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**The next Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will take place at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield Middlesex at 7.30pm on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 when the guest speaker will be Ian Blanchard the FA's Head of National Referee Development. The Meeting which has been called for that night is also vitally important because of the need to ratify the changes to the Society's Constitution.**

## **EDITORIAL**

Probably the biggest talking point in most Referees' Societies over the October/November period will be the "beachballgate" incident in the Premier League match between Sunderland and Liverpool which took place at the Stadium of Light on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. As people will remember, the football itself driven by Sunderland's forward Bent (aptly named in view of what happened) struck a red beachball that was residing in the penalty area approximating to the corner of the goal that Pepe Reiner was covering and was deflected to the extent that it went into goal whilst Reiner moved towards the offending object. Now there has been a lot written since on the interpretation of the rule on the subject under Law 8 after Referee Mike Jones allowed the goal to stand. Apparently the Premier League initially it is reported backed Jones saying that if he did not see an inanimate object until it was struck then he had to allow the goal. Others, including the terrible twins Messrs Poll and Winter who have advised the various forms of media, have jumped on the bandwagon and said he should have disallowed the goal in any event. What is clear is that any referee who sees something lying on the pitch (I do not mean players claiming decisions, using the other sense of the word) should immediately stop play and award a drop ball, contested or not. It is interesting to note what FIFA's interpretation is, culled from the 2009/10 Laws of the Game. The only references I could find having trawled through the definitive booklet came in the sections on Law 5 "The Referee" and "Interpretation of the Laws of the Game and the Guidelines for Referees". Initially in Law 5 it states in the obligations and duties of the Referee that he/she shall "stop, suspend or abandon the match because of outside interference of any kind" but it does not state what outside interference is. If we then move to the later "Guidelines" there on Law 3 it is suggested dealing with what are called "outside agents" and it refers to "additional balls on the pitch". Presumably this means footballs but there may have to be a clarification of any type of ball now including beachballs. If the extra ball comes onto the pitch the referee is to stop the match BUT ONLY IF IT INTERFERES WITH PLAY. The Referee must have it removed as soon as possible in that event. Outside agents are again dealt with later but are specifically designated as people and who are removed at the point when they interfere with play and the game is stopped for that purpose. But what of overhanging tree branches or in the case of the new 3G pitches that are used for other activities, the overhanging wires. They are not referred to and one assumes that as they are not part of the pitch the referee either refuses to play the game or alternatively allows play to continue when they are struck.



## **THE RIGHT DECISION**

At a recent FAMOA evening held at Charlton FC's Valley Ground, Premiership Referee Steve Bennett gave a talk entitled "What happens when we get the big decisions right?" Some of the points that he made with the use of some slides and video to show how to achieve the right results from decisions were as follows-

- Positioning is vital.
- The diagonal used should be flexible and not rigid.
- The anticipation of play. This is not always easy because at the lower levels there is difficulty in knowing where the ball is going to go which is different from the higher levels where it becomes easier.
- Do we use our Assistants to the best advantage, by briefing colleagues correctly in order to create the best team-work.
- Communication with colleagues plays a big part in achieving results and there is a great need to trust Assistants particularly in penalty area decisions. There especially is where eye-to-eye contact is vital.
- A referee must never switch off but must stay one hundred per cent focused.
- In heading duels especially where two opponents jump for the ball always look for the signs which will tell if there is a foul by one of them. If a player goes up with an open palm any contact will probably be accidental, but if the fist is clenched then it is almost certainly a foul if contact is made.
- Make sure you are fit to referee and do not referee to get fit.
- Differentiate between the type of foul committed to decide the punishment. Is it a free kick; a caution or a dismissal?
- A referee needs courage but often you make decisions which are on gut feelings or on instinct, so big decisions are not always popular.
- Concentration and awareness are paramount.
- Try to make the best angles in order to give correct decisions.

