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**The next Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will take place at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex at 7.45 pm on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 when the guest speaker will be Steve Stewart – FA Level 4 Tutor; a Group Tutor and Keynote Speaker who will be taking a training evening.**

### **EDITORIAL**

As I outlined in my last Editorial there seems to be a number of issues concerning corners especially on the left-hand side of the field. Arteta at Arsenal if my eyesight is correct persistently places the ball beyond the arc with the ball not touching it. Why this is needed is beyond comprehension because the extra inch or two is unlikely to benefit any player or team. The reason being that it is all about quality of delivery allied to aiming the ball at a team-mate either to score or to flick it on for a further team mate to score. I once interviewed Jimmy Armfield and asked him about Stanley Matthews and corners and he stated that he could not remember when he was playing for Blackpool that Matthews ever failed to put the ball onto a Blackpool player's head at a flag kick. Whilst remarking on set-pieces is it not time that FIFA reviewed the taking of goal-kicks. Initially the idea and an excellent one at that, was to speed up the taking of such kicks by allowing the goalkeeper or other outfield player to take the kick from either side, rather than as previously, from the side from which it went out of play. Almost from day one unscrupulous teams used this as a time-wasting tactic. That took a little while to catch on but now it is used unfairly almost more often than not. Perhaps it is time to revert to the older practise and take the kick from the side the ball leaves the field of play.

Some people especially the media have remarked on what they consider poorer refereeing performances this season.. It was however somewhat of a surprise to see that a famous ex-referee was prepared in print to severely criticise a number of Premiership Referees. Writing in his Daily Mail column on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December last under the title "Christmas Turkeys" Graham Poll admonished 8 Premier League referees at one stroke of the pen or more accurately typescript, going through what he termed their particular mistakes. One appreciates that Mr Poll still has to earn a living, but this does not seem to sit right somehow and his column can at times, like the one outlined, make uncomfortable reading, especially since he himself was prone to the odd lapse or two.

Less pages in this edition owing to the Christmas festivities but as a New Year resolution I will try to ensure we do not drop below 16 pages for the rest of the season. However in order to do that I need the help of members or readers so please make your own resolutions to contribute.

Ken Goldman

Editor

# *The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork*

## *The festive Christmas Edition – Good will to all!*

Oh for the joys of winter when we are standing in a changing room and it's warmer outside than inside!

The showers haven't worked since 1933 and only cold water is available. If only they had under ground soil heating at Hackney Marshes!

So this being the festive season my contribution is in verse.....well what do you expect William Shakespeare! Here is my little ditty, I hope you enjoy it.....

### *'Ode to a football referee'*

*To be honest I would have preferred to stay in bed  
But I knew I had to go to football instead  
I didn't want to walk around in two foot of snow  
But I ate my prunes and porridge and it was go, go go*

*I arrived at the ground in very good time  
And the pitch inspection it was looking fine  
A little bit of mud and occasional snow  
I decided I would do my best to make the game flow*

*I checked my watch and blew my whistle to start  
I was all prepared and ready to play my part  
To apply the laws correctly and to be firm  
To give good clear signals to confirm.....*

*That players accept my decision and are mellow  
If they show dissent they will see yellow  
To disagree and shout at my head  
The next colour they would see would clearly be red*

*I looked around and at the sky above  
I suddenly realized I had forgotten my gloves  
But I was wearing thermal long johns I must confide  
So I'll keep my hands there, a bit warmer inside*

*A few minutes more and the temperature dived  
I felt like a dream that it was all contrived  
The sky opened up to an abundance of snow  
I felt as if I was losing control*

*But the player's safety to a referee is paramount  
And all I could see was the snow falling about  
I had done my bit with the safety check complete  
And after all it was soft under the players' feet*

*The conditions I must say to be fair were cold  
And the whistle in my hand was difficult to hold  
The assistant waved his flag like a wizard  
But by now we were playing in a blizzard*

*Both teams struggled and the game was going nowhere  
I was doing my best to encourage being fair  
But the players found it hard to concentrate  
For the conditions they did their best to compensate*

*We continued and on the hour I caught a fright  
I was so cold I thought I had frost bite  
I couldn't feel either my feet or hands  
At least the players I thought would understand*

*Then suddenly I became inspired  
I had this idea which I knew I would be admired  
Let's go to the pub let's all have a drink  
I'm sure all you players will agree I think*

*So we told the league that the match ended 1-1  
All the players agreed because the pub was more fun  
No one ever found out and that was handy  
You should have seen my face when I tasted that brandy!*

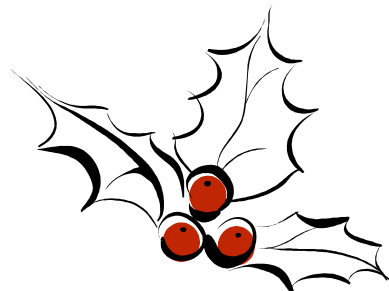
I hope that you have all enjoyed my poem and I would like to think you have also been enlightened by my monthly contribution to the magazine.

