

# HAMPSHIRE

THE COUNTY MAGAZINE

## *Awards Initiative 2010*

The annual Hampshire Awards continued to motor ahead, held this year at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. This was an original and splendid venue, and gave guests an additional interest during a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Dinner on a Ferrari anyone?

BBC Radio Solent managing editor Chris Carnegy raced ahead and steered the evening on the right side of the road, proving an excellent host who knew when to change up a gear or to apply the brakes.

Nominees, their guests and our sponsors mingled and looked round the museum's exhibits in a champagne reception, prior to dinner and then the awards ceremony. It was a memorable evening for all. **H**

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Chris Carnegy opens the proceedings



Geoffrey Williams, deputy editor, and The Honourable Ralph Montagu



The awards all polished and awaiting



A most unusual, but wonderful, venue that served only the best, not 'fast', food



A group of supporters for Business of the Year award nominee Guy Kremer



Mark Houghton from the sponsor of the Business of the Year award, Space Air Conditioning, with guests



Japanese 'ikebana' flower arrangements provided by The Ohara School



The army was on hand to keep order! In reality, they were there for deserved awards



Mark Allen delivers the address



Christie Pollard sets the scene



Members of the Second Chance animal rescue charity, of Mansbridge, Southampton, show a fair bit of initiative



Michael Glynn of Simply Health, with Alison Cutler, Carolyn Allen and Diane Mabbs of HAMPSHIRE the county magazine



Guests lived life in the fast lane



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Winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Nigel Roper, of the Hayling Island RNLI, with Anne-Marie Pery and Chris Mason of Abicare



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John Pragnell of Romsey won second prize, seen here with Anne-Marie Pery and Christopher Mason of Abicare



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Third prize went to John Woodman, of East Boldre, seen with Christopher Mason and Anne-Marie Pery of Abicare

### Lifetime Achievement Award

The winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award has to demonstrate a considerable involvement in society and Hampshire, and all three prize winners did just that. The standards were exceptional this year and the winner, Nigel Roper, has devoted more than 20 years' service to the busy RNLI station at Hayling Island.

Sponsor Abicare was thrilled with the nominations and the dedication, and sheer variety, of the work undertaken by the nominees. It got the awards off to a great start.

### NEW AWARDS: Armed Forces Hero of the Year and Emergency Services Hero of the Year



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Joint winners were Lance Sergeant Leon Peek and Lance Corporal Geraint Hillard



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Major Iain Buchanan on behalf of Eclipse Close Personnel Protection and Guardsman Hodgkinson



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Major Iain Buchanan of Eclipse with Warrant Officer Class 2 Mark Annear



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Major Iain Buchanan presents first prize to a member of BASICS Charity Volunteers Doctors



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Second prize went to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services Team based at Eastleigh



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Major Iain Buchanan of Eclipse, with joint-third prize winners Sergeant Stuart Allen, Captain John Voss and Sergeant Albert Cooper

The highlight of the evening came with the award of the Armed Forces Hero of the Year, with our soldier nominees

outstanding in their bravery under fire. The Emergency Services Hero of the Year was also warmly appreciated.



Mark Dodd, of the Chesil Rectory, presents first prize to Sir Michael Colman of Summerdown Farm Ltd



Mark Dodd presents second prize to Peter Sole of Blackmoor Game Limited of Alresford



Mark Dodd presents third prize to Jennifer Laing of Cresson Creative, of Alresford

### Independent food producer and business awards

The Chesil Rectory Restaurant, in Winchester, supported the Independent Food Producer, and we may find the nominees' products available there.

Space Air Conditioning is an innovative business itself and thoroughly appreciated the standards and work of the Business of the Year winners.



Hampshire Business of the Year was Wildflower Turf and Coronet Turf, presented by Mark Houghton



Mark Houghton of Space Air Conditioning PLC awards second prize to Blunt Construction



Mark Houghton awards third prize to hairdresser Guy Kremer of Winchester

### Hampshire Carer of the Year

The Carer of the Year award was sponsored, for the second year running, by Simply Health, based in Andover. The nominees included two family carers and a team of volunteers. All exceptionally worthy.

The winner has to care for her husband who has Alzheimer's disease, while young Chris Benfield has to care for his mother. As with the St John Ambulance support team, these all undertake their duties out of the public eye, but they are essential roles of the highest order.



Michael Glynn, of Simply Health, presents first prize to Marilyn Codling of Totton, which she won along with her son Simon



A proud Chris Benfield of Winchester was awarded the second prize, presented by Michael Glynn of Simply Health



Third prize went to the essential Winchester St John Ambulance Support Team, seen with Michael Glynn of Simply Health



Denise and Dudley McGowan of Titchfield received first prize from Geoffrey Williams



Second prize went to Paul Tattersdill of the renowned Tylney Hall Hotel at Rotherwick



Third prize went to James Hewetson-Brown of Wild Flower Turf and Coronet Turf, Basingstoke

### Gardener and Pub/Restaurant awards

Gardeners Denise and Dudley McGowan really 'did not expect to win', but the evening had many surprises.

Richard Griffiths of sponsor Richard

Griffiths and Co intends putting all the restaurant nominees to the test. It will hardly be a labour of love with the high standards that have been set.



Richard Griffiths of Richard Griffiths and Co awards first prize to The Chesil Rectory in Winchester



Richard Griffiths presents second prize to the team from the Bugle Public House in Hamble



Richard Griffiths presents third prize to the Shapla Indian Restaurant of Alresford

### Teaching has many rewards

Teaching has always been a career that requires considerable devotion and our winners certainly had that. Khalid Aziz of the Aziz Corporation and also chairman of the Naomi House Trust had the privilege of presenting the awards to some of the best in the profession.

David White has been a headmaster for many years at Owslebury Primary School, while Emma Newman and Roy Taylor taught in more specialist ways.



Khalid Aziz, of the Aziz Corporation and chairman of Naomi House Trust, gives first prize to David White of Owslebury Primary School



Khalid Aziz gives second prize to Emma Newman of Woolton Hill



Sensai Roy Taylor receives third prize from Khalid Aziz



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Helen Northcott of The Myers Touch and the St John Ambulance Volunteer Support Team, Winchester



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Helen Northcott, on behalf of Keith Myers, with a member of BASICS Charity Volunteer Doctors



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Second Chance Animal Rescue of Southampton gained third prize from Helen Northcott

### Community Group and Village Shop

There were many community groups that entered the awards, and all three prize winners are exceptional in the work they undertake.

Hampshire County Council was an appropriate sponsor for the Village Shop of the Year, with three outstanding winners being a credit to the county.



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Hampshire County Council Cllr Edward Heron awards first prize to Pilley Post Office and Stores



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Councillor Heron gives second prize to the WoodGreen Community Shop and Post Office



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Councillor Heron gave third prize to the local Queensmead Village Shop at Beaulieu

### Our young achievers are ace

What could be more appropriate as sponsor of the Young Achiever of the Year award, than Sherfield School, noted for its innovative approach to education?

Chris Benfield was a deserved winner, with his exceptional devotion to his mother. It was a similar situation with the other prize-winners, and although Jonathan Joseph was unable to attend, Mary Cheater enjoyed herself.

Professor Pat Preedy was thoroughly impressed by the standards of our youngest stars of the evening.



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Professor Pat Preedy, executive principal at Sherfield School, gives a deserved first prize to Chris Benfield of Winchester



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A not-so-youthful Jon Benson, publisher of HAMPSHIRE the county magazine receives second prize on behalf of Jonathan Joseph



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A delighted Mary Cheater of Totton receives third prize from Professor Pat Preedy of Sherfield School