



STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT SPORTS AWARDS 2016



Welcome

These awards are presented by the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Sports Development team. This is the 14th year of recognising the numerous and varied achievements of individuals and groups performing in local sports. They are not solely awarded for individual prowess, but also aim to reward the loyal, selfless work that enables others to experience enjoyment and fulfilment in sports and physical activity.

In order to acknowledge the wide range of talent and dedication to sport that we have here within the District, as many nominations as possible were invited from local clubs, schools and members of the public. The judges have received a great amount of detail on each nominee, highlighting their significant efforts and achievements in a wide range of sports. This evening is about recognising these nominees and enabling us all to see the huge commitment, talent and dedication of our local sports people.

A brief outline of just some of the key facts relating to all of our nominees is presented on the following pages in the category order that the awards will be announced this evening:

We sincerely hope you have a pleasant evening and continue to enjoy your sporting experience within the District.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Sports Development Team



Councillor's Welcome



Welcome to the 14th Annual Stratford-on-Avon District Sports Awards.

Tonight's event celebrates the successes of local sportspeople and the vital contributions made by coaches, teachers, volunteers and clubs. 2015 was another first class year and it is fabulous to see that the District's sporting reputation continues to go from strength to strength.

I wish to congratulate all of this year's finalists. Your talents and hard work were recognised in your nomination and also by the judging panel who selected you for the final shortlist. I hope this serves to inspire and motivate you as you continue your sporting journey.

Sport offers opportunities for competition, personal excellence and enjoyment. It also makes contributions to health and wellbeing, promotes positive values and fair play and increases self-esteem. It is an honour for us to organise this occasion as part of our commitment to encouraging people of all ages to live an active lifestyle.

I hope you will enjoy your evening.

Councillor Mike Brain, Portfolio Holder for Technical Services

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- First Prize** A factory tour at the MINI Plant in Oxford for 4 people. You will also be provided with a new MINI Clubman which you can use for the day whilst travelling to the plant.
- Second Prize** Everyone Active Annual Membership and a family of 4 session on the climbing wall.
- Third Prize** A Spa Day for two guests at Stratford Manor.

Order of the Evening

6.30pm Welcome Drinks

7.00pm Introduction from Councillor Mike Gittus,
Chairman of Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Guest of Honour speech from Lily van den Broecke MBE,
Paralympic Gold Medallist 2012

NFU Mutual Community Sport Award

Everyone Active Junior Team of the Year

The Clubhouse Junior Sports Person of the year

Guest of Honour questions and answers with Laura Keates,
England Rugby International

8.00pm Dinner Served and Raffle Tickets Sold

Raffle Drawn

Passport to Excellence Presentation

Special Recognition for Sport in Schools Award

Fit for Sport Alternative Sport Award

Rybrook MINI Stratford Coach or PE Teacher of the Year

Stratford Bike Hire Senior Team of the Year

VASA Volunteer of the Year Award

Stratford-upon-Avon Herald Senior Sports Person of the Year

Stratford Manor Q Hotels Service to Sport Award

Your Presenters for the evening



Sony Nominated presenters Ollie Gallant and Simon Alexander are your hosts for the evening.

Born and bred in the area, they've been broadcasting across Stratford and the Vale for the last 5 years. You can hear them every morning from 6am on Touch FM. Ollie is passionate about motorcycles and his trip to the Arctic Circle on a Ural sidecar, which he documented, was recently published by the BBC. Simon watched it.



Guests of honour



James Roe MBE

Paralympic Rowing Gold Medallist 2012

- competed in the mixed coxed four LTAMix4+ event and won a gold medal at the 2009 World Rowing Championships and silver in 2010
- part of the 2011 World Championships winning crew which qualified for the 2012 Paralympics in London
- won gold at the 2012 Paralympics in the mixed coxed four event
- graduated from Oxford Brookes University in 2009 with a BA degree in Fine Art



Lily van den Broecke MBE

Paralympic Rowing Gold Medallist 2012

- tried out as a cox after competing in sculling for four years
- won a Gold medal coxing the junior women's eight at the 2010 World Junior Championships -the first ever junior women's Gold medal for the GB team.
- part of the 2011 World Championships winning crew which qualified for the 2012 Paralympics in London
- won gold at the 2012 Paralympics in the mixed coxed four event
- plays the piano and recorder to a high level and has gained a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics



