

The Marketmen News

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News:

- Andy Gould speaks on Radio Suffolk
- Darren Bethell transfers to Leiston.
- Videos of the Lowestoft games are on the website.
- Four new players have joined the squad.
- Two players are out on loan to get more games

Editorial Note

What a difference a month makes? Last month looking forward to two cup ties against opposition playing at a higher level and we were knocked out in both competitions. It is good to state however that the team showed that they are able to compete with sides at their level on the pitch, and from the comments made by these clubs they feel that Needham Market club has the facilities and set up to be a credit to any level. With your help and support this proves that the club is heading in the right direction.

Love Non League Football

Many readers of this particular page in the Star of EADT you may have seen articles from Mike Bacon about the amount of swearing/foul language coming from players and fans alike. Unfortunately Mike did cite the example of a recent game at Needham Market to which I took exception, and to be fair Mike did point out that the problem is at many grounds around the county.

Needham as with other FA member clubs have a set of regulations printed in the front of the pro-

gramme but this is very difficult for clubs to enforce. If you as a supporter or fan have any such complaints about a game at Bloomfields please make a member of the committee aware of it. The club has a good reputation as a family club and this is one way that we can ensure that continues.

With a number of key games coming up against teams around us over the next few months, lets make sure that we continue to move the club forward

| Date&time | Comp. | Home team | Away team |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Tuesday 02 Nov | Suffolk Premier Cup / Qtr Final | Hadleigh Utd | NMFC |
| Saturday 06 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Potters Bar |
| Tuesday 09 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | Heybridge Swifts | NMFC |
| Saturday 13 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Great Waking |
| Saturday 20 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | Ware | NMFC |
| Tuesday 23 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Redbridge |
| Saturday 27 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | Grays Athletic | NMFC |
| Tuesday 30 Nov | Ryman League Div One North | Great Waking | NMFC |
| Saturday 04 Dec | Ryman League Div One North | NMFC | Enfield Town |



WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

News of the Reserves

As stated in the last newsletter the connection with Suffolk New College has been ended but Danny Laws is using his contacts to ensure the club continues to offer lads in education a footballing opportunity. I was contacted recently by young Daniel Crompton, the first team kit man who is to host a Testimonial match at Bloomfields for Lenny Pack and John Coupe on Sunday 7th November. Please support this event as both guys have families to support, more details will be posted on the website.

The results for the team are showing an improvement with the team now sitting in fifth position in the league after a very spirited performance against Gorleston on Saturday. The following notes were supplied by Martyn Dew:-

This was always going to be a close game with Gorleston just below us in the league.

We made a good start with Leit Henry putting us 1-0 up, things got better with Terrell Denton making it 2-0.

Gorleston then got back into the game making it 2-2 at half time.

A close second half but we got the break and went 3-2 up with a goal from Cullum Farrow. Things got better with a 4th goal from Reumel Codrington. But Gorleston where not finished a made it 4-3. The last few minutes were a battle but the lads held on to win 4-3.

A good game watched by a crowd of 31 and it would be nice to see a few more supporting the lads it's only £2 and it all helps the club.

Reserve team fixtures for November on page 3.

The Phoenix

Having gone on to the Phoenix website this week I was surprised and disappointed to note that there will be various posts on the committee vacated at the end of the season. Looking on the bright side it does mean that anyone who is interested in the development of local lads football but does not have the correct coach-

ing skills but have good administration skills can get involved.

If you are interested let us know because without a flourishing youth section the main club will no longer be able to say that we offer Needham lads the opportunity to play for their local club.

