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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 16th of October at 7-45pm at the Holtwhites Sports & Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield Middlesex when there will be a general members' discussion on match incidents, the best & worst Game I have ever refereed or lined on and any topical officiating matters.

EDITORIAL

What constitutes fairness and what farce in football? As an example of the former I will cite a properly taken penalty where the kicker runs up and shoots, the goalkeeper does not move forward before the kick and the rest of the boys in the band do not encroach. What then constitutes farce? Well it is when as often happens both during the game and in penalty shoot-outs these days, exactly and diametrically the opposite occurs and the referee does nothing about it. Having been horrified in Turin in 1990 sitting high up in the banking behind the goal and watching the German goalkeeper practically getting to the penalty spot before psycho (he does not want to be called that anymore) Stuart Pearce and saving England's penultimate kick and performing the same trick to cause Chris Waddle to fire over, I thought that I would never see something quite as bad again. However I was wrong because in a recent TV showing of a European Champions League qualification game between Bulgarian side Ludogrets Razgrad and Steaua Bucharest the former's goalkeeper was sent off and with all substitutions made they put centre half Cosmin Moti into goal where he stayed until the end of the game and was therefore involved in the penalty shoot-out that followed. During that shoot out he made two vital saves that owed more to the fact that he was several yards off his goal-line than his own capabilities and so this form of cheating permitted by at least 3 of the 5 officials allowed his side to go through to the next round. When will it ever stop I ask myself and anyone else who will listen?

Likewise when will referees stop the practice of penalty kickers running up to virtually stop in their stride in order to put the goalkeeper off or make him dive the wrong way? Way back in 1954 the practise of stopping in the run up was outlawed when Ladislav Kubala scored for the Rest of the World against England using this subterfuge.

All these and other topics of interest and possibly of more interest can be discussed at our next Society meeting which will be an "at home" affair. So please come along and join in.

Ken Goldman

Editor

Congratulations to the FA – Now come on FIFA Admit You Are Wrong - By ADRIAN BLAND

I remember being in New York about ten years ago and sitting in my hotel bedroom watching a football match which I presumed was from somewhere in Latin America. A free kick was awarded and the referee ran and sprayed a line behind which the wall had to stand. I thought what great idea!

Fast forward ten years or so and FIFA decided this was a good idea and introduced it into the World Cup. I presume FIFA instructed the teams that the penalty for crossing the line was an instant yellow card and so the line was not crossed. For a “ceremonial” free kick there is so much going on that by marking where the ball must be and where the wall must be eliminates two problems.

However, I have 2 questions on the procedure:

1. Does this now see the death of the quickly taken free kick?
2. Why do the referees wait for the wall to get back and then paint the line rather than, as the great Ken Aston said, become the first brick in the wall – i.e. paint the line, where possible, first and then tell the players to get behind the line.

(Am I nit-picking but shouldn't the line actually be an arc to show a true 10 yards from the ball?)

The FA should be congratulated as they immediately introduced something into the Premier League because they saw that it worked so well.

Now boo to FIFA! They have introduced 2 law changes in recent years that are rubbish, have not worked and should be corrected as soon as possible.

Goal kicks – to speed up the game goal kicks can be taken from anywhere inside the goal area. Previously they had to be taken from the side the ball went out of play.

The game is never speeded up by the goalkeeper whose team are winning! The goal kick is always taken from the far side of the goal area. Nothing is more frustrating than this going on for half a match and the referee telling him to speed up when it gets to the 87th minute!

The Bland Solution – when a player retrieves the ball from the crowd / brook etc. must take the kick from the nearest side of the 6 yard box. Referees should, also, be encouraged to take action at the first sign of any time wasting. First offence = warning, second = booking, there won't be a third!!!

Treatment on the pitch – FIFA decided that players must not be treated on the pitch. So what happens; the player gets “injured” the physio then comes onto the pitch treats him and then the player has to leave the pitch and come back on when the referee signals them back onto the pitch after the game has resumed i.e. a second or two after he has left the pitch!

