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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 on Thursday the 16th of March 2017 at 7-45pm at the Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield Middlesex when the Guest Speaker will be Mike Jones Premier League Referee.

EDITORIAL

So it's goodbye to Mark Clattenberg the "Marmite" referee (either love him or loathe him) as he takes up the position as Saudi Arabia Head of Refereeing at the end of the season. Recently chosen by a poll as the best referee in the World it is reported that he apparently turned down an offer of one million pounds per season to officiate in the Chinese Super League before taking up his present role, thereby quitting the Premier League's elite referee panel. However there can be no doubt that he has been an outstanding referee and will be missed, with the refereeing fraternity surely wishing him well in his new enterprise. Another Referee of importance is also leaving the country in the shape of Howard Webb who is off to the United States to be in charge of Video Refereeing in the MLS and whilst this is good for those abroad and complimentary to the English system, nonetheless they both had and have a lot to offer to our officials. There is some talk that UEFA would like to see the interchange of referees in the top leagues in Europe, so whether we will see someone of the calibre of Collina or the charisma he seemed to exude, in our Premier League in the near future is anyone's guess.

Incidentally one of the last decisions that Mark Clattenberg had to make before announcing his departure was to allow a goal scored by Arsenal's Sanchez against Hull which rebounded in off his upturned hand. It seems that neither referee nor Assistant saw it and Clattenberg obviously having watched the replay at halftime apparently apologised to the Hull players for allowing the goal. In fact the incident is probably the referees' worst nightmare where there is a case of accidental handball which results in a goal. On the one hand if you allow it the defending team is bound to protest and if you disallow it the attacking team will protest the goal should stand. Therefore assuming Clattenberg had seen it should he still allow the goal or should he disallow it even though it was accidental. The answer perhaps lies in the statement made to our Society by the late great referee Ken Aston when speaking to us when he said that even though the handball was accidental the goal should be disallowed because it was against the spirit of the Laws. Following that concept when it happened to me I disallowed the goal but surprisingly had no problems with the attacking team, but perhaps that was because they were leading at the time by three clear goals and were likely to score several more.

Something else to discuss is as to whether Assistant Referee Stuart Burt wrongly ruled Southampton's Manolo Gabbiadini offside in the EFL Cup Final with Manchester United or did he instead commit the cardinal sin of raising his flag too early to give another Southampton player in an offside position, offside? The problem has prevailed as long as the Law on offside keeps getting changed and has not really been resolved since the last change in that law. Do you wait until the player touches or attempts to touch the ball or do you flag

immediately the ball is played towards an attacker in an offside position? That appears to be the main question. As a long time watcher of the game at all five levels of the senior game it seems to me that the answer unfortunately is both with no-one confirming beyond doubt which is right. Of course we have had nuances but what is certain is that safest procedure is to wait until the “offside” player touches the ball irrespective of how long it takes for that player to make contact with the ball. Therefore the later the flag the better as long as it is within a credible time. Thus players who are in an offside position who merely make a movement should be ignored until it is impossible for another player who is not offside at the time to get to the ball first. Unfortunately all of this is leading to the introduction of video refereeing at a pace far quicker than was anticipated as can be seen from the fact that VAR is now likely for the FA Cup starting with its Third Round.

There are other planned changes afoot. One that I find the most pleasing after cajoling, pleading and campaigning for over 30 years is the offer to grass roots football to trial sin bins .Another suggestion, presumably by the threat of strikes by Officials at that level is to offer that group body-cameras as a deterrent and to gather evidence of abuse. Unfortunately this is hardly going to be feasible considering the number of referees taking part in games during both the week and weekend.

Finally IFAB have suggested that an extra substitute can be introduced during extra time in FA cup-ties from the quarter finals onwards and that the order of penalty shoot-outs should be changed as it gives the side going first an advantage.

There is important Society business in this magazine and your attention is drawn to the same.

Ken Goldman

Editor

Guest Speaker for this month.

We are delighted to announce that this will be Mike Jones from Cheshire. He was elected to the Football league in 1997 and promoted to the Select List in 2008. In 2009 he refereed the Trophy Final at Wembley and has been Fourth Official for both the Community Shield and FA Cup Final in 2012. He also refereed the League 2 Play-Off Final in 1997.

Mike will speak on “Careless, reckless and fouls that endanger a player’s safety”. He has also kindly agreed to take part afterwards in a Question and answer session.

