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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday 3rd September

Meadow Sports Football Club
Loop Rd Playing Fields, Loop Rd, Kingfield,
Woking
Surrey GU22 9BQ

AGENDA

- ◆ **7.30 Academy Meeting**
- ◆ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**
- ◆ **Guest Speaker**

Callum Peter
"The DANA Cup 2018"
- ◆ **Society Business**
- ◆ **10pm Close**



The next meeting will be on
Monday 1st October
The deadline for October Warbler is
Friday 21st September

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Society or its' Committee*

From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

The season is now very much underway and the weather is not surprisingly changing. The pitches are looking good but beware, because of the hot weather there are ruts and holes underneath all that green lush grass, so make sure you do good pitch inspections to ensure you look after yourselves and those very valuable players!!

This month we have Callum Peter coming along to tell us about his time in Denmark and I'm sure he will have some very amusing stories about his fellow referees and his chaperones. Unfortunately I will be away on Holiday and will miss the meeting, but I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting



Have a good and enjoyable September and see you soon

Pat

Membership and Accounts

2017/18 Membership	2018 Current Status	
51 Full Members	General	£2,431.74
7 Friends	Supplies	£214.35
1 Affiliate Member	Belgium	£100.00
92 Referees trained in 2017/2018	Training Fund	£851.97
	Youth Fund	£113.50
20 Referees trained in 2018/2019	Total	£3,711.56

Just a Sec!

- ◆ We have been informed that the Camberley and Farnham Referees Society has folded, which is a great shame. It also serves as a reminder that we at Woking Society although currently successful, cannot afford to rest on our laurels and must continue to provide an engaging and supporting Society for all our members.
- ◆ Surrey FA are holding a Walking Football Course on Friday 7th September 6 – 9pm at Surrey FA, Meadowbank Football Ground, Mill Lane, Dorking, RH4 1DX. You must attend this course if you wish to officiate on the Walking Football League. Contact Emma.barnes@SurreyFA.com.
- ◆ **Have you renewed your membership yet?** A reminder that subscriptions are due before the end of September. Members who have not renewed by this time will be deemed to have left the Society and will no longer receive a copy of the Warbler. **You have been warned !!!**

Academy News

Last month's Academy was curtailed somewhat due to a delay opening the clubhouse but this month's meeting, which will be led by Barry Rowland will be starting at 7.30 with the subject being "Law 5 - The Referee"

For any recently qualified referees or those going for promotion, our Academy provides a safe, friendly and informal environment to hone your skills. So why not come along and see what your Referees' Society can do for you!



The programme for the season looks like this

- ◆ 1st October Practical Session - Position and Movement in Open Play
- ◆ 5th November Law 11 - Offside
- ◆ 10th December - No Academy - Society Christmas Dinner
- ◆ 7th January - Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct Part 1
- ◆ 4th February - Practical Session - Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct Part 2
(Practical Application)
- ◆ 4th March - Law 10 - Determining the Outcome of a Match
(Cup Final Preparation)
- ◆ 1st April - Practical Session - Assistant Refereeing and 4th Official workshop (including Offside Recognition)
- ◆ 13th May - End of Season Review / Celebration of Achievement

Mentors Wanted

We are looking to further support our members, particularly those who have recently qualified, by setting up a Woking Society Mentoring Scheme.

To assist us in this initiative we have approached Tim Lawrence our County Referee Development Officer (RDO) who has agreed to run a Mentors Course for the Society

If you think you would like to participate in such a scheme, please let me (Mac) or Pat (Chairman) know and providing we have sufficient numbers interested , we can discuss further with Tim and arrange a convenient date to run the course.

Mac

R.A. Benefits Insurance

With the start of the season upon us, I thought it might be a worth a reminder of what your Association can do for you ! This is an extract from the 2017/18 Members Benefits Brochure . The full brochure is available on our website

<http://wokingreferees.co.uk/RAInsurance201718.pdf>

Member helpline : 08002545404

Email. membersupport@spencerhayesinsurance.co.uk

Over the last 12 months we have worked closely with the Association and listened to the feedback of members across many different levels of cover.

