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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 7.45pm on Monday the 14th of December 2009 when there will be a presentation to Mick Osborn of his Long & Meritorious Award. It will be followed by the Society's annual Christmas celebrations.

EDITORIAL

The last couple of months have seen in football terms the good; the bad; and the ugly. Starting in reverse order with the ugly, there can be no better illustration than France's Thierry Henry's handball to help eliminate the Republic of Ireland in their World Cup Play-Off match. It is easy to apportion blame especially as most people will say (as usual) it was the fault of the Officials. It would probably fair to eliminate both Assistant Referees since obviously the "dead linesman" would not be able to see from that distance and the "live" one would almost certainly have had his view blocked by the players and he was also at an awkward distance. That just leaves the referee and here we come to the nub of the difficulty. It is very likely again that the referee was unsuspected and did not see the offence and therefore could not make a positive decision, but he must be partly at fault for that. The major blame however must fall on those who are coaching referees both domestically and abroad to take up false positions at set pieces and to make their runs in narrow lines. Both Tony Ward and your Editor were at pains to point out (probably through age and good memories) at our last Meeting that referees always used to get in position so as to anticipate problems around the goal-line and also ran wide diagonals, so as to be able to look across at incidents and be eye to eye with their assistants (formerly linesmen).

The bad is clearly as mentioned last time, the verbal attack by Sir Alex Fergusson on Alan Wiley. But more than that, came the ridiculous punishment meted out to him by the relevant disciplinary commission. A two matches ban, one of them a Carling Cup game where United were unlikely to field a full strength team, plus two suspended games and a fine which is hardly a week's wages for the transgressor, is a slap in the face for all referees. Unfortunately it would appear that t'was ever thus.

The good is that our next meeting will celebrate the life and football times of one of the Society's oldest members who will quite properly receive his Long & Meritorious Award of the Referees' Association of England. I write, of Mick Osborn, a former President of this Society who is as popular as ever hereabouts. Naturally we are hoping for a large turn-out not only of the older members and their partners but of some of the younger element, as this meeting is also combining our Christmas "bit of a do".

The Council wishes to offer all members, readers and friends of the Society a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ken Goldman

Editor

In celebration of the intended MSA Award to Mick Osborn we are happy to both pay tribute to him and are delighted to highlight his football career which is as follows: -

On leaving school in 1953, played for Trinity Old Boys in the Nemean League, affiliated to the AFA. Held office as Press Secretary of club, Fixture Secretary of Nemean League and later, after the demise of that League, as Fixture Secretary of Ealing Association FC in the Southern Olympian League, (now the Amateur Football Combination.)

Trained with NMRS and in 1978 registered as a referee with Hertfordshire but did most refereeing in leagues affiliated to AFA. Four years later changed registration to the Alliance. Presented with AFA Long Service Award in 1998. Elected to the Council of NMRS in 1987 as Social Secretary and immediately becoming involved in arrangements for the 40th anniversary celebrations and, ten years later, for the golden 50th.year. Elected as Vice Chairman of the Society, in 1995 and Chairman, in 1996. Served as President of the Society from 1999 to 2002 and then made a Life Vice President. Gained, FA Referee Instructor Licence in 1992, after assisting at Society's Training Centre. When FA took over referee training from the RA societies, stayed with the NMRS team under the auspices of Middlesex County FA (but remained affiliated to AFA.) but resigned as a Licensed Instructor in 2009. Also received "Outstanding Services As A Referee" in 2004.

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On a personal note I would very much wish to congratulate Mick on his MSA Award and hope his evening not only goes well but is a memorable one for him. I have known Mick for more years than I can remember and being one of the "old fogies" Club, in which I hope he will not mind me also calling him a member, can vouch for all the hard work he has put in for this Society over the course of many years. In particular I followed him as President of this Society and he was especially helpful to me in explaining some of the requirements of that Office. Furthermore as is known I have Edited this Magazine for several years in 3 different stints and Mick has been one of the top contributors not only during my editorship, but has been there for others in between. It is always nice when one of the "good guys" gets rewarded and they don't come much nicer than the good humoured Mick. Without him and some of our other stalwarts there would be very few attenders at our meetings and certainly our get-togethers would not be so erudite, since Mick is one of those who can give a sensible comment or answer to those tricky questions on the Laws which come up in our "match incidents" section of the meetings.