Laura Keates

England Rugby International, World Cup Winner 2014

- Prop Forward for Worcester RFC and World Cup winner with England in 2014
- selected England Under 19 side at age 16, captained the U19s & U20s and played for England A
- picked up her first full international cap against USA in 2011
- scored a try in the World Cup 2014 group match win over Spain. England were crowned World Champions, defeating Canada in the Final
- graduated from Birmingham University in 2010 with a zoology degree

Menu

Starter Choices

Sweet Potato Soup

Coriander scented sweet potato soup, ginger crème fraiche and toasted coconut

Confit Pork and Caramelised Apple Terrine

Confit pork and caramelised apple terrine, fig and Madeira chutney

Goats Cheese Mousse

Whipped goats cheese mousse, bread snippets, poached pear and watercress salad

Main Course Choices

Pan Roasted Breast of Chicken

Pan roasted breast of chicken, wild mushrooms and red wine sauce, Dauphinoise potatoes and braised Savoy cabbage.

Braised Feather Blade of Beef

Slow braised feather blade of beef, horseradish mashed potato, herb roasted root vegetables.

Grilled Fillet of Salmon

Grilled fillet of salmon, garlic fried potatoes, buttered winter greens, caper and dill butter.

Mushroom and Parsnip Cobbler

Wild mushroom and parsnip cobbler, Cheddar cheese savoury scones.

Dessert Choices

Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée

Vanilla bean crème brûlée, cinnamon and brown sugar shortbread

Classic Lemon Tart

Classic lemon tart, berry compote, lemon cream mousse.

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce.

Meet the Judges

The judges are drawn from a range of local and county organisations associated with sports and physical activity together with representatives of our sponsors. Our intention has been to recruit a diverse selection of judges from several different areas of expertise in order to help ensure that the process remains as representative as possible.

Everyone Active Contract Manager	Toni Gaskins
Everyone Active General Manager Stratford	Gareth Wagg
Rybrook MINI Stratford Head of Business	Simon Mumford
Rybrook MINI Stratford Sales Manager	Karl White
Stratford-on-Avon District Council Corporate Communications Manager	Beverley Hemming
Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Sport, Sport Development Officer	Audrajean Elliott-Davies
South Warwickshire School Games Organiser	Andy Sandford
NFU Mutual Corporate Social Responsibility Manager	Rob Jones
Fit for Sport Operations Director	Sean Moore
Touch FM - The Clubhouse Presenter	Geoff Atkinson
Touch FM - The Clubhouse Presenter	Andy Butler
Stratford Q Hotels Sales Manager	Aileen Ryan
Stratford-upon-Avon Herald Sports Editor	Chris Smith
Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District Lead Officer	Charles Barlow

How does the judging work?

The judges are aware that there is a wide diversity in the size, profile and resources available to many local clubs, individuals and teams. All these differences are taken into account when the judging takes place. Nominations from all the local clubs/teams and sports have an equal chance of winning!

It is essential for the credibility of the awards that the judging is as fair, neutral and transparent as possible.

The judges looked at each award category in turn and marked each nominee against specified criteria for that award. At the end of the marking for each category the totals from each judge are added together and the nominee with the highest mark wins.

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A collage of Looney Tunes characters: Bugs Bunny on the left, Daffy Duck on the right, and a female character (possibly Lola Bunny) at the top right, all in athletic gear.

Nominations for **NFU Mutual Community Sport Award**

Presented by Beth Pritchard, NFU Mutual
and Paralympian James Roe MBE



Stratford Cycling Club Youth

Over the last year, almost 100 children aged 5 to 16 have attended introductory training sessions to develop skills of bike handling through discipline, team work and competitiveness. The children can be seen to display new confidence, not just on the bike but also in other things that they do.



Stratford-upon-Avon Rugby Club

The club has made great strides in putting something back into the game through Sunday morning training with the Mini and Junior sides as well as others in the local community. Fundraising has been done for the Pearcecroft Trust through post-match raffles, club nights and dinners.



Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club Juniors

A proactive outreach programme has seen hundreds of children (& many school teachers) involved in activities in many South Warwickshire schools. The club conceived and led a project to build a Community Athletics Pavilion alongside the athletics track at Stratford-upon-Avon School. It provides a top quality facility with 75% of the time available for community use, supporting healthy living activities for local people.

