

NADS 2008 Level Playing Field update

NADS were delighted to present an award to a steward (Penny Ryan) at Cambridge Utd for her sterling work with their disabled supporters.

Penny Ryan was nominated by their disabled supporters and has worked with them for over 15 years in all weather conditions. She takes really good care of her supporters and goes that extra mile, doing such things as providing hot drinks when cold and cold drinks when the weathers been hot and also takes and delivers food orders. Penny even checks if they are cold and arranges for blankets, etc.

The club said "She is an excellent steward and very loyal with a good understanding of disabled supporters needs. As a club we appreciate we do not have the newest of stadiums, but we do try to provide a good service and this is only possible with the help of people like Penny who always has time for a chat with the supporters & makes long serving supporters & new feel welcome at the Abbey Stadium."



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Cambridge United Football Club is proud to be associated with NADS - the National Association of Disabled Supporters. This year's campaign run by NADS is focusing on Supporters with sensory impairments and the Club decided to get involved by running the Blue Square Premier "Keepie Uppie" competition with a difference for our disabled supporters. The Challenge was to get as many of the dice successfully in the buckets from the disabled enclosures within the ground. James Fletcher, a season ticket holder for the NRE enclosure was the winner - receiving a signed football for his prize as well as the £25 free bet voucher.

The match against Forest Green also saw a presentation from Gary Deards the NADS Administrator, to Penny Ryan (pictured above), a match day steward to receive the award for exceptional service to disabled supporters.

Stadium Manager Ian Darler says, "I am very pleased for Penny Ryan who has worked with our disabled supporters for 15 seasons, Penny has always been a very reliable member of staff which has now been recognised by the national association of disabled supporters. Everybody at CUFC is pleased that she has received this award and would like to thank her for all her hard work".

Donate your old mobile phone

Be a part of supporting local charity EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospice) by joining the Clubs main Sponsor Kershaw in donating your old mobile phones. EACH provides vital support for life-threatened children and their families; both at Milton Hospice and in families own homes life and support their family. This year it is anticipated that it will cost around £4.9 million to run all three hospice services of which approximately £3.9 million of this is required from voluntary donations. Donating your old unwanted mobile phones is a really easy way of supporting the charity as they can make £3 per phone donated.



Kershaw have been supporting EACH for five years and its Staff has raised a total of around £12,000 in that time which makes a real difference to the care that EACH can provide to local families of Cambridgeshire. Kershaw's Sales Director Ian Greenstock says "We have made a record £3,000 last December

just by asking our Staff to donate at a Christmas party and I am pleased we have been able to support such a worthwhile local charity, it was my links with the Club that has encouraged the relaunch of the recycling scheme and I hope United Supporters can get behind the Charity also".

Cambridge United are proud to be joining Kershaw by helping to relaunch the EACH recycling scheme at the game against Forest Green on Saturday 23rd February. We will be asking Supporters to bring along their old phones to hand in before the game or to collect an envelope to send them in direct.

General Manager Heather Wilkanowski also comments, "Cambridge United have a long established relationship with the Milton Hospice with several former Managers and Players being invited to visit and witness first hand the extraordinary work carried out by the Staff and Volunteers. We are delighted to offer support to their latest fundraising initiative and would encourage all of our Supporters and Sponsors to donate any old mobile phones to the Charity."

For further information on the Charity please visit www.each.org.uk

Wilbraham Warriors

Welcome to the Abbey to Wilbraham Warriors, guests of Stuart Wood Club Chaplain. The Wilbraham Warriors are in the first full year as a team. "We pride ourselves on fair play and enjoying the fantastic spectacle of soccer", they say.

Holly Worland

