

The Marketmen News

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News:

- **New Club Shop operated by Touchline Sports now has replica shirts for sale.**
- **Craig Parker sits top of Div 1 scorers chart, and Nathan Stone has scored 3 in two games.**
- **Welcome to Conor McCloskey ex Colchester United.**

Editorial Note

Well here we go again another season is underway and the first team have made a very good start, the only disappointment being the lack lustre performance away at Tilbury. We have had our first game in the FA Cup which the lads fought back to grab a win against Daventry Town, whose facilities were absolutely superb. Our Bank Holiday win over Maldon & Tiptree at home was a good team performance and Nathan Stone made his debut after suspension scoring twice.

Annual Car Boot & Fete

On Sunday 29th August Needham Market was a hive of activity as the weather had started out dull but dry and all the stalls and visitors had arrived at "Bloomfields" in good spirits and the Mayor of Needham Market, Mike Norris, duly opened the fete at 1pm. A number of visitors had arrived and were enjoying themselves but then the "fickle finger of fate" (or should it be FETE) decided to send us a good shower of rain. So all of our guests adjourned to the Club-house for refreshments with the good food supplied by the ladies in the kitchen going down a treat, I don't think that the ice cream was in great demand though.

Once the rain had stopped more people arrived and the attractions did a roaring trade, even the victim in the stocks did not mind getting hit by more water-filled sponges. But the weather was not to be denied and when a second heavy downpour had people scurrying towards the clubhouse again it was decided to close early and by 4.30pm you would

not have known such an event had taken place. In spite of the weather the people of Needham Market once again showed their support for the football club and helped raise a healthy sum.

Suffice to say that the club intends to run the event again in 2011 and will hope that the weather allows more of the local community to enjoy the facilities and the atmosphere at "Bloomfields".

So a BIG THANK YOU to all those people who worked tirelessly to make the event a success and to those that donated items for the draw, tombola, books, cakes, etc. The comments from those attending were mostly complimentary I only had one complaint, about lack of signs to the football club, so we will need to address that.

Let's look forward to another great season with success on and off the playing field.



WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

What are "Blue Days"?

To all those regular viewers of the Needham website this should be quite clear but in case you do not have the time or inclination to visit our website, here is a brief explanation:-

Saturday 4th September has been declared "Non League Day" an initiative to attractive followers of the professional game to support their local non-league sides. The Ryman League supports this initiative but unfortunately Needham are not at home on that day (away at Waltham Abbey) so we have devised an alternative approach.

In a direct appeal to the local fans of Ipswich Town and Colchester United who have committed a lot of their hard earned cash to purchase season tickets for their clubs, Needham Market Football Club is pleased to announce the concept of "Blue Days".

Basically for the three home games against our local opposition (Maldon & Tiptree, Heybridge, and of course AFC Sudbury) that have been scheduled in the Ryman League Division 1 North fixture list **any season ticket holder from any Premier, Championship or Football League club will be allowed entry to Bloomfields at the Concessionary rate of £5.** This is in recognition that as football supporters and season ticketholders they have already made a significant contribution to football. Any children accompanying these supporters will follow normal procedures i.e. under 12's are free; older children will pay the normal concession price.

In this way the club hopes to show its commitment to the local community and to expose these supporters to football at the grass roots level, in the belief that they will be entertained and want to come back to "Bloomfields". In this way we show our support for "Non League Day", Needham Market football club trusts that other local football clubs will follow similar paths.

The games involved are:-

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| Monday 30 Aug at 15:00 | Ryman League Div One North | Needham Market FC | Maldon & Tiptree |
| Tuesday 28 Sep at 19:45 | Ryman League Div One North | Needham Market FC | Heybridge Swifts |
| Monday 27 Dec at 15:00 | Ryman League Div One North | Needham Market FC | AFC Sudbury |

At the Maldon game we had 10 people that used their season tickets to gain entry at the reduced rate, hopefully they will return to see us again as the game was a cracker!

Fan's Forum

As mentioned by Mick Coombes in his update for the Supporters Club on Page 5 on this newsletter, the first one of these events was held on Thursday 19th August.

