

TOP FLAVOURS IN HAMBLETON

Nine Hambleton based food businesses are celebrating being the 'best in Hambleton'.

They have won top slots in the prestigious 'Flavours of Hambleton' awards.

And a man who has spent more than 20 years in the food and drink industry has been awarded an outstanding achievement award.

James Butterfield, owner of The Café in Northallerton took the title.

The Hambleton District Council competition – now in its third year – attracted hundreds of nominations for 100 different businesses. They were whittled down to 27 finalists in the nine categories.

And today (Thursday) at a special ceremony at Thirsk Racecourse the winners collected their prizes.

They are:-

Breakfast of the Year – Lovesome Hill Bed and Breakfast, Northallerton

Food producer of the Year – Sutton Beef and Lamb, Sutton on the Forest

Outside caterer of the Year – FIGS. East Harlsey

Village Shop of the Year – Tollerton Stores

Pub food of the Year – The Crosby, Thornton le Beans

Specialist Retailer of the Year – Fine Foods of Yorkshire, Easingwold

Tearoom of the Year – TeaHee, Easingwold

Restaurant of the Year – Chapters, Stokesley

Newcomer of the Year – Deli No 1, Easingwold

Outstanding Achievement – James Butterfield

Highly commended prizes went to The Gallery, Thirsk; Borrowby Mill; Peacocks Desserts, Knayton; Farmhouse Preserves, Crayke; The Standard, Northallerton; The Old Oak Tree, South Kilvington; The Mouseman Visitor Centre, Kilburn; Upstairs Downstairs, Thirsk; Pollys Café, Thirsk; Gulshan Tandoori, Stillington; Whinstone View Bistro, Great Ayton; Stillington Post Office and Stores; and the Village Pantry, Raskelf.

The awards were established by the District Council in 2004 to celebrate the best in food and drink in Hambleton.

"We set out to strengthen the links between tourism and the food and drink industry – to develop a distinct cuisine for Hambleton," said Tourism Manager, David Shields.

"Judging by the standard of entries for these awards there is a wealth of excellence out there – and making final choices for the top prizes was very difficult.

"Every one of the finalists was a winner and should be very proud of their achievements."

Sutton Beef and Lamb