'The insurance doesn't reflect the modern game' was something mentioned on more than one occasion. Another was 'I can get this through my county FA'. Due to such feedback we along with the Association's Board set out to produce something that would hopefully help all members in one way or another.

I believe in the blank piece of paper approach so we effectively went back to basics and considered the day to day needs of the modern referee.

Trust me your Board works hard on your behalf – our brief was simple... increase all of the sections of cover add some new benefits, introduce some new relevant products and DON'T increase the price per member.

A couple of key areas were identified, referees equipment & physio. Basically the thought process was to get a referee back doing what he or she loves as soon as possible should an incident occur.

You will be pleased to know we have delivered on both these areas. Referees equipment has previously been increased to £350 as has Personal Effects, and Physio has previously been extended to include Injuries whilst refereeing where previously a valid temporary disablement claim needed to be applicable.

We have also looked at how referees get to games and what they carry with them in the modern world. We will be providing access to specialist insurers catering for the younger generation who find it notoriously difficult to purchase motor insurance and an exclusive gadget cover that can be purchased to protect items such as mobile phones, tablets and laptops specifically.

I don't want to preach about insurance as let's face it it's not the most popular topic in the world – I have therefore outlined all benefits you receive being a member of the RA to make it much easier to understand .

Without the hard work of the RA Board and the feedback of you the member nothing would evolve or progress and to that end I would welcome any feedback (good or bad) then we can continue striving to make things better for you.

My colleague Bill always says the same to me about his long standing relationship with the RA – without you the member it doesn't exist nor does our involvement. We are here to serve and take great pride in doing so.

Paul Bentley

Spencer Hayes Insurance

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MEMBER BENEFITS... A CLOSER LOOK

BENEFIT		COVER / OPTIONS
Physiotherapy	✓	Cover includes Injuries*
Personal Effects	✓	£350.00*
Referees Kit	✓	£350.00*
Hospitalisation	✓	£25 per day - up to 30 days*
Broken Bones	✓	£100.00*
Dental (Following Assault)	✓	£250.00*
Accident Assistance	✓	Option to upgrade to Legal Policy from £10.00* <small>2016/17 price £3.00 – 2017/18 Policy provides broader / Increased levels of Cover</small>
Young Driver Cover	✓	Full Quote & Buy System
Gadget Cover	✓	From £49.00*
Hometyre	✓	Exclusive discount for Members*
Health Cashplans	✓	Access for all Members*
Private Medical / Life Cover	✓	Bespoke / Tailored service for all Members*

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Last Month's Meeting

Chairman Pat welcomed the 22 members who attended Society's first meeting of the season on 13th August.

Apologies were received from Paul Saunders, Barry Rowland, Dave Cooper and Bill Collis.

Unfortunately, due to a date mix up, the bar was closed, but being a hardy bunch of refs we soldiered on and despite the heat, were able to listen to Pat run through the Law changes and amendments for the season.

The key changes we discussed included

- ◆ Additional substitute allowed if extra time is being played.
- ◆ There is no limit to the number of substitutes that can be used in youth football (although Leagues may stipulate a number in their rules).
- ◆ If a player enters the FOP without permission and interferes with play a direct free kick is awarded, otherwise it's an indirect free kick.
- ◆ A drinks break (at half time in extra time) must not exceed 1 minute.
- ◆ A replacement for a goalkeeper cannot take a kick in that "round" if the goalkeeper has already taken a kick
- ◆ The reference to offside pertains to VAR (i.e "when viewed in slow motion")
- ◆ Biting is now a separate offence (direct free kick and sending off)

Pat informed the meeting that as from next season a temporary dismissal for dissent will become law for all Leagues below step 5 (*I've read step 7 Ed*) which caused much discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.45

Letter to the Editor

Hi Mac

On the one hand, I was delighted to see one of the series of articles I wrote some good few years ago now and which originally appeared in the national RA Mag printed on page 17 of the August Warbler.

On the other hand, I was disappointed not to be credited with having written it!

After all, who else would begin a piece by referring to Shakespeare!

Perhaps the Chiltern Referee are also reprinting them without giving me the credit?

All the best for the season and congratulations on the continuing excellence of The Warbler

Jim de Rennes

Dear Jim

I can only apologise for not crediting the article to your good self.

