

Edenbridge Bonfire Society

TROPHY WINNERS 2009

* **THE WHITMORE CHALLENGE CUP:** The Best Tableau

1. Hever School
2. Four Elms School
3. Crockham Hill Primary School

* **THE JUNIOR CUP:** The Best Junior Tableau

1. Edenbridge Primary School
2. Four Elms School
3. 2nd Edenbridge Brownies

THE MOTHER GUM CUP: The Best Adult Tableau

1. Just for Laughs
2. Beaufighters Explorer Scouts
3. Edenbridge Rugby Club

* **THE RUPERT BEAR TROPHY:** The Best Walking Party

1. ECTreme Youth Club
2. Lizi Dent
3. Edenbridge Players

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SHIELD: The Best first time entry.

1. Edenbridge Piranhas
2. Edenbridge Rugby Club
3. Steve Webb (Steam Roller)

THE LAVER SHIELD: For the best musical accompaniment.

Edenbridge Astor Centre

THE CHARLIE BANNING TROPHY: For the best individual humorous costume worn by an adult.

Angela Scanes (Just for Laughs)

THE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL MARSH GREEN TROPHY: For the best individual humorous costume worn by a child.

Cole Carpenter (Edenbridge Primary School)

THE KIWI CUP: For the best home made costume worn by a child between the ages of 6 to 16 years.

Adam Brachet-Smith (Hever School)

THE PADDEN CUP: For the best individual costume made and worn by a lady residing in the parish.

Fiona Dent

THE WESLIAN CUP: For the best individual costume made and worn by a gentleman residing in the parish.

Terry & Martin Cross (Edenbridge Primary School)

PRESIDENTIAL TROPHY: For the best band.

1. Sackville School
2. Edenbridge Town Band
3. Glenduart Pipe Band

THE VISITOR'S CUP: The best visiting Society

None

THE EDENBRIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION TROPHY: For the group of collectors with the highest street collection.

Crockham Hill Primary School (£386.07)

THE BOB SIMS SHIELD: For the highest individual street collection.

Lizi Dent (£138.78)

* Runner up Trophies will be given.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Family Friends.

I've tried to memorise this speech, but forgive me if I resort to my notes every five seconds. I did think of getting an autocue set up in front of me, but I couldn't find a spare one in my garage.

I have really been looking forward to this part of the proceedings, "I don't think so" especially when there is no booze to calm my nerves beforehand.

It all started on the evening of 14 Feb (a special day for some people) the phone rang, when I answered it was a very excited Lucie phoning from the states to tell us that Michel had got down on one knee and proposed to her, I asked what was her reply and she said **YES** of course, from then onwards I have had Sue nagging at me about starting to write this speech.

When I saw Lucie this morning in her wedding dress and ready to go, I cannot begin to tell you how delighted I was to see her looking so radiant as she begins a new chapter of her life – as wife and partner of Michael. I know I am also speaking for Sue when I say we are not losing Lucie, we are merely entrusting her to Michael's care.

To keep up with tradition I thought I would tell you a few things that you may or may not know about Lucie, I should have a large screen behind me projecting all the embarrassing pictures of Lucie when she was young, the usual one of her sitting in the bath on her first bath night etc, but I think she beat me to the photo albums, all those pictures are missing. It was always difficult to get a picture of Lucie as she has never liked having her picture taken, she would always turn her head or walk away every time a camera came near her, but that was until Michael came on the scene, now the house is full of photos of her.

He has shown himself to be exactly the sort of person we had always hoped Lucie would marry. He is likeable, easygoing (thank goodness), hard working and has immaculate tastes. After all he chose Lucie!

Years ago Lucie use to say she wasn't going to get married, but she never reckoned on meeting such a nice guy like Michael. **As we have come to know Michael over the past 6 years we have come to the inescapable conclusion that this will be very good care.** In Michael she has found the perfect partner and I am delighted he has become officially part of our family. There are many things that I admire about Michael: he is level headed, conscientious and along with his generosity and determination it's clear that he will make Lucie very happy.

And when it comes to talk about Lucie and her qualities, where do I start? She's intelligent, generous, hard working and popular, on the negative side she is very untidy around the house, poor Michael spends all the weekend clearing up after her.

Having been in wedded bliss for the last 35 years? I am in the position to offer our newlyweds some timely advice: give and take. That's the secret of a happy marriage, the wife gives the orders and Michael, that's right you take them.

Ladies and Gentlemen, family and friends could you all join me in wishing Lucie and Michael all the best in their marriage, and may we hope that the

love and happiness they share now will be carried on for the rest of their lives.
The Bride and Groom.

We cannot fully enjoy life unless someone we love enjoys it with us. Not my words, I'm afraid although how I agree with them.

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As we have come to know Michael over the past 6 years we have come to the inescapable conclusion that this will be very good care. He has shown himself to be exactly the sort of person we had always hoped Lucie would marry. He is likeable, easygoing (thank goodness), hard working and has immaculate tastes. After all he chose Lucie!

We are delighted to welcome him formally into our family, and I hope he is now pleased to be a member of the Laver clan. What we find gratifying is that Michael's parents feel the same about Lucie – they have taken her to their hearts.