



ARMY FA

2019/20

MID SEASON UPDATE

LOOKING AHEAD



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.



DISCIPLINARY SECRETARY: Jenny Cuthell

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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.

ADMIN, MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP ASSISTANT: Kate O'Hara

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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.



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) (3900 followers)

Facebook: [ArmyFootballAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ArmyFootballAssociation)
(4300 followers)
[ArmyFootballArchive](https://www.facebook.com/ArmyFootballArchive)

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

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

Facebook: [BritishArmySport](https://www.facebook.com/BritishArmySport) (12,000 followers)

Twitter: [ArmySportASCB](https://twitter.com/ArmySportASCB) (4750 followers)

Twitter: [ArmySportsLTRY](https://twitter.com/ArmySportsLTRY) (7900 followers)

Instagram: [BritishArmySport](https://www.instagram.com/BritishArmySport) (7000 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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We are grateful for Aldershot Town Football Club for providing continued support to the Army FA by staging the 2019 Inter Services match at their EBB Stadium versus Royal Navy. We are also working closely with the Shots Foundation to raise the awareness of the match in March within the local community. Head Coach Major Sean Birchnall is preparing for his second Inter Service competition and aiming to retain a trophy that the Army have now won for the last four seasons.

Prior to the Inter Services we will be proud to host the Aldershot DFA 125th Anniversary celebration match at the Aldershot Military Stadium. The current cup holders Camberley Town will be the opponents on Wednesday 19th February 2020.

KEY DATES:

Tue 28 Jan	Friendly	Basingstoke Town	Hampshire FA HQ	1945hrs
Wed 19 Feb	Aldershot DFA 125 Celebration	CAMBERLEY TOWN	Aldershot Military Stadium	1945hrs
Wed 11 March	Inter Services	RAF	Shrewsbury Town FC	1900hrs
Wed 25 March	Inter Services/Southern Counties	ROYAL NAVY	Aldershot Town FC	1900hrs



FOLLOW Army Men on Twitter:
[@ArmyFAMensTeam](https://twitter.com/ArmyFAMensTeam)

ARMY UNDER 23 DEVELOPMENT

The Under 23 Development team commence their Inter Services campaign in February with a home match versus RAF FA at the Military Stadium.

Sgt Gerwyn Griffiths has overseen a productive campaign so far with victories versus National League Academy teams in Kidderminster Harriers and Aldershot Town. The Under 23s are also representatives in the Aldershot DFA Cup this season and play Alton in Round 2.



KEY DATES:

Tue 28 Jan	Aldershot DFA Cup R2	Alton	Alton FC	1945hrs
Wed 05 Feb	Inter Services	RAF	Aldershot Military Stadium	1900hrs
Wed 12 Feb	Inter Services	Royal Navy	HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth	1900hrs

FOLLOW Army U23 on Twitter:
@ArmyU23





Sgt Lee Barry looks forward to his first Inter Services campaign. Appointed Head Coach during the summer of 2019 Sgt Barry has overseen trials, a comprehensive victory versus AFC Bournemouth Academy and an opening 2-2 draw in the Southern Counties Cup competition versus Middlesex.

The Inter Service match v RAF doubles up as a Southern Counties Cup match this season too with the RAF joining the competition in the summer.



KEY DATES:

Tue 10 Mar	Inter Services/Southern Counties Cup	RAF	RAF Cosford	1900hrs
Wed 25 Mar	Inter Services	Royal Navy	Aldershot Military Stadium	1500hrs

FOLLOW Army Women on Twitter:
[@AWFTLionesses](https://twitter.com/AWFTLionesses)

Earlier this season the management appointments for the Army Womens Football Development Team (Amazons) were confirmed.

After an extensive and impressive interview process with a high quality of candidate **SSgt Ryan McDowell AGC (SPS)** was appointed to the role of Head Coach. Experienced within the Women's game Ryan was the Head Coach of the Adjutant General Corps (AGC) between 2011 and 2018. During this period his team won the Corps League twice and remained unbeaten in consecutive seasons. In addition they also won the Edwards Challenge Cup and End of Season Tournament twice.

Joining Ryan as Deputy Head Coach is **Sgt (SI) Yvette Kemp (RAPTC)**. An experienced Physical Training Instructor Yvette also has extensive experience since joining the Army in 2008. She represented the main Army Women's team between 2009 and 2016. In addition she has featured for Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) for over a decade. She also played for Gloucester City for many years and is also an Army FA Ambassador.

The Army Womens Development Team was initiated last season and enjoyed a successful pilot season. It is now endorsed as an important part of the Womens structure by the Board of Trustees. The first match for the team was in November; a 2-1 reserve v Southampton Academy.