As you mention, I actually spotted it in The Chiltern Referee who in turn hadn't mentioned the author. I did think at the time that was unusual, but perhaps should have twigged only J de R could have included The Bard in an article on refereeing!

Hope you are keeping well Jim and glad you appreciate my Warbling endeavours.

Kind regards

Mac

County RA News

Dear all,

Please note that the next delegates' meeting, normally due to be on September 24th, has been postponed for a week until Monday 1st October. This is because we only have 2 elected officers (secretary and treasurer) and I will be absent in Canada on the September date. Please consider if any of you are willing to fill the vacant position of Chair.

Further news is that Surrey FA are reviewing their committee structure, including the Referees Committee. I understand the provisional proposals to be that these committees will be replaced by smaller "working parties", but more definite news is to be revealed at a consultation meeting for Surrey FA County Members in mid-September. I will be away for that meeting too, but Tony Loveridge is also a County Member and hopefully will be able to update us on the outcome.

David Crick and myself had a very useful meeting with Tim Lawrence on 1st August to discuss matters that had arisen in recent SCRA minutes. In future, Tim will advise me in advance of training courses for new referees, and also continue to advise me of successful trainees so that they can be allocated to societies under the free membership scheme. It transpired that one list that Tim sent me at the end of last year had gone astray and not been received. We received assurances that referees suffering assaults are, as a matter of course, asked if they would like representation at any subsequent disciplinary hearing for the culprit.

We were aware that a very few referees had themselves been put on FA disciplinary charges by Surrey FA. It seems that not many referees knew where to find the relevant FA regulations, but they have in fact been in the Surrey FA handbook under the heading "Regulations for the registration and control of referees". A copy of the current FA regulations for 2018-2019 is attached to this e-mail for easier reference. Please ensure that members know where to find these regulations.

Could all Societies please keep me informed of changes to their officers following AGMs. There is an annual form to send to RA Head Office – all you need to do is copy that to me too. I have details of Croydon and Woking Societies current officers, but would appreciate forms from the remaining Societies please.

Finally, if any Societies have issues they would like placed on the agenda for our October meeting do please let me know.

Brian Reader

Hon Secretary
Surrey County RA.

Note from World Cup

At the World Cup, while Russia were fined £7,500 for the raising of a neo-Nazi banner by fans, England were deducted over £50,000 when three players wore unauthorised non-slip socks. So yes, it has been an excellent World Cup, one of the best, but never forget: it's still FIFA.

Spotted in The Chiltern Referee

Martin Samuel, *Daily Mail*, 17/07/2018

Marriner: The making of a modern referee

The job of being a Select Group referee has never been more demanding. Andre Marriner is typical of those officials. As a FIFA listed official, not only is he doing matches in the United Kingdom but also abroad. On top of that he has to train and visit clubs to educate and build relationships with players.

In between he is also one of several officials undertaking a Masters' degree to ensure he has a career after refereeing. Marriner explains his season in four parts:



Application

There are some people who think we don't do a lot, a match a week over a 38 game season and that's us. The reality is I was involved in 70 games last season. Domestically there were 36 games in the middle and 22 as fourth official. On top of that I refereed a World Cup qualifier, two Champions League preliminary rounds and two Europa League matches. Then I was behind the goal on five other European games and fourth official at two World Cup qualifiers.

That's quite a challenge. Domestically you're travelling down the day before a game; if you're involved in a UEFA or FIFA match it is three or four days of the week out. And remember on top of that we've got to train, do all our admin.

When you've got 16 officials - not only involved at the weekend but through the week in leagues and cup competitions - it's quite a logistical challenge to pull us together once a fortnight for our training camps at St George's Park.

Looking at my diary for last season there were months like September and November where I only had the odd day off across each of those months. You travel to do a weekend game, you train, you're into a club or a school for a visit, you have a midweek game, you do your homework for the weekend game, you're on one game, then fourth official for another.

After that you're off to Europe, you'll come back home and there's a meeting with a body like the Professional Footballers' Association, then you're travelling down for the midweek games again. Then we'll be up at St George's and we'll leave that to do a Capital One Cup game. We can be leading quite a transitory life at times. It's a wonder that we get to do anything else beyond games, but we do.

