

## February 2006

**The next meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at Pymmes Park Bowling Club, Silver Street, Edmonton London N18, on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 7.30 pm. At the time of going to press we have no guest speaker. Robin and the Training team will no doubt step in if necessary.**

The editorial in the January 06 issue of the magazine contained a couple of errors concerning the Society meeting date and the guest speaker. Our eagle-eyed Normidian team member, Tony Ward corrected the errors in manuscript prior to the magazine being distributed – the website copy is correct.

In last month's magazine we reported that Life Vice-President, Ron Hounsell, has not been well lately. Ron's wife, Maureen has told Tony Ward that she is happy to speak on the telephone (01903 786858) with any of Ron's old friends and colleagues wishing to keep in touch. We all wish Ron well.

The Society Quiz Nite, held on Saturday, 28 January, at the Pymmes Park Bowls Club, was a success. Expertly hosted as usual by Mick and Grace Osborn, the event was attended by some 60 or so members and friends, including a contingent from the Bowls Club – one of whose tables were worthy winners! Council members donated the prizes whilst Tony and Sheila Ward, plus family and friends, once again organised the refreshments – the Society is grateful for their efforts. Gary Cobden organised the raffle as usual, and at the close Chairman, Tom White, thanked the Bowls Club bar staff and everyone else involved for their contribution to the evening's entertainment.

The guest speaker at the January's Society meeting was Andy Porter of the London FA who spoke on all things concerning referees including recruitment, training, exams, mentoring, assessing etc. Excellent! A report on Andy's talk is included in this issue of the magazine. Also included in this edition are Peter Dace's reminiscences from February 1996 – I like the thought of Len Wilcock having “dined regally at Duncan's Pie and Mash Shop in Green Street” before the West Ham v Watford game! Do have a read of Peter's extract from days gone by, especially if you are into nostalgia “which is not like it used to be!” As usual, Normidian team member, Gary Cobden, has produced a list of plum appointments.

Another batch of new recruits has passed through the famous NMRS Training School: Mick Osborn lists all their names elsewhere. We join in with Mick and the staff of the Training School; together with all the examiners and everyone else involved, in saying “congratulations” to all the successful candidates – we look forward to seeing every one of you at Society meetings some time in the future.

On Monday, 9 January, the shortage of referees was highlighted in the BBC's magazine programme, “Inside Out”. Gary has sent in a transcript of the broadcast and Society Secretary, Robin Jagot, writes on the paucity of members attending Society meetings. An eagle-eyed reader points out that in last month's “Personality Quiz” Malcolm Allison was not accredited with playing for Charlton Athletic – the “Valiants”. The same reader also advises that Bobby Moore's middle name, Chelsea, had nothing to do with the club of that name but was taken from a maternal uncle. And the answer to “Who am I” was Blackpool's Jimmy Armfield.

**Contributions for the March issue by Monday 27 February, please.**

## **A Letter to the Editor from the Secretary of NMRS**

I feel it only right to let our members know of recent decisions taken at Council and its concern for the Society's future. As most members are aware, in a bid to boost attendances at Society meetings, last year's Society's AGM agreed two major changes: to change the Society meeting night from Fridays to Thursdays, and to move to another venue.

It has now become quite clear that it has not been a wise decision and has clearly backfired on the membership. We have only to look at the Society attendances this season and the embarrassment caused our guest speakers. I have made it quite clear to Council that as from next season I will not be arranging guest speakers, therefore we will need someone else to come forward to fulfil this task.

As stated in the Society minutes I have received information from various members who regularly attended our previous venue, Cockfosters FC, and for reasons of their own are reluctant to visit our present venue, Pymmes Park, Edmonton. While the facilities here are excellent along with the hospitality, some 20 members have expressed their concerns about the surrounding area, about which they can make their own assertions.

We have to decide what is in the best interest of our members, but members themselves must play their part if they wish the Society to remain strong and resolute. Recently, Council took the decision to support a questionnaire submitted by Life Vice President, Mick Osborn, which asks some very forthright questions; this will go out with the membership forms for next season.

