



# Welcome to the Cornwall FA Newsletter!

**Welcome to the latest edition of Cornwall FA's E-Newsletter bringing you all the latest news, stories, football reports and much more from around the County.**

## **GEOFF LEE, CORNWALL FA CHAIRMAN AND FA REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN RECOGNISED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS**

Geoff was born in March 1952 in East Ham, London and is an avid West Ham supporter. During his time in Essex he played with the Essex Schools FA and became a qualified referee working in youth football during the 1968-1970 seasons. He has a background in teaching, first training in Exeter at St Lukes College and then spending 34 years working in Cornish schools, teaching many young people who have since become popular faces in local grassroots football.

Whilst attending St Lukes College Exeter he played for several Western and South Western League teams and was named club captain for St Lukes College team in the 1971-72 season. To compliment his teaching Geoff decided to complete the FA Coach Preliminary Award, becoming a fully qualified coach in 1973 and thus kicking off his interest in coaching football.

The year after he took up the role as secretary for the East Cornwall Schools FA, whilst also challenging his on-pitch skills in Senior Cornish football playing for team teams such as Penzance, Bodmin, Saltash and St Blazey in the years to follow.

It was from 1977 to 1980 when he became the Cornwall FA Youth Representative team manager alongside a role as Cornwall Schools U18 Manager. His roles within the Schools FA developed and in 1990 he was elected to the ESFA Council, followed on with an election as the Chairman of the Schools International Football Board in 1999, finally being made a life member in 2005.

His role on the Cornwall FA Council began in 2002 being elected as School Representative, already having a strong name for himself within grassroots football, this then led onto his election as FA Council Representative for Cornwall FA in 2005. His latest achievements include being elected as Chairman of the Cornwall Football Association in 2008 and his election to the FA National Game board in 2010.

Geoff has since stepped down from his role on the FA National Game Board, freeing up some time to spend with his family, playing more golf and enjoying local football.

### **Cornwall FA President, Nigel Hannaford Presented Geoff with the Award, here is what he had to say;**

*"It was a real pleasure to award Geoff his 50 year badge from The FA. Cornwall have gained his services both at county level and as the representative to The FA. He has been instrumental in the development of football in the county at all age groups and across all genders."*

### **Geoff himself said this about his award;**

*"It has been an honour to have been involved in football for 50 years, 45 of which have been served in Cornwall as a player, County team manager Cornwall Schools FA and most recently as a council member, Chairman and FA Representative since 2005."*

**Congratulations Geoff from all at Cornwall FA!**





# U16'S GET OFF TO FLYING START WITH WIN OVER GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Cornwall 3 – 2 Gloucestershire  
South and West Counties Championship U16  
Wadebridge Town FC - Sunday 6th October 2019

Cornwall's first venture into U16 Representative Football began on Sunday, a stunning second half comeback sealed victory against a very talented Gloucestershire side.

The game started rather tentatively as both teams were really sizing each other up, defences were very much on top and the game was mainly being played in the middle third of the pitch. There was plenty of effort and endeavour from both sides with strong tackles and plenty of commitment. After about 20 minutes the game really sprung into life, firstly Cornwall attacked down the left through Ciran Budge, he beat the right back and cut into the area before fixing a cross into the 6 yard box, with on-rushing striker Oscar Marks inches away from making contact. Finn Bartlett on the other wing tried to follow up but his low shot was saved.

This seemed to spring Gloucestershire into life and within a couple of minutes they took the lead, a corner was delivered from the left hand side and landed at the feet of the Gloucester striker, his initial shot was brilliantly saved by Cornish Keeper Jamie Beare from point blank range. The follow up was then blocked on the line by a combination of Beare and Danny Pearce, a third effort saw more Cornish defenders put the bodies on the line to keep the ball out but it was 4<sup>th</sup> time luck as the Gloucestershire striker finally managed to prod home after a lengthy goalmouth scramble.

The goal seemed to give Gloucestershire real impetus and they took charge of the game, creating a few good chances, only some good goalkeeping by Beare and strong tackles by skipper Archie McTeare and his centre half partner Kayden Gordon-Dunn kept the score down. Cornwall looked to get back into the game in the last 10 minutes of the half and just as it seemed that we were building up a head of steam Gloucestershire struck again. This time a quick break found the Gloucestershire right winger, his cross in the box was met acrobatically by the Gloucestershire forward whose scissor kick flew into the net leaving Beare with no chance. Cornwall needed to re-group but were lucky to go in at the break only 2 behind after Gloucestershire struck the bar in the last minute of the half.



