

Andrew Moss, our President welcomed Political Heavyweight to the Liverpool Dinner



Hundreds of guests from the business community in Merseyside gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel to hear keynote speaker John Pienaar, Deputy Political Editor of the BBC, address the Liverpool Society of Chartered Accountants annual dinner.



John is best known as the BBC's Deputy Political Editor and presenter of the weekly Westminster round-up 'Pienaar's Politics' on Radio 5Live. A seasoned reporter, he sees his job as beating a path through the forest of Government spin. Ever since his original, often controversial parliamentary sketch for the Independent, he has acted as tour guide and translator of goings-on in the Westminster village.

John originally trained at South London Press, covering whatever was occurring on his doorstep – be it street crime, sex, drugs or rock'n'roll. He then became an Old Bailey Correspondent and even

wrote an angling column (without ever having held a fishing rod).

Instantly recognisable to television news audiences, John has spent hundreds of hours standing in the rain outside 10 Downing Street.

John spoke candidly about the current economic and political climate giving guests an insight into the corridors of Westminster. He then very kindly took many questions from the audience on a variety of political themes including the current government position on Brexit and the potential for a general election.

The funniest moment of the evening came when John spoke about the time

he was invited to take part in a celebrity boxing show, only for it to be cancelled for fear that someone might get hurt!

The President of the Liverpool Society Andrew Moss of DSG Chartered Accountants said "I was delighted that John was able to join us on the evening. His attendance helped us attract a big number to our Annual Dinner and he did not disappoint with some excellent anecdotes and the very generous time he gave in taking questions on top of his address."

The event, which took place on Friday 25th November, raised over £3,000 for Barnardo's and Merefield School in Ainsdale, Merseyside.

Memories of our Annual Dinner 2016

