

*The Normidian
Magazine
Season 2013/2014*



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of the Season*

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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 Society will take place on Thursday the 22nd of May 2014 at 7.45 pm. at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex when the Society will be having its Annual General Meeting. Please note the date is not the third Thursday in the month and please attend if you can.

EDITORIAL

We all know those well worn expressions “the referee is never wrong” as well as “the referee is always right even when he is wrong” and that he is the sole arbiter of a host of aspects of the Laws of the Game. However the better and more modest and accurate expression is probably that “the person who never made a mistake never made anything”. So the question I want to raise here is given that there will be a mistake or two along the line (not necessarily literally) is whether it is better to make a sin of omission rather than that of commission. In other words obviously despite not wanting to make mistakes is it worse to make a positive decision and award something rather than give a negative one by refusing to give something. Again the advice to referees has always been so far as I know “if in doubt don’t give it”. But what if you are convinced in your own mind despite the miniscule time you have to see the incident there has been something that requires you to give a positive decision to award and that is backed up by the feelings of the players and it turns out to be wrong. Obviously again you have been honest in making the decision so would you have been better to have been wrong by giving it or leaving it alone. There have been several incidents in the Premier league shown on television in which this type of thing has occurred –think cautions for the classical cases of diving when the player is actually caught by a defender or a penalty given when there has been no contact and several players being sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity when they would have had a hard job to score in any event. It is even more of a problem in grass roots matches where there no assistants/linespersons and a decision has to be made amongst a ruck of players. Probably the most important thing there is positioning. Two hints I was given which I think help in those circumstances which are don’t award a penalty from 40 or more yards away and always try to make your decisions from a credible position or at least from a position where the players will accept it as being credible.

And so the season ends, this being the last Magazine for the period with my thanks to all who have contributed this term with special thanks to Keith Hiller for the Willy articles, Gary Cobden for his efforts as well as Robin Jagot, “Observer”, and Peter Dace. Finally particular thanks for all his hard work in the production of the magazine goes to Gareth Coates of The Middlesex FA.

Ken Goldman

Editor

The Adventures of Willy ‘Red card’ Woodwork
The Whistling Referee

Part 32 – Ode to ‘The 10 Penal offences’

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Hackney Marshes – Pitch 165

The ball went out of play and I instinctively awarded a throw on to Cockfosters Casuals. I suddenly realized ‘I know that person’ as I looked over to the touch line. There he was, that wonderful referee and FA Licensed Tutor Keith Hiller. It was certainly great to see him at one of my matches. For any one who went on a Basic Referees course and had Keith as their tutor they would never forget the way all the participants remembered the ten penal offences by a dance routine....yes, really! You had to be there to believe it but it really does work and all the participants certainly remembered the ten penal.

I also remembered the poem that Keith uses on the courses about the ten penal offences that goes something like this –

Ode to the 10 Penal offences

*A kick or attempt to kick
This is where we start
Both are the same offence
Don’t separate them apart*

*A trip appears so innocent
But it’s contact by a trip
Even when it’s careless
You award a direct free kick*

*A tackle is the next one
‘You can’t tackle’ I hear you say
But was it careless, reckless or excessive force
You decide as the ref on the day*

*To push a player is not very nice
If I’m the ref they won’t do it twice
Be alert to a player’s retaliation
But keep control and it’s a celebration*

*Raise those arms, embrace and hold
It's nice to cuddle but then unfold
To hold an opponent is a direct free kick
And in the penalty area it's a penalty kick*

*Strike or attempt to strike
Normally aimed at the head
There is only one option here
You have to show a red*

*Any part of the arm and it's all handball
You are the referee and it is your call
'Deliberate' for you is the key word here
Awarded with confidence and you should have no fear*

*Shoulder to shoulder is okay and fair
But to jump or charge these are both unfair
Keep your eyes open when you are the ref
Stay cool and calm and take a big long breath*

*To spit is vile and horrible
And players may react
You must show a red card
And that is a matter of fact.*

It is imperative that all referees know the 10 penal offences and that they are all direct free kicks. This of course means the other free kicks are in direct. It was only one minute ago in this match that a Reds Rovers defender in his own penalty area impeded an opposing player. I blew my whistle and awarded an indirect free kick. Naturally Reds Rovers thought no infringement had occurred and Casuals insisted that I award a penalty as 'there is no such thing as an indirect free kick in the penalty area'. I had to caution a player from both sides before the kick could be taken but surely you would agree with my decision?

