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**THE NORMIDIAN** is the Official Publication of North Middlesex referees Society, and is published nine times during the football season, between September and May.

The next Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will take place on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 at 7-45pm at the Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield Middlesex when the guest speaker will be Tim Lawrence the Referee Development Officer for Surrey County Football Association.

### EDITORIAL

As the stakes especially in the Premier League seem to be getting higher and higher the question becomes "Discipline- What Discipline". Almost every week a Manager or Coach is reported to the FA and charged by them for either abusing an Official or insulting or ridiculing one. Although Arsene Wenger got away with something like "soft and naive", Jose Mourinho was quite rightly given both a one match suspended stadium ban for his first outburst and an actual one match stadium ban for going into the Referee's dressing room at halftime and lambasting him for which he also received an immediate touchline ban. The latest culprit to be charged as I write is West Bromwich Albion's Tony Pullis who at least had the decency to apologise publically for what he had said to the Referee of his match who had refused his team two penalties. An even stranger of lack of discipline occurred in a recent Stockport County game where Stockport's Andy Robinson was sent off just 30 seconds on coming onto the pitch in their 1-0 National League loss at Solihull Moors. County apparently have alleged an Assistant Referee accused the ex-Leeds winger of using foul language as his studs were checked and he was duly red-carded.

All these Managers and Coaches are grown men and deserve what punishments are meted out to them. But what they don't realise and this apparently is especially so of Jose Mourinho is what affect they have at Parks and Grass Roots levels where discipline is so hard for officials to maintain. The only consolation is the money obtained in fines which are so valuable to a cash strapped FA and similarly positioned County FA's.

Away from all this mayhem I am delighted we have a full magazine this time and I am indebted to Peter Dace for suggesting the return of an old item namely a question and answer session with notables of the Society. Watch out for the first next time which will be with our current President.

Ken Goldman

Editor

## **FROM THE CHAIR –Tom White**

I am on holiday and find I have time to write for the magazine, and whilst to most of our readers this is an easy task when you have driven lorries all your life it does not come easy, that's my excuse out of the way I can move on. First of all I would like to send my best wishes to Tony Ward and also Terry Flack both have been unwell and I hope they get back to their best quickly.

Unfortunately there are also other sad issues that have occurred recently and that is the Cheshunt Referees Society coming to an end. Through the years both we as a Society and I personally, have had many good friends who were members of Cheshunt. Once again it sad to lose our close neighbours and we send our best wishes and a warm welcome to any of their members who would like to visit us.

Now we have our own problems with trying to get members to attend our meetings, but those that do come always make the most of it and with some input seem to enjoy themselves. We have a speaker for November so it would be nice if people could make the effort to come especially for the people who arrange the guests, and for the guest speaker who has to give up his time and travel long distances. It must be very disappointing to come and find a small audience. How would we feel if it was us?

One of my biggest worries for the future is that our officers are getting older and while it will be easy to replace a Chair person I find it hard to think how we will fill the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and Editor as the present incumbents have done an excellent job and without a doubt have kept this Society going through difficult times. While I might laugh and take a light-hearted view of things I really would like you all to get behind Robin, Garry and Ken to encourage them to continue as I feel at the present time we really need a steady ship. As a foot note these three officers do far more than their job titles suggest ,so I am always amazed at how they manage to do this when I need a holiday to write a letter.

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## **This Month's Guest Speaker –Tim Lawrence**

He started refereeing in 1972 and progresses to be a Contributory League Referee via West Sussex Football League and Sussex County Football League and stayed for 10 seasons.

He has been involved in referee education since 1982 and is one of the FA Level 4 Referee Tutors. This involves training and appraising other Referee Tutors, whilst being involved in the delivery of National and Regional FA Referee Tutor Courses. He assesses regularly at Contributory League level and is also a Referee Coach, Mentor and trains Assessors for the FA, He was the Sussex CFA County Training Officer for 7 years and since June 2008 has been employed as the full time Referee Development Officer for Surrey County.

