

## November 2005

**The next Society meeting will be held at Pymmes Park Bowling Club, Silver Street, Edmonton, London N18, on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 7.30 pm and as usual the bar will be open. Guest Speaker will be FA Regional Manager, Janie Frampton. A good meeting is expected, so please make every effort to attend.**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Society Annual Quiz Evening, scheduled for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Pymmes Park, Edmonton had to be cancelled – apologies all round! However, a new date has been arranged for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at the same venue. Please enter the new date in your diaries and let any Council member know if you intend to be there and how many are in your party. A new advert is included in this issue.

Congratulations to Vice Chairman, Vince Yeudall and his lovely wife Ann on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 29<sup>th</sup> October. More on this very special occasion appears elsewhere in this edition.

Spare a thought for Society member and Assessor, Maxie Lea, who is due to go into hospital in Stanmore for a replacement hip operation early in November. As a recipient of a successful new hip earlier this year and hoping to start refereeing again in the new year, I was able to pass on a few bits of advice to the little man on what to expect – my suggestion that he might need a skate board for a week or two fell on deaf ears! We all hope everything goes well, Maxie, and we look forward to seeing you up and around after you have had the op.

Our Youth Development Officer, Jeff Till, has passed a note to me from Lois Moules, Joint Secretary of the Football Conference Youth League asking if any of our Level 6/5 or Level 5/4 Referees and Assistant Referees would be interested in officiating on Wednesday afternoons on the FCYL – boys 16 – U19. Fees are £20.00 plus 25p per mile for referees, £12.00 plus 25p per mile for assistants. Lois can be contacted on 01322 413502

On returning from his autumn break, Mick Osborn writes on a topical subject entitled, “Was It Fair?” Gary Cobden reminds us that a number of membership fees are overdue and reveals the lucky winners in this month’s 100 Club draw. Gary has also prepared a comprehensive list of plum appointments – congratulations to all. When buying on-line Gary tells us we can help the Society financially by simply logging on to a prescribed website – see elsewhere for more precise details. Life Vice President, George Basten “Looks Back in Time” at one of the greatest of all players.

Last month’s guest speaker, Lockie Bramzell of LONSAR, stepped in at short notice when our scheduled guest, Barry Firmin, was unfortunately indisposed. A report on Lockie’s presentation is included in this issue. Lockie is an old friend of NMRS and it was a pity there were not more members present to hear his enjoyable, entertaining talk.

Chairman, Tom White, has some strong words to say on this subject elsewhere. The paucity of members at Society meetings is causing concern and has been discussed on more than one occasion in Council. If anyone feels they can offer a solution to this problem or has any views on the matter please let any Council member know, or write to the Normidian.

**Contributions for the December issue of Normidian by 26<sup>th</sup> November, please.**

## **October's Guest Speaker – Lockie Bramzell**

League referee, Barry Firmin, could not attend as planned so LONSAR's Lockie Bramzell stepped in as our guest speaker – Barry has promised to come at a later date. Chairman, Tom White, formally introduced Lockie who is a London FA Referee, a Councillor, Assessor and someone well known to North Middlesex.

Lockie explained that he would be showing segments of a video showing a typical 'parks' match, after which he would be asking those present to give their opinions on various aspects of the referee's performance and to consider what we could learn from watching him. Referee Assessment Forms were distributed to aid the discussion.

The club linesmen for the game were substitutes obviously anxious to get on and play, so for the most part were rather lackadaisical in their duties, which appeared to have been properly explained to them before the game started. The official therefore had to control the game virtually on his own – a scenario familiar to most of the audience!

In discussion after the video, it was clear that although those watching had some empathy with the official, some lively criticism was forthcoming, both positive and negative. Lockie suggested that whenever we offer criticism, either in an official capacity or not, we should start with the positive aspects, which would encourage the recipient to improve. With the aid of a clipboard, Lockie then listed points for discussion as suggested from the floor on the performance of the unknown official in the video. These included: clarity and strength of his voice and whistle; general appearance; the carrying out of necessary safety checks; overall demeanour; positioning, mobility and movement; path of control; relative fitness; reading the game and dead-ball time.

