



# E-NEWS

THE DEVON FA MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

## November 2011

### Referee Academy 'Have Your Say Event'

In conjunction with the Referees Association and the Referees Department at the FA, the Devon FA was proud to host this years event at Exeter City FC last month. Guest speaker for the evening was Premier League official Lee Probert (pictured left) who was taking time out from his busy schedule to talk to the 65 referees who were gathered for the event. Lee had requested that he be first to address the room as he had to fly out to Greece for a UEFA game early next morning! Lee gave a fantastic presentation on the recognition of challenges, how we define what is careless, reckless and use of excessive force, whilst offering some great advice to our refereeing community on how to recognise these. Lee also talked about his experiences in the Premier League and the lengths that he and his colleagues have to go to, to maintain their physical condition to keep up with the demands of the professional game. Following on from a superb buffet provided by the Devon County RA, Roger Vaughan, FA National Referee Manager, hosted the second part of the evening, talking and offering those present the opportunity to feedback on topics such as the Referees Association, Referee Development Officers and Futsal. Many thanks to Exeter City FC, Lee Probert, Roger Vaughan and all those who attended for making the event worthwhile.



For more information on this or future events please contact Devon FA Referee Development Officer Jason Haywood on 01626 325917 or Jason.haywood@devonfa.com

### Devon Ability Counts Leagues Underway

Cullompton Rangers FC saw the first fixtures take place for Devon's Ability Counts football matches for the 2011-2012 season. Around 30 teams of players from all over Devon played their first league matches in blistering heat and lots of football friends met up again. The standard of football continues to improve and some cracking games were had through the day, goals galore and fine saves too from inspirational people. At one point 8 Referees were overseeing matches at the same time and helping keep the teams playing in the right spirit. Senior Ref Garry Crystal headed the team of officials throughout the day and was pleased with the running of this first fixture. Devon FA would like to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting Disability Football - particularly people connected to a mainstream football club who may be keen to help set up a disability section. Please contact Dai Carpenter on 01626 323560 or david.carpenter@devonfa.com

### Club Welfare Officers Continuing Professional Development

In line with the FA's commitment to providing updated information and new initiatives for Club Welfare Officers (CWO), Assistant CWOs and Club personnel, the Devon FA is holding a series of evenings to highlight the following:

- 1) Social Media - Benefits, Risks & Best Practice
- 2) The FA's Online Safeguarding Service
- 3) The FA CRB Disclosures

These evenings will take place on the following dates:

- 7<sup>th</sup> November @ Lobb Field, Braunton
- 15<sup>th</sup> November @ Exeter Civil Service, Exwick
- 14<sup>th</sup> December @ YMCA Kitto, Plymouth

All evenings will commence at 6.30 pm.

If you would like to attend and/or have anything specific that you would like to discuss please contact Devon FA County Welfare Officer Dave Keast on 01626 325913 or dave.keast@devonfa.com

### New Officer in Place at Plymstock

Tim Wells has recently been appointed as The Sports Centre Development Co-ordinator at Plymstock School. This is a new position created to follow the example of good practice set by the previous Plymstock School Football Development Officer but reflects a change needed to meet the current demands for Plymstock School and the local Community. In post, previous experience will be applied to create almost immediate fresh opportunities at the sports centre. The first of such things is the initiation of leagues and playing sessions for school pupils and members of the local community to get into Futsal, for which we have secured FA Small Sided Development funding to support. Futsal is the FIFA and UEFA recognised form of 5-a-side football, and Tim has been at the centre of the huge growth of the sport within the city. Most of the 500+ players every week are players who would likely not otherwise be playing regular sport. Please contact Tim if you are interested in being part of the exciting changes and events taking place at Plymstock School Sports Centre.



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### Facebook and Twitter Pages

You can now follow Devon FA on Twitter. The address to add is [@devon\\_fa](https://twitter.com/devon_fa)



You can also follow the 'Get Into Football Programme' in Plymouth on Facebook. Devon FA's Facebook page will be live very soon!



