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Monthly Magazine of the Woking Referees' Society

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**The next meeting of the  
Woking Referees' Society  
will be held on  
Monday 12th May 2014**

Meadow Sports Football Club  
Loop Rd Playing Fields, Loop Rd, Kingfield, Woking  
Surrey GU22 9BQ  
7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start

**AGENDA**

- ♦ **7.15 Academy Meeting**
- ♦ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**
- ♦ **Guest Speaker**  
  
**Tristan Greaves**  
**"From 7 to 4"**
- ♦ **Society Business**
- ♦ **10pm close**



**Next meeting is on Monday 11th August 2014**

**The deadline for the August edition is  
Friday 1st August 2014**

*The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the  
Society or it's Committee*

# Chairman's Chat

## Chairman's Chat

Welcome to the May edition of the Warbler.

I was unable to attend the April Meeting, but I understand it was a very good meeting, with our Guest speaker Lucy May and an interactive Academy session.

There seems to be a lot of games to referee/officiate due to the backlog caused by the weather; I do hope that you all enjoy the run in to the end of the season, especially if you have been appointed to Cup Finals.

I am looking forward to the May Meeting I am not sure who the speaker will be, but I am sure it will be a good meeting.

Please don't forget that we will have an end of season meal at the Hoebridge Golf Centre on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, The cost is £25 per person (excellent Value). For further information please speak to Pat Bakhuizen.

I hope to see many of you at the next meeting, for those of you who cannot make the meeting, I wish you a restful summer and a successful season 2014/15, for those of you who are going for promotion Good luck.

Regards

**Barry**

## Accounts and Membership April 2014

### Accounts

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| General      | £1,486.91        |
| Supplies     | £348.01          |
| Belgium      | £0.00            |
| Youth Fund   | £113.50          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>£1,948.42</b> |

### Membership

|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| 44 | Full Members |
| 3  | Friends      |
| 1  | Affiliate    |

### My favourite joke of the month



*Jürgen Klopp has said he is not interested in the manager's job at Manchester United. However, his brother, Clippity, has said he is still available.*

**Eammon Holmes**

# End of Season Dinner 2014

**Sunday 18th May 2014**

7.30pm for 8pm kick off

Hoebridge Golf Centre

Cost: £25 - tickets from Pat

Dress - Smart Casual

## Menu selection :

Prawn and crayfish tian with coriander and mango salsa finished with micro leaves

or

Pea & Mint soup

### Main Course

Oven roasted chicken breast with a wild mushroom, garlic and olive sauce served with a pancetta crisp and truffle served with a buttery mashed potato

or

Pan seared fillet of sea bass with soft herb & baby caper beurre blanc and baked new potatoes

Vegetarian: Mushroom risotto in a garlic and chive sauce topped with parmesan and rocket leaves

### Dessert

Fresh fruit salad in a lime scented syrup topped with fresh berries

or

Selection of English cheeses with grapes and celery

### Coffee & Mints

# Mac's Musings

## URGENT NOTICE

**'Due to circumstances it has been decided to cancel the End of Season Dinner on the 18th May and instead hold a Society festive evening at Hoebridge during December. Further details of this *cracker of an event* will follow later in the year. Pat will be in touch with those that have already paid for the 18th May'.**

On Saturday 26th April, I along with about 20 other referees attended the finals of the South Surrey Youth League at Brockham. I'd not heard of this league before although I have seen the odd request from Martin Etheridge for Referees on a Saturday. Looking on their website they appear to have started in 2010 and currently run teams for age groups 8 to 14. I assume the age groups will increase as the teams get older. With the Surrey Primary League and Surrey Youth League dominating the Sunday youth football, it would appear judging by the turnout on Saturday that they may well have found a niche by playing on Saturdays. Although I could also see lads and lasses playing on both days, possibly for different teams, providing the Mum and Dad taxi service extends to Saturdays as well as Sundays.

Back to the 26th and I must say the standard of football and sportsmanship from both players and spectators was excellent and it was a most enjoyable, if long day. There were a few young refs who had recently passed their exams and who were able complete their 6 games in one day, with a few of us old uns to support and advise.

The fixture list for the day was however extremely complex with round robins, semi finals, and finals all with their own different lengths of games for the different age groups. Poor Martin Etheridge was tearing out the rest of his hair trying to ensure the refs, along with assistants, were in the right place at the right time. I must say he did an admiral job and even managed to referee a game himself at some point.

Well we've almost come to the end of another season and I must say I don't seem to have done many games at all this year. Not helped I suppose by being on holiday for most of November (Australia) and March ( Far East Cruise) plus the appalling weather in January and February. Saturdays have also been mostly spent with the grandson, which I have to admit are a delight.

I have however completed and submitted my CRC form ready for next year and I called into Westfield FC loaded with passports, driving licence, bank statements, expecting to have to give fingerprints, DNA sample, and who knows what else to be "verified" - Which I duly was, thankfully.

As this is your last Warbler for couple of months, which give yours truly a well earned rest from the old laptop, I would like to thank those who have assisted me over the last 10 months including regular contributors Tony Murphy, Adie Freeman, Cyril Smith, Keith Hiller (Willy Woodwork), Mal Davies, Brian Reader and not forgetting the Referees Society magazines I have regularly plagiarised, in particular The Chiltern Referee. Have a great summer .