It was most enlightening with a number of questions being posed by the fans eloquently answered by the panel consisting of Danny Laws, Craig Parker, Rhys Barber and Nathan Stone. Examples include:

- » Why don't we use squad numbers? Danny outlined his view that the numbers he uses are for specific roles to be performed, but he is not adverse to mixing that up if it confuses the opposition.
 - » Where did the name "Gangles" come from? Nathan did not describe graphically but I think everyone knew what he was alluding to.
 - » Are there anymore players likely to join? Danny works with a squad of 18 as long the balance is right, he felt that two more players would give him that group.
 - » Have any targets been set for the team or individuals? Danny can see no reason why this squad could achieve promotion, a view supported by Craig who had played at this level with Bury. Nathan has set his goal target at 25 for the season.
 - » What does Kevin Horlock bring to the squad? A vast experience in the pro game and a wicked sense of humour but he joins in he is no "Big Time Charlie". Rhys also mentioned that when Kevin plays the back four are more confident.
 - » Danny then related a story about the World Cup and the impact Xavier had on Kevin's International career.
- A very good evening rounded off with applause for the panel

Charities and Good Causes

It has been very quiet on this front in the last month with all the previous activity around Golf Day etc., which reminds me that Mark Easlea will arrange a formal hand-over of the cheque to the **EACH** charity at a home game yet to be decided.

As mentioned in the last newsletter I attended the **Chernobyl Children's Life Line** "end of visit party" at which a slide show was made. This slide show is available on the internet at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLvfvVolFu4> you will see what the visit meant to the children.

As part of the Mayor's effort to raise funds for his chosen charities the club has been asked to supply photos of the volunteers that work for the club. This will be used as part of a calendar to be sold in the town, please keep an eye out for these.

The club has still to decide what charities it will be supporting this year if you have any suggestions please let me or any committee member know.

Your Help Required

The NMFC treatment room was broken into on Friday 13th August. Items stolen were mostly small inexpensive items however the black Vulcan physio bag belonging to Kirk Denim was taken which was full of medical equipment around £140 inclusive of the bag. It has the club badge and Kirk's initials embroidered on it.

The police are awaiting the results of fingerprints but in the meantime any information about the bag would be gratefully received. If the bag was returned even better, a photo of the type of bag is alongside.



Photographs on the website



Daventry.
& Maldon.



Some of our supporters who look at the website may have noticed that the "Galleries" section has been enhanced, i.e. it has a separate tab for 2010/2011 Season pictures.

Most of the pictures loaded up for this season have been captured by yours truly on his digital camera. Our Web Administrator Ian has created individual "albums" but you will find that some of the sequencing of the shots is wrong, I was using auto-drive to shoot sequences of pictures unfortunately the sequence did not survive the move to the website. I will try to work with Ian to resolve this so that the sequence integrity is maintained.

Opposite are some examples of the pictures that can found under the Galleries tab.

A Fan's View of Your Club

In last month's newsletter I asked you to identify the person giving their description of the club provided to the Non League 24 magazine, the answer was Gary "Rooney" Coombes.

Season so far!

Needham Market stepped in to new territory with a home fixture with Thamesmead in their first ever Ryman League Division 1 North match without the services of the suspended pair of skipper Rhys Barber and Nathan Stone.

Needham finally used their period of being on top in the 44th minute with a goal when Campbell felled Newson in the box, earning himself a booking in the process and CRAIG PARKER coolly despatched the resultant penalty to send the local support in to a frenzy in celebrating the first ever Ryman League goal at Bloomfields. No better timing to send Needham in to the break deservedly ahead.

Needham were straight out of the blocks and SAM NEWSON doubled Needham's lead within the first minute of the second half when scrambling home after Parker's effort. A lot of matches are decided with a goal either side of Needham were punished for not taking those chances in the 59th minute when Thamesmead got a lifeline when LEWIS PEMBERTON diverted Tiesse's cross in to his own net.

Needham effectively killed the game off in the 71st minute when an excellent Evan's cross was converted from close range by DANIEL THROWER. Man of the match Horlock had to scoop Lawson's goal bound shot off his own line in Thamesmead's only real effort on goal with five minutes to play.

