



ROYAL SPORTSMAN HOTEL

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The Best 3★ Hotel in Snowdonia

This was the verdict handed down by a Visit Wales inspector after a recent stay at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, Porthmadog. After the most comprehensive scrutiny of the premises, the Hotel

was given four stars for food, four for service, four for friendliness and welcome, and four for housekeeping, together with high scores for bedrooms. In addition, the hotel has just been given four stars for food and

service by the AA. This provides welcome confirmation of the reputation that the hotel has been striving to create over the past years with its extensive programme of renovation and refurbishments. We have also invested in the best staff, bringing in two new multi-AA rosette level chefs to create a varied menu which is highly acclaimed. Our focus is to provide well-cooked but uncomplicated food using the best of local Welsh produce, with a modern British and European flavour, to suit all tastes.

Golf Stays

Enjoy golfing breaks across an area that includes the Llyn Peninsula, the Cambrian coast, the North Wales coast and Anglesey, where you can play at an unhurried pace and savour wonderful scenery. Snowdonia provides a backdrop to many of the courses. The Royal Sportsman has considerable experience in arranging all-inclusive golf packages for all sizes of groups. Every schedule is tailor-made for each customer, and preparation of an outline schedule and arranging the Golf is FREE.

A message from your hosts:

"Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter! As you can see we have been hard at work to raise our quality standards. The summer may have been disappointing from a weather point of view but at the Royal Sportsman we have been basking in the warm glow of praise from both customers and tourism organisations. Please read on to find out more..."

Louis & Viorica Naudi
Royal Sportsman Hotel

New Autumn and Winter Breaks in 2008

Our new range of relaxing short breaks for Autumn and Winter is designed to give a Taste of Wales, using local seasonal produce for both breakfast and dinner. Guests can opt to dine in the restaurant on any one evening of

their stay, or every night. The evening meal will comprise a choice of any three courses from the A La Carte menu, with no restrictions. Rates are calculated per person, per night, with 2 persons sharing a double/twin room, based on a minimum

stay of 2 consecutive nights at any time during the week. Free bed & breakfast is offered for children under 5; £5 per night aged 5 to 15. To ensure a truly relaxed break, we offer our guests a special late check out till 11am on the day of their

departure! See page 4 for prices of these special seasonal packages. For details of all our rates, please visit our website and click on the Tariffs button.

(NB: please note these breaks are not available over Christmas & New Year.)

Cookery Masterclasses in Welsh Winter Warmer

This winter the Royal Sportsman's Master Chefs will be sharing some of the tricks of their trade. What could be more warming than a hearty dish of 'Lob Scouse', a traditional dish that is a favourite with Welsh locals.

Ingredients

450g (1lb) Stewing or Braising Steak
 900g (2lb) Potatoes (King Edward are recommended)
 900g (2lb) Carrots, Parsnips or Swede (or a mixture)
 600ml (1 pint) Beef Stock
 3 Onions
 Salt and Pepper
 Bay Leaf and Sprig of Rosemary

Directions

Dice the meat into 1 inch pieces, place in a large pan, just cover with water and bring to the boil. Regularly skim the fat and scum from the boiling liquid. Finely chop the onions, parsnips or swede and stir into the pot with the meat. Add the herbs. Peel and dice the potatoes and add them to the pot. Dice the carrots and put them into the pot with the beef stock, and cover with water to the top. Bring to the boil and then turn down heat to a simmer, cover with a pan lid and leave to cook gently for about 2 ½ hours, stirring the 'Scouse' every now and then. Serve with red cabbage.



Did you know?

The history of Lob Scouse is intimately linked with the seafarers of Northern Europe. The dish originated in Norway as 'labskause', a hot stew for fisherfolk, which Norwegian sailors brought to Liverpool, where it became lob scouse – providing the world famous nickname for Liverpoolians! Its fame spread to the fishing ports of North-West Wales. Now, at the **Royal Sportsman**, it has been given a new twist.

"Pets Welcome Here!" — Gelert's Column

...says Gelert, our rescue thoroughbred border collie

"Featured in the AA pet guidebook, my Hotel very much welcomes dog lovers and their four legged friends, like me, to stay here. On arrival I'll give you a friendly bark and show you around – I've

been here over five years now and I am very well looked after. At the end of the day, guests and my new doggie friends can relax in Gelert's bar bearing my name – "Gelert's". Well behaved dogs like me are also allowed in the Garden rooms, patio garden and Gelert's Bar where human customers can eat and / or drink. Of course, official Guide Dogs are allowed in the restaurant.

Water bowls are available for that 'must have' drink after a long walk which the hotel will happily organize for you and a pet shop is only 30 seconds walk away. They'll even look after you if your owners decide to go out on their own!"



Welsh Highland Railway — a new era

The Royal town of Caernarfon is the starting point, and from Summer 2009 Welsh Highland Railway will run a full 25 miles through Snowdonia's mountains and coast to Porthmadog. The line will hopefully be



completed to Beddgelert as early as Easter. The scenery is stunning with memorable coastal towns at either end, pretty lakes, woodlands and views of the mountains. The

WHR's plan is to complete work on the track to Porthmadog in order to link it with the world-famous Ffestiniog Railway. This has long been a dream of both locals and visitors, and hopefully it will soon become a reality.

