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

**The next Meeting of the Society will take place on Thursday the 17th of October at 7.45 pm. at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex when the guest speaker will be Bart O'Toole., an AFA and former RA Board Member who is known as one of the best speakers in the refereeing fraternity.**

### **EDITORIAL**

A report in a paper covering Sunday grass roots football which I saw reported on a referee being abused for demanding a retake at a penalty when there was encroachment leads me on to a subject that hopefully may make referees think in regard to those Laws that many referees do not like to enforce especially at professional level. These include retaking penalties because (1) the goalkeeper moves before the kicker or (2) moves forward rather than his/her permitted movement and (3) there is encroachment by the defending side or both teams and the kick is either missed or saved. Then there is the throw in which is taken from the wrong place sometimes up to 10 meters ahead of where it should be and in the worst cases from the wrong half of the field; goalkeepers kicking from hands from outside the penalty area or referees failing to caution for delaying the restart where players are too close to the ball at free kicks or goalkeepers or delaying goal kicks to waste time. At corners watching for goalkeepers being blocked off and doing nothing about it and where attackers fail to place the ball touching the quadrant. I am sure there are others and it makes one wonder why? Is it because these things are not deemed important enough, or to keep the play going or one that we have heard about which is that it is not within the ambit of what is expected at the highest levels. Well in many cases in the past failure to penalise has caused Laws to be altered. These include the deliberate kick to the keeper and throws to him or her where the ball cannot be handled by them; goalkeepers being allowed to move at penalties all ways but not forward; and restrictions on how long the goalkeeper can hold onto the ball. If any of the aforementioned Laws are broken when you are refereeing will you penalise or not? Just a thought- most of those mentioned above are deliberate and thus cheating even if regarded as at minor level. To paraphrase an old saying "things go wrong when good referees do nothing"

On the domestic front the magazine welcomes back Willy the Whistler whose demise from these pages was much exaggerated and the first of his season's accounts follow in these pages.

Ken Goldman

Editor

**The Continuing Career of a Journeyman Referee – Part 8 Games 3,001 – 3,200 By PETER DACE (Age 72 ½ - September 2013)**

Students of my Refereeing career, current membership one AND THAT'S ME, will be more than aware that (yet) another article is due on my career to date. The last was as long ago as The Normidian of April 2010 when a major article appeared detailing not only my 3,000<sup>th</sup> game but also how I had to deal with the media and all that is attracted by such a major story. News and Television Crews were camped outside my House all seeking interviews but the major questions asked of me was “when will you officiate at your 5,000<sup>th</sup> game”? Unfortunately all this turned out to be a dream and when I awoke and looked out of the window there was nobody around and although my Wife said “I should be going with you today”, she returned to bed thereby missing all three thousand of my three thousand games.

However my 3,000<sup>th</sup> game did not go completely without attention and I remain grateful to the Council of the North Middlesex Referees Society who presented me with a fine memento.

Since April 2010 I have continued to Officiate, albeit making myself less available and my season end totals of games have been 39, 40 and 41, these compare with a peak of 112 games in season 1986-1987. No Cup Finals or ‘Plums’ to report although now being the wrong side of seventy, all games are arguably ‘plums’.

Despite a career based on high-speed movement (pigs fly past my window as I write) I have (largely) stayed clear of injury and I continue to look to the Heavens and thank ‘somebody up there’ who allows me to officiate at so many games in this, my forty-second season as an active Referee.

Saturday afternoon at 3pm remains an important part of my life and something is seriously wrong if at that time I am not on some distant football pitch. However I have to concede I might not always be officiating at that time and could instead be watching Barnet FC (the Mighty Bees!) now at their wonderful new home at The Hive where a flat pitch has been installed after 105 years of the slope at Underhill. Of course it is disappointing to be relegated to the Conference, correctly known as The Skrill Premier, but we did make three serious attempts to get relegated in the previous seasons,

twice surviving on the last game, before perfecting the art of relegation during season 2012-2013 by ensuring we were never out of the bottom three.

I still serve as an Assistant Referee on the mid-week Capital League; as a Referee on The Arthurian League (for posh Old Boys sides including Eton and Harrow); and on Sundays I alternate between the Academies of Queens Park Rangers, and Spurs at their even more wonderful training complex at Whitewebbs Lane. My thanks for appointments go to John Faithfull on the Capital League and QPR where he has served on both for many years and to John Taylor at Spurs who not only looks after Matchday Referees at The Lane but also provides Officials for Academy games and Assistants on the under 18's.