# *The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork* *The Whistling Referee*

## Part 43 – The 'Disadvantaged' Advantage

**Match:** Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers  
**League:** Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)  
**Cautions to date:** Too many to count at the moment but enough to pay for the county Christmas party!  
**Red cards to date:** Let's just say there are not twenty two players on the pitch.

Meanwhile back to the action.....

*The Casuals player with the ball at his feet runs towards the opponents' goal. He dribbled the ball passed one opponent, then another but on dribbling past the third opponent the defender even though by now on the ground made sure that he kept his leg raised which ensured the Casuals player would be tripped.*

*But this forward was very good and even though he stumbled for his next three steps he managed to regain his composure and more importantly his balance. This of course happened so quickly I never even had the chance to shout 'Play on, Advantage'. The Rovers goal keeper being alert to the forward rushed out of his goal and dived at the feet of the incoming forward. The forward came crashing to the ground and I blew my whistle.*

*Yet again, surprise, surprise I was surrounded by players from both sides. I felt I was at Speakers Corner at Hyde Park about to address a large rally. Firstly I knew I had to stay calm and despite asking the players to move away from me that had no effect at all.*

*I walked over to the Rovers goal keeper and asked him to walk with me towards the corner flag. As most of the others began to follow I told them if they did, they would be cautioned. This time they listened to me and I now had the opportunity to caution the goal keeper for a reckless challenge. The goal keeper seemed relieved as by isolating him from the others he thought he was going to be sent off.*

*It was a reckless challenge and could only be a yellow card which I explained to him.*

*I began to walk back to the goal area only to be met by Rovers players who seemed to have worked out that I was about to award a penalty but in addition I also had the Casuals players approaching who were telling me the goal keeper should have been sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity. They argued how skilful their forward was and it was obvious that a goal would have been scored. Fair comments I thought, but Rovers had a player near the goal line and another one step behind the player who was fouled. Players it appears do not understand what 'obvious' actually means!*

*Rovers were correct and I did award a penalty. Some of their players argued that the initial foul was committed outside of the penalty area so the free kick should be from that position. 'Did you see the first foul Ref?' I told them I had but I decided to play advantage. They argued that I did not make that clear and gave no signal to actually indicate that an advantage had been played.*

*I explained that everything happened in a matter of seconds and by the time I started to indicate 'advantage' the next incident occurred. They were not happy but they knew they had to accept my decision.*

- What would you have done?

*A referee does not have to memorise the laws of the game word for word but it is essential to have a good knowledge of the laws and know how and when to apply them. 'Advantage' is actually only mentioned once in the laws and that is Law 5 'The Referee'. That must be a surprise to many as most of you would have expected 'advantage' to be included in Law 12 being 'Fouls and Misconduct'.*

*Have a look now at your copy of 'Laws of the Game' where you will find only five sentences of 'advantage' actually mentioned!*

*Happy reading,*

*Willy Woodwork*

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

**Well, did our referee 'do it well and do it right'?**

- a) Can 'advantage' be played even though the referee does not give any signals either by hand or voice?**
- b) Must the referee give a signal for every decision?**
- c) Should the first offence be awarded rather than award the penalty which was the second offence?**
- d) If there is an 'obvious' goal scoring opportunity and the challenge is careless or reckless is it a red or yellow card as a careless challenge is perhaps a 'quiet word' and a reckless challenge is a yellow card?**

**Peter Dace** says 'it's a North-South Divide but where are all the Southern Referees'?

Last Sunday I was multi-tasking, not usually a feat associated with the male of the species I must admit, but there I was reading the *The Sunday Times* whilst flicking between the three live games on Sky TV, and alternating between the Rugby World Cup semi-final and the United States F1 Grand Prix - exhausting work but I am nothing if not determined. Elsewhere in *Chez Dace* my Wife was cursing (possibly at me) whilst carrying out the Sunday afternoon ironing chore - at least I'm told it is a chore but one I have yet to take on despite my dedication to multi-tasking.