All that is left for me to say is, "Have a Great One"

Ken Goldman

Peter Dace writes -Now back from India after a 15 day rail tour - never again to India, but I am able to transport a recommendation, which is the perfect gift for Spurs supporters namely a Book Review of -

“Tottenham ‘til I die” (the voices of Spurs supporters)
Published by Legends Publishing at £10.

This book was launched at a special ceremony at White Hart Lane, in late October. It features the stories of over fifty Spurs supporters of how they originally became Spurs supporters. Of special interest to North Middlesex Members may be the story of Gareth Dace who recalls in words and pictures his first ever visit to ‘The Lane’ in September 1988 as a guest of his Dad (and our Life Vice President, Peter) who was Reserve Official for a match against Arsenal. Gareth particularly recalls the match as being Gazza’s debut for Spurs; finding a £1 coin on the terraces; and a Linesman flagging for offside what would have been Spurs equaliser at 3-3. Gareth adds ‘if only that Linesman had tweaked a hamstring at or twisted an ankle, my Dad would never have flagged for offside.’”

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Dear All

As you are probably aware, the next meeting will take place on Monday 14 December 2009, and the meeting will be to celebrate the presentation to Mick Osborn of his MSA (Meritorious Service Award) by the Referees Association.

We will be providing catering on the evening, and, to assist with arrangements, if you intend to come to the meeting, and have not yet advised either myself or Secretary, Robin Jagot, could you please let me know by return.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Regards

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

Mobile phones – The Curse of the Referee’s Dressing Room

By Peter Dace

How do you guarantee a mobile phone free dressing room? It’s easy – you leave the phone in your car.

Too often these days the peace and camaraderie of the dressing room is disturbed not just by the ringing of a mobile, but more often by one of the Match Officials deciding to make a call!!

Two examples I have experienced recently. I was the first Referee to arrive at the QPR training ground for three Sunday morning Centre of Excellence matches. The second Referee, who I had not previously met, arrived and having said ‘hello’ instantly made an outgoing call without any hint of apology. Indeed he was on the call for several minutes, speaking loudly for whatever reason mobile phone users need to shout. From that moment I had no further interest in that Official, who clearly had no knowledge of, nor interest in, the etiquette of the dressing room.

Another example was last month at Bishops Stortford FC where I was waiting to run the line on a Capital League game. The Referee, an otherwise very impressive, young, modest level 3 decided during a conversation with the ever pleasant Club Secretary, to make a phone call out. The call was long, loud and almost impossible for the other Assistant and me to continue talking to the Club Secretary.

After the game I had a ‘quiet word’ with the Referee who I now believe had absolutely no idea that it contravened dressing room etiquette to make such a call. This no doubt reflects that so many calls are now made to and from the dressing room that the new generation of Officials think there is nothing wrong in this.

Come on Chaps, am I really out of touch or hopefully can we all end this very bad habit and start to leave our mobiles in the car. Can our lives really be so busy that we cannot manage without a mobile for two hours or so? Surely the camaraderie of the dressing room remains all important; lets get to know each other, enjoy the company and think only of the game ahead. There should be no exceptions.

PS. Last night (11th November) I was at Concord Rangers with the same young Referee, his mobile always at the ready. He tells me his Wife is expecting their second child at any moment – **maybe this could be an exception?**

Last Month's Guest Speaker

Our speaker for the month of November was a very special guest. Ian Blanchard is the FA's Head of National Referee Development so it was a feather in our cap to get him to address us. Apart from a lucid and humorous presentation he initially mentioned that he is a great believer in Referees Societies and he had regularly attended the East Riding Referees Society and had developed his career path with their help. He also added that he loved talking to Referees about refereeing matters.