Game 3,200 was a great little contest, in boiling sunshine, between the under 10's of Spurs and Ipswich. On the adjoining pitch my Son Gareth was also officiating, and interesting to see he has taken up the whistle, albeit rather half-heartedly but you, dear reader, will be delighted to know he has not kept any records whatsoever of the games he has covered and although I have delivered this series of articles to the Normidian for some twenty-eight years there will not be a Dace column after I finally hang up my whistle. As for game 5,000 – not a chance and I suspect my finale, and the corresponding article will be well before game 3,300, and here I pay tribute to Eddie Carter, Hertfordshire Referee and occasional visitor to North Middlesex Society, who has a proud boast of retiring after game 3,392. I congratulate you Sir but know I will NOT be able to better your total. Previous articles in the Normidian

Part 1	games	1 – 1,000	Normidian	November 1985
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Part 5	games	2,751 – 2,850	Normidian	January 2008
Part 6	games	2,851 – 2,900	Normidian	December 2008
Part 7	games	2,901 – 3,000	Normidian	April 2010

[Here's to 4000 Peter from all of us –Ed]

# *The Adventures of Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork*

## *Part 25- Fancy footwear*

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

*The Casuals player run towards the Rovers goal. He run passed one opponent then twisting and turning he beat two others. Moving even closer to the goal one of the Rovers players caught the back of the Casuals players' boot. Two steps later it came off but the forward continued his run and with his right foot, the one with no boot on it, he placed the ball beyond the reach of the goal keeper and the ball entered the top corner of the goal.*

*There was certainly no denying that a wonderful goal had been scored of that I had no doubt but at the back of my mind I had a niggling thought that something was not quite right. I knew a perfectly good goal had been scored and as Casuals celebrated the goal and enjoyed the moment, the other team with their heads down, began to take their places in preparation of the kick off.*

*I knew I had a duty as a referee to apply the laws correctly. I blew my whistle and shouted "Indirect free kick to Reds Rovers". This instantly caused confusion and total bewilderment to both sides. I did my best to explain that the law clearly states that footwear must be worn as per Law 4. I thought that it sounded good that I could quote which law was what but this certainly did not impress anyone. I asked "Was the goal scorer wearing footwear on both feet when he scored?.....No he was not!" No one could argue with that as the facts proved convincingly that I was correct. No footwear so no goal!*

*Are you impressed that I know that 'player's equipment' is Law 4.....well?*

*It was then brought to my attention that the ball was slightly flat and a little out of shape. I asked both teams if there were any other balls that we could use in the mean time. The home manager kicked a ball towards me but it was green. How could I allow them to use an all green ball? Firstly had it not registered with them that the away team were playing in green shirts and that the grass is green! How could I permit the use of a ball that was well.....green! What would you do? Surely you would do the same as me and say 'No'. Rovers tried to help and produced a red ball. This was a team called Reds Rovers who amazingly would you believe played in an all red kit.....yes red! I told both managers have they ever seen an all green or an all red ball used in a Premier match or any match for that matter. Of course they answered 'No'.*

*Would you have allowed either of these balls to be used? In these circumstances I was about to abandon the match and then as if by a miracle Casuals suddenly*

*produced a perfectly good white ball. I checked the ball was suitable as per Law 2 the ball and we continued with the match.*

*Within seconds one of the Rovers players placed himself on the ground and said "Sorry Ref, I've got cramp". One of his team mates grabbed hold of his leg and holding it by his boot pulled his leg into the air. The manager who was standing very close came onto the pitch and handed the player with cramp a bottle of water. He drunk a little and obviously feeling better got up and stood on both feet. I then asked the player to leave the field of play. "But Ref I haven't had any treatment. Why do I have to leave the pitch?" I explained the mere fact he took some water constituted 'treatment' and therefore would have to leave. "Since when is drinking water considered as treatment?" I felt he had a valid argument but I deemed the team mate who had assisted with the cramp plus the water was treatment and that he had to temporary leave. Of course you must have guessed by now that the player continued to argue with me and I had to show him a yellow card for dissent. Agree with me, of course you do because you know that I am right.*

*At least now I had given a clear message to all the players that in the remaining minutes of the match this may well stop any other players being injured and possibly attempting to waste time. Any treatment and the player must leave the field of play.*

*So to recap –*

*1) Would you allow a green or red ball to be used? Come to think of it what colours would you allow or not allow?*

*2) Would you have awarded the goal when the goal scorer accidentally lost his boot? Surely you must agree with me as the law states footwear must be worn....or do you?*

*3) Does a team mate assisting a player with cramp and then drinking some water constitute treatment which means the player must leave the field of play?*

*These are incidents that can occur to any referee at any time and you will have to make a decision.*

*Let me know what you think,*

*Happy whistling*

*Willy 'The Whistler' Woodwork*

*Willy Woodwork*

## **TEACHING THE MECHANICS OF YELLOW CARDS- BY OBSERVER**

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

## **NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY - Minutes of the Society Meeting held on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Holtwhites Sports Centre.**

**Apologies:** Gary Cobden, Terry Wilson, Jeff Till, Peter Dace, Ken Goldman

**Chairman's Welcome:** The Chairman welcome members to the first meeting of the season and requested those present to be upstanding for Carlos Boggia a former Society member who sadly passed away in the summer.