Preparation

It's funny, I'll take the kids to school on Monday morning and people will still say: "What are you doing for the rest of the week? You can't have much to do until next Saturday."

The reality is that the night before I'll have filed my post-match report and spent time sending my heart rate data to our sports science team, because our physical condition is under constant supervision.

By the time I'm back home I'll have received my next training plans to follow, so with that there are different sorts of sessions: high intensities, weights, speed and endurance, recovery sessions.

You are following a plan which is dictated by your calendar and by what games you've got, but it has got to be demanding because we're keeping up with guys half our age.

Then on the Monday afternoon our weekend appointment comes in and I am starting my research from there. We're not pre-empting the game but we're seeing whether there are any injuries or suspensions that could shape things. We'll be trying to work out how their team will line up because we want to know our best positioning on the pitch to let the game flow. So it's all homework.

Through the week we'll be analysing the Match Delegate and PGMOL Assessor reports from our games. A lot of it you are doing on your own, if there's something that's been flagged up, perhaps there might be an individual incident from a game or patterns might be emerging in your refereeing, then I'll have a mini-review with my coach. That usually takes place at St George's Park when we have our fortnightly training camp.

Man Utd defender Nemanja Vidic talks to Andre

Communication

One of the keys to improving standards of player behaviour in recent seasons has been the increased communication flow between players and officials. A big part of that has been down to the pre-match exchange of team-sheets with the captains and managers; it gives us a chance to chat around any issues.



But the most beneficial time is spent away visiting training grounds. Nearly all Select Group referees do this and last season I went to Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, West Ham United, Fulham and Tottenham Hotspur. Three of them were the early season ones, where you were delivering the message for the season.

So that's re-emphasising the types of challenges that will see cautions, going through any law changes and reminding them of the old do's and don'ts, like not taking shirts off after celebrating. If there is a clip of their club on the screen it is always sparks plenty of debate, and that's good, because players should be debating and discussing points of Law.

Something excellent we introduced last season was going in to see them again later on in the season and refereeing one of their training sessions. I went to West Ham and Fulham and both sets of players were very receptive.

On a matchday players have 101 things to be concentrating on and they are under pressure to perform, so you don't have that normal banter. But you go into the training ground without that pressure of the 90 minutes and everyone is relaxed.

One player I had an excellent discussion with. He wanted to know why he was getting booked for making aerial challenges. I watched him in training and every time he led with his elbows, and it was a booking because it was dangerous play. But we were able to have a rational conversation about it, he understood and I don't think he got booked for the rest of the season.

Education

As a referee you have an extremely unusual career path. Nearly all of us have either left or sacrificed their business careers to pursue refereeing, in my case both. Before I became a Select Group referee I was a postman, but prior to that I had to leave a well-paid job at Land Rover where I had very good career prospects.

Fortunately for us Mike Riley has been terrific since taking over as PGMOL General Manager. He recognised that our efforts should be rewarded. So he's worked with the University of Gloucestershire over the last two years to develop a higher-education qualification at postgraduate level focused on match officiating and professional practice in refereeing.

