

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

September 2019



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the third of the 2019/20 Season.

As always we aim to continue to provide you with engaging content from the various Norfolk FA departments as well as relevant information regarding what's on the horizon within the #NorfolkFootball calendar.

RAY KIDDELL OBE

It is with great sadness that we inform the football family of the passing of our President, Ray Kiddell OBE, who sadly passed away in the early hours of 5 September 2019.



Our thoughts are with Ray's family and friends at this sad time.

Ray first joined Norfolk FA Council in 1960, receiving 50-year recognition for his services to football firstly from The FA in 2003 and locally for services to Norfolk FA Council in 2011.

Ray has been our President since 1995 and was a significant figure nationally with The FA serving as Vice Chairman of the Association as well as Chairman of the Women's Committee amongst other roles with him being recognised as a Life Vice President.

The funeral will take place on Monday 23 September, 11.30am, at Colney Green Acres, Watton Road, Norwich, NR4 7TY.

All are welcome to attend; however, it is family flowers only, with donations welcome to the Pricilla Bacon Lodge Support Group via Allcock Funeral Services.

NEW BOARD & DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to inform clubs & leagues that following the recent Articles of Association changes that were approved at the January EGM and subsequent AGM on the 1 July, we have a number of new Directors on our Board for this

season and we also have a new Deputy Chairman in place for the next three year term.

Firstly, I'm extremely proud to confirm that I have been re-elected as Chairman of this great County FA for a further three-year term.



At the AGM in July, Ben Casey (Pictured above alongside myself) was successful in being voted in as our new Deputy Chairman, having joined the Board back in 2013 as one of our Grassroots Directors that came from Council. Ben has been involved in local football for a vast number of years and recently held the position of League Secretary for our largest adult male Sunday League; the Norwich and District Sunday League.

Our sincere thanks go to Ray Venemore for his service as Deputy Chairman of the Association for the past 6 years and we were extremely pleased Ray accepted the offer of being a Life Member on Norfolk FA Council due to his services to the Association that stem back to joining Council in 1993. A further thanks also goes to our Immediate Past Chairman, Richard King, who has retired as a Director after 20 years of service on the Board.

Also, at the AGM, five appointed Directors were ratified, with three of these being new to the Association and two being re-appointed in the form of John Turner and Paul Ballard. The three newly appointed Directors are Joe Conway, Paul Marshall and Matt Wells, all of whom come with a diverse skill set that will enable the County FA to continue to thrive into the future.

The Board will also have three advisors this season, these being Lynnette Bygrave (NCA Finance Officer), Di Cunningham (Inclusion Representative) and Peter Ford.

Michael Banham
Norfolk County FA Chairman

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NEW MENTAL HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR COACHES & MANAGERS

The Football Association has issued new guidance notes to coaches and managers working across the adult football pyramid, advising them on how to support the mental wellbeing of their players.



The new guide has been produced in partnership with Mind and a mental health advisory group put together by The FA. The 36-page publication forms an important part of The FA and Heads Together's 'Heads Up' campaign, which seeks to harness the influence and popularity of football to drive the biggest ever conversation on mental health.

To view the Guide and find out more please [click here](#).

FOOTBALL'S FINEST REWARDED AT VOLUNTEERS' AWARDS EVENING

Some excellent volunteers within Norfolk Football were rewarded on Friday 6 September as we held our annual Volunteers' Awards Evening supported by [Chaplin Farrant](#).



After weeks of nominations and shortlisting, the annual event sees a host of awards presented to deserving individuals, clubs and leagues, whose tireless work sees football played each weekend around the County.

Among the accolades were The Norfolk FA Long Service Awards, The FA Groundsman of the Year Award,

Safeguarding Volunteer of the Year award and The FA & McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards for the 18/19 season.



To read more about the evening please [click here](#).

To view the photos from the evening please [click here](#).

To watch the videos about The FA & McDonald's Grassroots Football Award Winners please [click here](#).

