



# AFA Development News

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## Broomfield PL—Champions of England!

Congratulations Broomfield PL under 13's who were crowned National Winners of the Tesco Cup at the Britannia Stadium, home of Stoke City FC. To reach the finals Broomfield had to overcome representatives from Middlesex, Dorset, Wiltshire, Suffolk & Essex, then in the semi final they overcame Lancashire Representatives, Ramsbottom Utd before defeating Ice Sports of Hampshire 3-2.

They now go on to represent the AFA in the International Finals against the champions of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland at the Reebok Stadium on 20th May. Well done to all concerned.

## FA Level 2 Coaching Certificate



There are still spaces available on our Level 2 (UEFA B part 1) Coaching Course being held at Norsemen FC, Church Street, Lower Edmonton, London N9. The induction evening will be held on Thursday 10th August 7.00pm—10.00pm and the Practical & Theory sessions will take place during the week 14th—18th August 9.00am—5.00pm. In addition further mentor evenings will be held, these will be finalised during the course. The final assessment will hopefully take place before the end of the year. Candidates must hold a current FA Emergency Aid Certificate and have attended an FA Child Protection Workshop. For more details, please visit [www.amateur-fa.com](http://www.amateur-fa.com) or contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 e-mail [bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com](mailto:bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com)

## AFACMA

The newly formed AFA Coaches & Managers Association, held its inaugural meeting at Norsemen last month where over 40 members attended an excellent session by FA Regional Development manager Steve Rutter, entitled Playing in the final 3rd. Further sessions are planned for next season in the South, East & West of the AFA region and will be announced on [www.amateur-fa.com](http://www.amateur-fa.com)

If you would like to find out more about how you can join the AFACMA, contact Bob Leeds

## FA County Workforce Awards

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The FA is acutely aware of all the time, effort and hard work going on throughout the season in grassroots football and in recognition of this they annually present FA County Workforce Awards.

These awards are a token thank you to the people up and down the country who devote their time to making sure that grassroots football runs smoothly. So if your club is parented to the AFA why not put forward someone who you think deserves a thank you?

It could be the secretary, treasurer, coach, kit washer, driver or sandwich maker anyone in fact who has put themselves out to make your football club a better place.

If you would like to nominate someone, write a short letter outlining why you think they deserve an award and send it to Bob Leeds 55 Islington Park Street, London N1 1QB



## Under 16's save the best until last

The AFA saved the best till last in their 2005/06 Home Counties Youth Competition campaign, with a 2-1 victory over the London FA at Potters Bar Town

London, needing a win to record their third championship in a row, came out with all guns blazing and not for the first time this season, skipper Andrew Carroll and Matt Stoker had to make a series of last ditch tackles and important headers to keep the scores level. . The inevitable breakthrough came on 14 minutes, when, following a spate of attacks a corner from the right was headed in at the far post by Toric Ozrett, London then could and should have put the game out of sight, but Shaun Nelmes, Joe Riley, along with Carroll, Stoker and Husher managed to collectively repel the relentless swarm. The equaliser on the half hour was both fortuitous and welcome as a Joe Riley corner managed to evade forwards and defenders alike to end up in the back of the net at the far post.

The AFA took to the field in the second half with a spring in their step and set about breaking up the London attacks at source and as more and more challenges were won in midfield it enabled the odd sortie into the London penalty area. The AFA took the lead halfway into the second period when Lyons found the industrious Seb Khan, who managed to hold the ball and slip it into the path of Lewis Barclay, who's first touch looked to have taken him too wide, however his second touch left everyone in no doubt as it fairly flew into the net off the post past the despairing keeper.

Following the match Life Vice President Malcolm Perks presented commemorative medals to Andrew Carroll (Theydon Predators) Junior Boakye (Gladstone Rangers) James Husher (Highams Park) and Shaun Nelmes (Broomfield PL)

**Lewis Barclay**

**comes off the**

**bench to win**

**it for the**

**under 16's**

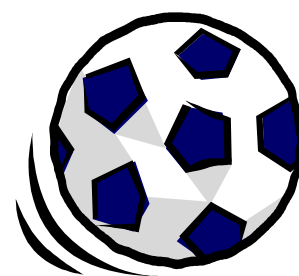
## Women's & Girl's

Season 2005/06 saw the introduction of Women's and girls AFA Cups.

