

WILTSHIRE



Awards Initiative 2010



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Championing the best

Wiltshire Life's annual awards recognise both the unsung heroes and the leading lights that make Wiltshire such a great county, and rewards them for their contribution.



Wiltshire Life editor Mark Allen welcomes guests



BBC Wiltshire's Sue Davies gives a humorous speech

Wiltshire Life rewards excellence in the community

WILTSHIRE LIFE joined forces with the BBC's Sue Davies and the team at Wilton House to stage its fifth annual awards ceremony on Friday, March 19.

A reception was held in the ornate double cube room in Wilton House, before the three-course dinner and awards ceremony in the Old Riding Stables, presented with humour and professionalism by Sue Davies, afternoon show broadcaster at BBC Wiltshire radio.

Chairman of the awards judging panel Lady Ruth Hawley, Wiltshire Life editor Mark Allen, sponsors, nominees and their guests enjoyed meeting each other and there was an air of anticipation before the ceremony started. Turn the page to find out what happened...



Sports Person of the Year Ruby Smith, a promising lacrosse player, and guests



Anne-Marie Perry (pictured centre, wearing a red wrap) of sponsor Abicare with guests and prize-winners



Sonia Wooley (right) of Salisbury and District Talking Newspapers and guests



Special Award winners Bryn (left) and Emma (third from left) Parry of the charity Help for Heroes and guests



Atiqul Hoque of sponsor Hox with Community Group prize-winners and Jane Reid, our advertisement manager



Masuma Ahmed, centre, and guests from Anokaa, third prize-winner in the Restaurant/Pub of the Year category



Michael and Emma Caddick and Jenny and Paul Reynolds of Allington Farm Shop, which is based near Chippenham



Sculptor Rose Eva, an awards judge, and guest chat with chairman of the judging panel Lady Ruth Hawley



Business of the Year winners Steve Kellow, Aaron Gilbert, and Ed and Judy Glover of Glover and Smith



Ellie Ford and Vivien Sheriff of Vivien Sheriff Millinery



Editor Mark Allen with awards judge David Margesson and guests



Wiltshire Community Group of the Year the Trussell Trust and Jon Whatley, Young Achiever runner-up



Community Group of the Year runners-up the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust

Wiltshire Lifetime Achievement



The Wiltshire Lifetime Achievement award went to costume designer and painter Clancy Steer, from Tisbury, who accepted the award from Claire Waring, managing editor of *Wiltshire Life*



Peter Jones picks up second prize on behalf of Paul Charlwood from Thamesdown Hydrotherapy Pool



Athlete and fundraiser Mike Buss, from Swindon, picks up third prize from Claire Waring, managing editor of *Wiltshire Life*

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Glamour, grandeur and gongs at Wiltshire Life's awards

WILTSHIRE LIFE'S fifth annual awards got off to a swinging start on March 19 in the grandeur of the double cube room in Wilton House. Nominees, their guests, and the great and good of the county got to know each other over a glass of bubbly. Glamour came courtesy of some very stylish ladies in posh frocks and gents in DJs, looking every bit the suave James Bond.

After a three-course dinner, the proceedings were ably hosted by BBC Wiltshire's Sue Davies, whose professional manner and humour were greatly appreciated. Sue

explained that BBC Wiltshire received just 15 pence of the £142.52 licence fee and thanked Mark Thomson!

There was an air of anticipation in the Old Riding Stables as each award was announced. The penultimate award, Lifetime Achievement, went to costume designer Clancy Steer, with Paul Charlwood of Thamesdown Hydrotherapy Pool second and endurance athlete Mike Buss third. Collecting her award, Clancy said: "Now we have a matched set!" as her husband Maxwell Steer won Musician/Artist of the Year 2009.