Returning to *The Sunday Times* after the exhausting work I have detailed above I was reading through the previous day's football results, most particularly the team sheets, Match Referees and their stated Counties. To my amazement seemingly all the Referees were from Northern Counties- Tyne & Wear after Tyne & Wear; County Durham after County Durham; Northumberland; South Yorkshire; West Yorkshire and rarely a southern Referee getting a mention, so I ask 'where are all the Southern Referees'?

I turned to the 2015/16 Premier League Handbook and there on page 494 I discovered the bitter truth. Of the 79 names on the National List of Referees just 20 *are* from southern Counties and not one name from either London or Middlesex. But worse was to come, the list includes the Select group of Premier League Referees and of the 17 names just one, Kevin Friend is from a southern county and that assumes you count Leicestershire as a southern County, but if you include occasional Premier Referees, Roger East (Wiltshire) and Keith Stroud (Hampshire) the total increases to just 3. Again I have to ask 'where are all the southern Referees'?

There have rarely been Football League Referees with an address including a London postcode, but our own Tony Ward, who served with distinction at the highest level 1980-1993 including the first season of the newly established Premier League, was registered with London FA and I can recall both Alf Bond (the one-armed Referee) and Alfie Buksh had London postcode addresses but were registered with Middlesex FA.

Whilst I can understand economic circumstances probably preclude young Referees from living close to central London, surely there must be many Referees living in the Home Counties who should be breaking through onto the Football League. A further glance at the handbook reveals the 20 southern Referees include 5 from Surrey; 3 from Essex and 2 from my own county of Hertfordshire. Indeed there is one Referee living on the Isle of Wight and the travel problems associated with Ferries I can only guess at - getting to grounds is one thing but getting back home?

However I can highlight one southern (well almost) Referee from Cambridgeshire who recently infiltrated the north, I was there to attend the game and, if you will forgive me a moment of name-dropping, it was Hartlepool versus the 'Mighty Bees' of Barnet on Tuesday evening 20th October. Yes, dear reader, a 500 mile midweek round trip although I must confess I took the wimps route - Grand Central train both ways and overnight accommodation in the Travelodge Hartlepool Marina. The Referee was Kevin Wright, but chaperoned by northern Assistants from East Yorkshire. Well done chaps for good solid performances and for Barnet the first away point of the season at the seventh attempt. So come on you Bees and come on you southern Referees and let's show these northern lads what we can do!

## Cooling-off periods for Contributory Leagues

Northern Premier League, Ryman League, Eastern Counties League (Premier Division), North West Counties League (Premier Division), Northern Counties East (Premier Division), Western League (Premier Division).

The relevant FA Committees have discussed and agreed in principle an optional protocol that should benefit the image of the game on the Contributory Leagues by regulating the post-match contact between Match Officials and players or club officials (managers, coaches, etc.).

### For matches where a competition adopts the protocol

For all matches under the auspices of a competition that has asked to take part in this scheme, the protocol is that club managers, coaches, etc., may not approach the match officials at half time nor until at least 20 minutes after the game has finished (this to include not going onto the field of play at the end of the match, nor waiting for the match officials in the tunnel area).

In principle, post-match 'cooling-off' periods are:

- Applicable after the end of every game.
- Applicable to all occupants of the Technical Area and all players.
- Designed to reduce confrontation by creating a period of reflection so that any discussion can take place in a calm atmosphere and be as fruitful as possible for all parties, leading to greater understanding.
- Result in fewer cases of misconduct.

### Benefits of having such a post-match 'cooling-off' protocol

- Prevents obvious public dispute on the field of play that detracts from the image of the game
- Reduces the likelihood of confrontation / misconduct and all that the aftermath of this entails
- Reduces the adrenaline levels in everyone concerned
- Allows a calm, rational conversation to take place that should benefit both parties
- Allows all parties to have a period of reflection, and results in a reduction in the stresses the game produces
- Allows the match officials time to complete their official paperwork
- Gives the opportunity for an Assessor to be present so that he can watch, listen and offer advice or an opinion, if appropriate to do so
- Reduces pressure on referees
- There would then be a consistency across all Steps where "Professional Game" referees operate, thereby allowing a smooth transition as they or the clubs migrate upwards through the game.