After a full debate on all the various elements of the game viewed earlier, Lockie invited everyone to 'mark' the referee – who we were advised was going from Level 7 to Level 6 – in accordance with the Referee's Assessment Form previously distributed.

The average of the marks given was around 7, which after further discussion, Lockie said would not have been enough for promotion. He reminded everyone present that despite a number of relatively minor shortcomings, the 'man in the middle' had shown good control of the game throughout and deserved better marks than were given – more discussion!

Peter Dace thanked Lockie for being the North Middlesex Society's special guest and for providing such an entertaining and thought-provoking evening. Peter then presented our special guest with a copy of "The History of the North Middlesex Referees' Society – 1949/1999" by Society historian, Charles Lifford.



### **All that Glitters**

The Arsenal v Manchester City game on Saturday 22 October was notable not only for the 1-0 victory to the Gunners, nor for the penalty "cock-up" that was taken, or rather not taken, by Pires and Henry, which finally resulted in a free kick for the defending side – in this case the visitors. No, a more important forthcoming event was recorded in the programme that day, which read: "Congratulations to Ann and Vince Yeudall on your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 29. All our love, Catherine, Onur, Susan, Malcolm, Laura, Emma and Chris xxx." The Society joins all the family in wishing Ann and Vince, a splendid 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



## **FROM THE CHAIR**

The season is well under way and once again all the normal criticisms have arisen: we are inconsistent, don't know the laws, do not keep up with play etc.etc. Are the criticisms accurate? How does a referee become consistent and keep up with the law changes?

To me the only way this would seem to be possible is to share information with and learn from more experienced referees and training officers. The easy way to do this is to arrange meetings of the above. We have succeeded in doing this twice this season at a new venue – the Bowls Club at Pymmes Park, with an old friend, Gary Moore, as our host. Our first speaker was Keith Hill from the Football League; the second speaker was Lockie Bramzell, from the London F.A. You would think that with these two speakers we would have had a full house, but to my amazement only a small number of members attended. We have changed the night and the venue after many requests to do so, and now it seems we are wrong again!! One of the main disappointments is that we arrange for these excellent speakers and with our large membership one would expect a better attendance. Next month (November) we have Janie Frampton from the F.A. as our speaker. Now is it fair to expect people to make the effort to arrange for this calibre of speaker and for the speaker to travel to us when we don't make the effort to attend? If more referees attended the meetings and listened to our guest speakers, they may actually learn from them and as a result become better referees themselves.

This might sound as though I am grumbling and so it should! A society of our size should not be in a position where we have to apologise to guest speakers for the apathy of our members who don't bother to attend the monthly meetings.

**Tom White**



# **North Middlesex Referees Society**

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## WAS IT FAIR?

By Mick Osborn

One of the problems of writing for a monthly magazine is that it is difficult being up to date. As I write Spurs have just drawn with Arsenal, (was that fair?) which gives you an idea of how long it takes from pen to readership.

I was away at the time of the Arsenal penalty episode in their match against Manchester City and did not have the opportunity to see TV's all-angle, slow motion, freeze-frame coverage of the incident. However, the next day's newspapers did get through to the Devon village where we were staying. (I'm not giving you the name as an influx of referees could only spoil the peace and quiet of this little corner of England.)

It would appear that Pires thought it would be a terrific wheeze to pass the ball to a colleague instead of having a go, straight from the spot, himself. Not having got the ball to its intended destination, Mr. Pires made a second attempt. The referee stopped play and awarded an indirect free kick to the opposition because, in his opinion, the ball had been played a second time before it had made contact with any other player. (Law 14, The Penalty Kick, Procedure.) There are those that say that this was an unfair decision as the ball had not moved forward when the first kick at it was taken, therefore it was not in play. It would seem fair to me to say that even the slightest touch by a stud would move the ball, if only a millimetre, and in this instance it would be forward. Benefit of the doubt? In my humble opinion it would be wrong to accuse a professional footballer of Mr. Pires' calibre of not being able to make contact with a dead ball and move it ever so slightly in the intended direction.

