

*The Normidian
Magazine
Season 2011/2012*



THE
REFEREES'
ASSOCIATION



April 2012

COUNCIL 2011 - 2012

PRESIDENT

Gary Cobden 2, Chapel End, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 8DN 01992 469153
E-Mail - president@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

CHAIRMAN

Tom White 82, Graeme Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3UT 020 8366 4703
E-Mail - chairman@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Vince Yeudall 2, Churston Gardens, New Southgate, London, N11 2NL 020 8245 5695
E-Mail - vicechair@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

SECRETARY

Robin Jagot 24, Tiverton Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 5HY 01707 651461
E-Mail - secretary@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

TREASURER

Gary Cobden 2, Chapel End, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 8DN 01992 469153
E-Mail - treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Position Vacant

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Ken Goldman 17, Green Walk, Hendon, London, NW4 2AL 020 8203 1376
E-Mail – kengoldman@btinternet.com

GEAR SUPPLIES

Percy Brown 33, Cotton Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 5JT 01707 851369
E-Mail - supplies@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

COUNTY RA DELEGATE

Charles Lifford Address Withheld Withheld
E-Mail - cra@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

TRAINING DELEGATE

Michael Mackey (Jnr) 62, Morley Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0BG 020 8367 6509
E-Mail - training@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Martin De La Fuente 7, De Soissons Close, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 6YX. 01707 321502
E-Mail - councilone@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

Terry Wilson 25, Brookside Crescent, Cuffley, Hertfordshire, EN6 4QW 01707 889585
E-Mail - counciltwo@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

James Morris 87, Hadrians Rise, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 1DF 07886 939707
E-Mail - councilthree@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS: Please send to Ken Goldman – by e-mail if possible.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify Gary Cobden

HONORARY AUDITORS 2011-2012

Jim Taylor 020 8560 8262 Tim McGowan 07793 402610

LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS

George Basten	Peter Dace	Ken Goldman
Terry Hayne	Robin Jagot	Brian Langstone
Mick Osborn	Arthur Stewart	Tony Ward

Visit the North Middlesex website at:- www.northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

THE NORMIDIAN is the Official Publication of North Middlesex referees Society, and is published nine times during the football season, between September and May.

The next Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will take place at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex at 7.45 pm on Thursday the 19th of April 2012 when the guest speaker will be – Nick Cusack an Executive Officer to the P.F.A. Nick's CV is printed later in the magazine and it promises to be a very interesting evening.

EDITORIAL

Before launching off on my theme this month I feel it is necessary for us to pay tribute to one of our oldest and most important members **Arthur Stewart** who has died recently and a mere mention of him was made in the last edition. There is therefore a special 4 page obituary contained in these pages (courtesy of Charles Lifford) together with other mentions.

There have as usual been various talking points over the period between magazines. The first of these was in the QPR.v.Bolton game when the ball was headed in from a corner (which incidentally appeared not to be touching the quadrant line) and crossed the goal-line between the posts. Lacking the goal-line technology we are being promised which is we are also assured is being tested at the moment the "goal" was not given. The assistant Referee gave indications he could not see clearly what had happened but this also highlights the modern positioning of the officials. In years gone by the "live" Assistant would not have been behind his corner flag when the corner kick was taken from the far side but up the goal-line as far as possible but to be enabled quickly to return to the touchline for throws and offside. Likewise the Referee would have been closer to the goal more to the side on which the corner was being taken. That would have given both officials a better chance to see whether the ball crossed the line despite a brilliant reaction punch out of the ball from the goal. Incidentally the Referee position advocated would have allowed him to see whether the ball was touching the quadrant or not and this is very much becoming a problem with Arsenal's Arteta again the culprit in their televised match with Newcastle Hopefully the promised goal-line technology will appear soon which will help professional football but do little or nothing for grass roots soccer which often does not have Assistants/linespeople let alone camera's on the goal-line. If and when it is introduced will it put an end to the silly extra 2 officials that are careering around in European football?

Another new problem to be looked at at all levels, because it is rearing its head in the Premiership is that of the equivalent of cricket's "sledging". The worst incident occurred in the Manchester City/Swansea game when the City goalkeeper Hart began shouting at the proposed Swansea penalty taker, and apparently goading him to miss the spot kick which he duly did by hitting a poor shot which Hart saved. This particular goalkeeper has "previous" having done it before in the semi-final of the Under 21 European Championships for which he was cautioned for unsporting behaviour.. Having been cautioned previously in an earlier match he was banned for the Final which England duly lost. Perhaps those touting Hart for England captain

might want to consider his attitudes to the game. In the League game mentioned Hart was not cautioned but surely if this type of thing is to become prevalent referees must take action against it. Otherwise it could lead to violence on the pitch or in the crowd, where there is one, and at worst abandonment of the match. So far as one would understand it, this is clearly unsporting behaviour should not be tolerated and the necessary action taken.

////////////////////////////////////

Last Month's Speaker

Our guest last month was Adrian Shorter the RDO of the London FA who after a brief opening had us all sitting down at tables in groups to discuss his theme which was to question "What is dissent?" We were all required to work on deciding its meaning and to write down on a large sheet of paper what we thought constituted it. The results went round the room and the views given were mainly similar in content.

Then we were all given a set of cards to decide which might be the worst form of player complaint/dissent; the weakest to come first, then all the way up to the strongest. There was some disagreement over this with the groups agreeing to disagree. Adrian then put on the screen the dictionary definition of the words on the cards and a further short discussion ensued. There also followed an important dialogue on whether referees were sending in their cautions and dismissals especially when requested not to do so by the player, the team members, or the club officials. It was felt that this was contemptuous of the referee and intimidation and the Speaker also pointed out that a referee not sending in a report could be sanctioned for not doing so. The interesting meeting wound up with the Vote of Thanks being given by Jeff Till.

////////////////////////////////////

Next Month's Speaker

Nick Cusack a former professional footballer will be speaking this month to hopefully a large audience. He was a midfield player played for amongst others, during the 1980's/90's for Leicester City, Fulham and Swansea whom he also managed and whilst playing for them notched up 200 games for them. He is also a former Chairman of the PFA and now an executive officer there. He is the holder of both a politics degree and post graduate qualifications in management and economics.

NO HANDSHAKES WERE OFFERED

All alone on a bench he just sat there,
In a room full of cobwebs and stink
Should he pee in the corner, or nip round the back
Or go like the rest in sink.

