

# The Marketmen News

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## Editorial Note

Here is the third issue of the Marketmen Newsletter, it is most rewarding to hear many nice things being said about this document. We are always trying to make the content fresh, interesting and relevant, please feel free to suggest any new topics that you would like to see us cover.

## Wembley Dream ends!

On a damp Saturday afternoon at the end of February Needham Market finally bowed out of the FA Vase at the quarter final stage for the second year. This time we were beaten 2-1 by a fellow Ridgeons side Wroxham FC who now face Sussex based Whitehawk in the two legged semi final at the end of March.

The reports of the game told of a very cagey first thirty minutes with the chances for Needham being thwarted by fine goalkeeping or the linesman's flag. Wroxham were awarded a penalty

which was converted to give them the half time lead and it stayed that way until Needham were awarded their own penalty converted by Damian Hilton. Unfortunately parity did not last long as three minutes later Wroxham got the eventual winner.

In the report both in the Green Un and on the NMFC website comparison is made to the three previous games (CRC, Kirkley and Daventry) when the team showed great passion and determination to win very good games of football, but on Saturday it was not to be!

## Player News:

- **Darren Bethell has unfortunately suffered an injury that could keep him out for the rest of the season.**
- **The reserve team have recruited a number of younger players to cope with the fixture backlog and in preparation for next season**

## Ridgeons Premier

In the league again many games fell victim to the weather but after a run of five wins Leiston have leapt above Needham. The three teams at the top of the league have all applied for promotion to Step 4 should their grounds meet the grading criteria for next season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<a href="#">CRC</a>	26	21	4	1	73	16	57	67
<a href="#">Leiston</a>	29	20	3	6	69	31	38	63
<a href="#">Needham Market</a>	26	19	5	2	59	21	38	62
<a href="#">Kirkley &amp; Pakefield</a>	24	15	4	5	51	22	29	49
<a href="#">Stanway Rovers</a>	26	13	7	6	56	29	27	46
<a href="#">Mildenhall Town</a>	26	14	3	9	57	41	16	45
<a href="#">Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</a>	23	11	5	7	32	38	-6	38

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## The Reserves

February saw the reserves only complete two of their league fixtures but as both were very good wins, Leiston 2-1 and Great Yarmouth 7-0, made it a good month.

As can be seen from the fixture list below March promises to be a busy month for the lads with the two games against Lowestoft being their toughest assignments. Hopefully by the time of the next news-

letter we will see them climbing up the table.

With at least two midweek games at home during March why not take the opportunity to give the young lads a look.

Debenham LC Reserves	V Needham Market Reserves	Saturday, 06 March 2010
Needham Market Reserves	V Lowestoft Town Reserves	Tuesday, 09 March 2010
Needham Market Reserves	V Woodbridge Town Reserves	Saturday, 13 March 2010
Lowestoft Town Reserves	V Needham Market Reserves	Tuesday, 16 March 2010
Needham Market Reserves	V Great Yarmouth Town Reserves	Saturday, 20 March 2010
Needham Market Reserves	V Whitton United Reserves	Wednesday, 24 March 2010
Norwich United Reserves	V Needham Market Reserves	Saturday, 27 March 2010

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<a href="#">Dereham Town</a>	16	13	2	1	53	12	41	41
<a href="#">Gorleston</a>	16	8	6	2	55	32	23	30
<a href="#">Walsham-le-Willows</a>	14	9	3	2	40	21	19	30
<a href="#">Great Yarmouth Town</a>	15	9	0	6	44	33	11	27
<a href="#">Lowestoft Town</a>	12	8	2	2	53	12	41	26
<a href="#">Leiston</a>	15	8	1	6	44	29	15	25
<a href="#">Woodbridge Town</a>	17	7	3	7	39	46	-7	24
<a href="#">Needham Market</a>	13	7	2	4	41	24	17	23
<a href="#">Norwich United</a>	16	6	4	6	35	29	6	22
<a href="#">Stowmarket Town</a>	17	4	4	9	33	47	-14	16