If you listen to my advice maybe one day you could be one of my assistants on the Sunday Park League – Division Three North.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a merry x-mas and happy new year.

Make sure not too much x-mas pudding and stay away from the Brussels sprouts!

*Regards*



*Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork*

*Willy Woodwork*

**Editor's Note:**-With great regret, unfortunately the above article had to be omitted through lack of space and time in the last edition.

## **Part Two of the Lawrie Sanchez interview – WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?**

Q. When you got into management was there a temptation to adapt what perhaps might be called the ‘long style’ in which were involved as a player?

A. No I think to be fair it has become out of vogue. That is not to say it does not have its virtues but things change especially as teams to not play offside as high up the line as they once did and there is now less space in behind them where you can get in and play off of that. Indeed there is no doubt that Barcelona have laid down the style that creates probably the best football in the world. Also it is a bit like fashion and we all have to provide entertainment for our fans whilst still trying to win football matches. However their style is not the be-all and end-all because I have said to my players “if you want to play that way we can try to do it but what it does is to take all the thinking out of you as individuals”. There is a tendency to become, not robotic because that would be the wrong word to use, but the players’ job becomes defined a lot more strictly. Instead I believe that as currently I have a group of players here at Barnet that can add their own personalities to our game and perhaps it is good for me to allow them to do so. I obviously want us to play well but also as I have mentioned, to entertain the fans and that seems the best way to work with the players who are very good on the ball. We have a comparatively small team at the moment and we therefore tend to play a passing game which when it works it naturally looks very good, but when it doesn’t, it can of course look very poor. But the fans have got to understand that there are a number of teams in this division who will play more direct and I have no argument with that, but they need the personnel to play that way in order to be successful with that system. In turn I have always liked wingers especially when they can run with the ball and get behind the opposition and we have some good flank men here who can do that, so naturally I encourage them to be creative and get in their crosses.

Q. You have mentioned that you like the idea of the right of the players to make decisions themselves, so it sounds like you are an advocate of that principle. Is that right?

A. I have to consider at this stage of my career here at Barnet whether they are likely to win the league. It would be an extraordinary feat if they could do so based on the facts that we work on smaller gates and a smaller budget than most clubs in our division. But we can still entertain on our day and we have at least four players here at the moment who can be very entertaining, so we try to play a system that does please the crowd. Over the course of the season I am hoping we can end up certainly in mid-table, if not higher, with the way we are playing and if we do that it will be an achievement which the fans will also enjoy.

Q. What do you find is the greatest difficulty in being a manager?



# *The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork*

## *Part 14 –The fashion show!*

**Match:** Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers  
**Venue:** Hackney Marsh – Pitch 165  
**League:** Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)  
**Weather:** A turn for the worse.....a gale force wind and rain!

*The Marshes are spread over a massive space with over one hundred football pitches marked out and situated side by side with not more than a yard between them. It is easy to lose count how many times the ball from the neighbouring pitch finds itself on yours. If however the two balls are in different halves then there is no problem but if the two balls are both in close proximity it is best to blow your whistle and restart with a drop ball.*

*This must have happened on at least five occasions before Reds Rovers thought that they had come up with a cunning plan. As Casuals attacked the Rovers goal there were suddenly two balls in close proximity so I of course blew my whistle and restarted play with a drop ball. The very next Casuals attack resulted with the same action but this time the Casuals captain had noticed on both occasions that one of the Rovers substitutes had 'mistakenly' kicked the ball onto the pitch. I cautioned the substitute for 'unsporting behaviour' even though he thought I was being very harsh 'to be booked just for kicking the ball about'. Needless to say this did not occur again.*

*The weather then seemed to take a turn for the worse and what up to now had been an evenly contested match had now become completely one sided. No matter what Rovers did as they attempted to attack the Cockfosters Casuals goal, the ball appeared to have a mind of its own and seemed to stop at an imaginary wall on the half way line. The Rovers players asked if the match could be stopped until the wind died down plus they also complained that their opponents had an advantage because of this.*

*I thought about their comments but felt if the weather had been a glorious sunny day would I stop the game if players facing one way had the sun shining in their eyes. No I would not. The pitch was safe and the present conditions were in my opinion not dangerous. I told Rovers we would continue.*