FROM THE CHAIR

As you are all aware I am not a prolific writer of any strength, so as I find myself writing for a second time in one season it must be a serious subject that gets the keyboard out in front of me.

The serious subject is the survival of our Society. Members of our Society may not realise that nationally societies are folding in large numbers, and there is nothing to take their place, once they are gone they are gone never to be replaced. Now at our last meeting only eight members attended which is very sad (we still chatted till 10 o' clock). I especially feel for Robin our Secretary who puts in a lot of effort to arrange our meetings. Even the guest speakers are unreliable which must be very disappointing for those regular members who do attend. I look back through the 38 years I have been a member and I remember all the good people who have been involved in the support of this Society. I know I owe a great deal to these people for the great times I have had in football as a referee and I am sure there are lots of you must have benefited in the same way. I know it is not always possible to come to meetings as we all have commitments but hopefully I can appeal to you all to try and come and support the Society and help to encourage new members in order to keep our Society alive.

Thanks all

Tom White

Guest Speaker

Last month's speaker should have been Council Member Daniel Lauszkin but for the second time this season he pulled out of speaking to the Society at the last moment, citing another but this time official meeting he had to attend. As it was such a last minute notification it became impossible to find another speaker in the time and so the Society had to turn its meeting into a "social". Surely it is about time that there should become a recognised rule introduced, that if a speaker has to pull out for any reason he or she should find a replacement. Then if a speaker feels they cannot accept that condition they should not agree to speak in the first place

FLAGGING UP

The 100 Club winners for February 2017 were:-No 35- Paul Herlighy- £15 and No 10-Robin Jagot- £7.50

Congratulations to FIFA Official Andre Mariner who was the appointed Referee for the EFL CUP Final between Manchester United and Southampton on the 26th of February this year. Also of course congrats to his two Assistants, Richard West and Stuart Burt and to Kevin Friend as Fourth Official.

The latest technology news is that Championship clubs have agreed in principle to introduce goal-line technology for their matches next season. The hope is to help Officials with as much support as possible.

Controversial referee critic Keith Hackett has come out happily in his Daily Telegraph column saying that the FA must work harder to tackle abuse of referees at grass roots levels as it is out of control. Well we all agree on that, although not all would have sanctioned the threatened strike of some 600 referees at lower levels which ultimately did not take place. Hackett added “the referee’s role no longer carries the respect I received in my informative years”. This article is well worth reading in full so do go to the Daily Telegraph website for further viewing.

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Europe’s leading women referees met recently at the UEFA winter referees course in Malaga in Spain. This was for four days of training, practical work and feedback sessions with UEFA’s Referees’ Committee.

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A re-search by Kaizan’s has apparently shown that the much touted American Football game is more expensive on average in the USA than Premier League football is here. It goes on to say that “the difference in costs across the two sports is stunning”.

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The Sun Newspaper recently reported an amazing story by which they understood that at meetings across the country Officials were told by FA representatives that those looking for promotion should not grow a beard. It was understood by them that the FA are wary of the image that that portrays of officials. The newspaper also reported that listening officials could not believe what they were hearing.- [Is this truly proverbial hairy story/]

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Conversely to the above – There are a group of 40 players in the UAE who are deemed to have “unethical hair” under UAE FA guidelines. Some Islamic teachings ban “Qaza” “hairstyles where only part of the head is shaved. Thus individual match referees are required to Judge whether players’ hairstyles are appropriate. Similar guidelines have apparently been enforced in neighbouring countries.
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Messages from the Secretary

Dear Members,

I am happy to inform all members that our Guest Speaker attending the March Society meeting will be Mike Jones, (PMGOL) Referee and that I ask you to make every effort to attend.

The Society is happy to cover accommodation and travelling as Mike will be travelling from the North West –Chester.

We shall be running a Raffle on the evening and I will need a couple of volunteers to assist and ensure all members and friends subscribe. If you wish to bring a prize along please do so.

I can assure you there will be no Society business but if anyone has any match incidents these will be discussed. So friends and relations welcome- We need a bumper audience!

I look forward to seeing you all.

Robin Jagot

Please look for an important rule change and motion for next season, on which a decision will have to be made at the Society’s AGM in May. The proposed changes will be placed in the March magazine in accordance with the 42 days notice allowed.