Follow Army Womens Development on Twitter:
[@AmazonsArmy](https://twitter.com/AmazonsArmy)





The Army Masters Team will play against the Prison Service as a final prelim to the Inter Services 2020. The fixture will build momentum on the season so far and get the Army Master's side ready for the Inter Services in Mar 2020.

It has been a productive season for the Masters team who are communicating directly with the Army FA to widen the awareness and opportunities available for the team. This included a first time fixture at the Military Stadium where our good friends from Royal Wootton Bassett FC were the opponents resulting in a 5-0 Army victory. The Masters also beat a Wales Vets team 5-0 in Barry and a Manchester City EX Military side 13-1.

KEY DATES:

February Wed 5 th	Army Masters	HM Prison	Daventry Town FC	TBCFriendly
March Wed 11 th	Army Masters	RAF Vets	TNS, Oswestry	1200hrs
March Wed 25 th	Army Masters	Royal Navy Vets	Aldershot 3G	1200hrs

If you would like any further information contact
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 Lt Col RA Bell at Richard.Bell354@mod.gov.uk,
 Your assistance and continued support for Army Football is greatly appreciated.



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UNIT CLUBS

1	11 Signals Regiment FC	26	2 Close Support Battalion REME FC
2	26 Engineer Regiment FC	27	Aldergrove Flying Station FC
3	8 Battalion REME FC	28	7 Regiment RLC FC
4	32 Regiment Royal Artillery FC	29	9 Regiment RLC FC
5	4 Military Intelligence FC	30	3 Medical regiment FC
6	21 Engineer Regt FC	31	ATC Pirbright FC
7	1 Battalion Coldstream Guards FC	32	1 Royal School of Military Engineering FC
8	12 Regiment Royal Artillery FC	33	The Light Dragoons FC
9	2 Military Intelligence Battalion FC	34	39 Engineer Regiment FC
10	1 Mercian Regiment FC	35	Household Cavalry FC
11	21 Signal Regiment FC	36	Army Chefs FC
12	4 Duke of Lancashire Regiment FC	37	6 Regiment RLC FC
13	26 Regiment Royal Artillery FC	38	2 Royal Anglian Regiment FC
14	4 Regiment Army Air Corp FC	39	The Queen's Royal Hussars FC
15	29 EOD & S GSU FC	40	RMP Bulford FC
16	1 Welsh Guards Regiment FC	41	37 Signal Regiment FC
17	3 Parachute regiment FC	42	32 Engineer Regiment
18	4 Regiment RLC FC	43	30 Signal Regiment FC
19	5 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers FC	44	3 Regiment Royal Signals FC
20	36 Engineer Regiment FC	45	Chillwell Station FC
21	14 Reg RA FC	46	1 Signal Regiment
22	29 Regiment RLC FC	47	1 Royal Welsh FC
23	3 RSME Regiment FC	48	Army Aviation Centre FC
24	1 Lancashire Regiment FC	49	101 Engineer Regiment FC
25	22 Engineer Regiment FC	50	1 Scots FC

Our Charter Standard unit clubs listed. For your club to become an Adult Charter Standard club and received six free footballs, £100 kit voucher and a certificate please contact: steve.stone@Armyfa.com for more information.



The 120th Major Units Challenge Cup is progressing with the competition currently at the 3rd round stage (last 32). There has been an increase to 139 teams entering the Major and Minor Units Cup this season increased from 118 in 2018/19.

The current holders, 21 Engineer Regiment, were eliminated from this season's tournament losing a penalty shoot out v 3 Medical Regiment in the 2nd round.

120TH ARMY CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM
WEDNESDAY 06 MAY 2020
KICK OFF: 1500HRS

3RD ROUND

12 Regt	2-3	3 Sig Regt
14 RA	V	8 Bn REME (15 Jan)
17 P/M or 5 Bn REME	V	1 Gren Gds
ATC Pirbright	2-3	1 Yorks
3 Regt RLC	V	32 Regt RA
36 Engr Regt	2-4	1 Regt AAC
3 RSME	4-0	RTR
9 Regt RLC	3-7	4 Regt RLC
1 Bn Welsh Gds	V	7 PARA Regt RHA (15 Jan)
3 PARA	V	1 PWRR (8 Jan)
33 Engr Regt	V	7 Regt RLC
30 Sig Regt	4-5	22 Sig Regt
42 Engr Regt	V	1 Bn REME
32 Engr Regt	2-4	5 Regt RA
3 Med Regt	1-9	ITC Catterick (15 Jan)
39 Engr Regt	V	2 Cs Bn REME (23 Jan)
14 RA	0-15	8 Bn REME
3 Regt RLC	3-1	32 Regt RA



The competition is currently at the last 16 stage (2nd Round). Current holders Armour Centre have progressed to the Quarter Finals after defeating AA Cen 6-0.