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Nominations for **Everyone Active Junior Team of the Year**

Presented by Nick Richards, Everyone Active
and Laura Keates England Rugby International

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Studley High School Year 9 swimming team

(Thomas Page, Daniel Noke, Thomas Rowe, and Aidan Forest)

This team won the South Warwickshire Sainsbury's School Games swimming event in 2015, which meant they moved forward to the Level 3 Games. During this gala event in Rugby, that included teams from north and south Solihull, other Warwickshire districts and Coventry, the Studley quartet were successful in winning the overall competition.



Stratford-on-Avon Sea Cadets

(Jamie Walters, Joseph Scully, Cox - Catherine Crowe, Ben Huxley, Barnaby Edwards,)

The team won through at District level and Area Level, reaching National Level. They then rowed three amazingly hard races and won the gold medal. This is the first time Warwickshire District have won the award in 40 years and the first time ever that Stratford-on-Avon Unit have won the award.



Stratford-upon-Avon School Under-16 Girls Football Team

The team had a highly successful season – the highlight of which was reaching the Final of the English Schools Under-16 Girls Cup competition. For the fourth time in a row the girls were Warwickshire Champions and District 6-a-side champions and they made their third consecutive appearance in the County 6-a-side Finals.



Stratford Cricket Club U15 Team

The team won the Warwickshire Youth Cricket League Championship in 2015, finishing with a 100% record after their 8 matches and topping the table by a massive 24 points.



Stratford Cycling Club Youth Section

Stratford Cycling Club coaches 75 children a week in its core coaching program which runs for 3 hours on a Monday night. It provides further race training and discipline specific training on another 2 – 3 nights a week. The coaching program has led to 30+ riders taking part in the West Midlands Cyclo Cross League from September to January and also in the Closed Road Circuit Series which runs from March to July. The club currently has the leading rider in two of the younger age categories and has seen riders in the older youth categories being selected for British Cycling Regional Schools of Racing and the Talent Team. This is quite outstanding as the majority of other teams competed against have purpose-built cycling facilities which are currently not available in the Stratford area.

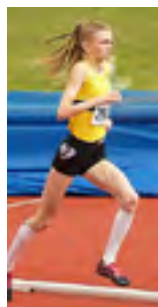
Nominations for **The Clubhouse Junior Sports Person of the Year**

Presented by Geoff Atkinson and Andy Butler
The Clubhouse Presenters



Eleanor Beacock

Eleanor has been ranked No.1 in the world in the Under 16 age group for Ballroom and Latin dancing. She is the 2015 Under 16 ballroom point ranking World Champion as well as a four-time UK Champion, three-time All England Champion, Juvenile and Junior British Champion.



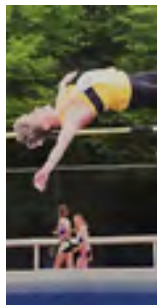
Agnes McTighe – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

In cross country, Agnes won the Warwickshire Championships by over a minute then won silver medals at the English National Championships, and the UK Inter Counties Championships. In August, Agnes raced in, and won, the Warwickshire 3000m championships on the track in a World Best Ever time for a 13 year old. Agnes was also the fastest UK Under 15 or Under 17 for 2015.



Jack Sumners – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Jack medalled at all 12 of the national, regional and county track and field championships. His level of consistency and very high technical ability in the hurdles has been superb in a very long competitive year. Jack became the UK and Midlands indoor hurdles and Warwickshire champion on his way to also breaking the hurdles record at the county champs.



Oliver Cresswell – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Oliver is one of the most decorated young athletes in the Midlands. His achievements this year are so impressive as they've been spread across the technically demanding events (high jump & sprint hurdles) in a very competitive age group. His composure and high level of ability enabled him to complete a 'pressure jump' to win the UK title at the England Athletics championships and is the highlight of a truly outstanding year.



Freya Eaton – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Freya maintained her position as a Top 5 athlete in her U18 category across two disciplines. Freya was selected to the long list for the Youth Winter Olympics and for the 2016 World Junior Championships in Russia. She was also selected to the International World Schools Federation Championships in Italy in February 2016 and for a second consecutive year to the England Alpine Squad.

The Clubhouse

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Join Geoff and Andy every Sunday morning from 8 for the local sports breakfast show **The Clubhouse** covering Warwickshire, The Vale and The Cotswolds. They'll cover everything from the Premier League to your local bowls club. No matter the size of club or type of sport they want to hear from you.

