

THE SOLDIERS' GAME



ANNUAL REVIEW
2018/19



SECRETARY: Major WTE (Billy) Thomson

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Billy has been our Secretary since 2001. He joined the Army in 1971 serving 30 years. He was Assistant Secretary of The Army Youth Team 1991 -1993 and Assistant Manager of the Army Senior team 1993-1995. In 1995 he became General Manager of the Army Men senior team until retirement in 2001. He is also the Army representative on the Council of the Football Association (FA).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY and REFEREES SECRETARY: Mr Graham Brookland

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Graham joined the Army FA in 2007. He is Co founder of Aldershot Town Football Club, formed in 1992, for whom he served for 21 years in a variety of roles including as full time Company Secretary for a decade and later Head of Media when the club were in the Football League.

Graham has received his 25 Year Service Award from the Hampshire FA and 20 Meritorious Service Award from the Aldershot DFA. In 2015 he authored a book "To Make A Dream Survive" reflecting on his time at Aldershot Town; over 1000 copies have been sold.



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Jenny has been in the role since 2013 having served 22 years in the REME. Jenny deals with all grassroots matters including affiliation, discipline and welfare. She is the Whole Game System technology lead for the county as well as the Designated Safeguarding officer.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Steve Stone

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Steve became the Army FA Football Development Officer in 2002. He has been a Coach Educator/ Tutor for the FA since 1996 and his extensive list of qualifications includes UEFA A, FA Academy Managers Licence and FA Youth award. Steve is a qualified teacher and teaches on all the FA courses up to Level 3/UEFA B. Over the years his experiences include coaching both the Royal Navy and Army representative sides at all levels and genders, managing /coaching civilian teams from step 3 to step 6 in the football pyramid including Southampton Ladies in the FA Women's Premier League. Steve has also worked part time in professional club academies.



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT ADMINSTRATOR/ACCOUNTS: Gill Jones

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Gill has worked at the Army FA for 17 years having previously worked at Middlesex FA for three years. Starting as a player with District Line Ladies in 1975 Gill shortly became Club Secretary and held this position through the club's transformation to Wembley Ladies in 1992 and Barnet Ladies in 1998. Having been instrumental in securing Barnet Ladies, as London Bees, a place in the Women's Super League in 2013 Gill finally retired as Club Secretary in 2014.

Currently Treasurer of the Greater London Women's Football League's Gill also served on the Management Committee of the FA Women's Premier League for several years until its reformation in 2014. A member of the Middlesex FA Women's & Girls' Football Committee since its formation in 1998 Gill is now the current Chair of that committee. Gill is a proud recipient of the Middlesex FA Meritorious Service Award.

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Kate joined the Army FA in April 2019. A life-long follower of Farnborough Football Club, she played for the Women's Civil Service Football Team late 70's/early 80's and played for the MoD Royal Aircraft Establishment (mixed) 6 a-side team (against inter Depts and other MoD units). A supporter of local Youth Football club, helping with wellbeing Kate is a match day official to ensure respect to players/referee & linesmen from supporters is adhered to.



Colonel Colin Francis MBE ADC has recently been appointed Vice Chairman of the Army Football Association Board of Trustees, replacing Colonel Richard Hayhurst OBE.

Colin was commissioned into The Royal Logistic Corps in 1993 and appointed as Colonel RLC from January 2017.

Regimental duty has seen him employed in three transport regiments (8 Artillery Support Regiment, 10 The Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment and 27 Transport Regiment); squadron command in Support Battalion HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps and service in two supply regiments. As Second-in-Command of 6 Supply Regiment on Op HERRICK,

he was Chief of Staff of the Theatre Logistic Group, which he later commanded. He then went on to command the Army's largest Reserve regiment, 159 Supply Regiment.

He is a veteran of operational tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Macedonia and Kosovo and counts himself as very fortunate to have commanded at every level on operations, up to unit level. He was appointed MBE for his contribution to operations in 2009.

Colin is married to Maria and they have four children. He is also proud to be Chairman of the RLC Football Association and Army Crusaders (Army Officers Football Club).

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Chairman:

Major General Mitch Mitchell MBE (2010)



Vice Chairman:

Colonel Colin Francis MBE ADC (2015)



Brigadier Niall Stokoe
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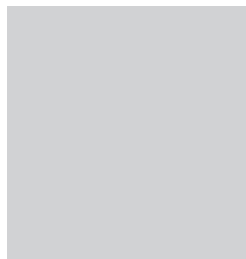
Lt Col Jim Fallon (2018)
(Development)



Lt Col Gary Connolly
(2018) (Referees)



Mr John Taylor (2013)
(Independent)



Unit Trustee (TBC)



What a season of breadth and depth in the Soldiers' Game, a little of which is covered in this annual 'Review'. A few capping thoughts from me.

Our hard-working Board of volunteer Trustees, from Lt Col to General, set the framework for our Football structures, objectives, funding and safety. Army Football – as the Soldiers' Game and the National Game – must look to lead the pace for all Army sports; leadership which must extend to both the quality and quantity of participation and administration, on and off the field.

In every strand of football across the Army there are great stories, great football being played and great community engagement. This brochure

can only cover a few glimpses of what we do from sub-unit to representative, regular and reserve, men and women. Taken in the round it has been a very positive year, one we should be really proud of.

The Games of Remembrance in Nottingham, although it stretched the capacity of the Board - especially our Vice Chairman, Colonel Richard Hayhurst - to the limit, were a particular highlight. Our community engagement effort went to new highs and if you were there, who can forget the nearly 7000 school children at Notts County watching the ladies game, or the 9 VCs that 'came' to the men's game at Nottingham Forest. The warmth of our welcome by metro councils,

communities and Clubs, and the Lord Lieutenant, resulted in some enduring engagement and over £60k raised for charities.

We were also able to build on our women's defence engagement tour to the Middle East in 2017 by sending a Royal Engineer team to Morocco to support the Defence Attaché. We also hope to follow up with further Defence Engagement later in the year with two teams playing their Dutch equivalents over the 75th anniversary of Arnhem in September.

Looking ahead, the Board believes following themes should be the focus of our improvement in 2019/20:

- Improving coaching pathways and coaches' esprit de corps. We want Army coaches to feel part of an Army coaching fraternity as well as their local civilian county FA. The aim is the coaches are as tight a community as our referees.
- A focus at bringing Futsal – a small sided game - into the Army. The England Futsal management are keen to see us relaunch into this area, on the basis that many other European nations futsal teams have armed forces representation. This should be the bar we set ourselves although the immediate aim is simpler; to get more soldiers and officers playing football in whatever format.
- Building on the rapid growth of women's football we aim to put in place a one team concept and governance system to draw all facets of the women's' game together.
- With only 7% of the population actually knowing someone serving in the military, community engagement is critical and football has a greater part to play. Next year we will change the Games of Remembrance format and, with Regional Command support, look to play 100 community games in 100 days. This should see many more local units playing local teams, across the UK, and supported by our Royal British Legion sponsored Football Roadshow going ahead of the games to engage with community programmes.
- Most importantly we will work with the Army Sports Control Board, to encourage the chain of command to recognise the role of volunteers in running football and do everything we can to support football officers playing more football, 11 or 6 aside or futsal.

There will also be a change of structure moving forwards. Richard Hayhurst is stepping down as Vice Chairman and is replaced by Colonel Colin Francis. Richard has simply been a legend. I have watched in awe at Richard's personal commitment to football to improve the game for the soldiers. In all my time in football I have not seen a better volunteer. A big thank you also to our ever-present Vice President, General Sir Nick Pope, for his constant support and repartee. He also has a deep knowledge of football; if somewhat skewed to Chelsea! Good luck to you as you leave the Army this summer. During the course of next season I will also be stepping down as Chairman.

To our football secretariat under Billy- When the likes of me set our ambition high and say we have to 'lead', then the volunteers raise their game but the permanent staff go up a cliff edge. We have a quite amazing team - professional, calm and all football fans. They have been great servants to football and very patient with me.

Finally, to our most loyal sponsors who are an integral part of Army Football's family and who are also friends. You have ensured that money has never constrained what we hoped to do; please continue to dig deep into your pockets as we have much more to do.

TO YOU ALL – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MAKING FOOTBALL IN THE ARMY SO HEALTHY.

Mitch Mitchell
Chairman Army Football



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ARMY FA

We have now been at Fox Lines in Aldershot for seven years, having moved from nearby Clayton Barracks. It is the home of the growing Army Sports Control Board which now has over 40 employees; we have a core staff structure of six personnel with a variety of responsibilities for an organisation that has hugely developed since its change in governance to a Board of Trustees in 2011.

We are accountable to three separate bodies and balancing the requirements remains a challenge to succeed. Our national governing body is the Football Association and it is critical that we adhere to the governance required and deliver in a variety of strands targeted by the association. The FA provide a healthy financial commitment and we retain a positive relationship with our Area Manager Chris Pringle for whom we meet a quarterly basis.

It is our duty to help facilitate every strand of Army football directed by our Board of Trustees who each have a specific terms of responsibility covering representative/corps/unit/Referee/Development/Womens/Reserve football. We also have John Taylor, Chairman of Middlesex FA, as an independent Trustee. Currently there is a Board of eight Trustees with a ninth to be added once a new Trustee for Unit football is identified. The Board also meet four times a year but remain exceedingly busy during the year. We also have a governance commitment to the Army Sports Control Board.

During 2018/19 balancing the work load was a challenge especially during the Game(s) of Remembrance which provided a huge resource. It was encouraging to see so many volunteers involved in ensuring the event was a success for an occasion that took months of intense and integral planning led by our outgoing Vice Chairman Richard Hayhurst.

