

And the winners are... Tom Haigh, Henry Whitworth, Simon Haigh, Andrew Whitworth and Luke Haigh, of Hinchcliffe's Farm Shop.



The pastry had been crimped, the meat minced, and the jelly set, when hundreds flocked to Ripponden to get a slice of the action at an annual pork pie competition. The event, in its 18th year, is run by the Pork Pie Appreciation Society.

This year, 50 hopefuls arrived from around the UK hoping to make it into the top crust. Pie fans, including superhero Pie Man, lined the cobbles outside the Old Bridge Inn, Ripponden, to sample the entries. They were given a masterclass in pie-making by John Lord, while music from the Friendly band filled the air.

The 12 judges whittled the 50 entries down to a top 12, before handing the title of best pie to six-time winner Simon Haigh of Hinchcliffe's, in Netherton. Ed Wright, 27, set off from South London at 6am to compete.