His boots they were old and his laces were grey,
His flags two hankies on sticks
The teams trooped outside and **banged** on his door,
Just one of their usual tricks!

“Lager League 5”- no classic be sure
Two pub teams still tanked up with beer
He picked up his pad and betting shop pen
And thought - “What am I doing here?”

He walked to his game about 1 mile away,
Passed pitches where games had begun.
Saw two yellow cards and the start of a brawl,
And this is supposed to be fun?

When he got to his pitch, he saw with dismay,
No markings, no flag-posts, no ball.
“Don’t worry ref we’ll get sorted out”
Why did he bother at all?

Gone half past twelve - some half an hour late,
The classic encounter began.
One team in bright pink the other in red,
Now guess who would carry the can?

Offsides were a joke and corners a guess,
And throw-ins a bit of a farce
It wouldn’t be long before he hear,
Ref stick that whistle right up your **** (I can’t read that bit!)

With the best of intentions he limped through the game,
Those boots they were tight on his feet.
Ignoring the jibes, the taunts and dissent,
‘Til a player then called him a cheat!!!

He blew on his whistle ...a long hard shrill blast,
Now was it the 6 or the 10?
They all stopped and stared, when slowly he croaked
“Don’t let it happen again.”

“You’re the worst referee that we’ve ever had,
A plant pot, a wassick, a git
A worm, a wally, a bossy wee sod,
A tosser, a bit of a tit.”

And so it went on from beginning to end,
His authority out on a limb
When he blew for no-side at the end of the game,
No handshakes were offered to him.

Five or six fights and two scrappy goals,
No classic encounter at all.
“Were those bookings for real?” said the Home Secretary,
“And what have you done with our ball?”

Back in the Ref’s room his match fee appears..{Hurray!}
In 50s and 20s and 2s...{Ahhhh!}
No handshake, no thank-you, no see you next time,
As he searched in the dark for his shoes.

At home later on watching Match of The Day,
{Alan Hansen he’s such a big bore !!}
The cautions and match-card..oh hell what’s the point,
He just can’t be bothered once more.

The fixtures come in—they keep getting worse,
He’s dug himself into a hole.
The secret is clear, what’s really in doubt,
His authority and his control.

No effort to please-no attempt at a smile,
No ego that isn’t too large.
No respect from the players will just go to show
They’re the ones who are really in charge.

Be the one in the middle, dressed smartly in black,
Be firm, be fair and be fit.
Your confidence high your decisions are given,
With wisdom and knowledge and wit.

Copyright - STEVE STEWART

FOR J.J. RICHARDSON AND KEVIN WARBRICK

RIP

COACH

Jim Tressel (2003 Rose Bowl)

**Ohio State University v Miami Hurricanes
31 - 28**

What aspects of every player's character was coach Tressel appealing to?

"All of you must recognise that you are part of something special here tonight. You must recognise that we have all come a long way. I encourage you all to savour it. Absorb the moment, seize it and hold it dear. Embrace it - for tonight we are in the company of Giants and Legends.

There comes a point in every person's life when he or she asks 'How do I want to be remembered?'"

And the reality is, very few people have the chance that you have tonight. You have the chance to answer that question. The moment is at hand. It is not about tomorrow. It is not about yesterday. It is not about what you did ten minutes ago. Your future, and how you'll be remembered, will be shaped - **BY YOU over the next hours and will affect the rest of you life.**

- ***Look around* this room - look at the person next to you. How do you want that guy to remember you?**
- ***What do you* want him to remember about your performance?**
- ***What do you want* your family and friends to remember about you and your character?**
- ***Will you be remembered* as ordinary or extraordinary?**

**ORDINARY OR EXTRAORDINARY – A GIANT - A LEGEND!!"
YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS - TONIGHT**

Charles Lifford's Obituary and memories of



ARTHUR STEWART

Arthur, who had all the attributes, a commanding physique, speed and a sense of positioning needed to be a referee.

He qualified in 1936 and his "stint" extended over thirty years before he called it a day in 1966. During the intervening period, by dint of conscientious application together with a natural flair for refereeing, he progressed through local leagues to the Athenian League and Referees List of the Football Combination. It was from the Referee's List, of which he was appointed to the Football League Linesmen's List in 1958. Two years, later in 1960, Arthur was invited by the Football League to accept an appointment to its Referee's List, but unfortunately owing to business commitments he was forced, very reluctantly, to decline the invitation. Everyone was aware that the loss was the Football League's, as he possessed all that it takes to handle matches at that level. It must have been a very brave but difficult decision and he was to be admired because he portrayed the courage, courage which is a vital constituent of a Referee's character and is called upon in every match, especially at top level.

Here, in fact, appears a case for the introduction of the full time professional referees, for one can only conjecture how many referees of Arthur Stewart's calibre have been unable to devote the necessary time to referee at Football League level.

Although very disappointed Arthur never complained at all. He knew the decision he conscientiously had to make and he made it with the same immediacy and firmness as if on the field of play. During his career as linesman, however, he was rewarded with "The Plum of Plum Appointment" of his career a match in front of 105,000 spectators when he lined to Arthur Ellis. This was when Real Madrid CF played FC Barcelona in the European Cup Match. The result was 2-2 and the officials were applauded from the field at the end of the match.

Here is a list of a few of his appointments; -

1957-58 Referee	London Football Association, Senior Cup Final	Finchley v Sutton.
1958-59 Linesman	FA Youth Cup Final 1st Leg	West Ham United v Blackburn Rovers.
1959-60 Linesman	European Cup	Sparta Rotterdam v Glasgow Rangers.
1960-61 Referee	UEFA U18 International Match	England v Switzerland.
Linesman	European Cup	Real Madrid CF v FC Barcelona.

REAL MADRID CF v FC BARCELONA
EUROPEAN CUP MATCH
1959/60
1ST LEG
QUARTER FINAL
REFEREE Arthur Ellis
LINESMEN Harry New & Arthur Stewart
ATTENDANCE 105,000



It all started off sensationally, for both linesmen who arrived on schedule in Madrid (about 6.30p.m. local time on Tuesday evening), only to discover that we were minus one Referee.

The referee, Arthur Ellis had arranged to fly down from Manchester and as we were to learn later he had been delayed by fog and arrived at Heathrow to see our aircraft taking off.