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Nominations for **Fit for Sport Alternative Sport Award**

Presented by Craig Jones, Fit for Sport
and Councillor Mike Gittus,
Chairman of Stratford-on-Avon District Council



Evie Lowe – Skipping

The highlight of Evie's 2015 was being part of the UK team for the World Jump Rope Championships in July, where disciplines included speed and freestyle, together with Double Dutch. Evie won Silver in the Pairs Double Unders and Bronze in the Individual 30 Second Speed competition. At the 2015 British Speed championships at Lilleshall, she won a gold, silver and bronze. At the British Masters and Team Championships, Evie achieved 4 golds and one silver in the 12-14 age category. She is now training hard for the British Speed championships in May and the World Jump Rope Championships in Portugal in July.



Demi Barnett – Taekwondo

Demi has passed every grading test she has taken, with marks way above standard, and is currently a blue belt red tag. She has travelled across the country competing at national level, many times against much bigger and older opponents, some of whom are boys. This year Demi has entered 17 competitions all over England, including the World Championships in London and has won 31 national medals, many of which have been gold. A totally unrivalled feat!



Sky Barnett – Taekwondo

Sky has taken a total of 4 gradings and is currently a yellow belt green tag. This year she has been competing at national level and entered 15 competitions all over England, including the World Championships in London where she won the gold medal. She has won a total of 19 national medals.



Danielle Brain – Canoe Polo

Danielle was elected to be Captain of the Great Britain U21 National squad in June following the decision to send what was to be a young new team onto the International circuit for experience. Danielle led the team to a 3rd place in the Flanders Cup and 4th place at the European Championships in Essen, Germany. During the season Danielle played alongside her mother and sister in the Dragon Division One Ladies Team that won the National Championship. Despite being only 18 Danielle has been selected in the Great Britain Senior (over 21) Ladies Training squad for the 2016 season.



Nicole Brain – Canoe Polo

In 2015 having reached the age of 21 Nicole had to intensify her training and fight for a place in the Senior Great Britain Ladies team after transferring from U21 to the Senior Squad at the beginning of the year. She was given a boost by her Dragon Division One Team coming 1st in the league to be crowned Canoe Polo National Ladies Champions. Nicole was selected for the Great Britain team for all the 2015 international competitions – the team managed a top 3 at Internationals in Charleroi, St Omer, and Mechelen. Their results in these European Cup events placed them in overall 3rd for the year. At their final event of 2015, the European Championships in Essen, Germany, Nicole helped the team to finish in 5th place.

Nominations for **Rybrook MINI Stratford Coach or PE Teacher of the Year**

Presented by Simon Mumford, Rybrook MINI Stratford
and Laura Keates England Rugby International



Mathew Pickering

Mat will work with young people that are deemed 'unmanageable'. He shows them how to channel challenging behaviours in a positive manner. They will also become part of a community family as that is something the whole club is committed to. Mat's unique and highly successful training methods have had proven results and the club has been proud to produce a national champion, as well as a number of Midlands and County Champions. Mat has also taken on coaching the FLAG squad - a Midlands based female only sparring training camp - as he is regarded as the expert in training female boxers in the region if not the country.



Paul Hawkins – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

The club is extremely fortunate to have Paul. His selfless commitment, dedication and enthusiasm is helping the young people of Stratford to stay fit and healthy and to fulfil their dreams. Paul's commitment to coaching has grown exponentially over the last few years, to the extent that it has become almost a 7 day a week role.



Daniel Redshaw

Dan has overseen the development of the Fencing programme at King Edward VI School. The team are now National Team Champions at U13 U15 and U18 - a clean sweep for the boys and the U18 Girls finished 2nd, with fencers who had only been participating for 18 months. Dan has helped coach multiple international fencers, including 4 who currently represent the school, England, Wales and Great Britain.



Nick Bridges – Wellesbourne Wanderers Football Club

Nick is well respected by players and colleagues across the county. His enthusiasm for the game knows no bounds and his ability to motivate, enthuse and develop the players he works with is first class. He has a big commitment to running weekly training sessions on a Friday evening and Saturday mornings as well as Under 8 Matches on a Saturday morning, not forgetting his managerial commitment to the senior team with FISSC.



