

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

March 2018



## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the second of 2019.

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

## OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE BOARD AT NORFOLK COUNTY FA



Following on from the recently held EGM where revised Articles of Association were unanimously approved, the opportunity to join the Board at Norfolk County Football Association is now available, with six appointed Director Positions within the revised leadership structure.

The positions will start in July and will be for a 3 year term through to June 2022 with the existing Board of Directors continuing in post until the AGM & Council Meeting taking place on 1 July 2019.

The Director role requires a commitment to monthly Board meetings which predominantly take place at 6.30pm on Monday evenings at the County Headquarters along with being part of Norfolk County FA's Council.

NCFA has an aspiration for the appointed Board of Directors to cover across the following areas of expertise:

- Legal
- Finance
- Marketing / PR
- Experience of company management
- Youth Football & Safeguarding
- Adult Football

The closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 29 March 2019.

To read more about applying to become a non-executive director and see a document outlining the role profile please [click here](#).

## NORFOLK U18'S ENTER THE FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP FINAL

Norfolk reach this year's FA County Youth Cup Final by beating Cheshire after going a goal behind.



Cheshire started the game as expected at a very fast pace, creating a number of good opportunities in the opening minutes, with one these being taken when a well delivered cross from the right was bundled into the Norfolk goal after the danger had failed to be cleared.

Norfolk headed into the break knowing that they needed to up their game if they were to give themselves any chance of getting into the final.

Norfolk's dominance showed in the second half as they were rewarded with three goals meaning that they ran out 3-1 winners.

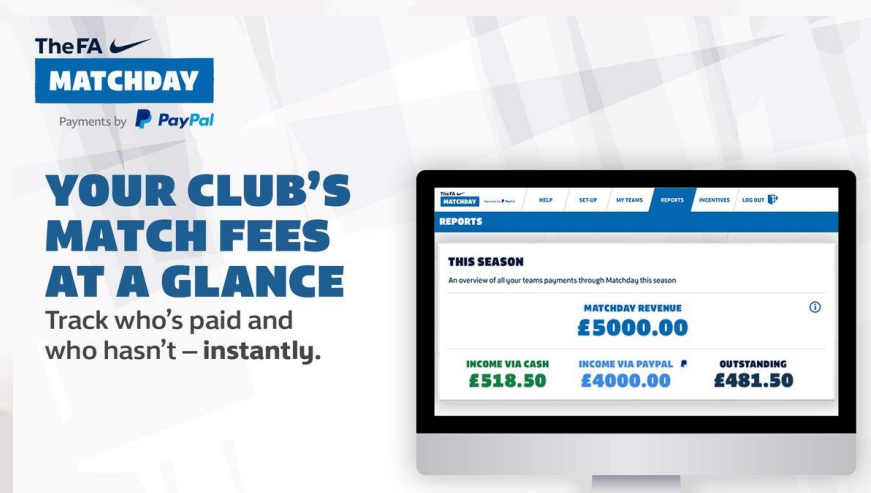
Norfolk will now face Manchester in the Final of The FA County Youth Cup on Saturday 13 April at Spotland, the home of Rochdale FC.

Norfolk FA would like to thank Portable Toilet Hire Specialists, [Toilets+](#) for being the Official Squad Sponsor of the Norfolk under 18 Representative Squad.

To read a full match report please [Click Here](#).

## PAYPAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MATCHDAY APP

PayPal has joined forces with The FA to enable over a million grassroots players to pay their match fees with their smartphones. To read more please [Click Here](#).





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## FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR FEMALE AND DISABILITY TEAMS IN NORFOLK

Grow the Game, which is delivered by the Football Foundation and funded by The FA, was first launched in 2010 to provide clubs with funding for the creation of new teams and chances for aspiring footballers in the local community to play. Since launching, the scheme has helped to create over 11,000 new teams, delivering new playing opportunities to an estimated 144,000 community footballers.

Grow the Game grants of £1,500 will be made available to every new team created, helping to relieve the financial burden on clubs by helping towards FA coaching courses, league affiliation costs, referees' fees, first aid kits or even kit and equipment. In 2018, the scheme helped to support the growth of 872 female and 294 disability teams respectively.