You can imagine the panic of the Spanish Football Association Officials, when they were told that Arthur had missed the plane. Fortunately for their blood pressure he arrived later that evening on a flight via Paris.

Later that evening, about 11.00, we arrived at our luxury hotel and had an excellent dinner. However time was now at a premium, as we were scheduled to meet the President of the Spanish Football Association at midnight. Fortunately this was in a bar just around the corner from the hotel.

Wednesday, the day of the match dawned, and the whole morning was spent touring the City by car, including a visit to the Madrid's other big ground, the home of Atletico Madrid. About 1.00 we presented ourselves at the fabulous offices of Real Madrid where we were given our expenses for the three days. There was no fee for officiating, merely a daily allowance in accordance with UEFA rules.

After lunch that day we spent a very pleasant few hours shopping. In Madrid, offices and shops close for lunch about 1.30pm and re open at 4.00pm then they remain open until 7.00pm. We left our hotel at 7.30pm to make our way through the hordes of people to the ground. As one would expect, Real Madrid's stadium housing about 120,000 people is truly an amazing one.

It was a wonderful moment when the teams and the officials walked out on to the pitch just before 9.30pm. We were met with a battery of photographers and the finest set of floodlights that I have ever seen.

About 15 minutes from the end of the match, with the score at 2-1 to Real Madrid, I flagged for offside when Suarez had put the ball in the net for Barcelona.

The referee correctly disallowed the goal. However this did not stop the Barcelona players chasing and pushing him around, but when play restarted they eventually calmed down.

It was then that both sides decided that they would kick each other to pieces, but not for long.

Arthur Ellis awarded a penalty to Barcelona in the closing minutes, thus allowing them to draw level at 2-2 the final result.

The home supporters were strangely quiet and naturally disappointed with the result, since their Club had won the European Cup for the last five years.

This was why we were very surprised when we were applauded off the pitch at the end of the match.

This was a match that lived up to its expectation for there was some wonderful football played that evening. It really could not be anything else with such players as, Gento, Suarez, Di Stefano, Puskas, Santamaria, Del Sol, Marquitos, Kocsis, Czibor and Ramalletts on parade.

It was said that both teams were on about £300 a man 'win bonus'. (A princely sum unheard of at that time.)

After the game we attended a banquet together with about 150 people, it was impossible to say who they all were or where they came from.

Eventually we returned to our hotel and went to bed about 1.30.

We caught our plane the following morning and now it is a memory to look back upon, really three wonderful days.

Arthur's thoughts: - I think Real Madrid will win the second leg in Barcelona, but it will be a tough struggle.

History records, Barcelona won the second leg, it was called the 'BLOOD BATH OF BARCELONA'.

1963-64 Linesman Budapest.	International Challenge Match	Chelsea v MKT
1965-66 Linesman Roma.	Inter Cities Fairs Cup	Chelsea v
Linesman	Amateur International Match	England v Republic of Ireland.

He remained on the Football Leagues Linesmen's List until his birth certificate revealed that he had reached his sell-by date, after which he had a spell as an assessor. This did not come easy for him, as he did not believe it to be really possible to accurately penetrate another referee's mind. Neither could he be convinced that everything, which goes on, on the field of play, could be appreciated and detected in every part of the ground. Therefore, one could not judge the incidents in exactly the same manner as the official in charge, regardless of the assistance he received. It is the man 'in the middle' who has to make the actual decision, if he gives a decision with which he personally disagrees, he is being dishonest. If he were dishonest he would never have made it to the top.

As a founder member of the Society, Arthur joined North Middlesex Referees Society of Association Football Referees in 1949. He became the Society's first training instructor and from 1949 to 1958 was in charge of the Training Centre. Unfortunately, he had to relinquish the post, (owing to business commitments), the same reason that had forced him to be unable to accept the Football League's invitation to join their Referees List.

His services to the Society were very appropriately acknowledged in 1958 with the well-deserved honour of Life Vice-President.

He attended the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance with his wife, June and with Harold Cooper and Arthur Pearce, was presented with a 'Founders Tie'.

In 2002 he received the Football Association's Commemorative Medallion Award.

This was the same year that Jim Jenkinson, President of Southern Division Referees Association, presented him with the Referees Association's 50 years membership award.

Unfortunately due to his failing health he had been unable to attend our various functions but he has always kept in touch with the Society.

Over many many years, Arthur worked hard with his fellow colleagues of his era to set and build the foundations on which the Society rest today.

Obviously Arthur will be sadly missed by the family that he leaves behind,

For those who knew him and remember him, those members say THANK YOU ARTHUR.

THANKS

George Basten has written to the magazine to all his friends and well wishers the following –

“I would like to thank all who have been in touch that I am doing well after a second operation”

Indeed George we are delighted to hear the news and look forward to your speediest recovery and attendance one day at one of our meetings or functions.

.....

Paul McCormick Writes

I was reading the London Evening Standard report on the West Ham Utd v Southampton game

(Feb 14th) and Sam Allardyce's comments about the injustice of having his player sent off that I impulsively wrote to the paper. To my complete surprise they printed my 'letter' the next day. My wording was as follows-

“Sam Allardyce was disappointed with West Ham player Matt Taylor being sent off on Tuesday

for “raising his hands - and they tell me the rule book says if it's in the chest it's only a booking”.

What a load of nonsense! There is nothing in the Laws of the Game referring to this. The player

was sent off for “violent conduct” which there is a rule on. It's incredible that managers have so

little knowledge of the game's rules despite being paid vast sums of money.

Paul McCormick, referee”.

They might have wondered which well known referee authority is this? – I didn't add the Level 7 bit!

Caption comment for Alex Ferguson / Tony Ward photo ?

“ Listen Alex when are you going to move over for the younger man i.e. ME ! ”

Ed's Note – Does this seem to be a Premier & Football League concept of” above and below” the head?

The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

Part 18 – On-off-on-off

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
Venue: Hackney Marsh – Pitch 165
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)

It is now the 70th minute and all is well. I have dealt with various incidents today and I think I saw the assessor almost smile when I gave my last decision. That must be a good sign. The match in question is evenly balanced so I know I have to raise my level of awareness as the tempo of the match is sure to increase for the final twenty minutes.

On awarding Rovers a corner I noticed a lot of jostling for position and players being held. I shouted with a firm voice “No holding please, keep those hands down”. Remember it is not only the whistle that communicates to the players but the use of hand signals and a voice, as I had just demonstrated.

