

The Marketmen News

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News:

- The "Big Fella" has left the club! Mark Morsley has left to take over the reins at Leiston.
- Still no news on which league the club will be allocated to but this will be confirmed at the FA Council meeting in June.

Editorial Note

The fifth issue of The Marketmen News sees the season come to a close with the first team achieving remarkable success with the Ridgeons League and Cup double. The first team was beaten by a very experienced Ipswich Town Reserves in the Suffolk Premier Cup Final but everyone in attendance will confirm that they were not disgraced and the fans made it like a home game. As always if you have ideas for new initiatives please let the committee know.

Two Cup Finals for the lads.

Although beaten by an Ipswich Reserve side containing a number of First Team squad players and reserves that have appeared in the first team, Needham Market gave a good account of themselves. The crowd of 825 saw an entertaining game and the drums and noise made by the Needham followers I am sure gave the lads a lift.

The second Cup Final played at Diss Town FC for the Ridgeons Challenge Cup on May 3rd was again very entertaining and this time the lads beat

Kirkley & Pakefield (for the fifth time this season). But it took a resolute performance from all who played and a couple of shocking mistakes by the Kirkley keeper to give the team a fitting end to the season.

With the crowd of 360 attending the final game Needham Market FC were seen by over 12,000 people throughout the season at an average of over 200 per game, for a town of Needham's size this demonstrates that we are becoming a major part of the community.

Ridgeons Premier Champions

On Wednesday 28th April Needham duly beat Kirkley to gain the required points to ensure the championship was ours! Once again a large contingent of fans travelled to see this momentous occasion and the celebrations at the final whistle were enjoyed by all.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Needham Market	38	27	7	4	83	32	51	88
2	CRC	38	27	6	5	96	29	67	87
3	Leiston	38	26	4	8	87	38	49	82
4	Kirkley & Pakefield	38	22	5	11	76	47	29	71
5	Stanway Rovers	38	20	8	10	74	47	27	68
6	Mildenhall Town	38	20	6	12	80	59	21	66

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The Reserves

April was a much better time for the reserves of the seven games played they achieved four wins, one draw and only two losses. Most notable was the draw with Walsham and the final day win against Great Yarmouth, when a number of the reserves were on first team duty at Dereham. This improvement saw them climb two places, above Woodbridge and Leiston to sixth in the league.

It was also good to see that in the attendances table they came joint fourth with an average of 30 spectators. With his two goals in the final game of the season young Mr Henry moved clear of the others in the goal charts to be in third position.

A good season that augurs well for the future of the football club.

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Lowestoft Town Reserves	26	22	2	2	122	22	100	68
Dereham Town Reserves	26	21	3	2	84	17	67	68
Gorleston Reserves	26	14	9	3	80	44	36	51
Walsham-le-Willows Reserves	26	14	4	8	71	53	18	46
Great Yarmouth Town Reserves	26	15	0	11	70	54	16	42
Needham Market Reserves	26	13	3	10	67	52	15	39
Woodbridge Town Reserves	26	11	3	12	67	64	3	36
Leiston Reserves	26	11	3	12	71	70	1	35
Norwich United Reserves	26	9	7	10	46	49	-3	34
Debenham LC Reserves	26	7	5	14	37	72	-35	26
Stowmarket Town Reserves	26	7	6	13	50	71	-21	24
Whitton United Reserves	26	5	1	20	33	123	-90	16
Thetford Town Reserves	26	4	3	19	44	88	-44	15
Diss Town Reserves	26	2	5	19	21	84	-63	11

Ipswich Town Community Trust

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Rushden & Diamonds	22	18	2	2	86	13	73	56
Hitchin Town	22	16	2	4	79	28	51	50
Watford Hertswood	22	13	5	4	46	31	15	44
Birmingham City Whites	22	12	3	7	64	31	33	39
Football CV Reds	22	10	4	8	40	34	6	34
Oxford United	22	10	5	7	37	33	4	32
St Albans City	22	10	1	11	40	33	7	31
Oxford City Blues	22	9	3	10	50	51	-1	30
Boston United	22	7	4	11	34	49	-15	25
Wycombe Wanderers MSC	22	5	1	16	27	104	-77	16
Ipswich Town CT	22	2	3	17	27	64	-37	9
Spalding United	22	2	3	17	17	76	-59	9

The poor end to the season continued during April with a further three defeats leaving the side second from bottom on goal difference. But with two wins and three draws against opposition that finished above ITCT it shows that the lads are working hard and will hopefully reverse the table next year.

With the fresh group of 16 year olds being added to the happy band we can look forward to a steady stream of young footballers joining the ranks

Photo Competition!