## Ipswich Community Trust

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<a href="#">Rushden &amp; Diamonds</a>	13	11	1	1	54	8	46	34
<a href="#">Hitchin Town</a>	14	8	2	4	31	20	11	26
<a href="#">Watford Hertswood</a>	14	7	4	3	31	27	4	25
<a href="#">Football CV Reds</a>	14	7	2	5	20	24	-4	23
<a href="#">Oxford United</a>	14	6	4	4	26	21	5	22
<a href="#">Birmingham City</a>	10	6	2	2	40	13	27	20
<a href="#">Oxford City Blues</a>	12	5	3	4	29	25	4	18
<a href="#">Boston United</a>	12	4	1	7	15	22	-7	13
<a href="#">St Albans City</a>	12	4	1	7	12	20	-8	13
<a href="#">Ipswich Town CT</a>	13	2	3	8	20	28	-8	9
<a href="#">Spalding United</a>	11	2	2	7	10	20	-10	8

With two very creditable draws against Watford (2-2) and Football CV Reds (0-0) the lads seemed to have continued their fine form, but like other teams March sees fixtures coming thick and fast.

Hopefully in the next newsletter we will see more wins

Ipswich Town CT	v Birmingham City Whites	Wednesday, 03 March 2010
Hitchin Town	v Ipswich Town CT	Wednesday, 10 March 2010
Ipswich Town CT	v Wycombe Wanderers MSC	Wednesday, 17 March 2010
Ipswich Town CT	v Oxford City Blues	Wednesday, 24 March 2010
Boston United	v Ipswich Town CT	Monday, 29 March 2010
Rushden & Diamonds	v Ipswich Town CT	Wednesday, 31 March 2010

## Red Balloon Update.

At the FA Vase Game against Daventry on February 6th the club ran a number of events in support of the Red Balloon Learner Centre Charity. This was another huge success and the generosity of the Needham fans ensured a sizeable cheque of £300 was presented to the charity. The club also presented them with a football signed by all the Needham players on the day.



## Meet - "The Phoenix" Under 10's

The current under 10 squad is made up of 16 players. Training is on a Wednesday night at Needham Market FC. This season the team are still playing 7 a-side mini soccer on Sunday mornings on the home pitch at Bosmere School. After winning division 2 last season The targets for this season is to develop these young players into an 11 a-side team ready for next season. The squad have already had an 11a-side friendly that consisted of 14x15 minute matches. This gives the players the opportunity to play in different positions as part of there long term development. None of the squad has a fixed position and the concept for the coaching staff is to develop each player to learn to play in as many different positions as possible. There are some real charismatic players in this squad and it is a pleasure for the coaching staff to watch these players develop. As long as they enjoy the game and have fun then that's all that matters at this stage.

Having gained promotion last year the Under 10's have found the step up difficult but with a number of games still to be played they hope to improve on their current league position.

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
<a href="#">Ransomes</a>	7	7	0	0	44	21
<a href="#">St Johns</a>	7	6	0	1	26	18
<a href="#">Tuddenham Youth A</a>	7	6	0	1	20	18
<a href="#">Ipswich Thistle</a>	8	4	0	4	-6	12
<a href="#">Stanton Youth A</a>	7	2	0	5	-7	6
<a href="#">Thetford Independent</a>	5	1	0	4	-11	3
<a href="#">Needham Market</a>	7	1	0	6	-32	3
<a href="#">Stowmarket Town</a>	6	0	0	6	-34	0

## Forthcoming Fixtures for the Under 10's

	DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">07/03/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Ipswich Thistle</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">Gainsborough Sports Centre</a>
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">21/03/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">Tuddenham Youth A</a>	<a href="#">Bosmere CP School</a>
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">28/03/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Stanton Youth A</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">Stanton Primary School</a>
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">11/04/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">Ransomes</a>	<a href="#">Bosmere CP School</a>
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">18/04/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">St Johns</a>	<a href="#">Bosmere CP School</a>
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">02/05/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Stowmarket Town Youth B</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">Stowmarket High School</a>
<a href="#">L</a>	<a href="#">09/05/2010</a>	<a href="#">10:30</a>	<a href="#">Needham Market Phoenix A</a>	<a href="#">Thetford Independent</a>	<a href="#">Bosmere CP School</a>