In the meantime, Council have decided to hold this year's Annual General Meeting at Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Kirkland Drive, off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield. The date and time of the AGM will be published in the April edition of The Normidian. The facilities at Holtwhites are first-class with very good parking facilities. The venue is ideal being central to the membership. It is your opportunity to attend and to let us know if you wish to continue to hold meetings there in the future.

Has changing the Society meeting night proved successful? If one is honest the answer must be 'no', as it has not made the slightest difference to attendances, and one could argue that we had higher attendances on Friday nights – we have past attendance figures to prove it.

I personally feel we should concentrate on relocation first, and then look into attendance figures over a period of time. The question I am constantly asked is, "How come you have such a large Society membership, and such poor attendances at Society meetings?" The answer has to be our excellent magazine and its circulation, and the Society Training Centre, which still brings in additional recruits who we would very much like to see at our meeting – another area of concern which Council is aware of and is working on.

I hope my comments have made members aware of what Council is trying to achieve, but it is your Society and I will be more than happy to receive your views and thoughts on what is best for the future. (You can also write to the magazine. Ed.)

**Robin**

## **January's Guest Speaker was Andy Porter – London FA.**

Lockie Bramzell introduced our guest speaker, who, he said, he had known for some 25 years. He explained that Andy had been Secretary of LONSAR for 12 years and was for many years the main organiser of the immensely popular, "Eve of Final Rally". Lockie also explained that Andy's current post is that of Office Manager to the London Football Association and editor of the quarterly issued Capital Referee. A former Isthmian and Ryman League referee, Andy now endeavours to ensure that young officials in particular are given as much help as possible in order to ensure their long-term interest and commitment to refereeing.

Andy told us that he had been in his present job 3 years and enjoyed it immensely. He said he would be looking for an exchange of views and a mutual learning process on a number of issues, including how best we can recruit, train and retain referees.

Those present were asked what Level we were as referees. The majority were Level 7's with Level 5's close behind. Level 6's followed, with a couple of 'non-actives'. There were no Level 4's present – neither were there any Level 8's - trainees.

Andy said that former FA boss, Adam Crozier, was keen on mission statements. Our own objective was to provide a registered official for every sanctioned game in London and have more potential referees taking the examination. In London there are about 3, 500 clubs – some 4,500 teams. The number of referees needed to enable each game to have an official, is therefore in the region of 2250. Andy pointed out that in 1999 there were 984 referees in LFA; this number gradually declined to 803 in 2003. Clearly a plan was needed in order to turn this around and a strategy was devised and implemented. At present there are over 1000 referees of all Levels in the capital, a clear sign that the plan is showing signs of success.

### **Strategy**

- 1 More people on referee training courses.
- 2 More people passing the referee's exam.
- 3 More people 'taking up the whistle'.
- 4 More games refereed by each referee.
- 5 More years of officiating by each referee.

### **Tactics**

- 1 Referees are treated poorly, especially the young – needs to be remedied.
- 2 Players watch football on TV and copy bad practices on the park.
- 3 The FA should take steps to improve the situation – a caution for removing a shirt is a step in the right direction.
- 4 New referees should be started off in 'good' leagues and competitions.

London FA wrote to all their clubs, (in some 150 competitions) asking if they wished to be provided with new referees for their games and if so what could they do to help and had they any ideas. Not all responded. However, meetings were held, which resulted in participating leagues attracting new clubs.

**Continued**

## Assessing and Mentoring

In discussion it was recognised that there is a distinct difference in Assessing and Mentoring. The first is more a 'one-off', using a form with some eight sections for the Assessor to complete on seeing the referee under scrutiny. Mentoring, suggested Andy, is ideally an on-going relationship. This enables new referees to be retained and developed. And mentors need not necessarily be experienced. On passing the exam, candidates can be given a simple 'tick box' request form asking on which league they prefer to start their career – and would they like a mentor. Andy suggested that mentoring could be face to face, or by telephone. A further suggestion was for mentors to accompany the new recruits to a local game and later to discuss points of interest and clarification.