THE NORFOLK FA EQUALITY & DIVERSITY SURVEY

Your chance to win a £100 Nike or Amazon voucher by completing Norfolk FA's Equality and Diversity survey.



Norfolk County FA are undertaking a survey to understand better the demographic of our footballing community. The survey is made up of 10 questions which will take no longer than 2 minutes to complete. We would like to hear from all roles within Norfolk Football including match officials, players, coaches/managers. If you complete the survey and enter a valid email address you will be in with a chance of winning a £100 voucher from either Amazon or Nike. To complete the survey please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVTS6RN>

SUSPENSION LISTS WILL NO LONGER BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

Please note, we will now no longer be publishing the weekly suspension lists on [NorfolkFA.com](#). Suspension details can be found through the national suspension database, which can be found in the suspension menu on our website. Alternatively, please contact a member of the Regulatory Services Team should you have a suspension related query.

Contact details can be [found here](#).

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NORFOLK FA CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR RESPECT ACROSS YOUTH FOOTBALL

Norfolk FA will continue to spread a positive message of Respect across youth football throughout the 2019/20 season and beyond.



The 'We Only Do Positive' campaign – part of The FA's wider Respect initiative – will return for the beginning of the youth football season this weekend following a successful 2018/19 season helping to create a positive environment for players on and off the pitch.

Gavin Lemmon, Norfolk County FA CEO said: **"The Respect campaign is important for Norfolk FA and across the country. In Youth Football and arguably Adult Football too, positive encouragement is crucial in giving players confidence and enabling them to develop their skills in a fun and safe environment. The priority remains on ensuring players can flourish and enjoy the game they love."**

To find out more please [click here](#).

DISABILITY FOOTBALL FORUM

We are looking to set up a disability football group/forum with individuals who are already involved with or would like to get involved with disability football within Norfolk.

The group will meet roughly three times a year and it will be an opportunity to network with clubs, organisations, schools, SEN schools and charities to look at ways we can grow the provision of disability football within Norfolk. It will be a forum where we can discuss ideas, share contacts and link up organisations and participants to start developing a better disability football provision within the County.

Does this sound like something you want to get involved in?

If so, please email Senior Football Development Officer (Inclusion), Rachel Cossey, Rachel.Cossey@NorfolkFA.com to register your interest.

CHARTER STANDARD UPDATE

Annual Health Checks

This year's AHC window is now OPEN! For those new to the AHC, or for anyone needing a refresher on the process, we will be doing a "How to" WebEx on Monday 23rd September 7-8pm. As it is online, you can join from the comfort of your own home! Book your place [here](#).

If your Annual Health Check is awarded by 5pm on 29th November, your club will be entered into a draw to win prizes worth hundreds of £'s!

Click on the image to start the process!



New Charter Standard Clubs



Norfolk County FA Chairman, Michael Banham, has visited Norwich United FC and Hockering FC to present their Charter Standard Awards in the last month. Congratulations to both clubs, we look forward to working closely with you in the future!



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FREE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CLUB

It's official. We've launched with free cashback shopping website, [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/norfolk-fa) to help your club find a brand-new way to fundraise.

Secure extra income to help fund new kit, equipment, pitch hire, affiliation & more when you ask your players, coaches and supporters to use the easyfundraising website to do their ordinary online shopping with 4,000 leading retailers such as eBay, Amazon, John Lewis & Partners, Trainline, Booking.com, Just Eat & Decathlon.

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Raise **FREE** funds for your club by shopping online!

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trainline JUST EAT GROUPON Hotels.com Apple Carphone Warehouse H&M sky GoCompare

Every time they make a purchase via easyfundraising – the retailer sends your club free cash.

To start raising much-needed money for your club today, visit - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/norfolk-fa>

SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

Please be reminded that Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.



Please contact our County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario via safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com or call 01603 704050 if you have any concerns.