**Mac**



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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2014 - 15

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### MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

My granddaughter, being a Southampton supporter and me a Millwall supporter, meant a visit to St Marys for their first game in the Championship together this season. It was a physical match but that is why I prefer the leagues outside of the Premier League. The Premier League may have more skill but I can't stand all the diving and falling about, the cheating and histrionics that goes on. In a match, well controlled by the officials, Southampton shaded it one nil although I thought a draw would have been a fairer result (but then I would say that). The crowd shouted the same things at the Linesman, I still can't get used to Assistant Referee, that they shouted at me twenty years ago which is quite sad. I would have thought they could have come up with something new in that time.

There was one interesting point, though. We were sitting directly opposite the dugout. About ten minutes into the second half one of the Southampton coaching staff, wearing a hearing piece and a microphone, came round to our side of the field. He was holding a bottle of water and to begin with stood behind the barrier talking on the microphone. Then he climbed over the barrier and started moving up and down the hard surface alongside the pitch, kneeling down when he stopped. Whenever there was a break in play he would rush to the side of the pitch and, holding out the bottle of water on the pretence of offering it to the players, would shout out instructions to them. He would then return to the hard surface. This happened quite a few times and all the time he was talking into the microphone, presumably receiving instructions from the dugout. After about twenty minutes he returned back to the other side of the pitch. He never bothered the Linesman and the Linesman took no notice of him.

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I am a volunteer in a Charity shop and a few weeks ago I was in the shop wearing a blue casual shirt with a small Millwall logo in the corner. A man in his sixties, standing behind me, asked me a question, and as I turned to answer him he saw the Millwall logo. His whole demeanour changed. "I'm not talking to you," he said. "Sorry?" I replied taken aback "I'm not talking to you" he repeated. "You're a Millwall supporter, they're hooligans," and with that he turned and walked out of the shop. And we blame youngsters!

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I think that being the Editor of a Referee Society's magazine is one of the hardest jobs on the Committee. Other jobs, such as Treasurer or Secretary, may be hard work but the material is there to work with, the job is there to do. A magazine Editor has no such luck. He starts with nothing and has to create a magazine that, hopefully, will be of interest to his members. He has to write or obtain articles, enough to fill a 24 page magazine nine times a season. It means he has to persuade or cajole people to write articles, search other magazines or publications, be on the lookout for anything that he can put in the magazine and all the time he is under pressure to meet a monthly deadline. Once having obtained the articles, he has to put the magazine together, generally having to type everything himself, arrange for the printing and then distribution.

Of course, there are always those who are not satisfied, who complain about delays in receiving the magazine, don't like or agree with some of the articles, those that have their own ideas about what the content should be. These people are the ones that rarely contribute.

It is difficult to find people to take on the magazine Editor's job but those that do, and do it well, usually stay in the position for many years. They become committed to it and are difficult to replace. It is not unusual to find that when a magazine Editor leaves, the magazine folds. However, there is a tremendous satisfaction in doing the job, to see a new magazine created each month from nothing.

So, when you feel upset about the magazine, remember the amount of time, effort, commitment and work that goes into producing it. Surprise yourself and the Editor, stop complaining and write an article, and do your bit to help towards the success of the magazine.

**Tony Murphy**

*(And no, I didn't pay Tony to write the last article—Mac)*



### **Bits and Pieces** - Courtesy of Tony Murphy

Love may be blind but marriage is a real eye-opener.

Money isn't everything but it sure encourages the children to keep in touch.

Retired tanners never die they just go into hiding.

Obesity: a surplus gone to waist.

Did you hear about the cat that ate cheese so that he could peer down mouse holes with baited breath?

Why did the overworked employee tear off part of his calendar?  
He wanted to take a few days of work.

I dream of a world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.

Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence. In other words it is war minus the shooting.

George Orwell

Paddy took two stuffed dogs to the Antiques Roadshow.

"Ooh!" said the presenter, "This is a very rare set, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of the last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks?" Paddy said.

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to the church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

## Charles, Harry, Billy & Me –10.

"I'm a great believer in creating good first impressions. Of course, sometimes this can be shot down by what comes afterwards, but if you start out by leaving someone with a bad impression you may have a long haul to make up for it".

I cannot recall what led to Charles making this statement as, admittedly, I had not been concentrating on the conversation. Certainly, the Thatchers Arms would hardly come into the category of splendid initial impressions to the outsider, being a rather traditional, now old-fashioned pub, in need of a lick or two of paint and some brighter aspect to attract the younger element. But maybe they were generally happy enough with the current clientele, we old-stagers included. Customers were thin on the ground this Monday evening, and my mind had obviously been wandering again.

I decided to add my bit to the proceedings. "I think that occasionally you create an impression rather at odds with what you believe. Last Sunday morning at my match I felt that I had not been concentrating fully on what was happening. I had received some unwelcome personal news about an old friend before setting out for the game and it was on my mind quite a lot. At times it seemed as if I was coming out of a dream, wondering guiltily where I was and if I had missed something of importance.