The Cockfosters Casuals player took the indirect free kick and the ball travelled towards the goal. The goal keeper instinctively dived across the goal and touched the ball with his finger tips. The ball still managed to enter the goal and I automatically awarded the goal. The Rovers player complained that I could not award a goal as I had signalled for an indirect free kick. I explained the goal keeper had touched the ball on its route into the goal which meant another player had played the ball. The Rovers' players could not comprehend the concept and another of their players had

to be cautioned for dissent before play could continue. Well, do you think I was right, I am sure Keith would have agreed with my decision?

- *Is 'impediment' an indirect free kick?*
- *Can a goal be awarded if the goal keeper touches the ball on route to goal?*
- *Should a penalty have been awarded?*
- *Can only direct free kicks be awarded in the penalty area?*

Whatever you do make sure that you know the 10 penal offences!

Ask Keith or our ref Willie to show you the 10 penal offences dance.....you'll love it!

Forget 'Saturday Night Fever' this is 'Saturday Afternoon Fever!'

See you all soon.

Willy Woodwork

Willy 'Red card' Woodwork.....the whistling referee.



North Middlesex Referees Society – Annual General Meeting 16th May 2013

Apologies: Roger Fox, Lockie Bramzell, John Fowler, and James Morris

Chairman's Report: The Chairman welcomed members to the Society's 64th Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the Society's AGM held on 17th May 2012 was signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report: The secretary was pleased to report that membership remained stable, and that attendances at Society had improved mainly through the quality of speakers that were arranged throughout the year. With a change of printers, the production and quality of the magazine had been a major improvement with considerable savings being made. Secretary closed by thanking the members for their support over the year.

Treasurer's Report: The annual accounts were presented to the meeting and once again the Society's "Income" had exceeded "Expenditure" by £373 mainly through the Quiz Evening held in March and a 25% saving on magazine costs. Treasurer pointed out that we were still trying to obtain the services of a second auditor as the accounts were independently checked by Jim Taylor of MCFA. The draft accounts were approved by the membership and the Treasurer was congratulated on the healthy and efficient manner of the Society's accounts and the way they were presented.

Editor's Report: The editor was pleased to report that nine editions of magazine with an average twelve pages being produced for each edition.

He particularly thanked the MCFA Commercial Officer Gareth Coates for the work he had carried out at County HQ in its production. Again always pleased to receive articles from members and thanked those who regularly contributed to the magazine.

Other Officers' Reports:

None

To Consider the following changes to the Society Rules: The situation at present was that the Rules and Constitution of the Referees Association for July/2013 have not yet been approved by **RA Conference** and until such time that the **RA Rules** are approved and accepted **by Conference** no action can be taken by the Society membership. Chairman ruled that it be placed on hold until such time that the new rules and constitution have been approved and accepted by Conference/2013.

Election of Officers and Council Members: As all Officers and Council Members were willing to stand for a further year of office it was decided to elect **"En Block"** which was proposed by Daniel Lauszkin and seconded Jeff Till. The following Officers and Council members were elected.

Chairman: Tom White, **Vice Chairman:** Ken Goldman, **Secretary:** Robin Jagot, **Treasurer:** Gary Cobden

Editor: Ken Goldman, **Gear Supplies Officer:** Percy Brown, **R A Delegate:** Tom White

Council Members: Martin De La Fuente, Terry Wilson, James Morris

Election of Auditors: Jim Taylor

To consider the following motion: Society member Bob Martin proposed the vote of thanks to officers and Council members for the work carried out on behalf of the membership. Particular thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer and not forgetting those who contribute to the magazine. The members present duly endorsed the comments made.

Other Matters to be Raised: The Secretary informed the meeting that at a recent Council Meeting certain members names were put forward for long service to the RA and consideration for the 20 years Meritorious Service Award. The members to be considered were Ken May, Ken Goldman and our Chairman Tom White. The members present were happy for the Secretary to apply to the RA/FA for confirmation.

The meeting completed its business at 8.50pm which was followed by match incidents and a twenty Question General Knowledge Quiz.

Chairman



The Normidian Cover

If you have any suggestions for the Normidian Cover for Season 2014/2015, please let any member of Council know by using the contact information on the inside cover.

Many thanks.



NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

<u>2013</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2014</u>		
1,047.70	By Subscriptions (71 Full Members; 10 Associate Members)	932.00	-11.04% Worse	(115.70)
6.50	.. Bank Deposit Interest	6.42	-1.23% Worse	(0.08)
173.00	.. Donations	37.00	-78.61% Worse	(136.00)
32.00	.. Raffle Proceeds	28.00	-12.50% Worse	(4.00)
245.00	.. Advertisements	245.00	0.00% No Change	0.00
250.62	.. Social Events (Note 1)	136.75	-45.44% Worse	(113.87)
139.20	.. 100 Club	116.90	-16.02% Worse	(22.30)
43.82	.. Gear Sales Surplus	76.23	73.97% Better	32.41
29.95	.. 50th Anniversary Book	0.00	-100.00% Worse	(29.95)
0.00	.. Miscellaneous Income	138.74	100.00% Better	138.74
<u>1,967.79</u>		<u>1,717.05</u>	-12.74% Worse	(250.75)

EXPENDITURE

449.65	To Normidian Expenses (including Postage)	477.98	6.30% Worse	28.33
17.76	.. Postage/Telephones/Stationery/Misc	45.37	155.46% Worse	27.61
330.00	.. Hire of Meeting Halls	400.00	21.21% Worse	70.00
56.98	.. Guest Speaker Expenses (inc NMRS Books)	181.94	219.31% Worse	124.96
47.00	.. RA Conference Delegate	0.00	-100.00% Better	(47.00)
217.50	.. Life Vice Presidents	189.50	-12.87% Better	(28.00)
31.83	.. Miscellaneous Expenditure	82.30	158.56% Worse	50.47
<u>1,150.72</u>		<u>1,377.09</u>	19.67% Worse	226.37

817.07 **GROSS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE** 339.96 -58.39% Worse (477.11)

DEPRECIATION

51.87	Internet Domain Name	53.86	3.84% Worse	1.99
93.66	Sage Accounting Software	0.00	-100.00% Better	(93.66)
122.00	Gear Stocks (Note 2)	103.70	-15.00% Better	(18.30)
218.00	50th Anniversary Books (Note 3)	107.00	-50.92% Better	(111.00)
12.50	Training Aids - Projector (Note 4)	12.50	0.00% No Change	0.00
0.00	Computer (Note 5)	90.00	100.00% Worse	90.00

PROVISIONS

(35.57)	Provision for Corporation Tax (Note 6)	(56.75)	-59.56% Better	(21.18)
(18.73)	Provision for Presentation Evening	0.00	-100.00% Better	18.73

373.34 **EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE** 29.65 -92.06% Worse (343.69)

373.34 29.65

Note 1:- Quiz surplus less costs incurred in relation to Christmas Social evening. (2013 - Same).

Note 2:- To write down the value of Gear not necessarily saleable. (2013 - Same).

Note 3:- To write down the value of Anniversary Books not necessarily saleable. (2013 - Same).

Note 4:- To write down the value of new Projector Screen purchased in conjunction with MCFA. (2013 - Same).

Note 5:- To write down the value of new Laptop Computer. (2013 - Nil).

Note 6:- The Provision charge is an adjustment to the existing provision. (2013 - same).

Prepared By
G. J. Cobden ACIB
Hon. Treasurer
19 April 2014

Audited and Found Correct
FJ Taylor
T Hawkins
Hon. Auditor

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

<u>2013</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2014</u>	
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
11,153.01	Balance as at 1 April 2013	11,526.35	
373.34	SURPLUS for Year	29.65	
<u>237.30</u>	Provision for Corporation Tax (See Note 1)	<u>180.55</u>	
11,763.65			11,736.55
3,033.88	BENEVOLENT FUND		3,028.88
<u>14,797.53</u>		<u>14,765.43</u>	

Represented By:

INTANGIBLE ASSETS (At Cost, Less depreciation over life)

9.23	Internet Domain and Webpace	57.34	
0.00	Computer (Less Depreciation)	349.90	
<u>47.50</u>	Training Aids - Projector (Less Depreciation)	<u>35.00</u>	442.24
56.73			

CURRENT ASSETS

BANK:-

1,026.35	Current Account	823.03	
3,079.99	High Interest Account	3,081.51	
9,685.73	Bonus Saver Account (See Note 2)	9,690.63	
174.03	PayPal Account	214.65	
<u>219.36</u>	Cash/Cheques in Hand	<u>266.96</u>	14,076.78
14,185.46			

STOCKS

759.29	Gear	552.66	
218.00	NMRS Book	107.00	
35.60	Magazine	22.82	
260.64	Postage Stamps	154.80	
<u>29.96</u>	Social	<u>10.29</u>	847.57
1,303.49			

100.00	Payments in Advance (See Note 3)	100.00	
<u>13.00</u>	Debtors (Gear See Note 4)	<u>108.34</u>	208.34
113.00			15,132.69

Deduct CURRENT LIABILITIES

467.50	Subscriptions in Advance	434.50	
<u>393.65</u>	Accruals and Other Creditors (See Note 5)	<u>375.00</u>	
861.15			809.50
<u>14,797.53</u>			<u>14,323.19</u>
			<u>14,765.43</u>

Note 1:- The Provision charge includes an adjustment to the pre-existing provision. (2013 - same).

