

THE CLOCKTOWER CELEBRATES BEST NEWCOMER DINING AWARD WIN

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The Clocktower restaurant in Harrogate became the cream of the crop after scooping the coveted 'Best Newcomer' award at the 23rd Annual Hi-Life dining Awards on Friday night.

The star studded ceremony which took place high above the City of Manchester at the 5* Hilton Hotel in the Beetham Tower, was a celebration of the best of the dining industry across the North of England. The annual event has become a regular fixture and highlight in the restaurant industry calendar and was attended by luminaries from the culinary world, leading restaurateurs and celebrities including comedian Dave Spikey, The Bill star Andrew Lancel, Slade front man Noddy Holder and Kelvin Fletcher from Emmerdale. Gordon Burns and Annabel Tiffin presented the awards on the night and Coronation Street's, Sean Wilson, Anthony Cotton, Charlie Condou and Katherine Kelly, were joined by ex Brookside actor Simon O'Brien and Hollyoaks star Carley Stenson.

The category listed an impressive array of eateries and the runners up included The Hale Grill in Knutsford, Cheshire, San Rocco in Manchester, Brasserie Blanc in Leeds, and The Devonshire Fell in Skipton.

The 'Best in Yorkshire' category was won by Casa Mia Millenium in Leeds beating fellow restaurants Artisan in Sheffield, Crab and Lobster in Asenby, Cut Waterside in Shipley and Weavers Shed in Huddersfield.

President of Hi-Life, David Heeley, said; "It gives me great pleasure to see this fine restaurant being recognised for its excellence. We offer them our congratulations, this win is a great example of all the hard work that goes into providing a top class service."

Vanessa Pitt, Restaurant Manager from The Clocktower, said, "We are absolutely delighted to win this accolade and it is an honour to be recognised in the Industry by Hi-Life the biggest dining club in the UK and the diners who cast their votes. Our award is the latest recognition we have received but we are never complacent about offering the best food and service to our loyal customers.

The Clocktower, based at Rudding Park in Harrogate was also recently voted the 12th best hotel in the world by Trip Advisor.

The star studded evening raised £6200 for The Christie Hospital in Manchester through a raffle and charity pledge auction.

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Notes to editors

- The High Life Awards comprise 12 different categories including Best Restaurant and Best Chef, all voted for by Hi-Life members
- For more information go to www.hi-life.co.uk

Winner and Presenters Table

Category	Nominees (winners in bold)	Sponsor	Presenter
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Best Newcomer	The Hale Grill – Knutsford, Cheshire San Rocco - Manchester The Clocktower – Harrogate, Yorkshire Brasserie Blanc – Leeds, Yorkshire The Devonshire Fell – Skipton, Yorkshire	Ballard Campbell	
Best Chef	Alison Seagrave (Harvey Nichols Second Floor Restaurant) - Manchester Warwick Dodds (Stanley House) – Blackburn, Lancashire Michael Deane (Deane’s Restaurants) - Belfast David Mitchell (Blackfriars) - Newcastle Nigel Smith (Nigel Smith’s Restaurants) - Lancashire	Villeroy & Boch	
Best Platinum Restaurant	Belle Epoque – Knutsford, Cheshire Sam’s Chop House - Manchester Harvey Nichols Second Floor Restaurant - Manchester Stanley House – Blackburn, Lancashire Yang Sing - Manchester	Manson Insurance Limited	
Best Overall Restaurant	Albert’s Shed - Manchester Livebait - Manchester Brasserie Blanc - Manchester Harvey Nichols The Second Floor Restaurant - Manchester Deane’s Restaurant - Belfast	Simply Floors	
Best Family Restaurant	Salvatores Kirkham – Preston, Lancashire The Walled Garden – Preston, Lancashire The Bayley Arms – Clitheroe, Lancashire The Millstone Inn - Lancashire Wagamama - Manchester	LCM Wealth	
Best Atmosphere	Chaophraya - Manchester Design House – Halifax, Yorkshire Grill on the Alley – Knutsford, Cheshire The Living Room – Leeds, Yorkshire Alma de Cuba - Liverpool	Drambuie	
Best Manchester Restaurant	Stock - Manchester San Rocco - Manchester Room - Manchester Choice – Castlefield EastzEast - Manchester	Restaurants of Manchester	
Best Merseyside Restaurant	London Carriage Works - Liverpool Alma de Cuba - Liverpool Babycream - Liverpool Negresco Deco - Liverpool Il Forno - Liverpool	Secured Mail	
Best Lancashire Restaurant	Villa – Kirkham, Lancashire Healey’s Restaurant at the Barton Grange Hotel – Preston Burlington’s - Preston Thyme @ Sirloin - Houghton	Moorhouse’s Brewery	

	Lorenzos - Freckleton		
Best Yorkshire Restaurant	Artisan - Sheffield Crab and Lobster Asenby Casa Mia Millenium - Leeds Cut Waterside - Shipley Weavers Shed – Huddersfield	Aqua3	
Best Cheshire Restaurant	Marmalade – Chorlton Green, Manchester Dilli - Altrincham Frans - Altrincham Brasserie 10/16 - Chester Nunsmere Hall - Oakmere	Homescapes	
Best North East Restaurant	Black Door Restaurant - Newcastle Blackfriars - Newcastle Rockafella – Amen Corner, Newcastle Grainger Rooms Newcastle Bridge Inn – Barnard Castle	Wyndeham Press	
Best Ireland Restaurant	Deanes Restaurant - Belfast Potthouse - Belfast The Mill at Lyons – Celbridge, Co. Kildare Aldens - Belfast James Street South - Belfast	Moorfield Media	
Special Recognition Award	Paul Askew, London Carriage Works	Acceleris Marketing Communications	