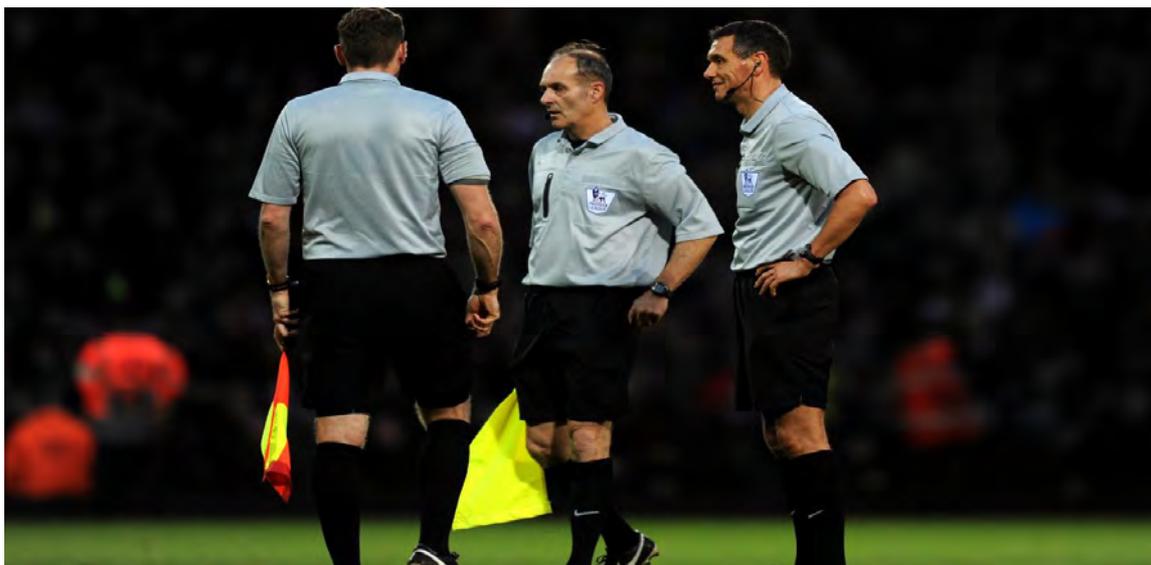
The qualifications are aimed at helping us re-enter the workforce on the strongest footing.

As a former official himself he knows referees acquire many skills that are extremely transferable. Instant decision making is one of the hardest jobs in management, but we do that week in, week out.

We also have to be decent team-players who need a wide array of analytical and evaluation skills. Because of the work I'm doing going into schools I'm thinking of a career in teaching.

So, when the season ended, I took a quick holiday before I did a two-week placement at a secondary school and then completed all my written coursework. It's tough but by the end of 2014 I'm going to have a Postgraduate Masters' Degree, and I think that says a lot about how professional we are as an organisation.

I tell you one thing, I have never been so busy. You add in charity games, talks that we'll give in schools and at Referees' Associations all over the country - I'm quite in demand after doing the FA Cup Final - and it all amounts to a big cycle over the year. But I don't think we'd have it any other way, this is a great job and we're all proud to do it.



Andre Marriner (right) and his fellow Select Group officials regularly assess their own work

Is refereeing dangerous for your health?



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Following insertion of two stents in arteries close to his heart earlier this year, Brian Reader has been placed on a twice-a-week cardiac rehabilitation exercise course at St Peter's Hospital. There are 6 other men on the course of whom no less than 3 are or have been football referees. And one of the others was a semi-pro footballer. You have been warned!



Say what?

Leyton Orient FC is recruiting dogs to help protect its pitch from foxes. The National League team has been having problems with the bushy-tailed mammals invading the pitch at night, and its thought that walking male dogs during mornings and late afternoons could ward them off.

Travel Plans for 2018



I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

Foul! - Decision?

How often have we witnessed, perhaps you've done it yourself, where a player commits a foul after he/she has already been cautioned, but is allowed to continue to play? The reaction from the opponents is predictable – “He's got to go, Ref”, “Must be a red card, Ref” or worse.

Psychologically, in these circumstances, do you think it's more challenging for the referee to dismiss this player for further misconduct rather than keeping him/her on the field? Preferring to respond to opponents' reaction by saying, “It was simply careless” or similar but still reminding the player about his/her conduct? Or do you think that, if I dismiss the player, it would ruin/influence the outcome of the game?

This might be what Mark Clattenburg was thinking in the heated match between Chelsea and Tottenham, where he has admitted to allowing Spurs to implode rather than it be a consequence of anything that he did according to the Laws of the Game.



Referees are expected to adopt the “staircase approach” to player management and essentially give players enough rope to hang themselves if they continue to offend. The crunch comes when, having cautioned, the player shows that he clearly hasn't listened by reoffending and then has to be dismissed. Do you bottle it, or apply the Law and show the red card and then have to deal with the repercussions from players and the touchline personnel?