| <u>Date & Time</u> | <u>Home Team</u> | <u>Away Team</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 07/11/2010 10:30 | Elmswell Youth U13 | Needham Market Phoenix A U13 | Blackbourne Playing Field 3 |
| 07/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix B U10 | Walsham le Willows Youth B U10 | Bosmere CP School 4 |
| 07/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix B U13 | Stowmarket Town Youth U13 | Crowley Park, Needham Market #1 |
| 07/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix U16 | Bury Town Youth A U16 | Crowley Park, Needham Market #1 |
| 07/11/2010 10:30 | St Johns Youth U10 | Needham Market Phoenix A U10 | Gainsborough Sports Centre #1 |
| 07/11/2010 10:30 | Stowupland Falcons Youth U14 | Needham Market Phoenix U14 | Stowupland Village Hall |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix A U10 | St Johns Youth U10 | Bosmere CP School 2 |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix A U8 | Bury Town Youth U8 | Bosmere CP School #1 |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix B U13 | Thurston Youth U13 | Crowley Park, Needham Market 3 |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix U11 | Ipswich Valley Rangers A U11 | Crowley Park, Needham Market 5 |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix U12 | Elmswell Youth U12 | Crowley Park, Needham Market #1 |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix U16 | AFC Sudbury U16 | Crowley Park, Needham Market 5 |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Thurston Youth U10 | Needham Market Phoenix B U10 | Cavendish Field, Church Rd, Thurston |
| 14/11/2010 10:30 | Woodbridge Town Youths U14 | Needham Market Phoenix U14 | Melton Playing Fields 2 |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Bury Tigers U13 | Needham Market Phoenix B U13 | Risby Village Hall |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Holbrook Hornets U16 | Needham Market Phoenix U16 | Holbrook High school |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Ipswich Exiles Youth U12 | Needham Market Phoenix U12 | Rushmere Sports Centre, Ipswich #1 |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Moreton Hall Youth U8 | Needham Market Phoenix A U8 | Symonds Road, Moreton Hall #1 |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix A U13 | Brandon Lads U13 | Crowley Park, Needham Market 2 |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix B U10 | Stradbroke Youth U10 | Bosmere CP School 3 |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Needham Market Phoenix U14 | Honington Foxes U14 | Crowley Park, Needham Market 4 |
| 21/11/2010 10:30 | Stowupland Falcons A U10 | Needham Market Phoenix A U10 | Stowupland Village Hall #3 |

Reserve Team fixtures—November

| <u>Date & Time</u> | <u>Home Team</u> | <u>Away Team</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 13/11/2010 | Debenham LC | Needham Market | Maitlands, Debenham |
| 20/11/2010 | Needham Market | Great Yarmouth Town | Bloomfields |
| 27/11/2010 | Needham Market | Diss Town | Bloomfields |

Charity News

After all the Cup games we returned to league action against Cheshunt on Saturday 23rd October which was also the club's "PINK DAY". Again the supporters got into the spirit of the event wearing pink and even the cakes in hospitality were pink. I think that the Needham shops have never sold so many pink wigs, and the support for the various fund raisers was great. A cheque for over £450 will be paid to the Breast Cancer Charity as soon as we can arrange it.



Please remember if you have a charity that you feel will be a good one for the club to support this year let someone know, there is still time.

The FA Competitions.

To those of us that saw our games in both of these competitions the team showed that the difference in standards between Needham and the higher level sides is not too big. In both competitions the lads were always in with a shout and looking at the video of the Lowestoft game at Bloomfields I still cannot see why the penalty was given!

Did you see Needham's ground appear in the prelude to the FA Cup First Round draw? Yes the ITV cameras were at our game against Ebbsfleet but the only piece shown was Ebbsfleet players celebrating at the end of the game. They have been following the winners of ties starting at Greenwich Borough in the extra Preliminary Round. So look out for the AFC Wimbledon v Ebbsfleet footage but as it was a 0-0 draw perhaps that won't be too long either.

See the name AFC Wimbledon in the FA Cup reminds me of a few years ago when they visited Debenham LCFC in the cup and over a thousand supporters were there. Although they lost 5-1 a certain striker will tell you how he won and scored the penalty.

One of the other ties that evoked memories was the Gillingham v Dover Athletic, Needham played Dover in the FA Cup back a few years ago when they were managed by Andy Hessenthaller who now manages

Gillingham. His departure and the subsequent moves of his backroom staff created some bad feeling at Dover, so they would have been happy to topple his team.

After our years of flirting with the FA Vase competition we now find ourselves out of the national competitions but is that a blessing in disguise?

Now that we are out of both cups the old adage of "now we can concentrate upon the league" springs to mind. The way that the lads got back into their league action has shown that they are focussed on the job in hand. After two league games they went back to the top of the league at the weekend.



Christmas

Yes it is just seven short weeks to go to that day when we can all over indulge in good food, good drink and good company.

