

Week Commencing 22nd May 2006

The Leamington and District Annual Presentation Evening was held last Friday (19th) for the first time at the Warwick Arms Hotel in Warwick, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. A number of presentations were made to members of the Association for their work and commitment, on or off the table by the League Chairman Malcolm Macfarlane. These are not announced until the night and as always were a well kept secret. The main one is the Endeavour Trophy, which is awarded each year to a member of the Association who help in various ways with the running of the league. This year it was given to Tracey Fletcher for her hard work in arranging for the third year running the presentation evening dinner. This had been particularly difficult for her to organise this year, as she not only has a young family to manage and had only recently returned to work from maternity leave, but then found herself in the national headlines when she fell down a well outside her house, when the cover in the middle of the road gave way. Sadly she is still suffering from the effects of this accident. The Morgan and Peggy Evans Cup for the Most Improved Junior was given to James Matharu. His first ever season of league play saw him winning the averages prizes in both Division C before Christmas and Division B after, which no one has ever done before. Leamington District Representative badges were given to Alastair Nicholson and Chris Blowey, for their play in the Midland League and the Cadet League. Perpetual trophies and replicas were also presented to the winning and runners-up teams from each division for the season and to the individual averages winner from the divisions as well as to the winners and runners-up of the two cup competitions. Also perpetual trophies were presented to the winners of each event at the Leamington Closed Championships, which had been held in March.

For the first time ever, the Leamington Veterans B team in Division 3 of the Midland League was composed of three brothers. The Bennett trio, who play for different clubs in the league, banded together for their home match against Coventry. Rob Bennett led the way, unbeaten in the singles and the doubles with Mick, who added one single as did Martin to give a 6-4 win to Spa