This season has been the most poorly attended and we simply cannot carry on hiring premises with the monthly fees we have to pay over the 10 meetings that are held over the season. Clearly there is less and less interest for members to attend and the younger generation are more interested in there “mobile phones than any high profile speaker” I do not wish for this Society to fold, and thanks to the monthly Society magazine still being sent to our members it is our life-line-to them-

These proposals have been carefully thought out as a way forward to resolving this issue. Our Society is not alone as you need only to look at the R.A. membership and see what remains of the local Societies. Middlesex have only 4, Herts –1, London/AFA-2.

Please feel free to comment and hopefully we will see you all at the May AGM on the 18th of this May

Robin Jagot.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of North Middlesex Referees Society will be held on **Thursday, 18th of May 2017 commencing at 7.45pm** at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex. EN2 0RN

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To CONFIRM the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. To CONSIDER any matters arising therefrom.
4. To RECEIVE a report from the Secretary.
5. To RECEIVE a report from the Treasurer together with the audited accounts.
6. To RECEIVE a report from the Honorary Auditors.
7. To RECEIVE any reports from the Council and Officers.
8. To CONSIDER any change to the Society Rules.
9. To ELECT Officers and Council for the ensuing year.

The following proposals have been made in accordance with the existing Society Rules –

President:	Bob Martin (3 years)		
Chairman:	Tom White	Vice Chairman:	Ken Goldman
Secretary:	Robin Jagot	Treasurer:	vacant/ temporarily covered by the Secretary
Editor:	Ken Goldman	Gear Supplies:	Percy Brown
R.A. Delegate:	Tom White		

Auditor – Terry Hawkins

Council Members: Terry Wilson and two Council members to be elected.

10. To ELECT **Honorary Auditors** currently Terry Hawkins and Gary Cobden

11. To **CONSIDER** the following motion –

That this Annual General Meeting places on record its thanks to the Officers and Council for their work during the past year, and express appreciation of the conduct of the affairs of the Society.

12. Any Other Business

Robin Jagot

Honorary Secretary
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Note: A quorum of at least 10 members is required in order for the Annual General Meeting to take place. Members are asked to make every effort to attend the AGM which is an important event in the calendar year of the Society

Proposed Rule Change –

Existing Rule 10a – Ordinary meetings shall be held at monthly intervals during the period September to April on the Third Thursday of each month at an agreed venue as determined by the Society Council.

b)The Society Council reserves the right to change the date, time, or venue of the meeting if circumstances demand.

New Rule 10a – Ordinary meetings shall be held Bi-Monthly intervals during the period – September, November, January, March, and the AGM in May on the third Thursday of each month at an agreed venue as determined by the Society Council.

Proposed: Percy Brown - Second: Bob Martin

b) The Society Council reserves the right to change the date, time, or venue of the meeting if circumstances demand. No Change –

The following motion has also been put forward to the meeting: Due to the reduction of the proposed Society meetings to Bi Monthly Meetings it has been – **Proposed Tony Ward, Second Tom White :**

That the Annual Society Subscriptions be reduced from £13-00 to £10-00 to be implemented from May -2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2016 AT HOLTWHITES SPORTS CENTRE ENFIELD

APOLOGIES: Martin De La Fuente, Roger Fox, Tom White, and Kevin Nottage.

President's Welcome: Taking the Chair due to our Chairman Tom White away on holiday our President welcomed members to the Society's AGM.

Minutes of the Society's AGM held on Thursday 21st May 2015 were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report: The membership figures had remained reasonably stable throughout the year but once again Society attendances were low leading to one monthly Society meeting being cancelled due to other football activities taking place. The Quiz Evening arranged in early May had been cancelled due to a lack of response by members. It was hoped we could try and arrange the event later in the year. Speakers had been difficult to obtain once again. Secretary thanked members once again for their support over the year.

Treasurer's Report: The annual accounts were presented to the meeting for the last time by our Treasurer Gary and the Society had managed a slight increase of income over expenditure. Clearly the accounts were in a healthy state once again. The Treasurer mentioned that the Society subscription had remained at £11 for the last five years and proposed with the approval of Council that the membership fee be increased to £13. This was agreed by membership present. It was proposed by Ken Goldman that this meeting place on record the outstanding service of over 27 years and our thanks to our Treasurer. The members duly endorsed their approval.

Editor: Nine editions of the Society magazine had been provided for members over the year. Unfortunately we had lost the services of Gareth at MCFA who had now departed which caused a couple of hiccups with the printing. Needless to say we managed to overcome the problem with the help of Peter Clayton, at MCFA. The Editor thanked those who had contributed over the year and hopefully we can encourage more members to send articles in and any plum appointments they receive.