On Wednesday October 26, Manchester United played Barnet when, according to a press report, less than two minutes into the game Ross Flitney, the Barnet goalkeeper, "raced off his line to cut out Phil Bardsley's long ball forward, but caught the ball inside the 'D' on the edge of the penalty area." Referee Beeby issued a red card for denying Man. U a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity.

That doyen of sportsmanship and unbiased comment, Sir Alex Ferguson was quoted as saying, "It was a very, very harsh decision ..... " I am sure he would have said the same had the incident occurred three days later and Mr. Flitney had been playing for Middlesbrough. The report continued that as Flitney left the field, he was "afforded a standing ovation by the Old Trafford crowd." My wife said that my comments were unfair and that I am getting very cynical in my old age.

On Saturday a small headline in the sports page of my paper declared, "FA rescind Flitney's red card". The journalist rejoiced in the success of the appeal by the goalkeeper "who had the biggest night of his career ruined by the fussiness of referee Richard Beeby ...." "It was obvious," we are told, "that Flitney had offended accidentally and that he was not denying his opponents a clear scoring opportunity." Will we now see all appeals stating that, for whatever the player had been sent off, it was an accident?

A last thought. Was it fair that Alan Shearer got someone's elbow in his face?



## **GEORGE BASTEN LOOKS BACK IN TIME**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October football said goodbye to one of the most outstanding players ever seen when Johnny Haynes passed away following a car crash near his home in Edinburgh.

Of the many tributes that have been paid to this wonderful player, none seem to recall that he was born in North London and lived in Edmonton, and if memory serves was educated at Latymer School.

It was in 1947 that I attended Spurs ground at White Hart Lane to watch a schoolboys match, and even before the kick-off I heard spectators talking about Johnny Haynes the Edmonton lad wearing shirt number ten, which meant he would be playing at what was then known as the inside left position, Without doubt he was the smallest player on the field.

From the kick-off it seemed ages before the ball came to him. He controlled it, and went past two opponents before releasing a defence-splitting pass that his colleague promptly tapped into the net. His performance throughout the whole of the game was absolutely phenomenal. His ball control was perfect, his ability to go past opponents was exquisite, and his passing was not only accurate but the weight of the pass was almost unbelievable. And all from a lad who was a mere thirteen years old.

I well remember it, and I expect so do the rest of the spectators, for there were some 15,000 of us in attendance that day. Everyone was saying that Spurs would soon snap him up, but this of course didn't happen.

Johnny Haynes was born in 1934 and played non-league football for Wimbledon, Feltham and Woodford. He signed for Fulham (his only senior club) and made his debut in 1951 aged 17. In 1954 he made his England debut aged 19 and scored a goal in an England 2-0 win. In 1960 he made his first appearance as England captain. He was capped 56 times (22 as captain) and scored 18 international goals. He made 594 league appearances for Fulham scoring 145 goals. In 1970 he ended his career with South African club, Durban City.

*George kindly wrote a letter with the above article in which he says how much he still looks forward to reading his copy of the magazine every month. This is praise indeed to the Normidian team from one of our Life Vice Presidents and one of the recognised all-time 'greats' of the Society. Many thanks for the article and your letter, George. ED.*



## **Odds 'N Ends**

### **Fast Growing**

When the FA took over English women's football in 1993 there were 80 teams, including five-a-sides, and 850 registered players. The latest figures show 8621 girl's teams and 1038 women's sides. The combined number of players is 1,133,378, making football the most popular participatory sport among the female population.