It was agreed that new young referees have 'special needs'. Asked if they would like to start off their career at Spurs academy or on the Edmonton Youth League, the former would likely be the favourite. Academies allow youngsters to referee and be assistant referees without having unruly parents and other spectators causing problems. Andy said the LFA is working with professional clubs, with Academies for young referees; games are often played in 20-minute segments with no winner or loser – a good environment for a young referee. He suggested a newly qualified referee is 'buzzing', and waiting 2 or 3 weeks before instigating a start to their career is too late. Certificates should be presented quickly and all possible help provided to kick-start their refereeing careers.

Andy also thought that young referees should be encouraged to hold their own meetings and arrange their own agenda. He also discussed recruitment, courses, exams, good starting leagues, assessing, mentoring, and promotion. Ideally, new young referees should be encouraged to go to Academies for 6 months before going on 'the parks'. The Internet is being used more for recruiting referees, with 9 out of 10 applicants in London using this medium for finding out what to do and where to go. The meeting agreed that 18 to 25 year olds were difficult to recruit as many were still playing the game. Robin Jagot (NMRS Training Centre) said that younger age groups e.g. the 14 to 16 year olds are proving difficult to retain in North Middlesex, with only three in ten being retained – "if we are lucky".

In-service training was discussed. 'Role-play' was considered more effective than the more traditional 'stand-up' tutoring method. Other initiatives discussed included taking newly qualified referees to a professional game, followed a few days later with a discussion and organised group fitness training. Andy suggested 'communication' and 'appointments' ran through everything that had been discussed – "We must get it right", said our guest.

In conclusion, Andy pointed out that as well as the Capital Newsletter, there is also the London FA website, which has useful information for referees including a referees' library.

Chairman, Tom White, thanked our special guest, who was warmly applauded, for an excellent, thought-provoking presentation enjoyed by everyone present. Tom then gave Andy a copy of the "50 Year History of the North Middlesex Referees' Society" as a memento of his visit.



## **Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of February 1996**

Len Wilcock recounts 'A dream come true' – lining at his beloved Upton Park. Travelling as a guest of Dave Buckeridge who was lining West Ham v Watford in the Football Combination, Len dined regally at Duncan's Pie and Mash shop in Green Street before arriving at the ground by 5.15pm for a 7pm kick off. The senior Linesman also arrived and then a phone call from the Referee – delayed in traffic on the M4!! Fifteen minutes before kick off and news that the Referee was now stationary on the M25. Len borrowed kit but the biggest problem – finding a pair of size 11 boots. He eventually made it on to the pitch and for 45 minutes was in his dream with many West Ham heroes around him including Don Hutchinson to whom he flagged to award a free kick from which the great man scored although the Watford Manager referred to Len as 'deaf, dumb and blind' at the half time interval. In the dressing room the Match Referee was now changed and Len no longer required. Len offered many thanks including to the M25 for holding up the Referee.

Tony Ward pens 'Red & Yellow cards' and remains critical of the Football Association for allowing Premier and Football League Referees to show red and yellow cards in any manner they wished. He highlights the latest fiasco when Referee Paul Alcock showed a yellow card to Warren Barton (playing for Newcastle United) and then mistook John Beresford for the same player following a handball offence. 'First Alcock showed the yellow card followed by a red one before astonished players pointed out his blunder'. Tony adds 'it is time for the powers that be to show real leadership qualities and insist on the job being done correctly....'

Graham Perry's letter to The Times is re-printed in the Normidian. Graham compared the actions of the Oxford rugby captain in shaking hands with the Referee at the final whistle despite being denied a justified victory by the controversial award of a penalty try, with the intimidating glare at the umpire and a snails pace walk back to the pavilion by Mike Atherton after being given out to a dubious catch in a South African Test Match. Graham adds 'our standards slip further'.

Part five of 'it's a changing game' by Mick Osborn, and includes ...it was not until November 28, 1955 floodlights were used in the FA Cup. The first League match under lights was between Portsmouth and Newcastle on February 22, 1956. 'The game was held up for thirty minutes when the fuses failed'.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

After attending a training course with Middlesex North Training Team, the following candidates successfully passed their examinations in January 2006.