*On the very next stoppage one of the Rovers players asked for my permission to leave the field of play. This was quickly followed by another request then another and then another. Within seconds every Rovers player was off the pitch and they proceeded to put on a mixture of clothing. It looked more like a fashion show as gloves, scarves and woolly hat were put on. I could see the funny side of this but I had to do what was correct in law. I know players can wear these items but just with the under garments having to be the same colour as to what they are wearing on top I knew the items they were now wearing also had to be the same colour.*

*I told them "Sorry but you cannot wear those items unless they are the same as what you are wearing now". The captain answered "Ref we play in an all sky blue kit. Do you honestly think that any of my players go around wearing sky blue woolly hats and gloves?" "They would if they were Coventry City supporters" I answered. I almost guessed his answer "But this is Hackney not the midlands! I suppose he had a point. But I stuck by my decision as I knew that I was correct but Rovers were not happy. One of their players said "It's alright for you Ref with your black baseball cap and gloves". "That's the whole point" I said, "It shows I made the effort the make sure the colours are all the same". If it is wet and windy would you not wear hat and gloves?*



*The sensible solution was to compromise and the players made sure the scarves were worn under their shirts. After all if I cannot see it then I cannot take any action.*

*By now the gale force wind seemed to be turning into a hurricane but I continued with the game. I suddenly realised that at this time about five yards of the touch line had washed away from all the rain and simply disappeared. By an amazing coincidence there was a grounds man walking behind the goal. He listened to my request to white line the missing markings but with a smile on his face informed me he had just been lining the netball area and that was in yellow. "Makes no difference to me. As long as the linings are clear the colour is immaterial." Within two minutes he had painted the touch line in yellow and we continued the match. As we all know there is nothing in the laws of the game that state the lines must be painted white so all was well.*

*Casuals asked if a substitution could be made and I walked towards the half way line where the substitute would be entering the field of play. I looked around for the player and he had already run onto the pitch and was near the goal. I waved to summon him to come over to me. He shouted his name but I still needed to check his boots and the jewellery. The captain said that I had already done the check prior to the match starting but I insisted the player come over to me so the substitution could be conducted in a proper fashion. The player slowly walked over to me "What's the problem? You've already checked my boots, I took my ring off and I've already told you my name twice". "That may well be the case but it is my duty to check all these things for the players safety and on that matter you cannot play if you wear those track suit bottoms". He looked at me in amazement and said "What's the problem, its freezing cold and both of the goal keepers are wearing track suit bottoms". I explained only the goal keepers are permitted to wear those items. The player continued "I understand that but the goal keepers can leave the penalty area and maybe come up field for a corner and you won't be asking them to remove their track suit bottoms then will you?" That was a great answer and it seemed to make sense so I allowed him to play in the track suit bottoms which happened to be the same colour as his shirt. I am sure that you would have done the same. A little bit of 'Law 18 – the common sense law' would surely apply here.*

*Let's hope the weather improves for the next instalment.*

*See you all soon,*

*Regards,*



*Willy Woodwork*  
*Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork*

## SIGNALS BY OBSERVER

Do you use the various methods of signals at your command correctly, or are you the famous railway guard that everyone talks of?

There are three forms of signals at your disposal and all, or combinations of them, should be used clearly, visibly and authoritatively. They are the whistle, hand and voice.

*The whistle*, it goes without saying, should be the loudest you can purchase. This is your 'voice' for stopping play amongst other uses and a feeble peep will not enhance your authority. Whenever the whistle is used it should be clearly heard to the far corners of the field of play. Almost your first command will be the calling of the captains together. From that early whistle, the players, assessor and spectators will know what sort of referee is on show today. The whistle should be used as little as possible, to start and stop the two halves of play and then only to stop play because of an infringement. Then and only then should the strength of the whistle reflect the severity of the offence.

*Hand signals* always seem to be the more difficult to use. They are either not used, over used or just over demonstrative. The arm or arms should be straight and decisive.

The indirect signal should be raised when the kick is taken with the arm straight and hand clearly facing most of the players, dropped only when the ball has been played by the second player or gone out of play.

Try not to walk around with it raised for ages, whilst the players prepare, but get the play going again quickly.

Try not to indicate the exact blade of grass where the ball must be placed and the direction it is to go. Semaphore is not part of the game.

Unless there is uncertainty as to whose throw-in it is, then a diagonally raised straight arm is needed. There is little need otherwise to indicate.

The 'advantage' is one of those combinations where voice and hand play an important part. It is essential that rightly or wrongly, all, including the assessor and spectators know that you are allowing play to continue although you may have seen an infringement.

