

## March 2006

**Due to a number of Council Members and regular attendees being unable to go along, the meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society, scheduled for Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled – apologies all round!**

**The next Society meeting will be on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at the usual venue, the Pymmes Park Bowling Club, Silver Street, Edmonton London N18. Guest Speaker is Janie Frampton, FA Regional Manager.**

This issue carries the notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held at Holtwhites Sports & Social Club on Thursday 18 May 2006. The venue is in Kirkland Drive, Enfield off Holtwhites Hill. More precise details of the AGM, including the Agenda etc will appear in next month's Normidian. Council hope that as many as possible will attend.

It is coming round to cup final time again. No, not the English FA Cup Final, which looks like kicking-off in Wales, but the many events that occur every year on the parks and sports grounds around Middlesex and beyond. Many congratulations to everyone who has been given an appointment - you've earned it! Listed in this issue are those Society Members who have been appointed for Middlesex CFA Cup Final ties. Other deserving "plums" are also given a mention.

At the last meeting Steve Conway led a discussion on mentoring and how the Society might become more involved. If anyone feels they could help in any way, please let any Council member know.

Secretary, Robin Jagot, has written to the Head of Refereeing on the subject of Child Protection and CRB checks. A copy of his letter is included in this edition. Robin wishes it known that he will be unavailable from 10 March to 9 April as he is recharging his batteries in Oz – all queries to the Chairman/Treasurer.

Mick Osborn's article this month is entitled "Look Backwards and Forward". Mick takes a nostalgic look backwards over the years and lists some of the more famous guest speakers who have graced our meetings in the past; he also covers the Society's anniversary (1999). As for the future of the Society, Mick sounds an optimistic note.

Gary writes more on the NMRS/MRA dispute and with his Treasurer's hat on asks, "Do you Shop On-Line?" He also reminds us that Membership Fees are now due and details the 100 Club winners for January and February 2006.

Peter Dace reminisces on March 1996. Amongst other memories, he reminds us that he ran a line in a Capitol League game to the now famous Dermot Gallagher – Chris Ede being the other 'lino'.

My recent copy of the "Whistler", magazine of the Loughborough Branch of the Leicester & Rutland Society of Association Referees, included Observer's "New Year Resolutions" printed in the January issue of The Normidian. Nice to know we are read north of Watford!

**Contributions for the next issue of the magazine by Friday, 31 March, please.**

## LOOK BACKWARDS AND FORWARD

By Mick Osborn

The North Middlesex Society of Association Football Referees was formed at The Crown Hotel in Southgate in 1949. The name was changed to its present form in 1969. As our fiftieth anniversary approached, Charles Lifford collected and compiled many facts and figures and produced "The History of the North Middlesex Referees Society."\* It shows some of the guest speakers during that half-century included great managers such as George Swindin, Alec Stock, Tommy Lawrence, Arthur Rowe, Terry Neal, Bertie Mee, Barry Fry and players of the calibre of Martin Peters, Wally Barnes, Danny Blanchflower, Jimmy Hill, Tommy Docherty, Billy Wright, Laurie Scott, Alan Mullery, Cliff Jones, Ralph Coates and Pat Rice. Others that graced our meetings were Ted Croker, (Secretary. of the FA,) John Motson, (BBC commentator,) sports writers Desmond Hackett and Gerald Sinstadt, Ken Aston, (International referee and officer of the F.A.,) Gary Lewin, (England's physiotherapist,) actor and football fanatic Tom Watt, (at the time a main character in Coronation Street,) coaches, physiotherapists, a sports psychologist, top referees, assessors and others too numerous to mention. There were other personalities from outside the game. Although in a minority, the ladies spoke too - Pat Gregory of the Women's Football Association and Lorna Empson a local sports injury practitioner. Believe me. Buy the book and, within the pages, the list can be seen in full!

Our golden anniversary in 1999 was marked by the most popular dinner and dance since the first one was held in the 1950/51 season at the Cambridge Hotel, Edmonton, (long since reduced to rubble to make way for improvements to the North Circular Road.) I find it sad that since then things have rarely looked up. This annual dinner and dance has become extinct and our members seem less and less inclined to attend even the most informal social functions. Our monthly meetings are sparsely attended. I am reluctant to offer my own opinion here for the reasons for this situation as Gary has e-mailed as many members as he can to try and discover why. If you haven't done so, please spare a few minutes to reply.

There are some promising signs for the future. Our members are numerous. The training school, although no longer under the auspices of NMRS is still a good source of recruitment. Workshops for newly qualified referees have been set up and, without being too optimistic, the search for mentors for our new referees looks as if, at last, it is showing promise. Being a mentor is not an onerous task. No need to stand out in all weathers to analyse someone's performance, unless you want to. But occasionally to be on the telephone to offer advice, if requested, could save someone's career and in the future give you the satisfaction of saying, "I was his or her mentor." Will you help?