The Rovers player kicked the ball high in the sky and there was still a lot of jostling occurring. The Rovers number four and the Casuals goal keeper were now in the area enclosed between the goal line and the goal nets. The Casuals goal keeper then pushed the opponent with both hands into his chest and the player fell to the floor. I of course blew my whistle instantly and as I did the Rovers number ten volleyed the ball into the goal.

You can imagine the scene. It was chaos and all the options were flying through my mind. What should I do.....

- a) Award the goal*
- b) Show a red card to the goal keeper*
- c) Award a penalty*
- d) Tell the players I did not signal for the corner kick to be taken so that should be taken again.*
- e) Yellow card the goalie as he was jostled in the first place*
- f) Restart with a drop ball*
- g) Ask the ref on the next pitch what to do*

The easy option would to have allowed the goal to stand but I had already blown my whistle. In hindsight if only I had waited another few seconds. But I knew I could not award a goal. That was the first part over. The Rovers players demanded that the goal keeper be sent off and that I award a penalty. First things first I thought. Stay calm and ignore the assessor who was busy scribbling notes again. He had written enough for the next Harry Potter book! Before any restart I knew I had to deal with the goal keeper. This was easy. It was violent conduct and he had to be shown a red card. Not even the Casuals players argued with that decision. Part two sorted.

Now for part three.....the restart.

Pushing is one of the penal offences and if this occurs in the penalty area then a penalty is awarded. But this situation was different as the offence occurred off the field of play and not on it!

The restart was the hard decision. With the goalie being shown the red card the Rovers players were convinced I was going to award a penalty. I knew I had to 'get it right'. The thoughts were running through my mind and it wasn't easy..... was it the same if the incident occurs 'off' the field of play ...does it make a difference 'on or off'?is the area between the goal line to the back of the goal net actually part of the field of play or not? You tell me! But then I thought a foul is a foul.

Then in a flash of inspiration occurred, I knew that the incident took place off the field of play so the only option was to restart with a drop ball.....a decision that was not well received! I know that you would have done the same because what occurs on the pitch is different to off the pitch. I explained to the players that a penalty can only be awarded for a penal offence that occurs within the penalty area. A player is either on or off the field of play. I blew my whistle for the match to restart and hopefully this incident would all be quickly forgotten. The assessor was yet again busy scribbling notes in his note book. He must know that I was right.

Only twenty minutes to go now and I need to keep focussed and aware.

See you all soon,

Regards



Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

Willy Woodwork

P.S For the record is the area from the goal line and under the goal nets considered 'on' the field of play.....please let me know what you think.

THE EYES HAVE IT - BY OBSERVER

Much of the success in refereeing comes from being one move ahead of the player who is trying to cheat. On the way to success, the referee can help himself a great deal if he learns to read a players eyes.

Some people can make you understand exactly what they mean without saying a word to you, because they know how to use their eyes to good effect.

Think about the following ways in which some players speak with their eyes, and this is by no means an exhaustive list.

When a challenge is being made for a dropping ball, a player will sometimes indicate his intentions by looking at his opponent rather than at the ball at the crucial moment. If the referee is well positioned, he might be able to read the possible intention, though he must remember not to pre-judge the issue.

When the goalkeeper comes out to cope with a high cross, he often has one eye on the ball and the other on his opponents. But sometimes the challenger on the goalkeeper is solely looking at him with the intention of timing his unfair challenge perfectly. If the referee is near the goal-post, particularly at corner-kicks, he will often be able to read the challenger's eyes. However from this position will the referee see the illegal pushes in the back.

What about the player who likes to shout for off-side? How often does he show his intentions, an unsporting call, by looking anywhere but in the right direction? All too often I suggest.

When you are trying to decide whether a player who is not apparently interfering with play is actually offside or not, take a glance at the goalkeeper. His eyes will often tell you whether he thinks the forward is interfering or not. In such circumstances the goalkeeper has so much on his mind that he is not often going to try conning you in this respect. If the goalkeeper is obviously concerned at the player's presence, then there is a very reasonable chance that you should decide in favour of an offside decision.

So remember to keep them 'peeled'.

@@

50 Years of History – Charles Lifford

In 1999, a book relating to the 50 years History of the North Middlesex Referees 'Society was published. Whether you purchased a copy is neither here nor there, what is important, and it should be to you, is that I have been keeping the History up to date, 62 years, in total .What have you sent me since that date? Have you had a County Cup Appointment? Does the Society know? Have you done a local Cup Final during this period, about which you can send me details? Have you had a photograph taken whilst refereeing, or been part of a group photo of referees that may be of interest to anyone in the Society? A full record has been kept of the 50 years up to 1999. If you don't do your bit –and it only needs to be a little bit – the History will not be maintained. Please send me as much or as little as possible

Arthur Stewart – Life Vice President

I was saddened to hear recently – from Arthur's son Colin – that Arthur had passed away. I did not know Arthur that well, and only met him on a small number of occasions, and, if memory serves me right, the last time was at the Society's Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner and Dance. However, I did enjoy a telephone call from him at least once a year, and he would always return a short note with his updated membership Form sending good wishes to 'All Normidians' for the coming season.

Arthur was one of the Founder Members of the Society in 1949, and was the first Society Training Officer, a position he held until 1958 after seeing 248 trainees through eighteen courses. Following this service, Arthur was elected the Society's second Life Vice President. Arthur served on the Football League Linesman's List for eight years from 1958 until his retirement through age in 1966. He had been asked to join the Referees List but, due to business commitments had to turn down the invitation. Included in his plum appointments were lining appointments in the European Cup - Barcelona v Real Madrid (1960/61); and Sparta Rotterdam v Glasgow Rangers (1959/60). He also officiated as linesman on the first leg of the 1959 FA Youth Cup Final between West Ham and Blackburn, and was a linesman for the Inter Cities Fairs Cup match between Chelsea and Roma in the 1965/66 season.

Arthur had moved into a care home in Barnet a year or so ago, but unfortunately his funeral had been and gone before Colin and his brother discovered contact details for the Society amongst Arthur's paperwork. However, I understand from Colin that Arthur kept a log of every match in which he officiated, but this is now with his brother in Denmark. I have asked that the Society be able to see this as it may well contain some items of interest.

An original stalwart of the Society, Arthur will be sadly missed, and our condolences go out to his family.