His main topic of discussion was on "Mind Over Matter" and he suggested that by being physically fit a referee should become mentally fit, especially since football is a mental sport with mental images and mental strengths. He felt that every referee should strive not only to be a good referee but also to be a better than good referee. It was also important to have the desire to achieve that but also to learn from failure.

There were he added 4 main areas which were key to referee improvement. These were – (1) Identify the Problems and he went into the things that might be lacking in a referee and what needed changing (2) Personality and again there was a breakdown of what a good referee would require (3) Motivation involving all that was needed to get the referee in the mood to perform well (4) Mental Training coupled with Self-control. Here it was necessary to see feel and touch any problems prior to the game. The use of visualisation and the preparation for pressure were stressed as was the requirement to anchor feelings of calm and to accept nerves. Focus and re-focus were pre-requisites for "getting in the zone" But there was always need for flexibility in the match but after it a referee should review his/her performance.

The talk was aided by a power-point presentation and a stimulating audience participation

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During the course of the above talk Ian made us privy to some possible considerations for new Directions or possible Law Changes. One which caused your Editor some concern was the suggestion that the International Board might be looking at the run-up of attackers when they go to take a penalty, because some of those kickers appeared to be halting in their stride. Owing to the age of your Editor he was at pains to point out that this had been clarified in the early 1950's following a penalty taken by Ladislav Kubala for the Rest of the World against England in 1953. The aforementioned Hungarian had actually stopped in his run up and when the keeper moved slotted the ball home. Subsequently there was the kind of furore that occurred when Thierry Henry recently handled the ball against the Republic of Ireland. The then resulting Law change, which should actually be in effect to this day, is that the kicker must not stop or delay his run-up once started. It would be interesting to note how many of Cristiano Ronaldo's penalties would have had to have been retaken over the last couple of years, if this rule had been observed and enforced.. The last thing we want is another tinkering with the penalty kick and t'were better if referees enforced the retake for the goalkeeper moving too early, than the Law makers start changing things again.

ATTITUDE- By Observer

Attitude towards the game by referees, players and spectators is one which, at times, appears to be lacking in football matches.

Putting aside the will to win aspect, which too is important (but not at any price).

Is it the referee's mental disposition towards the game that should be of the concern to us all?

Wherever the games are played, it is gratifying to see the three officials, emerge as a team from the dressing room, all neatly and properly attired and on time. It exudes a feeling of favourable willingness towards the game that these three officials so outfitted, should, no doubt, know something about the game. Particularly when you compared them to some clowns who arrive late and put on a 'pre match side show' by stumbling along the way to the field, pulling their socks up or tripping over, like ruptured ducks, because of the their untied shoe laces!

These two instances compare the effect that such behaviour may have on the game.

Attitude may be such a simple thing, like the three officials emerging together from the dressing room suitably and neatly attired, and being polite at all times.

The aura of trepidation sometimes created by the natural presence of a referee, who is deemed by players and spectators to be a necessary evil, is absolutely unfounded and in the minds of players and spectators only. The referee and his colleagues are there to let the players play their game, it is not they who commit the fouls.

However, during the course of the game the relationship between the officials and the players and their coach is what makes or breaks the game. Prior to a person becoming a referee, the candidate has to undergo a very lengthy apprenticeship consisting of a long period of instructions basically on the Laws of the Game. Then throughout any career of refereeing, he or she will need some advice on the psychological aspects of refereeing, including motivation, advantage, foul play, gamesmanship, and consistency in refereeing and the like.

A very important factor in the successful training of referees is to teach the attitude of referees towards players and vice versa. Strangely enough this correct mental inclination towards the game is hardly ever mentioned in some courses for referees. Yet this bearing or body language is a very important part of the make-up of a referee, for the successful control of a match, as well as for the enjoyment of the players and spectators.

REFEREES TO BLAME

Up and coming referees are themselves sometimes really to blame when players adopt an antagonistic approach towards a referee.

