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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 at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield Middlesex at 7.45pm on Thursday the 18th November 2010 when the guest speaker will be Mark Ives, Football Association Disciplinary Manager.

EDITORIAL

Two recent incidents in Spurs' home matches highlighted the difficulties that Officials face these days and why some people want technology introduced (yes I am mentioning it again) for offsidess and penalties. In the first case it was a Carling Cup game that Spurs played against Arsenal and there is no bias intended either way here. The Assistant Referee gave an Arsenal player offside when he was about to score when he was not offside and in the second half the same official allowed Robby Keane to score when he was offside. Both calls were both marginal and difficult to see without the aid of television camera replays so they were both highly understandable. However there is no doubt that these types of marginal decisions will always be made and numerous of them will be wrong and officials pilloried. With that in mind and being against technology for offsidess I offer a solution which may seem fanciful and is unlikely to be taken up even if it is quite sensible. The Offside Law has firstly seen a player infringing if there were not 3 defenders between him and the goal-line; then it was reduced to two and if the player was "level" he was offside. The final change was that if he was level he was now onside. What therefore would be the harm if the Law was changed to say that the player could only be offside if he was **more** than one meter in front of the second last defender? That meter would ensure there were no more marginal decisions to be made, there would be no need for technology and no worries whether a player was level or not. Whilst in football we all hate unnecessary Law changes and there might possibly be arguments over whether a player was one meter in front, this idea could still prove very beneficial. Comments and observations would be appreciated.

The second incident came in a Champions League match between Spurs and FC Twente where Tottenham were awarded 3 penalties. Anyone can have a view as to whether any or all three were justified, but what was the concerning issue was whether the first and certainly the third were not given by the Referee at all but by the 5th officials on the goal-line. On the third penalty the Assistant did not flag and the Referee turned away from the incident, only to suddenly wheel round and award the spot kick which seemed to give rise to a worrying feeling. Surely the system of having 5th officials is fraught enough, without there being the possibility that the Referee becomes a puppet, whose strings are pulled by those goal-line officials who currently seem to have more power than the Assistant referees and the 4th official and yet are only sanctioned, not by the Laws, as this is an experiment, but by the rules of the competition.

Ken Goldman (Editor)

CHARLES LIFFORD ASKS “DOES THE SOCIETY NEED THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION?”

1. Every year the Society pays to the Referees Association approx £1600.
2. Does the membership of the RA enhance your membership of the Society?
3. Please can any member advise the Society as to the benefits receives.
4. What communications do you receive from the RA?
5. The Referees Association’s board members comprises of a group of persons who spend large amounts of monies on expenses for travel and hotel accommodation for meetings.
6. The only contact they you may have with them maybe at the National Quiz, Eve of the Final Rally or RA Conference. These can be expensive, involve a lot of travelling therefore time consuming and of limited value.
7. Only one of them is an active referee.
8. Do they achieve anything? I leave you to judge ask Robin for at look at minutes of the meetings?
9. Are they completely independent of the FA?
10. Some of them are attached to County FA’s (paid or unpaid)
11. Will they really challenge the FA to protect member’s interest?
12. Who runs the Referees Association office? They employ 4 persons.
13. However because the RA now has a seat on the FA Council & Referees Committee, so the Secretary is rarely at his place of employment, so it is down to 3.
14. What has been achieved with this seat on the FA? The membership is not kept advised at all.
15. There is a lot of form filling that has to be done by the Society Secretary. In the electronic age why are they not able o take advantage of modern methods?
16. Each member would save £15 per year but you would not have any insurance but how good is the insurance?
17. The RA insurance covers theft and accident at matches but is full of exclusion clauses to restrict claims.
18. If you have a problem you may have to look to your Car or House insurance.
19. What would happen to the purchasing of kit? No problem, you do not have to be a member, it is available on the website to anyone.
20. We now add RA-FA!
21. I rest my case.