Steve Bennett who it had been incorrectly stated had retired to take up a job in Cricket was able to scotch the rumour especially as he has been seen officiating in the Premier League this season, ended his talk by stating that "you never have to say sorry to anyone if you get those big decisions right."

Just as a footnote during a short discussion on punishments for foul play it seemed that even at the highest level not enough credence is given to the concept that "you tackle the ball and do not tackle the man as such". That seems to be vital in deciding what happens thereafter as to the punishment required to be applied.

# JUST A LINE By Observer

**How many times do we hear a colleague, when asked if he has a game, replies "Yes, but I only doing a line or I am only a linesman". Is the word Assistant Referee ever mentioned?**

**The person running a line must have the correct attitude; combined with a good know how of how to do the job but at the same time being able to enjoy oneself. After all, every referee at some time in his or her career has to run a line. So why not make an effort to do it properly.**

**What does the word LINESMAN mean?**

**L stands for LEARNING.**

*Learn* to be adaptable, remember that not so long ago linesmen always came round onto the goal line for corners. This limited their effectiveness, because their judgement was limited to ball in and out of play. The referee would have to look for the offside decision until the Linesman came back to the touchline position. Alternative positions are now used which assist with the overall control of the game.

Another position that has changed in the same period is for penalty kicks. The referee now gives himself a choice of having the linesman come onto the field of play to judge encroachment and the taking of the kick. Whilst he takes control of the more important parts, premature movement of the goalkeeper and the ball crossing the goal line. Alternately, he can revert back to the linesman acting solely as goal judge and for him to view encroachment and the movement of the goalkeeper and kicker.

*Learn* how to present yourself in the best way possible, both in appearance and in manner. *Learn* how to treat Club Officials, groundsmen, colleagues and players, before, during and after the game.

*Learn* how to deal with "benches" and whether or not to turn a deaf ear.

*Learn* how to deal with comments, both abusive ones and complimentary ones, try not to show any reactions, just smile and look as if you are enjoying yourself, whatever the circumstances.

*Learn* to listen to referees comments and to follow his pre match instructions, even if they are at variance with your own opinions.

**I stands for INSURANCE.**

*Insure* yourself against being caught out by a late appointment by having a complete set of kit standing by for such an occasion.

*Insure* against getting lost on the way to a match or arriving late, by getting the facts right with regard to the location of the ground, the route to take to get there and the time of kick-off.

*Insure* against looking uninformed or incompetent by checking the rules of the competition in which you are officiating.

**N** stands for **NEUTRALITY**.

You should always appear to be *Neutral* to both clubs involved in your match. Often you will find that over the course of a few seasons, you come across the same clubs on several occasions, and you may get onto first name terms with their officials and players. If you are using first names with one set of players but not the other, you will be leaving yourself open to comments about bias and lack of *Neutrality*. Therefore, be wary of using first names or nicknames; be courteous but not overfriendly; show respect but demonstrate firmness.

**E** stands for **EFFORT**.

*Effort* which you should put into every game.

*Effort* will often reap its own rewards.

Assessors on senior leagues now assess the linesmen as well as the referees. Referees also give their linesmen ratings. It is done to improving standards.

Make an *Effort* to maintain your body in a fit state.

Make an *Effort* to ensure your signals are clear, precise and not ambiguous.

*Effort* is also needed to maintain concentration during the game.

*Effort* is needed to deal with correspondence efficiently, before, during and after the match.

**S** stands for **SENSE**.

*Sense, Common* is your best asset, so use it wisely.

*Sense, Sixth* is something you are not born with, but must develop with your practical knowledge of the game. This can tell you when trouble might be imminent, or when to glance over your shoulder, or when to keep an eye on a player after the ball has been played away.

*Sense*. Beware of an air of innocence from a player, it will probably mean he has just got away with something, or he is about to try something he would rather you did not see!

*Sense, Positional* is important, not only your own, but an awareness of the present and immediate future positions of the referee and the players.

**M** stands for **MANAGEMENT**.

*Management* - the most important part is to consider is the *Management* of yourself.