Shouting at players, finger wagging, standing akimbo, hands folded or 'a hands' behind the back posture are some of the apparent shortcomings. The latter may indicate a calm approach to the game but it also may construe a "laissez faire" manner or non-interference in the conduct of others. All these dispositions will never endear referees to players.

During the World Cup tournaments, some highly rated referees adopt this "them and I" mentality and therefore experience some difficulty in controlling a match.

The attitude of players and coaches towards referees has to change too, because the referee or his assistant(s) are not permitted even one error. Yet players pass the ball to the wrong players, miss open goals, carelessly get caught in an offside situation, where every such position is a potential goal and all this is considered as part and parcel of the game.

A player's reaction towards a referee or his assistant(s), who may have given a difficult decision unfavourable to a team, may result in the coach yelling his head off to support his player. This is then accepted by the team as the official approach to take, and the team concerned now feels that they are playing against 11 players in the opposition plus the three officials.

This reaction is a very serious matter for the referee because from then on, every legitimate foul penalised by the referee, now results in some form of dissent, and the official may find it difficult to handle and continue utilising the yellow card control syndrome.

This aspect of players' attitudes towards a referee only makes it more difficult for some players to concentrate on their game. Because now, instead of putting all their efforts into their game they are wondering what the referee is going to do next against them, this famous 14 to 11 feeling.

This question of attitude towards a referee by the players is something that is not mentioned in the law book. A referee's reaction or response to it is only gained through experience, but this should not prevent the officials from adopting a much better relationship towards the players and coaches no matter what the circumstances.

If a referee is not a member of a Toastmaster's Club then he should keep quiet because it is evident that the moment he opens his mouth to a player he will receive some back-chat and start an argument.

COMMUNICATION

It takes two persons to communicate and it is not strange that one official will speak to players throughout the game and get away with it, whilst for the other it would be beneficial to retain an attitude of silence.

The difference is that one referee has the personality and the right manner and body language to cope with troublesome players whilst the other is hopelessly lost.

Players do not like to be treated as naughty children with the previously mentioned finger wagging and "come here" sign language. For the inexperienced referee, who finds it difficult to communicate, there is really no necessity for the referee to confront the guilty player, as in most instances, with the benefit of the cards, this may be done from a safe distance.

In a confrontation, the referee will always win, but the attitude of the player involved towards the official will definitely deteriorate.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting for approval and acceptance of the new Society Rules held at the Holtwhites Sports Centre Enfield on Thursday 19th November 2009 7.45pm.

Apologies: Paul Fuller and Lockie Bramzell

Chairman's Welcome: The Chairman welcomed members and our guest speaker Ian Blanchard FA Head of Refereeing Development to this special meeting. We were delighted to have with us three new trainee members who had just completed their referees training course. The Chairman then asked our special guest Ian Blanchard to present "Society Whistles" to Richard Saunders, Gianluca Difruscia, and Charlie Bagley.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary informed the meeting that all members had received notification of this special meeting, which included the new version of Society Rules which had been approved by Council in July, 2009 and was now requesting the members present tonight to approve and accept. Copies of the rules were available at the meeting which had been duly distributed.

The Chairman then asked Charles Lifford on behalf of the Society to put forward a proposal for the amendments and changes to be accepted. A question from one of our senior members was raised to briefly inform the meeting why it was necessary for the changes and new rules. The main reason for the new rules was for the introduction of "Trainee Membership" when joining the Society which would be free while they completed their referee training until they obtained their registration level of seven or eight, and completed the required number of matches which could take on average three to six months. The other rule changes introduced were Council meetings – a minimum of two meetings a year, and the quorum for a general meeting will now be not less than 10% of the membership. This had been recommended as along with many other Societies membership was falling at an alarming rate nationally.

The proposal was then put forward by Charles Lifford and seconded by Ken Goldman for acceptance of "New Society Rules". By a show of hands the proposal was carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed and wished to place on record the Society's appreciation to Charles and Robin for their contribution in the preparation and changes that were necessary in producing this document. This was seconded by Martin De La Fuente.