[Having posed the question Charles has now provided his own opinion which follows. It is an important subject and it would be both nice and useful for the readership to send in their own viewpoints – Ed.]

FORGING CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN THE FA & THE RA TO BENEFIT REFEREEING BY CHARLES LIFFORD

This title was taken from an article in the last issue of 'Normidian'.

How many members actually read the article? I leave you to ponder with an answer. Have you asked yourself what does it mean?

If you ask a senior member of this Society why he joined the Society, the reply will be I had to, to take the Referee Training Course, because that was the way the courses were organized a few years ago. However the FA in its wisdom decided that they should take charge and the system that is in place today was established. Unfortunately it meant that the candidate instead of becoming an immediate member of the Society now has to be asked to join.

How many of them take up the option, not many?

So let us look at the article in full:-

“Talks have taken place to bring the FA & RA closer together, leading to creation of a formal partnership called RA-FA, bringing together the best of both organisations for the benefit of all referees and especially grassroots referees, whilst recognising the vital, independent roles of each organisation. The prime focus will be on recruiting, retaining, developing and supporting referees throughout the country with the aim of making a major contribution to raising retention rates and increasing the total number of referees.”

What has the FA achieved since the change of the system, and the RA since its re-organisation?

Since the change in 2003 when the membership was 17,500 approx it has fallen to 10,500 and referees ask why the regular increase in subscriptions, (there another one next season). The FA keeps informing us that training has increased, but where are the actual figures. How many of the members are active, non-active but registered or Level 10 or under 25 or 16, these figures are never published. Why?

The FA has taken full charge of the training of referees at the expense of the RA Societies who were very much involved in finding the candidates. Are the Society training officers up and down the country really attached to their Societies?

The FA is now producing a free magazine for all referees entitled 'Refereeing' but does that cover grassroots?

OBSERVER PLEADS - PLAY ADVANTAGE REF!

Referees at all levels are regularly castigated for not using the "Advantage Clause", although it is a fact that so often when a referee does allow advantage the non-offending side fails to really capitalise on the opportunity.

So what is "Advantage?"

Often when a "Red" team player has committed a foul but a "Blues" team player has possession, people think that play should continue because the "Blue" has the "Advantage". This advantage is often illusory, however, with the question of whether there is a true advantage resting on various factors. Let's look at some of these factors.

1. *Where on the pitch are we?* If an attacker fouls a defender in the region of the penalty area, the defence will often prefer to have a free kick to recompose itself, thus relieving pressure on itself.
2. *What support does the player now in possession have from his colleagues?* It's no good playing advantage when the full back has fouled the winger who, whilst he is now in possession, is faced by the sweeper and has none of his own team either near him or in a position for a pass.
3. *What are the pitch conditions?* If the pitch is heavy or has surface water, it may be a greater advantage to have a free kick rather than having to try to control the ball on a "sticky" surface.
4. *How skilful are the players?* This is an imponderable difficulty for the referee. If you are refereeing Wayne Rooney or Frank Lampard you may reckon that it is the player being on his feet with the ball being 5 or 6 yards clear of opponents. But is it more than enough to enable him to set up a goal-scoring chance? However, if you're out there on a Sunday morning with Joe Bloggs (sorry, Joe!), then giving the free kick may be preferable.
5. *What is happening in the match and what are the attitudes of the players?* If the players are playing the game, taking knock for knock and getting on with it, a referee can allow advantage. If however, there is a possibility of retaliation, he is well advised to whistle strongly and ignore the advantage. After all, it is of no advantage to the non-offending side if the player who has been fouled finishes up getting himself sent off for that retaliation is it?

One thing that must be remembered in the overall study of "Advantage" is that the Law does not state the referee shouldn't penalise, if the non-offending side has an advantage. It says that he should refrain from penalising in cases where he is satisfied that by so doing (by awarding a free kick) he would be giving an advantage to the offending team.