I have to say that I made little effort at any banter or communication with the players in my normal manner, just blew up for fouls, etc., when I deemed it justified, and using mainly gestures and the appropriate arm movements.

Although it was a fairly important end-of-season match and played at a high tempo with some strong challenges, there was nothing particularly untoward and I let the game flow. Interruptions for fouls and misdemeanours produced only a few minor grumbles, mostly frustration from the touchlines, and players accepted decisions without much fuss. The away team had the better of the play, but were unable to convert into a goal, the only score was by the home team three minutes before the end in a breakaway movement.

Despite my own thoughts about my supposed lack of concentration, both managers were complimentary on my performance, particularly the losing manager who described it as the best piece of refereeing he had witnessed all season. Just goes to show that an outward appearance of calm assurance can go a long way. And you don't always need to be matey with the players to earn respect".

"Sounds good to me". Harry being complimentary again! "Hope we have some calm assurance at the World Cup if it comes down to penalties. Not like previous times".

"We might be OK this time if we take the right players", put in Charles. "Gerrard and Lampard take pens regularly, though both have missed now and then. But there is also Baines and, of course, Rickie Lambert who has never missed one. Could also do with his Southampton predecessor, Matt Le Tissier, who only ever didn't score from the spot once in almost 50 penalties".

"I'll be watching the matches from my holiday in Australia", said Billy. "Course, they'll be at the World Cup too, but most of their good players are over here playing, so I won't bother looking in on any local games". Billy was much looking forward to his Aussie trip, taking in many of the outstanding sights, and catching up with his errant wife. No question of getting back together, no question of divorce, just meeting again amicably as friends. "Being on your own concentrates the mind on what you want for yourself", he added.

**WokRAM.**



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## *Pages from Yesterday*

This first appeared in The Warbler January 1983

### **Refereeing Under Stress**

*The following article is reprinted in full from "BLEEP", the Magazine of the Oxted and District Referees' Society.*

I am always fascinated by those typical quiz and examination questions which usually demand a strong wind and generally rely on the cruellest forces of nature and the acts of a wrathful God combined. I often amuse myself by pondering what I would do, not only if they actually happened during a game, but all these type of problems occurred at the same.

Imagine the following situation:

You are refereeing a game in the local Junior League on common ground surrounded by numerous other games taking place at the same time.

The game is well advanced in the second half and it is getting increasingly dark. You check your watch for the remaining time and note that your watch stopped two minutes after the kick-off. On this occasion you have forgotten to bring a second watch.

One of the Goalkeepers clears the ball from the edge of the penalty area and with a powerful kick and the aid of a strong wind the ball travels the length of the pitch and is caught by the opposing Goalkeeper. The Goalkeeper, with the ball in his hands, takes three paces and then trips over a dog that has run onto the pitch, losing the ball momentarily, then recovering it taking a further three steps but then, on being attacked by the dog, drops the ball which rolls into the goal, bursting as it passes over the goal-line.

A player immediately approaches and draws your attention to the linesman in the other half of the field. You recognise this player as having been a spectator earlier in the game who you now assume has come onto the pitch as a substitute unnoticed by you. Further, you had earlier recognised this person as having received a sine die suspension at a Disciplinary Hearing you attended two weeks ago.

An opposing player then draws your attention to the other linesman, by which time the linesman from the further half has run onto the field to tell you that before the Goalkeeper originally released the ball he had carried it in his hands one yard outside the penalty area. The other linesman then joins you to say two players were off-side at the moment the Goalkeeper kicked the ball.

Meanwhile, the two players who had drawn attention to their linemen begin to fight and are immediately joined by several players from both sides.

On the touch-line a spectator, well known to you as an Assessor, collapses.

The Manager of one team comes on to the field and calls his team to leave the field.



On hearing the name of the team called you are led to believe that you should not, in fact, have been refereeing this game at all, but one on an adjoining pitch, which you now note is being refereed by a Club official.

State how you would proceed !

I am sure there are those who can correctly give the theoretical answer to these situations, but I think I would apply the best spirit of Law 18, strip off my kit and streak across the park hoping I would be arrested and removed from this mayhem !

Quite seriously, however, one need not stretch one's imagination to the wildest nightmares to realise that there are enough incidents regularly occurring every Saturday afternoon which require cool, calm nerve to survive.

This then brings me to my old hobby horse as the basic aspect of refereeing which is, as far as I am aware, never tested in training and certainly not in examination. It is not possible in the friendly atmosphere of a training class or even in the more nerve racking atmosphere of the examination room to test the potential referee's aptitude to theoretical questions under the stressful influence of emotions aroused in a key game.

I know very well that the answers we get are that it is good to jump in the deep end, that experience is soon gained, that the 'system' sorts out those who can cope and those who cannot. But is it really fair that any individual even at the most junior game should be subject to situations without some form of simulated training, or even the most junior players appointed a referee whose reactions to stress are untried ?

A veteran soldier may face real bullets more confidently than the new recruit, but that recruit would feel a lot less confident if he had not spent hours and hours on a commando course, rather than a quiet classroom.

I would like to see an integrated system of training and examination paying due regard to this aspect so that at the final pre-qualifying stage an examiner could say to a candidate, who may have passed all his questions, that he had failed to qualify because he had the wrong aptitude to become a referee.

