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Castleton House Hotel

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Castleton House Hotel becomes simply Castleton House, as it closes its fine dining restaurant and changes direction to focus on the private holiday let market. With a sad loss of 17 local jobs.

The small 6 bedroom country house hotel has for the last 10 years received many accolades rewarding fine cuisine and excellent service, but this has not been enough to enable the hotel and restaurant to survive in the current economic climate. In recent times, prices and special offers have improved interest but ultimately with mounting costs and overheads, the profit margins have squeezed to nothing and David and Verity Webster, after years of personal commitment have reluctantly reached the sorry conclusion to close the business they have lovingly fought to build up.

Castleton was the first restaurant in Angus to hold 3AA rosettes for fine cuisine but this was simply not enough to regularly fill its 30 seater conservatory restaurant and with only 6 bedrooms it often found itself too small to suit shooting and golfing parties.

The hotel will trade in its full capacity until at least 15th February, giving friends and regulars the opportunity to enjoy the Castleton restaurant for the last time and for the staff to, in their words, 'go out on a high'.

A personal statement from David and Verity Webster:

It is with great sadness and regret that we have had to start redundancy proceedings. It will affect all members of staff as the company of Castleton House Hotel Ltd closes its doors. We sincerely cherish the kind lovely people who daily have put their heart and soul into the hotel. We will personally miss them deeply. Where possible we will offer them new employment at the Lands of Loyal Hotel in Alyth or the Raemoir House Hotel Banchory, and perhaps, as Castleton takes on its new life in the Private country house letting market, we can find fresh vacancies for them here. Everyone leave us with the highest recommendations and we would urge any local employers to make quick and generous offers to them as they are all with out doubt exceptional assets to any business.

Our grateful thanks to all our guests and we hope to see you all before the 15th February, and thereafter at the Lands of Loyal where we will be redoubling our efforts and anticipate an excellent year.

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