Our Army FA Seminar in June was an improvement on our inaugural event in 2018. The focus of the St Georges Park event was totally changed identifying suitable pathways for soldiers be it coaching, development, Refereeing or Futsal. Development

Trustee Jim Fallon took responsibility supported by our FDO Steve Stone. The overall consensus was that the alterations were beneficial and we now have a platform to work from moving forwards. There were many highlights during the year. One that springs out is the FA Premier League Under 12 Truce Tournament. It is a pleasure to facilitate this event in Aldershot on Remembrance Sunday in November and a delight to watch the tributes made by the respective junior players in a moving Memorial Service held prior to the tournament mixing the competitiveness of the competition with the education of why it is being played.

There have been internal targets that we must succeed in achieving. It is extremely satisfying to identify our progress with regards to SAFEGUARDING and ASSURANCE. These are ongoing requirements that are essential to achieve in order to be fit for purpose as an organisation.

The challenges looking ahead remain constant. The succession planning of our Board of Trustees is key and we will also be recruiting the services of a new Chairman during the course of 2019/20 as "Mitch" Mitchell will be stepping down after serving eight years as a Trustee.

Unit football needs to be reinvigorated, especially the revamping of our prestigious Army Challenge Cup which will be competed for the 120th time this season. We will support the new Unit Trustee, once appointed, to achieve this. Womens football also remains a huge challenge to ensure that the obvious passion and desire to push the game forward is balanced with a vision of how to achieve this.

Our staff of six are always contactable by various means of availability. The core staff has remained constant for a number of years now with one change during the season. Carol Williamson swapped football for Squash and Martial Arts after 13 years and has been replaced by Kate O'Hara.

FA BUSINESS PLAN 2018-21

“To deliver a well-run Football County and the best run sport in the Army. Meeting the Football Association (FA) goals by delivering the Nation’s Game as the Soldier’s Game to meet the Army aims.

OUR GOAL:

Efficient and sustainable business

- Effective and fully inclusive Board of Trustees
- Run an efficient County FA and maintain Football as the participation sport of choice in the Army
- Secure and stable financial position
- Focus on improving female participation

SUSTAINING AND GROWING PARTICIPATION

- Sustain affiliations and participation
- Encourage and account for all football played
- Ensure that the Reserve element of the Army is fully integrated in the Army FA

BETTER TRAINING AND PLAYING FACILITIES

- Monitor the standard of facilities and address any problems and difficulties
- Satisfy our needs in regards to quantity and quality
- Identify facility sharing with other FA Counties

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Reinforce Army’s values and standards which is entirely aligned to the England DNA
- Improving the number of qualified coaches at every level of football in the Army
- Re-invigorate the accessibility of Army League Football
- Linkage to exit routes at Football Academies and identification of talent

TO DELIVER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH FOOTBALL

- Develop partnerships with other FA Counties
- To partnership appropriate Football League community engagement and education programmes
- To support football related community based programmes

FOOTBALL WORKFORCE

- Make the role of the volunteer as easy as possible
- Recognise volunteers through our military command structure
- Increase the coverage of referees
- Maintain the support of the most senior members of the Army to assist achieving our goals



Double Amputee Combat Veteran Simon Harmer provided an inspirational talk to the AMS Corp team at our Aldershot FDC



71 Signal Regiment lead out the teams for Remembrance at Championship match between Brentford and Millwall.



Reservist SSgt Craig Heppenstall (with Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola) represented Army Football at the 2019 Community Shield at Wembley.



1st Fusiliers football team had the honour of playing Charity game with Jack Whitehall and Jamie Redknapp- the latter praised MOM Infantry player Daniel Booth.



Lieutenant Colonel Mick Cotton MBE joined the Royal Army Pay Corps in December 1973 and was commissioned in September 1990. Mick's contribution to Army football is hugely significant. His Ambassadorial skills representing our Association are impeccable. He is an outstanding individual whose assurance for first class organisation in everything that he is responsible for is testament to the high standards of excellence that he achieves at all times. In a lengthy list of achievement Mick has chaired the Army Men Rep team and, currently, the UK Armed Forces.

Since 2006 Mick has served with distinction firstly on the Executive Committee and then as a co-opted member of the Board of Trustees His current responsibilities have included the strategic roles for the many "Community Engagement" opportunities that there have been in recent years including the hugely successful Game(s) of Remembrance held in Nottingham last November to the initiation and delivery of the Army FA Roadshow which is now in its seventh year.

Mick received his award at the 2019 Army FA Awards Dinner from our Vice President (DCGS) - Lt General Sir Nick Pope KCB CBE.



The Men's Team began the 2018/19 season under a new Head Coach, Maj Sean Birchnall RLC. He would be assisted by Capt Kev Haley RAPTC, WO2 Carl Blackburn RLC, WO2 Gaz Lewis RAPTC, SSgt Keith Emmerson RAPTC, Csjt Scott Ralfe INF and Cpl Danny Miley RLC.

The team began the season in September with a ten-day training camp in Aldershot which included fixtures against a Step Three civilian side, Hartley Wintney and the annual fixture against the Prison Service. Following the training camp, a squad of 22 players were selected to represent the Army for the season.

The Game of Remembrance, against the German Bundeswehr, was held at the home of Nottingham Forest FC on the 8 November. The team trained in Nottingham for the preceding week which included media duties and community engagements to publicise the event. Playing in front of a crowd of approx. 10,000 in such an iconic stadium will live long in the memory of all the players and staff.

The Southern Counties Cup was the next focus for the team which would enable us to prepare for the Inter Services with competitive games against strong opposition. The first-round fixture was against Middlesex FA and a strong performance saw us progress to the semi-finals. The game against the Amateur FA was a turbulent fixture which we managed to win on penalties after an extraordinary second half! The final of the competition was against Jersey FA. We forgave home advantage and travelled to Jersey on the anniversary of their

Liberation Day. Another closely fought contest saw us, again, win on penalties and retain the Southern Counties Cup.

Preparation for the Inter Services Competition began in January & February with further fixtures against three local civilian teams. The Inter Services camp began in March with a full squad of players reporting fit and keen to retain the Inter Services trophy. Our first fixture was against the RAF with the game being played at Aldershot Town FC. In one of the best performances by an Army team for many a year we ran out 3-0 winners which put us in a very strong position going into the second game against the RN. The game against the RN was played at Yeovil Town FC and with only a point required we drew the game 1-1 and retained the Inter Services for the fourth year in a row.

The final fixture of the season saw us travel to Germany to play the German Bundeswehr during their annual Armed Forces Day celebrations. Another extremely competitive fixture against our German friends who were exceptional hosts throughout our visit.

The planning for next season has already begun and we look forward to the challenge of trying to retain the Inter Services and Southern Counties Cup whilst developing football at the highest level in the Army.

The Army Player of the Year was LCpl Luke Cairney RE who has been excellent all season with some outstanding performances in goal.



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- In Head Coach W01 Mags McAteer's final season the Inter Services were just out of reach as the Army Women suffered their first defeat in the competition since 2010. RAF were the eventual winners.
- The Southern Counties Cup competition saw victory versus Hertfordshire (6-1), draw v eventual winners Middlesex (3-3) but defeat in the final match at Aveley FC v Essex (2-4) saw the Army eliminated at the group stage. Next season the Army will be in a group Essex, Middlesex and RAF (this match will be a "double header" with the Inter Services fixture).
- **Games of Remembrance** 2018 marked 100 years since the guns fell silent on the Great War. The Games were a football themed tribute – to capture the imagination of the UK... The event did just that! A highlight for all of the team to be able to represent the Army in such a big event. The girls loved the chance of playing in front of such a large and enthusiastic crowd.
- Player of the Season Cpl Jess Treharne completed 50 matches for the Army Women Representative team. A terrific role model who has come such a long way in Army football to become a mature player Jess also offered coaching support to the Amazons Development team.
- Colonel Alison Curnow stepped down at the end of the season as Chair after serving nine years as an integral part of the structure. Alison has shown tremendous commitment, enthusiasm and a desire to succeed always representing her players and management with distinction. On her final day she stated on Twitter "Thank you to all the players and staff who have made it so much fun. It's been a privilege to be your Chairman."



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In August 2018 the Army FA endorsed the Proof of Concept for the initiation of the Army Womens Development Team (Amazons). The inaugural match against Nottingham University resulted in a 3-1 on the Games of Remembrance day in November. Since then a number of matches have been played and has led to the successful completion of the pilot.

This is now an endorsed part of the womens game with the Board of Trustees confirming that the concept was sound and subsequently endorsed the advertisement of the Head Coach, due for selection during the summer of 2019.

In a successful pilot season the Player of the Season LCpl Siobhan Peplow was named as the Player of the Season.



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SGT YVETTE KEMP

is the first Football Ambassador for the Army FA. At the 2019 Annual Awards Dinner Chairman Major General "Mitch" Mitchell MBE spoke of Sgt Kemp's "courage, energy and example to offer advice and challenge to the Board".

During the course of the season Sgt Kemp was deployed in Afghanistan and involved in some excellent engagement initiatives with support provided from English clubs including Chelsea Women.



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GOOD LUCK TO COL RICHARD HAYHURST OBE WHO STOOD DOWN AS AN EXCELLENT VICE CHAIRMAN IN JUNE.

"I've been Chairman for four years and have admired in awe Richard's commitment to football to improve the game for the soldiers and his personal commitment from his own family time, even when on leave, to make it happen. There is no better example than the Games of Remembrance which Richard made happen due to his endeavour to succeed. There is no better volunteer I have seen in my many years in football."

Chairman

Major General Mitch Mitchell MBE

As an avid Leeds United fan Richard was delighted to meet with Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, our official guest at the 2019 Army FA Awards Dinner.



FA Level 2 Block 2 in Aldershot hosted by FDO Steve Stone



Another season passes from a Football Development perspective. Over this period we have delivered 12 courses, qualifying 106 coaches at levels 1-3 and 33 Goalkeeping coaches at level 1-2.

A level 1 course was delivered at Tedworth house on behalf of Help For Heroes to qualify 18 injured veterans to help in their psychological recovery and preparation for integration into the civilian work place.

This seasons FA coaching course dates can be found elsewhere in the magazine or on the www.armyfa.com website, booking is via the website.

