

SUPPORTING ACTS

Springfield's awards evening is a chance for the club to recognise the support of the organisations, companies and individuals who donate to help things keep moving. Investment in the club's buildings, activities and residential trips (see p15) keep the club appealing to its members and attractive to newcomers.

For example, the British Racing Drivers' Club, which helped Springfield send a group of members to the British Grand Prix, scooped the President's Award for Excellence. "The BRDC is an organisation that has been really supportive to Springfield," said club manager Steve Herbert.

Concours of Elegance, the UK's premier luxury motoring event, will be held at Windsor Castle in September 2016, and won Springfield's Executive Chairman's Gold Award. "Concours of Elegance has been at the forefront of valuable support and contributions to Springfield over the last few years," said Steve Herbert. "Vital funds have been raised at various events and given to Springfield to continue to provide the program for our members."

This year's Bee Club Award, given to a person or organisation that helped support Springfield, was a special one this year. Split between London Youth and Urban Futures, the award celebrated both organisations for their financial, awareness and logistical support. London Youth



- which awarded Springfield its Silver Quality Mark this year - helps support the club through its residential centres, and was responsible for funding Springfield's Summer Project in 2015. Its sports development team has helped the club add to its impressive roster of sporting activities.

Urban Futures has been helping Springfield since 2014, contributing a team of nearly 30 people to help improve the club's building, IT and admin systems. "Many of the volunteers who started on the program have stayed with us and are now part and parcel of the club. We hope this fruitful partnership continues to go from strength to strength," says Steve Herbert.



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SPRINGFIELDS AWARDS 2015

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The British Racing Drivers Club has been a great Springfield advocate for many years. BRDC has helped the club in many ways including inviting members to attend the British Grand Prix each year. In addition, BRDC has taken advertising space in our brochure and supported Springfield to continue its close links with the Formula 1 World.

SPRINGFIELDS AWARDS 2015

TESSA SANDERSON SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Fionn McDiarmada bagged the Tessa Sanderson Sportsperson of the Year award thanks to a fantastic sporting year and phenomenal growth in his competitive ability. Fionn took part in the London Youth Table Tennis Championships in October and won the U16 category. This year, Fionn also won the Senior Boys superstars at Woodrow in December by beating his opponents in a number of sports and challenges. An extremely polite and respectful boy with a great future.

 SPRING AWARDS 2016

 SPECIAL
 HONOURS


**GRAHAM HILL AWARD FOR
LONG SERVICE HONOUR**
MICHAEL KEOGH

Michael Keogh joined Springfield in 1962 aged 11, and amazingly, he's still here 51 years later.

Mick has carried out many roles at Springfield and is currently deputy chairman. Mick does a great job supporting the club manager and voluntary staff with a wide range of jobs, often turning up to football matches or popping into Woodrow or Summer Camp to see what's happening.

Mick also liaises with suppliers to ensure our needs are taken into account. Mick does many things in the background which often go unnoticed, but the Committee recognises his commitment to Springfield and would like to acknowledge his long-standing service by awarding him the Graham Hill Award for the second time. Only three other people in club history have had this award twice - Pat Claridge, Rita Berry and Sir Jackie Stewart - we're delighted Mick joins that list.



**TONY BRISE TROPHY
CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**
JEAN MARIE WEAVER

Jean Marie has been with the club since 2009 and this was her year. Jeanie became one of our first Young Leaders, and attended this year's Summer Camp to help, but her greatest achievement was being elected the chair of the Members' Forum in November. Jeanie will have an important role over the next few years suggesting changes and improvements, and encouraging new members and activities. An outstanding young person with a sensible approach - the world is her oyster!



Joe Olabanji has had a great year developing the Under 12 football team. He's been with Springfield since 2009, and has made great strides in this time. In 2015, his Under 11s narrowly missed out the league championship, losing 2-1 in the end of season play-off. Joe is a positive character and encourages his boys to be the best they can. This includes trials with professional clubs for some players and he continues to champion Springfield. Joe is an inspiration to many young people so thank you!



**THE ANTHONY MARSH AWARD
MOST INNOVATIVE VOLUNTEER**
ALLAN CHERRINGTON
& LEROY SCARLETT

Allan has recently been involved in the set-up of the e-online safety programme which is compulsory for club members, and also keeps an eye on IT systems across the club.

Leroy hit the ground running, setting up better systems across administration and IT. He can often be found helping members in the IT suite, and worked on the summer project with Allan, running a video game workshop.

**THE LEWIS
HAMILTON AWARD
MOST DYNAMIC VOLUNTEER**
JOE OLABANJI



**HELMUT FATH AWARD
MOST INSPIRATIONAL
VOLUNTEERS**
MERVER MCLEAN & CHE
ALEXANDER

Merver McLean joined us in April 2014 immediately got stuck into her role as a volunteer. Merver volunteers on a Thursday, and is part of the team that has developed a popular roller-skating session. Merver has supported the past two Summer Camps, and supported the Summer Project in August 2015. Merver is respected by members and staff for her straight, no-nonsense approach.

Che Alexander has been involved with Springfield since 2014, initially supporting members in the Homework Club. Che has since then gone on to becoming an important part of the present-day voluntary team.

