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ACHIEVEMENTS

WIGAN SOROPTIMISTS SEEK A GIRL OR YOUNG WOMAN TO BE THEIR 'YOUNG ACHIEVER 2017'

During its 70th Anniversary Year, Soroptimist International of Wigan discussed commemorating this milestone with an ongoing project. The idea of making an annual award to a local young woman who set a good example to our community was suggested. The notion of a 'young achiever award' emerged and it has now been running for six years.

The current holder is Jen, whose sporting prowess impressed us. She is a footballer, training to be a football referee and encouraging more girls to play the game and adopt a healthy lifestyle.. Last year another young woman, Emma, had an academic record which deserved recognition. We awarded her a 'Runner --Up' Certificate.

Anyone can make a nomination..

The age range for nominees is 14– 21 years and they must come from the catchment area of our Club, which is essentially the Wigan Borough excluding the Leigh, Tyldesley and Atherton districts

Nomination forms can be obtained on request from yaaward@ymail.com, from any member of SI Wigan and it will be available on our Club's website <http://sigbi.org/wigan/>

Forms, when completed and signed, should be returned by post to:
Young Achiever Award, 10 Edinburgh Drive, Wigan, WN5 9ET

The deadline for applications is **Monday 23rd October 2017**

The winner will have her name engraved on a trophy. She will receive an engraved miniature trophy together with a gift card valued at £50.00. The award is scheduled to be presented by the Mayor of Wigan in the Mayor's Parlour in December 2017

LEIGH FILM SOCIETY

Is delighted to announce that we have been nominated for five national awards at the Cinema For All, Film Society of the Year Awards 2017.

Since 1969, Cinema For All has hosted the annual Film Society of the Year Awards. The awards recognise and reward the hard work and dedication of volunteer-led community cinemas and film societies in the UK.

The categories we have received nominations for are; Best Marketing & Publicity, Best Single Event (for our Life of Brian screening at Leigh Parish Church), the Film Discovery Award and the Community Award.

The 5th nomination is for our very own Elizabeth Costello for the Outstanding Contribution by an Individual category.

Leigh Film Society is run entirely by volunteers. Winners will be announced on Saturday 11th November at the Cinema For All Conference, held in Sheffield.

MUM-OF-TWO CELEBRATING NATIONAL DIVERSITY AWARDS

A Mum-of-two is celebrating after a charity she helps to run won a national award.

Dawn Groves, from Leigh, is one of five trustees at the Childhood Tumour Trust, which provides help and support for children and young people diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type one and their families.

Her seven-year-old son has the condition, which causes tumours to grow in the nervous system and affects one in every 3,000 people. He also suffers from hypermobility, learning difficulties and severe speech delay.

Dawn, 36, hopes that the charity winning the Community Organisation Award for Disability at the National Diversity Awards will help to raise awareness of its work and the condition itself. Dawn has worked as a liaison officer for Leigh, Wigan and surrounding areas at the charity since it was set up last year.

GARSWOOD HALL BOWLING & COMMUNITY CLUB - WE WON THE LEAGUE

The final game of the season was against South Manchester Royal British Legion. Not only did we win the gameWE WON THE LEAGUE

This was particularly noteworthy as the Manchester Premier League Title was the only piece of silverware that has eluded the first team players over the years. Consequently,

We are back in the Big Time

SPORTING TALENT CELEBRATED AT ANNUAL BELIEVE SPORTS AWARDS

Sports stars of the future were celebrated at the 17th annual Believe Sports Awards at the DW Stadium, Wigan, on Friday 6th October. The prestigious event, organised by Inspiring healthy lifestyles and sponsored by Wigan Council also recognised the dedicated volunteers who support grassroots sports across the borough.

Over 300 guests attended the awards ceremony to applaud the winners, who this year included: Leigh Genesis, Wigan St Patrick's ARLFC U14s Magpies, Rick Atkinson, Daniel Dawoud, Danni Williams, Garrett Hall Primary School, Steven Johnson, Jack Brooker, Pete Prescott and Mike Hack.

Professor Kate Ardern, Director of Public Health for Wigan Council, who closed the evening, said: "These awards are an important milestone in Wigan Borough's sporting calendar. This event is the perfect opportunity to thank and celebrate all of our home grown talent, sporting stars of the future and the coaches and volunteers who put thousands of hours of effort into shaping our sporting landscape as it is today. The Believe Sports Awards shows us why we should be incredibly proud of our sporting heritage within the borough."

World class sport was also recognised on the evening in the form of Wigan's own Olympian Jenny Meadows, making a surprise appearance at the awards to receive her 2010 European Championships silver medal, after being upgraded from bronze in the 800m following an investigation into doping offences of Russian athletes.

Further highlights of the evening saw guest speakers taking to the stage, including Wigan Athletic's FA Cup winning captain and Wigan Athletic Community Trust trustee Emerson Boyce, Wigan Warriors legend Steve Hampson and high profile sports psychologist, Michael Finnigan, who has worked with the likes of Sir Alex Ferguson, Jose Mourinho, Pele and even Wigan Athletics' 2013 FA Cup winning team.

The latest successful applicants for the borough's Believe Talent Fund also took to the stage for recognition on the evening, with eight local athletes provided with up to £500 worth of grants from Wigan Council, helping to fund travel, accommodation, competition fees and equipment.

Athletes awarded funding were:

Charlotte Edwards (Triathlon)
Darcy Chesters (Gymnastics)
Maya Ray Campbell (GB Freestyle Kayaking Team)
Keeley Hodgkinson (Athletics)
Emily Bortwick (Athletics)
Max Evans (Cycle Speedway)
Nathaniel Fidler (Fencing)
Rohan Smith (Fencing)

Gareth Cross, Chair of Trustees at Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, said: "It's a real privilege to be involved in an event that recognises not only the outstanding individuals and teams who strive to be the best in their sport, but also the amazing volunteers who go the extra mile to support that talent. Every nominee holds a special place in the sporting makeup of Wigan Borough."

The full list of winners on the evening is as follows:

Coach of the Year - sponsored by Debit Finance Collections Plc
Winner – Rick Atkinson – Wigan Wasps Swimming Club

Club of the Year – sponsored by Wigan Borough Sports Council
Winner – Leigh Genesis FC

Wilf Brogan Unsung Hero Award – sponsored by Big Wave Media
Winner – Mike Hack – Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club

Sports Achiever of the Year – Agilisys
Winner – Danni Williams – Musuko Karate Academy

Volunteer of the Year – sponsored by Wigan Athletic Community Trust
Winner – Pete Prescott – Leigh Amateur Boxing Club

Disabled Sports Achiever of the Year – sponsored by Realbuzz Wigan
Winner – Daniel Dawoud – GB Wheelchair Rugby

Team of the Year – sponsored by Wigan Warriors Community Foundation
Winner – Wigan St. Patrick's ARLFC U14s Magpies

The Martin Lynn School Commitment to PE and Sport Award – sponsored by Alliance Leisure
Winner – Garrett Hall Primary School

Changing Lifestyle Recognition Award – sponsored by Technogym
Winner – Steven Johnson – Leigh Leisure Centre

Apprentice of the Year – sponsored by the Trophy Room, Atherton
Winner – Jack Brooker – Wigan Athletic Community Trust

A selection of award-winners will now represent Wigan in the Greater Manchester Sports Awards at The Point, Old Trafford on Friday 17th November in the hope of being crowned regional champion. For more information, visit <http://www.greatersport.co.uk>