



Innisfree House

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Nestled on the outskirts of Dundalk town centre this Edwardian townhouse is a true hidden gem, splendidly decorated and infinitely inviting.

Ronnie purchased Innisfree House 15 months ago and immediately set about restoring it to its original glory, with extensive restoration and meticulous decoration.

The property is located on the Carrick Road and has been beautifully adorned and decorated with Edwardian antiques.

All of the furniture is original antique, the cutlery is hallmark sil-

ver and all of the crystal is John Rocha.

From the beginning the staff and management at Innisfree House have been striving to ensure that everything is as authentic as it would have been back in 1900 and there is little doubt that goal has been achieved.

There are 9 guest bedrooms which remain true to the Edwardian theme of the house. The rooms are luxuriously furnished

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with a few modern trimmings adding to the period glamour.

'We are offering the complete Edwardian dining experience - it's a step back in time,' he says. 'It's something completely different, there's no-one doing it around here and very few even in the whole country.'

In a nutshell, Innisfree House can be booked out for an entire evening for parties of 16 or less, offering top class cuisine, wine and entertainment.

It is an ideal venue for small weddings, family re-unions, birthdays or a work-night-out with a difference.

And realising that the cuisine is the key to Innisfree's success though, Ronnie has enticed world-renowned chef, Jimmy Kennedy out of retirement, reforming a partnership which began



• Above: Ronnie Carroll, Managing Director, Della Rosa & Carroll Enterprises

• Below: Jimmy Kennedy, Resident Chef at the Innisfree House, Carrick Road, working together again after 25 years.

25 years ago when Ronnie trained under his old friend.

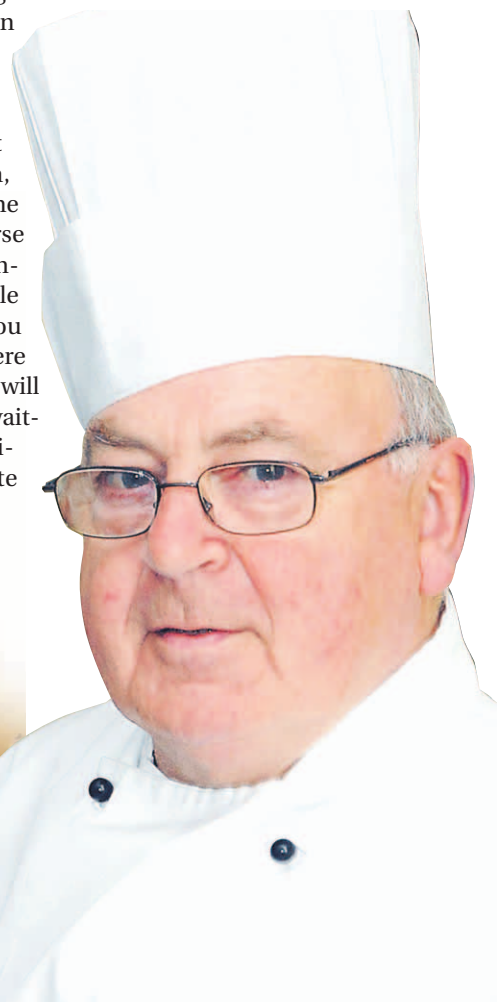
As a chef, Jimmy has few equals. He worked in London's Savoy Hotel and is the last surviving protégé of world-famous chef, Albom.

And together Jimmy and Ronnie have designed a superb new menu that encapsulates exactly what Innisfree House represents.

From the moment they enter guests are, quite simply, treated like royalty and will experience all the glamour and excitement of an Edwardian dinner party.

'People come here for an evening and basically they will be treated like the masters of a 19th century townhouse,' Ronnie continues emphasising the focus on achieving an authentic Edwardian experience.

'The maximum we will cater for is 16 guests and prices start at €125 per person, but that includes wine and drink, a six-course meal and entertainment. We do not recycle tables either, when you come here, you're here for the evening. You will be served by trained waiters in authentic uniforms wearing white gloves.'



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• Entrance hallway at Innisfree House.



• Chef Jimmy Kennedy with (L-R) Irma Vetrenko, Therese Narainsanny and Silvija Silinskiene in the dining room at Innisfree House



And the whole experience starts long before the big night. When you book an evening at Innisfree House you will be invited up beforehand to choose your own menu, drink and entertainment. Because everything is ordered in to suit each party's needs, Ronnie points out that Innisfree House boasts an 'unlimited' wine list and menu.

For entertainment, Innisfree House has tapped in to the local arts scene. 'There's great talent in this town,' Ronnie stresses. 'We have a resident pianist, Mike Jones and we can book award winning Opera singer, David Martin. We also have a group of

actors from the Town Hall who come in and stage a murder mystery night, which is actually very funny.'

While Innisfree House will cater for any type of group, they have also set aside Monday nights for companies who want to put together a team-building evening.

'We call it The Company,' Ronnie explains. 'Basically companies can come up, choose a menu and the wines to go with the various courses. It will be a really enjoyable night out, but after the dinner party Jimmy will come out and discuss the menu and choice of wine. He'll give his opinion and rate you as a team.'

But whatever type of evening you choose at Innisfree House, Ronnie promises that it will be a truly rewarding experience. 'It's so much more than just a meal, it's an experience. The entire focus will be on you and your group. You will not be sharing the dining room and everything is there for you and your needs.'

'It's high end, but I like the idea of high-end at a reasonable price and that's what we're doing here.'

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