What if the fouls were not recorded by the referee in the middle, but by an independent person on the touchline – a kind of “discipline referee”? (This situation already exists in basketball.) Players could accumulate fouls/indiscipline up to a certain number, at which point they automatically have to leave the field and can no longer play in that game. Another squad player, maintaining the full side, can replace them, thus a team having less players on the field than their opponents does not directly influence the game. If this method were in place, would referees be more “willing” (for want of a better word) to apply Law more correctly? Referees in the middle would feel less challenged psychologically in the performance of their duties. Players would then understand that there is a limit on misconduct and can know and expect the consequences, and should they be dismissed, their team does not suffer numerically.

But what of those red card offences I hear you say? I think that they should still stand, because they are serious offences (with the exception of receiving a second caution). Under these circumstances, a dismissed player could still be replaced by a squad player but the penalties imposed by the governing bodies would be much more severe than they are at present.

What's your opinion?

Peter Watson writing in *Touchlines*

With the introduction of the "Sin Bin " for dissent proposed for all grass roots leagues next year, I thought this was a interesting development. Mac

Referee Shows Green Card in CONIFA World Football Cup Match

Intermediate disciplinary measure used twice by official in charge of Padania v Tuvalu at tournament for non-FIFA affiliated international teams
The first use of a green card by a referee was the big talking point at the CONIFA World Football Cup in London on Saturday.

The tournament for non-FIFA affiliated international teams, being held at non-league grounds across the capital, has introduced the card as an intermediate disciplinary measure in an attempt to clamp down on dissent and diving.

CONIFA rules state that "a player who receives a green card must leave the field of play immediately, but can be replaced if his team have not used all of their substitutes. A player receiving a green card is not excluded from his team's next match."

Thursday's first round of group games failed to produce a green card, but Raymond Mashamba, the official taking charge of the Group C clash between Padania and Tuvalu at Haringey's Coles Park, showed it twice in a matter of minutes in the second half, first to a Tuvalu midfielder and then to Padania's Stefano Baldan.

By that stage, Padania - representing a region of northern Italy - were already seven goals to the good against their opponents from Oceania, who had already used all their substitutes and were therefore unable to make a replacement.

Speaking to Sky Sports about the introduction of the green card, tournament organiser Paul Watson said: "We'd really like to clamp down on the dissent problem. Football has a problem with the lack of respect for referees.

"That's not to say that isn't also the case in CONIFA games - the players in our tournament still have those traits.

"But it would be nice that, instead of it being ignored and therefore in a way condoned, it shouldn't necessarily cost someone their chance to play at this tournament, if they just lose their cool."

Jens Jockel, CONIFA's Asia President, is also supportive of the new rule.

"We have had some minor problems in the past, with some red cards at the end of a game - mostly when teams realised they can't keep up and find themselves losing heavily with 10 minutes left," he explained.

"It's a really good idea of how to sanction things that might not be worthy of a red card. More like personal mistakes - using swear words, disrespecting spectators and coaches and so on. It's a perfect way to find something in between."

Courtesy of Mal Davies V & A

This Month's Speaker

Callum Peter

I qualified when I was 14 and have now been refereeing for 6 years.

I have been lucky enough to have been appointed to a County Cup Final the past 5 years running. I have also been lucky enough to be awarded SPL Young Referee of the Year and also Woking Referee Society' Young Referee of the year twice.

I have been attending Woking RA meetings for the past four years and have found the Society and Academy invaluable in supporting me in my promotion to level 5.

My talk will be about the DANA Cup 2018, which is the 3rd year I've been invited. This year I went with Shawn Barclay, Stephen Matthews and Joe Wright and had Tim Lawrence come with us as a coach.

I hope to see you all on Monday



Callum

Mac's Musings

With Callum talking about his DANA cup experience 2018 at our next meeting, I had a look at the tournament website. The cup is an annual International Tournament which is held in the town of Hjørring in Denmark every year at the end of July. It is sometimes referred to as the Youth World Cup with some 1100 (yes eleven hundred!) teams from 115 nations competing. It started in 1982 with 222 teams and has grown every year with teams travelling from as far afield as South America, USA, Africa and China to name just a few. The whole thing must take some organisation to say nothing of the language barriers.

