

HYDRO HOTEL BOSSES' DELIGHT AT MEMORABILIA ITEMS MARCH 2017

Details of miniature China mugs, wedding photographs and original hotel brochures have all been sent to The Hydro Hotel that overlooks Lake Windermere, which has launched the appeal to support its reopening.

The hotel, which is located on Helm Road, is currently undergoing a major £1m renovation and is due to reopen 136 years after it originally opened in 1881.

Hotel bosses were, and still are, keen to see any photographs people may have of weddings, christenings or parties that may have been held at the hotel. They would also like to see receipts or menus from meals and activities carried out within the vicinity, whether it be from five, 15 or 50 years ago.

Already, the hotel has received information on three printed menus, two of which were from annual staff dinners in 1957 and 1966, wedding photographs, dinner menus and receipts from an anniversary and three China mugs from the 1980s that feature Windermere Hydro and a Christmas picture. Copies of the original brochure and papers from when the hotel first opened have also been sourced.

Stefan Rae, general manager at The Hydro Hotel, said: "We're absolutely delighted with the response that we've had from the appeal and are impressed with the wide range of items that we have received but we're still on the hunt for more!"

“There’s a lot of history behind the Hydro Hotel which means there must be thousands of stories out there, we want to see all sorts of items that locals may have.”

Any memorabilia that the hotel receives will be photographed or copied, where possible, and displayed professionally in an exhibition within the 78-bedroom hotel in May.

Mr Rae added: “It’s really interesting to see the items that people keep hold of, each item we received helps solve another piece of the hotel’s jigsaw.”

Readers may offer their memorabilia for inclusion in the exhibition by contacting Luisa Boero-Rol at KRPR on 01257 262498 or via email on luisa@kr-pr.co.uk.

Those that donate items will be invited to a special afternoon tea event within the hotel to see and celebrate the exhibition.

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