

Sporting Accolades

At the annual awards evening held by West Oxfordshire District Council on December 6th, three of our local young athletes were well rewarded for their sporting prowess.



Alice Parsons

Chloe for Squash

Chloe Marshall received an Achievement Award for her successes on the squash court. Chloe was featured in our August/September 2006 issue.

Alice for Running

Another winner was Alice Parsons, a member of Witney Road Runners, who meet every Thursday evening at Henry Box School. During the winter she competes in the U15 indoor league and Cross Country; in summer she switches to track and field outdoor events. 2006 has been an eventful year. She has represented the County throughout the summer at Eton and Abingdon, running 100 metres and 200 metres. She is currently ranked 1st in the County for Under 15, 300 metres, with a time of 44.4 sec. Witney Road Runners awarded Alice Best Under 15 Girl, Track and Field Athletics 2006.

Alice was awarded Sports Achievement Award in 2006. She has used the award

to purchase a set of starting blocks to help improve her performance. Every little helps!

Elysia's Triathlon

Elysia Ridley of Ascott won a High Achievers Award. She hopes to represent Great Britain in the 2008 Olympics in

London and is putting the award prize-money towards upgrading her racing bike. Read her story on page 17.

Jean for Coaching

The hard work and dedication of Jean Kloos, who coaches our young badminton players at the New Beaconsfield Hall, was recognised when she was named West Oxfordshire's Coach of the Year. Jean was dragged away between games at the Leys Badminton Club to pick up her award; not realising that she was to receive an award she had declined her invitation to the reception in favour of a game of badminton. She has been coaching at the Leys Club for over five years; delivering junior coaching at all levels. She has helped raise the membership so that it is now the largest badminton club in Oxfordshire.

Christine Halliday

Football Crazy

After all the indulgences of Christmas day, Pip Benfield organised a cross-dressed, men versus women football match on Milton Village Green on Boxing Day. The event was very

successful, raising over £100 for the football club.

The final score, after an exciting 90 minutes was 7 - 5 to the ladies! Well done all of you.