

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

December 2017



## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and with Christmas well and truly upon us, there is a plethora of information to go through!

We hope to provide you with an insight into our work via these bulletins, along with what's on the horizon for clubs, including various opportunities to get involved in Norfolk Football.

## JOIN OUR CLUB INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

It was fantastic to see a number of individuals from different clubs express an interest and attend our online 'Join Our Club' WebEx, all from the comfort of their own homes.



The WebEx, hosted by our Marketing & Football Development teams, introduced the initiative to the group, detailing how it can assist clubs in attracting new players, coaches, volunteers and more, and how it can be used to raise the profile of their club online.

If you missed the webex you can watch it again and request access to the free content by contacting [Stacey Anison](#).

## GRASSROOTS NATIONAL REFEREES' DEVELOPMENT DAY

The event is aimed at Women officials operating at level 6 & 7 and youth referees with the desire to progress. The day will consist of both practical and technical sessions lead by qualified tutors and senior women referees who will deliver a quality development opportunity as well as inspire those in attendance.

**Date:** Sunday 4th February

**Location:** St Georges Park

**Time:** 10.30 - 16.30

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please register your interest via an email to: [David.Robinson@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:David.Robinson@NorfolkFA.com).

## THE FA NEW REFEREES COURSE

On the subject of referees, our first three new Referee courses this season have introduced 6 to local Adult football and 51 into Youth football.



We hope to increase this number in 2018, with upcoming courses starting on the following dates:

- Friday 5th January at Alive Leisure (King's Lynn)
- Friday 16th February at the FDC (Bowthorpe)

If you know of anyone who is interested in taking up the whistle next year, please direct them to our website [HERE](#), or ask them to call County Headquarters on 01603 704050.

## NEED A VENUE FOR YOUR FIXTURES?

Reduced rates are currently being offered to teams looking to play their weekend fixtures at the FDC@Flegg this month.

Clubs will have access to a high quality 3G pitch and full use of the facilities, including the home & away dressing rooms.

The pitch at the FDC@Flegg can host a variety of formats including 5v5, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11.



If you'd like to get yourself booked in please email [theFDCflegg@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:theFDCflegg@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 (Ext 4).



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## COUNTY CUP QUARTER FINAL DATES

Lots of progress has been made in our County Cup competitions lately, with every competition now at the Quarter Finals stage except the youth competitions (Stuart Dracup & John Savage Cups) which take place this weekend. They will take a short break over Christmas, and will return on the following dates:

**Norfolk Senior Cup** – QF (Quarter Final) – Sat 27 January

**Norfolk Junior Cup** – QF – Sat 20 January

**Norfolk Women's Cup** – QF – Sun 14 January

**Norfolk Primary Cup** – QF – Sat 20 January

**Norfolk Veteran's Cup** – QF – Sun 28 January

**Stuart Dracup Cup** – QF – Sun 21 January

**John Savage Cup** – QF – Sun 21 January

**Sunday Senior Cup** – QF – Sun 14 January

**Sunday Junior Cup** – QF – Sun 14 January

It is worth noting that we hold our other Cup Draws live [on either our Twitter page](#) and/or BBC Radio Norfolk, so make sure you keep an eye (or an ear!) out for these.



You can also visit our website for important information on County Cup dates; kick-off times and more [by clicking here](#).

## GAMEDAY LIVE & RAINBOW LACES

On the subject of County Cups, our Marketing team covered the second 'GamedayLIVE' fixture, an initiative launched earlier this season to provide County Cup Final levels of coverage for teams competing in the earlier rounds of Norfolk FA Cup competitions; including a preview of the selected fixture on [NorfolkFA.com](#), live social media coverage, highlights, match reports and more.

The last weekend in November saw Dussindale Rovers v Terrington, a Junior Cup 4th Round fixture, in the spotlight which coincided with Stonewall's [#RainbowLaces](#) campaign weekend – which aims to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic attitudes in sport.



It was brilliant to see Dussindale & Terrington back the campaign, as well as players, leagues, officials & clubs across the county. The Hadley & Ottaway Anglian Combination promoted the initiative via the Premier Division fixture between St Andrews & Norwich CEYMS whereas the King's Lynn and District Sunday League nominated their league cup fixture between Chilvers & Sutton St James. In addition Acle United Ladies & Horsford Youth FC also promoted the campaign by featuring the laces in their fixtures.



You can view highlights from the GamedayLIVE fixture between [Dussindale & Terrington here](#). You can also view photos, including coverage of the [#RainbowLaces campaign here too](#).

## LEATHES PRIOR VETERANS LEAGUE

The third round of Leathes Prior Veterans League fixtures got underway at the end of last month.

To find out more information on the Leathes Prior Veterans League please [visit our website](#). Here you will find a run-down of the action.