Note 2:- The Balance for the Bonus Saver Account includes £3,028.88 relating to the Benevolent Fund. (2013 - £3,033.88).

Note 3:- Payments in Advance in relation to Hall Hire. (2013 - Same).

Note 4:- Debtors relate to monies due from www.easyfundraising.co.uk (2013 - Gear Sales - subsequently received).

Note 5:- Accruals and Other Creditors relate to monies due to MCFA re Normidian production; 100 Club prepayments; and Advance Donations received. (2013 - same plus and monies due in respect of 100 Club winnings underpayments).

Prepared By
G. J. Cobden ACIB
Hon. Treasurer
19 April 2014

Audited and Found Correct
FJ Taylor
T Hawkins
Hon. Auditor

Treasurers Report

Once again, I have pleasure in submitting the accounts of the Society together with my report for the current season. The accounts – on the previous page - report that the Society recorded a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £339.36 before Depreciation and Provisions. These are indeed pleasing figures in the fact that we are still able to record a surplus, albeit less than last year, despite Income being down nearly 13% and Expenditure increasing by 20%.

Membership is down by seven on 2012/2013; Donations by £136.00 – last season this included some gear donated for subsequent sale; however, Miscellaneous Income has seen an increase of £139.00, and this is due mainly to monies raised via www.easyfundraising.co.uk/nms whereby we are fortunate to earn a small percentage of the value of purchases made on-line when you register on the site. Further details are provided elsewhere in the Magazine. We again had a very successful Quiz evening in March, although the surplus is down on last year, due in the main to the increased cost of food (£1.00 up on previous years) ; slightly fewer numbers attending; and lower raffle takings resulting in a reduction of circa £100.00.

Magazine expenditure has increased slightly this year; however, we are still producing the magazine at considerably less that we were in season 2011/2012. Additionally, we still have a stock of postage stamps to see us through to the end of next season.

The cost of Holtwhites SSC is now £50.00 per month (previously £40.00) – however we did receive the December meeting free of charge; and Guest Speaker expenses increased considerably over the previous year as we had Premiership Referee Kevin Friend at our April 2013 meeting. These costs include pre-meeting dinner; his mileage expenses; and the ‘engagement’ fee we are required to pay. Unfortunately, due to illness, we were unable to send a representative to the RA Conference.

The Depreciation and other charges relate to the Society Computer purchased during the current season; the projector screen purchased last year; regular write downs in relation to the Internet Domain and Web Space as some is invoiced annually, and some bi-annually; a further write down of the value of the Anniversary Books which are now valued at just £1.00 (original cost price of £6.47) in our books; and the write down of some additional Gear Stock which it is unlikely we will be able to sell. Additionally, we were able to release a further some from our Tax Provision on out Interest Income.

Despite this smaller surplus, we have no intention in raising subscriptions for the forthcoming season. However, I can advise that there will be an increase in subscriptions – at least for those receiving their magazines by post from season 2015/2016 - as we will then have exhausted our stock of stamps purchased a few years ago, and we will need to increase the additional charge levied on members who receive a posted magazine to reduce cross subsidies, as the magazine is our major expenditure source.

The overall value of the various Stocks we hold has now been reduced by a third to just below £850.00, and, with available cash balances, excluding the Benevolent Fund, of just over £11,000.00 the Society continues to be in a very healthy financial position.

Regrettably, I shall be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting this year due to the change of date; however, should you have any questions on the accounts, or any other financial matter connected with the Society, please contact me in advance, and I will ensure that an answer is available at the Annual General Meeting on 22 May. In the event that you raise a question at the meeting, I will get back to you as soon as possible thereafter.

At the time of writing, the accounts are currently with our Auditors, whose report will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



Membership Fees for Season 2014/2015 are now due!

This is a final reminder that your membership subscription for Season 2014/2015 became due on 1 April 2014. For those of you who have already paid; thanks. If you have still to pay, a further membership form will have been sent to you if you receive your magazine by e-mail, or be included if you receive your magazine by post. Subscriptions for both the Society and Referees Association have been maintained at the same level as last season.

