

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

November 2017



## WELCOME

Hello and a warm welcome to the third edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin this season, where we have plenty of information to bring to you.

As always, we hope to provide you with an insight into our work, along with what's on the horizon for clubs, including various opportunities to get involved in Norfolk Football.

## JOIN OUR CLUB

As mentioned in our previous bulletin, we are revamping the 'Join Our Club' programme as part of the next step in our PCVR strategy.

The Norfolk FA Marketing & Football Development teams have joined forces to provide editable promotional assets featuring Norfolk FA & FA branding that clubs can utilise moving forward, as well as guidance, support and contacts to assist clubs in raising their profile.



We will be holding an online Join Our Club WebEx on **Monday 20 November** – interested individuals should [sign up to the 'Join Our Club launch' Web Ex to find out more.](#)

## SSE WILDCATS CLUBS TO RETURN

We're looking for local grassroots clubs, youth groups or multisport deliverers to express their interest in delivering an SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Club.



The Football Association and SSE have teamed up to deliver SSE Wildcats football clubs, which are designed to inspire girls aged between 5-11 to be involved within the game.

The initiative will be starting in Spring 2018 and if selected, you will receive funding and resources from the FA. If you are interested in delivering a Wildcats Girls' Football Club, please contact our Football Development Officer Harry on 01603 704050 or email [Harry.Diggins@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Harry.Diggins@NorfolkFA.com).

## NEW REFEREE COURSES

For the past three months you have seen pictures just like this one...



They are the latest Referees to qualify on our recent course at the FDC, which takes the total of Referees introduced so far this season to 57, as well as boosting our overall total to 420.

The hard work continues, with our next two courses lined up at King's Lynn in January ([click here to book](#)) and again at the FDC in February ([click here to book](#)).

To find out more information about the latest Referee news, visit the online [Referees bulletin here](#).

## WINTER TRAINING & GAMEDAY HIRE

The evenings are pulling in, and the weather a little more unforgiving. With more and more clubs looking for places to train over the winter period, the FDC@Flegg in Martham are offering a discounted 10 week pitch hire offer to Charter Standard clubs.



Reduced rates are also currently being offered to teams looking to play their weekend fixtures at the centre, where you can play on a new 3G surface and access to our changing facilities.

If you'd like to get yourself booked in please email [theFDCflegg@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:theFDCflegg@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 (Ext 4).

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## COUNTY CUPS

Since the last bulletin, the Norfolk Women's Cup got underway with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round coming up later this month. No fewer than 7 of our 9 County Cup competitions are now approaching the half way stages – here are the dates for the next set of rounds:

- Norfolk Senior Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Saturday 18 November
- Norfolk Junior Cup** – 4<sup>th</sup> Round – Saturday 25 November
- Norfolk Women's Cup** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Sunday 19 November
- Norfolk Primary Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Saturday 11 November
- Norfolk Veteran's Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Sunday 3 December
- Stuart Dracup Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Sunday 10 December
- John Savage Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Sunday 10 December
- Sunday Senior Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Sunday 12 November
- Sunday Junior Cup** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – Sunday 12 November

It is worth noting that we hold our other Cup Draws live [on either our Twitter page](#) and/or BBC Radio Norfolk, so make sure you keep an eye (or an ear!) out for these.



You can also visit our website for important information on County Cup dates; kick-off times and more [by clicking here](#).

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### Football Administration Department



Football Administration  
Manager  
**Matt Carpenter**



Football Administrator  
(Leagues & Registrations)  
**Rachel Cossey**



Football Administrator  
(Leagues & Registrations)  
**Hannah Boyd**



Designated  
Safeguarding Officer  
**Ken D'Rosario**



Football Administrator  
(Cups & Competitions)  
**Thomas Constance**



Football Administrator  
(Discipline)  
**Matt Lemmon**

The 'Department Spotlight' section provides an insight into the different Departments here at Norfolk FA and the work they undertake.

The Football Administration department looks after a wide range of matters relating to Norfolk Football, from County Cups to Discipline to Registrations. The department is made of 8 members (including our Referees department). Whilst not working exclusively in their respective areas, the department can be split into the following:

Matt Carpenter, our Football Administration Manager, oversees the department and plays a key role in the day-to-day operations by working with his colleagues. He also works with the FA to ensure that the County enforce national regulations at a local level.

Rachel & Hannah work closely together to process, manage and update the Central Player Registration system throughout the year, as well as working with and supporting our sanctioned leagues.

Ken is our Designated Safeguarding Officer, who works closely with clubs, the County FA, the FA and other external organisations such as Norfolk Police & NSPCC to advise and manage on safeguarding issues within the county.

