



**FACILITIES AT THE MALLIN HOUSE HOTEL INCLUDE:**

**ACCOMMODATION:** 11 EN-SUITE BEDROOMS, ALL WITH TEA/COFFEE MAKING FACILITIES, T.V., TELEPHONE (1 BEDROOM WITH JACUZZI).

**RESTAURANT:** CATERERS FOR UP TO 100.

**CONFERENCE:** FACILITIES FOR UP TO 50. ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 21.

**BAR:** A WELL-APPOINTED FRIENDLY COCKTAIL BAR.

**OTHER FACILITIES:** RESIDENTS LOUNGE, LAUNDRY, DRYING AND FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED.

DORNOCH IS ONLY 40 MILES NORTH OF INVERNESS. GET HERE BY CAR VIA THE A9 TRUNK ROAD OR BY MAIN LINE TRAIN TO TAIN (8 MILES AWAY) OR GOLSPIE (12 MILES).



".....GOOD FOOD AND A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE COMPLEMENT THE HIGH STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION....." LES ROUTIERS.



".....A FAMILY RUN HOTEL WITH A PLEASANT BAR FEATURING A MALT OF THE MONTH AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD RANGE OF BAR MEALS WHICH EVEN INCLUDES LOBSTER...AND THERE AREN'T TOO MANY BAR MENUS OFFERING THAT!...." THE TASTE OF SCOTLAND.



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## WHO BLEW THE SECRET OF MALLIN HOUSE? WAS IT THE BUNKERED DUFFER WHO ARRIVED TO PLAY THE FAMOUS

**LINKS** AND ENDED UP AT OUR COCKTAIL BAR, DROWNING HIS SORROWS WITH VENERABLE MALTS, IN 1991: WAS IT PERHAPS HIS NOT-SO-MERRY WIDOW, A MARTYR TO THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GAME, WHO CAME HERE TO EAT FOR COMFORT AND WHO MOURNED THE DAY SHE HAD TO LEAVE: COULD IT HAVE BEEN THE CHARMING BEACHCOMBER, WHO WAS WASHED UP HERE AT MALLIN HOUSE IN THE SPRING OF '92 AND REMAINED HIGH, BUT NOT DRY, FOR WEEKS ON END UNTIL THE TIDE TOOK HIM FINALLY AWAY? OR WAS IT THE FUSTY FISHER WHO CAME NORTH IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR WITH FINE FIBS TO TELL OF THE GIANTS THAT HAD GOT AWAY, AND WHO LEFT WITH A TALE ON HIS LIPS OF HIS BEST CATCH EVER - THE FABULOUS FISH THAT WAS SERVED UP TO HIM AT OUR VERY OWN TABLE?

WHOEVER THE GUILTY PARTY WAS, THE WHOLE WORLD NOW KNOWS OUR SECRET; THAT, BEHIND AN ARCHITECTURAL EXTERIOR BOTH MODEST AND UNPREPOSSESSING, YOU WILL BE MOST PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY ACCOMMODATION, CUISINE AND HOSPITALITY THAT ARE, TRULY, EXCELLENT. IT IS CONFIRMATION, INDEED, OF THAT OLD ADAGE THAT ONE MUST NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVERS.....

MALCOLM HOLDEN, OUR CHEF AND PROPRIETOR, HAS HIS OWN SUSPICIONS ABOUT WHO IS TO BLAME, PARTIALLY AT LEAST, FOR THE POPULARITY OF MALLIN HOUSE.

WHILST THE CULPRITS, HE SAYS, COULD BE ANYONE - GOLFERS OR SPORTSMEN, HOLIDAYMAKERS OR DAY TRIPPERS, BUSINESSMEN OR GOURMETS - ANYONE, IN FACT, WHO HAS DINED OR STAYED AT MALLIN HOUSE SINCE THE SPRING OF 1990 WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE LINDA OPENED THE HOTEL, HE IS CERTAIN IT WAS 'AN INSIDE JOB'. THAT IS TO SAY, THE PERPETRATOR COULD WELL HAVE BEEN SOMEONE FROM WITHIN THE HOTEL AND CATERING INDUSTRY, SOMEONE WHO KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

'I'VE NOTICED', MALCOLM HAS OFTEN SAID, 'THAT WHEN OTHER HOTELIERS AND RESTAURATEURS GO OUT TO DINE, THEY WILL



OFTEN CHOOSE TO COME HERE, TO MALLIN HOUSE. THEY BRING WITH THEM THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AND I AM BOTH FLATTERED AND HONOURED THAT MY FELLOW PROFESSIONALS SHOULD COME TO MY TABLE AND TO SPREAD THE WORD. THIS, IN ITSELF, SAYS WORLDS ABOUT US .... AND IT MOST CERTAINLY KEEPS US ON OUR TOES!

