



AFA Development News

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FA Volunteer Workforce Awards

The AFA Development team are pleased to announce that FA Volunteer Workforce Awards have been presented to Martin Fairclough (Sinjuns-Grammarians) Sharon Fitch (Waltham Forest) Christine Gillman (Globe Rangers) Ken James (Old Uffingtonians) Mike Deasey (Old Latymerians) Will Staniland (Alexandra Park FC) Kara Tanega (Valley Park Rangers) and Ken Chivers (Kew Association) The awards are given as a mark of recognition for all the hard work carried out up and down the country in Grassroots Football. They have all been invited to receive their awards at the September Council meeting at Islington Town Hall on September 29th.

Representative Trials



The trials for the under 16 and under 18 Representative squads were held earlier this month at Southbury Road, Enfield and Kent CCC, Beckenham.

Unfortunately these trials were not well attended and proved most disappointing. Clubs either do not consider their players worthy of playing at County level or they are not willing to release them for matches. Either way the losers are the boys who will miss out on an opportunity to test themselves at a higher level.

We intend holding two training nights during October with the current squads. This is a last chance for your club to nominate players for selection, please pass this on to the relevant managers and urge them to respond to this message.

If you require more information, call Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667

Centre of Excellence—Girls Festival

The AFA Centre of Excellence Girls Festival, held at Fairlop Oak Playing Fields in September was once again a huge success with girls from Arsenal, Brighton & Hove Albion, Bristol City, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Colchester United, Fulham, Gillingham, Leyton Orient, Millwall, Reading, Southampton and Watford taking part at under 10/12/14 & 16 levels. Unfortunately the festival will be the last one as the clubs have decided to utilise the FA funding on other projects. Thanks should go to Tina Lightning, who instigated the idea, her band of helpers, the clubs, referee's and in particular AFA Football Development Officer John Bayer who have all worked tirelessly over the last five years to ensure that the festivals have been great days out for all concerned.

Barclays Spaces for Sport- Local Heroes

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The £30m community investment programme Barclays Spaces for Sport, has inspired the creation of the Local Hero award. This honour is for the unsung heroes who tirelessly support grassroots sport in communities across the UK.

Deserving recipients can be anyone from a long standing groundsman, Coach, someone who drives the mini bus washes the kit or makes the sandwiches! In recognition of their efforts Barclays will present to each winner a limited edition Silver Medal and a donation of £1000.00 to the team or charity of their choice.

If you would like to vote for someone you feel really deserves a Barclays Spaces for Sport Local Hero Award contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com who will send you a nomination form. All entries will be judged by the BSS panel. So if you know a local hero, take 5 minutes to vote



New Season Quiz

Here's your chance to win your club five matchballs for your club, all you have to do is answer correctly the 5 questions below and the first name out of the hat wins the balls.

- 1 - Who plays at Glebe Park?
- 2 - Which club are known as the Glovers?
- 3 - Which city will host the 2006 World Cup Final?
- 4 - How many goals did Gary Lineker score for England?
- 5 - On which TV programme would you find Earls Park FC?

Answers to bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com or on a postcard to AFA
55 Islington Park St, London N1 1Q by Wednesday 19th October

**Win five
matchballs
for your
club**

How to achieve and benefits of Charter Standard

The Development team are holding an Effective Football Club Administration (EFCA) course on how to achieve & benefits of Charter Standard, which does what it say's on the tin! The course will be held at the Civil Service Recreation Centre, Chadwick Street, London SW1P 2EP on Thursday 13th October 7.00pm-10.00pm and is free. To enrol either contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com, alternatively download an application form from our website www.amateur-fa.com



Safety is our Goal

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Since 1991 nine young footballers have been tragically killed by unsafe goals. Many more have been seriously injured by goals that fail to meet even basic safety standards. To put an end to these accidents, The Football Foundation has earmarked around £4m to replace unsafe and non compliant goals in England. Amazingly, research by the FA has revealed that in recent tests 41% of mini soccer goals, 50% of 5-a-side goals and 22% of junior goals failed basic stability tests.

Applications are welcome from AFA affiliated clubs and 50% funding is available up to a ceiling of £1,500

Unsafe goals include—Goals built before 1996, Home made goals, Wooden goals and rusted goals or goals with rusted bolts. For further information, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or visit www.footballfoundation.org.uk



FA Certificate in Coaching Adults

This course has been designed by the FA specifically for someone coaching adult teams and is particularly useful for coaches of clubs applying for Charter Standard status. The course consists of three sessions, seven hours practical, three hours theory and three hours Emergency Aid. On completion of the three hour course candidates will be able to.

- Identify appropriate coaching practices
- Describe the skills required in dealing with teams
- Identify nutritional needs for players
- Identify future training needs

The course is being held at Alleyn Old Boys FC, Burbage Road, Herne Hill on Sunday's 16th & 23rd October 9.00am-2.00pm and Wednesday 18th October (Emergency Aid) 7.00pm-10.00pm and costs £10.00 per candidate.

**Improve your
teams**

**chances of
success**

, enroll today!

Child Protection & Emergency Aid Courses

Emergency Aid

Tuesday 25th October, HSBC S.C., Lennard Road, Beckenham BR3 1QW
7.00pm-10.00pm Cost £10.00

Child Protection & Best Practice Workshop

Monday 10th October Sinjuns Grammarians, Burntwood Lane, Wandsworth SW13
7.00pm –10.00pm Cost £10.00 - to enrol call Bob Leeds 020 7359 3667



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AFA FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TEAM SERVICES

The Football Development Team at the AFA is able to offer a number of services to affiliated clubs. Here are just some of them.

Improving your facilities

- Helping you secure grant aid from the Football Foundation and a wide range of other sources
- Assisting you in negotiations with Local Authorities and other pitch providers
- Providing venues and establishing partnerships with adult clubs

Coach Development

- Finding Coaches to coach your sides
- Training your people to obtain coaching qualification
- Organising specific coaching sessions for your players

Volunteers

- Helping you recruit new volunteers and training your existing volunteers and EFCA

Specialist Training

- Child protection, Refereeing, Medical Training

Competition

- AFA Youth Cups at all age groups on Saturday and Sunday
- AFA Under 16 and Under 18 Representative Sides in Home Counties Competition

Information Centre

- Sourcing information about any aspect of football
- Reference Library and database of contacts

FA Charter Standard

- Helping clubs to become part of the FA Community Club concept
- Helping Junior clubs to become FA Charter Standard Clubs

Communication

- Sending you all the latest FA initiatives
- Development News (Monthly) and AFA Record (Quarterly)

Referee's Corner

Peter Georgiou, Len Wilcock and Gordon Kirby recently attended the week long National Instructors Course at Staverton Park and achieved good results which should lead to them becoming Licensed Instructors after a successful assessment in an actual training situation. A one day training programme for those wishing to become Referee Assessors will be held on Sunday 16th October for more details contact Trevor Syms on trev.viv@btinternet.com

Moving Football Forward

FA Learning are staging their biggest ever conference event at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry from Monday October 31st until Wednesday November 2nd. They have put together three different full day packages which cover a variety of disciplines designed to cross a range of audiences to help Move Football Forward. The event will provide an opportunity for all those involved at all levels of the game to communicate face to face with FA staff in an informal and accessible environment. Delegates can book for 1/2 or 3 days and to book your place go to www.thefa.com/falearning or contact the FA hotline 0870 8500 424