A CPD event titled “managing and coaching elite performers” was delivered at the Army Football Development Centre (FDC) in Aldershot in June which was aimed at Army FA UEFA B, Corp, and Representative Managers and Coaches. Due to constraints with the venue the event was limited to 40 invited people. Four guest speakers plus the Army FDO Steve Stone provided Seminars and Q&A interview type sessions during the day. Ben Bartlett (Head of Coaching at Fulham FC) Paul Hughes (Army U23 Representative Team Manager) Ian Saunders (RA Manager and Bemerton Heath Harlequins Manager) plus a guest from HQ Hereford garrison who was Directing

Staff of elite military personnel training all provided some very informative and educational insights and comparisons around the subject matter from a perspective of their own expertise. Frustratingly only 14 of the 40 people invited turned up on the day. This didn’t detract from the experience for those that did attend and allowed them to eat more of the food provided at lunch time.

As part of the St Georges Park Army Conference the opportunity was provided to deliver a short seminar around the returns for Army personnel attending coaching qualifications at the FDC. Clear links to Army Leadership and Management courses were identified along with the positives of being taught aspects of physical, psychological, technical, tactical and social planning whilst on the courses and how they link to Corp Army values and training initiatives for developing military personnel.

As part of future development initiatives we are trying to establish Futsal as a recognised format of the game within the Army. To this end we are putting together some informal training, coaching and tournament opportunities in an attempt to establish the game in the Army, please make contact if you would like to be involved in the pilot scheme.



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Further Army Football Development CPD events are planned; the next will be in October (DTBC) which will focus on the Women's game.

The concept of an Army football coaches mentoring scheme has been discussed and we are in the process of recruiting suitable candidates to be trained and/or appointed into these regional roles. The idea has been met with various degrees of scepticism and enthusiasm. Hopefully it can be piloted and prove to be successful in supporting novice Army coaches before, during and after completing their coaching qualifications.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the UEFA B Licence course is unlikely to be delivered by the Army in the future which will compromise Army personnel in their applications to get on the course. Suitably qualified persons can apply through their local CFA's but successful applications may be minimal due to the volume of local civilians applying for the courses and the fact that the course runs over 9 months with 4 blocks of training and 3 observation visits to the Coach working with their players which Army personnel may find difficult to adhere to. A possible solution to bridge this education gap between Level 2 and Level 3 (UEFA B) may be to design and deliver our own bespoke education courses for perspective Corp and representative coaches to ensure coaching standards and knowledge are appropriate for the Army adult 11 a side game.

Any thoughts, concepts and ideas always welcome, please contact via steve.stone@armyfa.com



Level 2 Block 1 course in Aldershot discussing behaviours and management style.



Coaches CPD at the Royal Engineers Museum in Chatham



Graduates of the inaugural Help For Heroes FA Level 1 coaching course



Infantry Corp coach Leighton Wilks on successfully completing the UEFA B licence with the Army FA.



The season kicked off with a match against the Army U23's which was a great run out for the team and also helped the U23s with their build-up to the Inter-services played the following month. The next fixture was against the England International Deaf Team who were preparing for their trip later in the season to Malta to play in the European Championships. We had hosted the team over the weekend and this was another tough test for the team. After a pensive start the team grew into the game and although defeated it was great event which we hope will repeated next season.

Cyprus in May saw games against the Army team in Dekalia, RAF Akrotiri in the Village Stadium and a trip to Happy Valley to play the strong Episkopi Garrison Team. All the matches were competitive and close with one defeat and two wins being a fair reflection on the team. For his consistent performances throughout the season and specifically in Cyprus LCpl Craig Thomson was voted Player of the Season.

After 30 consecutive seasons involved in Army Football as a player, coach and player again, Joey Collins stood down as the Head Coach. Joey has been involved with the Reserves for five seasons and took over the Head Coach role from Steve Cotter in 2017.





Another great season for the Women's Representative Team of the Army Reserve kicked off back in January with a competitive performance against their regular counterparts. Two goals by the Army Lionesses late in the second half resulted in what was to be the only defeat of the season. Wins followed against Hampshire Police (3-0) the Royal Engineers Corps Team (2-0) and then against Salisbury based Laverstock & Ford LFC (3-0) during the Armed Forces Day celebration game held in Bulford back in June.

Other notable achievement's this season include LCpl's Heather Mearns, Lou Anderson and OCdt Alex Meakin call up to represent the Army Lionesses which resulted in LCpl Heather Mearns receiving her Army Colours. LCpl Kelly Rose call up for the Army Ladies development team. The Army Reserve Women's Player of the Season was awarded to Cpl Joanne Blodgett.

The season closes in August with a week's training camp in Grantham where the side will play fixtures against Lincoln City and Grantham Town, before holding the inaugural Army Reserve Women's Corps Sixes. All of the Regular Corps Teams have Reservists in their squads and

Looking forward to next season we expect the Army Reserve Women's team to enter the 1966 Invitational and David Grout RVR Trophy, play fixtures against the Army Ladies and development squad, the AGC, REAFC and England deaf women's

sides. Before participating in the Armed Forces Day celebration match in Scunthorpe, Army Reserve Corps sixes Grantham and ending with a overseas training camp.

Head Coach WO1 Karl Clark added:

"I am extremely pleased and proud to see the direction in which the women's game is going with in the Army Reserve. It clearly demonstrates if both the staff and players are prepared to put in the hard work, give the commitment and have the discipline both on and off the pitch that they will get the recognition. Overall I see the season was a success and the introduction of the Corps 6's competition will only give more opportunities for women in the Army Reserve to play the game."



@ARWomenFootball





History was made on 8 Sept 18 when the British Army Super Cup, between the winners of the annual Reserve and Regular Challenge Cups , was played in Tallinn, Estonia.

The game was professionally live streamed receiving over 8000 views on the evening of the game, with a sizeable crowd in attendance including many locals.

The game was a close affair, played in the right spirit however a physical affair with both teams having periods of the game they commanded. 1 YORKS took an early lead with excellent move and nice finish from close, 152 Regiment RLC had to be resilient for the first quarter onslaught however the game turned in the latter stages of the first half with the Reservists taking charge equalising with a splendid strike.

The game to and fro throughout the second half, a contest that either team could have won, but a well taken late strike by 1 YORKS won them the cup in the

last ten minutes. This was an excellent showcase of Army football that both teams would have been proud of. To note LCpl Stuart McGowan in the 152 goal was named player of the match for some outstanding saves, including a penalty stop.

Major General Stuart Skeates SJFC, Army FA Vice President who was the senior officer in attendance, was highly complementary about the occasion and on its wider impact.



Army Reserve Challenge Cup Final - April 27th 2019

4 LANCS and 6 SCOTS competed for the Army Reserve Challenge Cup, an all Infantry affair. This should not be a surprise following the Infantry's success in the inaugural Army Reserve Corp Championship back in March 2018 and their strong showing in the sixes which 4LANCS won in 2017. We were delighted to have two Army FA Vice Presidents, Lt Gen Stuart Skeates and Maj Gen Bill O'Leary in attendance as well as the COs from both Regiments.

An early close range goal from Capt Joey Collins and a speculative cross from Cpl Anthony Harker that looped straight into the far top corner gave 4 LANCS a comfortable and well deserved half time lead. 6 SCOTS came out in the second half determined to get back in the match and within 10 minutes had done so. Goals from Cpl Craig Thomson and Pte John McMaster got the teams back on level terms and moments later it looked like 6 SCOTS had taken the lead when Pte Ryan Campbell scored from close range but this was ruled out as he had come from an off-side position, VAR was not required.

4 LANCS managed to compose themselves and get back into to their first half rhythm. A through ball put Collins on goal and a push from the 6 SCOTS defender just outside 18 yard box resulted in a red card. The subsequent free kick was taken by Kgn Luke Noble, an unstoppable shot into the top corner. Minutes later Joey Collins made it four from the penalty spot following a trip in the box.

4 LANCS became the 87th Team to lift the Army Reserve Challenge Cup and will play 21 Engineering Regiment, the winners 119th Army FA Challenge Cup Final, in the Army FA Super Cup Final at the start of next season.



THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

ROUND 1	4 LANCS (5) 103 Regt RA (1) 154 (Scottish) Regt RLC (2) 6 SCOTS (3)
ROUND 2	4 LANCS (13) 8 RIFLES 2 6 SCOTS were given a walk over following the withdraw of 150 Regt RLC
QUARTER FINAL	152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC (4) 4 LANCS (4) - 4 LANCS win 4-1 on penalties 6 SCOTS were given a walk over following the withdraw of 3 Royal Anglian
SEMI-FINAL	4 LANCS (5) 3 Royal Welsh (4) 4 PARA (2) 6 SCOTS (3)
FINAL	4 LANCS (4) 6 SCOTS (2)



The 2018/19 football season began with wholesale changes as joint head coaches Paul Hughes and Gerwyn Griffiths took up the reigns of the Army Development (U23) Squad along with a completely new backroom staff. With most of the previous season's squad now ineligible to represent at U23 level, Paul and Gerwyn worked tirelessly to find the future Army Senior Team players, attending numerous Corps and Regimental fixtures.

Once the squad list was finalised for the initial trial's week it was time to bring the squad together and put them through their paces with some high intensity sessions and lots of classroom work around the new philosophy that would be engrained into each and every player. With two challenging fixtures against Aldershot Town U18's and 3 RSME the new squad was challenged against the technical ability of the young Aldershot side and also the physicality of a very well organised military side from Minley.

With player development in the forefront of the coaches' minds, a wide variety of different fixtures were planned and coordinated around each players individual action plans which were created during the trial's week. Being a member of the Army Squad comes with great opportunities, none more so than a fixture planned around the Game of Remembrance. Training for a fixture against a tricky opposition in the Nottingham University team took place at Aston Villa's training ground; this gave the squad a chance to see the level of detail professional clubs went to, in order to produce marginal gains at the top level of the sport.

