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# **County representation**

The U13 Shires League finals were held at the weekend. Surrey finished as runners-up, and Serena Farrelly, Callum Mitchell and Harry Williams were all in the team.

Ellie Darlington played for the Hampshire team.

### Swifts awards

I have to report an addition to last week's report on our awards presentations last week. The chairman forgot to tell the newsletter editor that she had made this award (and it is not awarded every season).

Polly Thisdell was presented with a chairman's special award for her long, regular and enthusiastic service to Swifts. Polly joined us in September



Chairman's special award winner, Polly Thisdell

2003 so has been a member for eleven years. Throughout that period she has been one of our most regular attendees, and has the unique and never-to-be-repeated distinction of having played in every single club tournament that Swifts has held since we started running them in 2005—that is eleven graded tournaments and ten handicap tournaments.

She was a member of all the Surrey junior county squads from U11 upwards and played in many county matches, as well as in tournaments on the national circuit. However, she always managed to be available to support her clubmates and to play in Swifts teams (and she was selected often, of course) and she also supported the local tournaments by entering pretty well every year and, most importantly, always demonstrated enormous team spirit—a quality we always place great value on at Swifts.

# **National circuit results**

Ellie Darlington played in the Bournemouth Open U14 tournament last weekend. She reached the semi-final of the girls' doubles event.