Thomas looks after all of our County and School's Cup competitions, working with and advising clubs in order to provide help and assistance, whilst also ensuring that teams co-operate with competition rules to help create an enjoyable Cup experience. He also plays a key role in the running of the Leathes Prior Veterans League.

Matt Lemmon handles disciplinary and regulatory matters that arise in the county, ranging from processing red and yellow cards, to arranging discipline hearings.

You can contact our Football Administration Team on 01603 704050 (Ext. 1; Opt. 1).

## LEATHES PRIOR VETERANS LEAGUE

The third round of Leathes Prior Veterans League fixtures got underway at the end of last month.

To find out more information on the Leathes Prior Veterans League please [visit our website](#). Here you will find a run-down of the action.



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## KICK IT OUT

Please be reminded that football is a game For All, regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, ability, disability, faith or age.



If you witness or hear any discriminatory behaviour, then please get in contact with us immediately by contacting 01603 704050.

## NCFA GamedayLIVE

Following on from our coverage of the Norfolk Primary Cup 2nd Round between AFC Walpole & AFC Lynn Reserves, we can reveal that our next GamedayLIVE fixture will be in the Norfolk Junior Cup 4th Round that takes place on Saturday 25 November!

Launched earlier last month, GamedayLIVE was introduced to provide County Cup Final levels of coverage from our Marketing department for teams competing in the earlier rounds of Norfolk FA Cup competitions, including a preview of the selected fixture on [NorfolkFA.com](http://NorfolkFA.com), live social media coverage, highlights, match reports and more.

You can view highlights from our last GamedayLIVE fixture – [AFC Walpole 2-1 AFC Lynn Reserves](#). Make sure you [follow us on Twitter](#) so you don't miss our polls!

## CHARTER STANDARD IN-SERVICE CALENDAR

Please find all the upcoming events for Charter Standard clubs. You can sign up to any of these events by clicking on the relevant link.

	EVENT	DETAILS
NOVEMBER	14 <a href="#">Assistant Referee Workshop</a>	18:30 – 20:30 St Andrews FC, NR7 0XQ
	19 <a href="#">Coach CPD</a>	18:30 – 20:30 theFDC, NR5 9ED
	20 <a href="#">Join Our Club Web Ex</a>	18:30 – 20:00
	27 <a href="#">Coach CPD</a>	19:00 – 21:00 Clipbush Park, NR21 8SW

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DECEMBER	3 <a href="#">Mini Soccer Support Workshop</a>	10:00 – 12:00 Lynn Grove Academy, NR31 9JN
	6 <a href="#">Assistant Referee Workshop</a>	18:30 – 20:00 Watlington, PE33 0HE
	8 <a href="#">Mini Soccer Support Workshop</a>	18:30 – 20:30 Alive Leisure, Lynn Sport, PE30 2NB
	11 <a href="#">'Keep Calm &amp; Re-Cap Safeguarding' Web EX</a>	18:30 – 20:00
	13 <a href="#">Assistant Referee Workshop</a>	18:30 – 20:00 Emerald Park, NR31 9AG
	16 <a href="#">Mini Soccer Support Workshop</a>	10:00 – 12:00 theFDC@OpenAcademy, NR7 9DL
	31	Annual Health Checks to be submitted via the Whole Game System

## THE FA WOMEN'S CUP

As mentioned in my previous bulletin, it's always pleasing to see Norfolk clubs do well in the National cup competitions.

Good luck to both Acle United and Wymondham Town Ladies this weekend, competing in the First Round of the FA Women's Cup after coming through three qualifying rounds. Acle are away to Stevenage Ladies, whilst Wymondham make the trip to Enfield Town. Good luck!

## NOTICE - U6 FESTIVALS

Please see below the following message from John Folwell at the Football Association.

"It has been brought to my attention over the last few weeks that there is a growing number of U6 festivals/tournaments cropping up across the Country. Having spoken to Nick Robinson (Chair of Sanctions Committee) I felt it necessary to politely remind you to reinforce our rules and regulations the clearly state that players cannot play affiliated football until they are 6 years old."

As a result of this, please be aware that this regulation will be strictly enforced for the 2017-18 season.

A further reminder that any affiliated club should not participate in any unaffiliated activity.

If you have any questions regarding this then please feel free to contact [John.Folwell@TheFA.com](mailto:John.Folwell@TheFA.com)

## FINALLY

Good luck with all of your fixtures this weekend and over the coming weeks!

**Norfolk County FA**