The club of course will be trying to make it a happy time for our sponsors and supporters both on and off the field. The team will hopefully keep on winning in fine style at home and on their travels, to ensure supporters of the club are rewarded for giving up their valuable time and cash to enjoy the football.

The club is also running a number of social events in the run-up to Christmas which starts on Friday 12th November with a "Race Night" in conjunction with the Phoenix club. This is followed by one of Nick Francis' legendary "Cabaret" evenings on Friday 10th December, which this year includes an ELVIS impersonator and our comedian, ventriloquist and magician friend



Richard Whymark. For both of these please contact the club or Nick direct as tickets are going fast.

This years Christmas Draw will be held on Friday 17th December in the clubhouse, the prizes and format of the evening are still to be published but please be assured they will be excellent as usual.



Also taking place at the club on Saturday 13th November is a Charity Firewalk in support of the Cancer Charity. This has been advertised at the ground for the last few weeks and a number of people have signed up for the training and the evening "stroll" across hot coals. If you don't take part come along and support those who will be.



The Good Old Days?

Do you remember when football was played on Christmas Day and Boxing Day? Nowadays of course it is all about spending time with the family drinking to excess and falling asleep in front of the telly, or is that just me?

As mentioned in previous newsletter articles this game that we are love dearly has evolved with the changing times, can you imagine players of today working on Saturday mornings then cycling to their games or catching the bus?

Of course the growth of the game when Sunday Football was finally sanctioned did have its critics and many professional players refused to play on Christmas Day on religious grounds. But Sunday football allowed the

fans who watched their idols on the Saturday to imitate them on a Sunday. It is a pity that the imitating today can go all the way with swearing at the referee and "simulation" to get penalties or opponents cautioned.

When you hear the older generations talk about the game in their days, it is always painted as a great time with lots of skill and plenty of hard men. Whenever I hear those comments I have to smile because the game and its rules have also evolved. Physical contact "barging" was common place in my days but how indignant do people get when today a player is "blocked off". Whether you prefer your football as today or yesterday it should still give you the same amount of excitement otherwise why would you watch it?

Supporters & Travel Club

"Bangers 'n Mash" superstars wow the crowd!

Who says that Needham hasn't got the X Factor? Proof if any was needed that we can sing!



Needham Market FC Supporters & Travel Club

After what seemed like an eternity without a League fixture we are now back in bread and butter land with league fixtures coming thick and fast. To think that the team played eight cup matches on the bounce, yet two league matches after that run and we're back on top of the league with 2 points covering the top ten teams, it's going to be an exciting season for us the supporters, and our support is going to play a major part in keeping us there at the top.

On behalf of the Supporters I would like to welcome Andy Gould to the club along with the new additions to the first team squad whilst at the same time wish Darren Bethell good luck on his move to Leiston.

The new Supporters' club ECL Double Winning

scarves have arrived so make sure you see Gary Coombes to collect yours and wear it with pride.

The Bangers 'n Mash night turned out to be a successful night raising nearly £300 to the coffers and I would like to thank Wendy, Sue and Angie for their hard work in providing the food and Gary for organising the event. Highlight of the evening was the duo of Barty & Boris who could be dark horses for this year's Britain's Got Talent!!!!

Finally, on behalf of all our supporters I would like to wish former 'keeper Liam Jones a swift return to action after his bad injury recently.

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Forthcoming Social Events:

- » Testimonial Match—7th November
- » Race Night—12th November
- » Cabaret Night—10th December
- » Christmas Draw—17th December
- » Curry & Music—5th March

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

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Next Month

Questions to be answered:

- » Will Needham still be top of the League?
- » The next eight games are against teams currently in good form can we continue the progress thus far?
- » Will the reserves be able to push on and improve their league position?
- » Will the club have any new merchandise in time for Christmas?
- » When will the next Sponsors Evening take place?

Community Activities

As many of you know "Bloomfields" is the site for the Needham Market Firework show with the torch-light procession from the MSDC offices to the ground, this took place on Saturday 6th November. This was followed immediately with a Testimonial game on Sunday 7th November for Lenny Pack and John Coupe, so lots still going on around the club please keep up to date by logging on to the club's website.

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