**Paul Boxer, Thomas Boxer, James Chapman, Ryan Cross, Natasha Holloway, Darrell Hurley, Jamie Hurley, Kyros Kyprianou, James Lamb, Scott Little, Alastair Lovett, John Norris, Garrett Maguire, Sean McCaul, Samuel Moore, Callum O'Brien, Jerrell Okoro, Gary Pearce, David Stokes, Danny Stone, Joe Teixeira, Steven Watts and Daniel Webster.**

The relevant County Associations have been advised.

The Council of NMRS offer their congratulations and look forward to welcoming those new referees at future Society meetings.



# Did You See???

On Monday 9 January, BBC's Inside Out program broadcast a programme on the shortage of Referees affecting Football. The following is an article from the programmes website, which is basically a transcript of the actual programme.

## **With a payment of £10 or £20 per game it's clear that referees are only in it for the love of football, but is abusive behaviour leading to a shortage?**

On an average Sunday afternoon, on pitches up and down the capital, thousands of Londoners take part in non-league football. This is grass-roots football played at a level that gives thousands of people the opportunity to participate in our national sport - and there's no shortage of budding David Beckhams.

However, there is a shortage of referees that's threatening the football and the development of players ... because without referees, there is no game. Gary Capps is an ex-referee. He says :- "Refereeing is dying because of the players; the abuse and hassle we are getting; no one wants to take up the whistle anymore."

Another ex-referee, Doug Willis says that in the adult leagues, only around 60% of the games are covered by a referee, "the rest are covered by members of the club – referees feel what is the point of getting out of bed on a cold January morning to get abused and sworn at?"

David Watters of football newspaper, The Non League Paper, says that abusive behaviour is rife amongst matches across the country every single day. There are repeated incidents of insulting and threatening conduct and unfortunately on occasions, the threats are taken even further and lead to violence.

Gary Capps had a bad experience after he tried to tackle an outburst of bad behaviour at a match he was refereeing. Gary explains that he decided to bring a goalkeeper off who had brought a player down. "He used foul, abusive language, called me all the names under the sun. I told him I was just doing my job, it's a game of sport, and I couldn't let him stay in the park, or stand there swearing at me – I asked him to remove himself from the ground so we could start the game. He still continued to give me abuse so I started the game and ignored him. As I turned my back a player came from the side, head butted and kicked me and broke all the ribs on my back. I ended up in hospital for six days and I thought I was dying at the time, the pain was unbelievable. I thought 'is it worth it?'... Gary is now seriously considering his future in the sport.

Sadly, Gary's experience is not an isolated one. Part time referee Andrew Chapman also experienced violence on the pitch. "Mid-way through the second half I went to send a violent player off after he kicked another opponent.. As I showed him the red card he gave me a right hook and knocked me to the floor. I lost consciousness and was being treated by the physios when I came round. The FA gave him a £170 fine and a 217 day ban – he will obviously be back playing football at the end of this season." Andrew has decided to continue with refereeing for now, but he's understandably wary of meeting his assailant in a future game.

David Watters says they hear about referees being intimidated almost on a daily basis. "They return to the changing rooms to find their clothes have been urinated on or cut up. They have their cars vandalised, threats made against them. You name it, it happens to referees."

It's not always the players who get aggressive – if it's a youth team it can be the parents the ref needs to avoid. Doug Willis explains that he was a referee for a team of 16 year olds. "There were altercations and fighting on the pitch; I got that all sorted and then I had a confrontation with some of the parents and supporters. I was standing in front of a parent, trying to calm her down. The next thing I felt was a fist come from behind me. It hit her in the face and laid her out. With that I picked up the ball, walked off, and said I'm never going to referee another game of football... that's why I jacked it all in."

Doug may have given up, but he's determined to pass on his experience. He is helping to train younger referees as part of a pioneering scheme at the Charlton training ground in south London. Doug and his team of coaches offer help and support to Craig Evans who's only 17 and just beginning to referee. He's being taught to diffuse potentially aggressive situations before they arise.

Jeff Pettitt is a referee coach who tells how upsetting it is to have the abuse when you first start refereeing – "you then become a little bit thick skinned towards it. However, there is a line and people don't cross that line."