How you *Manage* yourself will reflect on your ability to *Manage* others.

Man *Management* is needed at all times and there are many ways in which this can be enhanced, such as being firm, friendly and stern when required.

You may even con players into thinking every one of your decisions is right if you are quick, positive and decisive - but remember that players have long memories.

**A** stands for **ASSESSMENTS**.

These came in three categories, *The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*.

Taken in reverse order.

*Assessments (Ugly)* - luckily, there are very few assessors who send in *Ugly* ones, but they do exist. They are pedantic, usually given from the view they have of the game. Instead of making allowances for the view available to the officials and do not tolerate individual interpretation because only their way is right!

*Assessments (Bad)* - these are the ones you do not like, they usually hurt because they contain true criticism. These are the ones that mean you must make an effort to correct all the bad habits that you probably know you have, but hope no one else has spotted.

*Assessments (Good)* - these are the best ones, which tell us how well you have performed. Don't just gloat over the points for which you have been praised though, even the good ones contain gems of information on how to improve your performance even further.

Finally

**N** stands for **NIGGLES**.

*Niggles* this covers all the personal things that can upset you at any time, your own pet hate section.

*Niggles* the club secretaries who do not confirm fixtures, or if they do, do so at the last moment.

*Niggles* you phone a club, you have not heard from, only to be told by the secretary, I was just going to ring you.

*Niggles* the official(s) who cannot be bothered to dress smartly for the match.

*Niggles* the match officials who know each so well they leave you out in the cold before and after the match.

*Niggles*. The groundsmen who take no action and allow a heavily worn strip along the edges of the field of play which you are to patrol.

*Niggles*. There may be many more that you can add to this list but it is most important that you must get them out of your system before you go out on to the field of play.

If you read and digest the information in this article, it is hoped that in the future you will be able to say with pride "Yes, I do have an appointment I am a Linesman or I am doing a line".

The Psychological Surgeon? A cautionary Tale - By Dr Nick Krasner  
MBCHB. MRCP. MSc Sports Med. Master in Sports Medicine and Doctor at Barnet FC.

The manager and coaches threw their arms up in despair as Fletch (not real name) missed another sitter. Their centre forward, who was so prolific in training, had not scored all season. He could be the next Michael Owen but was playing more like the next Sid Owen from East Enders.

When I met Fletch, he seemed anxious and quiet for a striker. I chatted with him for a short time and asked him what would be a remarkable result of this encounter. "A hatrick" he replied and he gave me 3 games to get it for him. The only time he had achieved such a feat was when he was 10 and playing for his school team.

Paul was a central defender who had pace and finesse; a rarity in division 1. The problem was that he kept being off injured with back pains. Despite MRI scans and physiotherapy, he regularly missed half the season with no adequate explanation.

Fletch came off the following game, having failed to score. As he came through the tunnel I grabbed him and put in a mind program, whilst he was in total shock. Paul told me about all the acupuncture and discussions about surgery. I also discovered that at 7, he was shouted at for losing at football. As he spoke about this his back pain got worse and working with his subconscious we cleared this in a few hours.

Fletch ran out with more purpose on the next game and was in delight as his scuffed shot found the back of the net after 10 minutes.

Paul ran on the field in his next match freer physically than he had felt for years. He had an extra bounce in his step and his energy seemed increased.

When Fletch latched onto a free ball on the edge of the box, he twisted perfectly and dispatched a shot into the top corner. His relief and enjoyment was palpable.

Paul finished the game and did not require his usual physiotherapy pummelling before he went home.

Fletch's third was extremely cheeky, back heeling the ball in the six-yard box. The manager and coaches had to stop themselves running onto the field; as it turned out those goals saved the team from relegation.

Paul completed that season and the next without missing a further game through back injury. His performances improved and as a result he was sold on to a championship team.

The link between Paul and Fletch is that the difficulty lies not superficially but deep in the subconscious. The deep belief of the player is often created whilst in childhood and has been impacting them ever since. That belief structure will affect how they train, listen to the coaches, deal with fellow players, play on the pitch and hold their muscles. This will have a huge impact on risks of injury and their performance.