A Gift Voucher for Christmas

It's always the same in the run-up to Christmas – you're struggling to find the right gift for the right person, and everything becomes a bit of a headache.

This year, why not take the strain out of present-buying and give a gift that will always be appreciated – a voucher entitling your friend or loved



one to accommodation or a meal at the Royal Sportsman Hotel?

The vouchers are available in £10 and £50 denominations and are available all year round, so they don't just

make the ideal Christmas present – what about birthdays or special anniversaries?

What Our Clients Say...

We're naturally proud of our hotel—but you don't need to take our word for it. Here's a cross-section of what our clientele have been telling us:

"It was clear from the outset that the policy of this hotel was to make their visitors feel like honoured and valued guests. We were so well cared for at all times. We would unreservedly recommend this hotel to anyone."

- Neil & Celia Picken,
TripAdvisor website,
16 Sep 2008

"I say "thank God" for hotels like the Royal Sportsman. They have heart. They have soul...and the hotel's 28 rooms are a good size, spotlessly clean and comfortable....the service throughout first class. Certainly the food we tried was top-notch. The pan-seared scallops got 10 out of 10 "

- Maria Breslin, *Liverpool Echo,*
29th Jan 2008

"Most importantly, we could take the dog. In fact, he received an equally warm welcome, being greeted with a bowl of water and

the offer of being taken for a walk by a member of staff should we want to leave him in the hotel..."

- Gillian Gray, *Lancashire Evening Post,* 11th Jan 2008

"This was the best yet. We stayed over an extra day because the food was so good. We just know it was too good to leave. When we had to travel on to meet family, the staff did a 'map-search' to get us from door to door in Glasgow. Can't say enough good things about the Royal Sportsman."

- "PDXtravellers2", *Portland, Oregon, TripAdvisor website,*
19 Sep 2007

"For a bunch of golfers in a wet week, the drying room was a godsend."

- "Pennpond", *on TripAdvisor website,* 15 Sep 2008

"Porthmadog is an ideal location from which to explore N. Wales and The Sportsman Hotel is ideally situated... The hotel itself achieves old world charm with modern convenience."

- "S. Devon Traveller",
TripAdvisor website,
12 Sep 2008

Activity Breaks

No other area in the UK can offer such a diverse range of all-year-round activities and attractions — whatever the weather!

We have been organising different breaks for families and groups for over 10 years – a quality, individual and personal service. As we are based in North Wales, our considerable local knowledge ensures the most cost effective and trouble-free break, organized on your behalf and at no extra cost, for those who wish to stay with us. Programmes are specifically tailor- made for each customer.

These include:

- Golf
- Walking
- Pony trekking
- Corporate Days Out
- Fishing
- Cycling & bike hire
- Quad biking & Go-Karting
- Clay pigeon shooting

If you have an activity in mind which is not shown here, let us know and we will get back to you with details.

We can also arrange special themed breaks, along with Personal Development / Interest breaks, receptions and themed parties:

Musical entertainments
Anniversaries
Family gatherings
Private Dinners
Mini Conferences
Details & prices on application

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About Us - Profile

Louis Naudi has owned the hotel since August 1998. With his wife **Viorica**, from Romania, they manage it together. However, she has brought an old fashioned service to the heart of their business. The Royal Sportsman has obtained numerous commendations and awards including “Best Small Business in North Wales”.

Louis was Chairperson of the Porthmadog Chamber of Trade for many years and substantially helped to raise the profile of the town. He is a Director of North Wales Tourism – the leading tourism trade organisation in Wales. University educated and with several degrees, Louis has recently been elected a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Formerly a lecturer at university level, Louis went on to create a number of small businesses and has a strong track record in business management and marketing.

Autumn & Winter Breaks

Please note that the charges shown below are per person, per night, and are correct at time of going to press. For details of weekends and public holiday bookings, please visit the Terms and Conditions section of our website, where you'll also be kept up to date with news and special promotions:

www.royalsportsman.co.uk

Short Two Night Break (WB1)

Dinner on 1 Night

- ★ Standard double/twin:£45.00
- ★ Superior /Larger double/twin:£50.00

Dinner on 2 Nights

- ★ Standard double/twin:£59.00
- ★ Superior /Larger double/twin:£64.00

Three Night Break (WB2)

Dinner on 1 Night

- ★ Standard double/twin:£44.00
- ★ Superior /Larger double/twin:£49.00

Dinner on 3 Nights

- ★ Standard double/twin:£59.00
- ★ Superior /Larger double/twin:£64.00

Four Night Break (WB3)

Dinner on 1 Night

- ★ Standard double/twin:£41.00
- ★ Superior /Larger double/twin:£46.00

Dinner on 4 Nights

- ★ Standard double/twin:£62.00
- ★ Superior /Larger double/twin:£67.00

Pets

Per dog per day:£3.50

Additional Items

Packed Lunches & Picnic Hampers:from £8.00

Champagne on Ice on your arrival:£45.00