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The next Meeting of the Society will take place on Thursday the 21st of November 2013 at 7.45 pm. at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex when the speaker will be Keith Hill, a Football League Referee and former FA Regional Manager for East Anglia who has just spent two years in Japan developing their refereeing standards.

EDITORIAL

The purpose of editorials is arguably not to criticise colleagues but to point out where the rest of us can learn from their mistakes. We have recently had a couple of errors one of which was wrong for the wrong reason and one which was arguably wrong for the right reason. They both occurred in the Premier League and both were perpetrated on the unfortunate Cardiff City playing in the top division for the first time in many years. The first of these related to Marshall their goal keeper bouncing the ball when Chelsea's Eto'o kicked the ball as it was being so bounced. Now this is an old scenario and one dealt with on many occasions by football's law-makers going back to the evening when George Best playing for Northern Ireland did the same thing against Gordon Banks in England's goal in a "Home" International. So really Anthony Taylor should have known better than to allow the goal when Eto'o took the ball off Marshall and enabled Hazard to put it into the back of the net. As we all know the goalkeeper still has possession of the ball when he is bouncing it until he makes a positive move to give up possession.

The second incident came exactly one week later when this time Cardiff were playing at Norwich. Again Marshall was involved as he kicked the ball out when a Norwich player was injured. Although a Norwich player threw the ball back he threw it to one of his own players named Fer and far from sportingly kicking the ball back to Marshall the Norwich man kicked it past him into the goal. Not unnaturally chaos then ensued, but a brilliant bit of quick thinking by referee Mike Jones saved the day when he deemed that he had not blown the whistle for the throw-in to be taken and therefore had it re-taken. Hopefully he made it clear that it was because he was not ready otherwise of course the "goal" should have stood, as again we all know that the referee does not have to blow for a throw in to commence. Perhaps it might have been even better if he had called a foul throw and given the ball to the other team. Still well played the Ref! I wonder if we will be hearing that our own mistake-prone referee Willy the Whistler has been involved in two similar incidents.

Marshall himself was not without blame in the Chelsea game, as he handled the ball from outside the goal area with the Assistant Referee well behind play and the keeper should have then been cautioned since he did not prevent an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

These are televised match incidents but it would be nice if members and readers sent their own match ones in to the magazine for publication.

Ken Goldman – Editor

LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER

As a couple of our members pointed out afterwards our guest speaker last month namely Bart O'Toole gave us a unique presentation. As referees' defender of the faith he takes his sword and shield and fights for the benefit of any of us who fall foul of referees' disciplinary commissions with the voice and legal know-how of the barrister that he is. Therefore his brief acting for the RA is twofold, namely representation of referees to firstly the leagues on which referees serve which are often at grass roots level and secondly to the FA and County FA's. The latter is the more serious because of the offences being charged.

Bart stated that everyone who represents the RA in this line of defence must have the utmost integrity good judgement and a good mind as well as preferably having a good grasp of football law and/ or an understanding of FA and quasi legal procedures if there is to be effective representation. They must also understand what the RA stands for, and the reasonable needs and expectations of RA Members when it comes to representation of Referees charged or subject to disciplinary proceedings relating to control and registration and especially safeguarding children and/or vulnerable persons including adults.

When it comes to regulations for controlling referees these include being less than proficient at applying the Laws of the Game or having committed a technical irregularity or having not acted in the best interests of the game,

There are 4 principles on which the RA will advise and represent a member in these matters and they are (1) The representative must be given copies of all paperwork relating to the allegation(s). (2) The Referee answers all the questions put to him/her by the Representative. (3) All communications between the Representative and the referee are confidential. (4) The referee can accept or reject the advice from the Representative. If there is rejection, that ends the representation.

Bart then gave several examples on screen of offences heard at various tribunals and invited the audience to guess who was successful and who failed and was punished.

Bart concluded his address with the thought that there were insufficient people involved in such representation and that the RA needs a network of experts or lawyers to represent its members.

As indicated above it was a fascinating night for all present.

The vote of thanks was given in his usual lucid and witty way by Peter Dace.

The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

Part 26 – Where do I stand

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
Venue: Hackney Marsh – Pitch 165
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Time: 83rd minute and counting

Not long to go now but I still need to keep running right until the final whistle. Players may get tired but us referees cannot let our standards drop and to start to give decisions from twenty five yards away, even though they may be right, is not good enough so even more running and concentration is required.

