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WELCOME

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

COUNTY CUPS ROUND UP

The Stuart Dracup Cup sponsored by Soccer@Sea

Firside Athletic became the winners of the 2019 Stuart Dracup Cup sponsored by <u>Soccer@Sea</u> last month after edging out Norman Wanderers 1-0 at the FDC.

In a tight affair between two highly rated U14 teams, it was an exciting and fiercely fought final. However it was Charlie Marshall who made the difference, scoring the only goal of the game half way through the second half to clinch the cup for the home side on the night. Full Report – click here.



The Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup

Norfolk FA's Carrow Road Cup Finals kicked off last month as El Sol took on Riverside Rovers in a hotly contested Sunday Senior Cup Final. It was the first out of four fixtures to take place at the home of Norwich City FC and it was Great Yarmouth based outfit El Sol who became the first victors on the hallowed turf. Full Report—click here.



The McDonald's Norfolk Women's Cup

It was a first for female football in Norfolk last month as King's Lynn Town took on Wymondham Town in the McDonald's Norfolk Women's Cup Final, which was held at Norwich City FC's Carrow Road for the first time. Full Report – click here.



The Norfolk Senior Cup

The Norfolk Senior Cup took place at Carrow Road last month with Dereham Town coming out on top after an entertaining night of football. They needed extra-time to come past Thetford Town to lift the trophy. Full Report – click here.



The Norfolk Junior Cup in Association with Ball Launcher

The final of the Norfolk Junior Cup in association with Ball Launcher took place at Carrow Road with Gorleston Reserves getting the better of Sprowston Athletic on the night. Two first half goals proved enough for the Greens, as Jason Thompson struck on the 4th minute and Daniel Goodrum hit home just after the half an hour mark. Full Report—click here.





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The Norfolk Veterans Cup

Horsford completed the cup and league double last night after beating Tavern Old Boys 4-3 in extra time to win the 2019 Norfolk Veterans Cup. Tavern took the lead early through Troy Bond, before Daniel McKail's long range effort and a Roy Bevis penalty turned the game on its head before the break. Full Report – <u>click here.</u>



FAITH KENNY'S FOOTBALL JOURNEY SO FAR!

Faith Kenny is an inspiring young footballer and coach who began her involvement with football two years ago at Aylsham FC and hasn't looked back since.

The 14 year old already captains the Aylsham side as well as playing for Norwich City PDC and Norwich City Community Sports Foundation. We spoke to Faith about what her aspirations are as young and enthusiastic footballer and coach.



Why did you begin playing/coaching football and what do you enjoy the most about it?

"I began playing after a couple of taster sessions and I have enjoyed it ever since. In terms of coaching, I have always enjoyed working with children and really want to support children who may have disabilities like me. I want to show them that they can still be active and play football. I want to coach and encourage children to be the best they can be."

Read a full interview by <u>clicking here.</u>





THE OPEN INVITATIONAL CUP 2019

Sunday 7 July will see the introduction of a brand new tournament to the #NorfolkFootball calendar - The Open Invitational Cuptaking place at the FDC@OpenAcademy.

The new tournament will see U16's & U18's run through the day (10:30am KO); and an Adult Male tournament running in the evening (6pm KO).

Whether you want a kick around with your mates, or fancy winning the bragging rights over other teams in the area, this could be the perfect chance to show off your skills!

Where: the FDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL

When: Sunday 7 July 2019 Format: 5-a-side, squads of 8

Entry Fee: £30



For more information and to sign up – click here.

SUPPORTING RETENTION OF ADULT MALE FOOTBALL TEAMS IN NORFOLK

The Football Association (The FA) is re-launching its adult male retention-focused funding scheme to support men's 11-a-side community football teams in Norfolk.

The newly-titled Stay in the Game scheme will offer existing clubs the opportunity to apply for grants of £750 to help cover the various associated costs of running a football team.



To find out more please click here.

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SUMMER 11EVENS EXPANDS FOR 2019

Summer 11EVENS will once again return to the FDC@OpenAcademy in 2019 and this year it's expected to be bigger and better than ever.

As well as our established men's division which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, we are delighted to launch a brand new women's division which will kick off on Sunday afternoons.

Summer 11EVENS is our flexible adult 11v11 league run exclusively over the Summer months, when traditional football takes a break. It's the ideal way to get a head start on your pre-season or to just enjoy a summer kick about with your mates.



To find out more information and to register your interest then please <u>click here</u>.