When the 2<sup>nd</sup> half started they seemed to be a little more urgency in the Cornwall play, full-back James Edlin and Danny Pearce looked to get forward a little more putting Cornwall on the front foot. Cornwall also made a couple of telling substitutions with Theo Cadby coming onto the pitch to provide more support to Marks up front. It was Cadby who made the impact, a through ball into the area saw him beat the Gloucestershire keeper to the ball but the keeper caught the on-rushing striker and bought him down for a penalty, a penalty that was neatly dispatched by Cadby himself. Cornwall now really had the wind in their sails and Cameron Hirst, Tom Dolan, and Fin Ellacott in centre midfield became more and more influential, and within a few minutes Cornwall were level. Hirst delivered a fizzing corner from the left which the unfortunate Gloucestershire keeper could only punch into his own net. Following the equaliser the game became very stretched with both teams desperate to find a winner but neither quite able to find that finishing touch. However just as it seemed the game was heading for a draw Cornwall snatched a dramatic late winner. A long ball over the top seemed to have been dealt with by the Gloucestershire defence but substitute Joe Moran didn't give it up and nicked the ball off the toe of the defender before calmly slotting home. It was a great way for Cornwall to win the game, even if the final score was a little harsh on Gloucestershire.

The final whistle went and Cornwall had the win, the players were applauded off the pitch by a healthy crowd of parents and supporters, and deservedly so following a wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> half fightback.

**Report by Richard Pallot, Representative Team Secretary and Governance Manager.**

**Cornwall Side – 1. Jamie Beare, 2. James Edlin, 3. Danny Pearce, 4. Cameron Hirst, 5. Kayden Gordon-Dunn, 6. Archie McTeare (captain), 7. Finn Bartlett, 8. Tom Dolan, 9. Oscar Marks, 10. Fin Ellacott, 11. Ciran Budge**  
**Subs – 12. Harry Phillips, 13. Leo Summer, 14. James Swan, 15. Theo Cadby, 16. Joe Moran, 17. Josh Evans**



# CORNWALL FA DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF PASSING OF PETER GEORGE

Peter was a long time Cornwall County FA Council member and only a couple of years was elected as a life member of the Association following many years of service.



Peter served as the President of The Referee's Association and himself refereed The Senior Cup Final, the pinnacle of any Cornish referees career, it was in his role as referees representative that he served on Cornwall FA Council, but he contributed in so many ways to Football in the County.

Peter never missed a Cornwall representative match and despite his poor health was travelling with the side as recently as our away trip to Kent in 2017, he was always great company on the trips and loved supporting the County teams. his commitment and passion was second to none.

The cliché "they don't make them like that anymore" is certainly true of Peter, he was a kind and generous man who made a huge impact on not only football in Cornwall but also on the people he met within the game.

**Cornwall FA Chief Executive Dawn Aberdeen** "Peter was always available for a chat and to offer a word of advice, he was extremely passionate and knowledgeable, and was a highly respected member of Cornwall FA for many years"

Our condolences go to Peter's wife Anita and all his family at this sad time.

## COURSES, EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS



### FA Level 1 at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland

Price: £130

Day 1: Sun 1st Dec 9am – 5pm Day 2: Mon 2nd Dec 6pm - 9.30pm Day 3: Thu 5th 6.30pm- 9.30pm Day 4: Sun 8th Dec 9am – 5pm Day 5: Tues 10th 6.30pm- 8.30pm Day 6: Sat 14th Dec 9am – 5pm

[BOOK COURSE](#)

### The FA Developing Coaches through Mentoring Course

FREE

**Venue:** Helston Athletic FC, Kellaway Park, Clodgey Lane, TR13 8PJ

**Dates and Times (Both sessions must be attended):**

Wednesday 27th November & Wednesday 4th December 6.30pm - 9.30pm

[BOOK COURSE](#)

### FA Level 2 in Coaching Football

Price: £290

Block 1- Newquay AFC – June 2020 / Block 2 - Tretherras School – October 2020 / Block 3- Treviglas School – January 2021

[BOOK COURSE](#)

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## FUTSAL LEVEL 1



Register your interest . . .