This subtle but very important difference changes the sense of the "Advantage" clause; the common understanding is that the non-offending side should have an advantage through being able to continue uninterrupted. In fact, the requirement IS THAT THE OFFENDING SIDE SHOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVANTAGE.

It is hoped that the examples, given in this article which illustrates the differences, and gives a different insight into why a referee may (or may not) apply the "Advantage".

The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

Part 5 – Half Time- A time for reflection

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
Venue: Hackney Marsh - Pitch165
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)

Being half time gave me a moment to reflect on the incidents for the first forty five minutes. I was given an orange from the home team which appeared to be left over from last weeks match which I subtly discarded. The home team captain who promised he would pay me at half time then said “No problem I’ll pay you immediately after the game”. ‘Wonderful’ I thought. This was the same person who when I flipped the coin to see who would kick off said to me “Heads I win, tails you lose”. It then struck me and I realised what he had said even though it had taken me forty five minutes to realize!

Both captains approached me and asked if the second half could start immediately. I had no problem with the request and blew my whistle to summon the players back onto the pitch.

One of the players said “Hang on ref, I want to go the toilet and the break has only been about five minutes”. Most of the players were happy to start the second half but this one player continued saying “It clearly states in the laws of the game that up to fifteen minutes are permitted for the half time interval and I want the other ten minutes. You cannot start without me.” Even his own captain told me to start the second half. It appeared this was the only player who wanted to extend the interval, so using ‘Law 18’ – the common sense law; I decided to blow my whistle to start play again. After all, most of the players were either going to Arsenal -v- Tottenham or intended to watch the match which was live on TV. The player continued to argue, insisting he was correct so I had to caution him for dissent. He then told me I cannot show a yellow card at half time but only during the match. I told him he would be seeing a red card if he continued any further and suggested he went to the toilet before he missed any more of the match.

With my whistle blown, we kicked off for the second half. Rovers attacked the Casuals goal and the shot went wide and I signalled for a goal kick. Then it struck me.....the Casuals ‘goal keeper’ had played the first half as a forward and the goalie from the first half was now on the pitch as an out field player. I blew my whistle again, pointed to the penalty spot and confidently said “Penalty”. The Cockfosters Casuals players immediately surrounded me. “What are you doing? How can that be a penalty?” I attempted to reply “I have awarded a penalty for hand ball. The player played as a forward in the first half and has not asked my permission to now play in goal. Law 3 clearly states the referee must be informed if the goal keeper is replaced and this clearly has not been done”. I am sure you can imagine the comments I was now receiving and duly cautioned two players for dissent. The Rovers captain said to me “You are quite right ref that is the correct decision”. Of course he was right as was I and after all I am the referee so I knew I again was correct. I cautioned both the players concerned and the penalty when eventually taken went blazing over the cross bar! A Casuals player then said to me “That was justice. That was never a penalty in the first place”. I had no option other than caution this player for dissent.

It all went quiet for the next few minutes so I knew I was in control of things and had applied the laws correctly.

Well it was quiet until the forty seventh minute. The Rovers goal keeper was having difficulty taken the goal kicks so one of the out field players started to take them. No problem with that until one of the kicks left the penalty area and went straight to the goal keeper who was standing just outside of the penalty area. The problem arose when the goal keeper proceeded to dribble the ball back inside his own penalty area and then pick the ball up into his arms. "It's a back pass" shouted one of the Casuals players. This certainly put doubt into my mind. I knew something was not right and I thought of the options available to me –

1. The goal kick could be retaken.
2. Award an indirect free kick
3. Award a penalty
4. Drop ball
5. Just continue

Not an easy decision and the more I thought about it I decided in normal circumstances a goalie cannot pick up the ball when a team mate plays the ball back to him so I awarded an indirect free kick where the offence occurred. "Is that for hand ball?" asked one of the Casuals players. "Yes" I replied with confidence. The player responded "If you've just confirmed the player handled the ball then hand ball inside the penalty area is a penalty!" What the player said made perfect sense so I awarded a penalty instead. I knew that provided play has not restarted a referee can change his mind. This caused voices to be raised but two yellow cards had the desired effect and the penalty was taken only to be saved by the goal keeper.