Craig is very matter of fact about it: "its part of being a referee really, it's not just how you give decisions, its how you deal with them afterwards. Controlling the game is part of your refereeing skills."

Craig's been well looked after but, the scheme has limited places and the vast majority of referees have little or no support. That's especially true of Sunday afternoon matches like the ones at Hackney.

David Watters believes that soon no-one will want to become a referee if this climate continues. "There is already a shortage of refs throughout the country, particularly in London and the south East. The FA has told us we can have free advertising when we need it..."

Gary Capps recently turned up to play on a Sunday morning and the referee did not show up. They asked themselves why the ref hasn't turned up. Why can't we play this game? He believes that people have got to start showing respect to referees. "They must take the referees decisions on board like a man and accept it."

See [www.bbc.co.uk/insideout](http://www.bbc.co.uk/insideout) to see this article, and a considerable number of comments that have subsequently been posted.



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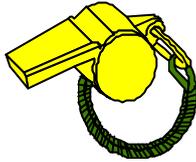
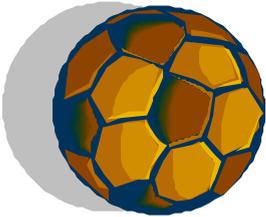
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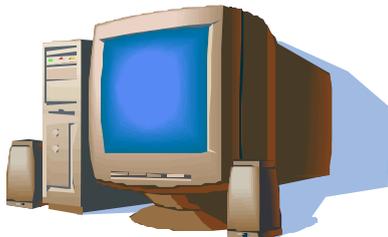
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# NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

## Minutes of the Society Meeting held on Thursday January 19th held at Pymmes Park Bowling Club

**Apologies:** Gary Cobden, Terry Hayne, Peter Dace, and Martin De La Fuente and as in the Society handbook.

**Minutes of the last Society Meeting:** The minutes of the last Society meeting were held on November 17th, 2005 were signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Secretary's Report:** The Quiz evening due to take place on Saturday January 28th, 2006 had been well advertised and we were expecting about 60 people to attend. Mick and Grace will be our Quiz Organisers, and Tony Ward and Sheila will be planning a Ploughman's buffet. The cost is £6.

The Secretary had received a number of e-mails and replies from members who had not attended this year at the new venue, as they were unhappy to travel there and the difficulty with parking were the main concerns. This has unfortunately seriously affected our attendance over the year. The members were then advised that the Annual General Meeting would be held on Thursday May 18th 2006 at the Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Kirkland Drive off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield.

The Training School had completed Course 190 with 22 candidates passing the Referees Examination. The next course will start at Brimsdown Sports Club on Monday February 27th, 2006 - 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

The dispute between our Society and MRA and details of the meeting between us and Board Members from the Referees Association of England had been published in the January edition. The Board Members of the RAE had met with MRA to try and resolve the situation. Members were informed that Council had met recently and were quite adamant that we will not support a Per capita per person fee to replace the Annual Subscription.

**Treasurer's Report:** Membership stood at: Full Members - 196 Associate Members 4

**Editor's Report:** Apologies were expressed for the wrong information in the January editorial headlines for our Guest Speaker and month. Thanks to Tony Ward for wading through the magazines to correct the situation.

**Any Other Business:** Tony Ward gave us an update on the health of LVP Ron Hounsell who we now learn has been moved from hospital to a convalescent home. The Chairman on behalf of Society expressed our good wishes and speedy recovery to Ron who had been through a very difficult period of illness.

A break was taken and our Guest Speaker Andy Porter from the London Football Association was welcomed and introduced by Lockie Bramzell.



## Plum Appointments

Steve Reuter writes to say he has three plum appointments coming up. The first is as Assistant Referee in the semi-final of the Sunday Premier Cup between Enfield Rangers Old Boys and Bedfont Sunday FC on 12th February. The second 'plum' is refereeing the Women's Junior Cup quarter-final between Watford Ladies Reserves and QPR Ladies Reserves, on 19th February and the third is as Assistant Referee in the Junior Trophy Semi-final.

