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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 18th of September 2014 at 7.45 pm. at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield, Middlesex when the speaker will be Paul Field a Board Member and Treasurer to the Referees association.

EDITORIAL

And so another season is commencing and all of us have had time to consider and make our minds up about the great summer offering of the world Cup and the refereeing of the same. By and large all went well except that the two worst incidents of a bite by Louis Suarez and a violent knee in the back on Neymar went unseen and unpunished during the match. Indeed the Neymar incident brought no punishment at all even on the reflection of the disciplinary committee. There were also the usual problems that referees find so difficult to make judgments on such as the difference between an obvious goal scoring opportunity and a potential goal scoring one despite the “last man theory” so beloved by the media. Likewise understanding the difference between contact actually made and the player exaggerating it (which is still a foul) and the alternative, which is simulation and a dive. In this country this is something of which PGMOL really must get a grip. Then of course we had the famous disappearing spray of which more later; and the goal-line technology that by and large worked extremely well. Whether the decision by the organising committee of the officials (strongly denied by them) to allow referees to be more lenient worked or not, the play in general did tend to flow and there were no major punch ups as there have been in the past although there were of course the odd confrontations of the referees. Sometimes there were also fouls that should have received yellow or occasionally red cards but as indicated these incidents apart from the Suarez suspension were not likely to live long in the memory. Finally on the World Cup, England’s referee representative Howard Webb retired at the end of it and we wish him well in his retirement from officiating. He does apparently intend to be involved in commenting on others so let us hope it will be in a spirit of goodwill and not involve the type of criticism of current referees that some retired referees have indulged in.

I am pleased to say that the magazine will contain again this season “Willy” and his matches and some more from “Observer” Please send in your efforts for publication and hopefully everyone will have a great new season and that we will have a greater number attending the meetings. Finally a word for Tom White, who steps down as Chairman after a massive stint in that position; I am sure everyone would like to offer their thanks for all his sterling work over his many years in the hot seat.

Ken Goldman.

Editor

The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork

The Whistling Referee

Part 33 – Is there a doctor in the house?

Match: Cockfosters Casuals –v- Reds Rovers
League: Division Three – Sunday Park League (North)
Venue: Hackney Marshes – Pitch 165
Time: Late in the second half

The Reds Rovers player fell to the ground and was holding his ankle. The challenge was fair in my opinion and the player just appeared to fall awkwardly. Several Rovers players were shouting for me to blow my whistle to stop play so their team mate could receive treatment whilst other Rovers players were shouting at the Cockfosters Casual player who currently had possession of the ball to kick the ball out of play. Of course the Casuals player with the ball carried on running towards the opponents' goal and unleashed a thirty yard effort that flew into the back of the Rovers goal. If I say so my self, what a great goal. Naturally I awarded the goal as no infringements' had occurred.

All of this had now caused me a dilemma. Firstly the injured player was already being treated by the Rovers manager who had run onto the field of play without my permission and had done so during active play. The manager was furious that firstly I had not stopped play and doubly annoyed that I had allowed the goal to stand. I was left with no other option than to inform the manager that he would be reported for entering the field of play without my permission and would be reported. Of course I did not produce a yellow card to the manager because that is only shown to the players. I do know the law!

I did my best to explain that unless the injury is either to the head or a serious injury I do not have to stop play. If I had felt the player was seriously injured then I would have stopped play immediately. The captain asked if I was a doctor as well as a referee and how did I know if the player was seriously injured or not. I told the referee I did not have to be a doctor to assess how serious an injury can be. If a player falls to the ground after being tackled and repeatedly rolls over and over then one can assume that nothing serious has occurred. If a player has a broken leg and is in pain then play would instantly stop and medical attention would be called for. In this instance the player had slightly twisted his ankle and fortunately appeared to have no ill effects. With the captain knowing I was not going to disallow the goal the 'seriously' injured player was now up on his feet and appeared fine. The manager went to pick up his bucket and sponge and I gently reminded him that theses were not appropriate items to use anymore. He stared at me and shook his head and told me the water in the bucket was clean and the

sponge had been thoroughly cleaned after he had washed his car just before leaving for the match.

Next I asked the injured player to leave the field of play as he had received treatment. He argued that since I had told his manager he cannot use the bucket and sponge, with these items being unofficial the treatment did not count and he did not have to leave. I told the player to accept my request or he would be cautioned and he ran very quickly to the touch line.

