


**A MOTHER'S LOVE**  
*'Campaigning in memory of my darling daughter'*



**YEAR STARTERS**  
*Fab winter cooking tips from chef Tim Maddams*



**FAREWELL TO DEVON**  
*Tom Cox is leaving the county and heading home*

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# DEVON LIFE

ALL ABOARD!

## TOURISM CELEBRATED



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The 25 Boutique B&B from Torquay were the winner of winners. Pictured are (left to right): Ann Daniels, polar explorer; Jo Young, NFU Mutual; Julian and Andy Banner-Price, The 25 Boutique B&B; Simon Calder

Businesses from across Devon have been celebrating their success in the 2017 Devon Tourism Awards at a prestigious event hosted by travel journalist Simon Calder and arctic explorer Ann Daniels.

Now in their eighth year the awards saw a record 205 entries entering 25 different categories, with 76 awards announced on the night. The event was enhanced by

illuminating presentations from Simon Calder on global factors in tourism and an uplifting talk from Arctic explorer Ann Daniels, who lives in Devon.

The night saw three special awards, with 25 Boutique B&B from Torquay taking the Winner of Winners and B&B Gold awards with judges describing them as a 'beacon' to the industry.

There was a special

Outstanding Contribution to Tourism award presented to Esther Pearson and the South West Coast Path team for their innovative Discover England project.

A further Outstanding Contribution award was presented to journalist Martin Hesp for his contribution in highlighting Devon's wildlife, food, drink and walking experiences over more than 20 years.