

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Westminster Cathedral was almost bursting at the seams yesterday, when over 1000 loaves were delivered to Cathedral Hall for the annual Tiptree World Bread Awards with Brook Food judging day.

Categories ranging from baguette, ciabatta, sourdough and hand-baked at home were presented to the 70 judges, including **Frances Quinn, Luis Troyano** and **Kimberley Wilson** from Great British Bake Off fame, **Nigel Barden**, Food and Drink Broadcaster and industry experts, **Stephen Hallam**, Master Baker, **Hugh Weeks**, Technical Consultant to the Bakery Industry, **Mike Holling**, Craft Bakers Association and **Alan Clarke**, Chief Executive, Scottish Bakers. The judging process took over 4 hours, before the category winners and overall winner were decided.

Entries were up more than 20% this year, with the gluten-free category seeing an increase of 100%. The winners will be announced on Tuesday 6 October at a harvest supper-style awards ceremony at St John's Hyde Park. The overall winner will receive a cheque for £1000 and a selection of KitchenAid products.

Breads had to be delivered fresh yesterday morning, some were still warm when they arrived and the smell in the hall was incredible. Breads were hand-delivered from all over the UK and one mother travelled down from Cheltenham with her toddler dressed as the boy from one of the nation's favourite bread adverts, carrying an oversized basket.

The Tiptree World Bread Awards with Brook Food, launched in January 2013 seek to celebrate the very best of British bread baking. "The choice and range of bread in Britain today has never been greater," says **Caroline Kenyon**, Director of the Awards.

Meanwhile, the next generation of bakers are also on the rise. The **KitchenAid Young Baker 2015** (Under 12) and the 12-17 category winners will also be announced on 6 October.

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