

# Publican collects award to join esteemed company

A PUB manager as been recognised as a rising star at the national hospitality awards.

Dafydd Bretherton, who runs The Black Horse in Woburn (main picture), has won an Acorn Award – a sought-after accolade given only to those in hospitality regarded as outstanding.

Mr Bretherton (bottom right), who heads up a team of 20 staff at the pub, recently received the award at a ceremony weekend event in Chester.

Just 25 years old, he was among 30 young achievers who have been singled out for their exceptional commitment and ability in food and hospitality.

Many past Acorn winners have become household names such as Gary Rhodes, Michael Caines and Marco Pierre White.

In winning the award, Mr Bretherton not only joins this exclusive group but also becomes a lifelong Acorn, widely seen as a great helping hand up the hospitality industry ladder.

When he joined The Black



Horse, in 2009, his top priority was to not only put the pub on the map locally as a great place for good food and drink, but he wanted to go a step further to ensure that the thriving establishment was really part of the social fabric of Woburn, and its neighbouring villages and towns.

Prior to joining The Black Horse, Mr Bretherton was deputy manager at a sister pub The Swan in Salford.

Andrew Coath, owner of The Black Horse, said: "Dafydd's unstinted commitment, passion



and drive have earned him this well deserved Acorn Award.

"We are all delighted for him."