In the 52nd minute a Rovers player tripped a Casuals defender in his own penalty area. Easy decision, a direct free kick to the Casuals. The free kick was taken but it was a poorly struck kick. A Rovers player run forward to intercept the ball but before the ball had even left the penalty area the Rovers player was tripped in the penalty area by a Casuals defender. "Penalty" shouted several Rovers players. But I knew better. "No, the free kick is retaken as the ball must leave the penalty area. That was not the case and as it did not so therefore it has to be a retake". The Rovers player continued "Our player is tripped in the box and you give the decision the other way, that's absolute rubbish ref". "Thank you for the kind words" I said as I duly cautioned the player.

I was feeling thirsty, maybe I should have taken the orange.

Let me know if you agree with my decisions so far, we can always discuss them at the next meeting

Regards



Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

Willy Woodwork

Meeting Update

Our April meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday 14th. However our Guest Speaker for April, Mike Riley, has advised he can no longer meet this date. The meeting has therefore been brought forward one week to Thursday 7th April when Mike Riley can attend. The meeting will revert to our usual venue, Holtwhites Sports and Social Club.



Quiz Nite

North Middlesex Referees Society is planning to hold a Quiz Night on Friday 25 March 2011 at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club – our usual meeting venue.

Ticket price is to be confirmed, but please make a note of the date in your diary now. It would be appreciated if we could have an early indication of likely attendees, so please let me know if you plan to attend.

Do not worry if you cannot get a complete team together (six people) as there will be others in the same position, so we will be able to 'mix and match'.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



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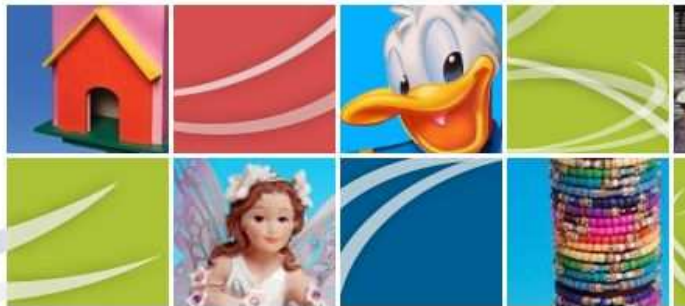
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There are Forty-One shares subscribed for the season, making a regular monthly payout of £28.70, with a full payout of £41.00 in February and August 2011. We are still looking for new members for the 100 Club, so, if you would like to join the 100 Club for Season 2010/2011, please complete the form on the next page and forward to Gary Cobden, Honorary Treasurer.

The first draws – for September and October – were made at the October meeting, and were drawn by our Guest Speaker, Phil Sharp. Cheques enclosed or sent by post if you receive your magazine by e-mail.

September

1st 18 Steve Wildgoose £16.40 2nd 10 John Metselaar £8.20 3rd 5 Michael Mackey £4.10

October

1st 14 Mike Sibley £16.40 2nd 34 Robin Jagot £8.20 3rd 22 Terry Hayne £4.10

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Gary Cobden
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Middlesex County Schools FA

The outgoing Referees Secretary from Middlesex County Schools FA, former NMRS member John Taverner, was in attendance at the October meeting. He attended to make a presentation to another NMRS member, Bob Martin, by way of recognition for his help and assistance during his term of office. John is pictured making his presentation to Bob.



Can players wear spectacles or goggles when playing football?

In response to a question raised at the October meeting, the following guidance has been provided by our guest speaker, Phil Sharp, Referees Development Officer, Hertfordshire CFA.



Flying footballs and close physical contact make football a moderate risk sport for eye injuries. Spectacles or goggles may provide protection from injury and can also be worn with those who need to wear prescription lenses.