Membership Fees payable are as follows:-

• Full Members

- **£27.00 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £29.50 if your magazine is received by post.**
Includes your Referees Association fee of £16.00 (includes the Personal Accident Insurance Premium of £4.00). If you are over 75, you are not automatically covered by the Insurance Premium, and your fee is reduced by £4.00. However, should you wish to purchase this insurance cover, it can be arranged on request. Please contact me for a proposal form which you will need to complete and return.

• Associate Members

- **£11.00 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £13.50 if your magazine is received by post.**
You must pay your Referees Association fee through another Society, and this should be shown on your Membership Form. Alternatively, you may join as an Associate Member if you have other interest in football work – please indicate as such on your Membership Form.

• Junior Members

- **£15.50 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £18.00 if your magazine is received by post.**
For Members under 18 years of age at 1 April, including your Referees Association fee of £10.00.

If you who receive your magazine by post, please note that we have been able to maintain your subscription premium at £2.50 due to the fact that we purchased a significant number of stamps before the last major price increase a couple of years ago, and still have enough stamps remaining. However, this will increase in 2015/2016 so, if you have an e-mail address, it would benefit all if we could send your magazine this way.

Individual fees payable are shown on your personalised Membership Form. You are reminded that you will not be covered by the Referees Association Insurance after 31 May 2014 unless your fees have been paid to the Society by that date. Please complete and return your Membership Form as soon as possible. You need to bear this in mind if you will be refereeing late season or early pre-season games.

If you have previously opted to take advantage of the Referees Association Physiotherapy Insurance, the fee for this is now either £25 or £35 based on the level of cover required. If you want to renew, or require more information about this cover, please let me know, and I will forward the relevant information.

You can also take this opportunity to join or rejoin the Society One Hundred Club – just complete the appropriate part of the membership Form, and include the additional remittance with your membership fee.

It would be appreciated if you could check the details shown on the Form, amending any information that is incorrect. Please also check the NPD Number (Registration Number) where shown is correct, and complete it if it is missing from the Membership Form. The number can be found on your County FA Registration Form. If you are not currently registered with a County FA, please indicate on your form as Not Registered. Please also indicate where requested whether you are an Assessor; Examiner; Instructor; or Mentor.

You may wonder what benefits you get from your membership of North Middlesex and The Referees Association. If you receive your magazine by post, you should also have received a 'flyer' from the Referees Association with the magazine which summarises benefits, and provides contact information; in the event that you did not receive a copy, please contact the Society Secretary. If you receive your magazine by e-mail, an electronic copy accompanies this mailing. However, outlined below are some of the visible – and invisible – benefits of membership:-

Available Benefits from the Society and Referees Association other than Society Meetings.

The Normidian – full of articles, news and information on refereeing and other topical matters.	Access to the NMRS and/or Referees Association Benevolent Funds if you fall on hard times.
Society Website - also packed with up-to-date information on the Society.	RA and other kit supplies available at meetings and to order.
Monthly 100 club draw; Christmas and other social events.	Representation to the RA through the AFA Referees' Association.
Representation on the MCFA Council; the MCFA Referees' Committee.	Advice, support and representation if assaulted, charged or suspended.
RA Conference – free attendance for members.	Mentoring of new referees.
Eve of the Final Rally tickets.	RA Website.
RA Personal Accident Insurance when officiating or attending refereeing business.	RA-FA Incentive Scheme with the potential to earn free kit.
RA Full Accident Management Service.	RA Legal Helpline.
RA Legal Advice.	RA Conveyancing Benefits.
RA Relationship Benefits.	RA Will and Estate Planning Benefits.
RA Representation on the FA Council.	RA Service awards.

RA Representation on the FA Referees' Committee. RA representation to the FA Refereeing Department.
For more details on any of the available benefits, please contact any member of the Society Council.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



North Middlesex Referees Society - One Hundred Club - Season 2013/2014

The April and May draws were made at the recent Society Council meeting; the winners are shown below. Cheques are either included with this magazine, or will have been sent to you by post if you receive your magazine by e-mail.

April 2014

15	Tom White	£14.80
32	Adrian Bland	£7.40
21	Peter Peters	£3.70



May 2014

31	Peter Jago	£14.80
23	Robin Jagot	£7.40
18	Peter Allen	£3.70



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Middlesex CFA Promotions

Middlesex CFA recently promoted society members Dean Woodhouse; Kevin Nottage and Daniel Lauszkin to Level 5. Alex Bedwell was promoted to Level 6.