I, like many others, took photographs of the team assembled at Dereham with the League Trophy and all the players & staff in their attire. When I looked at the photo that I had taken and compared this to the same group shown on the **NMFC website** I noticed a difference in the front row. Email me with details of the difference I found and I will give you a bottle of White Wine; email ajopling@csc.com first in my inbox gets the prize.



"The Phoenix"

As promised in last month's Newsletter pride of place this month goes to the Under 15 Girl's team. I am especially pleased that two of these girls attended the recent Armed Forces Day along with the lads of Phoenix.

Their season has been a high scoring one, even their drawn game was 4-4, so if you want to see lots of goals this must be the side to follow.

I, for one, am glad that the Phoenix has embraced the growth of interest in girls/women's football and hope that they can increase the number of age groups. In a few years time perhaps we will see a Women's side playing at Bloomfields again.

Under 15 Girl's

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Waveney Girls F.C.	14	14	0	0	167	5	42
2	Whitton United	14	11	0	3	99	37	33
3	Brandon Lassess	14	11	0	3	112	24	33
4	Little Oakley	14	6	2	6	41	66	20
5	Copleston SC	13	5	1	7	52	37	16
6	Needham Market Phoenix	13	3	1	9	31	80	10
7	Debenham LC	14	2	2	10	40	137	8
8	Acton Girls	14	0	0	14	12	168	0

Under 9's

The under 9 B team have one final game against the league leaders Moreton Hall on Sunday 16th May to get their first goal of the season, but the reports from Manager Rebecca Chaplin is that the boys remain positive and are improving.

The under 9 A team were beaten in their cup final but in the league during April they recorded two wins to consolidate their eighth place. They have four league games to go and may be able to improve on that if other results go their way.

Under 9's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Moreton Hall Youth	17	16	1	0	131	5	126	49
2	St Johns	19	15	1	3	113	22	91	46
3	Stowupland Falcons B	17	13	0	4	76	18	58	39
4	Bury Town	17	12	1	4	99	32	67	37
5	Stowupland Falcons A	17	10	0	7	71	37	34	30
6	Hadleigh United	19	8	1	10	38	36	2	25
7	Stowmarket Town Youth	17	7	2	8	45	45	0	23
8	Needham Market Phoenix A	16	5	3	8	44	59	-15	18
9	Ipswich Valley Rangers	18	3	1	14	30	74	-44	10
10	Mendlesham Youth	18	3	0	15	31	114	-83	9
11	Needham Market Phoenix B	19	0	0	19	0	236	-236	0

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
09/05/2010 11:30	Mendlesham Youth U9	Needham Market Phoenix A U9	Mendlesham Community Centre
12/05/2010 18:00	Needham Market Phoenix A U9	Stowupland Falcons B U9	Bosmere CP School
16/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix B U9	Moreton Hall Youth U9	Bosmere CP School
16/05/2010 10:30	Stowupland Falcons A U9	Needham Market Phoenix A U9	Stowupland Village Hall
23/05/2010 10:30	St Johns Youth U9	Needham Market Phoenix A U9	Gainsborough Sports Centre

Under 10's

After promotion last year the under 10's have found this a difficult season but with one game to go they have the opportunity to climb the league. Next season they will move to the 11-a-side version of the game and they have been practising in this method throughout so it will be interesting to see how they cope.

Under 10's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ransomes	11	11	0	0	80	1	79	33
2	St Johns	13	9	3	1	49	14	35	30
3	Tuddenham Youth A	12	8	2	2	35	12	23	26
4	Ipswich Thistle	12	6	1	5	21	25	-4	19
5	Stanton Youth A	12	6	0	6	22	21	1	18
6	Thetford Independent	12	2	1	9	21	48	-27	7
7	Stowmarket Town Youth B	13	2	0	11	13	70	-57	6
8	Needham Market Phoenix A	13	1	1	11	11	61	-50	4

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
09/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U10	Thetford Independent U10	Bosmere CP School

Under 11's

After a relatively poor start to the season the under 11's have had a steady middle but a great end to the season. Three of their wins have come in their last three games, most notable of these was the win against Bury Town A.

It is important that they keep this going to try and address their goal difference and points total in the hope that the other teams above falter.

