

“The awards were very good, Des Clarke did well with the audience. Nice pace, I thought the Blue Bells were great. My era. Food was terrific. Standard of service will put the Thistle back on the Daily Record’s hotel rota. The food and the service was great. All my guests had a thoroughly good time.”

Denise West
Daily Record and Sunday Mail

I thought the room looked great, and I liked the fact that this year we didn’t really have to dress up. The room looked great, the food was wonderful. Everything was perfect.”

Colin Barr

“It’s always a good night. It was well organised and it is always nice to catch up with people in the business. I thought the food was great and I thought Des was very funny. Please to get Highly Commended, wasn’t expecting anything this year.”

Neil Connolly
Moskito

“It was brilliant. Really, really great. It was a different menu too, wasn’t same old, same old. It was great to catch up with people and the dancers were amazing. A really slick night.

Bev Lyons
The Razz, Daily Record

“The food was fantastic, the menu was different, which was great. Thought Des was quite funny. It was a great night, but that’s what you expect from DRAM. Everyone knows the DRAM Awards night is a good night out. My highlight of the night was Uncle Bob winning the Lifetime Achievement Award. I was also really pleased to get my award. I have put in a lot of work, and worked hard it was great to be recognized for that.”

Carlo Citti
Campus/Citti Holdings

“I love it. I thought Des Clarke was brilliant. It’s the first time I’ve been, but I loved the fact it was a nice relaxed atmosphere. Delighted to be nominated, and as we are fairly new in the business it was great to get out and meet other people in the trade. Had a fantastic night and I am already looking forward to next year.”

Phil Machugh
Bacaro

“It was very good. Everything was very slick and The Thistle were great. We had a great time and there was a great atmosphere. I was also really impressed with the food.”

Alison Hart
Brown-Forman

It was excellent, good evening, worthy winners. Good to see people with passion about winning award. It was good to meet up with people. “

Michael Hardy
Jygsaw Brands

“It was a brilliant night, probably the best I can remember. It’s easy to be critical but very seldom do we take time to praise - very well done to you on a great night.”

Jim Grierson
Maxxium UK

"Thoroughly enjoyed it, and I have had great feedback from my guests too. The food was lovely and the sweet was amazing. The food and service was first class. It is great to see all the main players in the business there. And the winners were well selected. John Carrigan has been in the business for many years and a lot of people appreciated the fact that he picked up an award."

Fiona Sweeney
Green Shoots

"I had a great night. Food was good and the service in hotel was second to none. It was also nice to see that many of the award winners stocked our brands. The Bluebells were great too."

Tom Slavin
Miller Brands

"It was a great night. A great showcase for the trade. A really positive night and a great show was put on. I thought Des was great. It makes you recognize that the industry is a great trade to be in. There was a lot of very passionate people there the awards were spot on."

Scott Gemmell
LA Bartenders

"I found this the most enjoyable of the three I have been to. I liked the theme and the food matching to the theme, I thought the compere struck the right balance of humour, seriousness and subtle control of the events. It was nice to hear 'Young At Heart' again - the big challenge with all after dinner entertainment is how you stop people shooting off to the bar immediately. Not sure of the answer to that one. I thought it was less roudy than previous years - which was good. I thought it was also great that there were tables of genuinely enthusiastic winners which made the event."

Huw Pennell
Maxxium UK

"Nice to see a diversity of people winning, and different people, good geographical spread of award winners. Bob Taylor winning Lifetime Achievement was great to see. He is the delight of the industry, without him it would be very dull. The DRAM Awards is a fun night out, it is great to socialize with people in the trade in a more relaxed atmosphere. A good night to get to know people."

Phil Kilpatrick
Kildales Marketing

"It was very good, one of the best. It ran extremely smoothly. I always look forward to the DRAM awards because its always a positive occasion and I really enjoy them. I thought the audience were well behaved too."

David Wither
Montpeliers, Edinburgh Ltd.

"We are all thrilled to have won the award, I'm so pleased. Everyone had a great night, and the awards ceremony was first class. I thought Des was very funny, and the food and of course the wine was great."

William Dorward - The market Arms

"I'm over the moon with winning the award. I met some lovely people from Thurso and Peterhead, and it was great to meet other professionals in the trade, and be recognised for working hard. The award is not just for me, it's for everyone in the pub, and I'm grateful for the customer support and my team of staff that are still all here 4 years later."

Ronnie Bissell - The Occidental, Broughty Ferry

"Fantastic Night! Great for recognition, and so pleased to have won. It was great actually that most of the team were there, and they all had a great time. I thought it was fantastic to see the spirit of the License Trade wasn't lost, given the current Climate. Everyone seemed so happy, and it was a good, fun night."

Nic Wood - The Rutland Hotel, Edinburgh

"I thought the awards was a great representation of whats happening with the trade in Scotland. I was pleased to see that the awards covered almost every category. From a service point of view we were well looked after. The crowds reaction when we won was fantastic, and the support all round has been great."

Brian Horsburgh - The Cross Keys, Kippen

"Winning was a really nice surprise, and the whole night was great. The food was great, Des was funny and the band were good. The service during the meal was great, and the whole event was organised well. We have worked really hard here, so it was nice to be get some recognition."

Paul Hislop - Boho

"What a lovely surprise to win. Winning the award has been the cherry on top on what has already been a fantastic year. The competition was superb to it was a real honour to win. We all thought Des Clarke was hilarious, and we had a brilliant night. It was good to get out of the work bubble for the night, and enjoy meeting other people from the trade."

Martin Luney - Big Red Teapot Ltd , Hamilton's Edinburgh

"We are so excited here after winning the award. It's such a prestigious award, in fact for us it's the most prestigious that we could get. To be honoured with this at the DRAM awards was fantastic, I don't think it could get much bigger for us! Also to be recognised away out here in fortrose was great, as we always feel our main competition is in more urban areas. It's a great tribute to DRAM that there was a great representation of a wide geography, as it felt like you were competing against all of Scotland. We all had a ball, and met some lovely people. The food was fab, was very impressed with my large slab of ham. I thought the whole event was well put together, Susan was great, and the comedian was hilarious."

Jim Anderson of The Anderson, Fortrose

"As usual the Dram always hosts the best awards ceremony. The night is always enjoyable and always different. Looking at the faces around the room it was obvious just how much everyone was enjoying themselves. I was also delighted to have won, the trophy is sitting pride of place on the fireplace for all the customers to see."

Elaine Scott
The Ben Nevis