

The Wetherby Whaler swims to further success with the launch of Tadcaster premises

Yorkshire fish and chip shop restaurant and takeaway, [The Wetherby Whaler](#) has launched in Tadcaster with the purchase of premises on Stutton Road.

Founded in 1969 by Janine and Phillip Murphy, the family owned group of fish and chip restaurants and takeaways has become synonymous with high quality fish and chips, and exceptional customer service. Employing over 200 full and part time staff across seven locations in Yorkshire, The Wetherby Whaler serves over one million portions of haddock across its restaurants and takeaways each year.

Originally purchased by Janine and Phillip from his Uncle and Aunt, the Tadcaster premises were run by the founding duo of the Wetherby Whaler until 1989 when it was sold to Ray and Rose Devaney to enable the purchase of the first Whaler premises in Wetherby. Ray and Rose ran the business on Stutton Road until their retirement in November 2020.

On launching in Tadcaster, Caroline Murphy and Joanne Westmoreland, daughters of Janine and Phillip and Directors at The Wetherby Whaler, commented: "We're really proud to be returning to our Tadcaster roots; it feels as though we've come full circle. The response from the people of Tadcaster has been really positive, and residents are extremely excited to have their very own Whaler for the first time. We spent many happy times working on the counter with our dad over 30 years ago, and it's great to see so many Tadcaster residents enjoying fish and chips at Stutton Road."

The premises have been fully refurbished, including a new range from Hopkins, based in Pudsey, to replace the original range installed in 1985. Chippendale Shopfitters, also based in Leeds, were hired to complete the refurbishment.

Customers can select 'click and collect' when ordering their fish and chips from the Stutton Road restaurant, and longer opening hours have been established.

Stuart Moorhouse, Director at commercial property agent Ernest Wilson, supported the team at The Wetherby Whaler with the purchase of the premises.

Phillip Murphy, Co-Founder of The Wetherby Whaler, added: "I'm so proud to see my family involved in keeping The Whaler a household name across Yorkshire and ensuring we continue to provide the public with delicious fish and chips. At The Wetherby Whaler we

believe that good, honest British food brings people together. This guiding principle has enabled us to develop the foundation for the 'whaler experience' which continues to be a roaring success.

“Although our involvement has lessened over the years, myself and Janine’s washing up talents have certainly been put to good use since reopening in Tadcaster.”

The Wetherby Whaler restaurants and takeaways have received numerous awards including the National Federation of Fish Friers Quality Accreditation, and in 2020 were winners at the National Fish and Chip Awards in London.

For more information, please visit www.wetherbywhaler.co.uk/.