Well done and congratulations, from the Normidian team, Steve. Let us know if you are pleased with your Plum appointment - it doesn't have to be Man U v Chelsea in the Premiership!



## Plum Appointments – Season 2005-2006

### Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Round 2

|                   |   |                       |                   |                |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Brook House FC    | v | Staines Town FC       | Referee           | M Mackey (Jnr) |
| Harrow Borough FC | v | Wingate & Finchley FC | Assistant Referee | P Smith        |
| Harrow Borough FC | v | Wingate & Finchley FC | Assistant Referee | S Conway       |
| Edgware Town FC   | v | Brentford FC          | Assistant Referee | N Rider        |

### Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Quarter Final

|              |   |                 |                   |                |
|--------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Hayes FC     | v | Edgware Town FC | Assistant Referee | M Mackey (Jnr) |
| Northwood FC | v | Hendon FC       | Assistant Referee | P Smith        |

### Middlesex County FA Senior Charity Cup Round 2

|                     |   |                           |                   |                |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Brentford FC              | Assistant Referee | P Smith        |
| Kingsbury Town FC   | v | North Greenford United FC | Referee           | M Mackey (Jnr) |

### Middlesex County FA Junior Cup Round 1

|                            |   |                                   |         |         |
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| The Wheatsheaf FC Reserves | v | Harefield Ex Services FC Reserves | Referee | G Grant |
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### Middlesex County FA Junior Trophy Round 2

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| Broadwater United FC Under 18 | v | South Acton FC | Referee | S Reuter |
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### Middlesex County FA Junior Trophy Quarter Final

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|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Broadwater United FC Under 18 | v | Harrow St Marys Yth Old Boys FC | Referee | G Grant |
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### Middlesex County FA Sunday Junior Cup Round 3

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|---------------------|---|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Enfield Rosaneri FC | v | Hanworth Villa Sunday FC | Referee | S Reuter |
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### Middlesex County FA Sunday Junior Trophy Round 3

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| N L O FC | v | AFC Sparta | Referee | P Walsh |
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### Middlesex County FA Sunday Premier Cup Quarter Final

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|-----------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Enfield Rangers Old Boys FC | v | Belstone FC    | Assistant Referee | B Kyriacou |
| Little House FC             | v | AFC Turks Head | Assistant Referee | S Conway   |

### Middlesex County FA Sunday Premier Cup Quarter Final

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| Enfield Rangers Old Boys FC | v | Bedfont Sunday FC | Referee           | S Conway |
| Enfield Rangers Old Boys FC | v | Bedfont Sunday FC | Assistant Referee | S Reuter |

### Middlesex County Youth FA Senior Youth Cup Semi Final

|                     |   |                 |                   |                |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Staines Town FC | Referee           | M Mackey (Jnr) |
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Staines Town FC | Assistant Referee | P Brown        |
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Staines Town FC | Assistant Referee | P Jago         |

### Middlesex County Youth FA Senior Youth Cup Quarter Final

|                     |   |              |                   |           |
|---------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Northwood FC | Referee           | P Brown   |
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Northwood FC | Assistant Referee | G Cobden  |
| Potters Bar Town FC | v | Northwood FC | Assistant Referee | L Addison |

### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 18 Cup Quarter Final

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|-----------------|---|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Enfield Town FC | v | Agv Youth FC | Assistant Referee | M Mackey (Snr) |
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### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 16 Cup Round 3

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| Edmonton Rangers Youth FC | v | Greenford Celtic FC | Referee | K Hughes    |
| Omonia Youth FC           | v | Junior Bees FC      | Referee | S Wildgoose |

### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 15 Cup Round 4

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|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Whetstone Wanderers Youth FC | v | Harrow St Marys Youth FC | Referee | G Marshall |
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### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 15 Cup Round 3

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| Whetstone Wanderers Youth FC | v | Technicolor Youth FC | Referee | M Mackey (Snr) |
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### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 14 Cup Round 4

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|------------------|---|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Wembley Youth FC | v | St Josephs Youth 88 FC | Referee | G Dearman |
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### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 14 Cup Round 3