If the training was properly geared I believe no less candidates would pass the examination than at present, but I also believe the wastage in the first four years of refereeing would not be nearly so great as at present.

Dave Woodward.

*As we know, the criteria for qualification has moved on considerably since this article was written, with candidates now having to complete six games before they get their "badge". However I wonder whether the standard of refereeing is assessed over the 6 games, or if they have just got to get through them. Vince? .....*Mac

**DO PLAYERS CHEAT ? (Yet another West-inspired question.)**

I can already here the muttering of some of my colleagues, something along the lines of "Is the Pope a Roman Catholic ?", 'Do bears go into the woods for relief ?' but bear with me for a while (No pun intended there !) Alan Robinson, quite apart from being a very friendly bloke, and an excellent Football League referee, was also for some time the Public Relations Officer for the R.A.. He then (apparently) made a mistake and had to lose that post. He gave an opinion that some players cheated deliberately, and so he had to be 'sacrificed' as the saying goes ! I suppose it all depends on what you mean by that single word 'cheat' or 'cheating'. DIVING is the IN subject and if that isn't cheating then I don't know what is. But how about all those arms up in the air each time the ball goes out of play, over goal line or touchline. Most of the arms are attached to a player who already knows for sure whether it is a corner or goal-kick, or which side should have the throw, so would it be too harsh to say that the ones that know it isn't their ball, but still carry on appealing for it are, at the very least, 'attempting to cheat' ???

Then we have the classic remark that 'He only just touched him !' when a player goes to ground, yet anyone that has played football knows that at speed, and when balance is slightly precarious, there will be occasions when all that is needed is a touch, and over you have to go. (I don't countenance the following 3 consecutive rolls over !)

I have been told that all or most of the things that players do, that in all honesty border on 'Cheating'<sup>1</sup> are merely attempts to gain the best advantage for themselves & their team - PLUS - apparently - the referee gets paid to make all the decisions and anything they can do to 'help' him should not be ignored.

Whilst still 'active' I hadn't used to give 'handball' unless I was sure it was DELIBERATE. Mike Stobbart told me he used to ask himself (if he was in any doubt) "What would it have hit if the arm or hand had not been there ?" and though that does not solve every problem, it can help. Pundits and commentators on the box, (God bless them all !) are now looking for and quoting one or two new handball qualifications such as 'Unnatural position of the arm', a bit like that one about 'being able to see daylight between defender and forward to give offside', we never did find out the first interpreter cum promulgator of that refinement. Deliberate handball is definitely 'Cheating'<sup>1</sup>, hence the well 'over the top' punishment if you do it on your own goal-line, but we still see handball given (at all levels) when 'deliberate' was a misnomer. We are also still seeing on TV the deliberate involvement of the referee when he is about to drop the ball. He is still asking the nearest player what he intends to do with it. i.e. making sure it is going back to the opposing goalie, when all that he is required to do is drop it, and if, by any chance, he has any reason to think that either team will seek to take an unfair advantage, then he should not 'consult'<sup>1</sup> or 'warn' but make sure it is a contested dropped ball, whatever happened to such restarts ? Why pop it back to the goalkeeper anyway, let the footballers play with it.

**CW.**

## Adie - Sons, Sheds and Steaks

The final appointments in the SCILW were sent out today, the only disappointment I had was that I did not have enough games to give all the fine referees on the League a game.

I always feel a bit guilty about this as the Match Officials show so much dedication. I think it has been a good season in spite of the inclement weather during January and February which gave us all a long Christmas break. However, many referees have been assessed since the beginning of March which will stand them in good stead for the 2014/15 season.

On the home front we were fortunate with the weather for Good Friday and Saturday. It enabled son Graham and I to erect both the sheds complete without too much aggravation.

All I have to do now is equip the inside with my own specifications. Graham has got his plasterboard and insulation to soundproof his shed. He also obtained a flood damaged carpet and underlay for the floor from one of his customers. It took two of us to carry the bloody thing to his van and then get it home and lay it out to dry in the garden on the Saturday.

Youngest son Jamie came home from Uni for a long weekend a week ago and the decision was taken to go out to dinner. My Brother and Sister in Law are in the Gambia so as she was on her own my niece joined us.

You are all aware of Graham's appetite and we went over to the Brickie's at Shamley Green. Graham elected to go for one of the specials, 20oz Rump Steak!! He ate the lot plus Jamie's mushrooms and half of Jamie's chips, followed by sticky toffee pudding and washed the lot down with 3 pints of Shere Drop.

Admittedly he had had a hard week, up and down ladders bitumening the Parish Council's Barn roofs and had worked up a real hunger. Had I known I would have been more cautious when we passed those horses in the field!!

May I wish you all a very restful summer and if you are going away have a really good break and a safe journey to and from your respective destinations

Enjoy the World Cup and don't raise your blood pressure!!

**Adie**

**Meanwhile,  
somewhere in  
Ireland ?**

**Spotted by Dave  
Lawton**



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

### **Part 32 – Ode to 'The 10 Penal offences'**

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

The ball went out of play and I instinctively awarded a throw on to Cockfosters Casuals. I suddenly realized 'I know that person' as I looked over to the touch line. There he was, that wonderful referee and FA Licensed Tutor Keith Hiller. It was certainly great to see him at one of my matches. For any one who went on a Basic Referees course and had Keith as their tutor they would never forget the way all the participants remembered the ten penal offences by a dance routine....yes, really! You had to be there to believe it but it really does work and all the participants certainly remembered the ten penals.