IT was with regret and at such short notice our Guest Speaker Steve Child had to withdraw due to a compulsory FA meeting in Surrey. A future date has been offered in 2014 which we are awaiting for confirmation.

**Minutes of the Society Meeting** held on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 were signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary reported that he had to withdraw attending the RA Conference as Janet was recovering from a Hip Revision operation and had to attend an appointment with the Hospital.

On a more important issue with the Chairman's blessing the Society Lap-Top needed replacing as it was now considered obsolete (Windows 98). It was proposed by Percy Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Fox that we purchase a new Lap-Top in the immediate future to ensure we have the full media equipment for future guests and for training sessions. A member stated that he could obtain a considerable discount in this department through the John Lewis branch. Members were informed that on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March/2014 a Quiz Evening will take place.

**Treasurer's Report:** With the treasurer absent the Secretary informed members that the membership stood at 71 Full Members and 9 Associate Members. A number of members who had not yet rejoined were sent further application form/reminder.

**Editor:** Although not present the Secretary had received a report stating that a large number of articles had been received with thanks, and that the October edition will have extra pages. It was pleasing to be in this position and hopes it continues throughout the season.

**Any Other Officers' Reports.** None

**Any Other Business:** A member raised a question on the possibility of obtaining copies of the Laws of the Game which use to be sent out to every referee in the County. The practice still takes place in London and Hertfordshire with Middlesex having made the decision to withdraw the service. Secretary said he will contact the County Office and order some for the Society.

With no main Guest Speaker we were fortunate to have in reserve **16 guest speakers** which must be a first at any Society meeting as everyone present on the evening spoke on a particular subject about Refereeing. The list of subjects covered were **Discipline-** Consistently giving a yellow card every time a penalty is awarded. (Premier matches) Standard of misconduct reports written, the difficulties faced by Commissions /Chairman, Failure to state the actual words used when offensive or abusive language is used. Dissent by word or action. How to man-manage situations. Assessing techniques, Steps to Promotion, Movement & Positioning, County Refereeing Academies, The importance of lining –Assistant Referees, Correspondence, Youth football and its problems most notably with parents. It was an evening which covered so many issues on a referee's lot along with development points to be taken into consideration. An enjoyable evening. Well done to the members present for making it so interesting and thought provoking.

*Robin /Secretary*



## **A Final Reminder**

There are still a few members from last season still to renew membership for Season 2013/2014 – fees became due on 1 April 2013. If you have not paid, and you receive your magazine by e-mail, you will have already received a final renewal form this way; for everybody else, a final renewal Membership form is included with this month's Normidian.

Both Society and Referees Association fees remain as last year, and amounts due are as follows.

### **Membership Fees payable are as follows:-**

- **Full Members**

- **£27.00 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £29.50 if your magazine is received by post.**

This includes your Referees Association fee of £16.00 including the Insurance Premium of £4.00. If you are over 75, you are not automatically covered by the Insurance Premium, and your fee payable will be reduced by £4.00. However, should you wish to purchase insurance cover, this can be arranged on request. Please contact me for a proposal form which you need to complete and return to me.

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- **£11.00 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £13.50 if your magazine is received by post.**

You must pay your Referees Association fee through another Society, and this should be shown on your Membership Form. Alternatively, you may join as an Associate Member if you have other interest in football work – please indicate as such on your Membership Form.

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- **£15.50 if your magazine is received by e-mail and £18.00 if your magazine is received by post.**

For Members under 18 years of age at 1 April, including your Referees Association fee of £10.00.

Individual fees payable are shown on your personalised Membership Form. You are reminded that you are currently not covered by the Referees Association Insurance until your fees have been paid. Please complete and return your Membership Form as soon as possible.

If you wish to take advantage of the Referees Association Physiotherapy Insurance this season, this is available at two levels of cover for either £25.00 or £35.00. If you want to take advantage of this cover or require more information, please let me know, and I will let you have the relevant information.