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## Brief moments in the Referees Association history

**1915** – It was reported that Alderman F.R. Viveash, President of The RA, had died following an accident on the cricket field, when he was hit on the head by a cricket ball whilst batting. He was a senior bank manager from St Pancras.

The AGM was postponed because of the war in Europe. It was reported that the number of individual members had increased (direct members in 1915!), with the Army now affiliated and associations from Spain and Argentina applying for membership.

**1965** – Conference was held in Plymouth, where much dissatisfaction was expressed by Mr Penfold of Essex about why The RA continued to over-spend. He also added that The RA should be less reliant on charity.

Dennis Howell MP, the Minister for Sport, hoped to referee more games during the coming season, and spoke at length regarding player/referee relationships. Too old at forty? - The STONICK report had looked into the question of age restrictions that applied on most senior leagues.

Capt. H.H. Allen reported that the Benevolent Fund had investments of £5350. He commented that the Fund was wide in scope and only two basic questions would be asked:

1. Is he a member?
2. To what extent does he need financial help?

A few cases were mentioned where members had been helped:

- Member off work for 16 months with wages not paid.
- Member off work 3 months – still not working.
- Wife of member seriously ill, with 3 young children.
- Self-employed member injured and unlikely to resume his trade.

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Steve Wildgoose responds to the last Editorial-

After reading your article on the IFAB proposals of "triple jeopardy" and injured players timewasting I wanted to respond.

The article said:

*Finally two more gripes. Firstly what has become of the IFAB proposals to end the triple jeopardy of being sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity, conceding a penalty and receiving a one match suspension. Surely it is time to suspend its operation where a penalty is awarded as this produces in return an obvious goal scoring opportunity and the player can receive a simple yellow card caution. The position is exacerbated when it is the goalkeeper who is sent off. The situation outside the penalty is different because it does not so provide the same opportunity.*

With regard to this what happens when a penalty is not scored? Where is the justice? If an attacker is fouled with an open goal how would a yellow card and no goal from the resultant penalty be a fair outcome? At least with the status quo the offender is sent off giving partial justice.

Additionally, I would also suggest that a player who DOGSO by deliberately handling the ball close to / on the goal line is yellow carded and a goal awarded to the attacking team. Why should the attacking team have to face a goalkeeper who could stop them getting the goal they were about to score previously? This would cut out the red card and restore justice with a goal and a yellow card.

*Secondly one of the most frustrating things in the game is where a player is treated on the field and then goes to the touchline, is waived back and sprints back onto the pitch. Often, when winning, this is used as a ploy to waste time. Perhaps a rule could be introduced of a mandatory two minutes waiting time on the touchline before being able to return. Players and managers might then think again about going down as if struck by a thunderbolt only to miraculously recover when they want to return to the fray.*

With regard to this I think this is a good idea. Additionally I would like to say when the referee has awarded a free kick and the non-guilty player is injured the player who commits the foul is asked to leave the FOP until the injured player is ready to return or for two minutes, whichever the shorter period of time. This would prove tricky for goalkeepers who foul players but they would have to be the exception to the law.

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### Editor's Note

Firstly can I say how pleased I am that more people have written for the magazine this month than I can ever remember starting with the Chairman. Then an old member Steve Wildgoose has responded to my last Editorial, whilst we also have pieces from consistent contributors.

Writing of old members brings me quite literally to one of our oldest, namely Dave Chapman whom we would like to congratulate on reaching his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Peter Dace queried whether he spent it with his family only to be informed that he celebrated his big day by refereeing a game thus confirming you can't keep a good ref down. Well done Dave and we hope there are plenty more games and plenty more years. Two other of our older members have not fared so well in that Tony Ward recently suffered a severe accident and Terry Flack has not been too well. We join our Chairman in wishing them both well.

## Last Month's Meeting

Following on from his talk on the night **Deryll David** writes-

Hope you're all well. I would like to thank you all very much for your warm welcome to your society last night. It was great to come and see your setup and talk to you guys and your members.