So it is to those "heart sink" and 'if only' players that lays a challenge before the sports psychologist. The process required is simple, but rarely easy. A session can take from 2-6 hours and personally I like to get it done in one go. This may seem a lot for some of the players whose concentration is not all that good,, but when we get to crux of why a person is not performing and then alter it the player's full attention follows.

Having been a sports doctor at Spurs academy and at Barnet FC, I have loved working with footballers and football teams. Using the knowledge of a doctor and involving psychology, I try to pin point what is holding someone back, isolate it, change or remove it and then watch as the true magic of the team or player flourishes on the field. That is psychological surgery, but there is no actual cutting and the results can be immediate.

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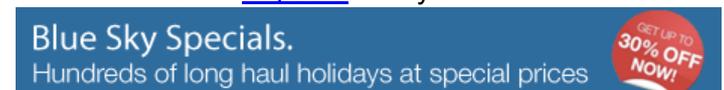
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### Senior Challenge Cup – Round 2

Hillingdon Borough F.C. First/ v Harefield United F.C. First  
Enfield Town F.C. First

Stephen Reuter (AR)

### Sunday Intermediate Cup - Round 2

Zenit St Whetstone F.C. First v Hampton Northmet (Riverside) F.C. First

Peter Jago (R)

### Sunday Junior Cup - Round 2

McKenzie Rangers F.C. First v CB Hounslow United (Sunday) F.C. Reserves  
Queensbury Park Rangers F.C. First v Headstone Manor U21 F.C. First  
Highway United F.C. First v Hobgoblin Hangover F.C. First

John Stockman (R)  
Percy Brown (R)  
Scott Roberts (R)

### Under 18 Youth Cup - Round 2

Forty Youth F.C. U18 v Larkspur Rovers Youth F.C. U18

John Noblemunn (R)

### Under 16 Youth Cup – Round 2

Muswell Hill Youth FC U16 v AFC South Ruislip U16  
Broadwater United Youth F.C. U16 v St Andrews Youth F.C. U16

John Vyras (R)  
Paul Watts (R)

### Under 13 Youth Cup - Round 2

Omonia Youth F.C. U13b v LNER Youth F.C. U13

Barry Berndes (R)

### Under 12 Youth Cup - Round 2

Enfield Rangers F.C. U12a v Headstone Manor Youth F.C. U12b

Greg Inwood (R)

### Under 11 Youth Cup - Round 2

Rap-Aid Youth F.C. U11 v Teddington Athletic F.C. U11b

John Stockman (R)

### Under 14 Girls Youth Cup - Round 1

Enfield Town Ladies Youth F.C. U13 v Enfield Town Ladies Youth F.C. U14

Nicholas Nicolaou (R)









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# MATCH-BASED SUSPENSIONS – THEY'RE COMING!

Many people take the view that it is wrong for standard suspensions of players in the professional game to be limited to a fixed number of matches, when standard suspensions of grassroots players are based on periods of time. For example, a professional player who directs offensive language at a referee will receive a one match ban, but the same offence by a player on the local parks will result in a five week suspension - during which any number of games may be missed.

This anomaly is being addressed by the FA, which is gradually rolling match-based suspensions throughout the football pyramid. For three years they have been in force at Contributory League level, with reports submitted by referees to the FA for games in the Ryman Football League, etc., leading to players being banned for a fixed number of games rather than for a fixed period of time. Two seasons ago, match-based suspensions were introduced to Steps 5 and 6 of the National League System. This meant Supply League clubs, such as those in the Combined Counties Football League, the Essex Senior Football League, and the Spartan South Midlands Football League were brought in to the scheme. Disciplinary cases for those clubs are processed by County FA's rather than by the FA. For this season Clubs in Step 7 of the National League System have been brought into the match-based system. This means Clubs such as those in the top division of the Middlesex County Football League are now involved.

