

# Laois/Offaly PUB of the Year Awards 2011



Ivor O'Loughlin and John Lowry, O'Loughlin's Portlaoise are presented with the Best Nightclub award by Orla Phelan at the Leinster Express Pub of the Year awards in The Killeshin Hotel. Pictures by: Alf Harvey



Antonio and Salvatore Mezzapelle, The Killeshin Hotel are presented with the Best Hotel Bar award by Serena Donovan



Tom Delaney, Tom Delaney & Sons Mountrath is presented with the Live Sports Bar award by Serena Donovan



Deirdre Duggan, Anna Slevin, Liz Cunningham, Kay Forrester and Catherine Sinnott from O'Gorman's Kilminchy



Anthony Behan, Shane Magee, Nicola Keenan, David Bowe, Seamus McLaughlin (barman) and Jess Ousley, Lethean Portlaoise



Seamus McLaughlin, Lethean Portlaoise is presented with the Bar Person of The Year award by Orla Phelan.



Staff from The Killeshin Hotel with the Best Hotel Bar award.

## O'Gormans are Pub of the Year...

O'GORMANS, Kilminchy was named as the Laois Pub of the Year 2011 at the Leinster Express Pub of Year Awards on Monday night in the Killeshin Hotel. With the award for Best Bar Food already in the can, O'Gormans emerged as overall winners in a keenly contested competition for the inaugural title. In his citation for O'Gormans, the MC on the night Joe Flaherty (MD, Leinster Express) noted its "location, catering for all the family, great craic with the locals and regulars, a great pint of Guinness, friendly staff and great community spirit." Mr Flaherty noted that every pub was a winner in its own right, and emphasised the very positive feedback from readers and participants in the competition. He paid tribute to Orla Phelan, Leinster Express who organised the awards. *The full list of award winners was as follows:*

- Live Sports Bar - Tom Delaney & Sons, Mountrath
- Live Entertainment Bar - PJ Kavanaghs, Portlaoise
- Best Bar Food - Winner - O'Gormans Portlaoise; Runner-up - Lethean, Main St Portlaoise;
- Best Pint of Guinness - The Thatch Bar, Killenard
- Best NightClub/Nite-Spot - O'Loughlins, Portlaoise
- Best Hotel Bar - Winner, The Killeshin Hotel; Runner-up, Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
- Outdoor/Area - Coppers Portlaoise
- Best Community Bar - The Pub Mountrath
- Best Olde World Bar - Ramsbottoms Portlaoise
- Bar Person of the Year - Seamus McLoughlin from Lethean Bar, Portlaoise



Paul Rice, Matthew Rice, Colm Lenihan with Ollie and Cora Gorman, The Pub Mountrath at the Leinster Express Pub of the Year awards.



Mary Dwyer, The Abbeyleix Manor Hotel is presented with the Best Hotel Bar (runner up) award by Pat Somers



PJ Kavanagh, Kavanagh's Portlaoise is presented with the Live Entertainment Bar award by Michelle Forde.



Damien O'Brien, Bar Manager, John Lowry, DJ; Ivor and Maria O'Loughlin and Liz and Declan O'Loughlin, O'Loughlin's Portlaoise with the Best Nightclub award.



The Thatch Killenard celebrate the Best Pint of Guinness award.

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Tom Walsh with Teresa Lewis and Tanya Brown, Ramsbottom's Portlaoise



Caroline Weiss (Manager) Jonathan Johnson and Tommy Lynch, The Thatch Killenard are presented with the Best Pint of Guinness award by Michelle Forde



Donal O'Gorman, O'Gorman's Kilminchy is presented with the Best Bar Food award by Serena Donovan



O'Gorman's Kilminchy are presented with the Pub of the Year award by Orla Phelan at the Leinster Express Pub of the Year awards in The Killeshin Hotel. From left: Deirdre Duggan, Catherine Sinnott, Kay Forrestal, Donal O'Gorman, Orla Phelan, Liz Cunningham and Anna Slevin.



Mary Dwyer, Anita Hunyadvari and Maggie Stokes, Abbeyleix Manor Hotel



Teresa Lewis and Tanya Brown, Ramsbottom's Portlaoise are presented with the Best Olde World Bar award by Serena Donovan



Seamus McLaughlin, Lethan Portlaoise is presented with the Bar Person of The Year award by Michelle Forde



PJ and Niamh Kavanagh, Kavanagh's Portlaoise



Ollie Gorman, The Pub Mountrath is presented with the Best Community Bar award by Orla Phelan



Deborah Dempsey, Grace Hilliard, Lisa Dempsey and Aideen Fitzpatrick from Coppers



Darren Hanrahan, Mick Dunne, Aoideann Fitzpatrick and Barry McPhillips, Coppers Portlaoise



Mick Dunne and Barry McPhillips, Coppers Portlaoise are presented with their award for Best Outdoor Area by Michelle Forde