The Casuals defender raised his hand to prevent the ball from entering his goal. Had he been the goal keeper I might have complimented him on his fine save. With the ball on the ground all the Reds Rovers player had to do was kick the ball into the goal. If only! The Rovers player rather than score the easiest goal ever decides to pick the ball up, look round to me and say “Ref, you saw that. That’s a penalty and you can send him off as well!” Wonderful, this was all I needed. I just wanted a final ten minutes of football with no major incidents. But I had no option, I had to deal with the situation.

This was deliberate hand ball, a penal offence so I knew I had to firstly award a penalty. Thankfully nobody argued with that decision. Then I dealt with the defender. He had clearly denied an obvious goal scoring opportunity in the first instance and this really was as obvious as it can ever be. I went for my pocket and duly produced a red card. Two decisions in succession and amazingly there was no dissent and both sides accepted my decision and that even included the player who had been red card!

Three out of three decisions was not much to hope for as I called over the Rovers player. “Yes Ref, what’s the problem” he said. I told him there was no problem and proceeded to produce a yellow card. I informed him I was cautioning him for unsporting behaviour. He totally disagreed and I immediately called for the Rovers captain to join us. In these circumstances I feel it is good to include the captain so he also knows what is going on. I explained to them I have dealt with the offence caused by the defender and duly awarded the penalty. Naturally they nodded their heads in total agreement with that. I continued to explain that regardless of what had happened with the defender that the forward had committed an offence by deliberately handling the ball and then instructing me to send a player off.

The two players pleaded their innocence and claimed they had done no wrong but I knew I was correct in my action to caution the player for unsporting behaviour.

Would you have taken the same action.....

- Was I correct to award the penalty?
- Was I correct to send the defender off for handling the ball?
- Was I correct to involve the captain?
- Was I correct to caution the forward for unsporting behaviour?

Of course you know I am right! When am I, Willie 'The Whistler' Woodwork ever wrong?

Needless to say Rovers took the penalty and missed.

Within thirty seconds I awarded a direct free kick to Casuals. The Rovers players, all five of them formed a defensive wall ten yards from the ball. I did not even have to tell them to retreat as they knew I would insist they stand the correct distance away. Five Casuals players then proceeded to stand right in front of the Rovers players who demanded they move as their vision was now obstructed. The Rovers players cannot be within ten yards of the ball for the free kick but I knew the Casuals players can stand anywhere they wish, even directly in front of the defensive wall. 'Unsporting behaviour' they claimed. I smiled as I heard that.

This is what happens when you are nice and try to explain your decisions. Suddenly the players think they are referees.....No! I am the referee and I am the one who has the authority to enforce the laws of the game not the players.

It is good to show empathy for the game and to communicate. I am happy to explain my decisions but not a long conversation. A few words and then continue with the game. I told the Rovers players that the Casuals players can stand directly in front of them as no offence was being committed. I then placed myself in a position to ensure there was no holding or pushing going on between the two 'walls'. Make sure that you do like wise to ensure that you also have a 'side on' angle of vision. Any good referee would do the same.

Remember to stand in the position with the best optimum angle of viewing possible.

See you all soon for the next instalment.

Best wishes

Willy Woodwork

Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork

HANDS AND ARMS CAN BE A PROBLEM FOR REFEREES BY OBSERVER

When you watch a Premier League or Football League game you will probably see more illegal use of hands and arms by players than you will at lower levels of the game.

When the players are moving around or jostling for better positions in the penalty-area at the taking of a corner-kick, you are quite likely to see little episodes that were never intended to be part of the game of 'THE BEAUTIFUL GAME'. There will be shirt-pulling, holding of opponents by hands and arms that go all over the place, clear and hefty pushes in the chest, arms up in the air, arms outstretched across opponents. And this is supposed to be football, is it?

Some of our newer referees must watch Match of the Day or live games on Sky TV and wonder what on earth they have let themselves in for. How will they cope with it effectively if it should happen in their first few games when they are trying hard to make a successful impact as a match official? Fortunately, as suggested in the opening sentence to this item, it will probably not be too frequent an occurrence; even if it does occur, at the lower levels of the game the vast majority of players will respond positively to a referee's words of advice.

One of the most effective ways to prevent this sort of thing happening is for the referee to intervene as soon as he sees a hint of it. This is invariably just before the corner-kick is taken, so a speedy intervention is urged. If, just as the corner-kick is about to be taken, the referee gives a couple of quick, sharp blasts on the whistle, the players normally stop in their tracks and things go almost silent. That is the precise moment when the referee should make a firm, confident call to those who seek an unfair advantage in this way. They will know the referee has seen it happening and in the vast majority of cases there will be no repetition. It is called preventive refereeing, which is always preferable to punitive refereeing. You are putting across a confident message that is effectively saying to the players: "Don't do that! I know what you are up to, and I'm giving you a chance to behave yourselves!"