Further fixtures were planned in the build up to the 2019 Inter Services Competition and none were more challenging than the trip to face Chippenham

Park XI, with players within that squad boasting many appearances in the football league. Although this fixture produced a first defeat for this new group of players, it was clear that it was fine margins that were the difference. Each and every player showed how much they had developed over a relatively short space of time.

The Inter Services came and the squad had showed that they were capable of reaching high levels of performance for such a young, inexperienced side. The coaching staff entered the competition with high hopes. Both fixtures, against the RAF and the Royal Navy, provided different challenges which some members of the squad struggled to adapt to, which was visible in both results. The Royal Navy proved to be a much stronger opposition, with lots of experience of Inter Services fixtures within their ranks they deservedly lifted the Trophy at the home of Army Football after a strong performance.

Although this new team hasn't managed to pick up any silverware during the season, it was clear to see that success in other areas had exceeded all of the coaching staff's expectations.

During the season 52 players experienced Army Development Football with 10 different cap badges represented. A unique squad bond was now clear to see. The greatest success of the season was seeing 7 members of the squad invited into the senior team set up, with several players pushing to make the starting XI with 18 year old player of the year Bryn Beange receiving a call up into the UKAF side at the end of the season.

The coaching staff now focus their attention to the 2019/20 season where they hope to build on the success of this season.



UK ASIAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CSgt Chris Bonnar was approached last year by Major Drew Forbes of 51 Bde HQ to see if the Army FA could provide referees for the UK Asian Football Championship, an annual tournament that takes place in Glasgow and has done for the last 20 years.

It is organised by Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Association (SEMSA) and is made up of eight teams of mainly Asian football players that come from all over the UK, the brigade of Gurkhas has entered a team in the last two years with limited success but have quickly made friends of all those involved.

12 match officials from all three Services were confirmed with five from the Army: WO2 Eddie Nichol (Infantry), WO2 Kenny Kyle (Infantry), CSgt Chris Bonnar (Infantry), Cpl Jimmy McNee (RLC) and Cpl Dickie Doorbar (AGC).

The tournament took place in Glasgow Green Football Centre with the final alternating between Celtic Park and Ibrox. This year it would be held at Celtic which suited Chris and Jimmy McNee, both avid Hoops fans.

The teams were split into two groups of four, each team playing three games over the Friday and Saturday with the winners of both groups playing each other on Sunday at Celtic Park.

The final was a great event, held in a wonderful venue. All officials and their families came to the game and enjoyed the excellent hospitality that was laid on by Celtic.





The Massey Trophy League was rebalanced to six teams per division a play off fixture re-introduced to determine promotion/relegation for the second bottom/second top of the respective divisions.

REME were Massey Trophy champions for just the third time in the competitions 26 year history. It is a remarkable turnaround for a team that finished just two points above the relegation zone last season. AAC were promoted after winning the Division 2 championship earning a return to the top flight after just one season away. They replace RAC. A late recovery from Royal Signals saw them survive relegation after defeating RA in a play off final.

The Quads Tournament is now a standalone entity and was successfully hosted by Royal Signals

in May. Royal Engineers were victorious in the competition winning all three matches.

Royal Signals came from behind to defeat Royal Engineers 2-1 in the Woolwich Cup Final in Aldershot as part of Corps Cup Finals Day. This will be a standalone event in 2020 and the last fixture of the Massey season. It will also be precluded by the Massey AGM and hosted in rotation by each of the 12 teams. AMS will lead for 2020.

The Sin Bin rule continues to be great success with misconduct, sending's off and dissent showing a real improvement year on year. The Massey is a real positive comparison in consideration to civilian counterpart league trends.

Massey Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
REME	10	7	1	2	28	11	22
Royal Engineers	10	5	2	3	26	17	17
RLC	10	5	1	4	18	18	16
Infantry	10	3	2	5	18	27	11
Royal Signals	10	3	1	6	19	22	10
RAC	10	3	1	6	15	29	10

Massey Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AAC	10	6	1	3	28	17	19
Royal Artillery	10	5	3	2	23	18	18
AMS	10	5	1	4	26	19	16
RAPTC	10	5	0	5	13	18	15
AGC	10	3	2	5	15	20	11
Int Corps	10	2	1	7	12	25	7

STATISTIC SUMMARY

Massey Div 1

30 Matches

124 Goals scored

AV 4.3 Goals per game

DIV 2

30 Matches

117 Goals scored

AV 3.6 Goals per game

Woolwich Cup

11 Matches

38 Goals scored

Av 3.2 Goals Scored



THE FOLLOWING CORPS HAVE DESIGNATED FOOTBALL RELATED TWITTER ACCOUNTS:

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DISCIPLINE

Congratulations to RA for winning the Fair Play Trophy. There has been an improvement in all areas of discipline.

SUBSTITUTES

Five from seven substitutes is now standard across Massey Trophy and Woolwich Cup matches.



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REME Women win EOST in Lyneham

WOMENS SIXES

The annual 1966 Commemorative Womens Tournament was held in Grantham in September and retained by 29 Regiment RLC who defeated DMD (SE) in the final. The Steerment Carter Plate competition was won by 6 Regiment RLC who beat Leonardo in the final.

The tournament was the largest grassroots tournament in Army Womens unit football with approaching 100 matches played.

The 1966 6v6 Army two-day tournament is due to be played in Sep 19, this includes teams from the RN, RAF and Defence Contractors.

The 1966 Tournament which is also a Community Engagement will take place in September 2019 and this is how we are reaching out to wider communities. Of note last season was the attendance of Burton Albion's Community Women's Youth set with players and coaches attending the AMS v AGC League game at DMS (Whittington) with a leadership lesson from serving players

There also followed a Womens 6v6 two-day tournament in March, also in Grantham. 19 Engineer Work Group were the victors in this tournament with 1 Military Working Dogs the victors in the Plate tournament.

UNIT CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

The inaugural Army Womens Unit Cup Final was held in horrendous weather conditions at St Georges Park in June. 5 Medical Regiment received the cup from Vice Chairman Col Richard Hayhurst after beating Larkhill Station 3-1.

CORPS FOOTBALL**LEAGUE**

At Corps level the league continued to have better managed games, less cancellations as a result of good communications between the officials and the Club Secretaries and was won by the RLC with three teams going to the wire for the title.

EOST

The annual End of Season Tournament (EOST) was hosted and won by REME at Lyneham.

EDWARDS CHALLENGE CUP

The Edwards Cup Final on the 1 May 19 played alongside the Mens Woolwich Cup was competed between the AMS and the RLC at the start of ay.

Goals from Cpl Del Clifford (5 AMR), Cpl Hayley Sloan (4 AMR) and LCpl Ebony Housam (21 Engr Regt) secured a 3-1 victory for the medics against the RLC Women in an encounter praised by Army FA Chairman Major General Mitch Mitchell MBE afterwards.

Col (Retd) John Edwards was present to hand over the trophy named in appreciation of his many years involved in Army Women's football to the RAMC captain.

No one team dominated the Corps competitions which is a healthy outcome for the game.



Womens 6s



5 Medical Regiment win Womens Unit Final



Womens 6s



RAMC win the 2019 Edwards Challenge Cup in Aldershot.



1 Military Working Dogs win the Army Womens Sixes Plate in Grantham



ARMY FA- 2019 The Soldiers' Game - ARMY UNIT FOOTBALL

Army Unit Football has transitioned into a number of regional structures aligned to the Regional Command (RC) AOs in order to bring coherence, a common format and the ability to absorb additional units re-basing from Germany. This new format is working well, and we continue to have many Army Units playing competitive football. Over 200 fixtures have been played across 14 leagues by 94 major and minor units throughout the UK. The introduction of the Champions League, now in its third season held in St George's Park, has been a real success and offers a unique opportunity to Unit footballers to play at the home of English Football.

The leagues in the North, The Midlands and the South are thriving, and they provide a high level of competition for those Units taking part. Leagues in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Germany have been less active due to the reduced number of Units in these locations but there is still competitive football being played; operational commitments have not helped matters in these regions. There is some focus to raise the profile of these Leagues and to encourage Units to play regular competitive football. Some ground work has been done to ensure that next season we see active Leagues in both Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The success of Army Unit Football relies heavily on the hard work done by Chairmen and Secretaries to coordinate and run their respective leagues. There is a direct correlation between the efficient running of the leagues and proactive Secretaries. All the Leagues have a Secretary but none of them have

Chairmen in place to support them. It is essential that Chairmen are found to help the progression of Unit football in the Army. If you would like to get involved in supporting Unit Football in your region and would like the chance to be a League Chairman, then please contact the Army FA.

119TH CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

There was a new name on the prestigious Army FA Challenge Cup in 2019 as 21 Engineer Regiment defeated 3 Regiment Army Air Corps 4-2 in the final at a rain swept Aldershot Military Stadium in May.

Spr Jordan Irwin netted in just the second minute for the Ripon based unit whilst a penalty just past the hour from Spr Kyle Graham was the turning point of the match as it also resulted in Cpl Louis Clarke being sent off for handball. A brace from captain and Man of the Match LCpl Dom Creamer settled the encounter in between a late fight back from the Air Corps side.

Army FA Trustee Brigadier Niall Stokoe held both teams in high regard in his post match speech in addition to the performance of the match officials led by Referee Capt John Brown.

In their 35th season of sponsoring the Army Challenge Cup we were delighted to invite Pamela Howson from Towergate Insurance to present the winners trophy and medals.

MINOR UNITS CUP FINAL

The Armour Centre retained the 2019 Army Minor Units Cup defeating ATR Winchester 3-2 (AET) in final at Aldershot Military Stadium in April courtesy of goals from Cpl Clayton Neal (2) and MOM Cpl Josh Hewson. Army Trustee Lt Col Gary Connolly presented winning trophy.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CUP FINAL

The Army FA Unit Champions League commenced in 2016/17 to reward successful teams within unit divisional competitions. The inaugural final was held at the Aldershot Military Stadium and moved to the home of the England National teams, St Georges Park in 2017/18.

