



AFA Development News

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Level 1 Coaching Courses

Two new level 1 coaching courses are being held in February and March. Course 1 will take place at Oaks Park High School, Ilford on Sundays 5th/12th & 19th February 9.00am-5.00pm with the Emergency Aid Course on Tuesday 7th and the Child Protection Module on Wednesday 15th February (7.00pm-10.00pm)

Norsemen will also stage a course on Sundays 19th/26th Feb and 5th March, with the Child Protection on Wednesday 15th February and Emergency Aid on Wednesday 22nd. There are still spaces available, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 to enrol

All square for the Under 18's



On Sunday 15th of January, the AFA Under 18 side travelled to Croydon Athletic FC to play the London FA in their second game of the 2005/06 Home Counties Championship. Losing their opening game 0-1 to Kent at home was not the best preparation for this match against one of the strongest sides in the competition but the side, welcoming the return of skipper Tom Morrill and the introduction of Albert Adomah, Paul Donald and Lawrence Fernee, showed great resolution in the first half against a typically pacy and skillful London outfit. London had the greater share of first half possession but they could not convert this into concrete chances and Zuey Dyab in the AFA goal only had one save of note to make before the interval. We went down to 10 men following an ankle injury to Tom Morrill, but sterling work from Jason Fox and Danny Mogg in defence enabled us to hold out for a well deserved draw. Next Match v Royal Navy 8th Feb

Charter Standard

Congratulations to Alleyn Old Boys, Civil Service and Old Parmitarians who have all recently attained the FA Charter Standard Award. They now join the ever growing band of AFA clubs who have achieved the award, which is the FA's kite mark for administration and best practice.

Thanks should go to Jerry Newman, Jim Kellett and Francis Mariani who put the effort in to assist their clubs attain Charter Standard status. If you would like to find out how your club can become Charter Standard, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com

AFA u 16's 2 v Middlesex u 16's 2

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The under 16's played out a hard fought draw against a strong Middlesex FA side at Uxbridge on 22nd January. Middlesex went ahead in the opening minutes after a goalmouth scramble but the under 16's rode the storm and managed to get back on level terms on the stroke of half time, when Loike Pires bravely headed into the net. We came out with all guns blazing after the re start and were rewarded when Reece Lyons headed home from a corner. Middlesex then went all out for an equaliser but good defensive play from the skipper Andrew Carroll and his central partner Tom Hill kept them at bay. Then with minutes to go Middlesex deservedly equalised with a stunning free kick from the edge of the box.. An all round good team performance, which they hope to continue into their next game v Kent FA at HSBC, Beckenham on 19th February. Team James Husher (Highams Park) Lee Benraisa, Elliot Charles, Loike Pires, Sam Morris (Alexandra Park Youth) Tom Hill, Michael Malins, Chris Nash, Tom Tresadern (Cheshunt Youth) Andrew Carroll (Theydon Predators) Shaun Nelmes (Broomfield Percival) Junior Boakye (Gladstone Rangers) Adam Ali, Matthew Stoker & Reece Lyons (Potters Bar United)



Players and Coaches Wanted

Alexandra Park Women's FC are searching for a coach, with a minimum FA Level 1 coaching Certificate to take training sessions on Wednesday evenings at Barnard Park, Islington 7.00-9.00pm. They play in Division 3 of the Greater London Women's Football League on Sunday's at Alexandra Park and are always on the lookout for new members to join their ranks.

Peckham Village Ladies FC, are also looking for a qualified coach and train each Monday evening 6.30-8.30pm with excellent facilities at Peckham Academy, Peckham Rye. They are a new team and hope to join the GLWFL next season. They also are happy to welcome new members of all abilities to join them.

Blackstone FC, based in Leytonstone, east London, organise football for local boy's and girls aged between 5-16 years old, and require a qualified coach to coordinate and deliver coaching sessions. They are also on the lookout for players to join their under 15 (boys) team.

For further information on all the above, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667

Youth Cup Finals 2006

This years youth cup finals will take place at Norsemen FC, Church Street Edmonton, over the weekend 1st & 2nd April 2006. Boys teams from under 11 to under 18 will take part. The following week, Saturday 8th April, we will be staging under 12 and under 14 girls finals along with the inaugural AFA women's Cup Final between Alexandra Park Women's and East Barnet Old Grammarians Ladies Football Clubs. We hope that they will provide the perfect appetiser for the Alan Day Volkswagen AFA Senior Cup Final which will kick off at 3.00pm



AFA Development Team adopt 'Club Centred' approach

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Over recent seasons the Development Team, has organised an annual regional programme of Coaching, Child Protection, Emergency Aid and Effective Club Administration (EFCA) Courses for AFA clubs to attend. The response at times has been disappointing and as a consequence, the emphasis from now on will be on a club centred approach. Which means that if your club requires any of the above held at your club, we will organise it for you, providing you can attract sufficient members.

EFCA Courses include Running a Club, Developing Youth Football, Marketing & Sponsorship, Attracting Volunteers, Club Development & Charter Standard and Submitting Funding Applications.

Coaching Courses available include Level 1 & 2 as well as the Introduction to Coaching Adults . Contact Bob Leeds for more info



B&Q 'You Can Do It Awards 2006'

The B&Q "You Can Do It" Awards 2006 is offering £100,000 in rewards which will play a key part in helping communities to create inclusive and sustainable facilities to be proud of.

Twenty B&Q "You Can Do It" Awards worth £5000 of B&Q products will be awarded to sporting, community and charitable organisations across the UK. Any community-based organisations such as charities, disability, environmental, sports and youth groups are eligible to apply.

Applications are currently invited with a deadline of Friday 17 March 2006.

For further information, and to download an application form, please go to www.diy.com/awards.

Hold an

EFCA or

Coaching

Course at

your club

FA Level 1 - Women's Course

The London Active Partnership are holding an all female FA Level 1 Coaching Course at LSBU Sports Ground, Turney Road, West Dulwich SE21 on Saturdays March 18th and 25th and Saturday April 8th (9.00am-5.00pm)
The Child Protection & Emergency Aid module dates TBA. Minimum age is 16 years

The cost of the course is just £25.00 which must be paid on registration.
If you would like to find out more contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com



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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 clubs to achieve FA Charter Standard status

Communication

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

Forthcoming Representative Fixtures

Seniors v Cambridge University—**Tuesday 31st January**, Grange Road, Cambridge ko 2.15 pm

Under 18's v the Royal Navy u 18s— **Wednesday 8th February**, Potters Bar Town FC ko 7.30pm

Under 16's v Kent u 16's—**Sunday 19th February**, HSBC Sports Club ko 1.30pm

Under 18's v Middlesex—Sunday 19th February, Uxbridge FC ko 1.00pm

EFCA Course—Marketing & Sponsorship

Bealonians Football Club are amongst the first to take advantage of the Development Teams Club Specific approach, and will be holding an Effective Football Club Administration Course, entitled **Marketing and Sponsorship**, on Thursday 2nd March at Redbridge Sports Centre, Forest Road, Barkingside, starting at 7.00pm

If you would like to attend, or indeed if you would like to hold a similar course at your club, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com