Forgetting about serious injuries, which are, of course, totally different the interpretation of the law does not achieve its aim and additionally penalises a player that has been fouled. Treatment HAS taken place on the pitch and a player that has been kicked up in the air by an opponent is penalised.

The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork

The Whistling Referee

Part 34 – The goal keepers hand ball

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Hackney Marshes – Pitch 165
Weather: Would be better with a bit of sun
Time: The second half of the second half

The Rovers defender just stood there with the ball at his feet. He looked around and I along with everybody else on the pitch just waited for him to kick the ball. His best option in my opinion was just to kick the ball forward as hard as he could which was what he had done for most of the match. That was until now for some unknown reason. He looked around as if he was mentally imagining what would happen for each scenario. Should he pass the ball back to his goal keeper, maybe the central defender to his right or possibly kick the ball forward as hard as possible. Instead he just stood and dithered, almost as if time was standing still. Two opposing players finally made a move and decided to run towards the defender and this finally made up the defenders mind as to where to play the ball. He turned around to play the ball back to his goal keeper who last time the defender looked was standing on his goal line. Unfortunately for the defender the goal keeper had moved to the edge of the penalty area and had been screaming for the defender to clear the ball. Naturally the defender was oblivious to all of this.

The ball moved slowly towards the goal and this caused for drastic action from the goal keeper. Running like a primed Olympic one hundred athlete he run towards the goal and made an acrobatic leap and dived to the ground managing to get a hand to the ball and prevent the ball from entering the goal. Under normal circumstances this would have been a corner kick. There was absolutely no doubt in my mind or I am sure any of the players minds that the ball would have entered the goal had it not been for the actions of the goal keeper.

The Casuals captain run over to me and said 'That has to be the most obvious denying a goal scoring opportunity that I have ever seen in all my playing days'. I agreed whole heartily with the captains comments and showed the goal keeper a red card. As you the reader would know I have produced a number of red and yellow cards during this match and being late in the game the goal keeper should have known better than to show any dissent or to argue with my decision. After taking his name the goal keeper walked towards the touch line and then turned and said to me 'All I did was make a save using my hands in my own goal area. Can goalies not handle the ball in their own area anymore'? I started to explain that the red card was for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity but the goalie kept

walking away from me and ignored my explanation. Now I had to deal with the restart.

I restarted with a penalty kick to Casuals. Casuals were satisfied with my decision as they knew I was unable to award a goal because the ball had not entered the goal and at least a penalty kick gave them a second chance to score a goal. Alas Reds Rovers were not satisfied with my decision as they felt the restart should have been a corner. But what do players know of the laws of the game. I was the referee and it was my decision.

Rovers continued to argue claiming that a goal keeper is permitted to handle the ball in his own penalty area and that no offence had been committed. In fairness a lot of what they said did make sense but I had made my decision and I was not going to change my mind. I had to caution two Rovers players before the penalty could finally be taken and we will come to that in the next article.

Remember.....Be precise, be positive and be perfect like me!

Keep on whistling,

Willy Woodwork

Willy ‘Red card’ Woodwork.....the whistling referee.

Well, did our referee make the right decision?

What would you have done?

- a) Red card the goal keeper for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity
- b) Yellow card for the goal keeper for unsporting behaviour
- c) No card for the goal keeper as no offence was committed
- d) Yellow card the defender for time wasting

Restart with?

1. Award a goal and kick off
2. Corner kick to Casuals
3. Drop ball
4. Penalty (It worked for Willie)
5. Goal kick
6. Indirect free kick to Casuals
7. Ask the ref on the next pitch
8. Ask the Casuals captain as he seems to know all the rules.

Remember it could happen to you!

ABOLISH THE OFF-SIDE LAW- That is the question posed by OBSERVER this month.

The offside Law is probably the cause of more arguments than any of the other Laws of the game, and when you read Law 11 it is probably one of the simplest - on paper that is.