Editor's note: As usual wise words from Observer. The advice to referees in the Interpretation & Guidelines section of the LOAF, are also worth considering.

Time for a change- by Ken Goldman

The famous slope at Underhill has seen numerous changes in both the Laws and tactics since it was first opened. David Bloomfield the Press representative asked me to write an article for the last programme at Underhill at the back end of last season to look back on these as if I were a time traveller. I am reproducing it here not because we as referees do not know the changes that were made during the 106 odd years that Barnet played at Underhill but because of how the tactical changes that have occurred over that time fit in. Incidentally the late and much missed Mick Osborn actually went through the Law changes from inception some years back and a repeat of those in this magazine might prove educative as well as they are very topical with the 150th anniversary of the Formation of the FA and the Laws of the game now taking place. I have taken the liberty of adding one or two further words here and there for this reproduction as well as changing some tenses.

So firstly it is necessary to determine whether a change in the Laws creates a change in tactics or vice versa. In all probability it is the former, since after a process of evolution to the field and its "furniture" the biggest change of all and the one which still causes the greatest problems was and is the Offside Law. From about 1925 when that Law was changed from having three defenders to two to constitute offside the tactic of the "stopper" centre-half was innovated by Herbert Chapman the Manager of Arsenal. Ignoring the goalkeeper this eventually translated itself into a system of 3-3-4 and that system remained in place for another 30 years approximately, despite the fact that in the mid-nineteen thirties Stanley Rous (subsequently Sir Stanley Rous) re-codified the Laws of the Game. Visitors to the ground would have seen flying wingers and aerial battles between centre-forwards and centre halves with clever inside-forwards and wing halves running with the ball. Behaviour both on and off the field was excellent with both sets of supporters happy to mingle with each other, while only a few tough guys got "booked" and fewer sent off.

Changes to the Laws were few and far between although when Hungary beat England 6-3 at Wembley and 7-1 in Budapest it brought about a complete alteration in footwear, shirts and shorts. Because the Hungarians had been sleek in their kit, suddenly out went the old fashioned high back leather boots, baggy shirts and shorts and all became streamlined instead. The first major change in tactics came when the Brazilians won the World Cup in both 1958 and 1962 when there was the introduction of a 'back four', i.e. an extra centre half, with 4-2-4, the preferred formation and as has been the case ever since the World followed the Winners.

Meanwhile floodlights had been introduced and evening football eventually became commonplace as the pylons were built, even at non-league grounds such as the then Underhill. Tactics were changed again after 1966 following England's World Cup victory and the order of the day became 4-4-2. Gradually at all levels in the 1970's when Barnet were converted from a club to a Limited Company, the game became rougher and the red and yellow cards brought in for the 1970 World Cup were frequently in use (not specifically at Barnet who subsequently became a League club and have yo-yoed back into non-league and then League football over time).

By the time Barnet became a League Club more law changes were on the way. Goalkeepers were no longer allowed to run with the ball bouncing it as they did and were restricted to four paces. Throw-ins were to be awarded to the opposition if thrown from the wrong place a move pioneered by Jimmy Hill who also once ran the line in league match at Arsenal and a further addition to the serious foul play Law was created by expulsion for stopping an obvious goal-scoring opportunity and this also applied to defenders handling on the goal-line. There have now been a raft of changes to the Laws which include goalkeepers allowed to move sideways but not forward at a penalty; cautions for encroachment or delaying free kicks, goalkeepers no longer to receive the ball into their hands from a colleague's foot, or at a throw-in.

Meanwhile tactics have altered again with teams now playing three at the back with two wing- backs i.e. 5-3-2 or more recently 4-3-2-1 or 5-3-1-1 which are fast becoming the systems of choice for many sides.

The advent of Women's football has seen that grow to be the fastest rising sport in the Country and Ladies teams have now played on that famous slope as well.

Obviously quite confusing for our time traveller, who must now move on his time machine to the Hive (obviously Barnet's new home) for future developments as and from the start of the 2013/2014 season.

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Editor's pleas.

If anyone is interested in writing about the same topic i.e. the laws & tactics for this magazine I would be very happy to publish their articles. Likewise if anyone has copies of Mick Osborn's features on the law changes over the years to send me that would also be, I believe, worth repeating and updating.

We could also do with some match incidents to flavour the magazine so what about that as well? They can't all happen in Willy The Whistler's matches surely?