Any Other Business: The Editor requested members that if they have any articles for the magazine would they ensure it reaches him by Wednesday 25th November please. Jeff Till spoke on the Training Centre's new initiative for offering matches to new referees immediately on completion of their course with the Watford Friendly League and requested that if members could spare sometime in mentoring their progress, this can only offer encouragement for the future.

The Secretary reminded members of the MSA presentation evening to be held on Monday 14th December 2009, and would they let him know if you wish to attend please and if they wished to bring their partners along.

There being no other business the Chairman informed the meeting there would be a ten-minute respite and we would then introduce our Guest Speaker Ian Blanchard.

Chairman

Middlesex County FA – County Cup Appointments – Season 2009/2010

Sunday Premier Cup – Round 3

Enfield Rangers Old Boys F.C. First v NLO F.C. First

Peter Jago (R)

Sunday Intermediate Cup - Round 3

Oak Park Rangers F.C. First v Zenit St Whetstone F.C. First

Stephen Reuter (R)

Sunday Junior Cup - Round 3

FC Grasshoppers First v Arnos Rangers F.C. First

John Noblemunn (R)

Under 18 Youth Cup - Round 3

Park View Rangers F.C. U18 v Northwood Youth F.C. U17a

Jeff Till (R)

Enfield Town F.C. U18 v Wingate & Finchley Youth F.C. U18b

John Noblemunn (R)

Under 15 Youth Cup – Round 3

Panathinaikos Youth F.C. U15a v Wingate & Finchley Youth F.C. U15

Kevin Wavell (R)

Under 13 Youth Cup - Round 3

Carpenters Youth F.C. U13 v Omonia Youth F.C. U13a

John Vyras (R)

Under 12 Youth Cup - Round 3

Enfield Rangers F.C. U12a v Broadwater United Youth F.C. U12

Phil Bowman (R)

Edmonton Rangers Youth F.C. U12 v Yeading HEW F.C. U12

Ngunga Ngoma (R)

Under 11 Youth Cup - Round 3

Panathinaikos Youth F.C. U11 v AGV Youth F.C. U11

Daniel Webster (R)

Under 16 Girls Youth Cup - Round 2

Enfield Town Ladies Youth F.C. U16a v Denham United Wildcats F.C. U16

James Morris (R)





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News

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Here's a great way to get some fantastic online bargains, find cheaper gas and electricity services and even book a holiday. Remember, anything you buy through our webshop will help towards our fundraising targets.

So go on, top up your CD/DVD collection, or, if you're making business purchases, why not make them from our webshop? For example, you can buy computer equipment, great value broadband or stationery from Eurooffice. There's also plenty of offers on DIY products, clothing and lots more from big high street names.

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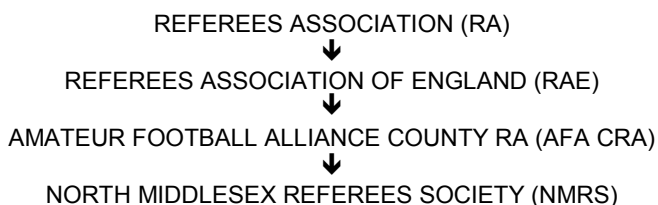
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

The Referees' Association (RA) is the national body for referees and delegates its operational powers to the Referees Association of England (RAE). The RAE 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 Society send a representative to AFA CRA who meet as requested locally. The RAE hold Area Liaison Meetings each year, generally in December. The Referees' Association Board meets four times a year. All delegates and officers of NMRS, together with those of the County and Referees Association Committees 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 RAE, and, in turn, the RA

The Objects of The Referees Association and The Referees Association of England 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.