**WHAT IT IS THAT HIS FELLOW RESTAURATEURS FIND SO ATTRACTIVE ABOUT MALLIN HOUSE IS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE. PERHAPS IT IS THE LIGHT AND GOOD HUMOURED AMBIENCE OF THE RESTAURANT, AN AMBIENCE THAT IS REDOLENT OF A GOOD PROVINCIAL RESTAURANT IN FRANCE.**

PERHAPS IT IS, SIMPLY, THE FOOD - CHOICE LOCAL BEEF, GAME AND SEA-FOOD - WHICH INCLUDES MUSSELS FROM THE DORNOCH FIRTH, HELMSDALE LOBSTER AND WILD HIGHLAND SALMON, ALL BEAUTIFULLY PREPARED AND PRESENTED. THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE FINE, FIRM AND FRESH AND THERE IS AN EXCELLENT CHEESE-BOARD. AS WELL AS A LA CARTE AND BAR MENUS, THERE ARE 'CELEBRATION' MENUS FEATURING, FOR INSTANCE, CHINESE, INDIAN OR SEAFOOD FEASTS - FOOD INDEED FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS!

COMPLEMENTING HIS FINE MENUS, MALCOLM OFFERS A GOOD SELECTION OF AFFORDABLE WINES AND A RANGE OF SINGLE MALT WHISKIES, SEVERAL OF THEM LOCAL, WHICH WILL BRING DELIGHT TO THE HEART.

**HISTORY**  
CREATED A ROYAL BURGH IN 1628 BY KING CHARLES THE FIRST, DORNOCH IS RICH IN HISTORY. OUR 13TH CENTURY CATHEDRAL, BUILT ON A RELIGIOUS SITE DATING BACK A FURTHER SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS, IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF A MEDIEVAL ECCLESIASTICAL BUILDING STILL IN USE IN SCOTLAND.

**WITCHCRAFT**  
ONLY A FEW YARDS FROM MALLIN HOUSE, IN THE FRONT GARDEN OF A COTTAGE, YOU WILL FIND A STONE WITH THE DATE - 1722 - MARKED ON IT. HERE, ON THAT DATE, AN OLD, FEEBLE-MINDED CRONE CALLED JANET HORNE WAS BURNED AT THE STAKE. HORNE, WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE TURNED HER OWN DAUGHTER INTO A PONY AND TO HAVE HAD HER SHOD BY THE DEVIL, WAS THE LAST PERSON IN SCOTLAND TO BE JUDICIOUSLY BURNED AS A WITCH.



**GOLF**  
MALLIN HOUSE IS ONLY 200 YARDS FROM THE ROYAL DORNOCH GOLF COURSE, ONE OF THE FINEST, AND OLDEST, LINKS COURSES IN THE WORLD. AS WELL AS OUR OWN STRUIE COURSE, THERE ARE ALSO FINE COURSES AT TAIN, GOLSPIE, BRORA AND BONAR BRIDGE, ALL WITHIN HALF AN HOUR'S DRIVE FROM HERE.

**BEACHES**  
FROM THE ROSS AND CROMARTY BORDER AT ARDGAY IN THE SOUTH WEST TO THE BORDER WITH CAITHNESS IN THE NORTH EAST, THERE IS 40 MILES OF FLAT, UNSPOILT COASTLINE CONSISTING OF MUDFLATS, DUNES AND CLEAN, SAFE AND SANDY BEACHES, IDEAL FOR BEACHCOMBING, BIRD WATCHING AND WATER SPORTS.

**WHISKY**  
IF YOU'RE FOND OF A WEE DROP OF THE 'CRATUR' YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE HOW IT IS MADE. DORNOCH IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES AWAY FROM THREE OF SCOTLAND'S FINEST DISTILLERIES - CLYNELISH, IN BRORA, BALBLAIR, IN EDDERTON, AND GLENMORANGIE, NEAR TAIN, AND ALL THREE WELCOME VISITORS.

**ANGLING**  
**WHY NOT TEST YOUR PATIENCE, SKILL AND CRAFT AGAINST SUTHERLAND'S WILD BROWN TROUT? THE COUNTY IS RICH IN LOCHS AND LOCHANS WHERE YOU CAN TEMPT THESE FINE, FIGHTING FISH WITH A FLY. SALMON AND SEA-TROUT PASS THROUGH THE DORNOCH FIRTH AND, VIA THE BEAUTIFUL KYLE OF SUTHERLAND, TO FOUR OF SCOTLAND'S GREATEST SPORT RIVERS - THE OYKEL, CASSLEY, CARRON AND SHIN. BEACH-CASTING AND SEA-ANGLING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE HERE. OTHER SPORTS YOU CAN TRY INCLUDE PONYTREKKING, SQUASH, TENNIS, CROQUET, BOWLING AND PITCH N' PUTTING.**

**BIRDWATCHING**  
A FEW MILES TO THE NORTH OF DORNOCH IS THE SCOTTISH WILDLIFE TRUST'S LOCH FLEET RESERVE, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BIRD SANCTUARIES IN SCOTLAND. HERE YOU MAY SEE GREYLAG GEESE, WHOOPER SWANS, GODWIT, WIDGEON, THOUSANDS OF LONG TAILED DUCK AND HUNDREDS OF VELVET SCOTER. AS WELL AS WADING BIRDS MORE THAN 400 COMMON SEALS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE DORNOCH FIRTH AND OUR FIELDS AND WOODS ARE HOME TO RED DEER, ROE DEER, FOXES, PINE MARTEN AND WILDCAT.