

Club looking for players to join Subbuteo World Cup tournament

World Cup fever will be rising at a Lincoln pub even on a rest day during the tournament in South Africa.

While football will not be screened on the evening of Wednesday, June 30, at the Morning Star in Greetwell Gate, Lincoln, all eyes will be on a Subbuteo World Cup tournament.

And the newly-formed Lincoln Flickers club is looking for players to compete in a table-top replica of the FIFA World Cup.

Solo players can choose to represent any of the 32 nations competing although the tournament is likely to see eight or 12 nations battling it out, depending on interest.

And for those who are not confident in their table football skills, there is even a losers' tournament.

Spectators are encouraged to wear a football shirt from as far flung a nation as possible.

Everton supporters John Devaney, 54, and Mick Brien, 52, have known one another since their college days in Wigan and have recently established the Lincoln Flickers club.

Freelance writer Mr Devaney got his first Subbuteo table in 1968 when growing up in Australia.

"I was very keen on it as a kid but then other things caught my interest and I did not play again until this year," said Mr Devaney, who lives in Greetwell Gate.

Competitors will be charged £5 each to take part, of which proceeds will be donated to a charity yet to be chosen.

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The club will next meet for a warm-up session at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd June at the Morning Star.