

HAMPSHIRE

The county magazine

Awards Initiative 2011



All tables were dressed and ready and raring to go

This is the biggest single event of the year for *HAMPSHIRE the county magazine* and motored further ahead in the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu.

It was a grand occasion for all, but especially for all the nominees, who were deserving of all the congratulations they received.

BBC Radio Solent managing editor, Chris Carnegy, was a magnificent host for the evening and was ably supported by Chrissie Pollard who set off proceedings in her inimitable way.

Nominees, their guests and our invaluable sponsors mingled and enjoyed all the wonderful exhibits at the museum in a champagne reception, and enjoyed it so much that they all did so again at the end.



Witty host Chris Carnegy



Editor Mark Allen gives an address



Mark presents flowers to Chrissie



Guests show their appreciation

Hampshire Carer/Community Hero of the Year

This is not the category where you expect a youngster to come to the fore. Then again, Mike Pullen is a very special young man.

Claire Rowlands, of sponsor *Carriage Driving*, was thrilled to meet him and he was not just a winner, but a charming young man, too.

It was a wonderful effort by the other nominees as well and the Army Welfare Service picked up both of the other awards, against very strong opposition.

The strength of all the nominees amply demonstrates the devotion that exists throughout Hampshire.



1 Mike Pullen (Winchester Young Carers) and Claire Rowlands



2 Cathy Sherlock (Army Welfare Service) and Claire Rowlands



3 Janine Shipley (Army Welfare Service) and Claire Rowlands

Hampshire Community Group of the Year

This was one of the most hotly contested categories for the judges to decide and it was a very popular award. While the winners were cheered to the rafters, the other placements were duly recognised for all the fantastic work they have done in the county. It was a proud moment for all.



Sponsor Anne-Marie Perry (Abicare) and Amy Griffiths (Winchester Young Carers)



Anne-Marie Perry (Abicare) and Barbara Pink (South Hants Hearing Dogs)



Anne-Marie Perry (Abicare) and Colonel Rodney Lambert (Army Cadet Force)



Sponsor Richard Griffiths (Richard Griffiths & Co Solicitors) and Paul Tattersdill (Exbury Gardens)



Richard Griffiths (Richard Griffiths & Co Solicitors) and Roy Dorland (Locks Heath, Southampton)



Richard Griffiths (Richard Griffiths & Co Solicitors) and John Anderson (Tylney Hall Hotel, Hook)

Hampshire Gardener of the Year

Professionals v amateurs was the choice - and not an easy one either. In the end, the amateur was sandwiched between two Hampshire gardens of considerable, even world-wide note, but Exbury is difficult to beat.

Hampshire Restaurant/ Pub of the Year

Unfortunately, both second and third place winners were absent on the evening, but, fortunately, that was not the case for the deserved winner.

Vatika turned out in force and Chris Carnegy wondered just who was running the restaurant that evening. Well, it was the unfortunate half of the team, but it was a very proud and popular group that won, from this increasingly distinguished restaurant.



Sponsor Stephen Gates (S G Joinery) and Vatika Restaurant team



Stephen Gates (S G Joinery) and Geoffrey Williams on behalf of JSW



Cllr Ray Ellis (Hampshire County Council) and Eversley's Centre Stores winners

Hampshire Independent Food/ Drink Producer of the Year

This was as close a category as they come. Equal first - and this following lengthy discussions as to the many merits of each nominee.

The joint winners were both innovative producers and had made the most of astute and thoughtful marketing. Any chances that opened up were taken as both businesses have quickly made their presence felt.

They were cheered all the way to the stand and then all the way back, as these popular winners certainly made their mark on all who attended.



Cllr Ray Ellis (Hampshire County Council) and representatives from West Meon Community Village Shop and Minstead Village Shop



Victoria Townsend (left) and Joanne Silsbury (Scarlet Bakes) with sponsor Ian Hemming (Thyme and Tides Deli)

Hampshire Village Shop of the Year

Our county has seen a resurgence in village shops in recent years, though the position overall remains precarious.

All three nominees have achieved great things and all have done their best to breathe life into their villages.



