

DDLS Annual Awards Dinner 2019

From the letters and e-mails of thanks DDLS has received I think I can safely say that all those who came to the Dinner this year had a great night. There have been comments that the Dinner was less formal than previous years and I hope that that is a step in the right direction. Given the large number of Past President's who attended, and Arthur Titterton giving it large on the dance floor, we are certainly doing something right.

President Ben Lawson welcomed guests including HHJ Shant and HHJ Williscroft, District Judges and representatives from other professional bodies and local law societies.

We are always pleased to welcome our Gold Patrons the University of Derby and Severn Trent Searches, this year joined by our generous Dinner sponsors The 36 Group - Barristers Chambers in London.

The raffle raised at least £1500 for the charity Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre. Thank you for your donations and to DJL for organising on the night. Ben was somewhat amused to receive the winners of the raffle written on a Prosecco soaked sheet of paper – wasteful!!

Following a short speech from Ben and the awards (see separate article) we were entertained by Dr Dave Bryon, who hit the right note between stand-up comedy and after dinner speech. Martin Salt (DDLS President by the time you read this) entered into the spirit of the night by showcasing his “air hostess” skills.

Music was provided by the band the Burgundy's and I am only sorry not to have heard more of them. The dance floor was soon full of movers and groovers both young and old.





Well done Martin !