

December 2005

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year from the Normidian team

The next Society meeting will be held at Pymmes Park Bowling Club, Silver Street, Edmonton, London N18 on Thursday, 15th December at 7.30 pm and as usual the bar will be open. After the usual Society business, the evening will have a social theme. So come along and enjoy the company of your fellow referees for what is our annual 'good-time evening'. Light snacks will be provided.

Society member and Assessor, Maxie Lea, MBE, who readers will recall recently underwent successful hip-replacement surgery, sends his best wishes to the Society. The little man is now out of hospital and doing well at home. By the way, congratulations on winning the second prize of £8.60 in the November 100 Club November draw, Maxie. Other lucky winners were Tom White and Charles Lifford – more details elsewhere.

November's guest speaker turned out to be Ray Payne and not Janie Frampton, who we all assumed was going to speak to us. Robin admitted there had been a mix-up in the arrangements. Ray, however, kept his audience thoroughly entertained and informed – a report on his excellent presentation is elsewhere in the magazine.

Secretary, Robin Jagot, has joined with Chairman, Tom White in expressing dismay at the small number of members turning out for Society meetings. As recorded in last month's minutes, Robin gives an assurance that Council will be looking at ways and means to improve the present dire situation.

This month's plum appointments are listed elsewhere – congratulations to everyone involved. Please let us know if you have a plum appointment that has not been published and we will try to make sure it is printed in the following month's magazine.

The normally popular NMRS Quiz Nite has now been re-arranged for Saturday 28th January 2006. It would be gratifying to those who work hard in organising the Quiz Nite if we could make an effort to attend to make the evening a success. More details are included elsewhere in this issue. And please don't make it too late to book a table!

As well as penning his reminiscences on 10 years ago, Life Vice-President, Peter Dace writes on his continuous journey as a 'journeyman referee'. Another regular scribe, Mick Osborn, comes up with a pithy article entitled "A Little Left to be Desired" – very good, Mick! And don't miss the little Christmas Quiz on the back page.

With the recent sad demise of George Best, memories of the great player are no doubt still being recounted in pubs and clubs throughout the land. Whatever our personal view on his lifestyle it cannot be denied that the man was an extraordinarily gifted footballer with a personality to match.

Contributions for the January 06 issue of Normidian by 29th December, please.

A LITTLE LEFT TO BE DESIRED

By Mick Osborn

Some time ago I was appointed as an Assistant Referee. Of the match officials I arrived first and with the changing room to myself I picked a good spot and changed leisurely. The other Assistant arrived and, previously unknown to each other, we exchanged names and handshakes. The clock ticked on and kick off time approached. No sign or message from the referee and he was posted missing and presumably lost. Decision time arrived and I discovered that I was the senior of the two assistants and would have to take the match. The home club provided the second assistant, (well three to be exact – one good, one could just as well have stayed at home and the other gave a fair performance.)

Things did not go too bad but both sides had their share of juvenile minds and after a few quiet words and a public warning, I had given four cautions shared between three players. You will deduce that one side was reduced to ten men.

Two of the cautions were issued to opponents who felt the need to scowl at each other and perform a sort of ritual where one cries at the other, "Yeah?" to which the reply is "Yeah." This is repeated while they look tough and flap their wings. Other birds, sorry, players, scurry to get involved to support their fellow, not knowing what it's all about anyway. (You know the situation.....) A hard puff down my whistle left a few with ringing ears and I was able to diffuse the situation before it escalated. To my surprise, as the crowds disbursed, I saw that my independent assistant was gallantly coming to my rescue from the other end and side of the pitch. This was kind of him but who was looking after the shop?

Each club was registered with different counties and neither of them was mine. Not having their misconduct report forms, I used those of my county and sent a note of apology explaining why. A week went by and, as I had not received acknowledgement from either, I phoned. One said it was in the post and the other explained that the girl who "did this" was away but after a quick search, it was confirmed that my reports had been received. The first written acknowledgement was received dated eight days after I had posted my report by first class mail. No replacement forms were sent but I did get an "Official Report Forms For Referee's Order Form," with a request to, "Please complete and return this order form when you require misconduct forms." The girl who "did this" at the other county, I assumed had taken a little time to return to work (I hope she had not been unwell,) as I received that acknowledgement thirty-three days after the event. No further forms or even an order form to get more forms, were provided.