I also remembered the poem that Keith uses on the courses about the ten penal offences that goes something like this –

#### **Ode to the 10 Penal offences**

*A kick or attempt to kick  
This is where we start  
Both are the same offence  
Don't separate them apart*

*A trip appears so innocent  
But it's contact by a trip  
Even when it's careless  
You award a direct free kick*

*A tackle is the next one  
'You can't tackle' I hear you say  
But was it careless, reckless or excessive force  
You decide as the ref on the day*

*To push a player is not very nice  
If I'm the ref they won't do it twice  
Be alert to a player's retaliation  
But keep control and it's a celebration  
Raise those arms, embrace and hold  
It's nice to cuddle but then unfold  
To hold an opponent is a direct free kick  
And in the penalty area it's a penalty kick*

*Strike or attempt to strike  
Normally aimed at the head  
There is only one option here  
You have to show a red*



*Any part of the arm and it's all hand ball  
You are the referee and it is your call  
'Deliberate' for you is the key word here  
Awarded with confidence and you should have no fear*

*Shoulder to shoulder is okay and fair  
But to jump or charge these are both unfair  
Keep your eyes open when you are the ref  
Stay cool and calm and take a big long breath*

*To spit is vile and horrible  
And players may react  
You must show a red card  
And that is a matter of fact.*

It is imperative that all referees know the 10 penal offences and that they are all direct free kicks. This of course means the other free kicks are indirect.

It was only one minute ago in this match that a Reds Rovers defender in his own penalty area impeded an opposing player. I blew my whistle and awarded an indirect free kick. Naturally Reds Rovers thought no infringement had occurred and Casuals insisted that I award a penalty as 'there is no such thing as an indirect free kick in the penalty area'. I had to caution a player from both sides before the kick could be taken but surely you would agree with my decision?

The Cockfosters Casuals player took the indirect free kick and the ball travelled towards the goal. The goal keeper instinctively dived across the goal and touched the ball with his finger tips. The ball still managed to enter the goal and I automatically awarded the goal. The Rovers player complained that I could not award a goal as I had signalled for an indirect free kick. I explained the goal keeper had touched the ball on its route into the goal which meant another player had played the ball. The Rovers' players could not comprehend the concept and another of their players had to be cautioned for dissent before play could continue. Well, do you think I was right, I am sure Keith would have agreed with my decision?

- ◆ ***Is 'impediment' an indirect free kick?***
- ◆ ***Can a goal be awarded if the goal keeper touches the ball on route to goal?***
- ◆ ***Should a penalty have been awarded?***
- ◆ ***Can only direct free kicks be awarded in the penalty area?***

*Whatever you do make sure that you know the 10 penal offences!*

*Ask Keith or our ref Willie to show you the 10 penal offences  
dance.....you'll love it!*

*Forget 'Saturday Night Fever' this is 'Saturday Afternoon Fever!'*

*See you all soon.*

*Willy Woodwork*

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

## Left to their Own Devices

by Fez Barnard

"Morning Leroy!" The manager called as he walked towards me, a dark silhouette emerging from the sun. I had to raise my hand to shield my eyes from glare.

"Hi", I replied.

"Where's your mum?"

"Oh she dropped me off and she'll be back late afternoon", I countered. The coach then explained that I could have a bacon roll and a drink on him for lunch and I was to enjoy myself.

I'm 14, small for my age and this will be my 9th game. I was a little nervous as this would be my first big game; u11s. I'd been told that I shouldn't be doing u11 for another year but my dad had encouraged me to push myself. But he wasn't around any more. He died last year to prostate cancer. I wanted to prove myself for him.

The league secretary had given me "an easy game", so I should be fine. But why was my heart pounding, my mouth dry? I tried to swallow but that felt like sucking nettles.

I blew the whistle to get the game started and the ball whizzed from player to player. As I said, I'm small, not athletically gifted and don't play football, so keeping up with play was difficult. The odd late challenge happened and I was lucky to see it through the players' legs. I blew up and thought maybe I shouldn't have taken this game.

Minutes later another tackle - but I was too far away from the ball and there were too many legs in the way. The parents moaned and others shouted. But I didn't see anything, so let play continue. I was having a mare.

"If I can just get through this", I thought, "my next game is U9". My mind wandered.

I struggled the whole game, parents ranting, and finally I blew for full time. I stood in the middle getting my breath. As the players walked off, no-one said a word. Not even a "Well done".

"Oi! I want a word with you." I turned to see the lumbering oaf about three meters away bearing down on me.

"You qualified? You're f\*\*\*ing sh\*t." My mouth suddenly went dry and a big lump swelled up in my throat. I suddenly remembered the one time my dad told me off for playing with matches in the front room years ago.

"Oi! You listening to me, you worthless bit of sh\*t? What you gonna do about it then, hey? The tackle on my lad. You missed it!" My world collapsed. I was crying and I couldn't stop. No! Not another dad! No more!