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## CHARTER STANDARD IN-SERVICE CALENDAR

DECEMBER	EVENT	DETAILS
11	'Keep Calm & Re-Cap Safeguarding' Web EX	18:30 – 20:00
13	Assistant Referee Workshop	18:30 – 20:00 Emerald Park, NR31 9AG
16	Mini Soccer Support Workshop	10:00 – 12:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
31	Annual Health Checks to be submitted via the Whole Game System	

JANUARY	EVENT	DETAILS
1	Annual Health Checks Awarded by Norfolk FA	
25	Adult Discipline & Respect WebEx	18:30 – 19:30
30	Introduction to Level 1 Coaching Workshop	19:00 – 21:00 theFDC@Flegg, NR29 4QD

## PITCH HIRE AVAILABLE AT THE FDC

The FDC, located in Bowthorpe, have a number of regular pitch hire slots available over the Winter period, detailed as follows:

Day	Pitch Size	Times
Monday	5-a-side	5-6pm, <b>8-9pm</b> , 9-10pm
Tuesday	5-a-side	9-10pm
Wednesday	5-a-side 7-a-side	<b>8-9pm</b> , 9-10pm 9-10pm
Thursday	5-a-side	8.30-9.30pm
Friday	5-a-side	7-8pm
Saturday	5-a-side 7-a-side	10.30am-11.30am, 11.30am-12.30pm, 12pm-1pm 11.30am-12.30pm, 12pm-1pm

Discounts are available for block bookings, as well as discounts of up to 20% for Charter Standard clubs too.

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### Executive Office



Chief Executive  
**Gavin Lemmon**



PA to the Chief Executive  
**Val Lemmon**



Finance Officer  
**Lynnette Bygrave**



Assistant Finance Officer  
**Linda Yorath**

The 'Department Spotlight' section provides an insight into the different Departments here at Norfolk FA and the work they undertake.

The Executive Office department are responsible for a wide range of duties and make key decisions on behalf of the organisation.

Gavin Lemmon, our Chief Executive, is responsible for the implementation of the Association's business plan, company policies and procedures amongst other duties. Some of these include:

- Implement and deliver on the National Game Strategy for Norfolk.
- Ensure the Association complies with company, employment & welfare legislation that is relevant to Norfolk FA
- Working with staff and the Finance Team to establish and monitor both operational and financial control.

Val carries out a number of roles alongside being PA to the Chief Executive, such as overseeing the Telephone & IT infrastructure and playing a big part in the Association's key events throughout the football season, for example our annual Volunteers' Awards Evening.

We then have Lynnette and Linda who together make up our finance department. They oversee the Association's income and expenditure, managing budgets, invoices and payroll.

You can contact our Executive Office on 01603 704050 Ext. 1.

## FREETHORPE FC'S WALK TO WEMBLEY

Club members of Freethorpe FC will join forces in January to raise money for the club after it lost over £2000 in an online scam.





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The local grassroots football club fell victim to a malicious online phishing scam over the summer which resulted in them losing over two thirds of their capital.

They are now trying to recoup the funds as well as raise awareness of the importance of internet safety via their 'Walk to Wembley' event.

On January 21 2018, Freethorpe players, coaches, managers, officials and friends and family will take to the club's pitches to walk a combined 1000 laps of the playing field, totalling 266 miles – the distance from Freethorpe to Wembley and back.

A **Just Giving** page has been set up for the event and those wishing to sponsor the club and support them in their endeavour to recoup the stolen funds can do so by [clicking here](#).

## THE FA GRASS PITCH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (PIP) RETURNS

Last season's FA Grassroots Survey highlighted that football pitch quality is affecting participation.



In anticipation of both this and the current economic climate affecting local authority pitch maintenance, The FA Facilities & Investment Team has developed a Grass Pitch Maintenance service that can be utilised by grassroots football clubs with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches.

The key principle behind the service is to provide football clubs/site providers with advice/practical solutions on a number of areas and discounts on machinery and materials to support, ultimately improving the club's playing surface.

For more information regarding the Pitch Improvement Programme please [click here](#) or email [Ian Grange](#).

## SUCCESS FOR NORFOLK U18'S

At the beginning of November our U18's took on Jersey in the FA County Youth Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round at the FDC Field of Dreams. With the Eastern Counties league folding and us

receiving a bye in Round 1, this was the first, and could have been the last, game that this group would play together.

A 2-1 victory saw their cup run continue and we were drawn away to Northumberland. The overnight stay in Northumberland took place at the end of November and I'm delighted to let you know that our boys were successful once again!



The team performed marvellously to secure a 2-0 victory, a place in the Quarter Finals of the competition and were rewarded with an away fixture once again. This time the squad have a two night stay and will be *flying* to take on Isle of Man U18's on Saturday 20 January!

A victory for the team would see them earn a place in the semi-finals, so follow the build-up to this huge fixture as we enter the New Year. Let's hope the journey continues!

## KICK IT OUT

Please be reminded that football is a game For All, regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, ability, disability, faith or age.



If you witness or hear any discriminatory behaviour, then please get in contact with us immediately by contacting 01603 704050.

## GOOD LUCK & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Let's look forward to a great month of football and end the year on a high. Good luck with all of your fixtures this weekend and beyond.

Finally, on behalf of everyone here at Norfolk FA may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Norfolk County FA**