



Award-winning Chef Neven Maguire launches new book and TV series

Award-winning chef Neven Maguire has launched a new book 'Neven's Food from the Sun' and an accompanying RTE TV series. Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Brendan Smith, also T.D. for Cavan and Monaghan launched Neven's new book at the Chef's renowned MacNean House & Restaurant.

"2008 has been a fantastic year for me with the new book out and the TV series being broadcast on prime time TV early next year", says Maguire chef/owner of MacNean House & Restaurant. "I know times are tough right now, particularly in the restaurant business, but we have a strong, hard-working and dedicated team and it's paying off. Last year we undertook extensive refurbishment, adding ten guest rooms. Luckily we have seen a return on this investment with a 30% increase in business."

Maguire's books have previously sold over 100,000 copies and the new book, his 5th, published by Harper Collins opens a new international market. The book includes over 100 recipes inspired by Neven's love of food and travelling, with a strong Mediterranean influence. Much of the book's photography was shot in sunny Mallorca where Neven also filmed parts of his new TV series as well as in his own kitchen at home in Blacklion.

Maguire employs over 15 people at his MacNean House & Restaurant. A promoter of seasonal, local produce, he uses a number of local suppliers. Due to demand at weekends, MacNean House & Restaurant also boosts B&B business in the village, filling additional beds when its guest house is full.

"I am very proud that businesses in the community benefit from the restaurant and am so grateful to my loyal regular and new customers who travel to Blacklion. People come to the restaurant for fine dining that is good value for money as well as friendly and attentive service", says Maguire.

Speaking on the launch Brendan Smith T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food says, "I'm particularly proud as a

Cavan man to say that Neven has put Blacklion on the culinary map. Through his championing of local producers, Neven has generated a great sense of community spirit in this area. My job is made all the easier by people like Neven, who is a truly wonderful Ambassador for Irish food at its best."

Neven Maguire's new book 'Neven's Food from the Sun' is out now in all good book stores. The accompanying TV series will be broadcast on RTE 1 early 2009.

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