A few weeks later I suffered a case of *deja vu*. I was one of the Assistant Referees at the same ground. I arrived first and with the changing room to myself I picked a good spot and changed leisurely. The other assistant arrived and we renewed our acquaintance and shook hands. The clock ticked on but this time the referee had phoned to say that he was on his way. Kick off time came and I again donned the mantle. However, this time as we emerged from the dressing room, the referee arrived. We kicked off twenty minutes late. A little left to be desired again.

Enough of this. In the coming festive season, I hope you and your families are not left with anything to be desired. **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Plum Appointments – Season 2005-2006

Middlesex County FA Sunday Junior Trophy Round 2			
N L O	v AC Enfield	Referee	R Deller
Middlesex County FA Sunday Junior Cup Round 2			
St Marys (Edmonton)	v Sudbury Inn	Referee	G Grant
Middlesex County FA Sunday Intermediate Cup Round 2			
Linton	v Northmet (Riverside)	Referee	P Jago
Belstone Reserves	v North Harrow Homeguard	Referee	P Brown
Middlesex County FA Sunday Premier Cup Round 2			
Belstone	v Indian Gymkhana (Sunday)	Referee	S Conway
Belstone	v Indian Gymkhana (Sunday)	Assistant Referee	RA Martin
Enfield Rangers Old Boys	v Pinner 2002	Referee	M Mackey (Snr)
Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Round 1			
Enfield FC First	v Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC First	Referee	P Jago
Middlesex County FA Intermediate Cup Round 2			
Hillingdon Irish	v Sandgate Old Boys	Referee	S Conway
The Wheatsheaf	v Indian Gymkhana (Saturday)	Referee	R Meikle
The Wheatsheaf	v Indian Gymkhana (Saturday)	Assistant Referee	C Meikle
The Wheatsheaf	v Indian Gymkhana (Saturday)	Assistant Referee	B Kyriacou
Rayners Lane	v Parkfield	Referee	P Walsh
Middlesex County FA Womens Senior Cup Round 1			
Hadley Ladies	v Acton Sports Club Womens	Referee	B Kyriacou
Middlesex County FA Under 11 Youth Cup Round 2			
Panathinaikos Youth U11 'A'	v Kentish Town U11	Referee	S Roberts
Middlesex County FA Under 15 Youth Cup Round 2			
Gladstone Rangers Youth U15	v West Drayton Explorers U15 'A'	Referee	T Rose
Panathinaikos Youth U15	v Hayes U15 'B'	Referee	Simon Temerlies
Broadwater United U15	v Northwood U15	Referee	K Wavell
Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 17 Youth Cup Round 2			
Whitewebbs Eagles F.C. (U17)	v Forty Hill Youth F.C. (U17)	Referee	J Faithfull
Broomfield PI Youth F.C. (U17)	v Potters Bar United F.C. (U17a)	Referee	J Cooke
Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 16 Youth Cup Round 2			
Field End Youth F.C. (U16)	v Theydon Predators F.C. (U16)	Referee	D Williams
Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 15 Youth Cup Round 2			
Alexandra Park Youth F.C. (U15)	v Whitewebbs Eagles F.C. (U15)	Referee	J Faithfull
Chase Side Youth F.C. (U15)	v Broomfield PI Youth F.C. (U15)	Referee	D Williams
Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 13 Youth Cup Round 2			
Trent Park Youth F.C. (U13)	v Potters Bar United F.C. (U13a)	Referee	I Breeze
Amateur Football Alliance Closed Veterans Cup Round 3			
William Fitt F.C. (Veterans A)	v Old Tollingtonians F.C. (Veterans)	Referee	D Williams
Amateur Football Alliance Intermediate Novets Cup Round 2			
Bealonians F.C. (Sixth)	v Egbertians F.C. (Fifth)	Referee	L Kyprianou
Amateur Football Alliance Senior Novets Cup Round 3			
Leyton County O.Boys FC (Fourth)	v Old Salvatorians F.C. (Fifth)	Referee	L Kyprianou
Amateur Football Alliance Minor Cup Round 2			
Wood Green Old Boys FC (Fourth)	v Lloyds TSB Bank F.C. (Fourth)	Referee	L Kyprianou
Globe Rangers F.C. (Reserves)	v Old Brentwoods F.C. (Fourth)	Referee	I Breeze
Amateur Football Alliance Junior Cup Round 2			
Old Parmiterians F.C. (Third)	v Old Wokingians F.C. (Third)	Referee	L Kyprianou
Amateur Football Alliance Junior Cup Round 3			
Old Aloysians F.C. (Third)	v Nat West Bank F.C. (First)	Referee	L Kyprianou
Amateur Football Alliance Middlesex/Essex Intermediate Cup Round 2			
East Barnet Old Gram F.C. (Res)	v Globe Rangers F.C. (First)	Referee	I Breeze