## FUTSAL LEVEL 2





# HAVE YOUR SAY...

## The Grassroots Football Survey

The FA announced its annual survey for participants in Cornwall to provide feedback on the grassroots football provision in the local area.

Players, coaches, parents, supporters, volunteers, referees, club and league officials across Cornwall now have the opportunity to highlight areas where they require support, suggest areas for improvement and outline the impact of particular campaigns or schemes.

Since the online survey was originally launched, the responses of more than 100,000 grassroots participants have helped to inform the decision making and allocation of resources by The FA and respective County FAs. Results from the 2018/19 edition identified five key areas – both on and off the pitch – where a renewed focus is required:

- Identify the resources and tools that clubs need the most support with
- Foster the right experience for participants at this level of the game
- Encourage young people to stay active in different roles across the game
- Ensure the RESPECT campaign has a positive impact on all participants
- Adapt to the changing nature of modern grassroots football

**TAKE THE SURVEY NOW AT <http://po.st/KXqTLJj>**



## ARE YOU A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB? MAKE SURE YOU LOG ONTO THE WHOLE GAME SYSTEM TODAY AND COMPLETE YOUR CHECK

We support our grassroots clubs by making this process simple and efficient, clubs can manage records through the Whole Game System online. It also helps flag up if something needs renewing. This helps us to ensure football is safe, fun and inclusive for all those who take part in football at an accredited club.

On successful completion of the Annual Health Check clubs receive special benefits and rewards from The FA. These include:

- Updated club certificate for the season
- Promotional digital resources and logos to use as part of their club identity
- Access to funded football equipment including Nike footballs
- Ongoing support from Cornwall FA and The FA



The window is open from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, clubs must log on and complete the health check, then submitting to Cornwall FA where any action points will be provided by the team before being signed off.

To start your clubs Annual Health Check visit the Whole Game Website on <http://po.st/ShVXD1>

A full step by step guide can also be found at <http://po.st/DBQbKF>

Our development team are always happy to support your club to complete the check and can be contacted on 01208 269010 or email us [corinne.winkworth@cornwallfa.com](mailto:corinne.winkworth@cornwallfa.com) or [Joshua.stockdale@cornwallfa.com](mailto:Joshua.stockdale@cornwallfa.com)



# WALKING FOOTBALL FESTIVAL RAISES MONEY FOR BOBBY MOORE FUND



At the latest Walking Football Festival held at Lanivet Community Centre, this event was a special fundraiser raising money for The Bobby Moore Fund (Cancer Research UK).

The day was a huge success with 10 teams attending all playing in the small sided format of the game with the aim of raising awareness of the opportunities in Walking Football in Cornwall and also raising valuable funds for The Bobby Moore Fund.

Bobby Moore was just 51 years old when he died. Shortly after his death in 1993, Bobby's widow Stephanie Moore MBE set up the Bobby Moore Fund which is a restricted fund of Cancer Research UK to fund pioneering bowel cancer research.

Now in its 26th year, the fund has raised over £26 million and continues to go from strength to strength. Since Bobby's death, mortality rates for bowel cancer have fallen by more than 30%, but sadly it still kills 44 people in the UK every day, so we still have so much more to do.

The 10 teams that took part helped to raise over £700 towards the cause, a fantastic achievement from our walking football community.

Teams that took part: Troon Walking Football (X2), Lanivet Pandas (x2), Morwenstow walking Football, Penwith Nomads Walking Football, St Austell Walking Football, Newquay Walking Football, St Agnes Walking Football, St Austell Saints

## GOALPOST AND LINE MARKING GUIDANCE

Several serious injuries and fatalities have occurred in recent years as a result of unsafe or incorrect use of goalposts. Safety is always of paramount importance and everyone in football must play their part to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future:



For safety reasons goalposts of any size (including those which are portable and not installed permanently at a pitch or practice field) must always be anchored securely.



Portable goalposts should not be left in place after use.



The use of metal cup hooks on any part of a goal frame was banned from the commencement of season 2007-08 and match officials have been instructed not to commence matches where such net fixings are evident.