E-mail:-
office@ackerman.co.uk
sales@ackerman.co.uk
accounts@ackerman.co.uk

Ackerman Group PLC
Unit 15/16 Hickman Avenue, Chingford,
London, E4 9JG

www.ackerman.co.uk

Telephone:-
020 8523 1321 (Office)
020 8527 5050 (Sales)
020 8527 5020 (A/cs)
020 8527 6439 (Fax)
020 8503 2002 (Fax)

Are once again pleased to support North Middlesex Referees Society in Season 2011/2012



North Middlesex Referees Society - One Hundred Club Membership

No draw was made at the March meeting, so this will be held over and drawn at the April meeting. To renew your membership of the 100 Club – or join for season 2012/2013, please indicate on your membership renewal form distributed with this months magazine.



Membership Fees for Season 2012/2013 are now due!

Apologies for the repetition, but this is a repeat of my annual message. For those of you who have already renewed your membership, thank you – I do not think the Referees Association are issuing membership cards for the ensuing season. For those of you still to renew, your membership subscription for Season 2012/2013 became due on 1 April 2011. If you have not paid, and you receive your magazine by e-mail, you will receive another renewal form this way; for everybody else, another form is included with this month's Normidian.

Regrettably, for the new season it has been necessary to increase Society subscriptions for the first time in eleven seasons – the last occasion being season 2001/2002 when base subscriptions were increased from £9.00 to £10.00. Council has agreed an increase for season 2012/2013 of £1.00, meaning that the base subscription will increase to £11.00. At the same time, there will be an additional increase in subscriptions for members who receive their magazine by post, as the differential will increase to £13.50 to help offset the increased costs of producing and distributing a paper based magazine. Over this same time, prices have risen around 38%.

The Referees Association has held its subscription at £16.00 this year. However, the Referees Association has also introduced some additional, voluntary benefits – details later.

Membership Fees payable are as follows:-

• Full Members

- **£27.00 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £29.50 if your magazine is received by post.**
This includes your Referees Association fee of £16.00 including the Insurance Premium of £4.00. If you are over 75, you are not automatically covered by the Insurance Premium, and your fee payable will be reduced by £4.00. However, should you wish to purchase insurance cover, this can be arranged on request. Please contact me for a proposal form which you need to complete and return to me.

• Associate Members

- **£11.00 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £13.50 if your magazine is received by post.**
You must pay your Referees Association fee through another Society, and this should be shown on your Membership Form. Alternatively, you may join as an Associate Member if you have other interest in football work – please indicate on the Membership Form.

• Junior Members

- **£15.50 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £18.00 if your magazine is received by post.**
For Members under 18 years of age at 1 April, and it includes your Referees Association fee of £10.00.

Individual fees payable are shown on your personalised Membership Form. You are reminded that you will not be covered by the Referees Association Insurance after 31 May 2012 unless your fees have been paid to the Society by that date. Please complete and return your Membership Form as soon as possible. You need to bear this in mind if you will be refereeing late season or early pre-season games.

Some members also opted to take advantage of the Referees Association Physiotherapy Insurance. Where appropriate, this is also indicated on your membership form, but as this is a voluntary subscription, this is not in the figures quoted above, and you are free to delete this from the remittance shown due if you so desire. If you have not taken advantage of this cover in the past, and now wish to do so, please add the appropriate fee to your remittance and indicate as such on your membership form. If you require more information about this cover, please let me know, and I will let you have the relevant information.

You can also take this opportunity to join or rejoin the Society One Hundred Club – just complete the appropriate part of the membership Form, and include the additional remittance with your membership fee.

It would be appreciated if you could check your details shown on the Form, and amend any information that is shown incorrectly. Please also specifically check e-mail addresses shown carefully, as a few that we have on file are occasionally resulting in rejections. Additionally, please check that the NPD Number (Registration Number) where shown is correct, and complete it if it is missing from the Membership Form. The number can be found on your County FA Registration Form. If you are not currently registered with a County FA, please indicate on your form as Not Registered. Please also indicate where requested whether you are an Assessor; Examiner; Instructor; or Mentor.

You may wonder what benefits you get from your membership of North Middlesex. Outlined below are some of the visible – and invisible – benefits of membership:-

Visible Benefits other than Society Meetings.

1. The Normidian – full of articles, news and information on refereeing and other topical matters.
2. Mentoring of new referees.
3. RA and other kit supplies available at meetings and to order.

4. Society Website - also packed with up-to-date information on the Society.
5. Monthly 100 club draw; Christmas social; and other social events.
6. RA Conference.
7. RA Website.

Invisible Benefits - behind the scenes and available if needed.

1. Representation on the MCFA Council; the MCFA Referees' Committee.
2. Representation to the RAE through the AFA Referees' Association.
3. Advice, support and representation if assaulted, charged or suspended.
4. RAE Personal insurance when officiating or attending refereeing business.
5. RAE Representation on the FA Council.
6. RAE Representation on the FA Referees' Committee.
7. RAE representation to the FA Refereeing Department.
8. RAE Service awards

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



EVE-OF-FINAL RALLY – FRIDAY 4 MAY – DOORS OPEN 6.30 P.M.

One Great George Street, London. SW1P 3AA (Between St. James's Park and Parliament Square)



Tickets are priced at £12.00 for adults, £6.00 if under 18, and can now be purchased from RA Head Office. Any tickets unsold will be available for £15.00 on the door. You will receive a souvenir rally programme autographed by the match officials. A bar and light refreshments will be available. Who will follow Martin Atkinson as the referee appointed to the most prestigious club match in the world - the FA Cup Final? You can come and meet him and his team at the RA Eve-of-Final Rally and hear what he has to say about their preparations for the big match. A number of former FA Cup Final officials will also be in attendance as well as senior FA personnel. There will be a guest speaker from the world of football – at the time of writing, this has not been announced by the Referees Association. Contact the Referees Association direct on 024 7642 0360 to order your tickets. The closest tube station to the venue is Westminster.



HENRY TILLY LTD

Sports Goods Suppliers of 94, Turners Hill, Cheshunt
 are again please to continue their support of
North Middlesex Referees Society
for Season 2011/2012

Contact us for all your sporting requirements

Telephone 01992 623714



www.htsports.co.uk

HT Sports specialise specifically in the supply of sportswear and equipment for most major sports, and stock all major brands of sportswear. Corporate wear can also be supplied. HT Sports also offer comprehensive embroidery and engraving service. A full range of non-clothing sports equipment is also available.