Amateur Football Alliance Senior Cup Round 3

Old Finchleians F.C. (First)	v Old Owens F.C. (First)	Assistant Referee	J Faithfull
Norsemen F.C. (First)	v Civil Service F.C. (First)	Assistant Referee	J Cooke
Broomfield F.C. (First)	v UCL Academicals F.C. (First)	Referee	D Barnett
Southgate County F.C. (First)	v Old Suttonians F.C. (First)	Assistant Referee	D Williams

Thanks to the Internet for again providing the Society with these Plum Appointments! If you have received a Plum Appointment - it does not have to be a County Cup Appointment - please let us know, and we will publish it in a future edition of the Normidian. It will also be recorded in the Society's records.

Gary Cobden



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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



November's Guest Speaker – Ray Payne

Robin Jagot introduced our special guest, Ray Payne. Ray, a school headmaster, was a Football League Assistant Referee for 5 years, a former FA National Coach and now Senior Licensing Instructor.

Ray thanked Robin for his invitation to speak to NMRS. He explained that his own ambitions as a referee had to be curtailed owing to his career in education and his other activities with the FA.

Ray asked those present to take at least one new thought about refereeing home with them. He then asked everyone their level of refereeing and who were assessors and mentors. He explained that 80% of referees were lost to the game because of the lack of mentors; significant improvements in the retention of referees occur where mentors are involved.

Our guest then asked the audience if they were good referees and if the person sat beside them was a good referee, and if so, why? Asked what was considered the most important attribute a referee has, the audience suggested various aspects including, Knowledge of the Laws; Man-Management; Communication; Enjoyment; Preparation and many more. Ray suggested that although it was our hobby, we should be professional in our outlook as referees.

Paperwork is important, said Ray, both on and off the field of play. Look at fixtures, see who you are 'out with' and remember to close dates immediately, he suggested. And try not to give the referees' secretary a problem! Most of us now have the benefit of computers so we should make sure reports are properly written.

Smart appearance is essential – be beyond criticism. Making an effort shows we have the right mental approach and commitment.

Knowledge of the Laws (LOAF) keep reading it, again and again, said our guest – there have been 90 changes in the last 10 years. "Are you up to date and know how to interpret and apply the Laws?" Ray asked.

Assert authority early, said Ray. How you conduct yourself before, during and after a game gives the right message he said. "Make the first whistle loud – look the captains in the eye and make your handshake firm" was his advice. "And use the voice to show authority early and use 'please' and 'thank you – 'players in your own half please'" It is natural to be nervous, suggested Ray, but make the big decisions early if necessary.

Clear Signals Use the voice and use good arm signals, said Ray. The whistle is a fantastic tool, he suggested.

Recognise and punish offences, Ray advised. In his first game in 1980, Ray remembers seeing a push but took no action; as a result problems occurred. See, act and be mentally alert, he suggested. Physical fitness is vital and we should apply the laws from the first to the last minute of a game. We should do our job right; other referees will be affected if we don't.

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Position and movement is very important, suggested Ray. We should try to read the game, using our judgement as to where play is and where the ball is.

Physical fitness and man-management are important now the game is so much quicker, said Ray. Control and authority is vital and there is no such thing as an “easy game”. The audience were asked how they go about cautioning players. After discussion, Ray suggested that when cautioning a player we should always ask for his/her full name – the player would usually give their Christian name as well. Ray also suggested that as referees we should not be disrespectful and be sure to record all the necessary details accurately.