North Middlesex Referees Society: Minutes of the Society meeting held on October 17th 2013 at the Holtwhites Sports Centre.

Apologies: Tom White, Lockie Bramzell, and James Morris.

Chairman's Welcome: Our Vice Chairman Ken Goldman stood in for our Chairman Tom White who was attending a special family celebration event. The Chairman welcomed our Guest Speaker Bart O'toole who had travelled up from Kent to be with us.

Minutes of the Society Meeting held on Thursday September 19th 2013 held at the Holtwhites Sports Centre were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: None.

Secretary's Report: Secretary reminded members that the Society meeting in December will be held on Friday December 13th 2013 and not our usual 3rd Thursday (19th December 2013)

Our Guest Speaker for the November Society meeting will be Keith Hill former Football League Referee recently returned from Japan, having worked out there for the Japanese Football Association. Keith was also the Referee Development Manager for Middlesex County F.A.

Treasurer's Report: Full Members: 75 Associate Members 10. The Society were still waiting to hear from 12 members who had not rejoined. Secretary stated he would contact those members. Members raised the decline in membership figures and sadly this is a common trend throughout the National RA with several Societies folding. A question from one of our members was wishing to know the membership numbers under the old RA movement before now being now known as the RAE movement. When the changeover took place RA membership figures stood at 17,500 members. The membership figures at the end of last season, May, 2013 stood at 9,800 members. Figures recently released by the RA Office will show that by the end of this season membership would have declined by approximately 50%. The target aimed for by the RA Board is to obtain a membership of 12,000 members, which is highly unlikely.

Editor's Report: Requested that members keep sending in your articles and also any important appointments received by the County F.A. or FA.

Any other Officer's Report: None.

Any Other Business: The Treasurer ask the meeting if anybody has the End Caps for old Touch-Line Flags. The 100 club has now 37 members –lets make it 40!

Chairman:

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

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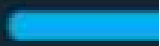

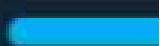
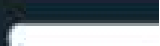



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The Society website has had a makeover. It is now more streamlined and based on more modern technology (although I am still learning it!). Not all the pages have currently been transferred to the new site, but any that are missing are linked to the old site. If there is something specific you cannot find, please contact me.

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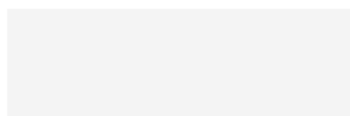
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The first meeting of the season was held on Thursday 19 September 2013; regrettably, our Guest Speaker Stephen Child, Select Group Assistant Referee, and one of the Assistant Referees for the 2013 FA Cup Final had to withdraw on the morning of the meeting due to a mandatory short notice meeting with the Football Association; however, it is anticipated Stephen will return later in the season.

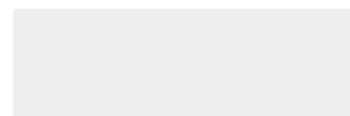
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 October at our usual venue - Holtwhites Sports and Social Club. Our Guest will be Bart O'Toole whose resignation from the Board of the Referees Association earlier this year prompted the Board of Enquiry into the running of the Association.

For those few members who have yet to rejoin for the current season, Membership Fees are now overdue for the current Season - forms were enclosed - or e-mailed - with your copy of this month's Normidian. Please do your best to return them promptly, otherwise you could find yourself not covered by the Referees Association Personal Accident Insurance. Alternatively, [click here](#) for a link to Membership Renewal Forms.

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It would be nice if we could have more contributors to the website; if you are interested in helping with the website and its further development going forward, please contact me. One possible future development is a discussion forum/board, where people can pose general questions or more specific questions about the laws of the game, but in order to run this effectively, it would be necessary to have a Forum Moderator. This would not be an onerous task, as I would not expect the level of contributions to be particularly high, but you would need to authorise contributors and validate posts on a regular basis. Again, if you would like to help, please let me know.

Gary Cobden



Flagging up.

Duarte Gomes one of Europe's top referees got a verbal lashing when trying to assist a pregnant woman in Portugal by giving up his place in a queue for her. After initially thanking him she apparently said according to Gomes "What I really need is for him to be born, grow up quickly and kick your backside so hard that you stop ripping off my club". Gives a new meaning to the expressions "a pregnant silence" and a "pregnant pause".