A player is in an off side position if he is nearer to his opponents goal line than the ball, unless

- a) He is in his own half of the field of play, or
- b) There are at least two of his opponents nearer their own goal line than he is.

He shall only be penalised, if in the opinion of the referee, the attacker is

- a) Interfering with play, or with an opponent.
- b) Seeking to gain an advantage by being in that position.

However, Law 11 then states that a player shall not be declared off side by the referee merely because of his being in an off side position.

Why then does this law cause so many problems?

At local grass roots level, it can be argued that as the referee normally does not have the assistance of two neutral assistant referees so his job is made difficult because he has to make a decision by himself. Also, he is not in the most ideal position to judge if a player is on side or off.

However, the vast majority, get it right most of the time and it is to their credit that they try to be in a good position to make a judgement, although this cannot always be achieved.

Referees can therefore be forgiven for the odd mistake when they are by themselves on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning on the local park. If it is difficult for referees when they are on their own, then surely the problem is resolved when you have two assistant referees to assist you, as they will always be in line with the second rearmost defender and there will obviously be no arguments!

If only this was true.

Why then is the off side law so contentious?

Attackers believe it is so unfair, whilst defenders will always argue that opponents standing in an offside position must always be interfering with play because he will be seeking to gain any advantage going,

This argument has been raging for years and I'm sure it will continue for many years to come.

IS THE OFF SIDE LAW REALLY NECESSARY?

FIFA as we all know issued directives at all the World Cup Competition giving any benefit of the doubt to attackers in order to encourage attacking play.

Why can they now go even further and abolish the offside law altogether?

How often do you see a player penalised for off side because he is in an off-side position. But he has not been trying to seek an advantage by being in that position, he just happens to have been slightly in front of the last defender when the ball was played. The defence had not been trying to play off side and they had not appealed for it. In this case the defender has obtained the advantage normally because the attacker has just strayed in an off side position. Perhaps the attacker has mistimed his run to receive the ball. Has there has been many occasions where excellent goals have been disallowed because of this and attacking flair being punished without the attacker trying to seek any advantage at all?

Using these arguments then, would the abolition of the off side law encourage further attacking play which is what FIFA are trying to achieve?

FIFA has informed referees that they should not penalise attackers who have challenged goalkeepers and have been caught in an off side position when the ball is returned into the penalty area, as the player is in a non active position and therefore not interfering with play.

Similarly assistant referees have been told that if they are in any doubt when judging offside they should give any benefit of the doubt to attackers to encourage attacking play.

Is it therefore feasible to abolish the off side law to improve the game or would coaches use it to their own advantage and spoil the game? I would argue that the recent changes over the last couple of years namely to offside, the pass to the goalkeeper and to dealing with misconduct has certainly improved the game and has encouraged attacking play.

Do you agree or if not what are your views?

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Society EGM held on Thursday 18th September, 2014

At the Holtwhites Sports Centre, Enfield

Apologies Received: Ken Goldman, Lockie Bramzell, Mark Jacob, and Peter Dace.

Chairman: As the election of Chairman had not taken place the Society President was elected to take the Chair for the Society EGM.

The President welcomed the members present to the first meeting of the season and informed members why the **Notice of an EGM** had to take place. The reasons given were for correct procedures for the election of some officers, namely President, Chairman and Vice Chairman not being followed at the Annual General Meeting in May/2014 were invalid, the meeting being called to rectify the situation.

The Chairman then allowed questions to be put forward before any decisions could be made on the election of the Officers and proposed Rule changes to Rule 8c.

A debate followed from the floor that the EGM notice to the Society membership, while it mentioned irregularities had taken place involving the election of certain officers, it failed to explain fully to the membership and why the need to introduce proposed changes and amendments to **Society Rule 8c**. Members present felt they needed to know fully why the election process was unconstitutional which took place at the May AGM.

