

Bungay Civic awards evening April 2017

Bungay Town Council Civic awards evening and supper was held on Friday 21st April in the Community Centre . The evening was attended by Councillors and residents and the awards were presented by the Mayor, Councillor John Groom.

Three awards are made annually, the Trevor Collyer Cup, The Bezant Cup Award and the Civic Award

The Trevor Collyer Cup is specifically for young people making a contribution in sport, school or the community. This was given by family and friends in memory of the former badminton player Trevor Collyer. This year it was awarded to Emma Rusted, a pupil of Bungay High School, who over the last year has shown outstanding commitment to volunteering, not only with school, but in the wider community. She has regularly led sessions for years 7 and 8 netball club and acts as a role model for younger students. She helps out with athletics tournaments in school and she volunteers at a dance group and her local Rainbows group.



The Bezant Cup Award for the Bungay Sports Personality of the Year was set up in 1980, using a trophy first given for sporting events in 1924 by J H Bezant. This was also awarded to a Bungay High School Student, Brandon Ling, a member of Bungay Cricket Club 1st team, captain of the Sunday Cricket team and who has been appointed Vice Captain of Bungay Cricket Club's 1st X1 for the next season. He is also the regular goalkeeper for Bungay Town FC Saturday reserves.

One wonders when these youngsters have time to do their school work!



The final award, the Civic Award, was set up by Bungay Town Council in 1998 and recognises those doing valuable, dedicated and often unsung work in the community. It was awarded this year to Mr Derek Abbey, a retired bus driver living in Bungay, who has used his considerable knowledge of the transport system to get the best deal on the services the town receives from the local bus companies. He has designed the large, easy to understand timetable in the centre of town which has been recognised nationally. Most recently he has negotiated with First buses to bring their service back to the town.