Host Sue Davies of BBC Wiltshire gave an entertaining speech

Wiltshire Carer of the Year



Anne-Marie Perry from Abicare with Carer of the Year Shirley Gale, from Rowdeford School



Anne-Marie Perry with second prize-winner Rosie Foody



Anne-Marie Perry with Martin Plimsoll on behalf of John Tippins

Carers deserve our admiration

ANNE-MARIE PERRY of sponsor Abicare is practised at presenting awards, having been a sponsor before. She said she was proud to be associated with the awards. Wiltshire Carer of the Year Shirley Gale of Rowdeford School said: "This award is not just for me but for the whole team; it's brilliant to know that what we do is recognised." Second prize went to Rosie Foody, who works at Fairfax House care home in Salisbury, and third prize went to carer John Tippins, for whom Martin Plimsoll of the Alzheimer's Society received the award.

Wiltshire Business of the Year

'Made in Britain' firm succeeds

AS HE received the Wiltshire Business of the Year award, Ed Glover of Glover and Smith said: "Running a 'made in Britain' company isn't easy these days" but added that with the export situation easing things looked brighter. The company makes pewter gifts and tableware. Second prize went to the Salisbury franchise of Neal's Yard, and third prize went to Downton milliner Vivien Sheriff, who came suitably attired. Sponsor Dave Collins of Superglide Wardrobes presented the awards.



Dave Collins of Superglide Wardrobes with Steve Kellow, Ed and Judy Glover and Aaron Gilbert from Wiltshire Business of the Year Glover and Smith, based in Wilton



Dave Collins with second prize-winners Tom Mettyear and Mark Sparrow of Neal's Yard



Dave Collins with third prize-winner milliner Vivien Sheriff

Wiltshire Musician/Artist of the Year



Wiltshire Musician/Artist of the Year Ken White receives his certificate and plaque from sponsor John Calder of SJH Carpets, which is based in Tisbury



Joint second prize-winners sculptor Richard Cowdy and sculptor and painter Bryan Hanlon receive their awards from sponsor John Calder of SJH Carpets

Spotlight falls on shy muralist

ON HIS way to the stage to present the Wiltshire Musician/Artist of the Year award, John Calder of SJH Carpets in Tisbury was jokingly asked what he thought of the floor-covering in the Old Riding Stables venue at Wilton House. He replied: "It's rubbish!" He presented first prize to muralist Ken White, who, a little shy of the limelight, said: "I don't say a lot, I paint!" Judges found difficulty awarding a second and third prize so gave a joint second prize to Marlborough artist Bryan Hanlon and Calne artist Richard Cowdy, famous for his bronze pigs in the town.

Wiltshire Village Shop of the Year



Allington Farm Shop sponsors Paul Reynolds and Emma Caddick present first prize to Anne Sercombe of Maiden Bradley Village Shop



Paul Reynolds, Caroline Bryson and Emma Caddick



Paul Reynolds, Maggie Fisher and Emma Caddick

Shock for village shop at big win

IT'S A big shock!" said Anne Sercombe as she held the Wiltshire Village Shop of the Year award, but recovered to say: "Thank you to *Wiltshire Life*, we're very grateful and we're very pleased." She was representing Maiden Bradley Village Shop, which she manages. Second prize went to Caroline Bryson and Hindon Community Village Stores while coming in third was Maggie Fisher and Blunsdon Village Shop. Paul Reynolds and Emma Caddick of sponsor Allington Farm Shop did the honours and said they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Wiltshire Community Group of the Year

Food bank tells it like it is

ATIQL HOQUE of Hox Brasserie in Salisbury presented the Wiltshire Community Group of the Year going to the Trussell Trust. Mark Ward, of the trust's food bank, said: "It's a sad fact that in 2010 3,000 people in Wiltshire will need emergency food support." The trust's food bank fills the void. Second prize went to worthy winners the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, whose 200 volunteers do a sterling job, while third prize went to Salisbury and District Talking Newspaper Association.