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|-------------------|---|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Norsemen Youth FC | v | Yeading Hew FC | Referee | M Harward |
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### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 13 Cup Round 4

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| Ridgeway Rovers FC        | v | Forest United (1973) Youth FC | Referee | A Wills   |
| Edmonton Rangers Youth FC | v | Technicolor Youth FC          | Referee | M Webster |
| Park View Rangers FC      | v | Belmont United (YOUTH) FC     | Referee | G Samuels |

### Middlesex County Youth FA Under 13 Cup Round 3

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| Ridgeway Rovers FC | v | Whetstone Wanderers Youth FC | Referee | J Noblemunn |
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**Middlesex County Youth FA Under 12 Cup Round 4**

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|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Pinner Albion/Edmonton Rngs | v | Northwood Youth FC        | Assistant Referee | N Nicolaou  |
| Omonia Youth FC             | v | Brimsdown Rovers Youth FC | Referee           | L Kyprianou |

**Middlesex County Youth FA Under 12 Cup Round 3**

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| Whitewebbs Eagles FC | v | St Andrews Youth FC | Referee | S Kerr |
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**Middlesex County Youth FA Under 11 Cup Round 3**

|                              |   |                    |         |             |
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| Whetstone Wanderers Youth FC | v | Northolt Eagles FC | Referee | M Webster   |
| Mill Hill Rangers FC         | v | Kodak Youth FC     | Referee | S Temerlies |

**Middlesex County Youth FA Girls Under 15 Cup Quarter Final**

|                   |   |                              |         |         |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Pinnacle Youth FC | v | Enfield Town Ladies Youth FC | Referee | P Walsh |
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**Middlesex County Youth FA Girls Under 13 Cup Quarter Final**

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| Enfield Town Ladies Youth FC | v | AFC Wasps | Referee | B Kyriacou |
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**Amateur Football Alliance Senior Cup Round 4**

|                   |   |                     |                   |             |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Winchmore Hill FC | v | Old Esthameians FC  | Referee           | D Woolf     |
| Wake Green FC     | v | Southgate County FC | Assistant Referee | J Cooke     |
| Wake Green FC     | v | Southgate County FC | Assistant Referee | J Faithfull |

**Amateur Football Alliance Intermediate Cup Round 3**

|                     |   |             |         |           |
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| Old Buckwellians FC | v | Norsemen FC | Referee | D Chapman |
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**Amateur Football Alliance Middlesex/Essex Intermediate Cup Round 3**

|                     |   |                  |         |          |
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| Old Salvatorians FC | v | Civil Service FC | Referee | I Breeze |
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**Amateur Football Alliance Senior Novets Cup Round 4**

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| Old Finchleians FC ( <i>Fifth</i> ) | v | UCL Academicals FC ( <i>Fifth</i> ) | Referee | I Breeze |
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**Amateur Football Alliance Closed Veterans Cup Quarter Final**

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| William Fitt FC ( <i>Vets A</i> ) | v | Honourable Artillery Co. FC ( <i>Vets</i> ) | Referee | A Oughton |
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**Amateur Football Alliance Open Veterans Cup Quarter Final**

|   |   |  |         |             |
|---|---|--|---------|-------------|
| Met. Police (Chigwell) FC ( <i>Vets</i> ) | v | Chelsea Diamonds Vets FC ( <i>Vets</i> ) | Referee | J Faithfull |
| Hartwood Veterans FC ( <i>Vets</i> )      | v | Old Ludlows FC ( <i>Vets</i> )           | Referee | J Cooke     |

**Amateur Football Alliance Saturday Under 17 Youth Cup Quarter Final**

|                    |   |                     |         |         |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Field Crusaders FC | v | Forty Hill Youth FC | Referee | J Cooke |
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**Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 17 Youth Cup Quarter Final**

|                       |   |                     |         |             |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| Field End Youth FC    | v | Field Crusaders FC  | Referee | J Faithfull |
| Potters Bar United FC | v | Forty Hill Youth FC | Referee | D Williams  |

**Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 16 Youth Cup Quarter Final**

|                     |   |                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
| West Essex Colts FC | v | Forty Hill Youth FC | Referee | J Cooke |
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