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SOUTHEND Airport's new terminal welcomed its millionth passenger with champagne.

Comedian Geoff Davis, whose stage name is Jeff Innocent, was told he had won when he turned up on his way to perform at the Edinburgh Festival.

Mr Davis, from Canning Town, East London, who was travelling with his son, Freddie, was handed the bubbly, along with a voucher for a free family easyJet return flight, with free parking.

He said: "I am truly shocked and delighted. I thought they were coming to tell me something bad about the flight. I've never won anything.

"I'm going to take my dad on holiday with the easyJet flights."

Airport's managing director [Alastair Welch](#) said: "To have had a million passengers through the terminal since it opened in March last year, is testament to the popularity of our growing airport.

"We're really pleased to mark the occasion this way."

The milestone was passed just after the opening of the airport's new arrivals area and new stands, as part of a £10m extension, is due to open before Christmas.