Contact us by phone on 01727 843155 or e-mail us at sales@htsports.co.uk

Fabrice Muamba

Whilst this is, by now, old news, I just wanted to out pen to paper so to speak to express my feelings.

It's the evening of Saturday 17th March and a couple of hours after having witnessed something on a football pitch that I never, ever, want to see again in my lifetime.

With about five minutes left of the first half of the Spurs v Bolton FA Cup tie the match was evenly poised at one goal each. So far, the first half had been entertaining, with Bolton playing some excellent close passing football with Nigel Reo-Coker outstanding, and Spurs relying mainly on the talents of Gareth Bale on the left and Luka Modrić in the middle. The ball then went out of play, and as my view turned back I noticed Fabrice Muamba lying prostrate face down on the pitch. From my seat on the half-way line, in the Upper East stand at Tottenham opposite the tunnel, I was to have a really good view of what was to happen next.

Although I had not seen him fall, it was obvious that Fabrice had not been involved in an incident during play, as no players were reacting to anything untoward, but were fervently signalling to the touchline for some assistance, with Luka Modrić the player nearest to him leading the signalling. (Later Gordon Strachan said 'Whilst I know it is unlike him, I hope Luka has hit him, as Fabrice will almost certainly be alright'). Medical staff from both teams plus the St. Johns Ambulance Service - rushed – and I mean rushed - to Fabrice's aid, and immediately turned him on his back. At that stage his feet kicked out as if he was having a fit, but then, a few seconds later you could see the medical staff administering CPR. An eerie silence grew all around the ground, and then, as you could see the medical staff pumping down on his chest, both sets of supporters began chanting his name, as if to will him to move – just a little – to signal he was OK. Sadly he did not, and it was then obvious that the medical staff were using a defibrillator, and his arms twitched as the shocks were effected, signalling things were looking pretty bad for the player. Again, supporters from both sides chanted his name.

Players from both sides were obviously stunned, with Jermaine Defoe of Spurs crouched down close to the incident with his arm round Darren Pratley of Bolton comforting him, and Rafael van der Vaart held his hands over his face, and then had his head looking skywards as if he was saying 'please help!' Players from both sides plus substitutes and management wandered aimlessly up and down the touchline, and on the pitch, looking visibly shocked.

Eventually Fabrice was removed from the pitch on a stretcher – it appeared he was receiving oxygen and still receiving CPR – to both sets of supporters again resoundly chanting his name, and the ground then resumed its eerie silence once again, whilst supporters waited.

Referee Howard Webb deserves immense credit for his handling of this difficult situation, as he calmly ushered players away from where the 'action' was happening, and, after talking to players and management from both sides, the teams left the field of play – it was obvious many were in no fit state to continue.

Supporters waited for the inevitable news of the abandonment, which officially came around five minutes later. As we left the ground, there was no atmosphere, no urgency, no pushing, and nobody was talking, save for a few people on their mobile phones trying to find out some news – nothing like coming out of a normal game.

Football is a game played and enjoyed by millions of people worldwide, but when something like this happens, it puts everything into perspective. To see the number of players and officials in deep shock and in tears on that pitch tonight was unbelievable, as was the grief witnessed in the stands. Personally, I don't care who wins the re-arranged game – whenever it takes place. From a loyalty point of view, of course I want Spurs to win the match, but another part of me now wants Bolton to win the Cup – for Fabrice Muamba!

Gary Cobden



North London's Premier BMW, Mini & Volkswagen, Audi Specialists

We are North London's **ONLY** Independent Garage to offer **DEALER LEVEL FACILITIES**, Service, Repairs & Diagnostics, while in no way affecting your vehicle's warranty.



The **ONLY** independent garage in the UK to offer **CONTINUALLY TRAINED FACTORY TECHNICIANS** for BMW, Mini & Volkswagen, Audi

When you need a straight answer...
Just ask Brunswick!

Call **020 8361 5000** or
just drop by:

Unit 14 Brunswick Industrial Park
Brunswick Way London N11 1JL

MOT Testing (4,5,7)

Tyres

3D Wheel Alignment

Servicing

Diagnostics

Dealer-level Support and
Diagnostics at affordable prices.



BRUNSWICK
garage

North London's Premier Independent BMW, Mini & Volkswagen, Audi Specialists

YOUR ROAD TO A BETTER SERVICE

www.brunswickgarage.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of North Middlesex Referees Society will be held on Thursday, 17th May 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex. EN2 0RU

Provisional Agenda (a full Agenda will be published in the May Normidian)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To CONFIRM the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. To CONSIDER any matters arising therefrom.
4. To RECEIVE a report from the Secretary.
5. To RECEIVE a report from the Treasurer together with the audited accounts.
6. To RECEIVE a report from the Honorary Auditors.
7. To RECEIVE any reports from the Council and Officers.
8. To CONSIDER any change to the Society Rules.
9. To ELECT Officers and Council for the ensuing year.
10. To ELECT Honorary Auditors currently T. McGowan and Jim Taylor
11. To CONSIDER the following motion –
That this Annual General Meeting places on record its thanks to the Officers and Council for their work during the past year, and express appreciation of the conduct of the affairs of the Society.
12. Any Other Business

Any person wishing to stand as an Officer for Season 2012/2013 must be duly Proposed and Seconded – and assented by the nominee - in accordance with Society Rule 9c. Any proposals for changes to Society Rules must be duly Proposed and Seconded in accordance with Society Rule 9d.

Proposals for Officers must be received by the Secretary not less than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting - i.e. not later than 26 April 2012.

Proposals for Changes to Rules must be received by the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting - i.e. not later than 19 April 2012.

Robin Jagot

Honorary Secretary
24 Tiverton Road
Potters Bar
Hertfordshire
EN6 5HY



Going Up

North Middlesex Referees Society congratulates the following members who have been successful in obtaining promotion this season from Middlesex County FA.

Level 6 to Level 5

Darren Fenner

Level 7 to Level 6

Laurentiu Hantea

Paul McCormick

John Fowler



County Cup Final Appointments – AFA

We offer our congratulations to the following members who have received Plum Appointments from the AFA.

