



**Fujifilm Grand Prix**  
FT Weekend (Refresh)

Keith Dalton, director, Fujifilm UK, presents the Grand Prix to Richard Furness, head of product sales GN&M



**PJ Personality of the Year**

PJ editor and publisher Gary Cullum with recipient David Newell, director NS and NPA. Host Michael McIntyre is pictured right

# Something to celebrate

HELD at London's Hilton on Park Lane on April 22, the 13th annual Newspaper Awards were attended by more than 460 senior newspaper industry executives, suppliers and their guests.

The industry's biggest night of the year saw The Guardian and Observer take the Fujifilm Grand Prix (see the Winners Book inserted with this issue of PJ), for its subscriber initiative, and Newsprinters Knowsley the Award for Printer of the Year for the TLS. This was just one of seven Awards and two commendations achieved by News International-owned businesses on the night.

The Times was named National Newspaper of the Year, Iliffe's Cambridge News was a deserving winner of Regional Newspaper of the Year while The Sunday Times won the title of Weekend Newspaper of the Year. For the second year running Germany produced the winner of International Newspaper of the Year, this time the Award going to the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung.

The Kent Messenger Group was named Environmental Newspaper Company of the Year, with the Cumberland News winning Weekly Newspaper of the Year by a good margin.

The Award for Design went jointly to last year's winner The Observer, and The Sunday Times, and Church Times took the Niche Market Newspaper of the Year trophy.

Northcliffe's Herald/Express and thisissouthdevon website was rewarded for its Best Use of New Media while the Property News scored a second victory for the Cambridge News, this time taking the Award for Coldset Colour Supplement of the Year.

Electronic News Site of the Year was shared by last year's winner timesonline and the BBC's news web site.

The Sunday Times and MCN (Motor Cycle News) were rewarded for their Most Outstanding Use of Colour while the The Sunday Times Magazine won the National Colour Supplement of the Year Award, pipping seven times winner How to Spend It from the FT. And Supplier of the Year was J & G Environmental.

PJ's Personality of the Year was NS and Newspaper Publishers Association director David Newell. He has been at the forefront of the industry's political lobbying for 25 years and it was an award for outstanding achievement.

The Awards were hosted brilliantly by comedian and TV star Michael McIntyre who kept the gathering wonderfully entertained throughout the evening.

A charity prize draw, co-ordinated by Fujifilm, raised a staggering £9,000 for the Help for Heroes charity. This included £1,000 each from Newsprinters at Knowsley and Broxbourne, £500 from the Newspaper Awards team and £650 from Irish Times general manager Colm Fitzpatrick who won an auction for three tickets to the Champions League semi-final between Manchester United and Arsenal, one a special VIP dinner in a box courtesy of Norman Revill and manroland GB and two tickets donated by Atex ceo John Hawkins.

PJ editor and publisher Gary Cullum was bullish in his welcoming speech:



"Our newspapers are facing exceedingly tough and challenging times never before witnessed by any of us in this room. The affects of the digital revolution are exacerbated by economic conditions, and together they are forcing rapid change to our traditional business models. We all know the result of our current decline and evolution and its horrid to see the huge loss of revenues, titles and jobs.

"But, we will pull through and emerge successfully as the leading purveyor of news, views and multi-media content with new business models and our core newspapers strengthened by niche print launches and new digital platforms.

"We have seen the quality, creative flair and innovation we are capable of among the entries submitted for the Awards this year. So this evening is a massive celebration of our strengths, our production excellence and the way in which we are embracing new digital technologies and techniques.

"We were quite surprised when we received the second highest number of entries ever this year – around 365 involving almost 1,100 individual newspaper copies. Near record numbers, with fantastic print quality, goes to show that it is not all doom and gloom... We have a massive story to tell and it's time we dismissed the negativity and started talking up the industry again.

And he added: "This event is not only the highlight of the industry's annual calendar but this year in particular, with the mix of printed and new media entries we saw during judging, it offers great hope and optimism for the newspaper industry's future".

Cullum thanked sponsors for their continuing support in making the Awards the biggest night in the industry's annual calendar.

● See the Awards Winners Book – or visit the Awards website at [www.newspaperawards.co.uk](http://www.newspaperawards.co.uk) for all the pictures from the night



Among the winners were also nine people who picked up a prize in the special charity draw which raised £9,000 for the Help for Heroes charity. Winners and prizes: Laura Vincent of Guardian Print Centre London, £150 John Lewis vouchers, donated by Sun Chemical; Marc Astley, Express & Echo, Sat Nav system (Press Computer Systems); Gillian De Bono, How to Spend It magazine, iPod (Goss International); Natalie Bennett, Guardian News & Media £250 mountain bike voucher and training (UPM); Stuart Slade, Digital photo frame (AbitibiBowater); Andy Clark, DAB radio (Flint Group); Peter Smith, UPM, champagne (manroland), Alan McCann, News International, iPod Touch (WRH Marketing); Izzet Edige, Prolmage (Fuji camera)

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