Finally I still had to explain to several Rovers players as to why I allowed the goal to stand. I knew I was correct to allow the goal and I explained that it is not for the referee to tell a player to kick the ball out of play so an injured player can receive treatment. It may appear unsporting but it does not go against any of the laws. For once no one was cautioned and begrudgedly the Rovers players began to take up their positions for the restart.

What actions if any would you have taken.....

- **Should play have been stopped for the injured player?**
- **Can the referee request the Casuals player to kick the ball out of play?**
- **Should the Casuals player kick the ball out of play?**
- **Should the manager have been reported?**
- **Should the manager have been showed a yellow card?**
- **Was the manager correct to enter the pitch to help the player?**
- **Can a bucket and sponge be used to treat injured players?**
- **What happens if a team have no first aid equipment available?**

Decisions, decisions, decisions and you are the referee and only you can make those decisions. Here alone is one incident and look how many decisions that the referee has to make. Say calm and award your decision in a confident manner.

No one said that it is easy to be a referee but as always.....know the laws and apply the laws!

See you all soon.

Willy Woodwork

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

THE LAWS THAT REFEREES FORGOT- by Ken Goldman.

One appreciates that this is a critical article but I make no apologies for that or for the fact that I have mentioned some of the points before but the decision of the Premier League and other representative leagues and competitions to introduce the vanishing spray at free kicks is one of the worst gimmicks imaginable and a terrible indictment of the inability of referees to enforce the Laws of the Game. It is obvious from, this article that I come from a time when referees were determined that the Laws should be enforced especially at free kicks, but over the last 20 years many of the enforcement provisions in the Laws have become eroded by referees who were no longer interested in their proper enforcement.

Let us start with the spray. Clearly this is for the professional game rather than on park pitches unless we are all going to buy an expensive product or carry about our persons, shaving foam. I think not and again it divides the professional from the grass roots. Why do we even need it? The use of foot measurements and the whistle should be enough to be able to control players and if they transgress there is always the yellow card for either encroachment or delaying the restart. In any event how do you measure 9.15 meters as the Laws are in metric, so much will be guesswork in any event. If you measure out 10 paces for ten yards, the late great referee instructor Ken Aston once demonstrated with a rope that you actually need to pace out 12 steps as most men's stride is not a yard otherwise one man's/woman's ten yards is not another's ten yards depending on the length of their legs.. Thus referees universally having failed but particularly in South America, to measure out anything approximating the required distance and by failure to properly utilise the whistle or exercise their own strength of character have now inflicted this gimmick onto the game.

This change is not the only one but is probably the thin end of the wedge because as a result of referees not awarding re-takes at penalty kicks when the goalkeeper moved saw the law change for the keeper to be able to move on his goal line at that restart but not forward. It also led to the repositioning of the referee and reduced punishment for encroachment. Referees are still failing to stop keeper moving forward before the kicker strikes to even farcical proportions in penalty shoot-outs, so will we see another change in the Laws.

There was a big outcry about goalkeepers holding onto the ball too long so they changed the Laws, although there was an adequate sanction, hardly ever used, in the Laws to stop it. Therefore goalkeepers were no longer able to receive in their hands a ball directly kicked to them, the misnomered back-pass rule) and this was further extended to throw-ins Eventually there was a modification in that the goalkeeper could hold on to the ball for 6 seconds. Not many referees are penalising

an infringement of that at present so will we see another Law change because of that failure.

Again referees failed to stop encroachment by the thrower at a throw in and after a long campaign Jimmy Hill got the Law changed to have the ball given to the other side at that problem. How many referees do you see who actually punish as required even when the ball is thrown in from the wrong half of the field? Is the position now ripe for another change in the Laws?

Of perhaps a more minor infraction of the Laws is the habit of goalkeepers kicking the ball from outside their penalty areas. Some years back Assistant Referees (Linesmen as they were then called) were instructed to stand by the edge of the penalty area to see that the goalkeepers would literally not overstep the mark and to flag if they did. Nowadays with the game getting faster this seems to be abandoned as more and more emphasis is placed on Assistants getting into the right spot to judge offside and many a professional keeper is able to break this goal area Law.