*With thanks to "The Chiltern Referee" ED.*



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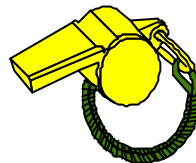
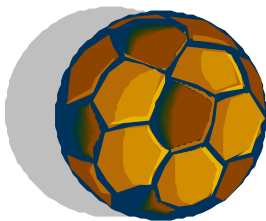
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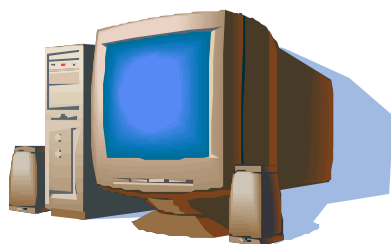
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## Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of November 1995

Editor Ken Goldman remains concerned over one particular aspect of the offside law i.e. where an attacker shoots directly at goal with a colleague standing in an offside position but not interfering with the goalkeeper – if the goalkeeper saves the ball and it rebounds not to the striker but to the other attacker who nets the rebound then the new wording of the law suggests the goal should be disallowed. Ken's concern is the ball was last played by a defender and therefore the goal should stand.

New member Dave Reid writes on his first five games as a Referee – all on the APFSCIL League (the Association of Provincial Football Supporters Clubs in London).

Mick Osborn says 'it's a changing game' and part two highlights law changes etc in the early years. Crossbars introduced in 1875; Goal nets in 1890; 1877 and a referee uses a whistle for the first time; Throw-ins to be made two-handed from 1882; 1893 and goalkeepers could use their hands; season 1903/04 the International Board rules goals could be scored direct from free kicks given for intentional fouls; also in the same year the FA ruled 'footballers knickers must cover the knee'; the arc, drawn ten yards from the penalty mark was not added until the 1936/37 season.

Steve Hannibal-Stewart writes on his first game as a Referee – in the Enfield Alliance at Church Street Rec. Despite issuing two cautions and one sending off Steve says 'I would recommend becoming a Referee to anyone who wants to continue taking an active part in the game without playing'.

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Extract from the Sunday Times

An English Referee on an exchange visit to the United States was among those trapped in the New Orleans Superdome by Hurricane Katrina. 'We were there for three days and two nights and conditions were horrendous, with gangs threatening to kill us' said Adam Friend, a 21 year-old member of the Devon Society. Adam was rescued by a Referee from Dallas, who e-mailed his Father in the UK to say 'We'll find him; wherever he is we'll get a referee to drive and collect him'. And that's what they did. 'Referees are a huge family' said Adam's Dad, Terry, another Ref.



### Did You Know That

... only one professional goalkeeper has become a successful top-flight manager... Italian, **Dino Zoff**

Zoff holds the record for keeping a clean sheet for the longest time, 1,142 minutes. For Italy from September 1972 to June 1974, he was unbeatable. He also holds the record for the oldest player, aged 40, to win the World Cup, when he captained Italy in 1982. With Juventus, Zoff won five Italian League titles.

After retiring Zoff became a coach for Lazio and later President of the club. In 1999 he was lured away to manage the national team. He steered Italy to the final of the 2000 European Championships, only to see his side beaten 2-1 in extra time by France.

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## **The North Middlesex 100 Club**

The Draws for September and October were made at the October meeting; 42 shares were subscribed, resulting in monthly prize money of £29.40. The September draw was made by our Guest Speaker, Lockie Bramzell; the October draw was made by Society Chairman, Tom White.

### **September**

<b>First</b>			<b>Second</b>			<b>Third</b>		
12	T Crouchley	£16.80	18	R Jagot	£8.40	36	T White	£4.20

### **October**

<b>First</b>			<b>Second</b>			<b>Third</b>		
5	P Allen	£16.80	42	G Grant	£8.40	29	S Szplit	£4.20

Cheques for the winners are enclosed with the magazine, together with the cheques for the August draw which were inadvertently omitted from last months magazine. If you would like to join the 100 Club for the current season, please complete the form below.

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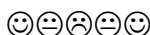
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**Gary Cobden**  
**Honorary Treasurer**



## **Meeting Venue – Pymmes Park Bowls Club**

Some Members have expressed difficulty in locating our new venue. It is actually quite easy to find - the entrance to Pymmes Park and the Bowls Club is located close to the Bus Stop in Silver Street, between its junctions with Stirling Way, and Sweet Briar Walk. Take the path into the park, and walk round the small pond, and the Bowls Club is directly ahead. To assist members, with effect from the November meeting, there will be a sign attached to the gate, and one on the Bowls Club building. Whilst there is no parking allowed in the Park itself, there are a number of well lit spaces available outside the properties on the opposite side of Silver Street, and directly opposite the entrance to the Park.