Our Council give of their time, freely representing our interests with little or no reward other than the hope that their efforts are appreciated and our Society remains one of, if not the, largest in the land. Is it unreasonable to suggest that we should not be complacent but show our support? I remember one of our guests said that the hardest thing he found about training was actually putting on his tracksuit. Could it be the hardest part of going to a Society meeting is putting on your coat?

\*Available from Gary on 01992 469153 or e-mail [treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk)

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

In his 'Pearcing comments' column, Arthur Pearce does not dispute Graham Perry's assertion (February 1996) that our Premier League Referees make life more difficult for the public pitch colleagues by giving decisions which seem at variance with instructions but asserts 'I nevertheless refuse to condemn our Premier colleagues having found, after forty years refereeing experience that I never was so good in the middle as I have been sitting more or less comfortably in the stand at Nottingham Forest and immaculately dealing with everything which presents itself'. Arthur also mentioned 'only two editions of the Normidian have failed to appear since Arthur Layson founded the first issue in 1952 viz, once the Editor's Wife went into labour when she would have been cutting stencils; the other more recently when the Printer set the previous months issue by mistake'.

Peter Dace pens '2,000 and all that – the continuing career of a journeyman Referee'. Game 2,000 was though a pleasant occasion – a Capital League game between Peterborough United and Wycombe Wanderers. Ubiquitous FIFA Referee Dermot Gallagher was in the middle and North Middlesex colleague Chris Ede on the other line. The game finished 2-2 and apart from being a lot colder than ideal nothing else of note happened except the home club had forgotten to bring money to pay the Match Officials. Amongst several highlights in games 1,001-2,000 Peter recalled a visit to Wembley in May 1988 when he was asked by the FA to line for former FIFA Referee Alf Grey on a showbiz game before the FA Cup Final. The game kicked off at 2.15 pm, was live on ITV and by the finish 98,000 fans were in their places for the main event Liverpool versus Wimbledon refereed by Brian Hill.

In the report on 'Last months guest speaker' we note Ted Buxton came to us for the first time and spent an hour and a half either talking to us, telling jokes, interesting anecdotes, or answering questions on his lifetime in Football, so far, which has seen him as a player at Millwall, Chelsea and Aldershot; coaching at Millwall and Tampa Bay Rowdies and as an Assistant at Gillingham and Spurs. He became Chief Scout at Tottenham under Peter Shreeves, David Pleat and Terry Venables.

Amongst plum appointments we congratulate Mick Osborn for his line on the AFA Veterans Cup Final; and Vince Yeudall for lines on both the AFA Open Veterans Final and the Southern Olympian League v London University.



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## **Middlesex County FA County Cup Final Officials**

The Council of North Middlesex Referees Society sends congratulations to the following Members who have been appointed to officiate at Middlesex CFA County Cup Final ties this season.

Senior Charity Cup	Assistant Referee	Peter Smith
Premier Cup	Referee	Michael Mackey Jnr
	Assistant Referee	Stan Rosenthal
Intermediate Cup	Referee	Nick Rider
Junior Cup	Assistant Referee	Ricky Deller
Midweek Cup	Reserve Official	Nicholas Nicolau
Sunday Junior Cup	Reserve Official	Patrick Walsh
Senior Youth Cup	Assistant Referee	Percy Brown
Under 16 Youth Cup	Referee	Lee Addison
Under 13 Youth Cup	Referee	Michael Mackey Snr



## **North Middlesex Referees Society/ Middlesex Referees Association Dispute**

Society delegates recently met again with delegates from the RAE - following their meeting with MRA delegates - in an attempt to resolve this dispute. From the NMRS point of view, at this stage it does not seem as if much further progress can be made, as we will not commit to a per capita subscription, and we cannot see MRA changing their rules on this point either. (Note:- If we were to commit to a per capita subscription, based on the latest available MRA Accounts – for Season 2004/2005 - NMRS would be contributing a subscription of £265 to cover MRA's Operational Expenses of less than £75). Whilst this dispute is still ongoing, the RAE delegates have confirmed that NMRS should continue to remit Members subscriptions to the RAE as we have done in the past. This will ensure our Members interests, including the Personal Accident Insurance, are protected. The RAE delegates are committed to resolving the dispute, and insist that the two sides are not far apart! They have requested that we agree to a meeting with MRA delegates – which they will chair. We now await dates for this meeting from the RAE.

### **Gary Cobden**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of North Middlesex Referees Society will be held on Thursday, 18th May 2005, commencing at 7.30pm, at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex. Note, this is not our usual venue, and may be familiar to some of our older members as the site of the former BRSA Sports Club. A provisional Agenda for the Meeting will appear in next months Normidian.