The Secretary explained to the members what took place at the April Council meeting when the decision took place to deal with the election of Officers. This practice is normal to ensure nominations are well in place within the 21 days allowed. It must be said they are only recommendations from Council, and that any member if he or she wishes to nominate or stand can do so providing they are proposed and seconded within the 21 days before the AGM. In a nut-shell, why I don't wish to deliberate too long on the subject the problem arose over the election of Chairman being also elected also to the position of President and either being accepted or not to play both roles. Several members spoke on the issue, most notably Jeff Till and Martin De La Fuente who along with other members felt this meeting could no longer proceed, due to the membership not being fully informed as members were not given the opportunity to place their choice of nominations for the vacant posts available, and the real reasons for the proposed Rule changes.

North Middlesex Referees Society - One Hundred Club - Season 2014/2015

Below are the initial Membership Numbers for the forthcoming season which runs from September 2014 through to August 2015. As you can see from the list, we currently only have 30 subscribers for the season, and we therefore have several members from last season who have not subscribed again so we would welcome you rejoining.

1. Gary Cobden	11. Steve Palmer	21. Peter Allen
2. Gary Cobden	12. John Metselaar	22. Charles Lifford
3. Peter Omondi	13. James Morris	23. Roger Fox
4. Terry Flack	14. James Morris	24. Steve Wildgoose
5. Tom White	15. John Faithfull	25. Steve Wildgoose
6. Tom White	16. Dave Chapman	26. Tony Ward
7. Robin Jagot	17. Cos Fernandes	27. Tony Ward
8. Robin Jagot	18. Peter Allen	28. George Basten
9. Robin Jagot	19. Peter Allen	29. George Basten
10. Bob Martin	20. Peter Allen	30. Adrian Bland

The draws for the summer months – May through to August were made at the September meeting, and the results are shown below. For those who receive their magazines by post, cheques are enclosed; for those who receive their magazines by e-mail your cheques will be sent by post.

May Winners

29 Percy Brown	£14.80	22 Donald Stewart	£7.40	35 Bob Martin	£3.70
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June Winners

16 Peter Allen	£14.80	35 Bob Martin	£7.40	20 Peter Peters	£3.70
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July Winners

6 Cos Fernandes	£14.80	4 George Basten	£7.40	13 Steve Wildgoose	£3.70
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August Winners

3 George Basten	£21.20	20 Peter Peters	£10.60	16 Peter Allen	£5.30
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The first draws using the updated numbers indicated above will be made at the October meeting.

If you have already rejoined the Society or would like to join the 100 Club for Season 2014/2015, 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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I wish to purchase.....share(s) in the NMRS 100 Club at £12.00 per share per season.

Please find enclosed my cheque/postal order for £...00 to cover the subscription for 12 months.

Name..... Signature.....

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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



Membership Fees for Season 2014/2015 are now overdue!

There are still a number of members from last season still to renew membership for the current Season – fees became due on 1 April 2014. If you have not paid, and you receive your magazine by e-mail, you will have already received another renewal form this way; for everybody else, a further Membership form is included with this month's Normidian. This is your final opportunity to renew, as your membership of the Society will lapse on 31 October in the event that your fees remain unpaid.

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 sent by e-mail and £29.50 if your magazine is sent by post.**
Includes your Referees Association fee of £16.00 (includes the Personal Accident Insurance Premium of £4.00). If you are over 75, you are not automatically covered by the Insurance Premium, and your fee is reduced by £4.00. However, should you wish to purchase this insurance cover, it can be arranged on request. Please contact me for a proposal form which you will need to complete.

• **Associate Members**

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

• **Junior Members**

- **£15.50 if your magazine is sent by e-mail and £18.00 if your magazine is sent by post.**
For Members under 18 years of age at 1 April, including your Referees Association fee of £10.00.

If you who receive your magazine by post, please note that we have been able to maintain your subscription premium at £2.50 due to the fact that we purchased a significant number of stamps before the last major price increase a couple of years ago, and still have enough stamps remaining. However, this will increase in 2015/2016 so, if you have an e-mail address, it would benefit all if we could send your magazine this way.