## **Continued from overleaf**

After Lazio manager, Sven Goran Eriksson joined the England side in the 2000-2001 season, Zoff returned to manage the Italian club. As a manager Zoff was often criticised for his tactics, which were seen as too defensive. This may be due to his career as a goalkeeper.

*From the Chiltern Referee (taken from the Mail 5.8.05)*





## Plum Appointments – Season 2005-2006

### Amateur Football Alliance Senior Cup Round 1

Old Parkonians FC	v Old Challoners FC	Referee	J Cooke
Old Lyonian FC	v HSBC FC	Referee	D Williams

### Amateur Football Alliance Senior Cup Round 2

Old Camdenians FC	v Bromleians Sports FC	Referee	A Oughton
Old Challoners FC	v Polytechnic FC	Referee	J Faithfull
Old Aloysians FC	v Old Latymerians FC	Referee	J Cooke
Old Foresters FC	v Old Brentwoods FC	Referee	D Williams

### Amateur Football Alliance Intermediate Cup Round 1

Old Camdenians FC Reserves	v HSBC Reserves	Referee	I Breeze
Old Parmiterians FC Reserves	v Southgate Olympic FC Reserves	Referee	D Chapman

### Amateur Football Alliance Intermediate Cup Round 2

Enfield Old Grammerians FC Res	v Old Thortonians FC	Referee	M Osborn
Albanian FC Reserves	v Old Wokingians FC Reserves	Referee	D Chapman

### Amateur Football Alliance Intermediate Cup Round 3

Mill Hill Village FC	v Ulysses FC	Referee	M Osborn
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### Amateur Football Alliance Middlesex/Essex Intermediate Cup Round 1

Broomfield FC	v Old Salvatorians FC Reserves	Referee	M Osborn
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### Amateur Football Alliance Middlesex/Essex Intermediate Cup Round 2

Wood Green Old Boys FC Reserves	v Crouch End Vampires FC Reserves	Referee	M Osborn
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### Amateur Football Alliance Middlesex/Essex Intermediate Cup Round 2

BB Eagles FC Third	v Royal Bank of Scotland F.C	Referee	D Chapman
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### Amateur Football Alliance Closed Veterans Cup Round 1

Old Tollingtonians FC Veterans	v Ealing Association FC Reserves	Referee	D Williams
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### Amateur Football Alliance Closed Veterans Cup Round 2

Winchmore Hill FC Veterans B	v Old Aloysians FC Veterans	Referee	J Faithfull
Old Parmiterians FC Veterans B	v Alexandra Park FC Veterans B	Referee	J Cooke

### Amateur Football Alliance Open Veterans Cup Round 1

Met. Police (Chigwell) FC Veterans	v Alexandra Park FC Veterans A	Referee	J Cooke
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### Amateur Football Alliance Open Veterans Cup Round 2

Crouch End Vampires FC Veterans	v Hartswood Veterans FC Veterans	Referee	J Faithfull
Blackmore FC Veterans	v Met. Police (Chigwell) FC Veterans	Referee	J Cooke

### Middlesex County FA Senior Youth Cup Round 1

Wingate and Finchley	v Staines Town	Assistant Referee	L Addison
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### Middlesex County FA Senior Youth Cup Round 2

Potters Bar Town	v Bedfont	Referee	M Mackey Jnr
Potters Bar Town	v Bedfont	Assistant Referee	D Buckeridge
Potters Bar Town	v Bedfont	Assistant Referee	G Grant
Edgware Town	v North Greenford United	Assistant Referee	S Conway

### Middlesex County FA Under 18 Youth Cup Round 1

Norsemen Youth U17	v Harrow St Marys U18 A	Referee	L Addison
Enfield Town Youth U18	v Harefield United Youth U18 A	Referee	P Watts
Whetstone Wanderers Youth U18	v London Tigers Youth U18	Referee	G Grant