## WHAT'S ON? November-December 2011

### Level 1 Coaching Course (start date)

> 7th November @ YMCA Kitto, Plymouth

### FA Youth Award - Module 1

> 5, 6, 12 & 20th Nov @ Tavistock College (CANCELLED)

### FA Youth Award - Module 2

> 26, 27 Nov & 3, 4th Dec @ Exeter University

### Safeguarding Children Workshop

> 2nd November @ DCFA HQ

> 8th November @ Appledore FC

> 16th November @ Exeter City FC

### Welfare Officers Workshop

> 25th October @ Exeter City FC

### Emergency Aid

> 3rd November @ YMCA Kitto, Plymouth

> 10th November @ Exeter City FC

> 15th November @ DCFA HQ

### Basic First Aid For Sport

> Starts 22nd November @ DCFA HQ

### Coaching Deaf Footballers Course

> 11th December @ St Peter's School, Exeter

### In Service

> 14th November @ Plymstock School - 'A Child Centred Approach to Coaching Young Children'

> 24th November @ DCFA HQ - 'Sourcing Funding and Long Term Club Development'

Remember, bursaries are available for Level 2 and GK courses through the Active Devon Bursary Scheme!  
[Click here for more information](#)

### Level 2 Coaching Course - Dates for 2012

> Starting 11th February 2012 @ Plymstock School

> Starting 30th June 2012 @ Exeter University

Please contact Annie Watts at the DCFA to book on any of our courses or for more info  
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### Facility Feedback Needed

The FA's Investment and Facilities team are currently running a Facilities Survey for everyone involved in grassroots football. The FA recognises and understand that facilities are a key part of the grassroots experience and are very keen to listen to your views as to how facilities could be improved. Obviously, these are very tough times for everyone and it is likely that there will be challenges ahead in ensuring that facilities are maintained and protected. However, The FA are committed to doing everything they can to support grassroots facilities and really need to hear your views about facilities - please take the time to complete the short survey which can be found at: [www.critical.co.uk/FA-facilities](http://www.critical.co.uk/FA-facilities)



All those who leave contact details will be entered into a draw to win a signed England shirt and one of 10 Umbro goody bags. Please don't miss this important opportunity to help shape how The FA invest in your facilities in the future.

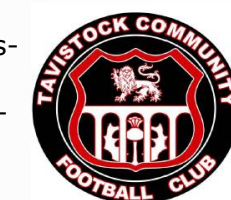
### Devon FA Football Futures Event

Devon FA held the first Football Futures Event of the 2011-12 season on the 26th October at South Dartmoor Community College. 20+ young people attended the day where they given a taste of the sort of things that they can expect to encounter on a Football Futures Programme. The day included 3 workshops including going through the ins and outs of assistant refereeing and learning the laws of the game. In the afternoon, the group were given the chance to pitch their ideas on a given FA National Game topic in a Dragon's Den style workshop to a panel of three 'Dragon's'. The Devon FA would like to thank all those who attended the day to help make it such a huge success. For more information on the Football Futures Programme please contact Devon FA's Mark Young on 01626 323562 or [mark.young@devonfa.com](mailto:mark.young@devonfa.com)



### Tavistock Football Opportunities

In addition to the Mini-Soccer Centre for 5-8 year olds which runs on Tuesday evenings from 5 - 6pm, Tavistock Community Football Club will be holding a FREE taster session for children in year 6 who do not currently play football for a team. The 'Year 6 Day' will take place on the All Weather 3G pitch at Tavistock College on Saturday 5th November from 11am - 1pm. The session will cover some of the main football skills as well as fun competitions and matches. For more information regarding either the Mini-Soccer Centre or Year 6 taster day please contact Neil Jordan on 07810 836268 or [njordan@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:njordan@westdevon.gov.uk)



### FA Youth Futsal Cup

Don't forget if you are interested in entering your club into the FA Youth Futsal Cup at Under 12,14 and/or 16 age groups you need to contact Chris French, Plymouth Get Into Football Officer on 01752 307177 / 07585 403993 or email [chris.french@devonfa.com](mailto:chris.french@devonfa.com)

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