Consistency is as many as possible of us doing the same thing, said Ray; we should also try to be consistent throughout our game.

Teamwork – give encouragement, said Ray. Some club assistants would prefer not to ‘run the line’ but simple, clear instructions given to both assistants simultaneously at the start of the match can be helpful.

Common sense should be applied throughout the game, Ray advised. Applying the spirit of the law is important, but the laws must be applied.

Ray then asked those present to form groups of 4 or 5 people. He then handed out 12 slips of paper to each group containing attributes a referee should possess. After deliberation the audience were then asked to return the three least important attributes and to place the remainder in order on importance – Ray called the exercise “The Diamond Nine”. He then collated the results, which were discussed.

Finally, Ray said he had thoroughly enjoyed the evening and thanked those present for their enthusiasm and participation. Chairman, Tom White, presented Ray with a copy of “The History of the North Middlesex Referees’ Society” as a memento of his visit.



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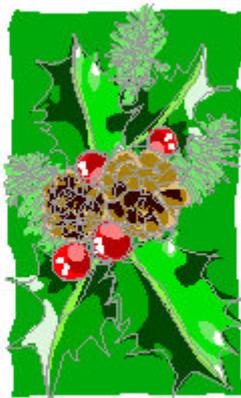
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“The Continuing Career of a Journeyman Referee” – Part 4. Games 2,501-2,750

Part 1 – the first 1,000 games Normidian November 1985

Part 2 – games 1,001 – 2,000 Normidian March 1996

Part 3 – games 2,001 – 2,500 Normidian November 2001

‘My personal world tour, which also included replacing Pierluigi Collina for Spain versus Serbia and Montenegro earlier this season, continues and after this week’s game in Prague I have another Champions League game next week in my seventh different country in as many weeks. I have also been chosen as one of the Referees at the FIFA Club World Championship in Japan where I shall spend 17 days next month. If ever there was a world game truly requiring professional referees, there cannot be reservations any longer’. No, not about me, but an extract from Graham Poll’s column in the Daily Telegraph of 16th November.

Graham’s refereeing career and mine did come together on equal (well almost) terms on 22nd April 1987 when he refereed the Herts Senior Cup Final and I was Reserve Official. Since then I have to concede our careers have moved in different directions!

I often wondered if I would have sufficient material to write part 4 but amazingly the journeyman career continues and game 2750 was reached on Sunday 13th November 2005. A major plum? Well no, not in the wider scheme of things but, maybe at age 64 they are all plums and my milestone game was an Under 10 at Myddleton House – Spurs versus Crystal Palace.

In previous articles I have written of my games in blocks of 500 and 1,000’s but the last 250 games have taken me 62 months and almost as long as the previous 500. So what’s the difference? Two reasons – firstly and most importantly as I move into partial retirement, it is not so much fun refereeing. Whilst over the years the pleasure of refereeing has far exceeded the aggravation, I decided three seasons ago to reduce my availability from three games to two each week thereby continuing on Sundays at the QPR School of Excellence and Spurs Academy, and mid-week lining on the Capital League. One part of me did consider terminating my refereeing career but it was too big a part of my life to end in one fell swoop and I felt that if I gave up Saturdays only I could at least watch football that day. So now I follow Barnet FC and try to get to all games at Underhill and the occasional away matches. How I envy their Match Officials when they enter the field of play and wish it was me out there, and inevitably watch everything they do. They are all my heroes and I understand all their decisions whilst from time to time disagreeing with a verdict. What does surprise, me standing on the terraces, is how angry are the fans to decisions against their side or indeed a decision that does not go in their favour. One minute they berate the Officials for a (justified) foul against their team and then in the next minute criticize the Officials for not giving an (unjustified) foul in their favour. I am certain the typical fan rates a referee not on the accuracy of his decisions but solely on what he gives, or does not give to their team.

I have said the first reason for reducing my refereeing workload was that it was not so much fun. Well we have taken on a strange hobby – one we get paid for (do any other hobbies do that?), and also one that gives us plenty of grief (do any other hobbies do that?).