John Fowler has also been promoted to Level 4 for the new season. Additionally, Alexander Kyriacou who came through the Enfield Training School in 2010 has also been promoted to Level 4, as has former Society member Michael Mackey.

We offer our congratulations to them all, and good luck in their future refereeing careers.



Presidents Message

Well, how time flies. My three years as your President draws to a close at the Annual General Meeting on 22 May. Regrettably, as mentioned in my Treasurers Report, I will not be at the Annual General Meeting to hand over the President's Chain of Office, so I will do this at the September meeting at the start of next season.

As I look back on my three years, we started off on a real high, with a Presentation Evening when we honoured five of our own with service awards - Donald Stewart; Peter Dace; Mick Osborn; and Robin Jagot received 50 Year Awards from the Football Association; George Basten received the 50 Year Award from the Referees Association; and I received the Referees Association Long and Meritorious Service Award. Later that same season Tony Ward was also presented with his FA 50 Year Award.

Over the course of my three year term, we have been entertained by some excellent Guest Speakers including former top flight referees John Moules; Keith Hill; and Steve Bennett; and current Premiership Referee Kevin Friend.

During the last few years, we have also seen massive turmoil within the Referees Association – which has been fully reported in this publication - but the RA continues to work hard to try and turn things round, despite a continually falling membership. Personally, I am not sure if the Referees Association as we know it will survive in its current format, and with its current leadership - especially now with the RA-FA coming to the fore – which I do not think is a real partnership between the two organisations. Should we back the RA's new initiative - Quest? I am not sure we could successfully do so, as we cannot get the range of membership achieving Quest certification requires, but that may well be a challenge for the future that we ask our Council Members to try and address in the new season.

Sadly in my time as President we have seen the passing of five colleagues - Vince Yeudall who was Vice Chairman, but had also served the Society in other positions; Life Vice Presidents Arthur Stewart and Mick Osborn; Associate Member John Davis; and former member Carlo Boggia.

Attendance at some meetings has not been as many as we would have liked, but with a declining membership, this is a problem which is affecting Societies nationwide. We closed the season on a total of 81 paid members so over the course of the last season we had an average attendance of probably 20% of our membership, which, when we compare it to our peak membership some seasons back of 302, if we had achieved an attendance of 20% of our membership then we would have been jumping for joy! But it is good to see that the March and April meetings have been attended by two colleagues from the recent Enfield Training Course – I hope you continue to attend for many meetings to come as you will no doubt benefit from the experience you can gain. Phil Sharp, our speaker in April, started off from a North Middlesex Training Course.

On a disappointing front, I cannot close without reference to the last - April - meeting. At the December 2013 social members present discussed and backed an open air training session. Several subjects were discussed, notably Lining and Positioning, and a session was subsequently arranged for April 2014 to be run under the auspices of Phil Sharp, former FIFA Assistant Referee. A membership survey was also undertaken in early 2014 and there was considerable support emanating from the results of the survey for such a session. However, come the evening of the session, just twelve members, yes twelve members, were present. But it was good to see some of our newly qualified and younger members present who I hope gained a lot from the evening. No matter how much you think you may know, you can always learn. Thanks Phil for giving up your time for a session which we had hoped was going to be better supported.

I need to thank all my colleagues who are either Officers or members of Council for their hard work in continuing to ensure that the Society ran smoothly throughout my term of office – long may it continue as we try and attract new blood to the Council positions. Secretary Robin Jagot has advised that he does not want to remain the only member sourcing Guest Speakers – so if you have anyone you would like to see at a meeting, or have contacts with anyone you think would be a good speaker, please let anyone on Council know.

Next season we will be changing the format of meetings, and our aim will not be to have a guest speaker every month, but to have more open forums where we can discuss anything you may want to talk about in more detail, whether it is something that has happened to you or something that you have seen on the television and need more information about. If there is something else you want to see or do at Society Meetings going forward, you really do need to let us know, as it is your Society, let us do what you want to do!!

Thank you for your support, and please continue to support the Society in the coming seasons.

Gary Cobden

President, North Middlesex Referees Society – 2011 - 2014



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of North Middlesex Referees Society will be held on Thursday, 22nd May 2014 commencing at 7.45 pm at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RU.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To CONFIRM the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in May 2013.
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 ELECT Officers and Council for the ensuing year.
9. To ELECT Honorary Auditors.
10. 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.
11. Any Other Business

Note – there were no proposals forthcoming for changes in the Rules of the Society, and the proposals for Officers and Council were duly ratified at the recent Society Council Meeting, and details will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Robin Jagot

Honorary Secretary
24 Tiverton Road,
Potters Bar,
Hertfordshire,
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Thanks

We cannot close the season without thanking the members who support us through advertising in the Normidian – John Metselaar (Henry Tilly Sports) and Andy Savva (Brunswick Motors). We hope you continue your support next season. Many thanks for your support!!!