Well the Premiership is up and running once more and already the managers are moaning about the refereeing decisions. Even Woy was having a go last week. Interesting that VAR is not being used though. I see that Jose is up to his usual mind games. He really seems quite miserable these days. His rivals City look to be the team to beat again this year (but just watched Wolves draw with them so who knows?). Meanwhile Poch (COYS!) hasn't been able to sign any new players, although it looks like he might lose a few to European teams. It seems to me crazy that we now have different transfer dates to the rest of Europe. But Harry has scored in August so everything is alright with the world.

At the time of writing this Spurs v Man U is in 2 days time. Should be an interesting game.

Hopefully see a good number of you on Monday.

Mac

Top 10 Jokes at this year's Edinburgh Festival



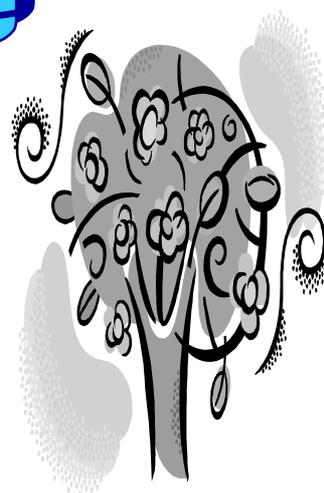
1. "Working at the JobCentre has to be a tense job – knowing that if you get fired, you still have to come in the next day" – Adam Rowe
2. "I had a job drilling holes for water – it was well boring" – Leo Kearse.
3. "I took out a loan to pay for an exorcism. If I don't pay it back, I'm going to get repossessed" – Olaf Falafel.
4. "In my last relationship, I hated being treated like a piece of meat. She was a vegan and refused to touch me" – Daniel Audritt.
5. "What do colour blind people do when they are told to eat their greens?" – Flo and Joan.
6. "I've got a new job collecting all the jumpers left in the park at the week ends, but it's not easy. They keep moving the goalposts" – Darren Walsh.
7. "Trump said he'd build a wall but he hasn't even picked up a brick. He's just another middle-aged man failing on a DIY project" – Justin Moorhouse.
- 8= "I lost a friend after we had an argument about the Tardis. I thought it was a little thing, but it seemed much bigger once we got into it" – Adele Cliff.
- 8= " Why are they calling it Brexit and not The Great British Break Off?" – Alex Edelman.
10. "I think love is like central heating. You turn it on before guests arrive and pretend it's like this all the time" – Laura Lexx.

PlumTree

U19 Premier League -
Fulham v Southampton
Assistant referees ; David Payne & Shawn Barclay

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Stockbridge v Roman Glass St George
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MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

It was a midweek end of the season County League match. Due to kick off at 6.30pm, as the home team had no floodlights, the away team arrived at 6.25 pm. Having assembled in the changing room, they hurriedly started to change. Then it dawned on them. The player who usually brought the kit wasn't playing and nobody had thought to call at the clubhouse to collect it. A quick discussion with the home side resolved the matter. They could borrow the home team's reserve's kit. The only problem was that they'd played in it the night before so it was muddy and dirty. However, the away team agreed and started to change

Then they realised there were no socks. Apparently, to save money, the bar steward's wife took the socks home and washed them and now they were with her. The away team were prepared to play without socks and tape their shin pads to their legs but were prevented from doing so by a lack of tape and the referee. The bar steward, who only lived a short distance away from the club, then went home and got the socks which, unfortunately, his wife had washed, but not dried, so they were all soaking wet. The match eventually started at 6.55 pm with the away team in dirty shirts and shorts and clean, but soaking wet socks and the last half an hour was played virtually in the dark (no lights) due to the late kick off. The final score? A 2-2 draw,

Tony Murphy

This is the story of four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, But Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job'

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody.

A Committee's Lament

Playing for Colchester, goalkeeper Graham Smith went through his usual pre-match ritual of kicking the foot of each of the posts. He kicked one post, jogged across the goal-line and kicked the other. Then the crossbar fell on his head.



Ian St John : "It's a real battle tomorrow with Brazil against Spain. What do you reckon Bruce?"

Bruce Grobbelar : "Well, I've got to go for the Italians on this one, Saint.