Individual fees payable are shown on your personalised Membership Form. You are reminded that you will not be covered by the Referees Association Insurance after 31 May 2014 unless your fees have been paid to the Society by that date. Please complete and return your Membership Form as soon as possible. You need to bear this in mind if you will be refereeing late season or early pre-season games.

If you have previously opted to take advantage of the Referees Association Physiotherapy Insurance, the fee for this is now either £25 or £35 based on the level of cover required. If you want to renew, or require more information about this cover, please let me know, and I will forward 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.

It would be appreciated if you could check the details shown on the Form, amending any information that is incorrect. Please also check the NPD Number (Registration Number) where shown is correct, and complete it if it is missing from the Membership 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 whether you are an Assessor; Examiner; Instructor; or Mentor.

You may wonder what benefits you get from your membership of North Middlesex and The Referees Association. If you receive your magazine by post, you should also have received a 'flyer' from the Referees Association with the magazine which summarises benefits, and provides contact information; in the event that you did not receive a copy, please contact the Society Secretary. If you receive your magazine by e-mail, an electronic copy accompanies this mailing. However, outlined below are some of the visible – and invisible – benefits of membership:-

Available Benefits from the Society and Referees Association other than Society Meetings.

The Normidian – full of articles, news and information on refereeing and other topical matters.	Access to the NMRS and/or Referees Association Benevolent Funds if you fall on hard times.
Society Website - also packed with up-to-date information on the Society.	RA and other kit supplies available at meetings and to order.
RA Personal Accident Insurance when officiating or attending refereeing business.	Representation to the RA through the AFA Referees' Association.
Representation on the MCFA Council; the MCFA Referees' Committee.	Advice, support and representation if assaulted, charged or suspended.
RA Conference – free attendance for members.	Mentoring of new referees.
Eve of the Final Rally tickets.	RA Website.
Monthly 100 club draw; Christmas and other social events.	RA-FA Incentive Scheme with the potential to earn free kit.
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RA Legal Advice.	RA Conveyancing Benefits.
RA Relationship Benefits.	RA Will and Estate Planning Benefits.
RA Representation on the FA Council.	RA Service awards.
RA Representation on the FA Referees' Committee.	RA representation to the FA Refereeing Department.

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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



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It's like nectar but instead of earning points, each purchase generates a donation. So instead of going directly to a retailer's website, go to easyfundraising first and choose the retailer you want to shop with – then everything you spend with that retailer earns a free donation for North Middlesex Referees Society. It's completely free to use and your shopping won't cost you a penny more.

On average, each retailer will donate 5% of the cost of your shopping - and those donations soon mount up.

So whatever you need to buy, from your weekly grocery shop or fashion must-have, to your business travel, office supplies or mobile phone, buy it via easyfundraising and raise money for North Middlesex Referees Society at no extra cost to you!

Please register to supporting us when you shop online - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nms>

In addition you don't have to spend anything to start raising money for North Middlesex Referees Society. Some of our retailers will make FREE donations to just for switching to their service, participating in free trials or even simply registering on their site.

The National Lottery will donate £1.50 just for registering on their site and playing Lotto online for the first time! Answering a short survey could raise just £0.75; £5.00 if you take out a free trial with Experian Credit Expert, and taking out a free Sim card could raise £0.25

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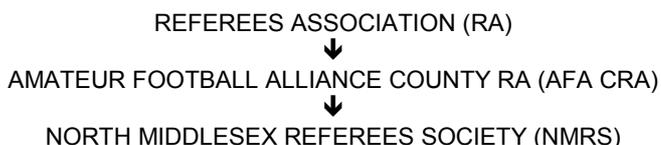
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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