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What has changed most in football for me since my first game in 1972 is the amount of verbal from the players. Whatever decisions you give triggers a loud ‘considered’ opinion from the offending player. Frankly these comments wear me down and where you know the teams well you can anticipate who you are going to see/hear in the next game. I have told one League on which I have served for years I would continue with them on any game where all players have their mouths taped throughout the ninety minutes – so far I have not been offered a game!

Secondly my availability has reduced as I now have a part-time job in the Travel Industry and during this year I have been abroad for nearly four months albeit in chunks of 10-21 days at a time and this means every time I do a game I feel I am starting the season over and over again. Consequently although my general fitness has been fine, match fitness has been less than ideal. I still remain grateful that ‘somebody up there’ has allowed me to referee for 34 seasons (so far) and to have the fun of a game of football that others, less physically able are deprived of enjoying.

Whilst refereeing friends and acquaintances come and go I remain grateful to my most stable friend – the North Middlesex Society. I qualified through the training course run by Ron Hounsell, Les Davis and George Basten, and good to know Ron and George are still about – unfortunately a long distance from us. Well done and thank you to Council Members who work hard to keep the Society in good shape although I was saddened to witness such poor numbers at this year’s new meeting night and venue at Pymmes Park Bowls Club. Maybe there are many other things out there for members to do but surely from a current (and much-reduced from our peak) membership of 192 we should be attracting more than 12 loyal enthusiasts. To attend one Society meeting a month, to meet colleagues, discuss mutual problems, and learn from experienced Referees and Guest Speakers is surely something to look forward to. So to the 180 missing members on 17th November – where were you? And how embarrassing for those of us attending an excellent talk from our speaker who travelled from Northampton.

Here ends part 4 – will there be a part 5 and game 3,000? No, most unlikely but as with the football pro’s I take each game as it comes. No targets just hope to enjoy what is to follow and may my ancient bathrobe, hauled around in my bag for the great majority of my career, last a little longer. It looks old, weary and battle-scarred – we are a matching pair!

Peter E Dace
Life Vice-President



Football – TV and Radio

Barry Davies 1989: “Poland nil, England nil, though England are now looking better value for their nil”.

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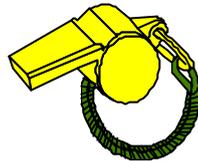
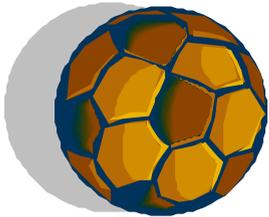
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Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of December 1995

‘So you haven’t a clue what to buy for the wife and kids for Christmas. Don’t worry, forget the shops – all your problems are solved. Santa Vince has all the answers and the gifts for you’. Just bring your chequebook to Santa Vince’s Gear Grotto at our December Society Meeting.

Mick Osborn pens part three of ‘It’s a changing game’. In 1908/09 season the Football League ruled goalkeepers must wear different coloured jerseys to the rest of the team. From 1911 goalkeepers could only handle the ball in their own penalty area and, in 1912 to favour attacking play, the FA decided the distance opposing players had to retreat from a free kick would be increased from six to ten yards. 1925/26 season changes included that only two players (instead of three) were required between a player when the ball was played at an offside situation and players could no longer be offside from a throw-in.

Dave Ackerman writes his seventh or eighth Christmas message and wonders again where has the time gone and how has it passed so quickly. Throughout his refereeing career Dave has tried to ensure his powers of telepathy remain sharp and over a period of fifteen years developed the power of reading a player’s mind correctly – almost one time in six – but he now finds it extremely annoying that FIFA in their wisdom have made such powers redundant by removing the recognition of intent.

In his editorial Ken Goldman queries a standard procedure that has now been adopted in conformity with FIFA’s instruction to the effect that any player who needs treatment must be taken off the pitch to receive it with the least delay possible being made which might interfere with the match.

Guest speaker: Alan Turvey, Chairman of the Isis League.

Society welcomes trainees from course 131 – Patrick Boguzas, Paul Christodoulou, Eleanor Cooke, Mark Dearman, Barry Etherington, Simon Finebaum, John Hough, Adam Joseph, Richard Kirkby, Philip Smith, Malcolm Sonnenfeld, Philip Watts and Vic West.



DID YOU KNOW?

