

CLUB PRESENTATION EVENING 2006

Wimborne Athletic Club returned to its roots for its annual presentation evening on Friday evening and held the event at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne. Chairman Peter Impett recalled how in 1984 the very first public meeting to launch the club had been held there and its first naming as the Allendale Athletic club of Wimborne. Peter highlighted the immensely successful Wimborne 10 which the previous Sunday had attracted a record breaking 542 entries. The club was pleased that the number of junior athletes was beginning to increase because of the work put in by coaches and the initiative created by Trudi Carter at St Michaels School.

Peter reported on the exploits of Tim Harris the men's team captain as he set out to complete seven marathons on seven continents in seven weeks. Tim reported in having completed marathon number four in Sicily and was heading out to Seattle for number five followed by Singapore and Antarctica.

Liam Collins, the clubs adopted son and highly ranked 400 metre hurdler presented the awards and later performed his unique breakdance busking act which has been a main source of funds for his athletic career.

Rachel Welch and Liam Winton received the awards in the junior category. Hannah Winton won the best under 13 girl and Jack Snook the best under 13 boy trophies. Abi Sandford won the best under 15 girl and also retained the Carol Hollins Long Jump trophy. Karyn Light won the under 17 womens trophy and also took the sprints prize with Kieran Finn winning the under 17 men. Emily Tabb won the Senior Ladies trophy and also claimed the Jonathan Edwards Long Jump trophy and the best Performance female award. Tim Harris was unable to collect his senior mens trophy because he was en route to Seattle. Declan Foley won the Javelin trophy and the male best performance for his achievements at the English schools. Megan Cornelius Jones Won the best Thrower female trophy and Dave Pearson won the male equivalent. Maddy Vaughan Johncey was awarded the middle distance trophy and Nick Fradgely retained the High jump cup.

The Sportshall team won the best team prize and the best newcomers were judged to be Sarah Tap and Aaron McCoy. Alexandra Vaughan- Johncey won the clubmans Robin Blackburn award and Sarah Jordan was the winner of the Clare Bailey trophy. Steve Henderson won the coach of the year award for his work on Sportshall and with the junior athletes.

On the roads the club had a staunch following to the extent that five athletes could claim to have completed every race in the Dorset Road race league out of 14 in the county as a whole. Julie Mead won the best female athlete and Steve Guy the best male runner. Simon Mortimer won the prize for the best marathon runner and Wendy Kennedy took the Roadmaster trophy for having completed all the Road Race League fixtures for the past two years.

Two of the youngest club members Kelly Snook and Katherine Vaughan-Johncey presented bouquets to Clare Gladden and Ros Alexander who organised the whole event.