Ritter and Craze run off with silverware

ATHLETICS

JAMES Ritter was awarded the Fitzwaryn Trophy for the best young male athlete at the White Horse Harriers presentation evening, *writes Kieren Bushnell*.

Trophies were presented by club president Barrie Strange to the winners of the club championship, and for outstanding performances throughout the year.

Chloe Craze received the Philomena Ronan Trophy for best young female athlete, while the Jason Campbell Trophy for most improved young athlete went to Anthony Holmes.

The President's Trophy for best senior track performance was won by Neil Druce, while John Peake took the Field Trophy for best senior field performance of the year.

The senior road race championships were decided by points scored in 11 races from March to October.

In the ladies' championship, Claire Hazell and Sarah Baker had a season-long battle, with Baker just holding on to retain both the overall and veterans titles she won last year.

For the men, Paul Jégou dropped one point from a possible maximum to take the overall title and the Frank Bench Trophy to end Jason Cooke's seven-year run.

The battle for the male veteran roadrunning Champion Trophy went to the wire between Simon Atkin, John Peake and Simon Leech, Atkin retaining the title after a thrillin finale.

● Paul Jegou led home his White Horse Harriers' teammates in atrocious conditions to fifth place in the Wessex Cross Country League meeting at King's Park, Bournemouth.

Jegou's time of 31mins 24 secs gives him a substantial lead in the early stages of the White Horse Harriers' club championship.

John Peake produced his best performance of the season to finish 13th in 34.10, while Dene Stringfellow was 30th in 38.24.

White Horse Harriers award winners. Above (left to right) seniors Paul Jégou, Sarah Baker, Simon Atkin, Neil Druce and John Peake, and (below) juniors James Ritter, Anthony Holmes and Chloe Craze