

## **Insurance Institute of Southampton Annual Dinner 28.02.20**

For our Dinner, this year we decided to try a new venue and the service received prior to the event and on the night was fantastic.

This year we had 317 guests booked to attend the dinner, which is an increase of 66 from the numbers of 2019.

We worked hard as a team to raise more than £5,000 in sponsorship for the event and with the new venue costing less per head than the previous venue, this meant that we were able to have Kev Orkian as our comedian and Madison Heights as the Band, this was very well received and our guests danced the night away.

We are very grateful for the support from Ageas, Zurich, Sedgwick, Allianz, Arthur J Gallagher, Trethowans, Edwards Insurance Brokers, Arch Insurance and The Cotsworld Group.

Our top table for the night was made up of 9 distinguished guests included our 'neighbouring' institutes and Nick Turner president of the CII.

We had a good number of past presidents attending, some with their companies and 6 on their own table.

A three-course meal was served, and the quality of the food was excellent, as was the service from the venue.

We had Andy Parker as Master of Ceremonies and Chris Reed took excellent photographs.

During the evening presentations were made for:

- Southampton Achiever 2019
- Phil McMahon prize winner

Over £2,000 was raised for the Insurance Charities, with Ian Ritchie & Lee Smith performing their entertaining 'Kings and Queens' routine.

No decisions have yet been made about the form of the 2021 dinner.

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Dinner Secretary 2019/20