One of the great aspects of the Laws of the game is that they have hardly needed to be altered for so long and with therefore only minor modifications. It was generally accepted that the professional game needed to be looked at with greater sympathy because it was big business and no longer were the Laws there for everyone alike. As a result goal-line technology was introduced and will be a boon quite literally in the professional arena. This came about because it was impossible for the officials to be able to judge in many cases whether the ball had crossed the line for a goal. But we have now heard a rumour that the technology might be introduced to look at other things and leave us in a position whereby as with cricket the Umpires are questioned on camera and their position is often found to be untenable. Thankfully in cricket the Umpire's credibility does not get undermined in those circumstances but can you imagine what would happen in the more volatile sport of football. In any event we have seen the advent of the fifth officials to stand on the goal-line in European competitions with all sorts of rules for their implementation and positioning but really they often look like the spares in the proverbial, despite a public relations video being made to show what they are really about and the benefit of including them in all professional football in the future..

The overall current position is clearly obvious and not at all satisfactory. So if you break the criminal law you get punished; if you break the civil law you get sued but if you break the football laws often enough the law makers simply change their laws to accommodate the new situation. This would seem to indicate that only vigilance in law enforcement by the refereeing fraternity will end this constant implementation of unnecessary change and that FIFA do not get inveigled into making such changes, unless they finally listen to the one change that even in grassroots football would be beneficial namely the introduction of the sin-bin for on field breaches of the Laws.

Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting of North Middlesex Referees Society to be held on Thursday 18 September 2014 at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Off Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 0RN. The meeting will commence at 9:00pm (or at the closure of the regular monthly meeting).

Due to correct procedures for the election of some Officers not being followed at the Annual General Meeting in May, the elections for the positions of President and Chairman were invalid. This Meeting is to rectify the situation.

In addition, an amendment to Rule 8(c) is also being brought before the Meeting. The Rule Change will not take effect until Season 2015/2016.

Agenda

1. Change to Rule 8(c)

Current Rule 8C

An Officer shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. **An Officer may hold no more than two positions at any time.** The Council shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Society. Decisions of the Council shall be made by a simple majority of those members present. The Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the persons present shall elect a Chairperson for the duration of the meeting. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Council shall be not less than fifty percent of those members who are entitled to be present.

Proposed Rule 8(c) – by Gary Cobden; Seconded by Percy Brown

An Officer shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. **An Officer may hold no more than two positions at any time. The President of the Society shall not be elected to, or hold the positions of, either Chairman; Vice Chairman; Secretary; or Treasurer during his term of office.** The Council shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Society. Decisions of the Council shall be made by a simple majority of those members present. The Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the persons present shall elect a Chairperson for the duration of the meeting. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Council shall be not less than fifty percent of those members who are entitled to be present.

Amendment to the Proposal for Rule 8(c) – by Tom White; Seconded by Bob Martin

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2. Election of President

Bob Martin – Proposed by Tom White; Seconded by Terry Wilson

3. Election of Chairman

Martin de la Fuente – Proposed by Gary Cobden; Seconded by Ken Goldman

Robin Jagot,

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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 25 subscribers for the season, and 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 | 9. Robin Jagot | 18. Peter Allen |
| 2. Gary Cobden | 10. Bob Martin | 19. Peter Allen |
| 3. Peter Omondi | 11. Steve Palmer | 20. Peter Allen |
| 4. Terry Flack | 12. John Metselaar | 21. Peter Allen |
| 5. Tom White | 13. James Morris | 22. Charles Lifford |
| 6. Tom White | 14. James Morris | 23. Roger Fox |
| 7. Robin Jagot | 15. John Faithfull | 24. Steve Wildgoose |
| 8. Robin Jagot | 16. Dave Chapman | 25. Steve Wildgoose |
| | 17. Cos Fernandes | |

Draws for the summer months – May through to August will be made at the September meeting. The first draws using the updated numbers indicated above will be made at the October meeting.

If you have already rejoined the Society and 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.

NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY 100 CLUB

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 few members from last season yet 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.

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 Representation on the FA Council.	RA Service awards.
RA Representation on the FA Referees' Committee.	RA representation to the FA Refereeing Department.

For more details on any of the available benefits, please contact any member of the Society Council.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



Charity Football Tournament - 1 September - An Apology

Towards the end of August I was contacted by Simon Standing from the Mercure London Watford Hotel and asked if we could provide referees for the above tournament as they had been let down by Hertfordshire FA.

