

The Marketmen News

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News:

- **The club has a new main sponsor.**
- **Touchline Sports becomes our new kit supplier**
- **Our Charity efforts have begun with Chernobyl children and Golf day for EACH.**

Editorial Note

Only ten days to go till the first pre-season game against Wroxham and there have been a number of new faces attending training. We have lost a few players lured away from Bloomfields and the draws for the FA Cup and FA Trophy have been made, in both competitions Needham face strong opposition. The league fixtures will not be announced until after the 14th July so keep up to date by looking on the club's website

New Main Sponsor

Since 2005 Needham Market Football Club has been sponsored by The Windscreen Company, as its main sponsor their name appears on the shirts and advertising hoardings in prominent positions around the ground. During this association the club has climbed from the First Division of the Ridgeons League to its latest promotion into the Rymans League for next season. But the proprietor of the Windscreen Company (Barry Hegley), in discussions with the club, has reluctantly decided to step down as the main sponsor but he will continue to support the club with advertising in both the programme and around the ground.

The club has moved swiftly to fill the gap and another one of the

club's family of major sponsors, SEH BAC Limited, has agreed to step into the breach. SEHBAC Limited which manufactures and supplies premium calibre double glazing products has been a major advertiser with the club for a number of years. The initial sponsorship agreement is for the 2010/2011 season and the SEH BAC Limited Managing Director, John Savage, says that "We look forward to working with you (the club) over the coming season which I'm sure will be highly successful!"

Without the support of such companies local football clubs, like Needham Market, cannot maintain their continued progress through the non-league pyramid and provide the local community with a club and facilities that they are rightly proud of.



WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place in the clubhouse on Sunday 26th June and was attended by a healthy number of supporters and members, the Chairman David Bugg could not attend as he was cruising across the Atlantic to New York. So Nick Francis chaired the meeting with secretary Mark Easlea giving a full and thorough review of the previous season including a number of very interesting statistics. The accounts were presented by Don Vincent and showed that these were down on last year something that the Finance Committee have taken steps to address.

There was some discussion around the club's support of charities i.e. Whether or not we should concentrate on one charity per season but the meeting felt that spreading our support to a few charities was the correct option. The election of members to posts was in the main as defined in the documentation provided by the secretary, it was however suggested from the floor that the Needham Market Town Clerk be invited to join the committee. The Town Clerk is Kevin Hunter who has a long association with the club having previously been secretary of the club, it is good to report that Kevin has accepted the invitation and we all look forward to developing the clubs link with the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 12.30 giving all attendees the opportunity to watch the fateful World Cup game between Germany and England, why did we punish ourselves?

Did you watch the World Cup at "Bloomfields"

If you did watch the World Cup at Bloomfields what was your impression of the events? Apart from the England results I thought that it was very good additional things such as Golden Goal and first England scorer added a bit of spice but the quality of the projection and the sound system was excellent. Thanks to Wavelength Aerials (Barry Voce) for the projector and screen and Martin Dew for the sound system, not forgetting Richard Fairbrother for his donation of the "blackout screens" which were invaluable.

This goes to show that the club is moving along the right lines when this type of event can be screened in the clubhouse and perhaps we will see more events like this at the club.

Needham in the Cup Competitions!

For the coming season Needham enter the FA Cup at the Preliminary Round on Saturday 28th August when we travel to Daventry Town. After the fantastic game at "Bloomfields" last season in

the FA Vase we can expect another hard fought game.

If we are successful against Daventry the next round will see us at home against Great Yarmouth, Norwich United or Godmanchester Rovers or AFC Kempston Rovers

For the first time ever Needham will be competing in the FA Trophy against teams from the higher levels of the Non League pyramid, so no longer can we expect to get close to Wembley as we have done in the FA Vase. We start with a home fixture on Saturday 2nd October against Hitchin Town who were pipped by Bury Town to the Zamaretto title last season so another tough tie in prospect and if we win that another home tie against Lowestoft Town awaits us.