Minley based holders 3RSME retained the trophy this time round as they defeated UK North champions 21 Engineer Regiment 2-1. Outgoing Vice Chairman Col Richard Hayhurst presented the trophy to the Minley based unit. Guest Alan Stubbs was introduced to the two teams prior to kick off.



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WOMENS FOOTBALL FA "GAME FOR GROWTH"

The FA launched its Women's Strategy 'Game Plan for Growth' which aims to make the Women's the number one choice of sport for Girls and Women. This is to be achieved through 8 priorities of which 6 will be embedded in the Army FA Strategy for the Women's Game.

Priority 1 – Supported Activity

Build a sustainable and successful high-performance system for Women's Football in the Army based on 3 layers; Army Representative Level (Army Women's Football Team) AWFT)), Army Corps League Level and Army Unit League Level, with supporting Cup Competitions.

Priority 2 – Supported Activity

Increase the number and diversity of women coaching, refereeing and administrating in Football. This will be done in partnership with other pillars who will be supported by the Women's Structure

Priority 3 – Supporting Activity

Change perceptions and social barriers in the Army to Women's Football. This will be done through communications, leadership engagement and media.

Priority 4 – Supporting Activity

Signpost opportunities to watch follow and participate in Women's Football in the Army.

Priority 5 – Supported Activity

Build a talent pipeline to feed Representative Football at Army, UK Armed Forces and at National Level, working with the FA and the Club System both in England but also in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Priority 6 – Supporting Activity

Work with Defence and Community Engagement leads to ensure that there is coherence with the County FA, Community Football and wider engagement of the women who choose a career in the Army, Full or Part Time who wish to pursue Football as part of the 'offer'.



The Games of Remembrance staged in Nottingham attracted over 13,000 spectators to commemorate 100 year since the end of The Great War. It was a special occasion.

We thank everybody who made it possible including our Gold sponsors Fujitsu, Experian and Army Sports Control Board.

Thanks to the German Bundeswehr for your incredible spirit, support and for allowing us to put on this incredible event in Nottingham last November. Congratulations on your success in the two matches ; a 2-1 victory in the Womens fixture at Notts County FC followed by a 3-1 success in the mens equivalent at Nottingham Forest. The experience of all the players will live with them for many, many years to come.

To our partners including the National Football Museum, The Woodland Trust, Never Such Innocence, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and the Lord Lieutenant of Nottingham-Thank You!



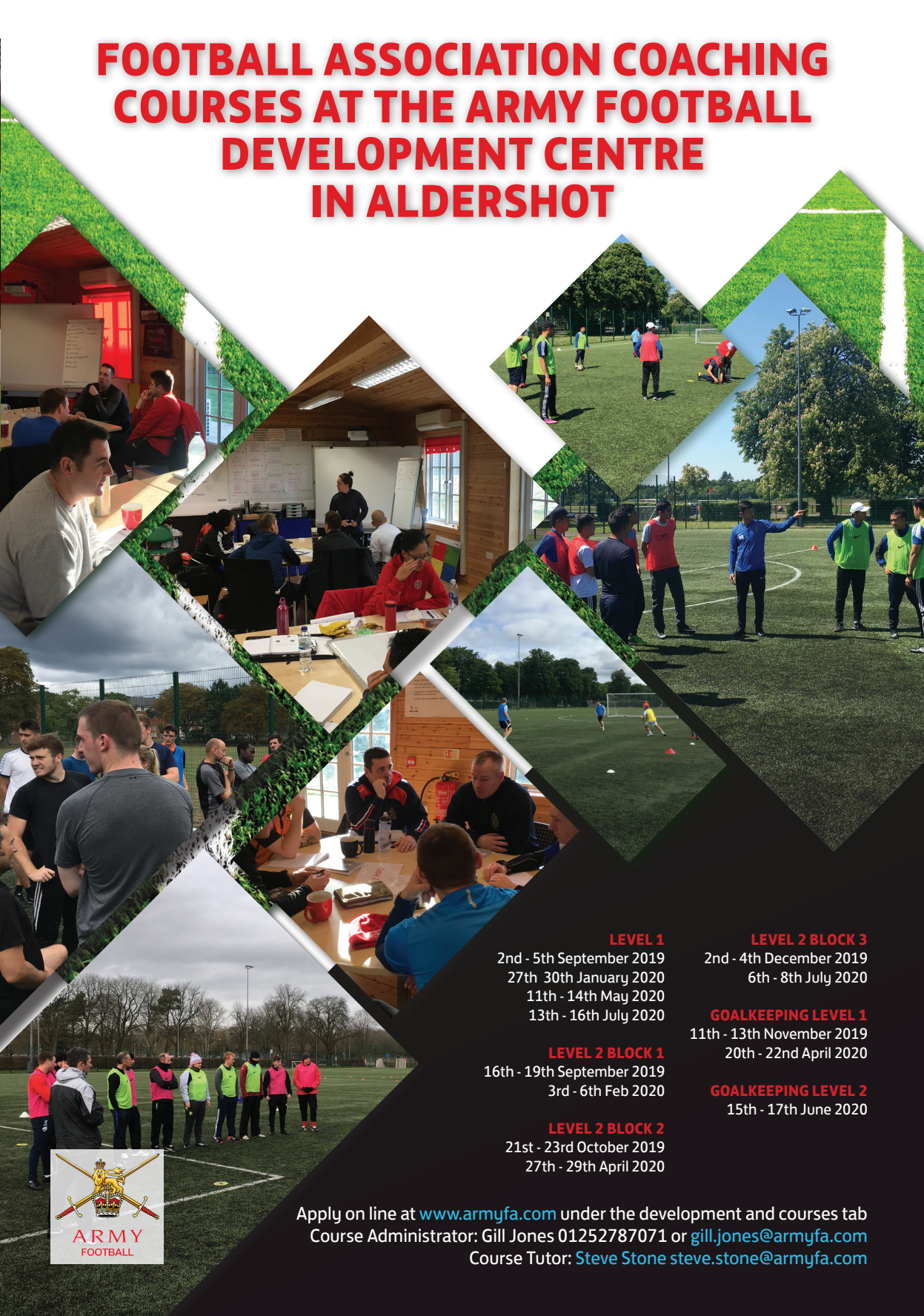


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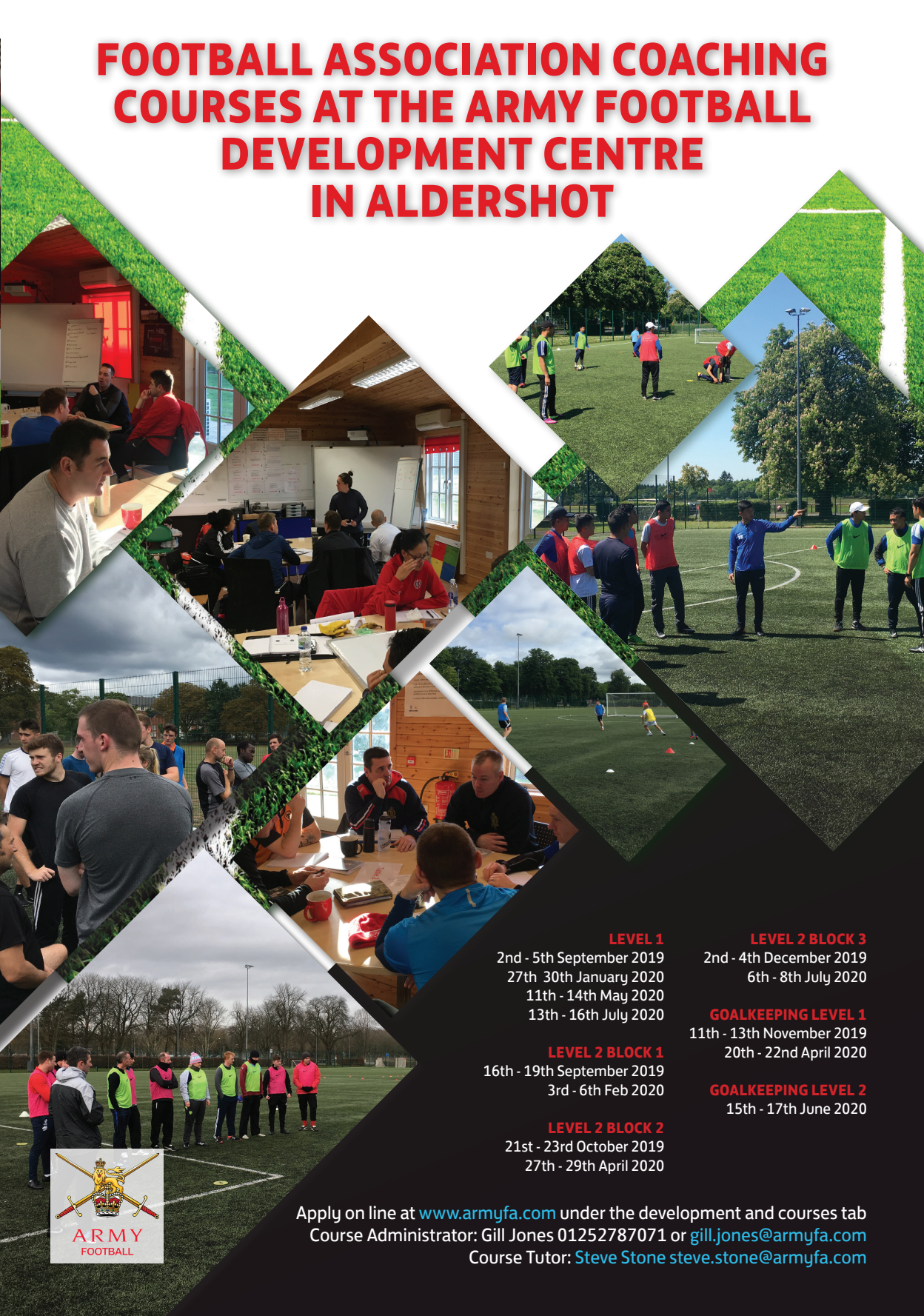
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Infantry Corp coach Leighton Wilks on successfully completing the UEFA B licence with the Army FA



UEFA B Licence Learner Gerwyn Griffiths completes his Licence. As a soldier he has had to fit this around his deployment abroad.