In the Girls under 12's Final Potters Bar United Girls beat Flamingoes Girls 5-1. Sadly for Flamingoes they also lost in the under 14 section 2-1 to William Fitt Girls.

The Women's final contested by East Barnet Old Grammarians Ladies and Alexandra Park Women's attracted a huge crowd to Norsemen on the morning of the senior final and they were not disappointed as EBOG eventually ran out somewhat flatteringly 4-0 with goals from Kerry Palmer, Kirsty Dungate, Tina Cox and 'Hattrick' Hailey Potter.

We will be looking to expand the competitions for next season, to find out more contact Mike Grimshaw on 020 7359 3493 or [mike.grimshaw@amateur-fa.com](mailto:mike.grimshaw@amateur-fa.com)



## Swedish Youth Club Exchange

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We have recently been in contact with Anders Ostling who runs an u12's boys team, Bunkeflostrand who are from the south of Sweden situated right across the Öresund and the capital of Denmark, Copenhagen.

Anders is keen to contact an English football club similar to theirs who might be interested in an interaction of some sort with their team. To start with they could exchange e-mails or letters and eventually perhaps meet up and play a match. This is an ideal opportunity for boys to use the love of football to get to know what life is like in another country and make new friends.

For further information call Bob Leeds on 0207 359 3667



## Under 18's finish on a high

A performance brimming with effort and desire saw the AFA U18s gain their first victory of the 2005/06 Home Counties Championship at Enfield Town FC

The arrival of the unbeaten and high flying Surrey County FA presented the AFA with their stiffest task of the season in their last game of the 2005/06 competition, but the AFA rose to the challenge with a gritty display interspersed with moments of high quality. As so often before the AFA started brightly but, on this occasion instead of flattering to deceive, they had something to show for their early efforts when defensive uncertainty allowed Norsemen's Matt Montack to rifle home a volley from 12 yards out with only 10 minutes on referee Chris Allen's watch. The AFA did better with the possession they manufactured in the second period but the pressure began to mount as Surrey went to three at the back in order and flooded forward to try and gain the points that would help secure the Home Counties Championship. The fiercely competitive encounter was well controlled by Chris Allen and his assistants Brian Broadbridge and Simon Bullock

Thanks to our lone AFA Councillor Tony Julien who entertained the large contingent of Surrey officials with good humour and a rapidly emptying pocket.

## Spurs seek Level 2 Coaches

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club are currently recruiting qualified FA coaches to support an increasing amount of after-school and evening work within local schools and leisure centres in the North London area. They are looking for enthusiastic and reliable football coaches who have excellent communications skills and previous experience of coaching children between the ages five to 14 years old. Candidates will need to have a minimum Level 2 certificate, current up to date Child Protection and 1st Aid certificate. The position is subject to a CRB Disclosure at enhanced level. To find out more, contact Pat Staunton at [pat.staunton@tottenhamhotspur.com](mailto:pat.staunton@tottenhamhotspur.com)



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## Development News



## 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)

## AFA Girls Centre of Excellence League

A new name will be on the AFA Centre of Excellence trophy this year as Southampton were recently crowned Champions by one point over last years champions Arsenal. The league has once again been a success with teams representing Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Colchester United, Fulham, Gillingham, Leyton Orient, Millwall, Reading, and Watford with girls taking part at under 10/12/14 & 16 age groups.

## Ability Counts Festival 2006

This years Ability Counts Football Festival at Regents Park organised by Christof Niklaus of the London Sports Forum. attracted sixty-eight disabled teams from across London over two days to allow teams from schools, day centres and local clubs to compete. The Festival achieved its primary objective to open up participation in competitive football to as many disabled teams as possible. While similar competitions for non-disabled players take place regularly, this festival brought together teams who had never had the opportunity to play competitively before. Once again the referee's were provided by the AFA and thanks should go to Trevor Weaver, Clive Last, Chad Chaudhuri, Steve Last, Derrick Coe and David Williams along with London Referee Alan Hill, for helping to make the day a success.