Nathan Edwards – Complete Cricket Cotswolds

Nathan also coaches on behalf of the Warwickshire Cricket Board within the girl's county system & in his first season took the U17's to National finals. Working within the district & county set-up, he has helped with the growth & reputation of Complete Cricket Warwickshire. This led to the birth of the Complete Cricket Warwickshire Academy in the Winter 2015/16. He is passionate about developing young people, technically and physically, through coaching and also as individuals.



Tom Rance - Stratford-upon-Avon Rugby Club

Through Tom's efforts Stratford is quickly developing the reputation as the venue to come and play rugby – all of this is good for the town, the community and the club. Tom created Stratford Rugby Academy, negotiated partnership status with Wasps RFC and established an effective playing committee aiming to deliver a 'one club' approach. The effect of Tom's coaching can be seen in the club's results with the 1st XV being at the top of the table at the moment.

Nominations for **Stratford Bike Hire Senior Team Award**

Presented by Wayne Vickers, Stratford Bike Hire
and Paralympian Lily Van Den Broecke



Stratford Town Football Club

The club achieved promotion to the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier after being in the Southern League (South & West Division) for just two seasons. This was an amazing effort and this was done mainly with the same group of players. The Evo-Stik Southern Premier League is a prestigious league (just three promotions away from the Football League). To be playing at this level is a wonderful achievement.



Stratford-upon-Avon Cricket Club 1st XI

The team won promotion from Birmingham and District Division 3 by a healthy 39 point margin, having picked up 14 wins out of the 20 league games played. Promotion was made all the sweeter as the team missed out on going up during the last game of the previous season.



Stratford-upon-Avon Rugby Club

Stratford First XV are currently involved in an exciting battle at the top of the 14 team Midlands 1 West division and are unbeaten at home this season. The team finished in 5th place in the 2014/15 season (10 out of 13 victories in the second half of the season) and the team has carried on the good work while also improving significantly in a number of areas.



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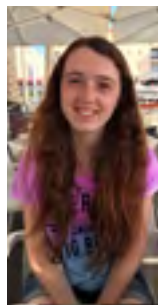
Nominations for **VASA Volunteer of the Year Award**

Presented by Charles Barlow, VASA
and Councillor Mike Brain, Portfolio Holder for Technical Services



Mathew Pickering – Stratford-upon-Avon
& District Boxing Academy

Mat has tirelessly dedicated his life to boxing and the club. This is done entirely on a voluntary basis. He constantly comes up with new, fun and innovative ways of training. He gives young people a positive path to follow and an opportunity to excel.



Emma Hancocks – Alcester Grammar School

Emma has led her own rhythmic gymnastics club, helping at school netball clubs, basketball scoring, cross-country helper and Super 6 athletics. She was treasurer last season which involved collecting money and paying the umpires, as well as chasing outstanding fees at the end of the season. You would struggle to meet a more reliable, mature and organised student who is so willing to give of her time and energies.



Jo Littler – Stratford-upon-Avon Rugby Club

In 2015, Jo's contribution has stretched from overseeing the club's running of the bar, club facilities, catering and grounds through to managing fixtures for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams, liaising with match officials and making playing arrangements. 90 senior players, 300+ mini and junior players and their families, 180 VPs and over 100 social members rely on Jo's organisational skills and hands-on efforts to make match days, dinners and other events run smoothly.



Sandy Green – Stratford-upon-Athletics Club

Sandy is totally selfless and always puts his colleagues and athletes first, without thought of reward or recognition. He is also the “go to” man when something needs doing at the club in terms of maintaining equipment and building at the track. Sandy is always there to make himself available to all the children and his coaching colleagues to impart his knowledge of throwing and many other events. His willingness to put himself out to support everyone and everything makes him stand out as the epitome of everything that’s great about what a volunteer should be.



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The ILEAP Charity operates in South Warwickshire, although anyone is welcome to join no matter where they live.

ILEAP works with people aged from 4 years and upwards and delivers a children’s programme, a youth programme and an adult programme of inclusive leisure activities. ILEAP members generally have a mild / moderate learning disability although anyone is welcome to join.