Goalposts which are "homemade" or which have been altered should not be used under any circumstances.

It is the duty of all facility providers to ensure that all the regulations are adhered to as The FA wants to promote the safe use of football facilities to improve everyone's experience of the game.

**Burnt/burning in lines with a total weed killer or similar is now against Health and Safety and COSHH regulations and should not be continued.**

### SUITABLE LINE MARKING COMPOUNDS

1. Permanent paints: Based on pigmented viscous liquid. These "paints" can be applied either in a diluted form or neat.

2. Powders: There are various non-toxic whitening powders available which are based on ground natural calcium carbonate and can be used wet or dry.

### MACHINES AVAILABLE TO MARK LINES

Dry line, pressure pump, electric pump, belt feed and wheel transfer markers.

### USE OF HERBICIDES TO REINFORCE LINE MARKINGS

Before 1985 club members used various herbicides mixed in with whitening compounds to keep the lines in longer and more visible during the winter playing season. It is only permissible to use a herbicide which is approved for use on sports turf, and this is likely to be a total herbicide. COSHH and a suitable Risk Assessment must be carried out prior to any application. A further legal consideration is that the user must have successfully obtained his/her Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Pesticides.

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# SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT

A reminder to coaches, players, parents and volunteer referees. This season youth players who show dissent towards the referee may be sin binned.

**Coaches/Parents** - Prior to kick off please remind your young players what dissent is and the consequence of their behaviour to themselves and the team.

**Volunteer Referees** - Please communicate your expectations to both the coaches and the young players prior to kick off. During matches, manage the game and perhaps give a warning to the player and coach prior to a sin bin.



## Sin Bins in Youth Football



From next season 2019-20 any youth player who shows 'dissent' towards a referee or assistant referee (linesman) may be sin binned. This means you might be shown a yellow card and you will be asked to leave the field of play for either 8 or 10 minutes.

**So what is dissent? To avoid being sin binned when you next play take a look at the different types of behaviours which are classed as dissent.**

- ❌ Clapping sarcastically towards the referee or assistant!
- ❌ Questioning the referee or assistant referees decisions!
- ❌ Making sarcastic or rude comments towards any match official!
- ❌ Kicking the ball away in anger!

**Swearing at any match official or linesman is not dissent, but may result in you being shown a red card!**



## Best Practice Guidance for Coaches During Youth Training Sessions

### 1) Try to ensure that its the Players who have the most opportunity for practice.

We see lots of example of training sessions where the coach gets more 'practice' than the players. A typical example occurs in "line" based shooting drills where there is a long queue of players waiting to play a pass into a coach who sets the ball for the players to shoot. In fact, the coach gets more practice opportunities than anyone else and as a by-product, queuing players can get cold, bored and there is a risk of disengagement and/or behavioural issues.

### 2) Don't join in!

There are numerous considerations in this instance:

- a) Firstly, from a safeguarding issue, there is a real risk of injury to young players.
- b) From an FA best practice point of view, to protect the adults involved in the event of an injury-based incident as the disproportionate skill level and physical size presents the potential opportunity for injury to the child/young person involved. Any injuries sustained by young players in these instances can give rise to potential legal recourse. It should be noted that the injury of a player in such circumstances has in the past resulted in legal action being taken by the injured party against the offending player/adult and may fall outside the limitations of the club's insurance.

- c) Involvement of adults in training is unrealistic to what the players may face in their own situation and may inhibit their willingness to be creative and learn new skills and techniques.
- d) From the point of view of self esteem and motivation it can be damaging for a coach/parent even to go in goal as the physical capabilities of an adult may negatively impact the psychological well-being of the players. For example, a young player strikes the "perfect" strike towards the top corner, a shot which would have scored against any goalkeeper of the same age and yet the adult saves the shot. This can be hugely disappointing and damaging for the player.
- e) Coaches joining in as players contravene the FA Coaches/Managers Code of Conduct in that it fails to "Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything." Whilst coaches may deem themselves to be 'aware' and skilful enough to avoid contact the risks of injury remain high. With the best of intentions; enthusiasm and effort on behalf of either party can and does result in physical contact. FA Learning coaching courses make it very clear that coaches are not to join in games when working with youth teams. Indeed, such activity would be deemed in conflict with the Respect Code of Conduct for Coaches.

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