I have subsequently been advised by Hertfordshire FA that the information I was given was incorrect.

Mr Standing sent an email to a member of the Hertfordshire FA office staff asking for help sourcing some referees for his Tournament. He then thought that he would be getting the referees that he required from the Hertfordshire FA after paying the Affiliation Fee - this was never implied by Hertfordshire FA.

I am happy to put the record straight.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



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4. Is the ball STATIONARY?
5. Are the OPPONENTS CORRECTLY POSITIONED? Ten yards away? If not possible, where must they be?
6. Does the ball actually COME INTO PLAY by moving it?
7. Is the ball PROPERLY KICKED?
8. Does the kicker PLAY THE BALL A SECOND TIME before anyone else plays it? If he does, what action is required?
9. Do any of the OPPONENTS ENCROACH? If so, what action is required?
10. If it a FREE KICK TO THE DEFENDERS INSIDE THEIR OWN PENALTY AREA, does the ball actually leave the penalty area before someone other than the kicker plays it? If not, what action is required?
11. If the free kick is to the DEFENDERS INSIDE THEIR OWN GOAL AREA, from where may it be taken?
12. If the INDIRECT FREE KICK is to the ATTACKERS inside their OPPONENTS' GOAL-AREA from where must it be taken?
13. What happens if the kicker kicks the ball into his OWN GOAL from a free kick?
14. What happens if the kicker takes an INDIRECT FREE KICK and kicks the ball directly into his OPPONENTS' GOAL?
15. How well do I know Law Thirteen?

BOOK REVIEWS

LIFE'S A BALL by Ian Liversidge with David Mitchell published by authorhouse

This is the life story of SOSS a derivation of liversosage from the name Liversidge and therefore the author of this book. SOSS has also sub-titled the volume "The highs and lows of a Football Physio" which he has been since retiring from playing semi-professional football. Stories abound with anecdotes galore including about such players as George Best, Arthur Cox, Vinny Jones, Stan Ternant, Neville Southall and above all Joe Royal who has written a lovely forward to the book. Obviously it is inevitable that in a book by a physio there should be a chapter on their art and if there is no exception here nonetheless the chapter is in itself exceptional as although it does not deal at length with how to treat injuries it does give a lurid flavour of the kind of injuries a physio has to tackle and the humour needed to console the injured.. There are indeed many examples of this in the chapter simply entitled "Treating Injuries". His football journey amply described includes stints with Tranmere Rovers, Newcastle, Oldham, Burnley and lastly part time at Macclesfield Town. But if there is one thing to come shining through in the book it is the humour of the man and his love for the game for whomever and at whatever level he has practised his profession although it has still brought him the heartbreak of 3 broken marriages along the way . A most joyful and enjoyable book running to 224 pages in large paperback format.

ALL FOR THE SHIRT by Bert Patrick published by Matador @£10.99.

This is the story of the one-time favourite football clothing manufacturer - Admiral and the man who was responsible for obtaining the Club and International sponsorship that the Company sought and paid for. One especially interesting statistic is that in 1970 Admiral paid £10000 for its contract with England brokered by the author whilst today Nike pay £25 million per year for the same sponsorship. In an amazingly short time Admiral grew from a small knitwear company in Leicester to a brand known all over the world only to sink back to virtually the same position as when it started. The author naturally had contact with some of the game's larger than life characters over the years and in particular Don Revie with whom he had dealings with at both Leeds and England; Sir Matt Busby; Sir Stanley Matthews; Jimmy Bloomfield and a host of others culminating in the company designing a kit for referees modelled by one of the crowd's favourites at the time Roger Kirkpatrick.

An unusual addition to the football book library but one which nevertheless will be of interest as it demonstrates clearly how sponsorship has financially raised the game in this country and how one company changed the concept of football shirt creation and advertising. Profusely illustrated in colour in its 152 pages.

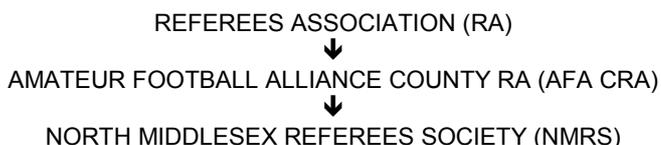
INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SOCIETY

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.

