

Chas's home is where the art is!

A POPULAR artist has scooped £1,000 on a daytime TV show for having a beautiful home. Chas Jacobs, from Bolton, won the top prize in ITV1's May The Best House Win, beating three other contestants from the Morecambe area. His gorgeous £300,000 converted cotton mill received top marks from his opponents - property manager Denise Bennett, from Bolton-le-Sands.

by Greg Lambert
 was to put my house on the TV," said proud Chas. "I've put a lot of work into it."
 May The Best House Win has been described as like Channel 4 cooking show Come Dine With Me, only with houses.
 Voiceover man Guy Porritt made cutting wisecracks as the contestants hammed it up for the cameras.
 For example



Chas Jacobs triumphed on May The Best House Win.

"What am I doing here?" laughed Chas. "But then I found my feet. DJ Pep is such a natural performer."
 DJ Pep, real name Peter Roberts, had booby-trapped his home ready for his guests, who were met with a zombie face mask in the fridge and a

fully-clothed mannequin in his bed.
 While the others looked around, The Carleton disc jockey relaxed in his outdoor hot tub, dressed in full scuba gear, reading The Visitor.
 Then after they finished the tour, the others joined Pep in his jacuzzi.

Rachel, who finished joint second with Pep, said: "I'm a bit embarrassed. It was good fun, but I'm not sure I'd do it again."

Denise, operations manager for Bare-based TryItBuyItProperty.com, was disappointed her recently-renovated £400,000 Coastal Road home was last.

She said: "I'd never seen the programme. They led me up the wrong path. I didn't realise it was a bit of a joke."

Pep, who also appeared on Come Dine With Me earlier this year, said: "I wasn't in it to win it. I do these shows just to make people smile."

"It was my pleasure to put The Visitor on national TV!"
 ■ The winner of our Chas Jacobs' St George's Quay print competition was Pam Billingham, of Lancaster.



DJ Pep outside his Heysham home.



Rachel Rose, of Rose & Co hairdressers.



Denise Bennett, from Bolton-le-Sands.