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Nominations for **Stratford-upon-Avon Herald** **Senior Sports Person of the Year**

Presented by Martin King, Stratford-upon-Avon Herald
and England Rugby International Laura Keates



Paul McHugh – England Visually Impaired Football

At the age of 19 he received his 4th full England cap following a five nation tournament held in Austria and played a large part in England bringing home the bronze medal. He received the Golden Boot award for top goal scorer following the European Championship tournament held in Italy. Paul has scored 15 goals in 14 International games for his country.



Moira Parsons – Welford-on-Avon Bowling Club

Moira won the National Champion of Champions tournament and was an area finalist in the National Senior Pairs County Finals. In the Women's Nationals she achieved a third round place in the fours, losing on the last end in the triples and pairs, in the mixed fours she was National runner up.



Ian Beach – Warwickshire Bears Wheelchair Basketball Team

In 2015 Ian was instrumental in the Bears winning the 3rd division Central and East league and qualifying for the National Championships. There the Bears faced the other league champions from regional leagues at the Worcester Arena. Ian was a key member of the team that won all 3 games and won the National 3rd division title. He has a vital role in encouraging new players and juniors, always available to offer help and support to them whilst being a role model player to the junior players.



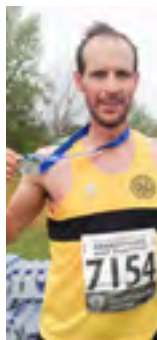
Kate Wright – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Kate is an outstanding female runner at national level. At half marathon distance Kate is ranked as the No.2 over-50 in the country. In 2015 she set new personal best times at 5 miles, 10km, 10 miles, half marathon and marathon.



Rory Dwyer – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Rory consolidated his position as the UK's top U-20 high jumper even though he is in the first year of the under 20 age group. His year started with a string of strong successes culminating in being selected to represent England in a competition in Austria. Despite training for both hurdles and high jump he concentrated more on the latter and in the outdoor season, in a tough event & age group.



Richard Shephard – Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Richard had an outstanding year of triathlon and athletics. He was on the podium in duathlons, winning the very competitive age group in the prestigious Dambuster Duathlon, and winning outright at Peopleton. Rich was second overall in the National Ironman 70.3 Championships, qualifying him for the World Championships where he was an incredible 26th in his age group. Richard also won the Warwick Half Marathon and the Shakespeare Half Marathon.



Wayne Vickers - Stratford-upon-Avon Athletic Club

Wayne is one of Stratford Athletic Club's most versatile athletes and 2015 finally gave him what he has been working towards for several years - a place in the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii. Having just missed qualifying for the last four years by one or two places, in 2015 he completed the National Ironman Championships in gruelling conditions.

Nominations for **Stratford Manor Q Hotels** **Service to Sport Award**

Presented by Chris Steadman, General Manager Stratford Manor
and Paralympian James Roe MBE



Paul Richardson – Kineton Cricket Club

Paul stepped down from his position as Chairman at Kineton Cricket Club after 17 years in the role at the end of November 2015.

He oversaw the development of hundreds of young players and in his role as a Level 3 coach he has nurtured genuine talent in youngsters, not only during his time as Chairman but also during his long playing career.

Paul only stepped down from his role due to ill health which forced him to stop playing, and allowed him only short visits to his beloved Kineton Cricket Club. However, he continues to encourage, offer advice and coach whenever possible.

Paul turns his hand to umpiring when he is well enough and is an icon to many, many club members.

He has worked tirelessly to advance Kineton cricket and in the last two years has seen the creation of a girls' team in Kineton - a wonderful step forward for the club.

He has been an inspiration to everyone at the club and has proven to be a wonderful ambassador for Kineton and cricket.

Special Recognition for Sport in Schools Award

Presented by Audrajean Elliot Davies, CSW Sport



Jonathan 'Jo' Walker (1972 - 2015)

Jo worked as a sports coach at Kineton Primary School for several years. He was a very eager sportsman, keen to share his passion for sport with both children and staff. He ran a range of very popular after-school sports clubs and was particularly focused on developing girls' football. Jo's enthusiasm and twinkly smile touched everyone he met and he is sorely missed. His legacy lives on as football continues to be popular in school and we once again begin plans for the annual 'Jo Walker Memorial Tournament', in which every child in school has the chance to participate in football - the sport which Jo loved.

Jo was described by his pupils as an "inspiration who will be sadly missed by everyone."

Bidford Primary deputy head Laurie Whiting worked with Jo for the last ten years of his life and paid tribute.