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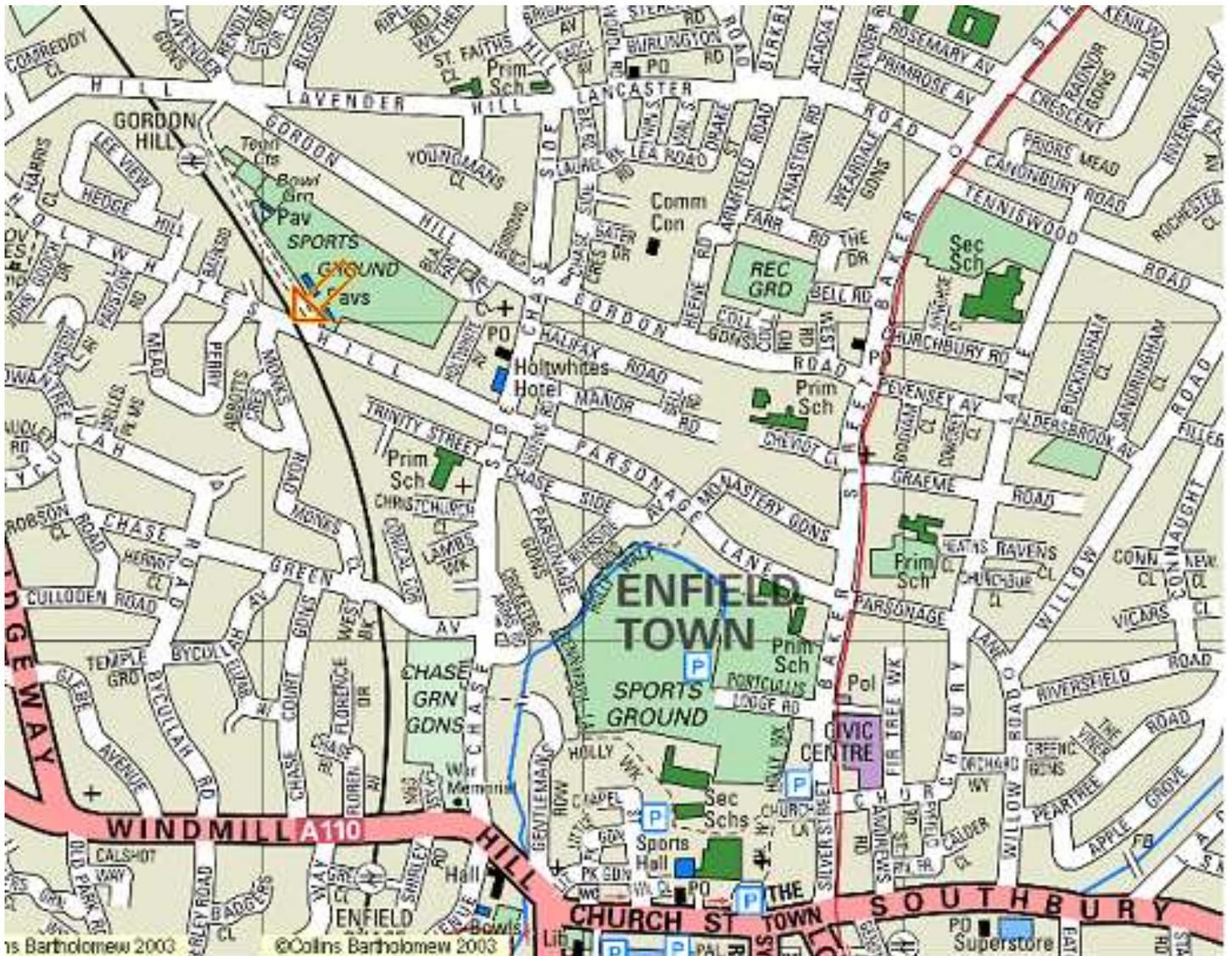
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association partnership for 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 2014/2015:- September 18; October 16; November 20; December 11 2014 (second Thursday); and January 15; February 19; March 19; April 16; May 21 2015



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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