Any person wishing to stand as an Officer for Season 2006/2007 must be duly Proposed and Seconded - and assented by the nominee - in accordance with Society Rule 9c. Any proposals for changes to Society Rules must be duly Proposed and Seconded in accordance with Society Rule 9d. Both proposals for Officers and changes to Rules must be received by the Secretary not less than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting - ie not later than 27th April 2006.

### **Robin Jagot**

Honorary Secretary  
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### **Question**

Who scored 4 times in Real's legendary 7-3 annihilation of Eintracht Frankfurt in the 1960 European Cup final?

### **Answer**

Ferenc Puskas





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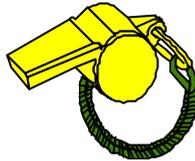
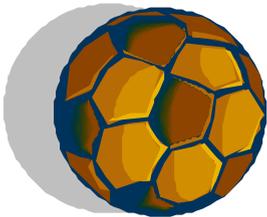
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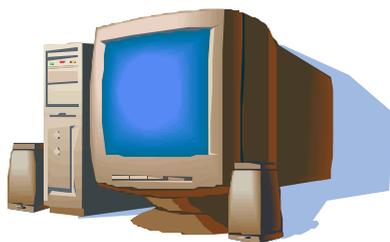
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**Membership Fees for Season 2006/2007 are now due!** Yes guys and gals, it's that time of year again. Yes, your subscription for Season 2006/2007 becomes due on 1 April, and your Membership Form is included with this month's Normidian. I am pleased to advise you that the NMRS Membership Fee will remain at £10 for another year. The Referees Association subscription remains the same, but the Insurance Premium fee has increased by £0.25.

**Membership Fees payable are as follows:-**

- Full Members - £21.00** (This includes your Referees Association fee of £11.00 including Insurance Premium of £4.00. If you are over 75, the Insurance Premium is not payable).
- Associate Members - £10.00** (You must pay your Referees Association fee through another Society, and this should be shown on your Membership Form).
- Junior Members - £13.50** (Members Under 18 years of age, including your Referees Association fee of £7.50).

Individual fees payable are shown on your personalised Membership Form. The Adult fees shown above are valid until 31 July 2006; after that date they will increase by £2.00. You are reminded that you will not be covered by the Referees Association Insurance after 30 June 2006 unless your fees have been paid to the Society. Please complete and return your completed Membership Form as soon as possible.

Would you all please check your individual details on the Forms, and amend any information that is incorrect. Please check e-mail addresses shown on the form carefully, as some that we have on file are resulting in bounce backs. Additionally, would you please check that your NPD Number (Registration Number) shown is correct, and complete it should it be missing. The number can be found on your County FA Registration Form.

On the reverse of the Membership Form you will find a Membership Survey that the Society Officers would be grateful if you could also complete. If you have already returned this Survey by email, there is no need to complete the Survey again.

As some of you may be aware, we are currently in dispute with the Middlesex Referees Association (MRA), and hence, the Referees Association of England (RAE). However, Society delegates met again with representatives of the RAE recently, and they confirmed that, until this dispute is resolved, your monies are protected and you retain the full membership benefits of the Referees Association, including the Personal Accident Insurance.

**Gary Cobden**  
Honorary Treasurer



**NMRS 100 Club – Results for January and February 2006.**

<b>January</b>				<b>February</b>			
First	43	Stan Rosenthal	£17.20	First	7	Ian Breeze	£17.20
Second	9	Dave Chapman	£8.60	Second	38	Steve Wildgoose	£8.60
Third	17	Robin Jagot	£4.30	Third	26	Peter Peters	£4.30

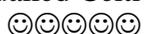
Winner's cheques are enclosed with this copy of the Normidian; if you receive your Normidian by e-mail, the cheques will be posted to you. Remember to include your renewal subscription in with your Membership Fee, and indicate how many shares you wish to subscribe for.

**Gary Cobden**  
Honorary Treasurer



**Well, well!**

Former Newcastle manager, Graeme Souness, led Rangers out of their longest barren spell, laying the foundations in the late 1980s for a side that equalled Celtic's record of nine successive titles.



