



# AFA Development News

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**Centenary Season 2006/07**

## Centenary Dinner

As you will no doubt be aware, 2006/07 is the centenary season of the Amateur Football Alliance and we are holding a series of events throughout the next 9 months. The highlight of the celebrations will be the dinner which is being held at the Brewery, Chiswell St London EC1 on Friday 11th May 2007 6.30 for 7.30. Tickets are priced at £40.00.

We will be hoping for a bumper turn out of faces old and new to help make it a night to remember.

Tickets will be available soon, if you require more information, please contact Mike Brown on 020 7359 3493 or [mike.brown@amateur-fa.com](mailto:mike.brown@amateur-fa.com)

## Woe for the u16s v Surrey



The under 16s went through a baptism of fire going down 4-0 at Carshalton Athletic on Wednesday 18th October in their opening Home Counties Youth Competition fixture. Surrey fielding 8 players from Woking FC always looked the more capable moving the ball around the pitch. They went ahead half way through the first half as the AFA chased the game. In the second period both Lewis Barclay and Jamil Ganwo went close but two goals in quick succession put paid to the game as a contest.

On the plus side good performances from Charlie Merson, skipper Scott Brosnan and in particular Barclay augers well for the future.

## Your Game Your Say

The FA is currently developing a new National Game Plan, to govern every area of football below the Football League. It's about improving YOUR game and they want you to have Your say.

If you want your say, visit [www.TheFA.com/YourGameYourSay](http://www.TheFA.com/YourGameYourSay) from 9th October to help shape the future of your game. If you have not got internet access please call 020 7745 4545 and request a postal questionnaire

## Football Foundation Award for EBOG

Congratulations to East Barnet Old Grammarians Football Club of the Southern Amateur League, who have been awarded £95,199 by the Football Foundation towards the cost of drainage and improvements to their pitches at Allen Drive.

The award follows months of work by the club and will mean a mammoth fund raising effort to raise their part of the total costs.

EBOG are one of the AFAs senior clubs, running 8 adult (male) sides in the SAL on Saturdays along with Women's and Youth Football on Sundays, and this grant will enable them to expand even more.

The committee of Julian Oxley, Emily Armer, Phil Rudling and Roy and Michelle Bertauche deserve special mention for all their efforts.

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## Under 18s come unstuck at Sevenoaks

Losing 7 of the selected squad on the two days before the match was not the ideal preparation, but the re-organised AFA side started the game as if they had played together for years dominating the early stages with smooth passing and clever movement off the ball. Although dominating possession, the AFA had few clear chances to show for their efforts and the suspicion that Kent had just been sitting back and having a careful look at things increased as they gradually raised the tempo as half time approached.

The AFA got caught cold after a re-start for injury when a quick free kick was allowed to bounce around the box enabling the home side to go 1-0 from a fortunate deflection just before the interval.

The optimism expressed in the away dressing room after a solid first half performance soon evaporated as shoddy defending allowed Kent to fire home two quick goals soon after the re-start. The Kent side were exhibiting superior power, pace and technique and the comparative lack of fitness soon began to be evident. A fourth with 20 minutes to go effectively finished the game as a spectacle as Kent were content to sit on the lead and the AFA lacked the energy to respond to any great effect.

Manager John Bayer said: "The lads did well in the first half but we got badly let down by the players who dropped out a last minute and our lack of fitness caused us too many problems. The players now know the standards they need to aspire to in the next match at home to the London FA on the 7th January 2007

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Awards  
winners  
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## FA County Workforce Awards

Congratulations Bill Blackwell (Bealonians FC) Audrey Carnegie (Flamingoes Girls) John Duhay (Waltham Abbey FC) Don Maughan (Old Latymerians FC) and Ian Gannon (Old Westminster Citizens FC) who were all presented with an FA County Workforce Award in recognition of all the hard work they have put in for their clubs.

The FA and the AFA recognises that grassroots football relies heavily on the effort put in by volunteers and we are delighted to be able to offer a token of thanks. If you want to find out more about the awards contact Bob Leeds



## Football Foundation

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Most people are aware that the Football Foundation offers grants for changing rooms, pitches and other new facilities, but it is not widely known that they also offer free new football kits for young teams, full coaching packs and also help to replace old and dangerous goalposts

### Junior Kit Scheme

Supports under 18 teams and Adult teams with disabilities. Items include full kit, training bibs, balls, flags and kit bags.

### Goalpost safety Scheme

Offers support to replace goals which fail to meet with British Standard Safety requirements. Individual grants cannot exceed 50% of total cost to a ceiling of £1500.00

### Barclays Spaces for Sport

Distributes 1,200 coaching, kit & equipment packs each year to clubs and groups in most need. To obtain an application form e-mail [barclayspacesforsports.org](mailto:barclayspacesforsports.org) or phone 0800 027 4221



## Referees Corner

The Referees Basic Training Course which started recently at Norsemen is well under way with 27 perspective referees.

The FA are to use the AFA as a pilot two Futsal Referees Training Courses, in Cheshunt and Newham, for further details, contact the office on 020 7359 3493

Congratulations to Peter Georgiou who has been invited by the FA to represent England in a four way Futsal Tournament being held in Belgium.

So far this season, AFA officials have received over 50 appointments to various FA Cup competitions.

The next AFA & London Society of Association Referees meeting will be held at Alexandra Park FC on Thursday 16th November with guest speaker, Martin Chivers ex Tottenham Hotspur & England.

## Level 2 Coaching Course at London- Southbank University

### FA Level 2 Coaching Certificate

Our colleagues at London South Bank University are holding a Level 2 Coaching Course at LSBU Sports Ground, Turney Road SE21 7JH (dates below) the cost of the course is £120.00 and is free to candidates under 19 years of age. (£25.00 admin charge) to register go to [www.lsbu.ac.uk/sports/coaches](http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/sports/coaches)—Current Course Links. Or e-mail [info.esu@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:info.esu@lsbu.ac.uk)

**Dates** 20 Nov Induction 6.00-9.00pm (LSBU Technopark, Elephant & Castle) 27/28th Nov/4th-5th and 11th-12th Dec Core Course 9.00am-5.00pm (Turney Rd) 9 Jan/6 Feb/6th Mar Support evenings 6.00-9.00pm (Techno Park) 28th Mar Mock Assessment—30th Apr-2nd May Final Assessment 9.00am—5.00pm (Turney Rd) All sessions must be attended. For more info call Bob Leeds



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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)

## Girls centre of Excellence

The AFA Girls Centre of Excellence League is well under way with Charlton making the early running having gained 14 points from their 6 games played. Chelsea and Reading are hot on their tail in second and third position on 13 points. Last years champions, Southampton are now under new management and play as Hampshire FA. They are not finding it as easy as last term, but there is still a long way to go. Full results can be found on [www.amateur-fa.com](http://www.amateur-fa.com)

## Umbro

Umbro the worlds leading football brand have signed a new kit sponsorship deal with the AFA as part of a £2 million nationwide investment into Grassroots Football. The landmark deal will see Football's, kit and equipment distributed to every County FA in the country and will bring benefit the thousands of clubs and players affiliated to the AFA. To support this Umbro has launched a one stop shop online where kit and equipment. Printing & Design can also be taken care of. Visit [www.umbrofootballkits.co.uk](http://www.umbrofootballkits.co.uk) for more info