

## **Russell Crowe stays over at Wynyard Hall Hotel as a part of his visit to the North East**

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Wynyard Hall Country House Hotel was delighted to welcome Russell Crowe last week during his visit to give a talk at Durham University. The New Zealand-born actor enjoyed the homely hospitality of Sir John and Lady Mae Hall during his 2-night stay at the luxury 4-star hotel. The Gladiator star personally met Sir John and was said to have been extremely impressed by Wynyard Hall.

During the stay, the Oscar-winning actor spent time relaxing on the terrace overlooking the lake, enjoyed a selection of treatments from Essential Time Treatment Suite and sampled the food by Alan O'Kane, Wynyard's new Executive Head Chef.

Sir John later said: "It's been a pleasure to host such a famous A-list celebrity at Wynyard Hall. He is a very amenable and interesting person and I enjoyed our conversations very much, even though Russell supports Leeds United. Russell was very impressed with the history of the Hall and we discussed our shared interests in football and rugby. I hope, he found at Wynyard Hall the quietness and peace he was looking for and will share his experience with his friends."

Allison Antonopoulos, Managing Director of Wynyard Hall Hotel, said: "Wynyard Hall offers first class service, high level of privacy and convenient location to explore the North East. We are very excited to have had the opportunity to add such a world renowned actor to the illustrious list of royalty and dignitaries, who have visited the Hall to date."

The Hotel is renowned as the ultimate venue for luxury hospitality, offering the very best in dining in their rosette awarded Wellington Restaurant, beautiful Accommodation, fairytale Weddings, Conference & Banqueting and relaxing Treatment Suite, all set in 150 acres of spectacular parkland. Recently further £3 million has been spent bringing the 18<sup>th</sup> Century building back to its former grandeur for all to enjoy.

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### **Editor's Notes**

- Opened as Conference & Banqueting venue in November 2007
- Managing Director Allison Antonopoulos
- Grade II listed 18<sup>th</sup> Century building, surrounded by 150 acres of private parkland
- May 2010 awarded 4 stars by the AA
- May 2010 Wellington Restaurant awarded one rosette by the AA
- October 2010 – announced plans for a £2m Rose Garden tourist attraction
- October 2010 Achieved Silver Award in the North East Small Hotel of the Year 2010.
- 16 bedrooms, private Chapel, weddings, corporate, restaurant & private dining
- Dinner bed & breakfast from £100 per person, Lunch from £19.50 per person, Treatments from £35
- Photography available on request, please contact Jenny Blin on 01740 644811