

The Marketmen News

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News:

- Danny Laws named Manager of the Month
- PPG to sponsor three match Balls
- Increased efforts to get press coverage



Editorial Note

Have you had to pinch yourself yet? The start to the season made by the Needham Market first team has been little short of spectacular. Only one defeat in the league sees us sitting on top of the table, victories in the FA Cup have seen a welcome boost to club finances and a glamour home tie against Ebbsfleet United (Conference South) next Saturday (9th). The team has played great football and this has prompted a greater number of fans to follow the team on the road, long may it continue.

Love Non League Football

To those of us that are regular readers of the East Anglian Daily Times (EADT) or the Evening Star (Star) this heading has been used for a number of years to head a page collected by Mike Bacon. For those of you that do not read the sport pages of these publications I do recommend this particular page.

In common with a number of people that attended yesterday's game against Hitchin Town in the FA Tro-

phy I think that the quality of football on show is excellent value so I have included on another page comments made about the game.

If you plan to see any game this season our next two Saturday home games come highly recommended. First we play Ebbsfleet United in the FA Cup followed a week later when we renew combat against Lowestoft Town in the FA Trophy. Below is a table of future fixtures.

Date	Competition	Home Team	Away Team
Tuesday 05 Oct	Championship Manager Cup	Waltham Abbey	NMFC
Saturday 09 Oct	FA Cup / 3rd Round	NMFC	Ebbsfleet Utd
Tuesday 12 Oct	Suffolk Premier Cup	Brantham Athletic	NMFC
Saturday 16 Oct	FA Trophy	NMFC	Lowestoft Town
Tuesday 19 Oct	Ryman League Div 1	NMFC	Ware
Saturday 23 Oct	Ryman League Div 1	NMFC	Cheshunt
Tuesday 26 Oct	Ryman League Div 1	Brentwood Town	NMFC
Saturday 30 Oct	Ryman League Div 1	Waltham Forest	NMFC
Tuesday 02 Nov	Ryman League Div 1	NMFC	Heybridge Swifts
Saturday 06 Nov	Ryman League Div 1	NMFC	Potters Bar Town



WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

Reserve & Youth News

Off the playing field September was a disappointing month with news that Suffolk New College have dispensed with the services of John Coupe and Lenny Peck. It was great news to hear that John Coupe has agreed to continue to manage the team whilst he seeks another position.

On the field in the league two wins and two defeats see the team sit in 7th place. In the Suffolk Senior Reserves Cup after a victory away at Haughley United the lads face another away tie at Grundisburgh in the 2nd Round. Whilst in the FA Youth Cup the lads have again been drawn away

in both rounds but have made their superior fitness tell beating Diss 6-1 and Brantham 5-1. In the next round we have again been drawn away at Bury Town (who beat Thetford 11-1 in the last round) on Thursday 7th October so lots of goals !

Speaking to Danny Laws about the young lads he is well aware of the potential within the squad and is very keen to ensure their football education continues under good leadership. These are the Needham players of the future so why not take the short trip to the Ram Meadow on Thursday to have a look.

The Phoenix

The various teams have restarted their seasons and are as expected having some successes but they could always do with extra support at their games, so I have listed below the various fixtures scheduled for October.