Che is also part of the Thursday night team, and acts as senior manager when the need arises. Che attended summer camp in 2015 and he also worked on the summer project in August last year.

SPRING AWARDS 2016

SPECIAL
HONOURS

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S
GOLD AWARD
BENEFactor OF THE YEAR
CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

The organisers of the Concours d'Elegance have supported and contributed to Springfield for years. In 2014 our members attended the famous car exhibition at Hampton Court thanks to the Concours, while vital funds have been raised at various events, allowing us to continue to working for our members.

LEADER OF THE YEAR

As voted for by the club manager and given to
Springfield's volunteer of the year



JACK PETCHEY LEADER
OF THE YEAR
IAN MARSH

Ian Marsh has been a rock again in 2015. Over the past year he has developed different projects including swimming lessons to encourage non-swimmers to take the plunge and the cycle club to help members learn to ride. He's also kept the bike project on the road. In addition to this Ian has developed a fantastic relationship with Sky TV and has bought members to its studios to take part on a careers workshop and also appear on a game show. Ian attended summer camp and Woodrow in 2015 as well as him managing the Monday nights. Ian thoroughly deserves this award.



SPECIAL MENTION
MICHAEL KEOGH

Michael took on the role of Football Secretary in 2014 and has been at the forefront of developments over the past year. The Springfield Deputy Chairman now liaises with the football leagues and London AFA, and offers support to our team coaches. Michael has also helped source funding for our teams and his input has been vital.



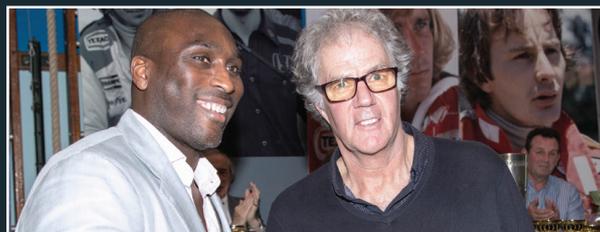
THE BEE CLUB AWARD SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR
LONDON YOUTH & URBAN FUTURES

London Youth has supported Springfield for many years through officer support, use of residential centres and supporting us through the Quality Mark process. Thanks to the sports development team, various new activities have come into the club including street cricket and table tennis, as well as funding from LTA for tennis development. In addition, London Youth is working with us to roll out a fencing programme in the near future. In addition, we sought funding from London Youth to deliver our summer project in 2015 and we are now involved in a programme called "Defining Success" that will run over the next year.

The success of the Urban Futures Community Work Place programme has been an integral part of Springfield's success and development over the past year. Since the programme began in October 2014, 29 individuals have been helping develop the club and improve our building. They work during the day, and have helped improve IT and admin systems, decoration and maintenance of our building, created a new garden space and much more. Many of the volunteers who started on the programme have stayed with us and are now permanently part of the club. We hope this fruitful partnership continues to go from strength to strength.

PLATINUM AWARD FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT
ROGER LINDSAY

Roger Lindsay has attended the last 10 presentation nights, providing the audio and video on the night and giving his time freely. Roger has an incredible reputation in the world of music, providing sound for some of the world's best performers and groups in enormous venues, and the fact he continues to come along and support our annual "Bunfight" is testament to his commitment and support to Springfield.





SHOOTING STAR

Springfield Club's Tony Brise award goes to the club member of the year. For this year's winner, the achievements of the last 12 months are only half the story: it's what's next that's really exciting

Steve Herbert, Springfield's club manager, stands on the stage at the club's 2015 awards ceremony. "The Tony Brise trophy goes to a member who has made a difference," he announces into the mic. "And this young person, she bothers me every day, she absolutely does. But I love it."

Jean Marie Weaver, 16, has been a member of Springfield Youth Club for half her life. "I technically joined at nine," she says. That's only half the story - she first turned up at Springfield aged eight at one of the club's summer projects. Now in her final year, she's staring down her GCSEs - studying drama, health and social care, Spanish, history among others, and afterwards heading to college, hoping to become a photographer or a director.

That's not all, though. Jean was elected to Springfield's members' forum, giving her the chance to have a powerful voice when it comes to the future of the club.





It's a job with responsibilities. "I go to the chair meetings, which are me and the head committee, and tell them what the kids want, and what they want to do."

Acting as an intermediary between Springfield's management and its members means speaking two languages; explaining not only to the club's adult organisers what's needed, but explaining to the club's young members why they should speak up.

"I try and ask them, whenever they don't want to do activities, why don't you want to, and what activities do you want to see?" Her involvement has seen Steve Herbert "bothered" into working to add music and drama departments.

Her commitments don't stop there: last year saw Jean join the Jack Petchey Achiever's Network. "We go on a residential with strangers that we've never met before," she says. "We do team

trust exercises and try to connect with people we've never met which is very different in situations where you have to rely on them."

It all leads back to Springfield, and over the next two years Jean will be looking not only to improve the club for existing members, but trying to attract as many new members as possible.

"We have an excellent gym, an excellent staff, excellent equipment," she says, all of which makes it easier to find new members.

It's not just Springfield's facilities, though. "I see staff here now that have been here since the age of eight or nine, and they're still here till this day," she says. "Here we are family, regardless what happens, we are here for you. I would like to make sure the kids know that."