Pauline Evans (Rookwood School) and deputy editor Geoffrey Williams



Claudia White and Tim Jones, far right, (Bedales) with Geoffrey Williams



Ian Hemming (Thyme and Tides Deli) with Josephina Boswell and Tom Honeyman Brown (The Garlic Farm)

Hampshire Teacher of the Year

This was a combination of the traditional, as in school or college, and the often unsung and unheralded work undertaken in the forces.

It was, though, the schools that won in the end and two of ours have teachers on their staff who would be a match for teachers in any school, anywhere.

Anyone for detention?



John Hill (Army Technical Foundation College) and Geoffrey Williams



Trudi Bowtell (left) and Veronica Crumplin (Bowtell's Farm Shop) and Ian Hemming (Thyme and Tides Deli)

Hampshire Business of the year

Having missed out on the big prize in 2010, Winchester's renowned hairdresser, Guy Kremer, made it clear that he was going to keep coming back until he won.

Well, he had a year to wait, but deservedly won it at his next attempt. It was anything but an easy field, either, as this was the most heavily contested category of all.

Guy has really put our county on the world map and his efforts deserve undue recognition.

That also applies to the other winners, both of which have made very important additions to the county's fabric, and economy, over the years.



Sponsor Mark Houghton (director of Space Air Solutions) and Guy Kremer (Guy Kremer Salon, Winchester)



Sponsor Mark Houghton (director of Space Air Solutions) and Jan Wilson and June Gallagher (Colten Care Limited)



The Hawk Conservancy Trust's representatives and sponsor Mark Houghton (director of Space Air Solutions)



Claudia White (Bedales) and Ashley Smith (The Hawk Conservancy Trust)



Samuel Winter (on behalf of Stephanie Lowe of New Forest Biscotti) and sponsor Ashley Smith (The Hawk Conservancy Trust, Andover)



Mike Pullen (Winchester Young Carers) and Ashley Smith (Hawk Conservancy Trust)



Ross Clynes (St John Ambulance) and Ashley Smith (Hawk Conservancy Trust)

Hampshire Young Achiever of the Year

For those who berate the youngsters of today, they really should have been judges for this category.

The standards and quality of our youngsters makes one proud and leaves our future in safe hands.

This was another category with not just a joint-first, but a joint-third place, too. That shows how hard a task the judges, all well beyond the full-flush of youth, had in making the distinctions of a wonderful group of nominees.

Hampshire Emergency Services Hero of the Year

Now this was a category for heroes. The three winning nominees all undertake considerable duties, on our behalf, far beyond the normal expectations. Their sense of duty, and pride, was obvious to all.



Sponsor Eamonn Wilmott (Horses First Racing) and Dr Rob Dawes, Hedge End



Bryn, left, and Pamela Skeen (Hampshire Search and Rescue) and sponsor Eamonn Wilmott (Horses First Racing)



Eamonn Wilmott and Jim Green (Lyndhurst Fire Station)

Hampshire Lifetime Achievement

This is a much-acclaimed and sought-after award. Nominees have to show longevity and ability to either keep going down the decades, or to adapt to the rhythms of life, while still giving of themselves. They all did that.



Sponsor Stewart Carr (bulthaup Winchester at Stewart Carr Design) and Lt Col Brian Page (councillor and chairman of the British Heart Foundation)



Stewart Carr and Ashley Smith (CEO of The Hawk Conservancy Trust)



Stewart Carr and Harry Dymond (St John Ambulance, Bitterne)



Flt Lt Ian Fortune (Chinook pilot, RAF Odiham), Sponsor Jean Evans (Biscoes Solicitors) and Lt Col Gray (CO 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards)



Jean Evans (Biscoes) and Wg Cdr David Bartle (RAF Odiham) collecting the prize for Flt Lt Alex Townsend

Hampshire Armed Forces Hero of the Year

Not to be unexpected, given the conflicts in which our servicemen risk their lives on our behalf, this was the award that raised the roof. All three nominees, quite rightly, gained a standing ovation from everyone in attendance.