TEACHING THE MECHANICS OF YELLOW CARDS BY OBSERVER

- We teach our Referees that they should take their time when they have to issue a yellow card. They should stay calm, compose themselves and isolate the offending player. We then read the player's rights to him (But he has none, in effect!).
- It is Ok for the referee to show his personality during this process. For instance, he may be 'as mad as hell', but he may explain to the player that he has no choice but to issue the yellow card. For example, the player may be guilty of a tactical handball offence. So, yes, let the player see your personality in action.
- If there is anything that suggests there is potential player confrontation, we advise the referee to take the yellow card out of his pocket and walk towards the player with it in the hand, so that everyone can see that it is coming. The same might apply, by the way, if the card is red. We believe that if the players know that the referee will issue a card, in many cases it helps to settle things down.
- After reading his (non-existent) rights to the player, raise the card-arm high so that all the players on the field and on the bench, as well as the coaches, will see it. The thought behind this is that it might beneficially influence all the players on and off the field. We tell our referees to turn the card in the raised hand, much like the fourth official showing the amount of added time to be played. This will allow everyone to see the card clearly.
- The referee should keep his head high and he should make eye-contact with the offender. Do not lower the head at this moment to write down the number. Keep the players in view at all times.
- Make sure that both your assistant referees, and the fourth official if you have one, all know who has been shown a yellow card. This will help avoid situations where the same player is issued with two yellow cards without also receiving the automatic red one.
- Finally, we tell the referee he should move towards his optimum position for the next phase of play before he whistles for the restart. Make sure that you immediately stop play again after the whistle if anxious players have anticipated it.
- It is all about thinking through the various stages of your approach and staying calm throughout the entire process.

BOOK REVIEW

ADDED TIME By Mark Halsey with Ian Ridley- Published by Floodlit Dreams Limited @ £12.99.

This large size paperback book with a foreward by Jose Mourinho is the one they tried to ban but not quite. This is because Mark Halsey along with well known author and very respected journalist Ian Ridley finished up self-publishing it when the original publisher withdrew following objections from the PGMOL. There is also a subtitle to it which is "Surviving cancer, death threats and the Premier league" hence the banning aspect.

The subject of cancer which many find horrifying is a common thread here as unfortunately Mark's wife Michelle also contracted it, so that the opening chapter is a very moving one as we first hear about the problem prior to Mark's refereeing an early season game between Everton and Arsenal some 48 hours before he had to present himself at hospital for an operation for a throat tumour. [As an aside younger referees will be interested to see that in the same chapter Mark sets out a very helpful list of what he took by way of food for the game as well as what he packed in his kit bag with superstitious shorts last.] That chapter also takes us through the very many trials and tribulations of recovery and the desire to referee again and the frustrations of having to wait to regain fitness, themes revisited in chapters entitled "the darkest hours" and "and the dawn".

A number of people will also be unaware that Mark was one of the few referees to ever play a high standard of football, initially signing associate schoolboy forms for Spurs but after the progress described here the opposite occurred and the Spurs dream was ended. Nevertheless Mark continued his goalkeeping career with Hertford Town and several other non-league clubs, even having a go at Rugby for a while before returning to football which he had left for a short while. This chapter and the one that follows explaining the conversion shift to refereeing with the usual early tribulations paint an important background and throughout the book there are people mentioned whom referees will know and be interested in the interaction between the author and colleagues in both the earlier and later aspects of their careers. Likewise there are a number of chapters dealing with games, players and Managers and one of those in particular Jose Mourinho who features large in a particular one. There is an antipathy towards Graham Poll threaded through the volume which some may find intriguing, stories and memories of cup competitions both domestic and European and of course numerous League matches throughout Mark's career as Referee, or Linesman/Assistant and Fourth Official. There are displayed apart from his illness a number of lows but also some considerable high's and this is clearly a referee's refereeing book, which runs to 296 pages of interest and enjoyment.

Look out also for the page which sets out some of the other books by Ian Ridley especially the prize winning "Addicted" with Tony Adams.