Auditors: Our Auditors Jim Taylor and Terry Hawkins were very happy with the Society annual accounts and were happy to continue this service.

Other Officers' Reports: None.

Election of Officers – Season 2016/2017: It was proposed to elect all officers, with the exception of Vice Chairman "En Block" The position of Vice- Chairman- It was proposed by Terry Wilson and seconded by Percy Brown that Ken Goldman be elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming season. This was approved by the members present.

Chairman –Tom White, **Secretary** – Robin Jagot, **Treasurer:** vacant, **Editor-** Ken Goldman, **Gear Supplies Officer-** Percy Brown, **R. A. Delegate-** Tom White. **Council Members-** Terry Wilson, Daniel Laurszlin, Jessica Catchpole Williams.

Auditors – Jim Taylor and Terry Hawkins.

The position of **Treasurer** is being covered by the Secretary and Chairman until such time as to finding a suitable candidate to carry out the duties.

To consider the following motion: Life Vice President Terry Hayne proposed the vote of thanks to the officers and Council members for the work carried out on behalf of the membership. Particular thanks to the Secretary, Editor, and our retiring Treasurer, Terry stated that we were very fortunate in having such a dedicated team looking after the welfare of our members. Members endorsed his kind words.

With no further AGM business to be dealt with the meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

This was followed by the Secretary covering the subject of "Simulation or Not" combined with Video Clips of match Incidents.

Chairman.....

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Late Flag

Apparently there is still some goodwill left in the game since after the sacking of Southend United's grounds- man Ken Hare Bolton fans launched a petition seeking his re-instatement. Southend had dismissed Hare following the postponement of the Club's League One weekend fixture. He had been at Southend for 27 years but had been held responsible for the frozen pitch that caused the postponement. The fans of Bolton had generously done this despite the fact they had had to spend money on a 492 round trip.

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Former FA National Referee Manager Dean Mohareb has come out with plans to enforce better handling of assaults etc on referees. He suggests among other things that Any player or club official laying hands, feet, or head on a match official should receive a minimum of a 10 match suspension whilst the club concerned is deducted 3 points and be excluded from any cup competition if the assault occurs in a cup game. He further calls upon the PFA, LMA, RA and Prospect Union to all condemn, especially in the media, the actions of the individual concerned.

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The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork

The Whistling Referee

Part 53 – Keep the flag flying

Match: Cockfosters Casuals -v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Weather: Changeable.....either long or short sleeves

I looked around and noticed the Rovers goal keeper changing his shirt. No problem I thought at first as the ball was out of play. He removed his green top only to reveal another green top but this one was short sleeved. *'Oh no'* I said out loud.

'We cannot allow that'. I muttered out loud to myself as I strolled over to the goal keeper and explained he cannot wear short sleeves. He questioned my request and asked why all the other out field players can wear short sleeves but not the goal keeper. He asked why it is not allowed.

I asked him *'And when was the last time you saw a goal keeper wearing short sleeves?'*

He replied *'Actually only last week when I watched a Champions League match from Italy'*.

A good answer but I told him *'When you play in the Champions League match you can wear short sleeves but here at Hackney Marshes in the Sunday Park League, Division Three you will have to stick with long sleeves so can you put the long sleeved top back on again please.'* He reluctantly did this and play eventually continued. I tried to explain that if he went up field into the opposing penalty area how could I distinguish if a player handled the ball when two players are both wearing short sleeves. The goalie told me that he had no intentions of going to the other half for corners.

- **When was the last time you saw a goalie in short sleeves?**
- **Was Willie correct to insist the goal keeper could only play if he wore a long sleeved top?**

As Rovers attacked the opponents' goal the forward was fouled by a Casuals player. He stumbled but managed to regain his balance. Two steps later he stopped abruptly, bent down and picked the ball up. He then said to me *'That must be about the fifth time he's done that Ref. You should book him and I'm going to take the free kick now and Ref, make sure the players are ten yards back from the ball'*.

I replied *‘Thank you for that. I shall answer your questions one at a time. Firstly that is not the fifth time the player has fouled you and if you were playing attention I did in fact shout ‘Play on, Advantage’. Yes, you were fouled but I gave the advantage to you as you were attacking your opponent’s goal and just outside their penalty area. The challenge was careless and I was going to have a quiet word with the player but it was not a yellow card offence.’*

The player replied *‘Okay Ref, if you say so but can I take the free kick now?’*

I knew this player was not going to be best pleased with my next decision as I took my book and pencil from my top pocket.