The LOAF shows the correct hand signal, but not all will see it and dissent will be heard. A good strong word of authority, like 'Play on advantage', informs everyone of your decision.

*The voice*, most of us have been given a strong voice. When used it should be authoritative and used for stoppages, such as a throw in, corner kick, goal kick and restarts. But, don't forget a word of cheer, encouragement, comfort or even congratulations are all useful in your control of the match.

Even when having to discipline players, the quiet voice of authority, shows to everyone that you have the situation in control.

Do you really need to blow your whistle for restarts?

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### **December**

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## **The Vennearce Report**

The Vennearce Report was written (April 1968) by two former Life Vice Presidents of the Society, Arthur Pearce and Owen Venning, and called for a radical restructuring of The Referees' Association. Owen Venning went on to become the first full-time secretary of the Referees Association. This months extract relates to the 'Contributory and Feeder League Scheme'.

Over a considerable period, referees made it quite plain that they were dissatisfied with the system of promotion to the Football League in particular, and in endeavour to ensure that the best officials had every opportunity of reaching that status, THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION eventually formulated the current system although making it known that in their opinion, five years would need to elapse before all anomalies could be ironed out and a fool-proof system, anticipated as satisfying the majority would become fully operative.

It is common knowledge that the system is intended to meet the laudable aim of the Football League that the officials comprising the League's list should be the best in the Country.

Inevitably and understandably, referees are now scrambling to get on to Contributory and Feeder leagues, either within or outwith the procedure laid down in the F.A. provisions for the scheme. Other leagues and the game generally, are suffering because Contributory and Feeder Leagues retain their referees "on call" until the eleventh hour. What is more important, quite ludicrous and needs putting right, is that whilst the referee has little alternative but to conform to the system. IT IS NOT ACCEPTED AS BINDING BY THE LEAGUES and the Football Association already knows that the system is being abused and that some leagues are resorting to back door methods by using their Reserve Section to retain the "old pals" act and, without any reference to any County F.A. place whoever they like firstly on to the Reserve Section and later the full list, thereby entirely by-passing and defeating the aim and intention of the Contributory and Feeder system.

In Middlesex alone, one season passed without the County F.A. receiving a single request for nominations but in the subsequent season they were asked for nine – not from the constituent leagues concerned, but from the Football Association. Thus by the whims of others do referees exist.

Consider too the channels available. The Southern and Western Divisions, with a combined membership in the region of 6-7,000, have, respectively, exclusive facility of Isthmian or Western Leagues; shared facility of the Football Combination and Southern League (each of which Midlands and Wales also share). Lincolnshire has neither Contributory nor Feeder League, yet the rest of the Country has no fewer than eight Contributory.

It has been stated that Leagues not up to the required standards or not conforming to the conditions laid down by the Football Association may find themselves out of the scheme. What will happen to the referees? Are THEY to suffer because League or Referees' Secretaries fail in their duty? Are they to be deprived forever of their Contributory and/or Feeder League status and through no fault of their own, see their prospects of Football League status go by the board?

The trouble is that this whole scheme depends on the control of others, - The Football League, which 'vets' the member leagues; the Football Association, with overall responsibility for its administration; the whims, fancies, honesty and conscientiousness of Referees' Secretaries, who have the responsibility for complying with the scheme's provisions.

The Referee? Oh, merely the shuttlecock to be hit hither and thither. The scheme, sound and acceptable in principle, will become more and more a shambles as we progress through the five years' "teething period" and until the Referees' Association takes responsibility, smooth working will never be achieved, and the whole idea will fall through and there will be a reversion to the 'jungle' from which it was intended that referees should be delivered.



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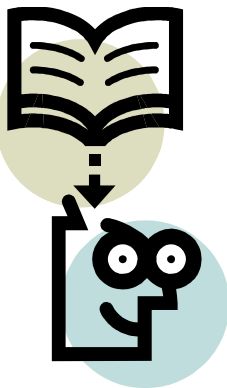
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The **North Middlesex Referees Society Quiz Nite** is back.

Get your thinking caps on again, as its time for the 2012 Quiz – which this year will take place on Friday 30 March 2012 at Old Owens Association, Coopers Lane, Northaw, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 4NE.

Tickets cost £10 each inclusive of a hot buffet

Teams to consist of no more than 8 players. If you would like to attend, whether you have a team, or will be attending on your own, please let Robin Jagot (Secretary) or Gary Cobden (Treasurer) know.



### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting held immediately before the February Society Meeting on 16 February 2012 commencing at 7:30pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to confirm an increase in the differential pricing of Subscriptions for Season 2012/2013 for those who receive their Magazines electronically (by e-mail) and those who receive their Magazines by post. The base subscription is currently £10.00, with those receiving a postal magazine paying an additional £2.00. It is proposed to raise this differential pricing, full details of which will be outlined at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

**Robin Jagot**  
Honorary Secretary



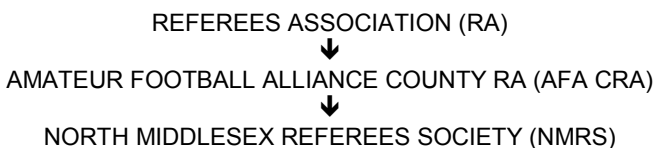
## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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

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

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

**The National Structure for the Society is:**



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

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

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

**What are the Benefits of RA Membership?**

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

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

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

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

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

**Note**

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

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

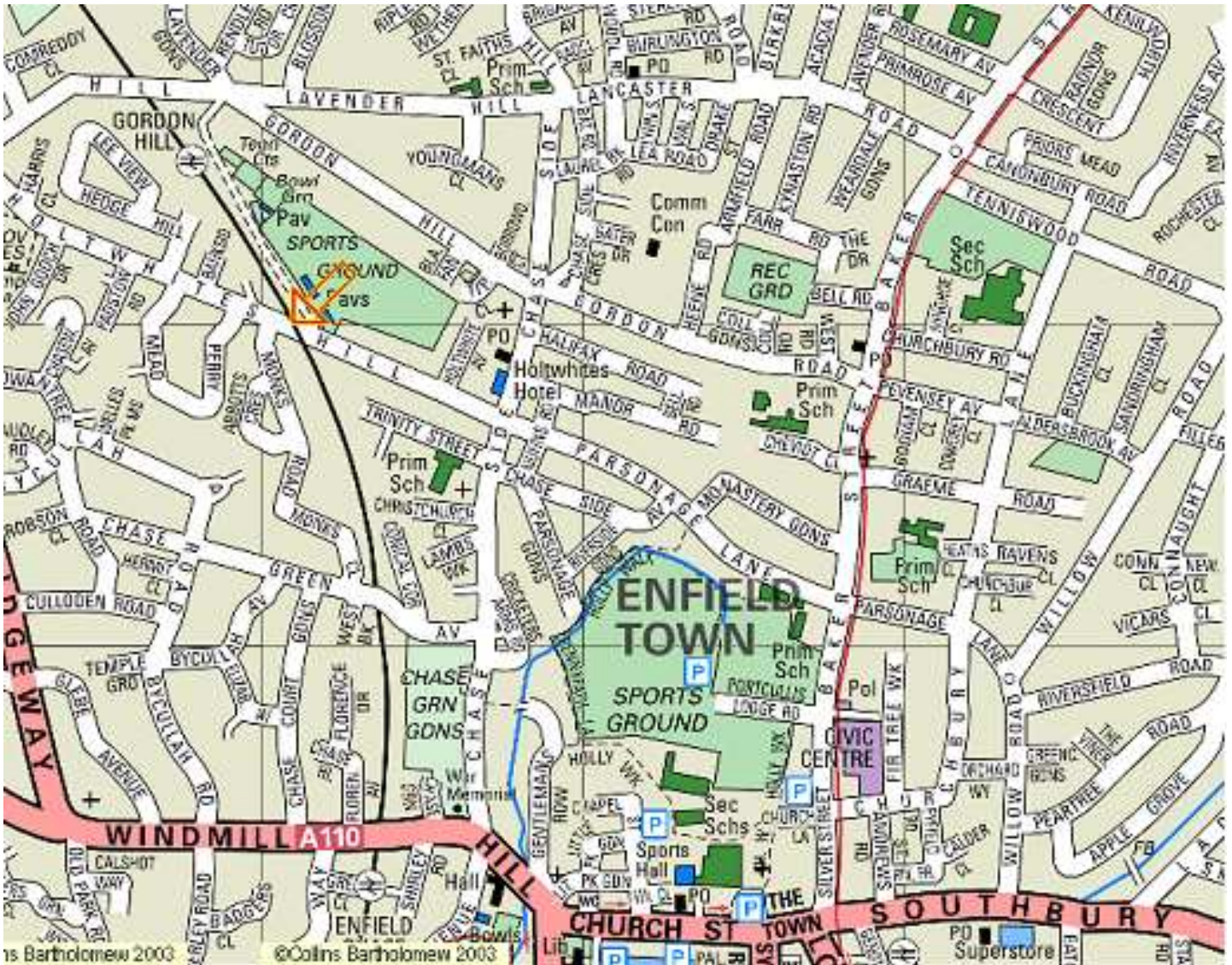
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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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