

PRESS RELEASE: Texas performance helps Eagle Radio celebrate community champions

Sharleen Spiteri and her Texas bandmates, who have enjoyed another resurgence this year, were on hand to assist Eagle's Local Heroes evening at Guildford's new venue, G-Live.

Hundreds attended the event, including the award winners themselves, their friends and families, as well as listeners from the radio station's VIP club.

More than two dozen people were recognised from nominations that flooded into Eagle earlier this year.

Those recognised include:

- 3-year-old Sophie Roberts, who has battled a rare-form of cancer for most of her young life
- Nicholas Bacchus, who saved a boy from drowning
- Tony Gardner, a former soldier who suffers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and does a huge amount of work to remove the stigma attached to the condition
- Fred Smith, who has been the driving force behind a youth project in Guildford

Also on the line up for the evening was former S Club and current Jersey Boys star, John Lee.

There were acts from Eagle's local area (Surrey and Hampshire) including unsigned act, Unsung Lily, the Farnham Youth Choir and Siana Schofield; recently featured on the new series of The X Factor.

Eagle Programme Director, Peter Gordon, reflected: "It was a very special evening with a lot of love and admiration in the room.

"In a world increasingly interested in throwaway fads and the so called 'celebrity culture', it is up to us, in what remains of the true local media world, to recognise the people who really matter.

"It was a very humbling occasion for many of us involved at Eagle."

Plans are already underway for Eagle Radio's Local Heroes 2014 and nominations will open in February.

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Notes to Editor:

Highlights of this year's event can be found at: <http://www.964eagle.co.uk/localheroespatrons.php>

Photographs (attached): Pic1 – Sophie Roberts, Pic2 - Nicholas Bacchus

Eagle's Local Heroes event took place on Thursday September 12th.

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