

# Havering Business Awards 2008 even



● Host Hugh Dennis is all smiles and, above left, Friends of Havering Music School's Catherine Smith gets the proceeds of the evening while, above right, Gerry Byrne is Business Person of the Year



● Gymnophobics staff pick up the Young Business of the Year award



● Enterprise Plants, which is based in Upminster, claimed The Innovation Award

## Hugh heralds night for H



**EDÉN BLACK** reports on another successful Havering Business Awards evening

**B**USINESS may not be booming nowadays, but the best of the bunch wouldn't let a looming recession get in the way of a swanky party.

Scaled up and learning the lessons of previous years, the 2008 Havering Business Awards night set the bar high for forthcoming years.

The annual event celebrates the best in business across the borough and this year marked the fourth time it has been staged.

The gala evening, organised by Havering Council and held at Maylands Golf & Country Club, Harold Park, was fronted by television funnyman Hugh Dennis – team captain for BBC2 comedy quiz *Mock the Week*.

The comic had the 450 or so guests in stitches throughout the night.

A 1,400sq m tent – complete with two stages, reception, kitchen and



● String Fever put on their own unique

radio studio – housed the dozens of businesses competing in 13 categories.

But for the victors went the spoils as a baker's dozen of firms walked away with a magnificent glass trophy and a bottle of champagne.

Opening the evening in elegant style was classical and comedy outfit String Fever, the world's first genetically modified string quartet (they

are all related) played classical music plumped for routine involving playing their instruments. Business is assisted by N duo who sang rock classics on Time FM. The principal