Congratulations to outgoing Army Womens and new Men Reserve Head Coach WO1 Mags McAteer on successful completion of the UEFA B licence at the Army FDC, in Aldershot, under the guidance of Army FA Tutor, Steve Stone.



UEFA B learner and REME Coach Mike Robinson completes course



Major Chris Webster completes his UEFA B Licence with the Army FA.jpg_large.





WO1 Mags McAteer (AAC) stepped down at the end of the 2018/19 season as the Head Coach of the Army Womens Team after four seasons. As a player Mags featured for the Army and UK Armed Forces in addition to representing Northern Ireland at Under 21 level.

In 2015 she took over from Sandra Hodgson and led the Army to Inter Service success in 2016 and 2018. Indeed last season saw the Army Women lose an Inter Service match for the first time since 2010. Mags also completed her UEFA "B" certificate with the Army FA earlier this year. In full Mags has provided an outstanding contribution to Army Football.

In August it was confirmed that Mags will become the new Head Coach of the Army Reserve Mens team from the 2019/20 season.



Thank You Mags!



What an outstanding season; both domestically and across Army Football and the refereeing community have had had significant success.

RETENTION. At the end of the 18/19 season a total of 275 referees are currently registered with the Army FA. The 19/20 season registration window opened in June.

PROMOTION. In total, 35 referees registered their intent to seek promotion to the next level during the 18/19 season through the Army FA (level 7 - 4); the Army FA has supported 27 promotion packages, with the FA supporting and sanctioning all 27. Additionally, 4 referees have been promoted to level 3 and 1 referee to level 2B (Panel list assistant referee). This is the highest number of promotions achieved by the Army FA in a single season (32).

LEVEL 2B (Panel List Assistant Referee). Cpl Declan OShea finished top of the UK merit table 1/192 and was promoted to level 2B Panel List AR (to referee Conference National football).

LEVEL 3. Four Army referees were selected and promoted to level 3 (Contributory League) from across the UK merit table. The highest number achieved in one single season from the Army FA.

LEVEL 5 – 4. 14 candidates initially applied for promotion (National Supply League). This reduced to 10; these packages with observer's reports were submitted to the FA and supported.

LEVEL 6 – 5. 5 candidates (senior county referee) have been promoted to level 5.

LEVEL 7 – 6. 16 candidates (county referee). Reduced to 12 and promoted to level 6.

BASIC COURSE DELIVERY. This season the Army FA has delivered 4 referee basic courses, qualifying 57 new referees; this includes 4 females (7%). Course dates for 19/20 have already been set (23-26 Sep 19 Aldershot, 11-14 Nov 19 Catterick, 20-23 Jan 20 Aldershot, 30 Mar – 3 Apr 20 Catterick. The following courses were delivered in both Aldershot and Catterick.

CATTERICK 12 – 16 NOV 18. 19 personnel successfully qualified; including 1 female.

ALDERSHOT 14 – 18 JAN 19. 11 personnel successfully qualified.

CATTERICK 18 – 22 MAR 19. 15 personnel successfully qualified; including 2 females.

ALDERSHOT 13 – 17 MAY 19. 12 personnel successfully qualified; including 1 female.



Success. Capt John Brown SG officiated the Army Challenge Cup Final (Major Units) at Aldershot – 8 May 19. Capt Steve Finch was this year's winner of the Dobson award, whilst SSgt Mark Beverley was the recipient of the Lebreton award. Both awards were presented during the end of season referees' dinner at RMAS 9 May 19 and both referees attended the Army FA Awards Dinner – 20 Jun 19.

Story of the Year. WO2(QMSI) Andy Halliday was appointed Assistant Referee at the Carabao League Cup Final at Wembley between Manchester City and Chelsea. A highlight in-itself, but fitting considering it was his final season on the FA Premier League covering 338 matches. WO2 (QMSI) Andy Halliday has been appointed by the FA as an Assistant Video Assistant Referee (VAR) in preparation of the forthcoming 19/20 season.

Lt Col Gary Connolly, Chairman



WO2 Andy Halliday (RAPTC) adds the League Cup Final to his FA Cup Final appointment of 2016.



Army Chairman General Mitchell presents Jon Moss in recognition of support to Army Referees at annual RAFA Day.



Capt Steve Finch receives the 2019 Dobsons Trophy from Jon Moss, the highest annual award for an Army Referee.



Cpl Dec O'Shea promoted to Panel Select Assistant Referee (National League). Dec is also youngest soldier to referee Army Cup Final as 26 year old in 2017.



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ARMY ROADSHOW

In 2013, eight soldiers departed the Army Football Association Headquarters to embark on a nationwide tour to celebrate its 125th anniversary. They set out with the idea to bring a little bit of fun and military look at life to the professional summer camps and local communities around the country.

Six years later the roadshow has grown from strength to strength with over 20 clubs visited across the FA Premier and English Football Leagues. Working closely with individual club community programmes the scheme has met juniors and young adults taking part in the National Citizen programme, holiday soccer camps, Skillz schools and Kickz projects.

Not only has the roadshow been successful during these projects but opportunities have been created setting up in local youth clubs, local parks and attendance at matches during the course of the season. The Army Challenge Assault course has been deployed and proved particularly popular. The enthusiasm and levels of participation from all who have taken part over the years has been terrific to view.

In 2018/19 the Roadshow also programmed activity to coincide with the build up to the Games of Remembrance in Nottingham.

The Roadshow has been pivotal to civil engagement between the British Army and footballing community allowing us to reach out to individuals of all ages from all walks of life.

The Army FA Roadshow is designed to promote the British Army to the public domain through the shared love of football. As the British Army has reasserted itself within the UK following decades of operations it has become imperative to improve integration of our Armed Forces into the communities that it serves. Football is the Soldier's Game and the Nation's Game.





Army Officers Football (Crusaders) Soldiers Game Article Jul 19

Army Crusaders is the Army Officer Corps' representative football team. Formed in 1922 it consists of a First Team and a Veterans (Over 35s) Team. Both teams remain alive and well but this season has seen a down turn in availability for both sides.

In an attempt to sweeten the pot for recruitment and retention planning has started for the Crusaders Centenary celebrations in Season 21 / 22. The intent is to conduct an Overseas Tour with the location being considered alongside a high profile game at a significant football venue.

Crusaders continue to support the One Army One Team concept with Regular and Reserve players playing for both sides. Further, both the Chairman and Secretary are Reservists.

Last season saw combined teams undertaking an Overseas Tour to USA, playing a 2018 WW1 Anniversary game against the UK Parliamentary FC and attending the Annual Easter Tournament.

Overseas Tour to USA Sep / Oct 18

The Army Crusaders Overseas Tour for 2018 took place in Sep / Oct 18 centred upon Los Angeles (LA) and Las Vegas USA and comprised a 20 player mixed First and Veterans Team.

4 fixtures were planned in LA against British Academy Film and Television Awards (BAFTA) XI, US Marine Corps (USMC) and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) with the 4th planned in Las Vegas

The team also took the opportunity to engage with the US Wounded Warrior Project which was conducted in LA with a donation and presentations made appropriately. Photo shown below.

Training took place each morning either at the local municipal playing field or on Venice / Redondo Beach. Other activities included visiting the LA Galaxy training sessions including meeting players such as Ashley Cole and Zlatan Ibrahimović (photos shown below) as well as their match v Vancouver; attending the LA Rams American Football and LA Raiders Basketball games.

Unfortunately LAPD pulled out the day before the planned match so only 2 games were played in LA with 39 Sqn RAF from Nellis AFB stepping up for the game in Vegas vice Tyneside United.

The positive to come out of these amendments is that contact has been made with like-minded football managers for future engagement in USA. In particular and as a result of the game against BAFTA the Team Manager has returned to play in the over 48s Soccer in Sun Tournament in Las Vegas and the intent is that Army Crusaders will play a larger part in these tournaments in the future.

Overall this was a successful tour with victories against BAFTA (5-2) and 39 Sqn RAF (4-2) and an unfortunate defeat against a very youthful USMC (1-4). This part of the USA provides ample scope for fine weather training and games with good facilities.

Game of Remembrance v UK Parliamentary FC (UKPFC) Nov 18

A mixed over 30s Team convened at Burton Court London on Tue 13 Nov 18. The game mirrored the Game of Truce from 2014 and Crusaders have played UKPFC several times since – unbeaten until now.

The UKPFC struggle to raise a team strictly from the MPs so turned out with some of their younger aides to make up the numbers; also through their links with the FA they were able to field some FA Graduate Programme players who just happened to be very young, very fit and very good players

This made a huge difference, particularly in the middle of the park and UKPFC scored either side of half time to seal their first win of the series 2-0

This match also provides the opportunity to support ABF – The Soldiers' Charity and Army Crusaders charged each player £10 to play in this event which raised a £170 donation to the Charity.

This match also attracts a celebrity Ref in the guise of former Premiership Official Dermot Gallagher and was also watched by the Rt Hon Mark Lancaster MP in his capacity as Min AF as well as one of the Chelsea Pensioners from over the road at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. See photo below.

Looking ahead a Crusaders mixed team plan to once again play the UKPFC in a D Day 75 Anniversary fixture in support of ABF – The Soldiers Charity later this season.

Annual Easter Tournament

Army Crusaders competed at the Liverpool Ramblers Easter Tournament as returning Champions. Unfortunately, we were unable to retain the trophy with new entrants Honourable



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Artillery Company (HAC) fielding a strong side for victory.

The tournament is hosted by Liverpool Ramblers who have a long history and appeared in the very first FA Cup and consists of 2 full games played on Good Friday and Easter Saturday with the eventual winners being those who score the most goals; thus encouraging attacking football.

