

Press release

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Yorkshire restaurants scoop top industry awards

TWO of Yorkshire's best restaurants have been recognised at the Hi-Life Dining Awards, in association with Secured Mail.

The Crab and Lobster (Thirsk) took home the coveted 'Best Overall Restaurant' award, while Clocktower, Rudding Park (Harrogate) was named 'Best Yorkshire and North East Restaurant.'

Nuno Cesar De Sa, from Clocktower, said: *"We are delighted to win this award. We scooped a Hi-Life Dining Award two years ago, so it's great to be back."*

Mark Spenceley, general manager of The Crab and Lobster, said: *"We have been part of Hi-Life for five years, so it is fantastic to be recognised by Hi-Life members and win this award."*

Held at Manchester's Hilton Hotel, on January 29, 2010, The Hi-Life Dining Awards honour Hi-Life restaurants and chefs throughout the UK and Ireland, with nominees and winners voted for by members of Hi-Life Diners Club, the UK and Ireland's largest dining club, which offers two for one dining for all members.

BBC North West Tonight's anchorman and news presenter Gordon Burns hosted the evening, with acting and music legend, Noddy Holder and stars from Hollyoaks, Emmerdale and Coronation Street presenting awards.

On the night, 500 guests enjoyed a Champagne reception, four-course meal and were entertained by swing singer, Paul Pashley, and band, Cabaret.

David Heeley, Hi-Life's company president, said: *"This year's awards evening has been fantastic and we are delighted our celebrity Hi-Life members and guests from the hospitality industry have joined us for what has been a truly memorable occasion. On behalf of everyone at Hi-Life Diners Club, I would like to congratulate all the award winners."*

The event raised thousands of pounds for this year's Hi-Life Dining Awards charity, NSPCC Child's Voice Appeal, through a raffle and auction.

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Notes to editor:

Hi-Life is the UK and Ireland's largest and most successful dining club, with over 100,000 members who enjoy two meals for the price of one at a network of 2,000 plus restaurants.

Hi-Life restaurants cater for every taste and budget, from Michelin starred establishments, to popular chains such as PizzaExpress.

An annual Hi-Life membership is £49.95 (RRP £69.95) or €49.95 for diners in ROI. In 2009, the average saving per member was £15 for every meal out.

The full list of 2010 winners is:

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| | Best Newcomer |
| Presented by | Gavin Blyth (Emmerdale producer) |
| Sponsor | Airplay Media |
| Winner | Chaophraya, Liverpool |
| | Best Atmosphere |
| Presented by | Carley Stenson (Hollyoaks) |
| Sponsor | Eristoff |
| Winner | Alma de Cuba, Liverpool |
| | Best Scotland Restaurant |
| Presented by | Sam Winwood and James Sutton (Emmerdale) |
| Sponsor | Cabaret |
| Winner | Howies, Edinburgh |
| | Best Ireland restaurant |
| Presented by | Katy Cavanagh (Coronation Street) |
| Sponsor | Jamy Ltd. |
| Winner | CoCo |
| | Best North West Restaurant |
| Presented by | Debbie Rush (Coronation Street) |
| Sponsor | Bob Howard Builders Ltd. |
| Winner | Nigel Smith's |
| | Best Manchester Restaurant |
| Presented by | Samia Smith (Coronation Street) |
| Sponsor | Visit Manchester |
| Winner | Ithaca |
| | Best Platinum |
| Presented by | Nick Miles and Matt Healy (Emmerdale) |
| Sponsor | Citylife.co.uk |
| Winner | Harvey Nichols Second Floor Restaurant, Manchester |
| | Best Chef |
| Presented by | Matt White (BBC Radio Manchester, presenter) |
| Sponsor | Villeroy & Boch |
| Winner | Enzo Mauro, Stock Restaurant, Manchester |
| | Special Recognition |
| Presented by | Noddy Holder |
| Sponsor | Northern Restaurant and Bar |
| Winner | Warrick Dodds, The Hastings Eating and Drinking House, Lytham |
| | Best Overall Restaurant |
| Presented by | David Heeley |
| Sponsor | Secured Mail |
| Winner | The Crab and Lobster, Thirsk |

Best Yorkshire and North East Restaurant

Presented by Tony Audenshaw (Emmerdale)

Sponsor Wyndeham Press

Winner **Clocktower, Ridding Park, Harrogate**

Best Restaurant Group

Presented by Vicky Binns (Coronation Street)

Sponsor Manchester Food and Drink Festival

Winner **PizzaExpress**

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