First prize-winners Mark and Margaret Ward from The Trussell Trust with Atiquel Hoque of Hox



Sponsor Atiquel Hoque of Hox with second prize-winner Rob Jones



Sponsor Atiquel Hoque of Hox with third prize-winner Sonia Wooley

Wiltshire Restaurant/Pub of the Year

The Beckford Arms is the best pub in Wiltshire

ACCEPTING THE accolade of Wiltshire Restaurant/Pub of the Year, Dan Brod of The Beckford Arms on the Fonthill estate thanked *Wiltshire Life* and the judges and said the award was for "Mark the chef, Charlie who is working tonight and Jenny, the assistant manageress, who won't stop going on about how good the food is at The Red Lion!" The Red Lion in East Chisenbury was awarded second prize, although sadly they couldn't be there on the night so the prize was accepted by David Kemp, deputy MD of the Mark Allen Group. Salisbury's Indian eatery Anokaa received third prize.



Roger Jones, owner of The Harrow in Little Bedwyn, and Dan Brod and Emma Harvey of The Beckford Arms



Roger Jones with David Kemp, who collected the award for The Red Lion



Roger Jones with Masuma Ahmed of third prize-winner Anokaa

Wiltshire Sports Person of the Year



Sponsor Richard Griffiths of Richard Griffiths & Co Solicitors presents the Sports Person of the Year award to Ruby Smith



Richard Griffiths and Jon Benson, who collected the award for Jack Benham



Sponsor Richard Griffiths with third prize-winner Richard Rawes

Sporting spirit for awards finalists

RICHARD GRIFFITHS of sponsor Richard Griffiths and Co Solicitors presented the Wiltshire Sports Person of the Year award to Ruby Smith. Ruby has played many sports for Godolphin School, Salisbury, but favours lacrosse and is in the England team. She gave thanks to friends, family and teachers for supporting her in her sporting endeavours. Mark Allen Group publishing director Jon Benson accepted the second prize on behalf of young orienteer Jack Benham, who could not attend, and Richard Rawes collected the third prize. Richard is a world and European microlight champion who has surmounted a serious health setback in his sporting career.

Wiltshire Young Achiever of the Year



Head of Warminster School Martin Priestley presents first prize to Rachel Prosser



Martin Priestley presents second prize to Jon Whatley



Martin Priestley presents third prize to Sasha Baker

Rachel, 12, shows her mettle

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD RACHEL Prosser was very brave in stepping into the limelight to accept the title of Wiltshire Young Achiever of the Year, just as she had been when she saved a choking toddler using a technique she had learnt only a week before at her St John Ambulance training. She thanked St John Ambulance staff for nominating her. Jon Whatley who works in a care home and volunteers for the Trussell Trust received second prize, while larger than life performer Sasha Baker, from Swindon, took home third prize.

Wiltshire Independent Food Producer of the Year

Butcher awarded the title

RECEIVING THE Wiltshire Food Producer of the Year accolade, Steven Frost of Sumbler Brothers butchers gave tongue in cheek thanks to owner John Sumbler who couldn't be there, meaning he had had to step into the spotlight. He said the award was for their farm suppliers, the team and the customers. Paul Reynolds picked up second prize for Allington Farm Shop while Guy Tullberg received third prize for Tracklements. Judge David Margesson handed out the gongs.



Former high sheriff David Margesson presents the Food Producer of the Year award to Steven Frost and Stephen Ferneley of Sumbler Brothers



David Margesson and Paul Reynolds of Allington Farm Shop



David Margesson and Guy Tullberg of Tracklements

Wiltshire Life Special Awards

Fitting standing ovation for Help for Heroes

AFTER THE 10 presentations, chair of the judging panel Lady Ruth Hawley took the stage for a surprise announcement of two Special Awards. These went to the Stars Appeal, which raises funds for Salisbury District Hospital. Volunteer Bert Woodward received the prize. Last but most definitely not least, Lady Hawley presented a Special Award to Bryn and Emma Parry who run Help for Heroes, raising money for wounded servicemen. In a fitting tribute to their dedication and the cause, there was a spontaneous standing ovation. What a night!



Bryn and Emma Parry of Help for Heroes with chair of the judging panel Lady Ruth Hawley



Bert and Pauline Woodward of The Stars Appeal with Lady Ruth Hawley and host Sue Davies of BBC Wiltshire