If the club is to enjoy the same success in the FA Trophy as experienced in the FA Vase then the team will have to be at the peak of its form and show the same level of commitment shown in our last game.



Charities and Good Causes

The **Chernobyl Childrens Lifeline Charity** is a national charity founded in 1992 by Victor Mizzi M.B.E. Since then over 150 "Links" have been established throughout the United Kingdom, raising money to support the children of Belarus, whose lives will be forever affected by the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.

The **MID SUFFOLK** Link is based in Needham Market and each year a group of children from Belarus visit the area and are hosted by families anywhere between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds and also as far as Diss. The charity ensures that the children are engaged in a full range of activities and that the "health matters" that we take for granted are addressed e.g. visits to the dentist, opticians, shoe fittings, etc. during their stay. All of this is funded by the supporters of the charity and the professionals performing the services do so voluntarily.

This year the charity is bringing their biggest group yet, anticipated to be in the region of 26 children! These children will all come from the region of Cherikov which is one of the radiation hotspots of Belarus. Although the children will not be sick when they travel, they have however all inherited the legacy of Chernobyl and they and thousands of others must live with the effects of this disaster, day in and day out for the rest of their lives.

Since August 2008 Needham Market FC has made its clubhouse available to them as a place to meet and use as they wish. This year the ladies that do such sterling work in the kitchen on match days (Sue and Wendy) are organising a party for the children.

Let's see if there are some warm clothes!



One of the most gratifying memories for the charity volunteers must be seeing the children arrive pale and tired, and then see them four weeks later, before going home happy, having

breathed fresh/clean air and eaten uncontaminated food. The children will also have new clothes donated by the local community to keep them warm during their winter, when temperatures can fall to minus 40.

Wendy can I have some cream on my fruit, please?



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The Charity just like the football club is forever grateful to its sponsors and volunteers for their support and commitment and with the gloomy economic predictions it is easy to "look the other way", but the children visiting us this year were not even born when the disaster occurred they are just suffering the consequences.



A Fan's View of Your Club

If you were asked to describe your club's prospects for next season, the high points & low points and using a drink to describe your team, what would you say? Below is my answer but it was interesting thinking about your team as a drink, **so if anyone has a more amusing suggestions for a drink please let me know.**

The coming season is a step into the unknown for us but the success enjoyed by previous winners of the Ridgesons League gives us hope. The manager and the squad are ready for the new challenges and the new signings signal our intent to do well.

Last season we achieved the Ridgesons League and Cup double a feat last achieved some 15 years ago and this made the two games (both against Kirkley & Pakefield) at the end of April, the high point of the season. The team and its loyal band of followers cheered and sang for a long time after the final whistle and many reported sore heads the following day.

The only disappointment was that once again the team had a good run in the FA Vase but again went out at the quarter final stage against eventual finalists Wroxham, a side that we beat comprehensively two weeks later on their own patch. So it's goodbye FA Vase and hello FA Trophy for next season, a real test of the team's mettle.

I think that our team is like a pint of Guinness; creamy on the top but with a smoothness all of its very own all the way through, with plenty of iron in it to ensure that the team runs and plays hard to the very end.

The Golf Day—Friday 6th August

Have you heard that Needham Market Football Club is organising a Golf Day?



- £200 Entry for Teams of 4 (Includes Sponsorship of a Tee)
- Green Sponsorship available @ £65
- 18 Hole Stableford Individual and Team Competition
- Tea / Coffee & Bacon Roll on arrival (10:00am onwards)
- 11:30am Shotgun Start
- Evening Meal
- Prize Presentations
- Memorabilia Auction
- Comedy Evening Entertainment

For further details and to register a team please contact Mark Gaslea (07795 466502 / m.gaslea@sky.com) or print an application form [here](#).

Entries required by no later than Friday 9th July 2010

Raising funds for EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospice) Treehouse Appeal



wanted to be associated with this event there are a number of ways to do this:

- » Sponsorship of Greens at £65 each;
- » Donation of Memorabilia for the Auction;
- » Donation of quality prizes for the draw.