DATE/ TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE	DIVISION/ CUP
03/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U8	Brandon Lads U8	Bosmere CP School #1	Under 8
10/10/2010 10:30	CFC Bury B U16	Needham Market Phoenix U16	Gazely, Nr Newmarket	Under 16 - Division Two
10/10/2010 10:30	Elmswell Youth U11	Needham Market Phoenix U11	Blackbourne Playing Field 2	Under 11 - Division Two
10/10/2010 10:30	Ipswich Valley Rangers U8	Needham Market Phoenix A U8	St Albans High School, Digby Rd #1	Under 8
10/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U10	Stowmarket Town Youth A U10	Bosmere CP School 2	Under 10 - Division One
10/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix B U13	Moreton Hall Youth U13	Crowley Park, Needham Market 3	Under 13 - Division One
10/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U14	AFC Sudbury U14	Crowley Park, Needham Market 4	Under 14 - Division One
10/10/2010 10:30	Stowmarket Town Youth A U12	Needham Market Phoenix U12	Chilton Primary School 4	Under 12 - Division Two
10/10/2010 10:30	Whitton Sports Centre U10	Needham Market Phoenix B U10	King George V Playing Field	Under 10 - Division Two
17/10/2010 10:30	Ipswich Valley Rangers A U11	Needham Market Phoenix U11	St Albans High School, Digby Rd #2	Under 11 - Division Two
17/10/2010 10:30	Ipswich Valley Rangers A U13	Needham Market Phoenix B U13	St Albans High School, Digby Rd #3	Under 13 - Division One
17/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U14	Thurston Youth U14	Crowley Park, Needham Market 4	Under 14 - Division One
17/10/2010 10:30	Stowupland Falcons B U10	Needham Market Phoenix A U10	Stowupland Village Hall #4	Under 10 - Division One
24/10/2010 10:30	Bury Town Youth U13	Needham Market Phoenix A U13	Victory Ground, BSE 7	Under 13 - Division Two
24/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U10	Walsham Le Willows Youth A U10	Bosmere CP School 2	Under 10 - Division One
24/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U8	Thetford Independent U8	Bosmere CP School #1	Under 8
24/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix B U13	Woodbridge Town Youths U13	Crowley Park, Needham Market 3	Under 13 - Division One
24/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U11	Thurston Youth U11	Crowley Park, Needham Market 5	Under 11 - Division Two
24/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U12	Whitton Sports Centre U12	Crowley Park, Needham Market #1	Under 12 - Division Two
24/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U16	Bury Town Youth B U16	Crowley Park, Needham Market 5	Under 16 - Division Two
24/10/2010 10:30	Stowupland Falcons Youth U14	Needham Market Phoenix U14	Stowupland Village Hall #7	Under 14 - Division One
24/10/2010 10:30	Walsham le Willows Youth B U10	Needham Market Phoenix B U10	Wattisfield 2	Under 10 - Division Two
31/10/2010 10:30	Bury Town Youth A U12	Needham Market Phoenix U12	Victory Ground, BSE 2	Under 12 - Division Two
31/10/2010 10:30	Moreton Hall Youth A U10	Needham Market Phoenix A U10	Symonds Road, Moreton Hall 4	Under 10 - Division One
31/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix A U13	Elmswell Youth U13	Crowley Park, Needham Market 2	Under 13 - Division Two
31/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix B U10	Moreton Hall Youth B U10	Bosmere CP School 3	Under 10 - Division Two
31/10/2010 10:30	Needham Market Phoenix U14	Brandon Lads U14	Crowley Park, Needham Market 4	Under 14 - Division One
31/10/2010 10:30	Stowmarket Town Youth B U11	Needham Market Phoenix U11	Chilton Primary School 2	Under 11 - Division Two
31/10/2010 10:30	Stowmarket Town Youth U13	Needham Market Phoenix B U13	Stowmarket High School #6	Under 13 - Division One
31/10/2010 10:30	Stowmarket Town Youth U8	Needham Market Phoenix A U8	Stowmarket High School	Under 8

The Under 16 Girls team have so far played three league games and unfortunately lost them all, most recently a heavy defeat to the league leaders

DATE/ TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	DIVISION/ CUP
10/10/2010 00:00	Copleston SC	Needham Phoenix	U-16 Division
07/11/2010 00:00	Little Oakley	Needham Phoenix	U-16 League Cup
14/11/2010 00:00	Whitton United	Needham Phoenix	U-16 League Cup
21/11/2010 00:00	Needham Phoenix	Waveney Girls F.C.	U-16 League Cup
28/11/2010 00:00	Needham Phoenix	Debenham LC	U-16 League Cup

Charities and Good Causes



The picture above shows Secretary Mark Easlea and Chairman David Bugg handing a cheque for £545 to Mrs Horrex of the EACH Charity. This money was collected during the successful Golf Day at Hintlesham masterminded by Mark.

As many of you will know the Needham Market Pre-School had problems with their building so the football club offer use of the clubhouse to allow them to continue their great work. It now seems that their insurers have agreed to repair the property so they are unlikely to need our support.

As far as further charity days at the club nothing has been decided as fixtures are subject to change with the clubs progress in the National Cup competitions. Be assured that as soon as firm plans are made you will be informed. One event that was hugely successful last season was the "Wear it Pink" this year the day chosen by the Charity is October 29th. As the club has not committed to a date yet don't forget to do your own thing at work.



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.

Photographs on the website



I hope that you find the photos that are put on the website of interest. It should be noted that there are a number of professional photographers supplying us with pictures. I must admit that I am finding it difficult to capture the goals, honk the horn and sing along with the "I Feel Good" tune after every goal. But here are a selection from the recent games against Kempston, Harlow, and Hitchin.



Idle Thoughts

Where is the year going?

It only seems a few weeks ago that we were talking about pre-season friendlies and now the team is top of the league and have gone further in the FA Cup than at any time. My only excuse is my age and the fact I am back doing a full time job again. Perhaps I can blame the team for making the days between games fly by with their excellent performances on the field.

Players

Goalscorers are the glamour boys of any team and the club is very fortunate to have three players at the top of the league scoring chart. It is also worth pointing out that two of the new players that joined the club in the summer have been picked as Man of the Match on two separate occasions.

What's up next?



