

# Dine at Allerton Castle

## Team History

When the directors of Yorkshire's oldest catering firm, Garritts, decided to retire in 2006, they turned to a team they felt could build on the enviable reputation and business they had built over the years. The Dine team was (as ever) happy to take on this challenge and Dine at Allerton now looks after over 80 wedding celebrations and events a year at the beautiful Allerton Castle, near Harrogate.

## Andrew Wood Head Chef



Andrew's experience in catering spans nearly 40 years when he started work for Garritts at the age of 19. After years of culinary experiences ranging from café kitchens to outside catering, Andrew finally based himself at Allerton Castle more than 10 years ago. It was a natural solution for Andrew to maintain his post at Allerton following Dine taking over from Garritts

Andrew's enthusiasm and drive ensures every dish and meal served at Allerton Castle is of the highest Dine standard and his attention to details rarely goes unrecognised by the guests who have the pleasure of eating his food.

*\*Special thanks to David Ho Photography for taking our profile shots!*

## Sophie Brooks Events Manager



Sophie started her events career in hotel management following a year long university placement at one of Yorkshire's top hotels, with the following four years being split between venues in Yorkshire & a spell in Southampton! A brief stint in hospitality recruitment led her to her position as Events Manager for Dine at Allerton Castle and she hasn't looked back since.

Sophie's aim is to ensure that each & every one of her clients gets the highest level of service with a warm & friendly smile! Her passion for weddings has enabled her to enjoy a successful few years at the Castle – hopefully with many more to come.

Jason Croll  
Chef



Jason started his catering career under the guidance of Andrew Wood at Garritts, enjoying the fresh challenge when Dine took the reins at Allerton Castle.

His meticulous attention to detail, food knowledge & hard work have him well-respected throughout the Allerton team, & these traits have also helped him endear himself to the wider Dine team when he assists on the larger events taking place throughout the year.

In his spare time Jason enjoys watching Leeds Rhinos however computer games & the X Factor also rate highly!

Lyndsey Howard  
Events Manager



Lyndsey started her career in Hospitality following her A-levels where she began work as a waitress. From there she progressed quickly through Supervisory roles and Trainee Management before taking on the challenging role of Conference & Banqueting Manager at the age of 21.

Lyndsey's drive & passion for events led her to what she describes as her 'dream job' at Dine in November 2010 as Trainee Events Manager at Allerton Castle. In her (rare!) spare time, Lyndsey plays tennis and goes to the gym. Now one year on we are delighted to announce Lyndsey's promotion to a fully fledged Events Manager.