F/T NEEDHAM MARKET 3 THAMESMEAD TOWN 1

There was one change for Needham Market from Saturday's win over Thamesmead for the Trip to Tilbury with skipper Rhys Barber replacing the injured Kevin Horlock.

Needham had the better of the first half hour with SAM NEWSON converting a long ball from Daniel Thrower after 19 minutes and Craig Parker having a good chance with a header. Tilbury then started to get back in to the game but Needham went in to the break with a slender lead.

Tilbury dominated the second half starting with a goal five minutes in to the half when after Bradley Barber lost possession in midfield Needham keeper Danny Gay parried a long range effort straight to the feet of BEN BOYCE to side foot in. This was just what Tilbury needed to kick start their season after their defeat at Heybridge at the weekend and they took the lead after 70 minutes when BEN BOYCE headed home from a corner. Tilbury put the game out of Needham's reach almost immediately when from another corner keeper Gay's punch only went as far as HARRY COOK on the penalty spot who fired home. Sparkes was introduced for Pemberton as Needham went three at the back and pulled a goal back through CRAIG PARKER but they

couldn't muster an equaliser.

F/T TILBURY UTD 3 NEEDHAM MARKET 2

Daventry were straight out of the traps with Needham slow to start and after early pressure Daventry took a deserved lead after six minutes when after Newson lost possession Dunkley fed ROB FOSTER and he rounded Boyland to slot home. Needham were level six minutes later when R.Barber broke out from defence fed Thrower whose run and pass allowed SAM NEWSON to cut in from the left wing and fire a 20 yard right foot shot past keeper Kemp. Daventry regained the lead when Foster fed RUSSELL DUNKLEY to get the better of R.Barber and slide the ball past the advancing keeper Gay.

Needham got on top after 50 minutes and got a deserved equaliser when after a fine Thrower run Parker was felled in the penalty area by sub Mellings on the hour and CRAIG PARKER despatched the resultant penalty. After 70 minutes Needham who were making good use of the extra man took the lead a minute later a move involving Thrower and Parker allowed JAMES EVANS to dink the ball over the advancing Kemp. Codrington was introduced in the 93rd minute and Needham had to defend a late free kick conceded by the young striker to go through to the next round.

F/T DAVENTRY TOWN 2 NEEDHAM MARKET 3

In front of a crowd of 266 Needham started brightly Newson had a half chance after 10 minutes but only found the side netting before NATHAN STONE deflected a Parker effort past Tucker from close range after 16 minutes to put Needham ahead. The match then entered a very open spell with both defences on top until Gay blocked Lee after 33 minutes and Stone headed a Thrower corner over seven minutes later. Needham doubled their lead two minutes before the break when DANIEL THROWER turned and hit an exquisite left foot shot past Tucker from 20 yards. Worse was to follow for Maldon a minute later when Tucker felled Newson in the area and CRAIG PARKER fired the resultant penalty home to send Needham in to the break 3-0 up.

Maldon came out looking for a foothold in the game and Gay had to react to deny Lee after 54 minutes before Needham put the match out of Maldon's reach four minutes later when NATHAN STONE slotted home after a fine move involving Parker and Newson. Newson could have made it five 3 minutes later but tripped after rounding keeper Tucker. Maldon still kept going but it was Needham who looked the more likely to score with Newson and Bethell being denied by keeper Tucker after 66 minutes and 83 minutes before Abbott cleared Newson's header off his line a minute later.

F/T NEEDHAM MARKET 4 MALDON & TIPTREE 0

Supporters & Travel Club

All those who have visited the NMFC website will have seen the image reproduced below announcing the new arrangements for the Supporters and Social Club membership for this season.

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Supporters & Social Club

Membership options for season 2010/2011

Supporters Club Membership

Single: £15.00 per season

Under 16: £7.50 per season

Family: £30.00 per season

(Up to 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 16)

Benefits include:

- Exclusive "ECL Double Winners Scarf" (Initially limited to 50)
- Membership Card
- Social Club Membership Included in Price
- Priority Travel on Supporters Coach to away matches (subject to availability)
- Reduced ticket prices for "Exclusive Supporters Club Functions"
- Added to mailing list for the NMFC newsletter.
- Other Discounts/Benefits to be confirmed.