### Middlesex County FA Under 18 Youth Cup Round 2

Enfield Town Youth U18	v Northwood U18	Referee	M Mackey Snr
Norsemen Youth U17	v Gladstone Rangers Youth U18	Referee	R Deller

### Middlesex County FA Under 16 Youth Cup Round 1

Enfield Rangers U16	v Manor Youth U16	Referee	K Hughes
Edmonton Rangers Youth U16	v Princes Park Youth U16	Referee	M Mackey Snr
Omonia Youth U16	v Headstone Manor Youth U16A	Referee	N Andrea
Parkfield Youth U16	v Ealing Shamrock U16	Referee	S Conway
Whetstone Wanderers Youth U16	v Mavericks U16	Referee	B Berndes

### Middlesex County FA Under 16 Youth Cup Round 2

Whetstone Wanderers Youth U16	v C.B. Hounslow United U16	Referee	G Grant
Omonia Youth U16	v North Greenford United U16	Referee	K Hughes

### **Middlesex County FA Under 15 Youth Cup Round 2**

Omonia Youth U15	v Harrow St Marys U15	Referee	S Kerr
Enfield FC Youth U15A	v Springfield Youth U15	Referee	J Noblemunn
Enfield FC Youth U15B	v Ashford Town (Middlesex) U15	Referee	L Rowley
Riverside Colts U15	v Forest United (1973) Boys U15	Referee	N Tebbutt

### **Middlesex County FA Under 14 Youth Cup Round 1**

Whetstone Wanderers Youth U14B	v Hampstead U14	Referee	B Kyriacou
Ridgeway Rovers U14	v Larkspur Rovers U14A	Referee	J Gunter

### **Middlesex County FA Under 14 Youth Cup Round 2**

Hampstead U14	v North Greenford United U14B	Referee	L Kyprianou
Olympic Youth U14	v FC Roundwood U14	Referee	G Marshall
Norsemen Youth U14A	v Brook House U14B	Referee	M Sibley
Enfield FC Youth U14A	v Charville Athletic Youth U14B	Referee	N Tebbutt

### **Middlesex County FA Under 13 Youth Cup Round 1**

Norsemen Youth U13	v LNER St Georges U13B	Referee	A Arnold
AEK Kalopsida U13	v Parkfield Youth U13	Referee	G Dearman

### **Middlesex County FA Under 13 Youth Cup Round 2**

Hayes U13	v FC Roundwood U13	Referee	M Lovell
Enfield Rangers U13A	v Whetstone Wanderers Youth 13B	Referee	A Wills
Norsemen Youth U13	v Pinner Albion U13	Referee	J Armitage
Brimsdown Rovers Youth U13B	v Headstone Manor Youth U13B	Referee	B Berndes

### **Middlesex County FA Under 12 Youth Cup Round 1**

Finchley Revolution U12	v Pinner Albion U12	Referee	D Manley
Omonia Youth U12A	v Forest United (1973) Boys U12	Referee	L Kyprianou
St Marys Parish U12	v Technicolour Youth U12	Referee	R Martin

### **Middlesex County FA Under 12 Youth Cup Round 2**

Omonia Youth U12B	v Ealing Shamrock U12B	Referee	I Fairclough
Whitewebbs Eagles U12	v Mill Hill Rangers U12B	Referee	J Knight
Omonia Youth U12A	v Olympic Youth U12	Referee	B Kyriacou

### **Middlesex County FA Under 11 Youth Cup Round 1**

Linkside Cobras U11	v Belmont United Youth U11		J McCaig
Panathinaikos Youth U11B	v Ashford Town (Middlesex) U11A	Referee	L Cooper
Panathinaikos Youth U11A	v Pitshanger U11A	Referee	S Wilson
Gladstone Rangers Youth U11	v Brook House U11B	Referee	A Wills
Enfield Rangers U11A	v Hayes U11	Referee	M Webster
Olympic Youth U11	v Whetstone Wanderers Youth U11A	Referee	K Wavell
Enfield FC Youth U11	v Celtic FC U11B	Referee	J Vyras
Ridgeway Rovers U11	v Wembley U11	Referee	N Tebbutt

