

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

July 2018



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the first of 2018/19!

This season 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.

WE ARE PROUD OF THE THREE LIONS!

With the World Cup sadly over, there is now a two year wait until the next major international tournament.



However, if this year's World Cup is anything to go by then England will be looking forward to Euro 2020. Praise has to go to Gareth Southgate who managed to take the team to the Semi-Finals and give the nation the belief that it may well have been 'coming home'.

Did you know that 21 of the 23 players in this summer's England World Cup squad represented the U21's team? Norfolk has the fortunate opportunity to witness the next generation of young lions in action soon when they visit Carrow road – but more on that later.

It's been evident that the Nation has come together in support of Gareth and the team this summer, and we hope this World Cup campaign has inspired many to get involved in the beautiful game.

If you'd like to explore the opportunities within #NorfolkFootball further then visit our website [here](#).

THE NORFOLK FA NOTICEBOARD

The [Norfolk FA Noticeboard](#) is where you can post content related to #NorfolkFootball such as advertising for players.

Email Marketing@NorfolkFA.com with the title, message, contact information and closing date.

Please note that messages are moderated manually and may take time to appear online. If you have any issues or queries please get in touch.

THE UTILITA ENERGY FDC YOUTH CUP

Our centres theFDC & theFDC@OpenAcademy hosted the 2018 Utilita Energy FDC Youth Cup over the weekend of the 7th and 8th July.



The weekend was a huge success in the sun with the winners of the respective age groups listed below.

- Under 7's – Costessey Sports FC
- Under 8's – Kirkley & Pakefield FC
- Under 9's – Cringleford Juniors FC
- Under 10's – Morley FC
- Under 11's – Thorpe Rovers FC
- Under 12's – Morley FC
- Under 13's – Stoke Elite FC
- Under 14's – Diss Town Youth FC
- Under 15's – St. Andrews FC
- Under 18's – Wroxham FC



You can view all of the photos from the weekend by visiting our Flickr Page by clicking [here](#).

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We'd like to thank our newly announced partners [Utilita Energy](#) for their sponsorship of the tournament which was a fantastic occasion for all involved. We'd also like to thank our Official Trophy Suppliers, [4Trophies](#) for another great selection of medals and trophies for the event.

SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

As we enter the new season, 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.

ENGLAND VS NETHERLANDS – U21'S FIXTURE COMES TO CARROW ROAD

Carrow Road will play host to this European Championship Qualifier on Thursday 6 September (7.45pm KO).

The Young Lions sit top of Group 4, five points ahead of their Dutch visitors with four matches to play.



Head coach Aidy Boothroyd, who spent three years at Norwich City working with youth teams, said: "It is a brilliant club in an amazing part of the country, with great supporters. We hope they'll come out in big numbers to get behind the team as we look to get all three points and work our way towards qualification.

"This match is a really important one in our aim to qualify for next summer's Euros. Netherlands are a really strong side and it will be a tough and entertaining game."

Tickets are on sale now priced £10 for adults and £5 for under-18s and over-65s. A family ticket (two adults and two children) priced £20 is available and group booking and Charter Standard discounts apply.

Tickets can be bought via TheFA.com/Tickets, by calling 01603 721 902 or in person at the Norwich City ticket office.

Norfolk FA Charter Standard Clubs can also claim up to 15 FREE tickets to the game, using the form by clicking [here](#).

WILDCATS TAKING OVER THE COUNTY

The SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Centres provide girls aged 5-11 with regular opportunities to play football. The initiative offers organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls which allows them to have fun and make friends while playing football.

With 17 centres across Norfolk, there are now many more opportunities for girls to try the game.

We're just over the halfway mark of this year's programme and we have engaged with an astonishing 360+ new participants.

If you would like to get involved within Norfolk Wildcats and find out where your closest centre is please email Harry.Diggins@NorfolkFA.com.

FOOTBALL FUTURES CAMP 2018

The Annual Football Futures Camp is back for another year! If you're 12- 18, passionate about the game and need an initial platform to begin your journey, this two day Football Futures Camp can do just that.