The final will be held in Aldershot in April with a Corps Colonels meeting being held in the morning and those present will be in attendance for the final.

ARMY MINOR UNITS CUP QUARTER FINAL DRAW

ATR Winchester **V** 34 Field Hospital

Armoured Centre **V** 4 LD/5 Scots Bal Coy

5 Reg AAC **V** 4 MI Bn

1 Sigs **V** TBC ((Chill Stn v 216 Sig Sqn) v 1 Scots)

Semi 1 - Winner of Qtr 3 **V** Winner of Qtr 1

Semi 2 - Winner of Qtr 2 **V** Winner of Qtr 4

Quarter Finals are to be played by 29 Feb 2020.

Any unit failing to meet this date may be required to withdraw from the competition.

Winning teams are to note that the Semi Finals must be played by the 31 March 2020.

Any unit failing to meet this date may be required to withdraw from the competition.



Army Reserve Men's Team

Over the 16 / 17 November 19 an excellent trial's weekend saw five new players brought into the playing squad. This was new Head Coach Mags McAteer's first engagement with the Men's team, and she was impressed with the enthusiasm, diversity and dedication on display.

On the weekend she was supported by SSgt Phil Pimlott, who has come on board as Mag's number two. As a result of the weekend a further player was shipped into the Regular Infantry Corps team and scored on his debut. This followed with a lively encounter v Army U23 in January which resulted in a 0-0 draw.

KEY DATES:

February Sun 16 th	RMAS	Sandhurst	TBC	Friendly
March Sun 15 th	Icarus	Aldershot	1030hrs	Friendly

Army Reserve Women's Team

Due to personal reasons WO1 Karl Clark stepped down in his role as head coach of the Army Reserve Women's team. Karl has done a fantastic job in his three years in charge, which has seen women's football at representative level go from strength to strength.

An excellent response was received to the job advertisement for the head coach position, as with the AR men's team another indication how far Army Reserve football has come, and Sig Bex Wells, a Reservist, who has been assisting the Regular Women's team was appointed. She is a well-qualified and experienced coach and extremely pleased with her selection, Bex will be assisted by Leon Jennings

KEY DATES:

February Sat 29 th	Army Women Dev	Aldershot	1900hrs	Friendly
April Sat 4 th	RE Women	Chatham		Friendly

FOLLOW Army Womens Reserve Team on Twitter:
[@ARWomenFootball](https://twitter.com/ARWomenFootball)





The draw for the Army Reserve Cup Quarter Final was conducted at the ASCB HQ in Aldershot prior to Christmas by County Secretary, Major Billy Thomson and Kate O'Hara and overseen by Assistant Secretary Graham Brookland

The draw is:

156 Regiment RLC	V	152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC
2 R Irish or 81 Signal Sqn	V	4 Lancs Regiment or 6 Scots
4 PARA or 154 (Scottish) Regt RLC	V	159 Supply Regiment RLC
Exeter UOTC	V	37 Signal Regiment

Quarter Finals to be played on or before 1st Mar 2020

Semi Finals to be played on or before 1st April 2020

KEY DATE

ARMY RESERVE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Aldershot Military Stadium
Saturday 25th April 2020
KO 1500hrs





MENS CORPS LEAGUE

Infantry led Massey Division 1 at the turn of the year by five points. Division 2 has been much tighter with only three points separating top and bottom places at the start of the New Year.

DIVISION 1

POS	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	INF	7	6	0	1	22	10	12	18
2	RLC	7	4	1	2	17	9	8	13
3	REME	7	2	2	3	8	12	-4	8
4	RE	6	3	1	2	10	6	4	10
5	R SIG	6	2	0	4	9	15	-6	6
6	AAC	5	0	0	5	6	20	-14	0

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES (All 1030hrs unless stated)

FRI 31 JAN

RE v AAC	Chatham
REME v R Signals	Lyneham
RLC v Infantry	Abingdon Utd FC

FRI 14 FEB

AAC v RE	Tidworth
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FRI 28 FEB

AAC v R Signals	Tidworth
Infantry v REME	Aldershot 3G
RLC v RE	Abingdon Utd FC

FRI 24 APRIL

R Signals v RLC	Stafford
RE v Infantry	Chatham
REME v AAC	Lyneham
TBC R Signals v AAC	

DIVISION 2

POS	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	RA	4	3	0	1	9	4	5	9
2	AGC	5	3	0	2	12	12	1	9
3	RAPTC	4	2	1	1	10	4	5	7
4	Intelligence Corps	3	1	1	1	8	5	2	4
5	RAC	5	1	1	3	6	12	-6	4
6	AMS	4	1	1	3	7	15	-8	4