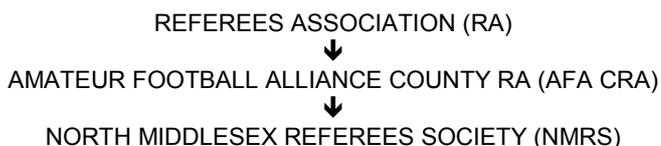
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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 either £25.00 or £35.00 dependent on the level of cover required.

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.

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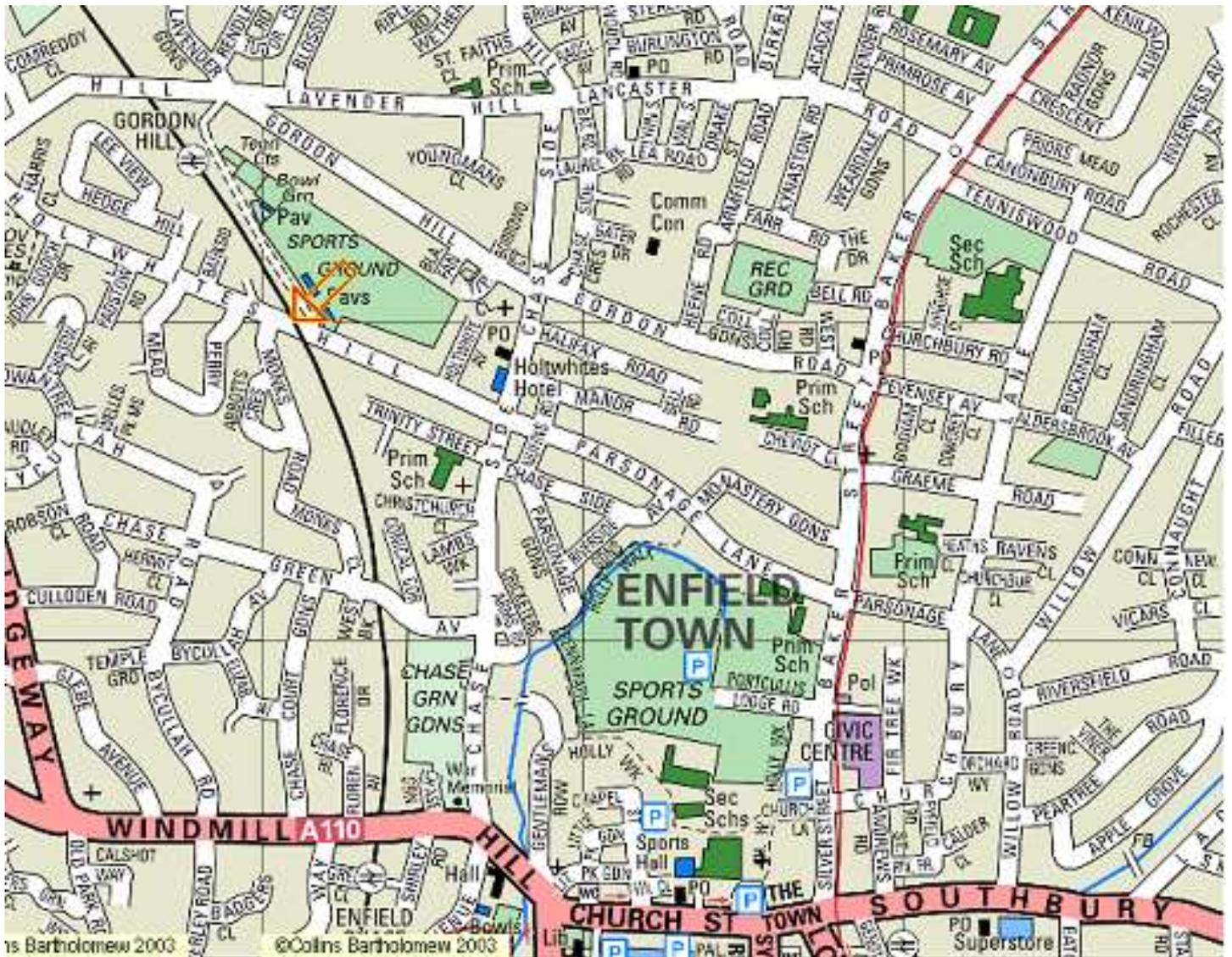
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association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

Updated July 2013

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Dates for Season 2013/2014:- September 19; October 17; November 21; December 13 2013 (second Friday); and January 16; February 20; March 20; April 24 (fourth Thursday); May 22 (fourth Thursday) 2014



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