Like I mentioned last night the RA-FA Youth Council can help the refereeing community around London and Central with things like the Referee Development Fund, providing networks to societies and guest speakers, along with Youth Council's, County FA's and our national bodies such as the FA and RA and. I will attempt to help you guys in every-way I can as follows—

About referees within your local catchment, to up the membership in the NMRS. I will get in contact with John Cooke and others for contacts around your area.

I have followed you on Twitter and have displayed you on my twitter for others to see that you have Twitter to which this could get you noticed by younger referees. Might be a good idea to follow the RA-FA Youth Council @RAFAYthCouncil which twitter is below, also would be a good idea to follow the @RefsAssociation, it would help to get your meetings and other things publicized, if you need help in how to do this, I'm sure Jess Williams, knows how to do this.

I will put in a page for your magazine's monthly edition on behalf of the RA-FA Youth Council with some info about myself and the Youth Council.

This is the start of a healthy and beneficial relationship between the RA-FA Youth Council and the North Middlesex Referees Society. Let's start as we mean to go on, I am looking forward to speaking to you guys soon and also visiting the society soon. Let me know if there are any other ways we can help.



Following on from Deryll's talk we were treated to a "You are the Ref" style of enterprise. Thanks to Robin Jagot who provided the video clips and almost succeeded in working the lights with Tom White pressing the buttons we had a most robust discussion on each clip. There was a lot of both humour and edification as a result and a good time was had by all.

**NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY MEETING THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER, 2015  
HELD AT HOLTWHITES SPORTS CENTRE, ENFIELD**

**APOLOGIES:** Tony Ward, Percy Brown, Peter Dace and Daniel Laurzkin

**CHAIRMAN'S Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed members to the Society meeting and Deryll David who was the representative for the RA/FA Youth Council covering AFA, London & Middlesex.

**SECRETARY'S Report:** The secretary stated that he had emailed several members to remind them to complete their application forms for season 2015/2016. The normal practice is if members have not renewed their membership by the November Society meeting then they will not receive a copy of the next monthly magazine.

WE regret having to cancel the Society meeting for September which was due to number of reasons including a high number of apologies and the Guest Speaker not being available. After consultation with the Chairman it was decided to cancel the meeting.

I must stress that it is extremely difficult to obtain quality speakers in the football world now as it is quite common now for them to request a fee, travelling expenses and overnight accommodation . If the members want quality speakers then they have a duty to play their part to attend and boost the attendances . Having spoken to the Treasurer we are happy to contribute financially a percentage of their expenses incurred.

AS for the different style of magazine in A4 format, unfortunately our County FA colleague Gareth had been off sick for a number of weeks and hence other arrangements were quickly made to get it out on time. The magazine was printed but not in its normal order of presentation. While one or two complaints were received, the point I wish to make it is far better to have some form of magazine rather than no magazine at all! I can inform members that Gareth is now back at County HQ and normal service will resume.

A message for our Council members and L.V.P's that a Council meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 -7.30pm at 24, Tiverton Road start. Finally the Guest Speaker for the November Society meeting is Tim Lawrence, from Surrey County FA: None

**TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE**

**EDITOR'S REPORT:** Once again the Editor made an appeal to the members to provide articles to support the magazine.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None – Date of next Society meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Chairman:** .....

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**The "100 Club" Draw** for the months of September and October took place at the October Society meeting and the tickets were drawn by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Holtwhites Sports Centre and our President Bob Martin.

**September – "17" – Cos Fernandes - £14.60 "1" - Gary Cobden - £7.10**

**October – "5" - Roger Fox - £14.60 "8" Robin Jagot - £7.10**

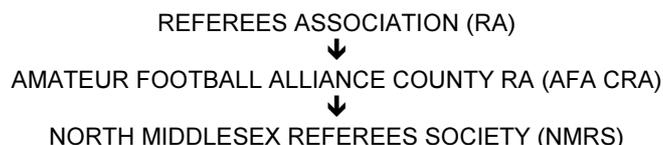
## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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

**North Middlesex Referees Society (NMRS)** Is one of some 350 local Referees' societies that are spread all over the country; some are referred to as Societies, others as Branches, Associations, or Clubs. They often work closely with local leagues to aid recruitment, and to ensure that any parochial problems are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. NMRS meets on a monthly basis throughout the season; Guest Speakers are invited; training sessions are held; social events arranged; and local problems - including Match Incidents - are discussed.

