

The Marketmen News

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News:

- **Top Striker Sam Newson signs for Needham Market.**
- **Chatham replace Northwood in the Ryman Division 1 North.**
- **Number of Ryman Div 1. North teams have recruited new players.**
- **League season starts 21st August.**

Editorial Note

The sixth issue of The Marketmen News sees the club in the "close" season but this does not mean that nothing is happening, far from it the pitch is being fed and watered, and working parties are covering many other areas. The clubhouse is also have work done with additional toilets being built. On the team front Danny and Buggsy have been hard at it signing up the players for next season, and a full programme of pre-season friendlies has been arranged.

Ryman Division 1 North

Needham Market FC first team will be playing in the Ryman's Division 1 North next season with the reserves maintaining our links with the Ridgeons League.

The teams in the Ryman Division 1 North have recently been revised (Chatham replacing Northwood) and there is still VCD Athletics' appeal to be heard. The club plans to run coaches for all away games so we expect the same numbers of travelling supporters as in previous seasons. Our

local derby will be against AFC Sudbury next season which will be interesting after we defeated them in the FA Cup last season.

From a personal perspective it will be interesting to revisit some of the grounds that I remember from over forty years ago e.g. Tilbury. I am sure their facilities will not match those at Bloomfields.

We must also bid "adieu" to the FA Vase as we shall now be entered in the FA Trophy, can we achieve the same level of success in that competition?

Pre-Season Friendlies

Team	Date	Kick-Off	Venue	Club
	Thursday 8th July 2010			Club Training Commences
1st Team	Tuesday 20th July 2010	7.45pm	Away	Wroxham
Reserve	Thursday 22nd July 2010	7.30pm	Away	Ipswich Wanderers
1st Team	Saturday 24th July 2010	3.00pm	Away	Kings Lynn Town
Reserve	Tuesday 27th July 2010	7.45pm	Away	Hadleigh United Reserves
1st Team	Thursday 29th July 2010	7.45pm	Away	Thetford Town
1st Team	Saturday 31st July 2010	3.00pm	Home	Cray Wanderers
1st Team	Tuesday 3rd August 2010	7.45pm	Away	Haverhill Rovers
Reserve	Thursday 5th August 2010	7.45pm	Home	Stonham Aspel
1st Team	Saturday 7th August 2010	3.00pm	Away	Soham Town Rangers
1st Team	Tuesday 10th August 2010	7.45pm	Home	Lowestoft Town
Reserve	Thursday 12th August 2010	7.45pm	Away	Framlingham Town
1st Team	Saturday 14th August 2010	3.00pm	Home	AFC Stamford
1st Team	Saturday 21st August 2010			Ryman Football League Commences
Reserve	Saturday 21st August 2010			Ridgeons Reserve League North Commences

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Presentation Evening

After a thrilling season which saw Needham Market FC win the Ridgeons Premier League title and the League Challenge Cup, a double last achieved some fifteen years ago, a Presentation evening at The Limes Hotel took place on Saturday 15th May. The evening was a huge success and included entertainment from comedian Willy Thompson and everyone's favourite songstress Chelsea Francis.

The awards on the evening went to the following:

SUPPORTER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR
FIRST TEAM PLAYER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR
RESERVE TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR
THE FRED NUNN TROPHY
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR (DES SAMPSON TROPHY)

PIP BOYLAND
PIP BOYLAND
JACK WILKINSON
RHYS BARBER
DERRICK BLOOMFIELD
KIRK DENIM

Chairman, David Bugg, thanked everyone involved in the club for their commitment and dedication in making the season the best he had known, he again re-iterated that "in Danny Laws Needham Market FC had the best manager and coach in East Anglia". Looking ahead to next season The Chairman, challenged the team to continue their hard work and enterprising football to bring more success to the club.

World Cup at "Bloomfields"

If you are not aware that the greatest footballing event in the past four years is about to begin in South Africa you must have been in a coma. The first game is scheduled for Friday 11th June and features South Africa (the hosts) against Mexico at 3.30pm.