Geoff Blackmore	Senior Cup Semi-Final	Referee
Les Kyprianou	Saturday Under 11 Youth Cup Final	Assistant Referee
Les Kyprianou	Saturday Under 18 Youth Cup Final	Assistant Referee
John Faithfull	Sunday Under 11 Youth Cup Final	Assistant Referee
John Faithfull	Sunday Under 18 Youth Cup Final	Assistant Referee



NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Society Meeting held on Thursday March 15th 2012 at HWSC

Apologies: Mick Osborn, Tony Ward and Robin Jagot and as per Society Handbook

Chairman's Welcome: A warm welcome was given to our Guest speaker Adrian Shorter from London FA and our members. The chairman informed the meeting the Secretary had to withdraw suddenly from the meeting due to an urgent family matter but had enclosed a report for the meeting.

Minutes of the last Society Meeting: held on Thursday 16th February 2012 at HWSC were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None.

Secretary's Report: Any member wishing to stand for office next season must be proposed & seconded to the secretary at least 21 days before the AGM to be held on the 17th May 2012.

Please note that at this year's AGM we will have a Guest Speaker Colin Downey former FA Referees Secretary and MCFA Councillor will be attending to also to carry out a special award to one of our long standing members.

The Quiz evening on Friday 30th March at Old Owens Sports Club: We now have seven tables of 6-8 persons and if anyone still wishes to join us we can accommodate you either with the teams taking part or your own team. *** **The Menu is Scampi & Chips or Chilli & Rice** ***

“The secretary must know your table order by **Wednesday 28th March latest**”

Finally the MCFA promotions took place the previous evening and I can inform the meeting that the results were: Promoted to 6 – 5 = 12 from 17 candidates and 7 – 6 = 18 from 20 which is the highest number of candidates ever promoted in one season.

Treasurer's Report: As we are nearing the end of the financial year any expenses incurred must be claimed by 31st March 2012. For those who are attending the Quiz, as the date is close to the year end, the Treasurer asked for monies to be paid in advance if possible. Members were also reminded about returning their membership renewals for the new season promptly.

Editor's Report: Plenty to report with lots of articles being received. Ken thanked those members for their contributions.

Any Other Officer's Report: Jeff Till advised that the recent Training Course – run jointly with the AFA – had seen 23 candidates pass, and eleven of the thirteen Middlesex referees had so far been watched on their first game. The names of the Middlesex candidates will be passed to the Treasurer. In future, it is likely that there will only be two courses run at each venue in Middlesex, with the next course starting in September.

Any Other Business: Tom White also queried if referees were ‘doing their job’ whether they be qualified or not, as the amount of disciplinary action he sees in the Cheshunt Youth League is virtually nil. Jeff Till then raised a Match Incident which involved an interesting discussion surrounding a goal being scored whilst one of the teams were making a substitution – which had not been notified to him as the referee. Peter Dace then suggested that we move straight to our Guest Speaker without a break, which was agreed by the meeting. Lockie Bramzell introduced Adrian Shorter to the meeting who invited those present to discuss ‘What is Dissent’. A vote of thanks was proposed by Jeff Till.

Chairman.....

Date.....

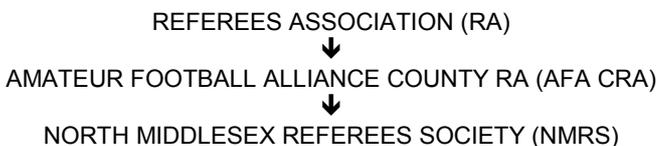
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

The Referees' Association (RA) is the national body for Referees. The RA is independent of, but works closely with, County Football Associations to ensure that matters affecting referees are discussed and resolved. These include law changes, current interpretation, assaults and other problems affecting referees nationally.

North Middlesex Referees Society (NMRS) Is one of some 350 local Referees' societies that are spread all over the country; some are referred to as Societies, others as Branches, Associations, or Clubs. They often work closely with local leagues to aid recruitment, and to ensure that any parochial problems are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. NMRS meets on a monthly basis throughout the season; Guest Speakers are invited; training sessions are held; social events arranged; and local problems - including Match Incidents - are discussed.

So what is the link between the Society and the National Body? All Societies must be a member of a County Referees Association (CRA). North Middlesex, together with the AFA and London Society of Association Referees, form a County Referees Association known as the Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association (AFA CRA). This Association operates with Officers and a delegate from each Society who, like the Officers and Committee of this Society, are elected annually in a democratic manner. The AFA CRA send a delegate to the locally held annual RA Liaison meeting which reports back to The RA Board, who meet at least four times a year. All delegates and officers of the AFA CRA Committee are elected annually in a democratic manner.

The National Structure for the Society is:



As a full member of NMRS you are a member of the RA.

The Objects of The Referees Association are clearly defined in their rules, and include:

- provide insurance, and financial support for members
- improve the status and reputation of referees.
- protect members from injustice or unfair treatment.
- promote, educate, train and develop referees in general.
- promote the best interests of the game of Association Football.
- provide guidance and support for members of local Societies.

What are the Benefits of RA Membership?

Insurance - The major benefit is the Personal Accident Insurance Policy. For a small amount, the insurance policy covers you whilst actually refereeing; travelling to and from a match; attending meetings (including travelling to and from home); attending organised training; and loss or theft of kit whilst at a match. Full details are available to members on request, as it is now no longer a requirement that each member who has paid the insurance premium is supplied with a copy of the terms of insurance. A range of increased benefits are also available - for an additional premium - and members should contact the insurers direct if they wish to take up these benefits. Additionally, active referees who are over the age of 75 can now be covered by the Insurance subject to an additional premium being paid. Physiotherapy insurance is now also available for a premium of £5.00.

Supplies - A full range of equipment is available from The RA - and often at a lower cost than if you bought it from a local sports shop. By purchasing equipment in bulk, the RA is able to pass the cost savings on to its members. Publications by top names are also available, along with "The Referees' Association Manual of Guidance" which gives advice to the referee on such varied subjects as diet, law queries, training, pre-match preparation, match control and lots more. "The Assessors Challenge" is another book that forms essential reading for every referee and assessor. It deals with every aspect and quality required for promotion. All items are available from the Society's Supplies Officer - although kit may need to be ordered. The Society's Supplies Officer is also able to supply you with kit and other refereeing items from a range of suppliers to make your purchasing requirements easy.

Refereeing is a joint publication of the Football Association and the Referees Association. It is mailed direct to all registered referees by the Football Association. The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of RA-FA and RA news.