But instead of joining in, this one just said 6 words.

"What you're doing is child abuse."

I looked up in amazement as the shouting man just stopped and walked away.

What are we doing with young refs today? We need them to keep football going but with these Johnie Herberts abusing them, we will lose them. Maybe they should ref the u10s before moving up to the u11,12,13s etc. But having said that, we've all seen dads living through their sons at this level. Remember that story in the paper a few weeks back? For young referees, shouldn't we have chaperones decked out in high viz jackets at the home grounds? How about the home club welfare officer?

Instead we send them out to do a game, left to defend for themselves, with no one to turn to.

*Courtesy of Sutton Referees' "Touchlines"*

## FA's lessons in good behaviour for parents who scream abuse from touchline

Parents who are caught swearing at referees during their children's football matches are being offered discipline courses to learn how to control their temper.

The sessions are based on motoring 'speed awareness courses' and are offered to adults who have breached the FA's Code of Conduct - which can result in parents being "banned" from watching their own children play. Spectators who attend the FA Respect lessons will have their "match suspensions" reduced.

The three-hour sessions include a quiz on the Laws of the Game designed to show parents 'they do not know the rules better than the referee'. They then watch video replays of match incidents in a bid to get them to understand the difficulties faced by officials. Parents will then discuss what actions they could have taken to prevent the incident that brought them to the course, and fill in a postcard pledging three ways to improve their behaviour. The postcard is mailed to them the next month as a reminder to stick to their pledges. The sessions are in response to reports of matches having been abandoned due to alarming levels of touchline abuse.

Albert Astbury, chairman of the Referees' Association, said: "It's a sad state of affairs that the majority of discipline reports filed by referees at youth games are for adults. Some of the referees are as young as 14 and it's appalling that they are being abused by those who should know better. Where I work on Hampshire one of our young referees had to abandon an under-10 game because a fight broke out among the parents. Recently, a youth club manager rounded on a young female referee in the car park after a match. The parents try to live vicariously through their children and when things don't go their way they get frustrated and become aggressive. The sad thing is that it only serves to upset their children and they end up losing their love for the game."

The FA reported that during a recent 15-month period there were almost 4,000 misconduct offences committed by adults at youth level football. Former England striker Gary Lineker recently called for a 'parental culture revolution', saying that pushy parents are damaging England's chances of developing top players.

FA Respect Manager Dermot Collins said, "So far we've run five courses and the feedback has been excellent. We had one team manager, a 17st Glaswegian, who thought it was a good idea to run on to the pitch during a game to berate the female teenage referee. "After the course he said he had found the session really useful. It was the first time he had seen his behaviour through the eyes of someone else."

Standing on the touchline and supporting your child is part of modern parenting and for some people their only experience of it is through watching screaming fans on television. We are just trying to give them a bit of guidance.'

The courses are being piloted at county football associations in Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Liverpool, Manchester, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and **Surrey**. If they are successful they will be rolled out to the rest of the country.

*(Ed. This was written by Ben Ellery in The Mall on Sunday 23.2.14. and spotted in The Chiltern Referee. I thought it followed on nicely from Fez's article. I wonder how many courses Surrey have run? Must ask Tim!)*

## Is There a Right or Wrong Way to Toss the Coin?

Posted on [April 26, 2014](#) by [Dick Sawdon Smith](#) in the Reading Referee

About one of the simplest laws of the game, something that has to happen before a match can even start – the coin toss. I realise that many people may wonder why such a simple operation needs any training at all, surely anyone can toss a coin but for a referee, everything that surrounds it makes it quite important. This is the first opportunity on the field that the referee has to show that he is in control and as Law 5 in the Laws of the Game says, 'The referee controls the match in cooperation with his assistant referees'. Regular readers may recall that earlier in the season I reviewed a paper presented by two Doctors of Psychology to the British Psychological Society annual meeting on what they called the self-belief of referees both at top and ground level. All sports people will tell you that self belief and confidence is important to how they perform and referees are no different. It is perhaps even more important when you consider all the, mostly ill-informed, criticism that they have to endure.

Before the commencement of any game, beneath that self confidence, there always lays a certain degree of apprehensiveness. I remember many years ago, listening to a Football League referee describing his feelings in the dressing room before going out to referee Manchester United against Liverpool. 'Everyone talks about the pressure on the players,' he said, 'but no one considers the greater pressures that we are under'. This was before the advent of the Premier League and television dissecting every decision, which makes the pressure for today's referees even greater. At park level of course, there is no where near that pressure but butterflies will still exist for a referee as he takes the field. After the preliminaries he is ready to call the captains up. A deep breath, a loud blast on the whistle and the shout 'Captains please'. Now the referee has to show he is in charge as the captains approach. Shoulders back and reach out to greet each captain with a smile and a firm handshake. For many years, I ran courses for people who had to interview candidates for jobs and so often I was told 'I can tell in the first five seconds whether the person will be any good by their handshake'. A weak handshake means a weak person is the theory. All nonsense of course but it does show the importance of the handshake. If either of the captains shares that theory, then a referee with a weak handshake is likely to be in for a rough time.

