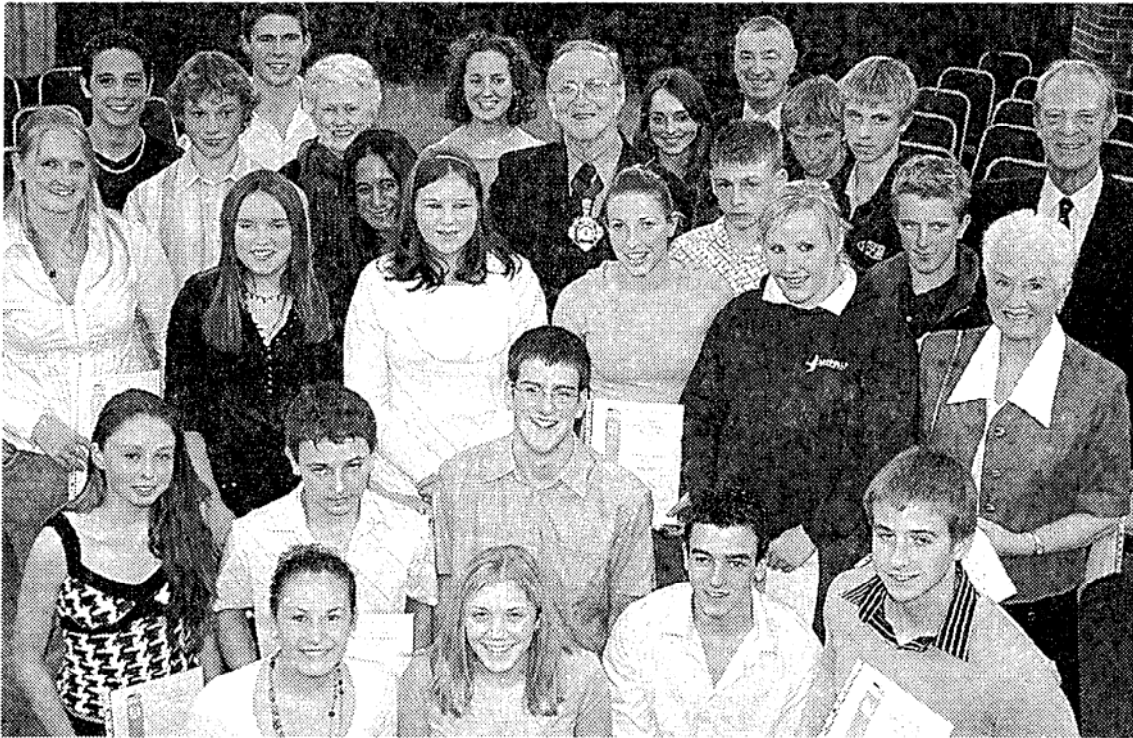


Christchurch sports men and women honoured



The Christchurch and District Sports Council Award winners with the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr David Fox and Mrs Norma Fox.

Sports men and women from the Christchurch area have been honoured at the Christchurch and District Sports Council Achievement Awards.

The Mayor of Christchurch, Cllr David Fox, presented the awards to the 35 winners, whose ages ranged from 8 to 80.

Awards were presented in three categories for sporting achievement ranging from County through to International performance levels. Award winners were spread across seven disciplines - rowing, sailing, swimming, ladies fitness, youth football, synchronised swimming and judo.

Past winners of Gold awards for sailing, James and Will Rusden, received another Gold this year, along with six other members of Highcliffe Sailing Club, while other Golds went to James Spencer from Mundeford Sailing Club and Querine Van Meurs from Matsumachi Judo Club.

Another Matsumachi club member, Kane Charig, won a Silver award, along with Marianne Harding from Wessex Flamingos Synchronised Swimming Club and Liam Cosgrove from Christchurch & New Milton Seagulls Swimming Club.

The Bronze awards were dominated by members of Christchurch Rowing Club with 13 nominations, along with three members of Seagulls Swimming Club and another member of Wessex Flamingos Synchronised S C. Two representatives from Christchurch who attended the Games of Friendship in St Ghislain were also honoured with Bronze Awards.

A fourth category for hard working sports volunteers recognised the special endeavours these people make to help local clubs and organisations achieve their successes. This year's awards in this category went to Gloria West for her work for the Women's Health & Fitness League, Steve Perry for his work over the last 10 years developing Burton Youth Football Club and Mike Roach for his wholehearted dedication to Mundeford Sailing Club.

Award winners. Gold: James Spencer - Mundeford Sailing Club; Querine Van Meurs - Matsumachi Judo Club; Will Rusden - Highcliffe Sailing Club; James Rusden; Mark Angell; Adam Butler; Gilly Sutcliffe; Simon Mussel; Gary Langdon (all Highcliffe Sailing Club)

Silver: Marianne Harding - Wessex Flamingos Synchronised Swimming Club; Kane Charig - Matsumachi Judo Club; Liam Cosgrove - Christchurch & New Milton Seagulls Swimming Club.

Bronze: Harry Foley; Tom Joakim; Ben Joakim; Joe Powell; Alex Persson; Erin Whitley; Issy Cartwright; Becky Batchelor; Zeena Bonds; Emma Lack; Julia Lyons; Kate Lockyer; Anna Nolan. (all Christchurch Rowing Club); Jamal Al-Sheikhly; Carina Hall-Nicholls (both Games of Friendship)

Eve Holcombe - Wessex Flamingos Synchronised Swimming Club; Chris Chamberlain; Stacey Angliss; Charlotte Roberts (Christchurch & New Milton Seagulls Swimming Club)

Special Dedication Awards; Mike Roach - Mundeford Sailing Club; Steve Perry - Burton Youth Football Club; Gloria West - Women's Health & Fitness League.