

PRIZE NIGHT
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Chavs top the toffs

Bafta for TOWIE as Downton snubbed

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UPPERCRUST drama Downton Abbey was snubbed at last night's Baftas - beaten by The Only Way is Essex.

The ITV period drama drew audiences of 12 million and was nominated in three categories.

Yet it lost out to ITV2 reality series TOWIE in the YouTube Audience Award - and to BBC1's Sherlock in the Drama Series and Supporting Actor categories.

Taking to the stage at the London ceremony, TOWIE's Amy Childs shouted, "Shut up!" and squealed throughout her speech.

Afterwards, co-star James "Arg" Argent admitted: "We are a little out of place because we are not proper actors, but it is nice to be here. We are going to have a right Essex night out."

And Sam Faiers added: "I'm so excited, I had a feeling we'd win. I am gonna get out the champagne and get drunk."

Martin Freeman, who played Dr Watson in the modern take on Sherlock Holmes, was surprised to beat Downton's Brendan Coyle in the Supporting Actor category.

Freeman joked: "I really did expect it - no, I didn't! I'm very, very chuffed." But his Sherlock co-star Benedict Cumberbatch failed to make it a hat-trick - the Leading Actor award went to Eric and Ernie's Daniel Rigby.

He could not believe he had beaten the star of Sherlock and Doctor Who's Matt Smith. Rigby said: "They are brilliant and famous, which is more than can be said for me."

Chatshow king Graham Norton won the Bafta for Entertainment Performance for his BBC1 chat-show, seeing off

stiff competition from Rob Brydon, Stephen Fry and Harry Hill.

Baftas host Norton said he would celebrate in the style of his show's worst behaved guest, Mickey Rourke: "Who got out of a car with a bottle of Jack Daniel's in his hand and left with a different one."

The gong for Entertainment Programme went to The Cube, hosted by Phillip Schofield, while Sir David Attenborough's Flying Monsters 3D won the Specialist Factual honour - making him the only broadcaster to have won Baftas in black and white, colour, high definition and now 3D.

Winner of the Best Comedy prize was BBC2's Harry and Paul - it was such a surprise that its stars, Paul Whitehouse and Harry Enfield, had not bothered to attend the event.

Danish crime series The Killing saw off Mad Men, Glee and Boardwalk Empire to be named Best International Series. And

Hugh Fearnley-Whittinghall's C4 series Hugh's Fish Fight won Best Features.

On gaining his Bafta fellowship, a "chuffed" Sir Trevor McDonald said: "I gather not too many journalists have won this award, so it's very good for the trade."

Norton had kicked off the evening at the Grosvenor House Hotel with a string of risqué jokes.

Referring to this year's TV race controversy, he quipped: "Britain was blanketed in snow this winter. It was whiter than an episode of Midsomer Murders."

He said Big Brother was no longer on TV because Channel 5 doesn't count, and that Downton Abbey should be renamed The Only Way is Berkshire.

Admitting he wasn't a huge TOWIE fan, Norton said: "I watched one, but that was enough."

"They are tanned, they live in Essex. I get it."



▲ CRACKED IT Ben and Martin



▲ FLYING HIGH Attenborough



▲ WIN Fearnley-Whittinghall

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JAMES ARGENT
 TOWIE

SUCCESS
 Phill Schofield



YOU ESSEXY THINGS
 TOWIE stars line up to celebrate Baftas win

- DRAMA SERIES Sherlock
- LEADING ACTOR Daniel Rigby (Eric and Ernie)
- LEADING ACTRESS Vicky McClure (This is England '86)
- SUPPORTING ACTOR Martin Freeman
- SUPPORTING ACTRESS Lauren Socha (Misfits)
- DRAMA SERIAL Any Human Heart
- CONTINUING DRAMA EastEnders
- SINGLE DRAMA The Road to Coronation Street
- SITUATION COMEDY Rev
- MALE IN A COMEDY Steve Coogan (The Trip)

The Winners

- FEMALE IN A COMEDY Jo Brand (Getting On)
- COMEDY PROGRAMME Harry and Paul
- ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME The Cube
- BEST ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMANCE Graham Norton (The Graham Norton Show)
- INTERNATIONAL The Killing

- CURRENT AFFAIRS Zimbabwe's Forgotten Children
- FACTUAL SERIES Welcome to Lagos
- NEWS AWARD The Cumbria Murders
- FEATURES Hugh's Fish Fight
- SPECIALIST DOCUMENTARY Between Life and Death
- SPECIALIST FACTUAL Flying Monsters 3D
- SPORT Formula 1 - The Abu Dhabi Grand Prize
- YOUTUBE AUDIENCE AWARD The Only Way Is Essex
- NEW MEDIA Wallace and Gromit's World of Invention
- FELLOWSHIP Sir Trevor McDonald