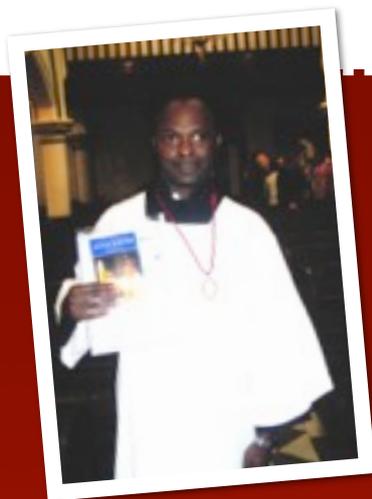


Isle of Wight

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY SUNNY AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!



Success for Sam!

Well done to Sam Attah who has been an altar server at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ryde for nearly four years.

Recently he had a test and passed. He received his St. Stephen's bronze medal last Sunday.

Well done Sam!

Well Done Celia!

Celia was singled out by the judges at the Community Action Awards for her 23 year contribution to the IW Special Olympics. She said "They are my

Community Action Awards

The Isle of Wight Special Olympics celebrated by the Community Action Awards judges!

The IW Special Olympics was commended by the Community Action judges for supporting the athletes with

their training in a variety of sports and in competing regionally, nationally and internationally in competition.

We won £250 prize money which will be used to buy rackets and equipment for badminton, as part of the committee's commitment to introducing new sport to the

athletes, and some new kit for a competition the team aims to take part in this October.



Celia received the award from Kerry Johnson from Wightlink, and said that the

cash would be very useful and was delighted the work the Special Olympics undertook was being recognised.

best friends. It's a real joy to me, the best thing I've ever done in my life. Winning the award is a complete shock to me, but I am very grateful for it. I dedicate it to the athletes."



Team strikes GOLD!

There were medals galore for our athletic team when they visited Eastbourne. There were golds for Jon Baker and Dawn Cotton in the 100m, James Hay in the 200m, James and Dawn in the long jump, and Nathan Bound in the soft ball throw. Silver went to Sarah Beane and Andy Powell in the 100m, Carl Harvey in the long jump and David Down for the soft ball throw. Bronze medals went to Mark Roberts and Nathan in the 100m.

Also receiving bronze in different categories were Sarah, Jon, Mark and Andy for the long jump, and Charlie Burgess for the soft ball throw. Charlie and Carl came fifth in their 100m runs. The men's 4x100m relay team of Mark, Carl, Jon and James took bronze, while the ladies team of Sarah and Dawn, from the IW team, and South East Hampshire athletes Jo and Mel, won silver. Well done all on a fantastic performance!

Bowls Success!

Peter (Evans), Tom, Darren and David took part in the Great Western Bowls Tournament on 14th June in Gloucester and were very pleased to come third out of the eight teams present. Because of the festival traffic, we couldn't get a booking the day before and had to travel on 12th, resulting in two nights' stay in a hotel. The extra cost of this was kindly arranged by Fred Sly and Jim Ringer, through the Cowes and Sandown Masonic Lodges.

We are very grateful for their generosity, which also enabled us to have a nice day sampling the delights of Gloucester. We would like to thank Fred, who was the team manager for this event, and his friend Alan Barry for driving us there and back. A personal thank you from Celia to Sandy, who spent some hours organizing our travel arrangements.

GB team returns home!

The strong 2011 GB team had an inspiring week of sport and goodwill at the 13th Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens. The 157 British athletes came back home jubilant on Tuesday 5 July - accompanied by 53 volunteer coaches and 5 management - with a staggering total of 187 medals (72 Gold, 63 Silver, 52 bronze). Some of the athletes are pictured below!