Benevolent Fund - It is hoped that you never have to apply for assistance from the Fund but, sadly, some of our members do fall on hard times through sickness and other reasons. The NMRS Fund is available to all NMRS members, and the RA Fund is also available to full members.

Why do I receive two different Membership Forms each year? You will receive Membership Renewal Forms from both NMRS and the CFA with which you are registered, although not necessarily at the same time. The CFA form will also show the 'three lions' badge of the FA, as the FA now has overall responsibility for the registration of all referees, although you will still be parented by a local CFA. When you successfully completed your six matches, following your completion of the Referees Examination, you were automatically registered with a CFA appropriate to the area in which you live, and this is most likely to have been either Middlesex; London; Hertfordshire; Essex; or the AFA. During your training, you will have been invited to take up Trainee Membership of NMRS. If you want to continue with your refereeing, then registration with a CFA is a compulsory requirement. However, the CFA's and RA-FA are unable to offer you the benefits available locally through NMRS. Whilst your membership of NMRS is entirely voluntary, it is strongly recommended as you will be able to participate in regular meetings held throughout the season - on local territory with the opportunity to discuss relevant local matters; meet and hear Guest Speakers; and receive regular training updates, along with the other benefits outlined above.

Note

Abbreviations that are commonly used in magazine articles or in reports at meetings.

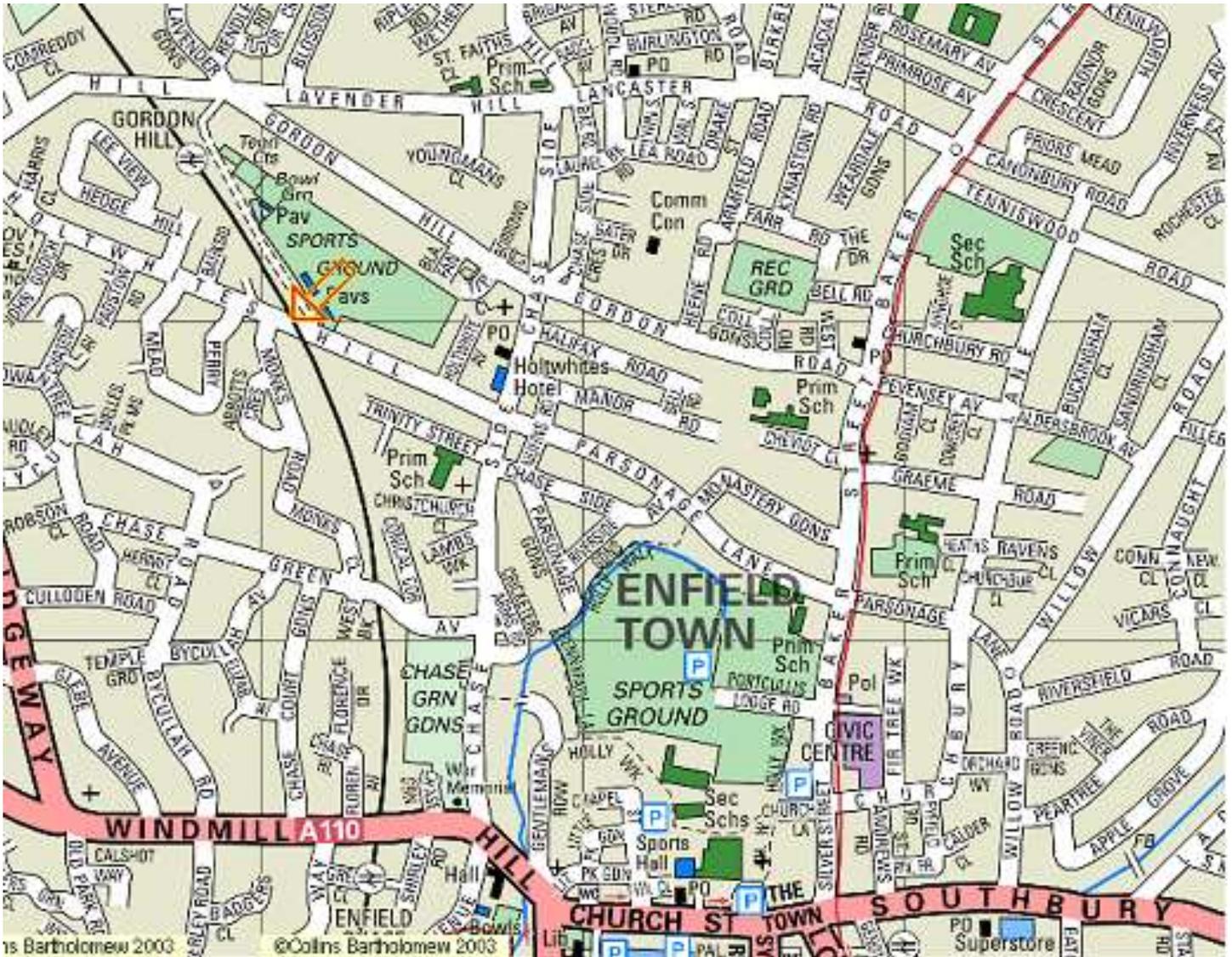
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association partnership for co-operation between the RA and FA.

Updated July 2011

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Are held on the third Thursday monthly (except October – first Thursday) commencing at 7:30 pm, at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RN
Telephone: 020 8363 4449

Dates for Season 2011/2012:- September 15; October 6 (first Thursday); November 17; December 15 2011; and January 19; February 16; March 15; April 19; May 17 2012



The venue is passed by Bus Route W9 and Bus Route 191 stops just a short distance away - direct from Enfield Town, and Enfield Chase; and Gordon Hill Rail Stations are only a short distance away. For fuller directions and how to get to the venue, see our website. See also www.tfl.gov.uk; www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com; and www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk. If anybody has difficulty reaching the venue, and would like assistance, please contact one of the Society Officers – whose details are on the inside front cover.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE NORMIDIAN EDITORIALY, OR BY CONTRIBUTORS, DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE MAGAZINE MAY BE AMENDED BY THE EDITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDITORIAL POLICY.

PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO REPRODUCE MATERIAL WITH A SUITABLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

THE SOCIETY WAS FORMED AT THE CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE, SOUTHGATE, LONDON, N14 ON 20th JANUARY 1949