Under 11's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Ipswich Valley Rangers	13	8	3	2	35	27	8	27
2	Stowmarket Town Youth B	11	7	4	0	56	17	39	25
3	Bury Town Youth A	11	6	2	3	35	25	10	20
4	Elmswell Youth	11	5	2	4	46	31	15	17
5	Needham Market Phoenix	13	4	5	4	30	38	-8	17
6	East Bergholt United	13	4	2	7	24	40	-16	14
7	Whitton Sports Centre	13	1	5	7	18	34	-16	8
8	Bury Town Youth B	11	1	1	9	12	44	-32	4

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
16/05/2010 10:30	Bury Town Youth B U11	Needham Market Phoenix U11	Victory Ground, BSE

"The Phoenix" - Part 2

Under 12's Fixtures

The two Needham sides have been having a difficult season but results have started to improve. Best illustrated by the B team avenging their 9-2 defeat against Woodbridge early in the season with a 2-2 draw in the return game. With the games still to be played in May there can still be a few twists and turns left.

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
09/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix B U12	Honington Foxes U12	Crowley Park, Needham Market
11/05/2010 06:15	Needham Market Phoenix A U12	Stowupland Falcons Youth U12	Crowley Park, Needham Market
16/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U12	Tollgate U12	Crowley Park, Needham Market
19/05/2010 18:15	Woodbridge Town Youths U12	Needham Market Phoenix A U12	Melton Playing Fields
23/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U12	Elmswell Youth U12	Crowley Park, Needham Market
23/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix B U12	Tollgate U12	Crowley Park, Needham Market

Under 13's Fixtures

In a very tough league the Needham lads have held their own and with the remaining three league games left they should finish in a mid table position. The start to the season saw them win six league and cup games on the trot followed by some poor results and latterly the results have picked up again. Even the latest result a 6-3 defeat against Bury Town B was an improvement against the game earlier in the season.

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
L 09/05/2010 10:30	Thetford Independent U13	Needham Market Phoenix U13	Thetford Rugby Club
L 16/05/2010 10:30	Moreton Hall Youth U13	Needham Market Phoenix U13	Heldhaw Rd, Moreton Hall, BSE
L 23/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U13	Elmswell Youth A U13	Crowley Park, Needham Market

Under 15's Fixtures

As can be seen from the league table there are two distinct groups with Needham leading the lower group. But they have had some interesting results e.g. Losing to Whitton in March 7-1 but beating them in April 9-5. I am sure that the Needham manager Brian Gerrard will be working on the teams second half performances because in a number of games this year they have lead at half time only to be pegged back in the second.

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
L 16/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U15	Stowupland Falcons Youth U15	Crowley Park, Needham Market

Under 16's Fixtures

Having reported that this group of lads had a top of the table clash lined up it was disappointing to see that they have slipped down the league after two poor results. Their remaining games are against lower placed sides so I fully expect them to improve on their current position, but any thoughts of winning the league have gone. It will be interesting to see where these lads are playing next season.

DATE/TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
L 09/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U16	Ipswich Warriors U16	Needham Market FC, Quinton Rd
L 16/05/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U16	CFC Bury B U16	Needham Market FC, Quinton Rd

Under 12's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Woodbridge Town Youths	10	9	1	0	76	7	69	28
2	Needham Market Phoenix B	10	7	1	2	46	18	28	22
3	Tollgate	9	6	0	3	52	9	43	18
4	Stowupland Falcons Youth	9	5	0	4	30	22	8	15
5	Needham Market Phoenix A	8	2	0	6	28	20	8	6
6	Elmswell Youth	9	2	0	7	22	69	-47	6
7	Honington Foxes	9	0	0	9	3	112	-109	0

Under 13's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bury Town Youth B	17	17	0	0	88	17	71	51
2	Thetford Independent	18	11	0	7	56	42	14	33
3	Elmswell Youth A	15	10	2	3	57	27	30	32
4	Woodbridge Town Youths	15	10	0	5	43	37	6	30
5	Needham Market Phoenix	17	9	1	7	52	47	5	28
6	Thurston Youth	18	8	3	7	48	41	7	27
7	Bury Town Youth C	17	8	0	9	37	43	-6	24
8	Brandon Lads	19	8	0	11	48	59	-11	24
9	Stowmarket Town Youth B	18	3	1	14	30	61	-31	10
10	Moreton Hall Youth	19	2	4	13	44	101	-57	10
11	Cornard Dynamos	17	1	5	11	29	57	-28	8

Under 15's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thetford Independent	14	12	2	0	60	13	47	38
2	Achilles Youth	14	10	1	3	60	15	45	31
3	Bury Town Youth A	13	9	2	2	47	23	24	29
4	Trimley Red Devils Youth	12	7	3	2	58	26	32	24
5	CFC Bury A	14	7	2	5	47	33	14	23
6	Needham Market Phoenix	15	4	1	10	51	74	-23	13
7	KES United	16	3	1	12	17	74	-57	10
8	Whitton Sports Centre	13	2	2	9	31	48	-17	8
9	Stowupland Falcons Youth	13	1	0	12	11	76	-65	3