The FA aims in future years to roll the match-based system down below Step 7 of the National League System so that it applies at absolutely all levels. It is not easy to administer: players must miss the correct number of games, but there are often complications due to postponements, Cup competitions, players who play for more than one club, etc. The last thing desired by any club is to be penalised with fines and point deductions for inadvertently fielding a suspended player.

To help ensure this system runs smoothly, ensure you submit your misconduct reports as quickly as possible. This relates not only to dismissal offences but also to cautionable offences: remember that all players who accumulate five/ten/fifteen, etc., cautions during a season are also automatically suspended. If reports are always submitted promptly, suspensions should be imposed as efficiently as possible.

Extracted from the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of London FA's Capital Referee.



## Trainee Referees

Our latest referees course completed Module 3 (the exams) on Saturday 3rd October. The following candidates are now registered as Level 9 Referees and are all Trainee Members of the Society.

Thomas Cove, Rico Craigie, Gareth Pusey, Dan Lauszkin, Sam Whitaker, Mark Posselt, Thomas Corfe, Matthew Hawksbee, Sam Turner, Tony Culora, Sam Sherry, Simon Martindill, Rory Prail, Alex Ieri, Louis Baldwin.

Our next course commences on Thursday 26th November. Any interested parties should contact Andy Perren at Middlesex FA. (e-mail [andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com](mailto:andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com) or telephone 020 8515 1927)

Stan Rosenthal  
FA Tutor



# Public liability insurance in unaffiliated football

*Wednesday, 21 October, 2009*

## **Information for all referees regarding unaffiliated football.**

As a referee that is registered with your parent county FA you are covered with Public Liability Insurance for all forms of refereeing that you are involved in within the county. This provides referees with substantial protection and cover for any incidents or unforeseen accidents that may accrue whilst you are officiating in football in this county.

However, it is essential for you to be aware that this Public Liability Insurance is only valid in football that is appropriately sanctioned and affiliated with your parent county FA or The Football Association. If you referee in any form of football that is not affiliated to either the County FA or The FA and an incident arises, unfortunately you will not be covered by our Public Liability Insurance and the County will not be able to support you through disciplinary action against players and clubs.

The FA and County FAs feel that we have a duty of care to our referees to ensure that you are aware of the risks that you place yourself in through refereeing unaffiliated football. It is important to realise that in recent times there is a growing number of leagues and teams that are unaffiliated in all formats of the game, including both 11-a-side and 5-a-side football.

We would suggest that you should check with your competition to ensure that it is appropriately affiliated and sanctioned with either The FA or the respective County FA, by asking the competition secretary for the affiliation number. If you have any concerns or queries on the affiliation of a competition then please contact your parent County FA to verify.

This information is provided so that you can make an informed decision on whether to officiate in unaffiliated football.

This is taken from the FA.COM and also relates to the Referees Association Insurance. You should take care if you are refereeing the 'PowerLeague' and 'Goals' type football to ensure that they are currently properly affiliated.



## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

**The Referees' Association (RA)** is the national body for referees and delegates its operational powers to the Referees Association of England (RAE). The RAE 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 Society send a representative to AFA CRA who meet as requested locally. The RAE hold Area Liaison Meetings each year, generally in December. The Referees' Association Board meets four times a year. All delegates and officers of NMRS, together with those of the County and Referees Association Committees 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 RAE, and, in turn, the RA

**The Objects of The Referees Association and The Referees Association of England** 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. It is published four times a year, and is mailed direct to all registered referees by the Football Association. The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of FAMOA 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. This registration automatically enrolls you in the Match Officials Association run by the Football Association - FAMOA. However, the CFA's and FAMOA 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.