Saturday 9th October will see the biggest game in the history of Needham Market Football Club when we face Ebbsfleet United in the FA Cup. For those of you that do not recognise the name, it is the new name for Gravesend and Northfleet United from 2007 and if you have travelled on the Eurostar service you may recognise the station of that name. They have recently been relegated from the Blue Square Conference Premier

League and beat Torquay United in the 2008 FA Trophy final at Wembley.

Their website is using the above picture to inform fans about plans to keep them entertained before the game and they have also announced that the 53 seat supporters coach has been filled. So we can expect a bumper crowd be there early to ensure you get your favourite spot.

This will be followed by two further cup matches a Suffolk Premier match against Brantham Athletic and the next round of the FA Trophy against our old friends from Lowestoft Town. The second of these ties will give everyone an indication of the potential in the club as we try to emulate the "Trawler Boys" rise through the pyramid. Again make sure you arrive early as another large crowd is expected.

The Good Old Days?

Have you ever thought what the lads of Needham Market had to do to get to play their football during the war years. The club is fortunate to have amongst its supporters and committee members a number of former players and prior to one game in conversation with a couple of these guys I got some answers.

Imagine most of the young men have gone to war but there will be a number in key professions helping the war effort. Transport was not as regular as it is today and there were very few people that could afford cars, so how did the guys get to away games? They did a Norman Tebbitt and got on their bikes. Imagine riding

to places such as Hadleigh playing a hard game for 90 minutes then back on the bike and ride home. The players of today would not even contemplate it!

Another problem was of course finding opponents to play against, step forward Derrick Bloomfield. He knew that there were Italian prisoners billeted locally so the resourceful chap that he is he simply arranged games against them.

If you have any similar stories or anecdotes about the club please share that with us, we need to get these stories recorded otherwise our history counts for nothing.

Supporters & Travel Club

Needham Market FC Supporters Club
HALLOWEEN BANGERS & MASH EVENING
FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER
BLOOMFIELDS - 7.30PM

£6 for Supporters Club Members
 £7.50 for Non Supporters Club Members

Tickets from Gary Coombes
 on 07900 913934

Why not dress up for the occasion?!

Prices includes Meal & Entertainment for the Evening (Quiz & Karaoke/Music)



Needham Market FC Supporters & Travel Club– Update

What a great start to the season it has been. Top of the table, that elusive 2nd round of The FA Cup surpassed and The Supporters and Travel Club has just signed up its 50th member.

What has been pleasing is the away support, at Redbridge the Needham faithful made up over 50% of the 111 attendance and I'm sure the noise we made at Chipstead in The FA Cup replay gave our players the edge on the night in what turned out to be a very close fought encounter. Our prize for that victory apart from £4.500 prize money is a home tie against Ebbsfleet United who are currently 6th in The Conference South. So far I have been very impressed with the standard of the overall level of football in this league and hopefully Danny and the squad will maintain the high standards they have already set.

By the time this is published we will have played our first ever FA Trophy tie with Southern League Midland division pacesetters Hitchin Town being our visitors. With other cup games in abundance over the next couple of weeks it's important we all get behind the team.

On the social front – we have Bangers 'n' Mash night at the club on Friday 29th October – this will include a quiz, music and karaoke and as it is near Halloween, fancy dress is optional. Tickets are £6 for members and £7.50 for non members – Please let Gary Coombes or myself know if you will be attending our first social of the season.

Finally, the Double Winning scarves which are free for Supporters and Travel club members should be with us in the next couple of weeks.

FA Youth Cup

As previously mentioned the Needham Market Youth team effectively our reserves continue their journey in this national competition on Thursday 7th October. Having disposed of Diss and Brantham they now face Bury Town at Ram Meadow.

Get to the game and see the future players of Needham Market first team.



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Forthcoming Social Events:

- » **Bangers & Mash –29th October**
- » **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

Look forward to:

- » The next round of the FA Cup v Ebbsfleet United 9th October
- » Our first fixture in the FA Trophy at home against Lowestoft Town 16th October
- » More league matches towards the end of the month.
- » News from the first social event organised by supporters club.
- » Updates on scarves and other merchandise.

Community Activities

For all NMFC supporters please note that the Mayor of Needham Market (Mike Norris) and his wife Sheila have created Calendars for 2011 that will be on sale from 2nd October. The proceeds from the sales will go to the Mayor's sponsored charities which are Needham First Responders and EACH. Why should this be of interest to NMFC well at least one page of the calendar will include team photos of the players and some volunteers.

At the FA Cup game against Chipstead NMFC handed over to the EACH Charity a cheque for £545 which was collected at the hugely successful Golf Day in August. This has been picked up by the local press as well as the Ryman's League website.

Finally I had the pleasure of attending the Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday 26th September at St. John Baptist Church, Needham Market. The service was very much about serving the community and prayers were offered for all the people that provide services to the local people. Although not specifically mentioned during the service it is good that the club is viewed in that same way.

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