Then comes the nub of our little dispute. The Law says, 'A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss, decide which goal it will attack in the first half, the other team takes the kick to start the match.' The law doesn't say how the toss is conducted. I and many other referees give the coin to the home captain and ask the away captain to call. In this way both of them are involved. However, some referee tutors are trying to lay down that their way is not just as the best way but the only way to do it. The difference is they toss the coin themselves. As one explained to me, if it is given to one of the captains to toss, the coin is likely to land on the ground. This means he will have to pick it up, which he felt demeaning. I agree we need to use the toss up in a positive way but I can't believe that picking a coin up is going to diminish our authority.



### **ALWAYS ASK, NEVER ASSUME!!**

His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight.

He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.

He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for CNN', he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me,

is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'

*(Tony Murphy)*

### **Here is the LOST CHAPTER IN GENESIS....**

God created man and named him Adam. Then God noticed that Adam was sad. So God asked him, "What is wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be woman. He said, "This person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you To get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.

She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam thought for a while and asked, "What can I get for a rib?"

The rest is history.!



That's enough about me - my husband will now explain  
the laws of offside to you *( thanks to CIW for last two)*



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## SCRA DELEGATES MEETING 31.3.2014

A revised agenda was distributed at the start of the meeting, with two additional items for discussion.

I successfully moved an amendment to the minutes of the previous meeting to show that the RA Board wanted LESS rather than more time for debates at AGMs and EGMs.

A copy of the Woking Society letter to the RA Board had already been distributed to all other Societies within SCRA, and we received widespread support for our stance. SCRA will write to RA Head Office to support us, and it was also suggested we might want to try to contact other Societies in other counties too to urge them to support our campaign. I was asked if we had received a reply to our letter (five weeks have now passed since it was sent), but I had to say I was only aware of an acknowledgement. SCRA view was that this was unsatisfactory.

There was a discussion on membership in view of the continuing downward trend. One point made was it is a social fact that younger people increasingly don't want to join voluntary organisations as members, or to attend meetings, though they are happy to take part in doing something active. (*Note: Exactly the same point had been made at a Ramblers' meeting I attended in Liverpool over the weekend.*) One suggestion was that SCRA (or a nearby Society) might try holding an event at the Chelsea or Fulham training grounds to see if it attracted youngsters. Woking Society was praised for its efforts with our Academy and pre-meets. It was also agreed to investigate why Portsmouth Society are so successful in attracting young members, and to try to learn lessons from them.

SCFA has asked SCRA for a breakdown of RA membership by age. Although it was thought the RA membership system does not enable this information to be easily produced (if at all), it was agreed to write to RA Head Office.

SCFA Referees Committee has discussed the SCRA request for earlier team sheets in County Cup competitions. This has to be done by formal letter from the SCFA Referees Committee to the SCFA Challenge Trophies Committee (because it is a competition rule). (*Note: However, referees attending the pre-meet for those appointed to youth county cup finals were told they must be at the ground 90 minutes before kick-off rather than the 60 minutes specified in the rules, so why all the red tape re team sheets?*)

SCFA is disappointed at the lack of a nomination from SCRA for a young member aged **14-19** for a representative for the youth forum / RA-FA youth committee. Bearing in mind anyone that age is quite likely to be involved in education and/or exams, SCRA will ask for the role description. **Is any Society member in that age group interested, please?**

Four assaults on referees had been reported to SCFA, but not all had been reported to SCRA. **If you are assaulted, please remember to report the incident to Brian Fish, County RA Secretary who will notify RA Head Office.** Also report the matter to the police if you think it appropriate to do so. The RA can provide support and possibly legal assistance for referees if the matter does go to court.

**Brian Reader**

## PlumTree

Camberley and District Sunday League Premier Cup Final  
Robert Hughes : Assistant Referee

Grant-McLelland Youth Cup Final  
Nick Arbuckle : Assistant Referee

Combined Counties Division 1 Cup Final as an assistant.  
Spelthorne Sports v Staines Lammas  
Paul Saunders : Assistant Referee

Surrey Primary League U11's and U17's Cup Finals.  
Gary Matthews : Referee

Ryman Division One North Play-Off Semi Final  
Witham Town FC v Needham Market FC  
Michael Webb : Referee

Combined Counties Premier Cup Final  
10th May @ Carshalton  
Dave Lawton : Assistant Referee

Under 12's semi final  
AFC Brooklands v Meadow Sports  
Glenn La Roche : Referee

Surrey F.A. Sunday Senior Cup Semi-Final  
Roy Butler : Assistant Referee  
Tony Price : Assistant Referee



## This Month's Speaker Tristan Greaves

Tristan took up the whistle in 2009, and following acceptance onto the Surrey FA Enhanced Promotion scheme, 'double-jumping' to level 5 in 2012.

He was further promoted by the FA to level 4 in 2013. He principally referees on the Combined Counties Premier league, acting as an Assistant Referee on the Southern and Isthmian Contributory leagues.

He has been awarded County Cup Finals for the past four consecutive years: This season as referee on the Surrey Sunday Senior Cup Final.

He is Chairman of the Guildford Referees Society and also operates as a Referee Assessor and Mentor for the county. Away from the pitch, he has a background in Judo, and enjoys running and loud guitar playing. He lives in Farnham.