Army Crusaders have been ever present for the 64 years this tournament has run and many senior Officers within Army Football have enjoyed the delights of this weekend during these years. The photo below shows our Chairman Col Dave Jones demonstrating the 30 year age difference between First and Vets teams.

First Team Update

A season of two halves for the first team. Prior to Christmas, the team played and beat a number of teams including the Defence Academy and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. An influx of youth into the team transferred to pace up top and out wide which was used effectively to counter-attack against opponents.

The period after Christmas was marked by frustration as opposition were hard to come by. Attempts to resurrect historical fixtures against UOTCs, and in turn assist with the recruitment of future officers, proved fruitless with no opposition available. Arguably, the most notable result of the season was a 2-2 draw against the RAPTC in Mar with Crusaders taking the lead twice only for the PT Corps to equalise in the last minute of both halves. Whilst disappointing, it proved the team could

compete against the smaller teams of Massey League 2 – this is something that we intend to invest in for the upcoming season.

Veterans Update

The Vets struggled to field a team on a regularly basis and languished in the bottom two of the West London Vets Premier League for most of the season; giving away 12 points through forfeit and playing several games with 9 or 10 players only.

To spin the positive we avoided relegation on the last game of the season but with another 4 teams joining the league and a 3rd tier being created the Team Manager decided to take a season out of the Premiership to try and regain previous support and success with a few less games against similar opposition in Div 1.

Prior to the league season the Vets also competed in the triangular AGC / RAF ICARUS / Army Crusaders tournament in September at Aldershot as returning Champions. Following the theme of the Easter Tournament we were unable to retain the trophy with the RAF taking this mantle.

The Army Crusaders President is Colonel Colin Francis with Colonel Dave Jones as Chairman. The First Team Manager is Major Steve Bee whilst the Secretary and Veterans Team Manager remains Major Andy Campbell should anyone wish to engage / enrol with Army Officer's Football?

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Maj Andy Campbell presenting the British Army Football Pennant to the Wounded Warriors Project on behalf of the Army Crusaders Sep 18.



Maj Andy Campbell presenting the British Army Football Pennant to the Wounded Warriors Project on behalf of the Army Crusaders Sep 18.



Former Premiership Football Legend Ashley Cole of LA Galaxy being presented with the British Army Football Pennant by Army Crusaders at the LA Galaxy Training Facility in Los Angeles Sep 18



Army Crusaders v BAFTA XI at Sherman Oaks Los Angeles Sep 18



Army Crusaders John Donaldson and Andy Campbell with Referee Dermot Gallagher in Royal Hospital Chelsea Sergeants' Mess



Army Crusaders Chairman Col Dave Jones demonstrating the 30 year age difference at the Easter Tournament in Formby Apr 19



We are essentially grateful for the strong relationship we have with Aldershot Town Football Club; the nearest senior club to our Fox Lines headquarters.

In recognition and appreciation of the links we sponsored the National League encounter v Hartlepool United in April at the EBB Stadium. Unfortunately the match resulted in the relegation of the Hampshire club. Fortunately the club were granted a reprieve at the AGM in June to due irregularities with Gateshead FC who were themselves demoted.

In addition to a variety of initiatives including support shown whilst the club used military training areas over the past three seasons we have always been appreciative of the annual Inter Service match being played on the immaculate stadium pitch every March.

We thank you for our relationship and wish you well in the 2019/20 season hoping you take every advantage of the reprieve given. We look forward to the Mens Inter Services match to be staged at the EBB Stadium on Wednesday 25 March versus Royal Navy.





During the course of the 2018/19 season WO2 Lee Fraser and WO2 Barry Rizza (R SIGNALS) have been presenting the opportunities for both sport and trade to football academy scholars, ages 16-19 yrs.

Delivered the following to date:

September 18 - Accrington Stanley first team trained with the Corps with EFL League 2 17/18 Manager of the year John Coleman putting on the sessions. Additionally 20 scholars from Long Eaton Utd Academy visited MOD Stafford to train with the Corps football team.

November 18 - Invited to present a stand at Luton Town FC by the League Football Education (LFE). Job fair style event with 200 scholars from six clubs to promote opportunities to those that do not make it as a professional footballer.

January 19 - Presentation given to 20 scholars at Port Vale FC – Port Vale produced a write up of the event on their website. Presentation delivered to 20 scholars at Woking FC Academy – Woking tweeted event. Look at life conducted for a Long Eaton Utd Scholar – Event on twitter

February 19 - Presentation delivered to 20 scholars at Walsall FC Academy – Walsall tweeted event.

March 19 - Presentation delivered to 20 scholars at Crewe FC Academy – Crewe tweeted event and it also appeared in the match day programme the following Saturday with 3000 at the game. Presentation delivered to 20 scholars at Fleetwood Town FC Academy and also 16 students at the Fleetwood Town Sports College – Fleetwood Town tweeted event

30th April 19 – Due to increased interest the team were invited to present to Home Command in Aldershot. HC have approved the next year to set a baseline and become the lead on this project with an aim to push it out to all Corps in the future. SO1 Sports Lt Col Lodge was also in attendance as the team delivered the presentation that could be used for any sport. HC have committed budget to develop the audio/visual presentation further.

May 19 - 6 Scholars from Walsall FC Academy visited the Corps team at Stafford for a look at life event – Walsall tweeted the event. Crewe Alex manager visited Corps team in Stafford to talk about further opportunities for his scholars.



9th May 19 – Held a meeting with the LFE who look after 1300 scholars every 2 year cycle to become a progression partner as only 120 of these actually go on to have a full career in football.

14th May 19 – Presentation delivered to R SIGNALS Corps Colonel. Team will present at the next Corps Sports meeting to push it out to the likes of rugby & cricket.

Future Intent - The Scottish Football Association are keen to explore a partnership whilst the LFE want to further exploit our relationship. The team are also in the process of delivering the female equivalent of this presentation and have started to gauge interest with female academies.





5 Rifles Bn Football team were guests of Roy Hodgson and Crystal Palace prior to FA Cup quarter final v Watford.



11 Sig Regt become just the second Army unit team to be awarded FA Chartered Status.



Soldiers from the Training Support Platoon, Sp Bn, ITC Catterick carried out the Tri-Service flag bearing task voluntarily.
A great opportunity for Defence Engagement



In aid of the Veterans in Crisis, Genesis Protection Services (UK North Football sponsors) organised a charity football fixture at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland.



WO2 (RQMS) Barry Rizza (Riz) has, in a career spanning some 20 years, played at every possible level in the Armed Forces and has completely embodied the selfless commitment we require of our soldiers in his dedication to all aspects of the Soldiers' Game. Representing his Corps, Army, UK Armed Forces in over 300 matches he has also coached the Royal Signals team since 2016, winning the Woolwich Cup in 2019. In addition he recently started a recruiting initiative with football clubs across the country. In conjunction with WO2 (SSM) Lee Fraser, he has been in contact with a dozen or more clubs at various levels, from the National League to the Championship, engaging

with their Youth team management staff to offer players, released early from clubs, an opportunity to consider a career in the Army. This has proved to be a successful and well received project, now supported by Commander Home Command, that demonstrates real opportunities to recruit driven, disciplined and fit young men and women into the Army. WO2 Rizza has done it all, he has exceeded his brief on every occasion, if one were to write a definition for 'total football' on and off the pitch, one need only use this citation. He received his award at the 2019 Army FA Awards Dinner in Aldershot.



The Army Football Association was formed in 1888 with the prestigious Army Challenge Cup first competed for in 1889 making it one of the oldest domestic cup competitions, with the final having been held at its Aldershot HQ for over 100 years.

Inter Service matches have been played versus the Royal Navy from 1905 and RAF from 1920. Football and footballers were never far from action during the two world wars, and during the National Service era many international players played for the Army including Pte Bobby Charlton RAOC, LCpl Duncan Edwards RAOC and LCpl Jimmy Armfield (KORR).

Our 125th anniversary in 2013 was commemorated by a celebration match held at Reading FC's Madejski Stadium between the British Army mens team, coached by then England Under 21 manager Stuart Pearce versus an FA Legends Team managed by Roy Hodgson. The Londoner was England manager at the time and his captain on the day was current England boss Gareth Southgate.

In the present day Army Football remains committed to focusing on the future and never to rest on its laurels. There are many significant factors that it is committed to achieve. In 2018 we had 185 clubs affiliated with 1266 teams. Increased



participation is vital, particularly in the Womens game. In 2018 saw 700 fixtures across 14 leagues in addition to 150 cup fixtures. We have developed 255 qualified officials who have provided cover to 97% of all fixtures. We also have a comprehensive Football Development scheme operated out of our centre in Aldershot.

A current challenge to Army Football is to champion two initiatives. Firstly the Army's Community Engagement Through Sport Initiative, which aligns local units to local football clubs, both of which are at the heart of their communities. Secondly using football to support overseas Defence engagement objectives is key. In the recent past Army Women

teams toured the Gulf States and Bosnia whilst last season the Army "Super Cup" competed for by the winners of the Army Challenge and Reserve (former Territorial Army) Cups was played in Estonia between 1 Yorkshire Regiment and 152 Regt NI RLC.

An Annual Roadshow Tour across FA Premier and Football League clubs is also organised whilst an extensive programme in Afghanistan was headed up by Army FA Ambassador Sgt Yvette Kemp during the 2018/19 campaign.



ARMY FA MEDIA INFORMATION



Effective communications are imperative. The Army FA have the following central outlets to provide news and information into the public domain:

Website: www.armyfa.com

Twitter: [@armyfa1888](https://twitter.com/armyfa1888) (3656 followers)

Facebook: [ArmyFootballAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ArmyFootballAssociation)
(4169 followers)

Instagram: [armyfa1888](https://www.instagram.com/armyfa1888)
(Our new addition recently)
(261 followers)

The Army Sports Control Board also operates the following social media channels:

Facebook: [BritishArmySport](https://www.facebook.com/BritishArmySport) (11,000 followers)

Twitter: [ArmySportASCB](https://twitter.com/ArmySportASCB) (3418 followers)

Twitter: [ArmySportsLTRY](https://twitter.com/ArmySportsLTRY) (7083 followers)

Instagram: [BritishArmySport](https://www.instagram.com/BritishArmySport) (4803 followers)

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Many individual sections including representative, corps, units, development and referees have their own social media outlets. For clarity the following is advisable from the Army FA with regards to use of social media:

- Provide consistent and regular news features.