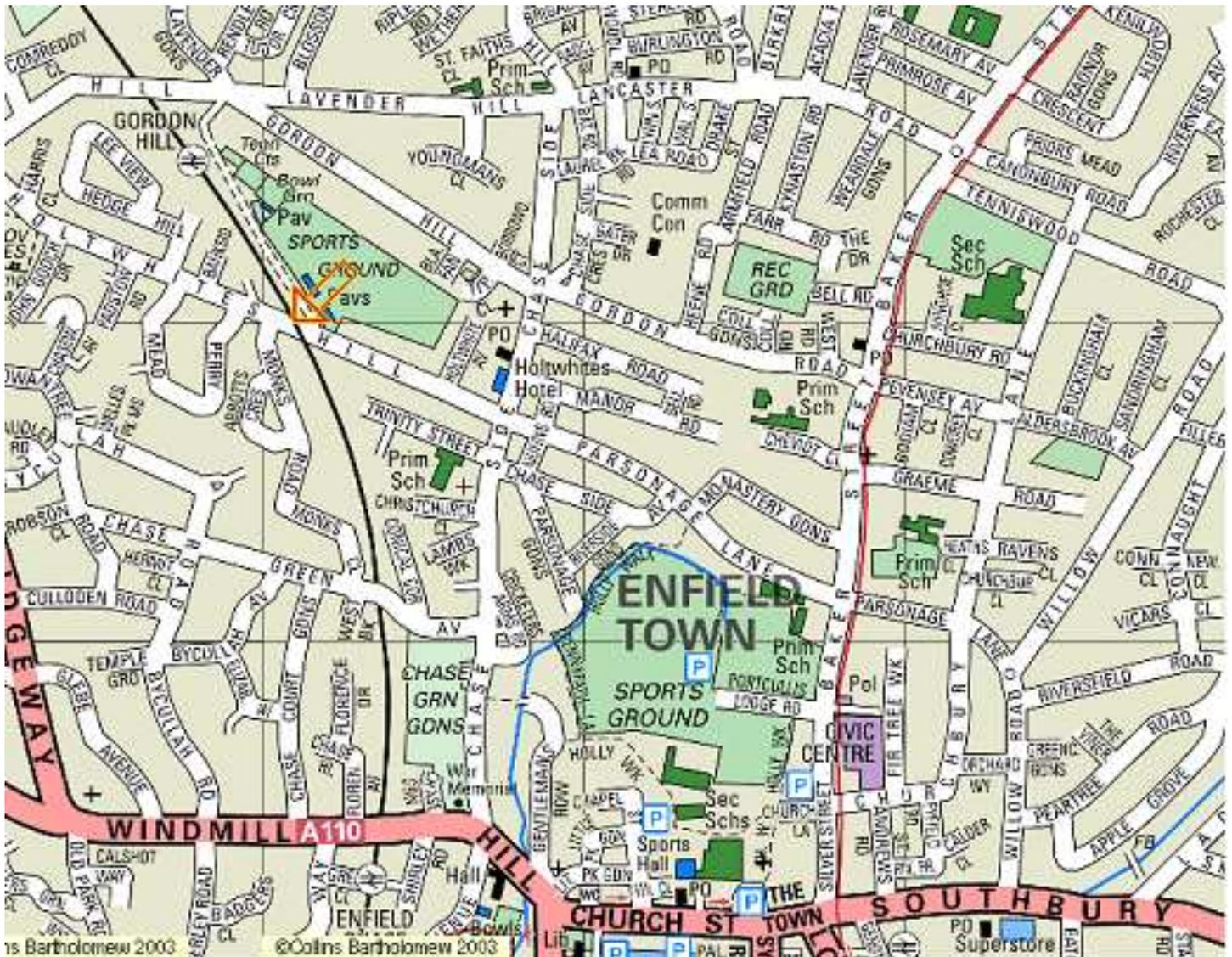
AFA	Amateur Football Alliance
AFA CRA	Amateur Football Alliance County Referees Association
CFA	County Football Association
CRA	County Referees Association
LFA	London Football Association
MCFA	Middlesex County Football Association
R.A.	Referees Association
RA-FA	Referees Association/Football Association 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 7:45 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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