### **Middlesex County FA Under 11 Youth Cup Round 2**

Broadwater United U11	v Whetstone Wanderers Youth U11A	Referee	S Reuter
Omonia Youth U11A	v Finchley Revolution U11	Referee	N Nicolau
Linkside Cobras U11	v LNER St Georges U11A	Referee	J Vyras
Abbey Youth U11	v Sandgate U11B	Referee	G Dearman

If you have received a Plum Appointment - it does not have to be a County Cup Appointment - please let us know, and we will publish it in a future edition of the Normidian. It will also be recorded in the Society's records.

**Gary Cobden**



## **Treasurers Note**

Last months Normidian carried a note advising that members who had not paid by the end of October would cease to be members of the Society. At the time of writing, in excess of 130 members have not rejoined the Society for the current season. If you know any of the members who have not rejoined, please encourage them to do so, or ask them to contact me to let me know why they have not rejoined.

**Gary Cobden**

**Honorary Treasurer**

## NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

### Minutes of the Society Meeting held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Pymmes Park Bowls Club

**Apologies:** Terry Hayne and Mick Osborn or as written in the Society Handbook

**Chairman:** The Chairman paid a particular warm welcome to Lockie Bramzell who not only stepped in at the last minute as our Guest Speaker, to replace Barry Firmin, but was pleased to welcome him also for joining the Society as a new member. Lockie was for many years a former member of Lonsar who unfortunately are experiencing membership difficulties.

**Minutes of the last Society:** The minutes of the Society meeting held on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 were signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary reported that a meeting had been held between members of the RAE Board and NMRS Sub-Committee on Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. A full report will be passed on to all members through the Society Magazine once all parties involved including Middlesex Referees Association. The RAE Board members will be meeting with MRA at the end of October. Hopefully then the matter will be resolved to a successful conclusion.

A letter was sent to the Pymmes Green Bowls Club advising them that the Quiz evening arranged for the 29<sup>th</sup> October will unfortunately have to be cancelled, due to the lack of applications. Hopefully we may well be able to hold it in the New Year.

Our Guest Speaker for October, Barry Firmin had written to advise us that he was unable to attend due to urgent domestic problems, but hoped to visit us later in the New Year. The month of February, 2006 had been chalked in.

A Training Course started on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> October at Brimsdown with 22 candidates turning up on the evening.

CRB checks could now be carried out, and clinics will be arranged to take place at Brimsdown Sports Club on Mondays between 7.30pm – 9.30pm while the Training course programme is in progress during the whole of November. Forms are available and please advise Stan Rosenthal or myself if you wish to attend. Secretary reminded those present that **CRB Checks will not take place at Monthly Society Meetings.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Full Members 148 Associate 5

**Any Other Officer's Report:** None

**Any Other Business:** Members were informed that the local schools in the Edmonton area were looking for referees to help officiate their matches. Anybody interested to contact Michael Mackey Jnr.

The meeting then took a short break and Chairman Tom White introduced our Guest Speaker Lockie Bramzell.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm. Members were informed that the next Speaker was FA Regional Manager Janie Frampton.

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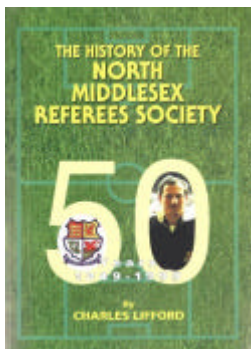
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**Gary Cobden**  
Honorary Treasurer



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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book**

In 1999, the Society celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To celebrate this, the Society published a book charting its history over the years including profiles; facts; and photographs. The book was written and compiled for the Society by Charles Lifford.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book - **NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY - A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS FOOTBALL** - contact **Society Treasurer, Gary Cobden**, on 01992 469153 or by e-mail – [treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org](mailto:treasurer@northmiddlesexreferees.org)