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# Family of naval commander loan items to renovated Immingham hotel Mountbatten memorabilia comes home to County



**SPECIAL GUEST:** Lady Brabourne, left, granddaughter of the late Lord Louis Mountbatten, hands over the loaned items to Willie Weir, owner of the County Hotel, Immingham. Also pictured are, from second left, Michael Burley, chef, Jimmy Weir and Robert McKay, right.

A RELATIVE of Lord Mountbatten has lent items from her estate to the Immingham hotel where he set up temporary Naval headquarters during the Second World War.

Lady Brabourne made the journey from Hampshire to The County Hotel, in Pelham Road, to give six items from the family's collection of Mountbatten memorabilia to owner Willie Weir.

The items, which are on long-term loan, include a Naval officer's cap worn by Lord Mountbatten during his period as Supreme Allied Commander of South East Asia from 1943 to 1946.

The other artefacts include two items gifted to Lord Mountbatten during his time in India as the 1st Earl of Burma, a sign from Broadlands estate, a bronze and a framed photograph.

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Willie, who took over the pub three years ago, said: "It's such an honour for us to be lent these items and we're delighted that Lady Brabourne came all the way to Immingham to bring them to us."

"The County is 101 years old now and it's very important to me to celebrate its history, and Lord Mountbatten's stay is an important part of that."

Lord Mountbatten - an uncle of the Duke of Edinburgh - stayed at The County after his destroyer, HMS Kelly, was damaged by a mine in the Humber Estuary in 1939.

While the Kelly was moved to Tyneside for repairs, Lord Mountbatten took command of the Kelvin, moving into The County Hotel as his temporary headquarters.

Lady Brabourne, the wife of Lord Mountbatten's grandson, said she was pleased to be able to re-establish the connection between the hotel and Broadlands - Lord Mountbatten's former home, where she and her husband now live.

She added: "I am delighted to lend the Mountbatten items to somebody so interested, so keen and with such enthusiasm."

"Mr Weir has done a wonderful job here and we hope the collection will, in a small but important way, help him continue to make the hotel a huge success."

The six items will be displayed alongside Mountbatten memorabilia that Willie has accu-



**MEMORIES:** Lord Mountbatten, who stayed at The County Hotel, Immingham, when the destroyer he was in command of was damaged by a mine in the Humber Estuary.

mulated in a special glass cabinet, that will be placed in the main bar at the hotel.

Willie has also been given permission to display the Mountbatten crest in the venue's restaurant.

Richard Jordan-Baker, the director of estates at Broadlands, said: "Willie came to us a few months ago to ask for help with his hotel and we are only too pleased to be able to assist him in his endeavours to make a real link with Lord Mountbatten and Broadlands."

"We all wish him all the very best."

● **ON THE WEB:** Read more about Willie's renovations at The County [www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk](http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk)

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## Gardener spotted drinking in his van

A GARDENER seen sitting in his van apparently drinking a can of beer was told he had let down his wife and customers after he admitted driving with excess alcohol.

Skegness Magistrates' Court heard that Geoffrey Alan Dales, 48, of Chestnut Drive, Louth, was said to have been seen sitting in his van drinking beer before driving away.

He was seen by a member of the public who told the police.

When police stopped him he gave a reading of 79mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35mcg. Mitigating, Gordon Holt said Dales suffered from a depressive condition and was taking anti-depressants.

He said he had a business as a gardener in the Louth area and on this day, although he was not drinking beer when he was seen sitting in his car, he had been drinking earlier in the day.

Mr Holt told District Judge John Stobart that Dales had had problems recently which had resulted in him drinking more than usual. He said he had approached Addaction for help and they were satisfied they could help him to reduce his alcohol consumption.

Mr Holt said he would not be able to pay for someone to drive him around to his customers. Judge Stobart told Dales he had let himself, his wife and all his customers down.

"It's a shame it has taken this to make you look at yourself and your drinking," he added.

He was fined £350 and ordered to pay £85 in costs and a £35 victim surcharge.

He was also disqualified from driving for 16 months but was offered the drink drivers' rehabilitation course which would reduce the period of disqualification by four months.