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES (All 1030hrs kick off unless stated)

FRI 07 FEB

AMS v AGC
RA v Int Corps

Lichfield City FC
Larkhill

FRI 24 APR

RA v AGC
RAC v Int Corps

Larkhill
Dorchester Town

MON 10 FEB

RAPTC v RAC

Aldershot Mil (1900hrs)

MON 27 APR

RAPTC v AMS

Aldershot Mil (1900hrs)

MON 24 FEB

RAPTC v Int Corps

Aldershot Mil (1900hrs)

FRI 28 FEB

RA v AMS

Larkhill

FRI 06 MAR

Int Corps v RA

Chicksands

TUE 31 MAR

AGC v RAPTC

Worthy Down

FRI 03 APRIL

Int Corps v AMS
RAC v RA

Chicksands
Dorchester Town FC

FRI 01 MAY

AGC v Int Corps
AMS v RAC

Worthy Down
Lichfield City FC

MON 04 MAY

RAPTC v RA

Aldershot Mil (1900hrs)

FRI 15 MAY

Int v RAPTC
RAC v AGC

Chicksands
Worthy Down

WOOLWICH CUP SEMI FINALS

These were played in Aldershot in January. The first semi final (13th) saw Royal Engineers convincingly beat the Massey League leaders Infantry 6-1 on a treacherous evening.

The following Monday the current holders defeated RLC 2-0. This sets up a replica of the 2019 final. The AMS will host the final on a date TBC between 11 and 20 May. They are looking to acquire a civilian stadium. The aim is to combine this with the Massey AGM too.

QUADS

The QUADS dates are still to be confirmed but aiming to be in Chatham in May.



ARMY FOOTBALL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT 2020

SITUATION

1. BLUF.

This Warning Order provides HQ RC Engagement Branch, HQ LONDIST, RPOCs and the Army Football Association (AFA) with outline details of a UK wide Army Football Community Engagement Project planned for 2020 under the banner:

"Your Army, your local community, remembering all through football"

2. OUTLINE.

Following the success of the Game of Remembrance (1918-2018) held in Nottingham, Army football now seeks to widen its reach and increase its community engagement across the UK in a more sustainable way. This will be achieved by Army regular and reserve personnel taking part in over a 100 games of representative and local community football in the months running up to Remembrance Day in 2020. These matches will be run at two levels:

- a. Level 1: Army & Corps.
- b. Level 2: Regimental and Unit/Sub-Unit.

MISSION

3. To run a UK wide programme of over 100 Army football matches in 2020 designed to engage the Army with the local civilian population - and vice versa - through a mutual love of the game.

EXECUTION

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

- a. Intent. Deliver a UK wide Army Football Community Engagement to connect with society, enhance the Army's reputation and enable recruitment.
- b. Scheme of Manoeuvre.

(1) The Army Football Association (AFA) will direct - and then support - all Army and Corps level representative matches (Level 1). HQ RC will do likewise by tasking RPOCs to organise, within their respective AORs, local community focussed football matches at regimental level and below (Level 2). The programme will start on Armed Forces Day June 2020, with an Army Reservist team taking on a locally selected community team in Salisbury, Wilts; and conclude with an Army v Bundeswehr Remembrance Day match at a venue TBC as close to 11 November 2020 as possible.

(2) Between these two dates, the emphasis will be placed on a programme of Level 1 and Level 2 matches attracting and engaging locally with at least 200 spectators (per match) made up of, inter-alia, schoolchildren, Cadets, gatekeepers and local dignitaries. Match attendance will be recorded on a bespoke UCE campaign site to measure engagement effect.

- c. Main Effort. Direct engagement with 20,000 civilians.

3. MISSIONS & TASKS.

a. HQ RC Engagement Branch.

Support HQ LONDIST, RPOCs and AFA by:

- (1) Instigating and running a related media campaign.
- (2) Coordinating the master events programme.
- (3) Collating, analysing and exploiting the national engagement effect.

b. HQ LONDIST. Is requested to:

- (1) Coordinate and deliver within boundaries at least 10 games of community engagement football from a mixture of regular and reservist teams at Regimental, Battalion & Sub-Unit level between Jun – 11 Nov 20.
- (2) Collect and analyse related regional engagement statistics and data for future exploitation.

c. RPOCs.

- (1) Coordinate and deliver within boundaries at least 10 games of community engagement

football from a mixture of regular and reservist teams at Regimental, Battalion & Sub-Unit level between Jun – 11 Nov 20.