Under 16's League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Whitton Sports Centre	11	8	3	0	43	17	26	27
2	Diss Town	11	6	2	3	29	22	7	20
3	Brandon Lads	11	6	1	4	25	21	4	19
4	Needham Market Phoenix	10	5	3	2	22	16	6	18
5	CFC Bury B	8	2	2	4	13	19	-6	8
6	Ipswich Warriors	10	2	2	6	14	31	-17	8
7	Bury Town Youth B	11	0	1	10	14	34	-20	1

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Meet the Committee

Name	Ian Rowe	Name	Alan Jopling
Position in the Club	Social Treasurer	Position in the Club	Committee Member
Occupation,	Personnel Manager	Occupation,	Computer Consultant
What is your favourite tippie?	Guinness	What is your favourite tippie?	Used to be beer, now its soda water and lime
Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)	Wife Melanie, Kids Daniel & Louise, Grandson Nathaniel	Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)	Wife – Tina, Daughter – Louise, Son – Stuart and three grandsons Kieran, Callum, and Kyle
Highlight of your life (to date):	Other than usual family stuff, scoring first century at cricket at age 47 after 30 years of trying!	Greatest highlight in your life (to date):	Being at the birth of both kids
Best football memory	Hull City winning Championship Play-off Final at Wembley in 2008	Best football memory	Playing in a team with some of the old West Ham first team regulars Frank Lampard and Alan Sealey.
Professional club supported:	Hull City	Professional club supported:	West Ham United
Favourite player/hero:	Waggy (Ken Wagstaff – boyhood hero at Hull)	Favourite player/hero:	Gordon Banks and Bobby Moore
What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?	Not played since school but was Secretary of Cottingham Sports Club in Yorkshire (football & cricket) for many years	What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?	Played in Goal from the age of 8/9 until I retired at the age of 39, highest level played at was the old Athenian League. Became an Ipswich Town Season Ticketholder but got involved in non-league in the early 1990's. Have spent some time on the committee of Stowmarket Town FC
What is your best memory of a NMFC game?	After good wins, the memory is usually blurred! The run to the Vase semi-final in 2007-8 is the best memory to date	What is your current assessment of the football club?	On the playing and financial fronts the club is in a very healthy position but in both areas we need to be strengthening to push on.
What is your current assessment of the football club?	As a relative newcomer to the Club (less than 10 years) the progress has seemed very rapid and we now have excellent teams both on and off the pitch	Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.	Greater use of the club's major assets i.e. Bloomfields, Phoenix, and its standing in the local community.
Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.	Greater use of the facilities, so I can have more money to count!	What do you think of the current state of local football?	Ambition is driving clubs to an elitist state and the general enjoyment for players of lower ability needs to be cultivated.
What do you think of the current state of local football?	Suffolk certainly seems to have strength in depth at this level and I think the commitment of the players and management at all Clubs is great to see	What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?	Promotion to level 4 and a ground & financial structure suitable for level 3 football.
What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?	I can understand some people's concerns about 'going up', but my view is that we always have to aspire to the next level or there is no point in lots of people putting in the time and effort		

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Forthcoming Social Events:

- » Presentation Night— 15th May at the Limes Hotel
- » Phoenix Presentation—21st May in Community Centre
- » World Cup Matches in Clubhouse— June/July
- » 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

Next month will see reports from the presentation evenings, who won what? And other news about events that will be happening at the club over the summer including what building work will be undertaken.

More details about the Phoenix Five A Side day and the club Fete **should** be available , along with the intended programme of World Cup games that will be shown in the clubhouse.

There should also be details of special offers for supporters and sponsors/advertisers to thank you for your continued support of the club.

Man of the Match Awards—April/May

In the club's final home game against Woodbridge Town match sponsor, Roger Haddon, chose **Craig Parker** as his Man of the Match. Craig was back to his best in the match working tirelessly to support colleagues and scoring three important goals to seal a victory that set up the game against Kirkley as the decider. With Craig free from injury this year the team has been able to have excellent runs in all competitions.



Lewis Pemberton was chosen as Man of the Match at the League Challenge Cup Final on Bank Holiday Monday by the representative from Ridgeons. Those that were there will tell you that "Pembo" has put in a number of sterling performances this season and for such a small guy his tackling can be awesome. I think that "Pembo" would agree that he accepted that award on behalf of all the boys who dug in and gave a magnificent display to bring the League and Cup double to Needham.