There may also be a few places available for people to enjoy the evening meal and entertainment so please contact Mark and he will do everything possible to make it a success for you, your guests, the charities and the club.

Although the above states that the closing date for applications is the 9th July I have been assured that Mark will be happy to welcome additional entries up to the 16th July. So if you can find a group of golfers keen to play at an extremely nice course and to be entertained in the evening please contact Mark.

As you can see another charity is to receive a donation from the event, this time it is the East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH) - Treehouse Appeal, which a number of local companies and organisations are also supporting.

If you cannot raise a team but still feel that you

I will be in attendance to help Mark, armed with a camera to capture those moments of sheer joy or utter despair, so be warned.



New Main Sponsor

If you have visited Bloomfields to watch a match you will have seen the pitchside board for our **Main Sponsor SEH BAC** it runs between the dugouts on the far side of the pitch. This prime position was given to them some time ago for their continued support of the football club and now that they are our Main Sponsor you will see more boards carrying their name.

The club has had a long association with SEH and it is something that is treasured as is the on-going relationship with the previous Main Sponsor The Windscreen Company. There will I am sure be a period of transition to this new arrangement but one that both parties are keen to be successful.

This change does mean that the team shirts and other apparel will be changed to reflect the new sponsor. Which is expected to be available in a matter of days.



On the Company website I was struck by this byline:

Window shopping made simple with SEHBAC Windows & Doors SEHBAC manufactures and supplies premium calibre:



Double Glazed Windows: PVCU, Hardwood and Aluminium.

Double Glazed Doors: PVCU, Hardwood, Composite and Aluminium.

Double Glazed Conservatories: PVCU and Hardwood
Fascias, Soffits & Guttering: PVCU Roofline Products & Cladding.

Canopies & Porches and Internal Plantation Shutters and New Yorker Blinds.

Perhaps we should adapt this for the club to -

Football made simple by the premium calibre of the managers, staff and players

New Kit Suppliers

With the demise of our previous kit suppliers "SharpStitch" club secretary Mark Easlea has moved swiftly to line up a new local company to replace them, this company is **Touchline Sports** based on the Charles Industrial Estate in Stowmarket. The staff at Touchline have been very helpful in getting the kit changed for the new main sponsors and I know that Mark is still in discussions about using Touchline to run our "club shop" thereby allowing supporters to order their replica shirts, etc. directly.



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Forthcoming Social Events:

- » **NMFC Golf Day at Hintlesham GC—Friday 6th August**
- » **NMFC Fete—Sunday 29th August**
- » **"Evening of COUNTDOWN & CALL MY BLUFF" - 3rd September**

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

- » ***Alan Jopling (ajopling@csc.com) or***
- » ***Mark Easlea (m.easlea@sky.com)***

Next Month

Look forward to:

- » Results from the Golf Day;
- » The Programme of Events for the Annual NMFC Fete.
- » Reactions from our first few Pre-Season Friendlies;
- » The final line up of the first team squad;
- » Details of the Ryman League fixtures;
- » Details of the Supporters Club being set up by Gary and Mick Coombes.

Community Activities

At the last Committee meeting there were a number of occasions when the topic of "Community" was mentioned and we need to really define what we bring to the community of Needham Market and the surrounding villages.

We now have a successful team that is achieving success on a bigger scale, our efforts in supporting charities is recognised by those around us and we have a large number of supporters that follow the team home and away. So for this season we are pledging to support as far as possible the efforts of other local organisations in making our community **great**. We have taken our first practical steps along this road by attending the Annual "Raft Race" at Needham lake, next year we may enter a team! With the Town Clerk (Kevin Hunter) joining the committee I expect to receive more invitations to join in we have already received invites to **be in the Mayor's 2011 Calendar** and to field a team in **"An Evening of COUNTDOWN & CALL MY BLUFF"** in September.

If you have planned any community events and are looking for teams please contact Mark Easlea or myself.