Social Club Membership **Now due**

Single : £5.00 per year

Family : £10.00 per year

(Up to 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 16)

Please note:

As the NMFC Social Club is a members club, all committee members and people using the bar on a regular basis are obliged to become a member of the Social Club. NMFC do retain the right not to serve anyone who is not a member.

Needham Market FC Supporters & Travel Club - Update

After just three weeks The Supporters Club membership is approaching 50 members with more pledging to join in the coming weeks. This is great news as we have never done this before at the club and with some social events all ready earmarked it will give everyone the chance to get together away from the football.

The fans forum prior to our first match went very well and I would like to thank Danny Laws, Rhys Barber, Craig Parker and Nathan Stone for being very upfront and detailed with their answers to questions put to them on the night. Another forum will be arranged for later in the season with Kevin Horlock and some more players.

We are currently organising a "Bangers & Mash" night for the end of October with a short quiz and karaoke to finish the night off, whilst Saturday March 5th we have already arranged a curry night with male vocalist Steve Moyes to entertain us

afterwards. These events will be put on the website and clubhouse notice boards.

Over the next month to six weeks (depending on various cup draws) we will be holding a supporters club meeting at one of our home matches to get your thoughts on what sort of events you would like us to organise, at that meeting we will be looking to elect a small committee who can work together to help out and organise some of the activities during the season. So if you have any ideas for future events please feel free to let us know what you want.

In the meantime if anyone has any queries or ideas please see myself or Gary and let's get behind the team as we did on Bank Holiday Monday. And don't forget to check the club notice boards and website.

Many thanks for your support, Mick Coombes.

| Date&time | Comp. | Home team | Away team |
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| Saturday 04 Sep at 15:00 | Ryman League Div One North | Waltham Abbey | NMFC |
| Tuesday 07 Sep at 19:45 | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Wingate & Finchley |
| Saturday 11 Sep at 15:00 | FA Cup / 1st Round Qualifying | NMFC | AFC Kempston |
| Saturday 18 Sep at 15:00 | Ryman League Div One North | Harlow Town | NMFC |
| Tuesday 21 Sep at 19:45 | Ryman League Div One North | Redbridge | NMFC |
| Saturday 25 Sep at 15:00 | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Ware |
| Tuesday 28 Sep at 19:45 | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Heybridge Swifts |
| Saturday 02 Oct at 15:00 | FA Trophy / Preliminary Round | NMFC | Hitchin Town |

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Forthcoming Social Events:

- » **Mayor's Civic Service –26th September**
- » **Supporters Club Meeting –TBA**
- » **Bangers & Mash –29th October**
- » **Curry & Music—5th March**

If you have any suggestions or questions about this newsletter please forward these to

- » ***Alan Jopling (ajopling@csc.com) or***
- » ***Mark Easlea (m.easlea@sky.com)***

Next Month

Look forward to:

- » The next round of the FA Cup v AFC Kempson Rovers
- » Our first fixture in the FA Trophy at home against Hitchin Town 2nd October
- » More tough league matches.
- » Further news about the supporters club.
- » Possible Charity days

Community Activities

To all of those people that attended the club's Annual Car Boot & Summer Fete it was clear the strides the club has made in supporting local organisations and charities with a number in attendance, it was only a pity that the weather had prevented many people from coming to Bloomfields.

The club has been contacted by a relation of an ex Needham Market footballer Cyril Mulley who is still living in the area (Stowmarket) so the club intends to honour this gentleman. Cyril is 91 and played in goal in the 1940/50's, he still takes a great interest in the club's results and the team's achievements last season.

The club has declined an invite from the Mayoress to an "Evening of Countdown and Call My Bluff" but we wish her every success in getting these community events going.

The club has also committed to attend the Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday 26th September.

Don't forget if you have any community events that you would like the club to attend please contact Mark Easlea or myself.