## Plum Appointments – Season 2005-2006

### **Middlesex County FA Senior Challenge Cup Semi Final**

Hampton Borough & Richmond FC v Northwood FC Assistant Referee Peter Smith

### **Middlesex County FA Senior Charity Cup Quarter Final**

Enfield Town FC v Uxbridge FC Assistant Referee Michael Mackey Jnr  
Enfield Town FC v Uxbridge FC Assistant Referee Peter Jago  
Harefield United FC v Bedfont FC Assistant Referee Peter Smith

### **Middlesex County FA Ladies Senior Cup Round 1**

Hadley Ladies FC v Acton Sports Club Womens FC Referee Barry Kyriacou

### **Middlesex County FA Ladies Senior Cup Quarter Final**

Hendon Ladies FC (A) v Brentford Womens FC (First) Assistant Referee Patrick Walsh

### **Middlesex County FA Ladies Senior Cup Semi Final**

Enfield Town Ladies FC (First) v QPR Ladies FC (First) Assistant Referee George Grant

### **Middlesex County FA Ladies Junior Cup Quarter Final**

Watford Ladies FC (Reserves) v QPR Ladies FC (Reserves) Referee Stephen Reuter

### **Middlesex County FA Junior Trophy Semi Final**

Broadwater United FC (Under 18) v Albion West 14 FC (First) Referee Mackey Snr  
Broadwater United FC (Under 18) v Albion West 14 FC (First) Assistant Referee Barry Kyriacou  
Broadwater United FC (Under 18) v Albion West 14 FC (First) Assistant Referee Stephen Reuter

### **Middlesex County FA Sunday Junior Trophy Semi Final**

NLO FC (First) v Zion Rangers FC Reserves Assistant Referee Patrick Walsh

### **Middlesex County FA Sunday Premier Cup Semi Final**

Enfield Rangers OB FC (First) v Bedfont Sunday FC (First) Referee Steven Conway  
Enfield Rangers OB FC (First) v Bedfont Sunday FC (First) Assistant Referee Stephen Reuter

### **Middlesex County Youth FA Under 16 Cup Semi Final**

Omonia Youth FC v Edmonton Rangers Youth FC Referee Paul Watts  
Omonia Youth FC v Edmonton Rangers Youth FC Assistant Referee Robert Robertson

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

Wealdstone Wanderers FC (B) v Hampton Boro & Richmond FC (A) Referee George Grant

### **Middlesex County Youth FA Under 13 Cup Quarter Final**

Ridgeway Rovers FC v Sandgate FC Referee Barry Berndes

### **Middlesex County Youth FA Under 12 Cup Quarter Final**

Omonia Youth FC (A) v Staines Town FC Referee Matthew Webster

### **Amateur Football Alliance Minor Cup Quarter Final**

Old Haileyburian FC (First) v Southgate County F.C. (Fourth) Referee Ian Breeze

### **Amateur Football Alliance Intermediate Novets Cup Quarter Final**

Norsemen F.C. (Sixth) v Old Actonians Association FC (Sixth) Referee Les Kyprianou

### **Amateur Football Alliance Sunday Under 15 Youth Cup Quarter Final**

Minchenden Youth FC (A) v Whitewebbs Eagles FC Referee David Woolf



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## **Am I Bothered?**

Life Vice-President, Peter Dace, who is in his 34<sup>th</sup> season and has completed some 2,773 games, spotted in John Inverdale's column in the Daily Telegraph that Hampshire Referee Ken Webb, has just completed 3,092 games. Peter sends his congratulations and pays homage to Ken whilst realising that another 380 games is undoubtedly beyond him!



## **More "Plums"**

Congratulations to the following members on their plum appointments:

**David Williams** – AFA Saturday Under 17 Cup Semi-Final: Field Crusaders v Bethwin SE FC.

**Les Kypriano** – AFA Middlesex/Essex Senior Cup Semi-Final: Old Meadonians v Winchmore Hill – Assistant Referee.

Also, AFA Saturday Under 16 Youth Cup Semi-Final; Norsemen Under 16 v Bethwin SE Under 16 – Referee.



## **From "YOU MUST BE JOKING REF!!!" The Cheshunt & Waltham Cross Referees' Society Magazine.**

Electronics is gradually taking over in the game, and while there is still considerable opposition to its introduction on the field of play a study of page 7 in the current issue of "Refereeing Today" reveals a remarkable facility for anyone who is computer literate. It is labelled "The Register of Football Facilities" and purports to give the seeker the location of any ground in the country. It claims to have every ground in the country listed, including even those obscure grounds tucked away in the depths of the countryside. All local pitches are included and the database informs you of the conditions that apply and the facilities available. These are certainly far-reaching claims and if any member uses this facility it might be of interest to all of us to hear how you got on.



## **From the RAE News Digest**

Alan Snoddy has resigned as Treasurer of the Referees Association to take over as Referee Development Manager with the Irish FA – best of luck in your new post Alan. Len Randall takes over as Treasurer on a temporary basis.

Please encourage any members who have not yet completed the learning and CRB checks to do so as soon as possible.

Please be careful what you place on any Society website. Search engines are very inquisitive and can bring up many things very surprisingly...



## **Do You Remember?**

In a World Cup match between Brazil and Sweden, Clive Thomas awarded a corner in the dying seconds. Brazil scored from a header straight from the corner, but Thomas claimed he had already blown for full-time and disallowed the goal.

