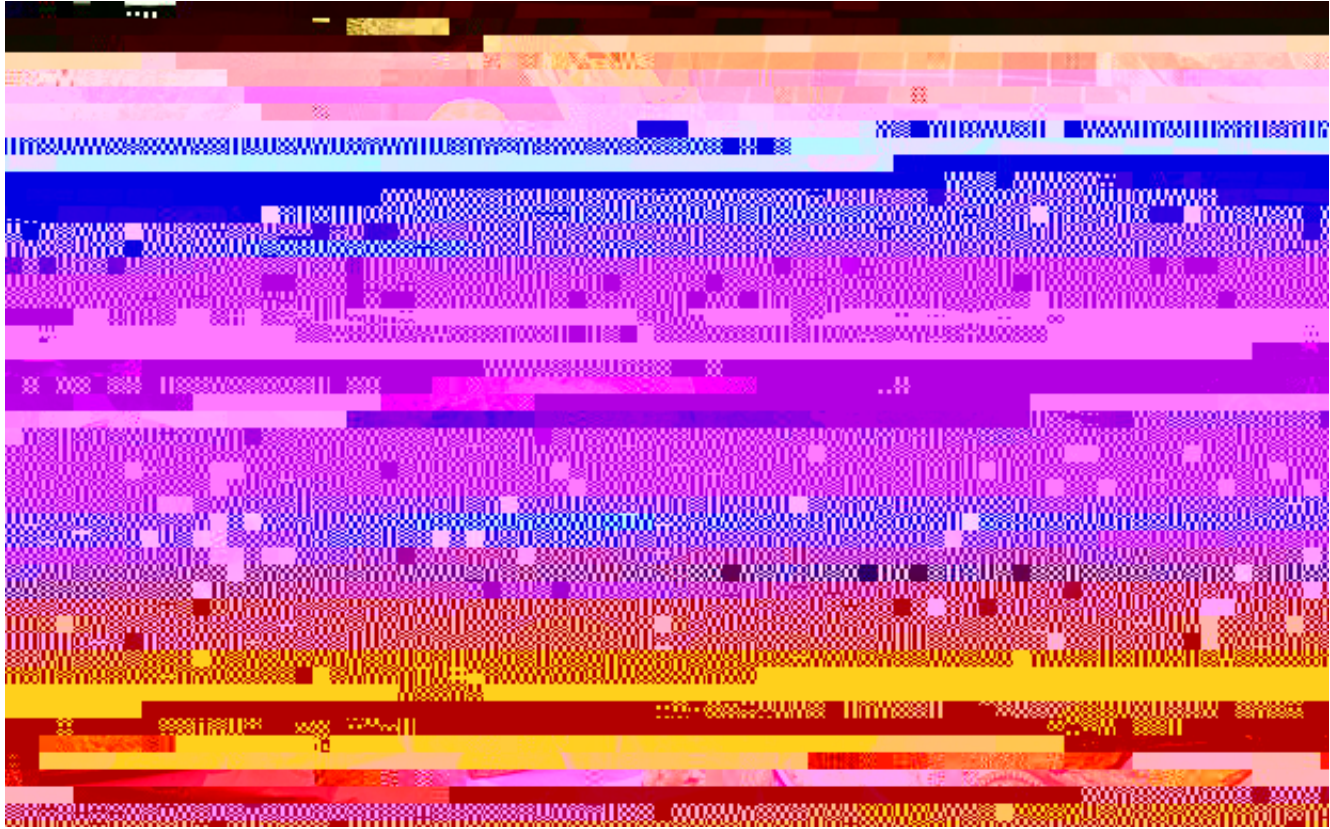


Controversy as a pasty triumphs at the British Pie Awards



The decision to award the top prize to a pasty has generated debate about what constitutes a

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“And slices, and beef wellingtons... this is Political Correctness gone mad!”

Hot or cold and sweet or savoury pins can be entered in the renowned competition. However, all pins must be totally encased in pastry with a closed top and fit into one of the pre-assigned categories.

All pins, except the specialist class, must be commercially available in the UK.

Mr O’Callaghan said the winning entry was particularly impressive as only 30 of the 816 entrants, assessed by 120 judges, were pasties.

The small, family run business also triumphed against some of the biggest names in the industry, including Pimminister and other manufacturers who supply all of the major supermarkets.

“The winning pasty was outstanding,” he added.

“It looked so appealing; an even bake with a beautiful glaze and a perfect crimp. Eating it was a delight, well balanced flavours, tender meat, small chunks of vegetable. The pasty was a