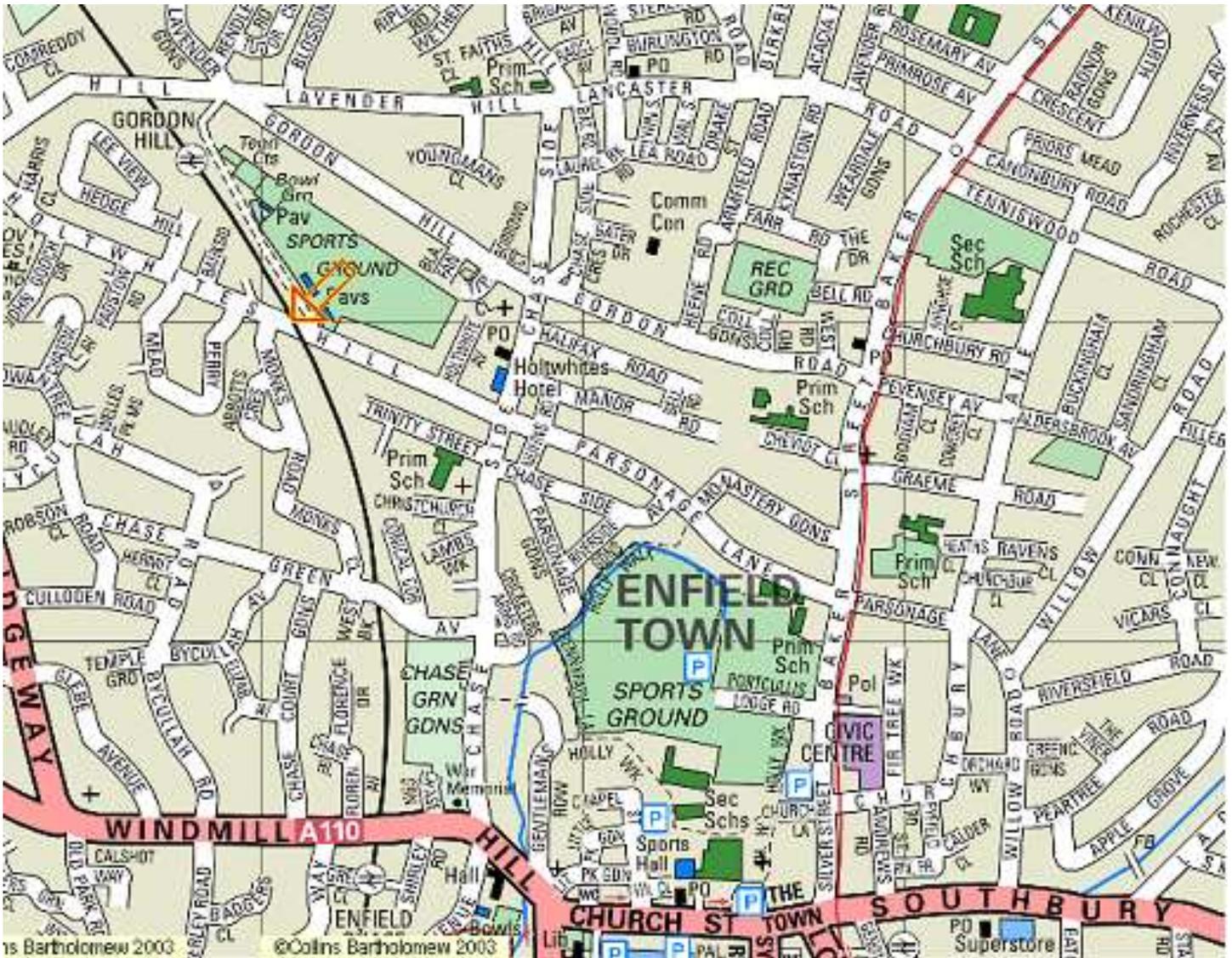
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
FAMOA	Football Association Match Officials Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RAE	Referees Association of England

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Are held on the third Thursday monthly (except December 2009 - second Monday), commencing at 7:30 pm, at

Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RU  
Telephone: 020 8363 4449

Dates for Season 2009/2010:- September 17; October 15; November 19; December 14 2009; and  
January 21; February 18; March 18; April 15; May 20 2010



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

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