Participants will receive specialist training covering 5 different areas of the game (Leadership, Disability, Refereeing, Coaching & Mentoring) delivered by experienced FA and County FA staff across the two days.



The Camp will take place from 9am-5pm on Thursday 2 & Friday 3 August 2018 at The FDC, Bowthorpe.

Places cost £30 which includes a Football Futures t-shirt and gift. For more information please call 01603 704050 or email FootballFutures@NorfolkFA.com.

THE FA & MCDONALDS GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS WINNERS NAMED

The Grassroots Football Awards, known previously as the Respect Awards, recognise and celebrate the work of individuals and groups to instil The FA's PRIDE values – Progressive, Respectful, Inclusive, Determination and Excellent – and make a positive difference in their club, league or local community.

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The full list of Norfolk's Grassroots Football Awards 2018 winners are:

- **Coach of the year:** Ben Woodruff, Tasburgh United FC
- **Community project of the year:** 'All to Play For' – Sam Watts & Andy Fisk, Active Norfolk and Norfolk & Suffolk Foundation Trust
- **Charter Standard club of the year:** Horsford FC
- **Charter Standard league of the year:** The Norfolk Combined Youth Football League
- **Grounds team of the year:** Jeff Lake, Aylsham FC
- **Match Official of the year:** Phil South
- **The Respect Award:** Emma Hart, Dereham Saints FC
- **Supporter of the year:** Luke Wrycraft, Yaxham FC
- **Volunteer of the year:** Richard Giles, Acle United FC
- **Youth volunteer of the year:** Tom Rampling, Norfolk Combined Youth Football League

Michael Banham, Chairman of Norfolk County FA, said: "Throughout my time at Norfolk FA, I've not seen such a level of desire to reward the volunteers that make our game great.

"I would like to congratulate this year's deserving winners along with all who received nominations for their hard work and dedication to grassroots football. I hope that we can continue this next year and further highlight the commitment that so many show to Norfolk Football."

Each of this year's winners have been invited to our annual Volunteers' Awards Evening which will take place at Sprowston Manor on Friday 7 September.

PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENTS ARE BACK AT THEFDC@FLEGG



We are pleased to announce a number of Pre-season Tournaments will be taking place at theFDC@Flegg during August and September.

These tournaments will be held on Monday and Friday evenings and will be tailored to the specific format your age group will be playing throughout the 2018/19 season.

So if you're playing U8's football during the 18/19 season, the tournament will be played on the 5v5 pitches. However if your team is playing U12's football during the 18/19 season, your tournament will be played on a 9v9 pitch with 9v9 rules.

Details of all tournaments are found below:

- **Friday 3rd August:** U7s (5v5) - £15 a team – Maximum number of teams 12
- **Monday 6th August:** U8s (5v5) - £15 a team – Maximum number of teams 12
- **Friday 10th August:** U9s (7v7) - £20 a team – Maximum number of teams 8
- **Monday 13th August:** U10s (7v7) - £20 a team – Maximum number of teams 8
- **Friday 17th August:** U11s (9v9) - £25 a team – Maximum number of teams 4
- **Monday 20th August:** U12s (9v9) - £25 a team – Maximum number of teams 4
- **Friday 24th August:** U13s (11v11) - £30 a team – Maximum number of teams 4
- **Friday 31st August:** U14s (11v11) - £30 a team – Maximum number of teams 4
- **Monday 3rd September:** U15s (11v11) - £30 a team – Maximum number of teams 4
- **Friday 7th September:** U16s (11v11) - £30 a team – Maximum number of teams 4

Each tournament will start at 6.30pm and finish at approximately 8.30pm. To enter a team into your chosen tournament please [click here](#).

Alternatively you can email elliott.pride@norfolkfa.com or call 01603 704050 (Ext. 4).

NON-EXECUTIVE BUSINESS DIRECTOR VACANCY

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Board at Norfolk County Football Association as a non-executive 'Business Director'.



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The position is voluntary and will aim to start in September, for an initial term of the 2018/19 season (June 2019). The post requires a commitment to monthly Board meetings which predominately take place at 6.30pm on Monday evenings at Norfolk FA County Headquarters.