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 published four times a year, and is mailed direct to all registered referees by the Football Association. The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of FAMOA 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. This registration automatically enrolls you in the Match Officials Association run by the Football Association - FAMOA. However, the CFA's and FAMOA 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
FAMOA	Football Association Match Officials Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RAE	Referees Association of England

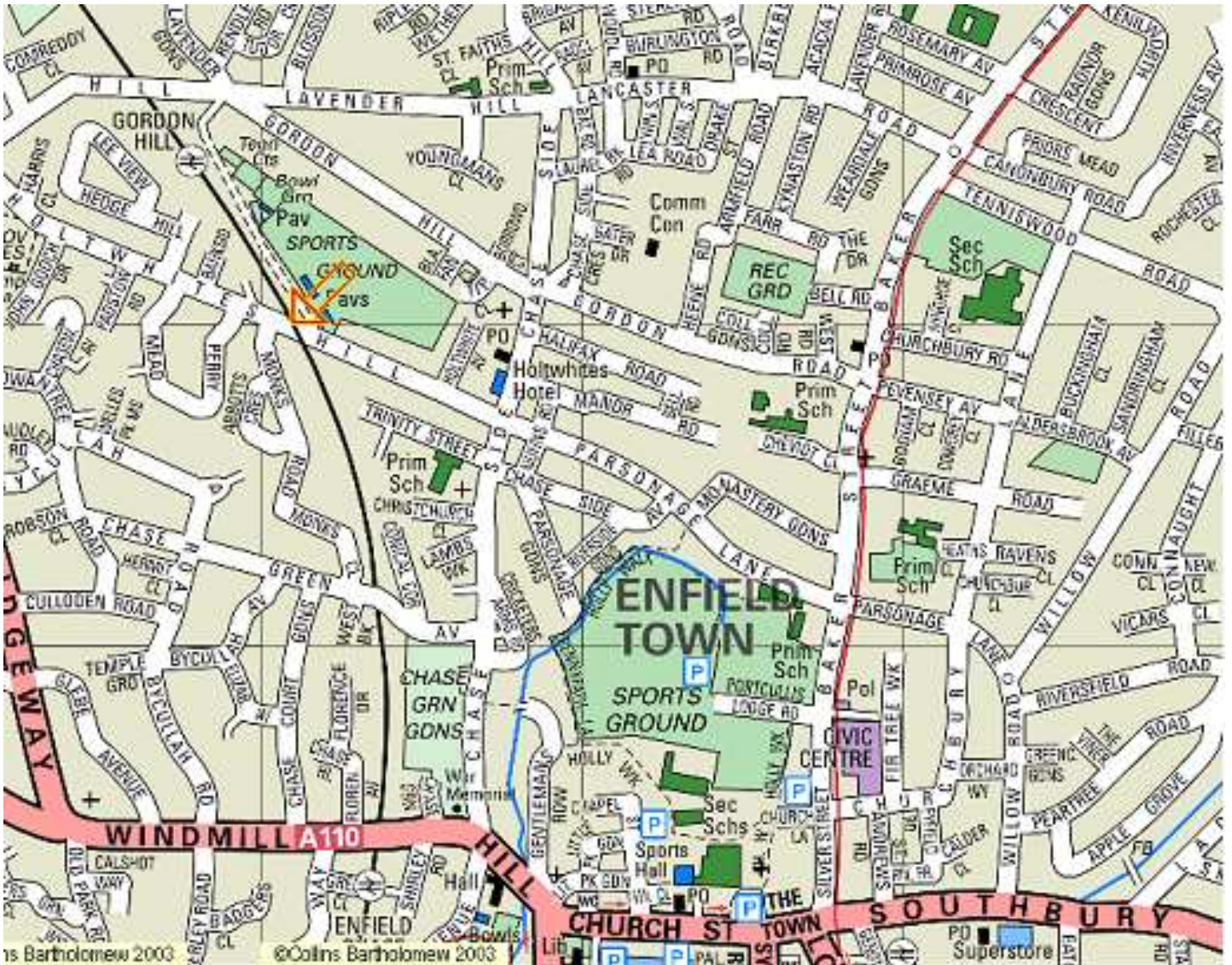
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Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RU

Telephone: 020 8363 4449

Dates for Season 2009/2010:- September 17; October 15; November 19; December 14 2009; and January 21;
February 18; March 18; April 15; May 20 2010



*The venue is passed by Bus Route W9 direct from Enfield Town, and Enfield Town;
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.

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