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

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

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- Society Website - also packed with up-to-date information on the Society.
- Monthly 100 club draw; Christmas social; and other social events.
- RA Conference – free attendance for members.
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- RA Website.
- Representation on the MCFA Council; the MCFA Referees' Committee.
- Representation to the RA through the AFA Referees' Association.
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- RA Personal insurance when officiating or attending refereeing business.
- RA-FA Incentive Scheme with the potential to earn free kit.
- Free Motor Legal Insurance Cover.
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- RA Representation on the FA Council.
- RA Representation on the FA Referees' Committee.
- RA representation to the FA Refereeing Department.
- RA Service awards

**Gary Cobden**  
**Honorary Treasurer**



## **North Middlesex Referees Society - One Hundred Club - Season 2012/2013**

Draws for the summer months – May through to August – the final draws for the 2012/2013 circle were made at the September meeting, and the results are shown below.

<b>May</b>			<b>June</b>		
14	Steve Wildgoose	£17.20	28	Robin Jagot	£17.20
8	Daniel Webster	£8.60	25	Peter Allen	£8.60
35	David Page	£4.30	7	Charles Lifford	£4.30
<b>July</b>			<b>August</b>		
24	Donald Stewart	£17.20	19	Peter Allen	£24.60
16	Tom White	£8.60	1	Gary Cobden	£12.30
1	Gary Cobden	£4.30	26	Bob Martin	£6.10

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

Below are the current Membership Numbers for the forthcoming season which runs from September 2013 through to August 2014. As you can see from the list, we currently only have 35 subscribers for the season, whereas we had 43 members last season. We therefore have several members from last season who have not subscribed again so we would welcome you rejoining.

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|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Gary Cobden      | 13. Steve Wildgoose | 25. Robin Jagot    |
| 2. Gary Cobden      | 14. Tom White       | 26. James Morris   |
| 3. George Basten    | 15. Tom White       | 27. James Morris   |
| 4. George Basten    | 16. Peter Allen     | 28. John Metselaar |
| 5. Steve Palmer     | 17. Peter Allen     | 29. Percy Brown    |
| 6. Cos Fernandes    | 18. Peter Allen     | 30. Peter Jago     |
| 7. Charles Lifford  | 19. Peter Allen     | 31. Peter Jago     |
| 8. Dave Chapman     | 20. Peter Peters    | 32. Adrian Bland   |
| 9. Stan Szplit      | 21. Peter Peters    | 33. Tony Ward      |
| 10. Stan Szplit     | 22. Donald Stewart  | 34. Tony Ward      |
| 11. Roger Fox       | 23. Robin Jagot     | 35. Bob Martin     |
| 12. Steve Wildgoose | 24. Robin Jagot     |                    |

The September and October draws using the numbers above will be made at the October meeting.

If you have already rejoined the Society and would like to join – or rejoin - the 100 Club for Season 2013/2014, please complete and forward the form below. If you have not yet renewed your membership, and would like to join the 100 Club, you can do so by indicating on your membership form.

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**Gary Cobden**  
**Honorary Treasurer**



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Dear Colleagues

### Assaults on Referees'

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For those members of The Referees' Association that are assaulted we offer our full support.

Sent on behalf of Eddie McGrath  
RA Board Member

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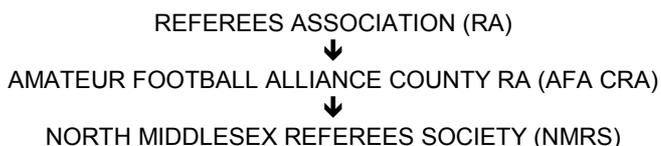
## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**Insurance** - The major benefit is the Personal Accident Insurance Policy. For a small amount, the insurance policy covers you whilst actually refereeing; travelling to and from a match; attending meetings (including travelling to and from home); attending organised training; and loss or theft of kit whilst at a match. Full details are available to members on request, as it is now no longer a requirement that each member who has paid the insurance premium is supplied with a copy of the terms of insurance. A range of increased benefits are also available - for an additional premium - and members should contact the insurers direct if they wish to take up these benefits. Additionally, active referees who are over the age of 75 can now be covered by the Insurance subject to an additional premium being paid. Physiotherapy insurance is now also available for a premium of either £25.00 or £35.00 dependent on the level of cover required.

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

**Refereeing** is a joint publication of the Football Association and the Referees Association. It is mailed direct to all registered referees by the Football Association. The magazine includes features and updates from the Football Association and items of RA-FA and RA news.

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

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

### 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](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) for bus information; [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) and [www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk](http://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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