

Boldmere at the Sutton Sports Awards!



A fantastic night at Sutton Town Hall was crowned by Boldmere taking two awards for Ash Cox as top Coach and the top volunteer award going to our own Steve Harlow.

With the club well represented across the awards with competition including Olympians and GB team captains, success can never be guaranteed. However our two winners were worthy winners indeed.

The night started with a winner who started her sporting career with Boldmere Swimming Club. In the Junior sports personality award we had a clutch of Boldmere nominations including Brad Lynch, Emma Smith and Ben Stanford. However the winner was Jemma Westgate, with an impressive string of achievements as the British Champion Pentathlete.

The next award was for Junior Team which our own Junior League Squad made the shortlist but on the night was pipped by Sutton Athletic Clubs junior cross country team for the trophy.

Then it was the turn of our own Steve Harlow who on receiving his award was surprised to be presented with a birthday cake complete with candles and all 200+ guests at the town hall serenading him with a chorus

or two of Happy Birthday to You. It was Steve's fiftieth after all, and the club wishes him well and remain especially grateful for his key contribution to the club.

This was closely followed by Ash Cox's moment. After a ringing endorsement from the Judges' panel, Ash won the award of Coach of the Year, an amazing achievement because he was in competition with two other outstanding nominations. Ash, still wet from Castle Vale pool where he had been training not thirty minutes previously, stepped up to receive his award to ringing applause.

Your Club was yet again shortlisted for the Club of the Year award having won this trophy the previous two years. However on this occasion we were pipped by Walmley Cricket Club.

Our last shortlisted swimmer was the impressive Mark Vincent up for the Disabled Athlete Award won last year by Tully Kearney. This year it was not to be Boldmere's trophy as Mark was pipped by Jon-Allan Butterworth, who had the slight advantage of three Silver Paralympic Medals to his name! However I am sure that Mark's day will come soon with his commitment and amazing progression in the sport.

The club was well represented around the room and a great night was had by all.

Well done to Ash and Steve on their well deserved awards, and also to Mark, Bradley, Emma, Ben and all members of our Junior Team on their nominations.

Dave Price