## Dates for your Diary 2013/14

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 12 May         | Society Meeting - Tristan Greaves         |
| 18th May       | End of Season Dinner                      |
| 11th 12th July | Referees Association Conference - Hinkley |
| 11th August    | Society Meeting                           |
| 1st September  | Society Meeting                           |
| 6th October    | Society Meeting                           |



### Pam Ayres - Sat Nav, or GPS to some!

I have a little Satnav, It sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are.

I have a little Satnav; I've had it all my life  
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive  
"Its sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake  
and tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear  
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.



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## What Would You Do?

(answers to ~~the~~ issue)  
April

**Q1.** You caution a French player, who responds by shaking his head, smiling and making a remark in his native tongue. A French opponent runs over and says it was a grossly offensive insult - and with your limited smattering of GCSE French, you are inclined to agree. What do you do?

**A1.** If you are going to show a straight red card you need to be entirely satisfied that you heard and understood what the player said. If you have doubt, take him to one side and issue a warning.

**Q2.** As a defender races back to stop a ball trickling towards the empty goalmouth, he appears to tear his hamstring. As he collapses, he knocks the ball wide of the goal with his hand. What would you do?

**A2.** This is down to your ability to interpret events accurately in an instant. If you have total confidence this was a con trick, then the handball was deliberate - award a penalty and dismiss the player for denying a goal-scoring opportunity. But you cannot know for sure, so restart with a corner kick

**Q3.** You're refereeing the inaugural match of a new over-70s league. Shortly after starting the game it becomes clear that one of the goalkeepers does not have enough strength in his legs to propel his goal kicks outside the penalty area. His team mates also fail. What would you do?

**A3.** Abandon the game. You cannot amend the LOTG. The league will have to rethink the use of smaller pitches.

**Q4.** In the half time break after a stormy 45 mins, your assistant calls points out that the home team's star striker has used the interval to tweet grossly offensive remarks about you. What do you do?

**A4.** Allow the game and the player to continue as normal but at the end ask him, his manager and the club secretary to join you. Inform them that you are aware of the allegations and that you will be including them in your report to the authorities.

**Q5.** In a tight cup tie, the home side pile forward looking for a late winner - only for the ball to be booted up field towards the opposition's unmarked winger. But as he controls the ball, you're astonished to see the home team manager race on and rugby tackle him, to stop him having a clear run on goal - uproar! What do you do?

**A5.** Calm everyone down. Send the manager out of the technical area. Explain to the captains, that because you cannot award a free kick against a manager, the game will restart with a dropped ball.

**Q6.** In the dying moments Reds are losing 1-0 in a vital cup tie, when they are awarded a corner. Their goalkeeper then runs the length of the pitch to join his attackers to try to get an equaliser. However, a huge clearance by Blues is about to enter Red's net when a ball boy runs onto the pitch and boots it clear. What would you do?

**A6.** Stop play - award a dropped ball from where it was when play was stopped (Law 3 Interp. & Guidelines Outside agents).

**Q7.** Striker Blue 10 is isolated in an offside position. Just as Blue 9 (an inside midfielder) shoots, Blue 10 runs across the front of the Red's goalkeeper, and the ball enters the net. What would you do?

**A7.** Disallow the goal. No disciplinary action is required; restart with an indirect free kick. (Law 11 Offside - Interfering with an opponent)

*(Ed. Questions 1-5 were taken from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion. Questions 6-7 were set by Sid Harrison for the National RA Quiz, 2013)*

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## What Would You Do?

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### Question 1

As you race up field you stumble and your boot comes off. You decide to leave it until the next break in play. But moments later a defender, racing to catch a striker trips over it and goes flying onto the pitch. The striker runs clear, unchallenged and scores. There's uproar. What would you do?



### Question 2

As a corner kick is whipped in a Red striker shouts "leave" - prompting his marker to duck out of the way. The striker then heads the ball into the net. When you disallow the goal and award an indirect free kick, the striker is furious. He says he actually shouted his name - "Lee's". What would you do?

### Question 3

A Red forward No.10 goes down clutching his ankle, but you decide to play on. Moments later the ball bounces towards the No.10, and he suddenly springs to his feet, in an onside position and hammers the ball into the net. The Blue opponents are outraged, saying they didn't mark him

because they thought he was badly hurt. What would you do?

### Question 4

Following a fair challenge for the ball, a Red player goes down injured, and clearly cannot continue. But the only sub available to replace him is his player/manager - who you sent to the stands earlier in the game for abusive behaviour. What would you do?

### Question 5

The home team are winning 5-0 in a cup-tie on a foggy autumn evening. On 88 minutes the fog suddenly becomes so thick it is impossible to continue. Not wanting a replay the players from both sides advise you to blow for full time. What would you do?

### Question 6

A Blue goalkeeper attempts to kick a deliberate back-pass received from the foot of a colleague. However, the ball goes under his foot. He quickly turns, dives and grabs the ball to prevent it entering the net. What would you do?

### Question 7

The Blue goalkeeper gathers the ball and tries to nip round a Red attacker, who is deliberately getting in his way to prevent a quick throw upfield. The goalkeeper slips and loses the ball which the Red attacker simply taps into the goal. What would you do?

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