- (2) Collect and analyse related regional engagement statistics and data for future exploitation.

d. AFA. Is requested to:

- (1) Plan for and execute a UK wide programme of regular and reservist Army and Corps level community engagement matches from Jun – 11 Nov 2020.
- (2) Act as SME advisors to HQ RC.
- (3) Energise the Army Football community of interest, cohering their representative football programme.
- (4) Message and promote this project with the FA and other National Football institutions and work to bring in sponsorship.

In order to help ensure the Army engages directly through football with a target audience of approximately 20,000 civilians and cadets in 2020.





FORTHCOMING FIXTURES (1030hrs Kick Off unless stated)

THU 13 FEB

RE v RLC Chatham (1930hrs)

FRI 14 FEB

RA v Int Corps Larkhill

AMS v R Signals Lichfield

REME v AGC Lyneham

THU 02 APR

RE v REME Chatham (1930hrs)

FRI 03 APR

RAC v RA Dorchester Town FC

AGC v AMS Stafford

RLC v Int Corps Abingdon Town FC

FRI 01 MAY

Int Corps v RE Chicksands

R Signals v RLC Stafford

RA v AGC Larkhill

REME v AMS Lyneham

Team	Games Played	Win	Draw	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
REME	3	2	1	0	14	3	11	7
RLC	3	2	1	0	13	4	9	7
AGC	3	1	2	0	12	6	6	5
AMS	3	1	1	1	13	4	9	4
SIGS	3	1	1	1	6	8	2	4
RE	3	0	3	0	5	5	0	3
RA	4	0	3	1	5	10	-5	3
INT	4	0	0	4	2	30	-28	0





The competition is currently at the semi final stage. Both of these matches will be played at the Aldershot Military Stadium.

The first semi final will be on Thursday 27 February between AGC v AMS. The following day (28th) RA will play REME. Both matches will kick off at 1030hrs. The current holders are Royal Army Medical Corps.

KEY DATES: WOMENS CORPS EDWARDS CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

DATE AND VENUE TBC
AIMING FOR FINAL TO BE PLAYED
IN UK NORTH DIVISION





The 5th Army Women's Inter Unit Six-A-Side Football competition will take place at the Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham over the period 18-19 Feb 2020.

This competition is open to ALL Army units and support establishments who have Army personnel on staff. Last season's tournament saw over 220 females playing football over a two-day period, this being won by Eng Sp Gp. Each team will be expected to play at least 10 games.

Due to the popularity of the competition, we will again run a Plate Competition for those teams that haven't made it out of the league stages. The Plate competition is designed to give teams something else to play for, however is very competitive and was won in 2019 by 1 MWD.

Units wishing to enter the competition can email the Competition Secretary by 27 Jan 20 - John. Normanton649@mod.gov.uk

The draw for the competition will be made by an independent panel once all the teams have confirmed entry and prior to the competition starting. Leagues will be advertised at the team captain's brief on day one of the competition.





VACANCY: CHAIRMAN ARMY FOOTBALL

Football in the Army is the Soldiers' Game, the most participatory sport in the Army, both men and women, regular and reserves.

The role of the Chairman is to promote Football across the Army at all levels (unit to representative, all ranks, all ages and all genders) and in all forms of the games. The President is CGS, with a number of 3* and 2* Vice-Presidents, including the Army Sergeant Major.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY:

William.thomson@Armyfa.com by
14th February 20.

FOR A FULL JOB DESCRIPTION PLEASE VISIT:

[http://www.armyfa.com/news/2020/jan/13/
vacancy---chairman-army-football](http://www.armyfa.com/news/2020/jan/13/vacancy---chairman-army-football)



COACH EDUCATION

The primary focus of the period has been FDO delivery of Coach courses. There are opportunities for focussed CPD sessions though more engagement is required from specific areas of the football community – a session focussed on the Women's game has been delayed with the hope for greater interest. There are opportunities to attend FA Women's Football Development seminars and meetings.

County Coach Development. Quarterly meetings ongoing with our County Coach Developer (CCD), Mike Byrne, for advice on achievable plans in football development. The CCD is allocated FA time to support the Army FA and is available to advise broader strands of Army Football as required.

FUTSAL

England Under 23 Futsal Team offer to coach then play an Army Rep team; proposed date 21 Dec 19 was not achievable. Army U23's plan to incorporate in to their football camp diary in 2020.

- Aldershot Futsal Pilot to be confirmed to deconflict with the football calendar.
- Referee support for development of the game with 20 Futsal officials qualified in Catterick, Nov 19, with a further Course planned for Jan 20 in Aldershot.
- Equipment has been provided to support set up of a Catterick Futsal League; initial interest will be followed up for the establishment of teams/league in the New Year.
- Army representation at the SGP Futsal DNA event on 17 Aug 19 developed links with FA Futsal coach developers with a readiness to support Army Futsal events.



FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COACHING COURSES AT THE ARMY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN ALDERSHOT



LEVEL 1

2nd - 5th September 2019
27th - 30th January 2020
11th - 14th May 2020
13th - 16th July 2020

LEVEL 2 BLOCK 1

16th - 19th September 2019
3rd - 6th February 2020

LEVEL 2 BLOCK 2

21st - 23rd October 2019
27th - 29th April 2020

LEVEL 2 BLOCK 3

2nd - 4th December 2019
6th - 8th July 2020

GOALKEEPING LEVEL 1

11th - 13th November 2019
20th - 22nd April 2020

GOALKEEPING LEVEL 2

15th - 17th June 2020



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KEY DATES:

THURSDAY 07 MAY 2020

**RAFA TRAINING DAY
(Aldershot) and**

**ANNUAL REFEREES DINNER
(Sandhurst)**

So Far This Season

RETENTION. A total of 224 referees are currently registered with the Army FA. The 19/20 season registration remains open and those referees who have not re-registered have been hastened by the Referee Development Officer (RDO).

Promotion. In total, 44 referees have registered their intent to seek promotion to the next level during the current 19/20 season through the Army FA (level 7 - 4).

OBSERVERS. Observer (Assessor) refresher (mandatory every season) training has been delivered; re-qualifying 28 observers. An observer basic course was delivered in Oct 19 qualifying four new observers. The observer coordinator (Maj Andy Carter MBE) has been proactive in providing one to one refresher training.

Basic Course Delivery. This season, the Army FA has planned to deliver four referee basic courses and two Futsal referee courses. The following courses have been either delivered or are planned:

- a. Aldershot 23 – 26 Nov 19. 15 personnel successfully qualified; including 2 females.
- b. Catterick 11 – 14 Nov 19. 11 personnel successfully qualified; including 1 female.
- c. Aldershot 20 – 23 Jan 20. Currently 22 personnel loaded.
- d. Catterick 30 Mar – 3 Apr 20.

FUTSAL. To date, the RDO; WO2 Moore has delivered with the support from an external training provider a Futsal referee course in Catterick, qualifying 20 referees. A second course is planned for Jan 20 and is fully subscribed (20). The Army FA kindly granted funding to purchase futsal goalposts to support training and further competitions in Catterick.

DEVELOPMENT. Two development days are planned; Feb and May 20. WO2 Andy Moore assumed the RDO role during the summer; he is a volunteer and will attend the FA RDO seminar in Jan 20.

SUCCESS. Army referees have featured in positive numbers across all three major FA competitions; FA Cup (1st and 2nd round), Trophy and Vase. Several referees have been awarded their Corps Colors for support to football.





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2019/20 REFEREES COURSES



23/26 September 2019 Aldershot
11/14 November 2019 Catterick
20/23 January 2020 Aldershot
30 Mar/3 April 2020 Catterick