The application window for Grow the Game is now open and closes on Thursday 28 March. Clubs seeking more information on the Funding available should contact Harry Diggins at Norfolk FA on [Harry.Diggins@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Harry.Diggins@NorfolkFA.com) or visit [the Football Foundation website](http://theFootballFoundation.org.uk).

To find out more about the Grow the Game scheme please [click here](#).

## NORFOLK FA GRASSROOTS DISABILITY STARTER PACK

The Disability Starter Pack is aimed at providing support to clubs who would like to establish a provision of disability football. These grants can be used towards things such as specialist equipment for disability football.

The provision of football established as a result of the starter pack, is primarily aimed at supporting a turn up and play style taster session. The idea being that the pack provides an opportunity for clubs to instigate initial interest from disability players with the potential to develop this into a disability team in the future.



To view the conditions of applying, what you will receive in addition to the funding and how to apply; please [click here](#).

## THE PETER SMITH GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2019

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce the winner of the 2019 Peter Smith Groundsman of the Year award.



The standard of all grounds visited as part of this year's award was higher than ever, and the judging panel were impressed with the attention to detail shown by our entire nomination Groundsman.

Please see below for the top three entrants into the Peter Smith Groundsman of the Year Award 2019:

- Winner - Steve Finch from Wells Town FC
- Second Place - Trevor Farrow from Heacham FC
- Third Place - John Marston from Mundford FC

The judging panel also highly commended the work of Carl Nicholls from Stalham Town Football Club for the improvements made to the Rivers Park pitch.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and Norfolk County FA would like to place on record thank you to all Ground staff across Norfolk for their exceptional work.



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## NORFOLK FA GROUNDSMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Norfolk FA are delighted to confirm a FREE groundsman development workshop will be taking place on Monday 1st April 2019, from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at FDC Bowthorpe.



The workshop, entitled End of Season Pitch Maintenance, will be delivered by Phil Jeggo, Regional Pitch Advisor from the IOG. Phil will provide insight and information on what is required when considering & completing end-of season renovations at your club, and why it is essential for maintenance to be carried out. This practical workshop will cover basic end of season works through to full renovations, and will provide vital information for groundsman regardless of budget available to complete the required works.

Also Phil will cover the general maintenance of pitches during the off-season to ensure that they will be in the best condition possible come the start of the following season.

To book a place on this workshop simply email [Ian.Grange@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Ian.Grange@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 (option 1 then option 2).

## THE FDC WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CUP RETURNS

The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup is back this summer and is set to once again be a festival for female football.



As per last year, The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup will be held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at the FDC in Bowthorpe, Norwich.

The tournament is a brilliant way to continue playing over the summer and also serves as a great way to get together with friends.

The tournament costs £30 for Charter Standard Teams and £35 for non-Charter Standard Teams. You can enter online by [clicking here](#).

## CHARTER STANDARD UPDATE

APRIL 2019				
Date	Time	Workshop/Event	Venue	Information & To book
		Football Foundation Retain the Game 2019		<a href="#">Click here</a>
Friday 12 April	09:00 – 16:00	Football Futures (12-24): #REFEREE	<a href="mailto:theFDC@OpenAcademy">theFDC@OpenAcademy</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Friday 12 April	19:00 – 21:00	9V9 to 11V11 Support Workshop	<a href="mailto:theFDC@OpenAcademy">theFDC@OpenAcademy</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Tuesday 16 April	09:00 – 16:00	Football Futures (12-24): #COACH	<a href="mailto:theFDC@OpenAcademy">theFDC@OpenAcademy</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Monday 29 April	18:30 – 20:30	9V9 to 11V11 Support Workshop	<a href="#">Alive Leisure, Lynn Sport</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>

## THE SSE WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL

The SSE Women's FA Cup Final had a record breaking crowd of 45,423 spectators filling Wembley stadium in 2018, why not be part of history and help increase the number of spectators for the 2019 final.



