member North Award sponsored by Tourism Ireland**Nominations

Belle Isle School of Cookery, Co Fermanagh  
Ditty's Home Bakery & Café, Co Derry  
Lough Erne Golf Resort, Co Fermanagh  
The Bay Tree Holywood, Co Down  
The Heatherlea, Co Down

**Winner - Lough Erne Golf Resort, Co Fermanagh**

## **5. Top Regional Member South Award sponsored by Tourism Ireland**

### Nominations

The Chart House, Co Kerry

Glebe Gardens and Café, Co Cork

Hayes'

Bar,

Co

Cork

Liberty Grill, Cork

Nash 19 Restaurant & Food Shop

O'Connor's Seafood Restaurant, Co Cork

Park Hotel Kenmare, Co Kerry

QC's Seafood Bar and Restaurant, Co Kerry

River Lane Café, Co Cork

Rolf's Country House, Co Cork

URRU Culinary Store, Co Cork

**Winner - Glebe Gardens and Café, Co Cork**

## **6. Top Regional Member East Award sponsored by Tourism Ireland**

### Nominations

Aqua Restaurant, Dublin

Ballyknocken House & Cookery School, Co Wicklow

Donnybrook Fair, Dublin

Dublin Cookery School, Co Dublin

The K Club, Co Kildare

The Kitchen & Foodhall Portlaoise, Co Laois

The Merrion Hotel, Dublin

**Winner - Ballyknocken House & Cookery School, Co Wicklow**

## **7. Top Regional Member West Award sponsored by Tourism Ireland**

### Nominations

Ashford Castle, Co Mayo

Café Rua and Rua, Co Mayo

Winner - Doonbeg, Co Clare

Larkins Bar & Restaurant, Co Tipperary

Mount Falcon Country House Hotel, Co Mayo

The Burren Perfumery, Co Clare

The Food Store, Co Mayo

The River Run Bistro, Co Clare

White Gables Restaurant, Co Galway

**Winner - Doonbeg, Co Clare**

## **8. Good Food Ireland Environmental Energy Efficiency Award sponsored by Fáilte Ireland**

### Nominations

Gleeson's Townhouse & Restaurant, Co Roscommon

Kelly's Resort Hotel & Spa, Co Wexford

**Winner - Monart Destination Spa, Co Wexford**

## **9. Good Food Ireland Host of the Year Award sponsored by Fáilte Ireland**

### Nominations

Bill Kelly - Kelly's Resort Hotel & Spa, Co Wexford

Claire Nash - Nash 19 Restaurant & Food Shop, Cork

Catherine McLaughlin - The Poachers Inn, Co Cork

Martin Corbett - Chapter One, Dublin

Roberto Pons - La Dolce Vita, Co Wexford

Sean and Dorothy Walsh - The Village Greengrocer, Co Cork

Val Manning - Mannings Emporium, Co Cork

**Winner - Claire Nash - Nash 19 Restaurant & Food Shop, Cork**

## **10. Good Food Ireland Best Producer Award sponsored by Bord Bia**

### Nominations

Ardsallagh Goat Farm, Co Cork

Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Centre, Co Galway  
Glenilen Farm, Co Cork  
Jane Russell's Original Irish Handmade Sausages, Co Kildare  
Janet's Country Fayre, Co Wicklow  
Kelly's of Newport, Co Mayo  
Lorge Chocolatier, Co Kerry  
McCarthy's Butchers, Co Cork  
Moon Shine Organic Dairy Farm, Co Westmeath  
Ryans Arbutus Breads, Co Cork

**Winner - The Burren Smokehouse & Visitor Centre, Co Clare**

#### **11. Good Food Ireland Person of the Year Award**

**Joint Winners- Maurice Keller, Arlington Lodge Country House Hotel  
Peter Ward, Country Choice Nenagh, Co Tipperary**

#### **12. Good Food Ireland Top Overall Member Award sponsored by Independent Newspapers**

**Winners - Rathmullan House, Co Donegal**

**For further on the Awards and the winners please visit:**

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#### **Notes to Editor-**

Good Food Ireland is a club of members from the food and hospitality industry who are committed to using local Irish food, with the overall aim to drive the domestic and international tourist to places where they can get a genuine Irish food experience.

The vision of Good Food Ireland is to help consumers make informed choices about eating out and buying local food when they take a weekend stay in a country house or hotel, go out for dinner to a restaurant or café, choose a cookery school who's ethos is to cook with local seasonal food or buy their food from a local food or farm shop. Good Food Ireland markets it members to domestic and international consumers to drive food tourism within the island of Ireland and to make its members number 1 choice for food lovers.

Good Food Ireland operates as a not for profit organisation with strict membership criteria and is driven by a Steering Group. All 250 members are committed on a voluntary basis to the development and growth of consumer awareness of the organisation.

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