

# Candid cameras capture all of life's special events



Steve Grogan's image won the weddings category

THESE stunning images which capture the mood at special events have scooped awards in a national photography contest. The Event Photography Awards has held its sixth annual celebration, crowning 12 category winners and three overall winners. Professional photographer Andrew Billington was the overall winner with a "private events" photo at a christening in Trinity House, London, last year. His heart-warming picture showed a dutiful grandfather feeding his grandchild while eating a vol-au-vent. Deb Porter finished second with her picture of waiting staff on the stairs in the Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground. And Andrew Whitton, who was last year's overall winner, came third with his image of a fairground ride overlooking the beach at Watergate Bay, Newquay. Category themes included private events, corporate events, conferences, experiential events, brand activations, music events, trade shows and weddings. More than 30 judges decided the winners from nearly 100 photographers. Their work was displayed in Mayfair, London, yesterday. Awards founder Philip Atkins told the event: "The events industry needs great photography, not only to sell itself but also to amplify the impact and thereby the validity of events. "The EPAs celebrate the unsung work of photographers that capture the energy and essence of events, along with all the elements that go into producing successful events, from behind-the-scenes production and the venues where they are held, to the catering and the staff that serve it."



Andrew Whitton's image of a fairground ride claimed third prize



Andrew Billington won with this picture of a dutiful grandfather



Benjamin Arthur won in the 'trade shows' category



Andy Paradise entered this picture of the Albert Hall



Deb Porter's photograph from Lord's Cricket Ground was second