Polycarbonate Lenses: This is the most important property of all

protective spectacles or goggles. Good polycarbonate is virtually unbreakable, and will sustain the impact of a ball or finger.

Sports Band: an elasticised band and not temple pieces should secure the frame. Players must have something that will be secured tight to the head so that the spectacles or goggles won't fall off. A frame with temples will not hold tight enough and a jab from a finger could lift the frame off and potentially damage the eye.

Although sports eyewear is intended to offer the best protection available, there is always the possibility that the wearer may sustain an eye or facial injury due to severe impact or because of the nature of the athletic activity. Referees should ensure that if a request has been made to wear glasses/goggles, that they must not be a danger to himself or to any other player.

Children and grassroots football: Whilst The FA recommends Polycarbonate lenses we recognise this may be an issue for children playing in grassroots football. Therefore we encourage referees officiating in grassroots youth football to be tolerant over glasses. However the individual referee has to show concern for all those playing in that game and if s/he feels there is something dangerous in the glasses i.e. sharp edges, etc, then in order to protect players and also the wearer him/herself s/he has the authority to say the glasses can't be worn.



FLAGGING UP

The International Football Board at their meeting in October decided to look again at goal-line technology. We await their next deliberations with baited breath.



Notable deaths of famous people in football recently include Bobby Smith and Eddie Bailey former Spurs players, Malcolm Allison the flamboyant Manager of amongst others Manchester City and Crystal Palace and a star striker in Jim Towers a player with both Brentford and QPR.



Coming next month in the magazine we have articles by Observer; more Willy the Whistler and a short report on a meeting by the London County FA-RA with Peter Walton a Premiership Referee plus some Christmas offers..

As has been intimated the next magazine will be for December/January so could anyone who wishes to write for the magazine please let me have their contributions as soon as possible.-
Ed.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Society held on Thursday 21st October 2010 at The Holtwhites Sports Centre

Apologies: Tony Ward, Lockie Bramzell, and Peter Bailey

Chairman's Welcome. The Chairman was delighted to warmly welcome back Scott Roberts who had just completed a tour of duty with the T.A. in Afghanistan. Phil Sharp, Guest Speaker and Referee Development Officer for Herts FA was also made welcome.

Minutes of the last Society meeting held on the 16th September 2010 were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None

Secretary's Report: To remind members that the Guest Speaker for our November meeting will be Mark Ives from the Football Association. Members present were advised of a change of venue and date for April's meeting. The Guest Speaker will be Mike Riley and the venue will now be Holtwhites Sports Centre taking place on 7th April 2011, 7.45pm. It will still be a joint meeting with NMRS as hosts and notice of the meeting to be circulated on various County F.A web-site.

Treasurer's Report: The membership now stood at full membership 92 associate memberships 6. Trainee Referees at Level 9 stage stood at 80. Treasurer had contacted MCFA as to what trainee referees were now Level 7 referees, as they will be now written to take up full membership with the Society. The Society were considering holding a Quiz evening at the Holtwhites Sports Centre on Friday 25th March, 2011 7.30pm. Further details to be announce later.

Editor's Report: Happy to report that articles were being received and the members were informed that the December 2010 and January 2011 magazine will be a joint issue 16 page edition.

Other officers Reports: None

Any Other Business: The next referees training course being held at Enfield Rangers Club will take place on January 25th, 2011. Anyone interested should contact Andrew Perren at Middlesex County FA Headquarters, Roxborough Road, Harrow, HA1 1NS or email- Andrew.Perren@middlesexfa.com

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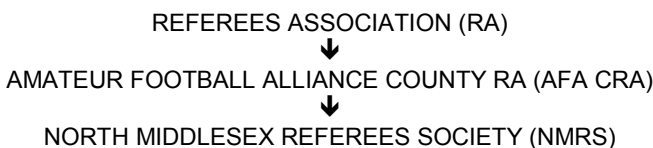
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