BECOME AN FA QUALIFIED REFEREE

The FA Referees Course is designed for anyone aged 14 and up who wants to join the tens of thousands of referees who operate week in week out on local parks, throughout the English football pyramid, up to those who officiate The FA Cup Final and on the International stage.



As a referee you play an integral role in ensuring all participants enjoy their match day experience, helping create a competitive, fair, safe and enjoyable playing environment.

The next course begins on Friday 4 October with half price places available! Find out more and book on [here](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/norfolk-fa).

NEW ONLINE GROUNDSKEEPING COMMUNITY

In August 2019 the Football Foundation launched a new Online Groundskeeping Community.



The online platform has been developed in partnership with The FA and Institute of Groundsmanship to support volunteers and qualified groundskeepers to maintain pitches. Find out more by [clicking here](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/norfolk-fa).

NOTICEBOARD

Are you a club looking for players, a player looking for a new team?

The Norfolk FA Noticeboard is where you can advertise anything related to Norfolk Football. Need equipment? Looking for volunteers? Submit your post now!

To view the Noticeboard please [click here](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/norfolk-fa).

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NORFOLK TEAMS IN FA COMPETITIONS

We have had teams compete in The FA Cup, The Women's FA Cup and The FA Vase.

Results from The FA Cup Preliminary Round:

- Spalding United 2-4 **Dereham Town**
- **Gorleston** 0-1 Kempston Rovers
- **Wroxham** 2-4 Stamford AFC
- **Great Yarmouth Town** 0-2 Rothwell Corinthians

Results from The FA Cup First Round Qualifying:

- **Dereham Town** 1-1 Needham Market
- Needham Market 2-1 **Dereham Town** (replay)

Results from The Women's FA Cup Preliminary Round:

- **Wroxham** 6-2 Kettering Town
- Fulbourn Blue Birds 0-5 **Wymondham Town**
- Haverhill Rovers 1-3 **King's Lynn Town**

Fixtures for The Women's FA Cup First Round Qualifying:

- **Wroxham** Vs Wymondham Town
- Harlow Vs **King's Lynn Town**

Results from The FA Vase First Round Qualifying:

- **Norwich CBS** 1-2 Match Town United
- **Fakenham Town** 0-4 Norwich United
- **Diss Town** 1-3 Huntingdon Town
- **Downham Town** 0-4 Netherton
- Mildenhall Town 2-0 **Swaffham Town**
- Newmarket Town 2-1 **Gorleston**
- Framlingham Town 1-1 **Great Yarmouth Town** (2-4 on penalties)

Results from The FA Vase First Round Qualifying:

- Huntingdon 2-1 **Mulbarton**
- Netherton 2-3 **Wroxham**
- **Thetford Town** 0-5 Peterborough Northern Star
- **Great Yarmouth Town** 0-3 **Norwich United**

Fixtures for The FA Vase First Round Proper:

- **Wroxham** Vs Baldock Town
- **Norwich United** Vs Peterborough Northern Star

FREE 'LINO' WORKSHOP

This workshop is aimed to upskill club volunteers who assist the referees on a match day by picking up the flag! With this workshop, we will look to build on confidence and knowledge of the volunteer whilst covering the following topics;

- Correct flag techniques

- The best viewing positioning required to give accurate signals
- Laws of the Game that an assistant referee would need to know



The overall outcome of the workshop is to ensure individuals gain a better understanding of the assistant referee role.

[Click here](#) to book your FREE place.

FUNCTION ROOM HIRE AT THE FDC

TheFDC, Bowthorpe are offering a discount of £25 on any function booking made in 2019! Their rooms and fully licensed bar provide the ideal facility to celebrate any special occasion.



To find out more, please contact theFDC on 01603 704050 (Ext. 1) or email theFDC@NorfolkFA.com.

AND FINALLY,

We hope all involved with #NorfolkFootball have enjoyed the start of the season and good luck for the rest of the campaign.

Best wishes

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