**So what is the link between the Society and the National Body?** All Societies must be a member of a County Referees Association (CRA). North Middlesex, together with the AFA and London Society of Association Referees, form a County Referees Association known as the Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association (AFA CRA). This Association operates with Officers and a delegate from each Society who, like the Officers and Committee of this Society, are elected annually in a democratic manner. The AFA CRA send a delegate to the locally held annual RA Liaison meeting which reports back to The RA Board, who meet at least four times a year. All delegates and officers of the AFA CRA Committee are elected annually in a democratic manner.

**The National Structure for the Society is:**



As a full member of NMRS you are a member of the RA.

**The Objects of The Referees Association** are clearly defined in their rules, and include:

- provide insurance, and financial support for members
- improve the status and reputation of referees.
- protect members from injustice or unfair treatment.
- promote, educate, train and develop referees in general.
- promote the best interests of the game of Association Football.
- provide guidance and support for members of local Societies.

**What are the Benefits of RA Membership?**

**Insurance** - The major benefit is the Personal Accident Insurance Policy. For a small amount, the insurance policy covers you whilst actually refereeing; travelling to and from a match; attending meetings (including travelling to and from home); attending organised training; and loss or theft of kit whilst at a match. Full details are available to members on request, as it is now no longer a requirement that each member who has paid the insurance premium is supplied with a copy of the terms of insurance. A range of increased benefits are also available - for an additional premium - and members should contact the insurers direct if they wish to take up these benefits. Additionally, active referees who are over the age of 75 can now be covered by the Insurance subject to an additional premium being paid.

**Supplies** - A full range of equipment is available from The RA - and often at a lower cost than if you bought it from a local sports shop. By purchasing equipment in bulk, the RA is able to pass the cost savings on to its members. Publications by top names are also available, along with "The Referees' Association Manual of Guidance" which gives advice to the referee on such varied subjects as diet, law queries, training, pre-match preparation, match control and lots more. "The Assessors Challenge" is another book that forms essential reading for every referee and assessor. It deals with every aspect and quality required for promotion. All items are available from the Society's Supplies Officer - although kit may need to be ordered. The Society's Supplies Officer is also able to supply you with kit and other refereeing items from a range of suppliers to make your purchasing requirements easy.

**Refereeing** is a joint publication of the Football Association and the Referees Association. The publication is available on-line at [the-ra.org/refmagazine.php](http://the-ra.org/refmagazine.php). The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of RA-FA and RA news.

**Benevolent Fund** - It is hoped that you never have to apply for assistance from the Fund but, sadly, some of our members do fall on hard times through sickness and other reasons. The NMRS Fund is available to all NMRS members, and the RA Fund is also available to full members.

**Why do I receive two different Membership Forms each year?** You will receive Membership Renewal Forms from both NMRS and the CFA with which you are registered, although not necessarily at the same time. The CFA form will also show the 'three lions' badge of the FA, as the FA now has overall responsibility for the registration of all referees, although you will still be parented by a local CFA. When you successfully completed your six matches, following your completion of the Referees Examination, you were automatically registered with a CFA appropriate to the area in which you live, and this is most likely to have been either Middlesex; London; Hertfordshire; Essex; or the AFA. During your training, you will have been invited to take up Trainee Membership of NMRS. If you want to continue with your refereeing, then registration with a CFA is a compulsory requirement. However, the CFA's and RA-FA are unable to offer you the benefits available locally through NMRS. Whilst your membership of NMRS is entirely voluntary, it is strongly recommended as you will be able to participate in regular meetings held throughout the season - on local territory with the opportunity to discuss relevant local matters; meet and hear Guest Speakers; and receive regular training updates, along with the other benefits outlined above.