"Jo was passionate about girls' football and worked diligently with our teams, especially at tournaments and after school. He helped many pupils overcome their prejudices towards girls' football. He taught with warmth and understanding and was a delight to work with."

Previous Sports Awards Winners



Beci Cooper (née Dale) – Skipping

2011 Alternative Sport Award

- set up her own team - Jump Rope UK, starting with 4 members in 2011 and now with 45
- broke the '30 seconds Double Dutch Snappers' Guinness World Record with two team-mates
- competed at World Jump Rope 2012, 2013 and 2015 individually and with her team, winning many Gold, Silver & Bronze medals
- appeared in Olly Murs' "Heart Skips a Beat" video, performed on The One show with Michael McIntyre and at the London Olympics during the quarter & half times in basketball matches



Andrew Pozzi – Athletics

Junior Sports Person 2010, Senior Sports Person 2011, 2012, 2013

- finished 4th in the 60m Hurdles at the 2012 & 2014 World Indoor Championships and is a multiple UK Champion
- personal bests: 60m Hurdles – 7.53, 110m Hurdles – 13.29
- currently working hard to make the team for the 2016 Olympics in Rio after three injury-ravaged years
- trained at the Stratford track over Christmas (with Stratford-upon-Avon AC club-mates Rory Dwyer, Alex Grant, Jack Sumners and Ollie Cresswell), inspiring the next generation and impressing his former coach Paul Bearman.



Nancy Eve Creedy – Wakeboarding

2010, 2012 Alternative Sport Award

- 1st Junior Ladies European Rankings 2012, 2nd Junior Ladies UK Rankings 2010, 3rd Junior Ladies Ranking GB 2011
- Open Ladies Champion - Rider League Wake and Ski 2014 and AOD Tour 2014
- Gold medal: British Championships 2009, European Championships 2012; Silver: European Championships 2011; Bronze: Pro Women British Championships 2013 & 2014
- 10th Junior Ladies : World Championships
- Athlete Ambassador for Healthy is the New Skinny (HNS) which provides women with information and support to help them develop a healthy mind and a healthy body image

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Sports Development Unit

The Sports Development Team aims to offer people both the opportunities to participate in sport and to create the structures to allow them to improve their performance.

To achieve our aims we work closely with external agencies, the voluntary and private sector and education.

This includes:

- > Hi5 Schemes: Holiday camps for 5 – 11 year olds
- > Mobile Skatepark and Multi-Sports Sessions
- > Turn Up for Free Sports Sessions
- > Multi-Sport and Swim Sessions
- > Outdoor Gyms
- > Events - National Play Day, Sport Relief Mile
- > 5 Health Walks in the District
- > Get Active Sessions
- > Passport to Excellence Scheme
- > Supporting Family Lifestyle Programme
- > Organising Schools Tournaments in Swimming, Football and Basketball



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Passport to Excellence

Working towards Rio 2016 & Gold Coast 2018

As part of the Stratford-on-Avon District Council's commitment to supporting local gifted and talented sportspeople, the District Council and Everyone Active are offering free use of the four leisure centres in the district to anyone that achieves excellence, or has the potential to achieve excellence, in a sport which is recognised by Sport England.

These four centres included in the scheme are -

- Stratford Leisure and Visitor Centre
- Studley Leisure Centre
- Southam Leisure Centre
- Shipston Leisure Centre



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For more information please contact the Sports Development team at Stratford-on-Avon District Council on 01789 260115 or email sports@stratford-dc.gov.uk



Former Passport to Excellence recipient
2015 - Caitlin McCarthy

Who is eligible for the scheme?

To qualify you must be:

- Under 21 years old
- Live in the Stratford-on-Avon District and have links to a club within the District
- Compete at County, Regional or International level
- Be part of a National Governing Body programme supported by Sport England
- Be recommended by your coach or teacher

All applications will be reviewed by Stratford-on-Avon District Council Officers

A Passport to Excellence is valid for one calendar year from February 1st and we allocate up to 20 passports per year. An applicant can apply for a passport at any time throughout the year and it will run from date of issue until January 31st, where a recipient will need to re-apply.

Aims of the scheme:

The Passport to Excellence scheme is about:

- Developing talent today for sporting success tomorrow
- Giving talented performers the chance to progress and achieve excellence
- Providing affordable access to facilities



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