

## The Gerald Smith Award 2011

Amongst Thames Valley Branch members is the oldest subscription paying member in the Institute, Gerald Smith FCQ, CQP, I.Eng, CEI. Gerald was born in 1916 and in 1951 joined a predecessor of the CQI, The Institute of Inspection and Metrology. He held various posts in the local institute's management and was instrumental in setting up regional and branch activities, amongst which was the Thames Valley Branch.

In 2008, the Thames Valley Branch decided to celebrate Gerald's contribution to the Institute by awarding an annual prize to the best student in the local CQI Diploma course at Newbury. Previous winners of the award have been:

2009 - Alan Bradshaw, working in AWE

2010 - Jonathan Lee, working in the Rail Industry

This year the winner is Simon Pearmain.

Simon works in Regulatory and QA at Toumaz, located in Milton Park, near Abingdon. Toumaz is a pioneer in low cost, ultra-low power wireless technologies for a wide range of markets including connected healthcare and Internet-connected consumer devices.

Simon's lecturer recommended him with the following words

*It is with pleasure that I recommend Simon Pearmain for the Gerald Smith Award. Simon finished his CQI Diploma in June 2010 and is an excellent candidate for this award. He obtained 2 Distinctions 2 Merits and 1 pass in his Diploma. One of the Distinctions he received was for the project that he completed in June 2010. This was an excellent piece of work and to quote the examiners' comments:-*

*"An excellent submission, and may I say, a very good read. All sections were of a high quality – the only additions might have been more use of sources in some areas – but overall I cannot add too much comment about the quality and presentation of this work. A real joy to read – a real pleasure to award such a high mark – thanks".*



Simon Pearmain receiving his award from Simon Feary CQI CEO