If you would be interested in attending The SSE Women's FA Cup Final 2019, please complete this expression of interest by [clicking here](#). The purpose of this is to understand if there is a demand for us to put on a Norfolk FA Excursion trip for this fixture.

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

## SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

Please be reminded that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Please contact our County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario via [safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 if you have any concerns.



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## WENSUM PRINT EXTEND PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT SUNDAY FOOTBALL IN NORFOLK

Norfolk FA are delighted to announce that Wensum Print have extended their status as an official partner to the County Football Association until June 2020.

The newly extended partnership includes sponsorship of the Norfolk Sunday Junior Cup for the 18/19 and 19/20 seasons, a competition much loved amongst Sunday league footballers across the County.



The Norwich based print company, which has recently relocated to larger premises situated on Javelin Road, on Norwich Airport Industrial Estate, will also continue to sponsor the Norfolk County Cup Final programmes this season and next. The agreement will see them once again produce the publications as well as other printed materials for each of the ten cup finals which remain key fixtures in the Norfolk Football calendar.

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

## FUTSAL LEVEL 1 COURSE SPECIAL OFFER

We are delighted to announce this season's FA Coaching Futsal Level 1 course will take place on Wednesday 10 April at the FDC@OpenAcademy.

Not only is the course fantastically priced at £45, we have a special offer for Norfolk coaches who can book on for just £25!



The course is one day long and is for anyone who wishes to better understand futsal and support the development of futsal players in the grassroots game.

## NORFOLK FA'S FIRST EVER WOMEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our first ever Women's Walking Football Festival on Saturday 29th June between 11am-2pm, at The FDC, Bowthorpe.



The festival will be a relaxed, fun environment to enjoy a new adapted version of the game with a group of friends. The games will be 7-a-side and played on the 3G enclosed pitches. Entries are priced at £10 per team and you can enter a maximum squad size of 10. So if you enter a full squad, that's £1 per player for a day of fun with your mates!

To find out more about the Festival please [Click Here](#).

## THE UTILITA ENERGY FDC YOUTH CUP RETURNS FOR 2019

Norfolk FA's biggest tournament is returning to the FDC this July!



As per tradition the showcase summer tournament, held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at the FDC in Bowthorpe, will see even age groups compete on the Saturday and odd age groups compete on the Sunday.

The tournament is taking place on the weekend of 6 and 7 July and will host 96 teams in eight age groups.

With age groups expected to fill fast, don't delay in entering your team. The tournament costs just £30 and you can enter online by [clicking here](#).



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If you have any questions, please contact theFDC on 01603 704050 (Ext. 2) or email [theFDC@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:theFDC@NorfolkFA.com).

## TRANSITION SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

These workshops are for managers and coaches to gain useful coaching tips to help support individual players and the team transition from different formats of football.

It's a great opportunity to network with other team officials in the same position as well as the very experienced and knowledgeable FA Tutors.



Be quick to book on, the first Workshop is just under a month away – [Click here](#) to book.

## BE PART OF THE FIRST U6 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Festival of Football exclusively for existing U6 teams on Sunday 7 April at theFDC, Bowthorpe.

The aim of the festival is to prepare teams for the season ahead, where they will be playing in a structured format for the first time.



What you can expect:

- Playing time for players and coaches to experience the 5v5 format in a non-pressurised and relaxed environment.

- Experienced FA Coach Mentors will be pitch side to offer guidance and knowledge on tactics and how to convey the right messages to the team and individual players.
- Coaches will receive session ideas/challenges and games to try out with their team with the support of Norfolk FA staff.

To find out more information about the Under 6 Football Festival please [click here](#).

## THE FA DEVELOPING COACHES THROUGH MENTORING COURSE

This course is designed to support those who wish to develop their mentoring skills, to understand the role of the mentor, to develop the interpersonal skills required to become an effective mentor as well as developing reflection as a learning tool. It supports participants to develop skills in a safe and positive environment.



