



AA Bed and Breakfast Awards 2019 victors revealed

Winners of the 24th awards celebrated at St Ermin's hotel in London

AA HOTEL & Hospitality Services has announced the winners of this year's AA B&B Awards, now in its 24th year.

The event, held at St Ermin's hotel, Westminster, recognised some of the nation's most remarkable B&Bs and celebrated the people that devote their lives to running them.

Simon Numphud, managing director at AA

Hotel & Hospitality Services, said: "We are absolutely delighted to recognise all of our winners and their passion and dedication for their businesses and their guests."

"The standards of hospitality and accommodation are truly excellent, and we are particularly pleased to recognise the outstanding breakfasts through our new national awards."

The Lodge on Loch Goil, Argyll



Woodlands Farm, Thimbleby, North Yorkshire

**B&B AWARDS
THE WINNERS**

**AA Friendliest B&B
of the Year,**

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Woodlands Farm, Thimbleby, North Yorkshire

Owners Paul and Amy Callin said: "We are absolutely chuffed to bits to win this award, it means an awful lot to us."



The Clydesdale, finalist for Friendliest B&B of the Year

AA Restaurant with Rooms of the Year

The Lodge on Loch Goil, Argyll

Owner Iain Hopkins said: "I am ecstatic; this really makes it worth the hard work. Without my wonderful staff and wife, we wouldn't have won this award, so I want to thank the whole team."



Woodlands Farm, winner of Friendliest B&B of the Year

AA Unique B&B of the Year

Brightham House, Malborough, Devon

Owners Scott Browning and Alistair Veness said: "We are blown away to win – we can't believe it. We are so overwhelmed, and very happy."



Brightham House, winner of Unique B&B of the Year

**AA B&B Story of the
Year, sponsored by**

Wold View House B&B, Tealby, Lincolnshire



Inn of the Year

The Swan, Bampton, Devon

(See page 12 for an interview with the owners)

**AA Guest
Accommodation of
the Year, sponsored by**

Scotland Tigh Na Leigh Guest House, Alyth

Wales Ael y Bryn, Crymch, Pembrokeshire

England Lindeth Fell Country House,

Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria



Twelfth Night, finalist for Friendliest B&B of the Year

AA Breakfast of the Year

**Scotland Craigmhor Lodge & Courtyard,
Pitlochry, Perthshire**

Wales Ramsey House, St Davids, Pembrokeshire

**England The Old House at Gotten Manor,
Chale, Isle of Wight**



Wold View House, winner of B&B Story of the Year



Brightham House, Malborough, Devon

OBITUARY
Peter Brend,
Brend Hotels



PETER BREND, ONE of the leading hoteliers in the south west of England, has died at 61 after "a long battle with his health".

He was one of six directors of the family-run Brend Hotels group which comprises 11 three- and four-AA-star hotels in Devon and Cornwall including the Saunton Sands, Saunton, and Victoria hotel, Sidmouth, in Devon; and the Carlyon Bay, St Austell, and Royal Duchy, Falmouth, in Cornwall. The company was named as the AA Hotel Group of the Year 2015-16.

Simon Numphud, managing director of AA Hotel and Hospitality Services, said: "It was an absolute privilege to know Peter. A great hotelier who was totally passionate about his guests, employees and business. His contribution to the south west speaks for itself and I know he will be deeply missed by so many."

**The new Pub
Guide 2020 is
coming soon**

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a beautiful country pub or just a good local to meet friends, you're sure to find what you need in the brand new AA Pub Guide 2020.

Find out which pubs have a good range of real ales, ciders and wines by the glass, and which pubs have been awarded Rosettes for the quality of their cuisine.

The Pub Guide 2020 will be available in July from all good book shops and Amazon

