

Jack 'O'Bryans win award for best restaurant

Dunfermline's Jack 'O'Bryan's Restaurant was voted Best Restaurant in the annual Radio Forth Awards, held at the Usher Hall.

The award, in association with Heritage Portfolio, was awarded to Jack 'O'Bryan's, which specialises in Iberian cuisine. This award is based on votes by its listeners, who described Jack 'O' Bryan's as their "favourite dining experience in the City, a warm, friendly place to dine, with exceptional staff and management".

The restaurant will celebrate its sixth anniversary this coming January, continued attracted comments including: "Jack 'O'Bryan's brings together the beauty of Scotland's natural larder with the richness of Asian or Iberian cuisine. They aim to champion the very best produce from here in Scotland and to marry it with flavours, fragrances and textures from around the world."

Jack 'O' Bryan's is run by father and son, Bryan and Jack Coghill, who were at the awards ceremony to collect the award, on behalf of their "hard working and committed team", which includes Bryan's wife, and Jack's mum Michelle, and Jack's wife, Sarah.

As well as mastering every section of the kitchen, 25-year-old Jack, trained by his father Bryan as a chef, is a skilled pastry chef & chocolatier. Bryan, who also trained his father

to be a chef, has forty years experience as a chef, restaurateur and hotelier, and has run multiple hospitality businesses in the UK, Spain and Portugal, over his long career.

This latest award comes at an exciting time for the business, with a second restaurant on the way in early 2025. Jack and Bryan recently announced that they had acquired the former Frankie & Benny's restaurant beside the Dakota Hotel in South Queensferry, and are to reinvent the space as an upmarket, Hamptons vibe, fish & chip restaurant called "The Crab & Lobster Fish Shack", due to open its doors in March next year.

Bryan Coghill said: "What can we say? Simply wow, and thanks again to the amazing listeners of Radio Forth, many of whom are clearly our loyal customers! We're absolutely delighted to win Best Restaurant in these incredible Awards which span Business, the Community, and the Arts.

"We are thrilled with the fantastic comments made about the restaurant. We pride ourselves on our service, and on our consistency. This is what makes dining with us a rewarding experience time and time again. This will continue to be the case not only at Jack 'O' Bryan's, but at our new fish and seafood restaurant which we are excited to unveil next year.

"We've put Dunfermline on the map again, and have had a fantastic night here at the awards, mingling with all the other worthy winners, many of whom have incredible stories to tell. Radio Forth is to be commended in putting on such a great show, with so much entertainment and positivity. It was an honour to share the stage with performers such as Callum Beattie, who won Radio Forth Best Artist Award.

"We're looking forward to a very busy festive season here at Jack 'O' Bryan's, with our festive menu in full swing. Then, it's all hands on deck, excuse the pun, to get "The Crab & Lobster Fish Shack" opened, along with doing what we do best

at Jack 'O' Bryan's, which we know our customers love.”

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