‘Good to see you have changed your mind and that you are going to yellow card him. He deserves it!’

‘Actually it’s your name I want as I am cautioning you for deliberate hand ball and the free kick is in fact against you as you have in fact committed the offence. And with regard to your last question, can you make sure that you are ten yards from the ball please.’ It goes without saying that this player was none too happy with my decision

A number of Rovers players also had comments of their own to tell me namely *‘That is without doubt the worst decision that I have ever witnessed from a referee!’*

I thanked the player for his comments and showed him a yellow card for dissent. *‘Does anybody else have any other comments they want to tell me?’* Suddenly there was silence and I was able to put my cards away.

- Was I correct? (*Clue: I normally am!*)
- Would you have done anything different?

Play commenced and on awarding a corner kick to Rovers I noticed the corner flag post was on the ground. I run over to the corner quadrant and asked if the player was able to place the flag back on the post. He asked *‘Does it really matter’* and I told him as per law the corner flag must have a flag attached. It is compulsory. The delay to secure the flag back onto the post seemed to annoy both sets of players but I knew I was correct.

For the record I always take a long sleeve and a short sleeve top because the weather can change so quickly at times.

Keep the flag flying,

Willy Woodwork

Willy ‘Red card’ Woodwork.....the whistling referee.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Society meeting held on Thursday November 17th 2016 at HWSC Enfield

Apologies: Lockie Bramzell, John Metselaar and Roger Fox

Chairman's Welcome: Our Chairman welcomed members and our Guest Speaker Keith Hillier.

Minutes of the last Society meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at HWSC, Enfield.

Matters Arising: None

Secretary's Report: The secretary started on a very sad note of the passing of two of our staunchest supporters of the Society Kevin Nottage who sadly lost his battle with Cancer in July and recently Life Vice President George Basten who passed away peacefully in September . The funerals were well supported by members and friends of the Society.

A slight decline in membership which stands at 45 members compared with 54 members last year. No news of great importance from the R.A. but interesting to note that they now realise the national membership figures are suddenly in decline with the loss of 12,000 members since 2004. They have also informed local Societies that David Elleray has decided to step down as President of the RA, who was elected to the Office in 2004 when the decision was taken to join forces with the FA which one has to ask was this really a wise move?

The good news is that the Society accounts are very healthy and that the Society 100 Club has seen an increase in shareholders. Please be aware that there will be no Society meeting in December and we return to the next scheduled meeting on January 19th 2017 with Daniel Laurszkin Middlesex Referees/Discipline Officer as our Guest Speaker. Finally I have been in touch with the PGMOL Office and it is hoped that we can arrange for one of their panel referees to attend the Society either in March or April/2017 Society meeting . It could be likely that we may have to change the normal schedule date to accommodate our Guest for the evening. We will keep you posted

Editor's Report:

Thanked those members who had sent in articles and that members continue to keep doing so.

Gears Supplies officer's: None

Any Other Business: None

CHAIRMAN.....

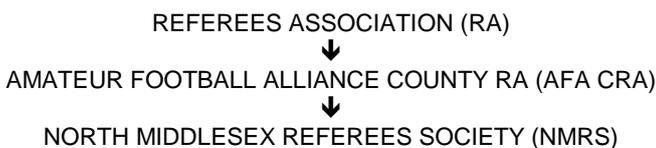
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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.

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. The publication is available on-line at the-ra.org/refmagazine.php. 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.

Reviewed September 2015

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Are held on the third Thursday monthly (except December – second Friday) commencing at 7:45 pm, at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RN Telephone: 020 8363 4449

Dates for Season 2016/2017:- September 22; October 20; November 17.2016; and January 19; February 16; March 16; April 20 2017; May - Tba



The venue is passed by Bus Route W9 and Bus Route 191 stops just a five minute walk away - direct from Enfield Town. The Rail Stations of Enfield Town; Enfield Chase; and Gordon Hill are also only a short distance away. For full directions and how to get to the venue, please see our website. See also www.tfl.gov.uk for bus information; tfl.gov.uk/modes/london-overground for rail information to Enfield Town and www.thameslinkrailway.com for rail information to Enfield Chase and Gordon Hill.

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