Through completion the learner will:

- Understanding the role of the Mentor and principles of effective mentoring
- Understanding and appreciating the required interpersonal skills of the Mentor
- Exploring strategies for mentoring
- Demonstrating the ability to use core mentoring interpersonal skills, observation, giving accurate feedback, active listening, questioning and reflection.
- Understanding mentoring assessment, feedback, and goal setting processes
- Considering the importance of reflection as a tool for learning
- Exploring CPD and reflective Action Planning opportunities for Mentors to consider their future development

This course is running on Thursday 4 and Thursday 11 April, 6.30pm – 9.30pm at the FDC, Bowthorpe and will cost £10 with a free gift for coaches included.

To find out more and book on, please [click here](#).



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## NORFOLK SCHOOLS FA CUP FINALS KICK OFF THIS WEEK

The Cowles Cup Final was played this Thursday between Thorpe St Andrew and Wymondham College at the FDC, Bowthorpe.

A full match report for this match can be found by [clicking here](#).



The remaining Norfolk Schools FA Finals, sponsored by Phoenix Sporting Goods, are listed below:

- Wednesday 24 April – **U14 Girls (KO – 4pm)**
- Wednesday 24 April – **U15 Boys (KO – 7pm)**
- Tuesday 7 May – **U16 Boys (KO – 7pm)**
- Wednesday 8 May – **U13 Boys (KO – 4pm)**
- Wednesday 8 May – **U16 Girls (KO – 7pm)**
- Tuesday 14 May – **U14 Boys (KO – 4pm)**
- Wednesday 15 May – **U13 Girls (KO – 4pm)**
- Wednesday 15 May – **U12 Boys (KO – 6:30pm)**

All of the Finals are being hosted at theFDC, Bowthorpe and the Admission Fee for all of the Finals will be £1 for Adults and free entry for Concessions.

A big thank you to Phoenix Sporting Goods, our Portable Floodlight Provider, for supporting the Norfolk FA Schools Cups. To find out more about Phoenix Sporting Goods and ILites please [click here](#).

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU – FREE COUNTY CUP FINAL TICKETS

As a token of our appreciation to all of the club & league volunteers around the County, an offer of either up to 5 or 10 (depending on size of the club) complimentary tickets for any of our ten County Cup Finals can be applied for. A thank you letter and a link to a survey will be sent out on Monday to all Club & League secretaries. It should be noted that clubs & leagues are restricted to only completing the survey once.

## THE NORFOLK COUNTY CUP FINALS KICK OFF NEXT FRIDAY



The first Norfolk County Cup Final kicks off next Friday with the Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Final between Watton United and Silver Fox. For a full list of the Cup Finals please see below:

- Friday 22nd March – 7:30pm – Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Final – theFDC (**Watton United v Silver Fox**)
- Friday 29th March – 7:30pm - Primary Cup Final – theFDC (**Gayton United Res. v Celt Rangers**)
- Friday 5th April – 7:30pm – John Savage Cup Final – theFDC (**Old Catton v Taverham**)
- Friday 26th April – 7:30pm – Stuart Dracup Cup Final – theFDC (**Loddon or Firside v Aylsham or Norman Wanderers**)
- Sunday 28th April – 11:00am – Sunday Senior Cup Final – Carrow Road (**El Sol v Riverside Rovers**)
- Sunday 28th April – 3:30pm – Women's Cup Final – Carrow Road (**King's Lynn v Wymondham Town**)
- Tuesday 30th April – 7:30pm - Senior Cup Final – Carrow Road (**Dereham Town v Thetford Town**)
- Wednesday 1st May – 7:30pm - Junior Cup Final – Carrow Road (**Gorleston Res v Sprowston Athletic**)
- Friday 3rd May – 7:30pm – Veterans Cup Final – theFDC (**Horsford v Tavern Old Boys**)
- Friday 17th May – 7:30pm – High Altitude Under 12's Cup Final – theFDC (**Reffley or Mundford v Horsford or Costessey Sports**)

## AND FINALLY,

We would like to wish all the people involved within #NorfolkFootball the best of luck with their fixtures in the coming weeks, including the teams competing in Cup Finals.

Best wishes

**Norfolk County FA**