- Highlight events/fixtures/achievements
- Raise the awareness through social media.
- Any news items to be promoted into the wider domain via Army FA /Army Sport HQ in Aldershot to be sent to the above personnel and included where deemed appropriate through the central Army FA media channels including websites and publications.
- For Twitter posts please consider the following hashtag where appropriate #Armyfootball

**Please note that whilst the Army FA is happy to provide guidance and advice regarding media issues it is not the responsibility of the Army FA central staff to produce individual news stories for any sections listed. If you require help, assistance or guidance please contact:*

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The Aldershot Divisional Football Association celebrates its 125th anniversary during this season.

The Association is one of the six Divisional Football Associations of the Hampshire Football Association and founded on 09 August 1894. It shares its roots with the Army Football Association.

During its formative years it was hugely influenced by the Army Football Association which was formed six years previously. Records show that military teams dominated in the early years. The first ever President of the association was the Royal Duke of Connaught who was also the Commanding Officer of the British Forces in Aldershot and also President of the Army FA between 1904 and 1946.

The inaugural Aldershot Senior Cup Final was held in 1894 and won by 1st H.Li (Highland Light Infantry) who defeated 1st Wiltshire Regiment 9-3. Only one civilian team, Aldershot Athletic Club, won the Aldershot Senior Cup between 1895 and 1922 when they beat the Royal Engineers 2-1 in 1900.

In the early years of the association civilian and military teams were separated in the Aldershot League. Records for the military division date back to 1896/97 whilst the civilian combination league has records from the following season onwards.

The Army FA has always been represented on the Aldershot DFA Council and this remains to this day. We were delighted to attend and form part of the organising committee for the 125 Anniversary dinner at Aldershot Town FC in August where a presentation was made by our Secretary Major Billy Thomson to Chairman Mike Gardner. The Master of Ceremonies was our Assistant Secretary, Graham Brookland. The Army Challenge Cup was also on show during the evening.

It is also intended for an Army side to play the current winners of the Aldershot DFA Senior Cup, Camberley Town, at some stage during this season as part of the 125 celebrations. We have also entered our Army Under 23 team into the competition for 2019/20.



The 2019 Army FA Seminar, held at St Georges Park in June, was successful and enlightening for the delegates who attended. Organised through Development Trustee Lt Col Jim Fallon and FDO Steve Stone a variety of guest speakers covered the opportunities and pathways for coaching and refereeing, Futsal (the Army FA will be running a pilot competition during 2019/20), FA Mentoring followed by group breakout sessions in the afternoon.

The seminar concluded with an excellent interaction with our guest Alan Stubbs. The legendary former Everton, Celtic and Bolton Wanderers defender spoke eloquently and engaged with delegates before attending the men and women unit cup finals in the afternoon.

Thank you to all those who attended and to our guest presenters Michael Skubala (England Futsal Head Coach), Steve Stone (FDO), Major Matt England, Sgt Gerwyn Griffiths, WO2 Andy Halliday MBE and to Alan Stubbs for an excellent occasion.





We were grateful to the League Managers Association for supporting us during our two days at St Georges Park. On the opening evening after a busy Board of Trustees meeting Chief Executive Richard Bevan provided a fascinating insight into the responsibilities and challenges of the organisation. This was followed by Alan Stubbs being our official guest at the Seminar and Unit Cup Final matches. In addition to having played over 500 senior appearances for Everton, Celtic and Bolton Wanderers Alan also managed Hibernian and St Mirren in Scotland and Rotherham United in England. Thank you for your support to the Army FA.



The 2019 Army FA Annual Awards Dinner was held in the Officers Mess, St Omer Barracks, Aldershot on Thursday 20 June 2019.

Welcomed by the outgoing Vice President and Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Lt General Sir Nick Pope KCB CBE, the evening 16 ranks of the British Army in attendance.

During the course of the evening the following awards/trophies were presented/mentioned (received by in brackets):

Men Inter Service/Southern Counties Cup (Major Sean Birchnall)

Massey Division 1 (REME- Capt Simon Oldrid)

Woolwich Cup (Royal Signals- WO2 Barry Rizza)

Womens Inter Corps League (RLC- Cpl Jess Treharne)

Womens Edwards Challenge Cup (RAMC- Cpl Del Clifford)

Army Challenge Cup (21 Engineer Regiment- Major Si Mayers)

Army Challenge Cup Reserve (4 Lancs- Lt Col Justin Tancred)

Army Player of the Season (LCpl Luke Cairney (not present)

Army U23 Player of the Season (Cfn Bryn Beange)

Army Reserve Player of the Season (LCpl Craig Thomson)

Army Women Player of the Season (Cpl Jess Treharne)

Army Women Reserve Player of the Season (Cpl Joanna Blodgett)

Army Women Development Player of the Season (LCpl Siobhan Peplow)

Referee (Le Breton Trophy)- SSgt Mark Beverley

Referee (Dobsons Trophy)- Capt Steve Finch

Lifetime Achievement Awards- WO2 Barry Rizza and Lt Col Mick Cotton MBE

A special mention was provided to outgoing Army Womens Head Coach WO1 Mags McAteer. Mags was unable to attend but will be given an official presentation in honour of her commitment to Army football at a later date.

Carol Williamson, who departed the Army FA after 13 years service, was presented with Flowers in appreciation of her efforts.

There were three additional presentations made to the following outgoing members of the Army FA structure:

Colonel Alison Curnow (Womens Representative Chair); former Womens Head Coach Lt Col Sandra Hodgson provided a tribute.

Col Richard Hayhurst OBE (Vice Chairman)

Lt General Sir Nick Pope KCB CBE (Vice President)

The evening concluded with the Chairman Major General “Mitch” Mitchell MBE’s speech reflecting on the season and looking ahead too. He also paid tribute to the outgoing members.

This was followed by an entertaining piece hosted by Army FA Secretary Major (Retd) Billy Thomson with guest of honour, former Chelsea, Leeds United and Holland player Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink together with Burton Albion Chairman Ben Robinson. The latter two also formed part of the official presentation party alongside Vice President Pope and Aldershot Town FC Chairman Shahid Azeem.

The Army FA expresses its appreciation to everybody who attended the event and hope that it was an enjoyable evening had by all.



ARMY AWARDS DINNER 2019



SAFEGUARDING

A Message from our Chairman

You will have all seen the very public concern about safeguarding young and vulnerable people in football and other sports. Within the Army we are alive to this issue and have excellent mechanisms in place to ensure U18's and Adults at risk are safe and treated with the respect they deserve.

The FA have recently updated their safeguarding rules and procedures; that as a County FA we have to follow. If you have U18's or adults at risk who are playing football at any level in your Unit then please seek advice from my Army Football Secretary, Maj (retd) Billy Thomson or the Army FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ms Jenny Cuthell on what those simple procedures are. You can also visit our website <http://www.armyfa.com/.../s.../the-army-fa-keeping-football-safe>

Equally importantly, if your Unit is involved in, or providing football for civilian U18's or Adults at Risk you must follow the Army and the Football guidance for such activities. Army Football have volunteers trained in safeguarding in football and will help you. Please ask if you are not sure. safeguarding@armyfa.com

Mitch Mitchell
Chairman of Army football.

At the recent assessment carried out against the Safeguarding Operations Standards 2018/19 the Army FA were informed:

"We are delighted to inform you that your association has 'Met the Standard'.

We can see the effort undertaken to prepare the evidence for the assessment. We are particular noting the military handbook and CPD event that you have undertaken.

The Army FA should be congratulated for the way in which it approached this process and the outcome you have achieved."

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SUPER CUP FINAL

OCTOBER

21 Engr Regt v 4 Lancs

Fleetwood Town FC Academy
1230hrs

FA PREMIER LEAGUE TRUCE TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER 10th

ALDERSHOT MIL

KENTISH CUP

DECEMBER 9th/14th

NETHERLANDS

ARMY U23 v RAF U23

FEBRUARY 5th

INTER SERVICES

ALDERSHOT MIL 1900hrs

ROYAL NAVY U23 v ARMY U23

FEBRUARY 12th

INTER SERVICES

HMS TEMERAIRE, PORTSMOUTH

RAF v ARMY (WOMEN)

MARCH 10th or 11th

INTER SERVICES

THE NEW SAINTS (OSWESTRY)
1900hrs

RAF v ARMY (MEN)

MARCH 11th

INTER SERVICES

SHREWSBURY TOWN FC 1900hrs

ROYAL NAVY VETS

MARCH 25th

**ARMY VETS v
ALDERSHOT 3G**

1200hrs

ARMY WOMEN v ROYAL NAVY WOMEN

INTER SERVICES

ALDERSHOT MIL
1500hrs

ARMY MEN v ROYAL NAVY MEN

INTER SERVICES

ALDERSHOT TOWN FC
1900hrs



**WOMENS CORPS EDWARDS
CHALLENGE CUP FINAL**

APRIL 22nd
ALDERSHOT MIL

ARMY RESERVE CUP FINAL

APRIL 25th
ALDERSHOT MIL 1500hrs

**INTER UNIT ARMY WOMEN
SIXES**

APRIL 28th/29th
GRANTHAM

**ARMY FA MINOR UNITS CUP
FINAL**

APRIL 29th
ALDERSHOT MIL
1500hrs

**120TH ARMY FA CHALLENGE
CUP FINAL**

MAY 6th
ALDERSHOT MIL 1500hrs

**ANNUAL ARMY FA REFEREES
TRAINING DAY AND DINNER**

MAY 7th
ALDERSHOT

**MENS CORPS WOOLWICH CUP
FINAL**

DATE TBC

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