## Where are they now? Part 1

In the last edition of the newsletter a copy of the report of the 1990 Senior Cup Final was reproduced including the line up, to show that some twenty years later these ex players have maintained their sporting interests we have produced the following update:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Notes</u>
David Hunt	Was part of the Morsley team running Needham then went onto Sudbury with Mark. Now he concentrates on his own business Church's Wine Bar in Ipswich
Michael (Fez) Pleasance	Recently had a hip operation and has now retired from ICI, but still manages to watch his son playing for Stowmarket.
Graham Pooley	Joint manager of Old Newton United along with another ex Needham favourite Colin Macrow.
John Taylor	Roofing contractor, his oldest son Ben plays local football it was for Woodbridge Ath a couple of years ago
Mark (Bod) Keeley	Currently Assistant Manager of Claydon FC team in the SIL, alongside Trevor Wardlaw. Coaches the under 11s team of Claydon FC where his son Ollie plays alongside at least one other ex Needham offspring.
Simon (Gus) Cutting	Still larger than life running M&S Contractors. Keen golfer plays at Stowmarket and chauffeur for the next generation of sporting Cuttings.
Nick Francis	Runs his own building business including the recent extension at NMFC. Vice Chairman of NMFC plus "roadie" for daughter Chelsea and her burgeoning singing career.
Richard 'Butch' Larkins	Keen golfer plays @ Rushmere, it is believed that his Dad still caddies for him!

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## Where are they now? Part 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Nigel Stiff	Continues to work as colour matcher with PPG and maintains his connection with the Stonham Aspal team.
Jimmy Norman	Regular watcher of Needham games and as a member of the Barber clan he is bound to have a view
Craig Chaplin	Another supporting his son, who was a very good local footballer with ITFC Academy & then when release went to Bury.
Richard Dennison	Reputedly still paid by ICI as a salesman but people are not sure if he works for them. Went onto to play for Stowmarket in the Ridgeons league and was a member of the successful Sunday side, Rampant Horse. Now lives in Bury, watches his son play football for Tollgate
David Lowe	Left Ipswich Town in 1992 for Leicester before moving back to Wigan where it all started for him. In 1997 he scored the goal in the final game that gained promotion to the Second Division. He retired as a player in 2000 and worked for the PFA until 2002. He joined Paul Jewell at Wigan in various roles and followed him to Derby County as head of the Youth Academy. He had one game in charge before Nigel Clough took control but his side did beat Manchester United. He left Derby in April 2009.