The social committee of the club will be opening the club house for all the England Games and possibly others if there is sufficient interest, please see the website for up to date information. The first game to be shown will be **England's first game in the competition against USA on Saturday 12th June at 7.30pm**, so bring your friends, family and colleagues along to the clubhouse. Beer will be priced at £2 per pint and the ladies have said that they will provide hot food (Burgers and Chips, it is the USA) so make an evening of it.

Other activities have been suggested so please refer to the website for the latest information.

COME ON ENGLAND!

Competition Winner!

For those of you that entered the correct answer was that cheeky chap **Kevin Horlock has his hand on David Bugg's knee**, perhaps this was Kevin's technique for improved contract negotiations. The winner of the competition i.e. The first person sending me an email on this was our friend Liam Jones, it is nice that players that have left the club still keep in touch.



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Meet the Committee

Name	Alan Sparkes	Name	Ian Tooke
Position in the Club	Vice President, Suffolk County FA Representative and Match Day Announcer	Position in the Club	Website Administrator
Occupation,	Ironmongery and Tool Shop Manager	Occupation,	Web Designer
What is your favourite tippie?	Old Speckled Hen	What is your favourite tippie?	Abbott Ale
Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)	Wife Beverley (from June 26 th) Son Paul, Daughter Alison and Step Daughters (from June 26 th) Claire, Sara, Louise and Katie	Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)	Married for 8 Years with two children Lauren (6) & Sam (5)
Highlight of your life (to date):	Birth of the Children	Highlight of your life (to date):	Birth of my Children
Best football memory	Meeting Sir Stanley Rous at the Suffolk County Centenary Dinner in 1985	Best football memory	Watching Ipswich Play at the San Siro in the UEFA Cup (despite the result!)
Professional club supported:	Ipswich	Professional club supported:	Ipswich Town
Favourite player/hero:	Dennis Law and Bobby Robson	Favourite player/hero:	Bruce Grobbelaar
What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?	Played until I suffered a broken leg, then went into administration. Highlight being Chairman at Needham Market	What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?	Goalkeeper for Suffolk Schools but did not continue playing after school
What is your best memory of a NMFC game?	Away to AFC Fylde and home win over Kirkley and Pakefield last season both in the FA Vase.	What is your best memory of a NMFC game?	Last 5 Minutes at Kirkley & Pakefield holding on to win the Ridgsons Premier League.
What is your current assessment of the football club?	The club is going forward at a fast pace, as long as a sensible eye is kept I have no fears, but so many clubs are in trouble.	What is your current assessment of the football club?	Great facilities and a strong squad who dearly could easily play at a much higher level.
Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.	Have an all weather surface at Bloomfields. Be better for our own training and as a means of income to let out to other clubs.	Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.	Covered terrace area behind the goal
What do you think of the current state of local football?	I think local football is now reaping the rewards of a good youth system in the area in recent years	What do you think of the current state of local football?	Clubs need to keep finances in order and not let hearts rule the head.
What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?	To go on steadily and emulate Lowestoft in gaining promotion into Ryman Premier	What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?	Ryman Premier League

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Forthcoming Social Events:

- » World Cup Matches in Club-house—from June 11th
- » Phoenix Five A Side at Crowley Park—Sunday 27th June
- » NMFC Golf Day at Hintlesham Hall—Friday 6th August
- » NMFC Fete—Sunday 29th August

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

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Next Month

By this time next month I expect to be able to report the initial make up of the first team squad for our assault on the Ryman League, the details of the club's AGM which is scheduled for Sunday 27th June, more details about the programme for the fete on 29th August and an update on the works around the ground.

I hope to be able to give you news about players that have signed for the club and where others will be plying their trade next season.

I will also try to get more news about the plans that the managers of the reserves and Phoenix have for the coming season.

Fundraising

In common with all other Non-League clubs Needham Market are looking at new ways to raise funds whilst still providing first class facilities for the supporters, players and general community. Some of the suggestions to date are:

- ♦ Individual player sponsorships, see "Letter from Club 1" in the News section of the website;
- ♦ Admission prices are set to rise, see "Letter from Club 2" in the News section of the website;
- ♦ An online "Pools Predict" initially for the World Cup, but does run weekly;
- ♦ Facilities to reserve seats in the stand for the season at a cost of £30.

More initiatives will follow, I trust that you will join in and help us continue the good work that took place in the previous seasons thereby ensuring a club that is able to grow.