**Note**

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

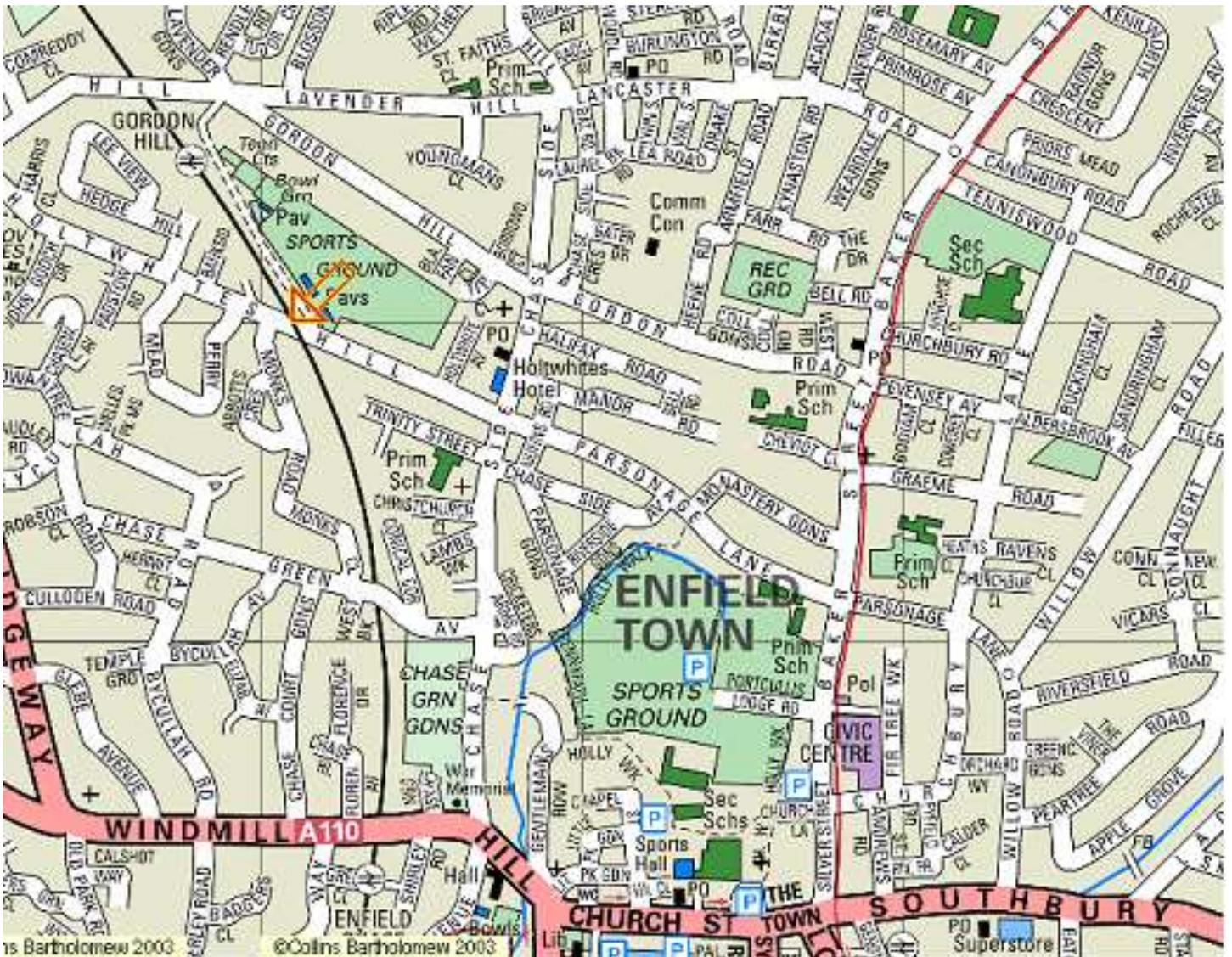
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association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

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Dates for Season 2015/2016:- September 17; October 15; November 19; and January 21; February 18; March 17; April 21 2015; May - tba



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*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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