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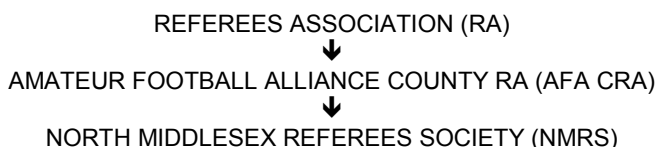
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The Referees' Association (RA) is the national body for Referees. The RA is independent of, but works closely with, County Football Associations to ensure that matters affecting referees are discussed and resolved. These include law changes, current 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.

Note

Abbreviations that are commonly used in magazine articles or in reports at meetings.

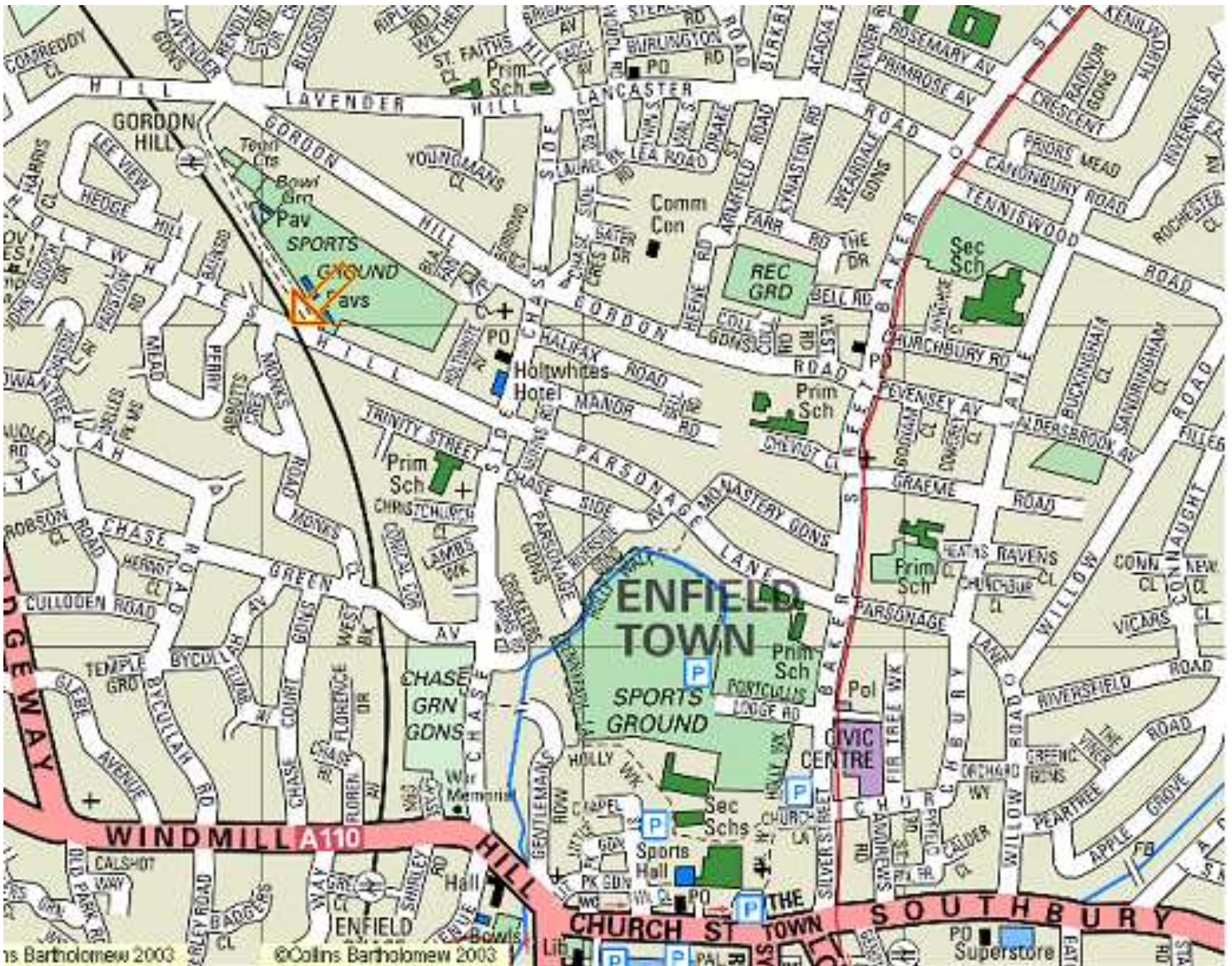
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association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

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Are held on the third Thursday monthly (except December – second Friday) commencing at 7:30 pm, at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RN
Telephone: 020 8363 4449

Dates for Season 2013/2014:- September 19; October 17; November 21; December 13 2013 (second Friday);
and January 16; February 20; March 20; April 17; May 15 2014



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

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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