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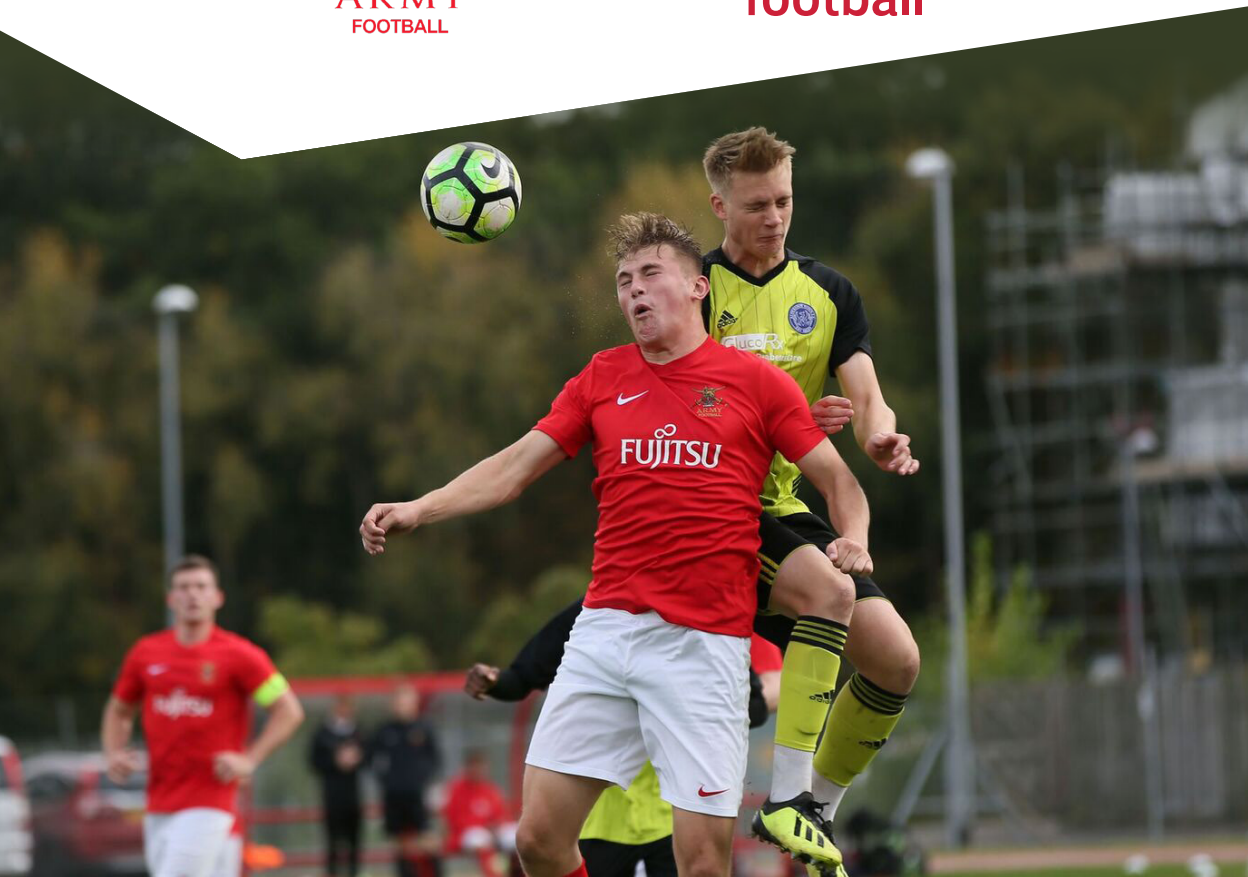
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ARMY UNDER 23 V RAF UNDER 23



VS

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WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2020

ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM

QUEENS AVENUE, ALDERSHOT GU11 2LB

KICK OFF: 1900HRS

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WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2020

**ALDERSHOT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
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KICK OFF: 1900HRS**

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ARMY WOMEN V ROYAL NAVY WOMEN



VS



WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2020
ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM
QUEENS AVENUE, ALDERSHOT GU11 2LB
KICK OFF: 1500HRS

FUJITSU



KEY DATES

Feb 7	Friday	1800	Aldershot Stadium	RAPTC	Home
Mar 10	Tuesday	1800	Chicksands	Int Corps	Away
9-12 Apr	Thur-Sun	All weekend	Liverpool	Easter Tournament	Away

KEY POINTS

- **President's Shield.** After very tight game with the Vets who used all of their experience, the First Team were victorious on penalties in the President's Shield at the start of the season
- **Bell Trophy.** The annual Bell Trophy against RMAS was won by the Crusaders after a 3-1 victory
- **Sponsorship.** Secured two new direct sponsorship deals. Firstly our primary match sponsor is Newman & Spurr Consultancy (NSC) (who provide the Army's Unit Based Virtual Training (UBVT)) and secondly our training apparel sponsors Thales (who deliver multiple projects for the Army)
- **Soldier Magazine.** Featured in the November issue of Soldier Magazine who produced an article outlining the good work that the Crusaders were doing (I have included some photos from their photographer)
- **BFBS Link.** Forged a link with BFBS who now report the Crusaders' games on their Sports Breakfast Show and hold post match interviews with players which are aired the following day.
- **Social Media Footprint.** Increased exposure via Twitter and messaging to promote Army football and sport in general.





ALDERSHOT DFA 125 ANNIVERSARY

As part of the continued celebrations of the Aldershot Divisional Football Association's 125th anniversary year (of which we have representation) the Army Mens Representative Team will be hosting the current holders of the Senior Cup, Camberley Town, from the Combined Counties League Premier Division.

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though a collection will be taken during the game from which Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and The Royal British Legion will benefit. A match programme is also being produced.

A shield will be presented to the winning team alongside medals for both squads and the match officials who are being appointed by the Aldershot DFA.

The Aldershot DFA has huge Army FA connections. Indeed their first ever President was the Royal Duke of Connaught who was also Commanding Officer of the British Forces in Aldershot and also President of the Army FA from 1904 too. The Army dominated the competition up until the end of National Service with an Army team winners on 42 occasions up to 1962 and a further eight occasions up to 1993 when 2nd Trg Regt RE were the last Army based winners. Our Under 23 Rep team have entered the competition this season.

The Army FA were proud to be heavily involved in the 125 Anniversary Dinner held at Aldershot Town FC in August to commence the celebrations.

