

TASTE THE NATION CHEF'S WILTSHIRE DINNER DATE

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One of Wales' top chefs, who is currently appearing on ITV's Taste the Nation series, is to travel to Wiltshire on Thursday (April 2) to cook dinner for 10 people after donating his services to a charity promise auction.



Trystan Williams, the Welsh headmaster of Springfields School in Calne, successfully bid for the prize in the charity auction held for Dolen Cymru, which builds friendship and understanding between the people of Wales and Lesotho.

Graham, manager of the Welsh National Culinary Team and co-owner of the Castle Hotel, Conwy and Nanto Hall, Prestatyn, will cater for Mr Williams and the school's senior leadership team.

He will cook a starter of pressed terrine of roasted vegetables and goat's cheese with a tomato and basil dressing followed by a main course of char grilled medallion of Welsh Beef with a cassoulet of spring pulses, boulangiere potatoes and cardomom spiced carrots. Dessert is vanilla pannacotta with rhubarb.

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Graham is currently appearing in the Taste the Nation series, in which he is mentoring teams of amateur chefs from Carmarthenshire, Monmouthshire, Denbighshire and Glamorgan in a knockout competition. The chefs must cook dishes using only local ingredients from their home region.

Graham, one of eight celebrity chefs mentoring teams, said he had enjoyed the filming experience.

“The competition is all about trying to teach amateur chefs to cook food to restaurant standard,” he said. “It was an excellent experience, especially meeting all the other mentor chefs. It makes you appreciate how much work goes in to making a TV programme.

“The ratings for the shows so far are better than expected and it’s nice that the opening credits for the show feature a lot of my dishes.”

As a follow up, he will be joining the Carmarthenshire team at ‘An Audience with Graham Tinsley’ at the Castle Hotel, Llandovery on April 15, where local people will be able to try some of the dishes that they cooked on Taste the Nation.

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