The Referees' Association (RA) is the national body for. 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. 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 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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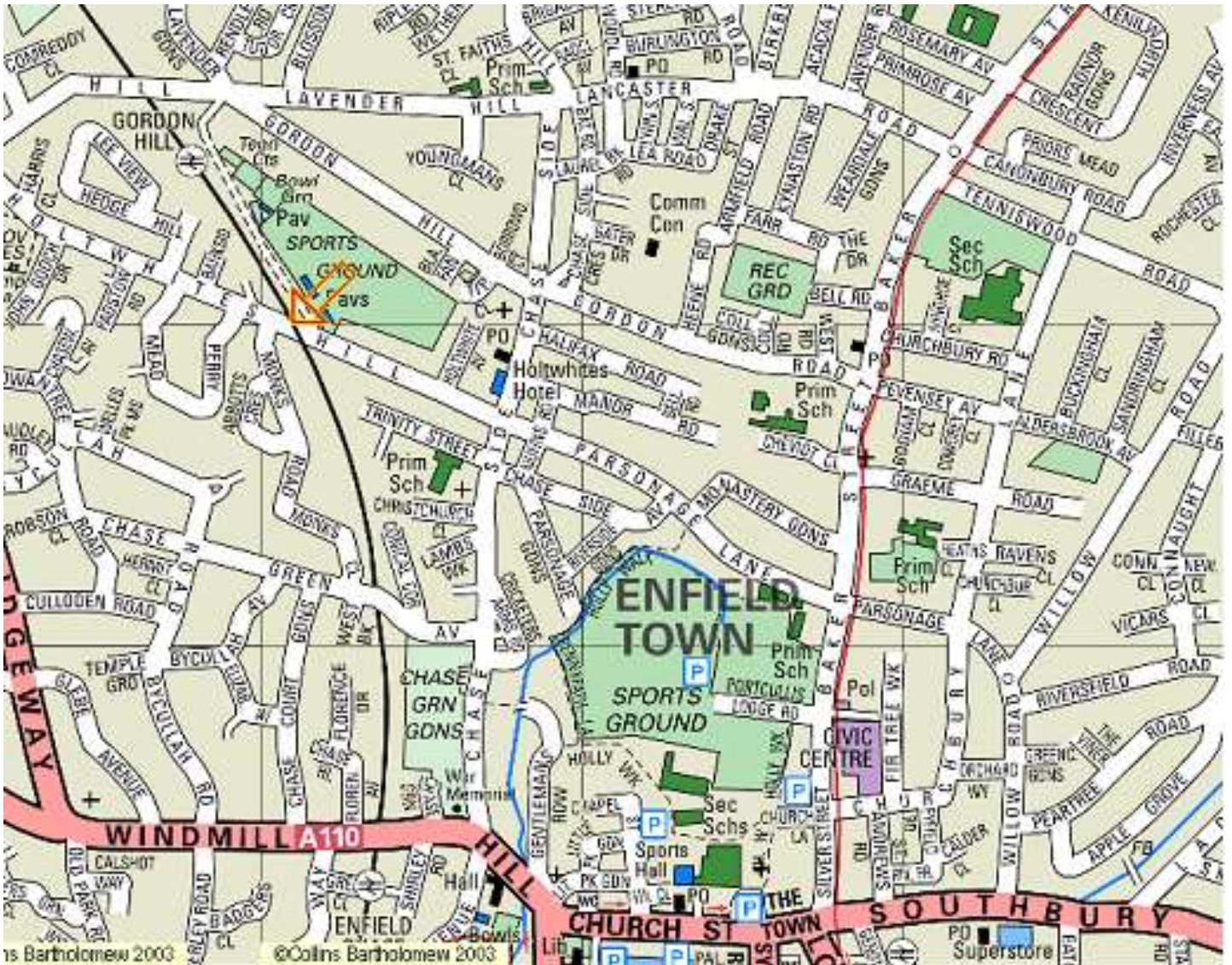
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AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association partnership for cooperation between the RA and FA.

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