For a full list of principle accountabilities and more information on how to apply for the position, visit our website by clicking [here](#).

WENSUM PRINT BANNER OFFER

We're delighted to promote a special offer from our partners Wensum Print which will give Norfolk Football clubs the ability to purchase bespoke banners for their facilities at a great price.



With three sizes available at £20, £25 & £45 (including VAT) respectively and a FREE design service also available, clubs can utilise the offer to highlight their presence, attract match day supporters, recruit for players, advertise for volunteers or any other marketing needs.

Marketing and Communications Manager, Rebecca Burton said: "Our partnership with Wensum Print is all about making high quality promotional materials accessible to local grassroots football clubs and this offer is a fantastic opportunity for clubs to promote themselves with professional marketing collateral."

Clubs are also able to utilise Wensum Print's in-house design team to create something eye catching and professional for their facility or nearby areas.

Visit the offer on our website by clicking [here](#) or for more information about Wensum Print please visit WensumPrint.co.uk.

TRANSITION FESTIVALS

Norfolk FA Transition Festivals are back this summer and provide teams making a step up in age group, and therefore format, the opportunity to receive support in making the transition.



What can you expect from Norfolk County FA Transition Festivals?

- Education for coaches on and off the field of play
- Assistant Referee Workshop for the parents/volunteers who will be picking up the flag
- Preparing players for the new format
- Spectator Workshop to ensure the environment is right!

Dates are as follows:

U11 Mixed Teams	U13 Girls Teams
Saturday 18 August, 8:45am – 1:00pm theFDC@OpenAcademy (NR7 9DL) 4 SPACES LEFT: Book now, click here	Saturday 18 August, 12:45pm – 5:00pm theFDC@OpenAcademy (NR7 9DL) 9 SPACES LEFT: Book now, click here
Sunday 19 August, 8:45am – 1:00pm theFDC@OpenAcademy (NR7 9DL) 3 SPACES LEFT: Book now, click here	

The cost of attending any of these festivals is as follows:

- £10** for Norfolk FA Charter Standard Clubs
- £15** for non-Charter Standard Clubs
- £15** for clubs from outside Norfolk

For further information or to check out our Charter Standard web page click [here](#).

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2018-19 COURSE DATES RELEASED

All of next season's courses can now be found on our website on the [Development & Courses](#) page.

We have been fortunate again to receive funding from Norfolk Community Learning Services (NCLS), Active Norfolk and The FA enabling us to offer half price or discounted places and bursaries on some courses for the 2018-19 season.



Full details of discounts as well as full T's & C's can be found [here](#) and if you have any queries regarding courses please contact Kate.Dixon@NorfolkFA.com.

PCVR 11V11 NEW ADULT MALE TEAM SUPPORT FUND BACKS 12 NEW TEAMS



We are very pleased to confirm that we are proud to be able to support 12 new adult male 11v11 teams for the 2018/19 campaign, 6 of which will be playing Saturday league football and the other 6 playing within Sunday league football.

These 12 new adult male 11v11 teams have received a package that will help kick start their journey in #NorfolkFootball and we wish all 12 teams the best of luck for the new season ahead.

HAVE YOUR SAY! ADULT SATURDAY LEAGUE PROPOSAL FOR 2019-20



Over the recent months, Norfolk County FA have facilitated meetings between the Adult Saturday Leagues; Anglian Combination League, Central & South Norfolk League, Great Yarmouth District Saturday League, North East Norfolk Saturday League and the North West Norfolk League with the future of Adult Saturday League Football being the point of discussion.

As you will be aware the decline in adult football is prevalent. This is due to an array of factors some of which are out of football's control; however, it's a positive time for Norfolk football, with a joint desire to collaborate and address the evident trends and decline within the traditional game.

[Click here](#) to visit the webpage where you can see the proposed league structures and how to HAVE YOUR SAY!

AND FINALLY, GOOD LUCK!

As we approach the new season, we hope your preparation and pre-season training goes well. Good luck to those competing in fixtures over the coming weeks, even if they may be friendlies!

And for those of you who begin your seasons before the next bulletin, we wish you the best of luck for the 18/19 campaign.

Best wishes

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