The 1873 FA Cup Final (Wanderers v Oxford University) kicked off at 11 am to avoid clashing with the Boat Race.

At the World’s first International fixture, between England and Scotland in 1872, the attendant photographer refused to record the event for fear of being unable to sell his pictures.

AND IS IT TRUE?

The late, and great, Bobby Moore’s middle names were Frederick, Chelsea?



NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Apologies: Mick Osborn, Terry Hayne, Lockie Bramzell, and as written in the Society Handbook.

Chairman: The Chairman welcomed new member Kristo Tohver from Estonia and our Guest Speaker Ray Payne from Northampton, who kindly stepped in for Janie Frampton.

Secretary's Report: Members were reminded of the Quiz evening taking place on Saturday January 28th, 2006 7.45pm. Please let Gary or myself know your numbers (£6 per head includes buffet). Secretary informed the meeting that our Society attendances are well down including tonight's representation.

It is clearly embarrassing to our Guest Speaker when our actual membership numbers exceed 190. As one of our senior members said; "Council have responded to the membership wishes by changing the Society evening and venue, and it simply has not worked"; I can assure members that your Council at their next monthly meeting will be looking to find ways of improving the present situation.

Treasurer's Report: The membership stood at: Full – 192 Associate: 6

Other Officer's Report: The Editor informed the meeting that Maxi Lea is making good progress after his recent hip operation and through the chair the meeting wished him a speedy recovery.

Any Other Business: The issue of mentors was raised, as it was felt not enough was being done when new recruits qualify after attending the Referees Course. It was pointed out by our Guest Speaker, Ray Payne, that we lose 80% of referees within the first year. After lengthy discussion on this old chestnut, which has been raised on numerous occasions over the years, it was felt this was clearly an issue for our Youth Development Officer to deal with and advise members how best to introduce a possible mentoring scheme for the future.

The next Training Course at Brimsdown Sports Club will be in early February 2006; no firm date has been fixed yet. Members will be advised by the next meeting.

The next meeting will be a social evening on Thursday December 15th- 7.45pm.

A break was taken and the Secretary introduced and warmly welcomed our Guest Speaker, Ray Payne, FA Senior Instructor.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.



DID YOU KNOW

In the Wales v Northern Ireland game in 1955, Wales fielded two sets of brothers, Ivor and Len Allchurch and Mel and John Charles.

Cliff Bastin was one of seven Arsenal players in the England team for the 1934 "Battle of Highbury" against Italy.

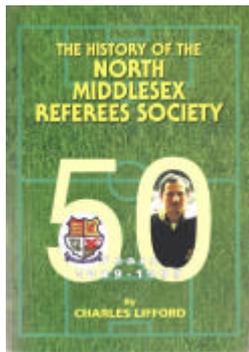




Kits for Sale The Society has a number of coloured shirts for sale, together with black shorts. The Shirts are Short Sleeved, and all one size (extra large), brand new, and are individually wrapped. Available in a choice of colours – Yellow and Black; Blue and Black; and Red and Black. Each shirt is available at a



cost of only £5.00. The Society also has available pairs of extra large Black Shorts. Again they are brand new, and individually wrapped. Each pair of shorts is also available at a price of £5.00. If you would like to purchase any of these shirts or shorts, please contact the **Society Gear Supplies Officer, Percy Brown, on 01707 851369.**



50th Anniversary Book

In 1999, the Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary. To celebrate this, the Society published a book charting its history over the years including profiles; facts; and photographs. The book was written and compiled for the Society by Charles Lifford.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book - **NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY - A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS FOOTBALL** - contact **Society Treasurer, Gary Cobden**, on 01992 469153 or by e-mail – treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk



Christmas Personality Quiz – Who Am I?

Born: Romford
 Date of Birth: 10 October 1966
 England Caps: 66
 International Goals Scored: 5
 Clubs: Arsenal

Answer:

Born: Dartford
 Date of Birth: 5 September 1927
 England Caps: None
 Clubs: West Ham

Answer:

Born: Watford
 Date of Birth: 5 January 1965
 Welsh Caps: 9
 International Goals Scored: 0
 Clubs: Wimbledon, Leeds, Sheffield Utd, Chelsea, QPR.