## Meet the Committee

Name	Graham Emmerson	Name	Richard Easlea
Position in the Club	Finance Committee Member	Position in the Club	Assistant Secretary and Match/Player Sponsorship organiser
Occupation,	COMPANY DIRECTOR – S.E.H. GROUP	Occupation,	Retired from ICI Paints
What is your favourite tittle?	Adnams Broadside	What is your favourite tittle?	Norfolk Wherry
Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)	Wife – Jeans Kids – Carl & Clair Grandchildren - Chloe	Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)	Wife – Hazel Sons – Neil and Mark
Highlight of your life (to date):	I have been very fortunate and there have been too many to pick one.	Highlight of your life (to date):	Getting married and having a family
Best football memory	Watching England v Germany 1966 World Cup Final in a pub in Germany	Best football memory	Winning Suffolk Senior Cup 4-0 scoring two and Winning SIL Premier league twice with ICI. Playing for Stowmarket in the 1-1 draw with Wealdstone who were Amateur Cup holders.
Professional club supported:	Ipswich Town	Professional club supported:	Manchester United
Favourite player/hero:	Winston Churchill	Favourite player/hero:	Bobby Moore
What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?	Player with Ipswich Spartans FC and Borough Engineers FC. Manager of NMFC and Whitton United	What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?	Played for Suffolk schools, ICI Paints in the SIL Premier and Stowmarket in the Eastern Counties League. Manager of Needham Market. Fixture Sec and Committee of NMFC
What is your best memory of a NMFC game?	Winning the Senior Cup Final against Grundsburgh (1-0) as Manager of NMFC.	What is your best memory of a NMFC game?	Three fantastic FA Vase cup games at AFC Fyld, CRC and at home v Kirkley.
What is your current assessment of the football club?	Very strong, the club has been fortunate to increase the committee by a number of energetic individuals to complement an excellent Manager.	What is your current assessment of the football club?	Very good, it is the best it's ever been. Major improvements have been made and we have a very good football team.
Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.	An increase of the "social" activity in the Club Room.	Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.	New seats in the main stand, another smaller stand with seats and totally enclose the pitch.
What do you think of the current state of local football?	Very healthy with good standard of football being played. There will always be clubs/organisations mis-managing money.	What do you think of the current state of local football?	Ridgeon's Premier and above is good to watch and many clubs are improving. Anything below this level is poor quality
What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?	The club will have the opportunity to progress (promotion), but are we going where we need to be? If so how will the club re-organise in order to tackle the next level?	What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?	For Danny, Mark and Kevin to take the team as far up the pyramid as possible, with the committee funding & supporting this progression. A Wembley final in the FA Vase would be the "cherry on the top".

## Things to come!

### ENTERTAINMENTS

As you will note overleaf there are a number of forthcoming events scheduled over the coming months, starting this month with the Mexican Quiz and Karaoke evening on Friday 26th March.

April will see another of our highly entertaining Race Nights, date still to be announced, make sure that you get your tickets early for this.

May will be a big month for the club with the presentation evening scheduled for early in the month.

The hugely successful Fete scheduled for Sunday 29th August. The programmes for both of these events will hopefully be finalised this month and included in next month's newsletter.

For all of these please contact Mark Easlea or myself for further information.

### CHARITY EVENTS

A number of people have asked me to give them advanced warning of any charity events that I am planning, well here goes, these are provisional at the moment and need to be agreed with various parties.

Saturday 24th April is the final scheduled home league game for the season and our opponents are Woodbridge Town. To celebrate this fact and to "do our bit" I want the club to have an "Armed Forces Day" with proceeds going to the Help for Heroes charity. Further details will be released soon.

As part of the Fete I am proposing to run an event along the lines of the "Sport Relief Mile" with proceeds going to that charity. Final details need to dovetail with the programme for the Fete, so again details to follow.

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## Forthcoming Social Events:

- » Mexican Quiz Night-26th March
- » Race Night—April 2010
- » NMFC Fete—Sunday 29th August

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## Next Month's First Team Fixtures...

March fixtures will be key to having a successful season or having an OK one, with a cup semi final, quarter final and a game against the league leaders, it is make or break time!

There is also an early opportunity for the team to gain some revenge for their vase defeat with two games against Wroxham in the schedule.

RLP	Needham Market: v	Felixstowe & Walton United	Saturday, 06 March 2010
Premier Cup	Kirkley & Pakefield: v	Needham Market	Wednesday, 10 March 2010
RLP	Wroxham: v	Needham Market	Saturday, 13 March 2010
League Cup	Needham Market: v	Wroxham	Tuesday, 16 March 2010
RLP	Mildenhall Town: v	Needham Market	Saturday, 20 March 2010
RLP	Needham Market: v	CRC	Saturday, 27 March 2010
RLP	Needham Market: v	Hadleigh United	Tuesday, 30 March 2010

## Man of the Match Awards

### February 2010

- » Daventry—Lewis Pemberton
- » Histon Res—Angelo Harrap
- » Ely City—Rhys Barber
- » Wroxham—Rhys Barber