DETAILS ARE:

TEAMS:

BRITISH ARMY MENS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM v CAMBERLEY TOWN FC

DATE:

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2020

VENUE:

ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM

KO TIME: 19.45 hrs



BITS AND PIECES

ANNUAL SEMINAR

A date for the 2020 Army FA Seminar is still to be confirmed but will not be staged at St Georges Park this time around.

Please follow our social media outlets for updates.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CUP FINAL

We are currently in dialogue with Aldershot Town Football Club with a view to be staging the Final of the Unit Champions League Cup Final in late May; possibly combining with a seminar.

Discussions remain ongoing with regards to the Womens Unit Final.

FUTSAL COURSE

We were delighted to confirm the addition of an additional 23 Futsal Referees after the recent January course in Aldershot.

We are fully appreciative to the FA Tutors Marc Birkett and Sean Dipple for their continued support.

Further news regarding Futsal activity within the Army FA will be made in due course.





ANNUAL ARMY FA AWARDS DINNER

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2020
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July- DMS Whittington hosted Aston Villa U21 squad for a development training day



Aug- 6 SCOTS win the Bernard Vann VC Memorial Cup. The team defeated 5 Fusiliers 4-1



Aug- AMS Women win the Army Reserve Sixes in Grantham



Aug- 152 (NI) Tpt win the Army Reserve Men Sixes



Aug- UKAF Women beat Irish Defence Force 8-0. Libby Dixon nets a hat-trick



Sept - The Army FA sponsoring the match ball at the Aldershot Town v Yeovil Town National League match



Sept- Infantry beat RE 1-0 in the final of the Reserve Corp Jones Cup in Grantham



Sept- Another completed Referees course in Aldershot



Sept- Army officials supporting the Reserve Corps Cup



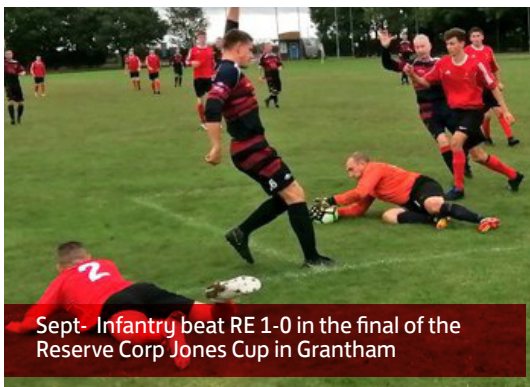
Sept- Sappers pre season training at Oxford United with experienced coach Derek Fazackerley



Oct- Rear personnel from BATUK visited Grapesyard Orphanage. Included in the party is Army FA official Sgt Ndoda (Mani) Dlamini (RLC). Mani provided football kit and equipment donated by the Army FA



Oct- AGC Womens Team in Dubai



Sept- Infantry beat RE 1-0 in the final of the Reserve Corp Jones Cup in Grantham



Oct- Queens Royal Hussars win the 2019 Cavalry Cup beating Royal Tank Regiment in the final



Oct- Army FA support Kosovo Security Force Women's Football with a new kit - great support from Lt Gen Rama COM KSF to develop women's sports



Oct- 4 Lancs become the first Reserve unit to win the Army Super Cup beating 21 Engineer Regt 7-2 in the final at Fleetwood Town Academy



Nov- Welsh Cavalry beat Dental America on penalties at their USA Tour in California



Nov- We were proud to host the U12 Truce Tournament in Aldershot



Nov- Truce Tournament



Nov- Remembrance Service at Aldershot Town FC



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Nov- England international Millie Bright attending the ASCB Sports Awards in Sandhurst



Nov- Army Women supporting Rainbow Laces



Nov- Another successful Coaching course in Aldershot



Nov - Over £50K presented to charities at Nottingham Forest v Derby as a result of the Games of Remembrance in 2018.



Dec- UK Armed Forces retain Kentish Cup in France



Dec- Coldstream Guards provide kits in Kenya from the Aldershot based Junior Shots team



Dec- W02 Lee Fraser and W02 Barry Rizza at Newcastle Elite speaking to students about possible pathways and opportunities in the future.



Jan 20- 24 on the Aldershot Referees course



Jan 20 It was a touch wet at the Woolwich Cup Semi Final between Infantry and RE



Jan 20- Lois Jacobs received her 2019 Players' Player Award from Lt Col Sandra Hodgson MBE after the Essex match.



Jan 20 Premier League Referee David Coote at the Referees course in Aldershot



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Jan Army Crusaders in action at RMA Sandhurst



Jan- UKAF Women at Portsmouth Dockyard prior to their match v Portsmouth Women at HMS Temeraire

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