NORFOLK FA VETERANS LEAGUE AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

Norfolk County FA can confirm that the Norfolk FA Veterans Football League, currently known as the Leathes Prior Veterans League is available for sponsorship for the 19/20 season.



Since its inception in 2010, the league has more than doubled in size, going from 2 divisions with 10 total teams, to this season hosting 5 divisions and 36 competing teams. In addition the 18/19 season has seen the introduction of a new league cup competition. Norfolk FA hope to see further growth ahead of the 19/20 campaign and are also working to introduce a Walking Football division to the league.

To find out more please click here.

NORFOLK FA ANNOUNCED BALL LAUNCHER PARTNERSHIP AT CARROW ROAD



Norfolk FA are delighted to announce a new partnership with local business Ball Launcher.

The Ball Launcher is an award winning and innovative training tool created and manufactured by a local East Anglian based company who has worked with the likes of Tottenham Hotspur FC and The F2 Freestylers.



The Ball Launcher has been designed to support coaches in the development of players of all ages and abilities, from grassroots up to professional level. The partnership was formally announced at Carrow Road on Wednesday 1st May during half time at the Norfolk Junior Cup Final which saw Gorleston Reserves beat Sprowston Athletic 2-1 to lift the trophy.

To find out more please click here.

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.



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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.

SOCCER@SEA SPONSORS THE STUART **DRACUP CUP**

Norfolk FA's well known youth County Cup Competition, the Stuart Dracup Cup, is getting an international boost after being sponsored by worldwide tour providers Soccer@Sea.

The partnership will see Norfolk FA and Soccer@sea, a football tour organisation founded and run by Steve and Karen Everitt, enter into a mutually beneficial partnership which will include the sponsorship of the U14 County Cup competition through to June 2020.



Soccer@Sea prides itself on being the ultimate football academy. The organisation promotes an innovative new concept of hosting training sessions and 5-a-side competitions, as well as providing coaching from accredited professional international coaches; all on board cruise ships worldwide.

The tour operators which are planning to run their next football cruise in the Mediterranean, also offer 11-a-side fixtures in ports of call against local teams at their facilities.

To find out more please <u>click here.</u>

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If within your respective club or league you have a person that deserves recognition of the long service they have given then nominate them for a Norfolk County FA Long Service Award. You can do this either as a surprise for the individual or with them being informed.

To nominate someone and find out more please click here.

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 5-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.

JOIN OUR FOOTBALL SERVICES TEAM

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic, committed and hardworking individual to join our Football Services Department in the position of Football Services Apprentice.



This vacancy is for a position working 37.5 hours per week and the deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 31 May 2019 with an interview date of Thursday 13 June 2019.

To learn more and apply for the position, please **click here**.

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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.



Please see the relevant links below to sign up:

- 5v5 to 7v7: <u>click here</u>
- 7v7 to 9v9: click here
- 9v9 to 11v11: click here

#PROUD TO BE CHARTER STANDARD

Congratulations to **Stoke United Youth F.C**. on becoming a Development Club, this is a great achievement and we look forward to working with your club as it continues to grow!

Congratulations to **Norwich United F.C. and Hingham Athletic F.C.** on being awarded Charter Standard status. This is a great achievement, and everyone at your respective clubs should be #PROUD of this accomplishment.

RAMADAN AND FOOTBALL

Ramadan is the most significant event in the Muslim calendar this year falling between between 5th May and the 5th June - partly within both football seasons, professional and amateur.

To find out more please click here.

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER'S WORKSHOP

We still have places on the last Welfare Officer's workshop of the season on Friday 24 May, 1830-2130 at the FDC. The price is £30 although half price places are available to those who live in Norfolk, are aged over 19 (on 31.08.18) and are not in full time education. For more information on the workshop and to book a place please click here

SCHOOLS' CUPS ROUND UP

Seven Schools Cups competitions have taken place at theFDC in recent weeks, including North Walsham High School winning the Harford Manufacturing Trophy last night on the Field of Dreams.



Read a full round up of the Norfolk FA Schools' Cups – <u>Click</u> here.

FRIDAY NIGHT PAY&PLAY

Pay&Play is now available at the FDC@Flegg on Friday nights!



The centre will begin a 3 month football offer, making the 3G available for just £2.50 to users on Friday nights until the beginning of the school summer holidays.

Find out more here.

AND FINALLY,

We would like to wish all involved with #NorfolkFootball the best of luck with any remaining fixtures or finals this season.

Best wishes

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