You've got to believe that you're going to win and I believe that we'll win the World Cup until the final whistle blows and we're knocked out

Peter Shilton



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A mother is driving her little girl to her friend's house for a play day.

'Mummy', the little girl asks, 'How old are you?'

'Honey, you are not supposed to ask a lady her age,' the mother replied. 'It's not polite.'

'OK', the little girl says, 'What colour was your hair 2 years ago?'

'Now really,' the mother says, 'those are personal questions and are really none of your business.'

Undaunted, the little girl asks, 'Why did you and Daddy get a divorce?'

'That's enough questions, young lady! Honestly!'

The exasperated mother walks away as the two friends begin to play.

'My Mum won't tell me anything about herself,' the little girl says to her friend.

'Well', says the friend, 'All you need to do is look at her

DRIVER'S LICENCE'. It's like our report cards, it has everything on it.'

Later that night the little girl says to her mother, 'I know how old you are. You are 32.'

The mother is surprised and asks, 'How did you find that out?'

'I also know that you used to have brown hair.'

The mother is past surprised and shocked now: 'How in Heaven's name did you find that out?'

'And,' the little girl says triumphantly, 'I also know why you and daddy got a divorce.'

'Oh really' says the mother why?

'It's all on your driver's licence and you got an 'F' in sex.'

The Signs Say It All



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

3rd September	Society Meeting - Callum Peter "Dana Cup 2018"
1st October	Society Meeting - Tim Lawrence
5th November	Society Meeting - Simon Parbury Secretary Chiltern RA
10th December	Society Christmas Dinner - Hoebridge Golf Centre
7th January	Society Meeting - Aaron Farmer
4th February	Society Meeting - Paul Howard & David Coote
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Adie Gets Damp (in more ways than one)

Everything is well on the way for the commencement of the 2018/19 season in the SCILW and the G&WAFL. We are hoping to have a Referees Meeting on the SCILW just before the start of the season – a bit tight I know but we will not get the Handbooks until next week. If you have not yet sent me your availability do so without delay to ensure you get your games. I will send out a reminder to those who have yet to give me their info.

There are fewer teams in the SCILW so we will be running extra competitions within the league to ensure the clubs get a good season and the Referees have a quota of games. The G&WAFL has the same amount of teams and we will be running the Cyril West Trophy. We have all sorts of things planned so I will be sending out the various Competition Rules when I receive them.

All looking good in the Freeman garden with plenty of damsons and plums as well as the apple trees producing well. We have already made some Damson Jam (one of my favourites) and I am in line for a Damson Sponge this weekend (so I am told). Don't worry. I have a telescopic fruit picker so I will not be falling out of the trees this year!!

We had a great time in Jersey. The Kuga was great on the Island no problem with space for all the equipment – we caught some good waves early on with the boards and when the sea went calm we swam every day on various beaches. Most important was that we had a good break and came back rested. Great food again at the hotel with fresh fish on the menu and I restricted myself with deserts so my blood sugar stayed under control – tempting, as Diane reckoned they were superb but I just had the fruit salads.

We had some signs of damp in the top roof this Spring so we currently have scaffolding around the house and they are re-roofing the property. As we intend to stay here a while I felt it best to have the lot done including the lower kitchen roof at the back. I can find no records of this roof ever being done so it could be over 100 years old. The main roof was worked on in 1961 (according to records) so it has not done too badly.

For my skills, I have just laid a new laminate floor in the front bedroom that was reduced with the new bathroom. I have just got to finish the skirting boards and it is done. It makes a huge difference with good tools and these multi-tools and mini-saws are brilliant.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and don't forget your dates.

Adie



Willy the 'Red Card' Ref

The Dawning of the New Season



Match: Southfield Wednesday -v- Dog & Duck FC
 League: Division One - Sunday Park League (North)
 Venue: The local park with the pitches in pristine condition
 Kit: How good do I look in my new short sleeve top!
 Weather: Delighted I used the sun cream today
 Time: Looking forward to my Sunday roast very soon

Everyone looks forward to the new season with great anticipation and excitement and it is exactly the same for the referees. Players, managers and supporters hope this will be *'their'* season when their club will be successful and win the league, maybe gain promotion or possibly win the cup.

So what do the match officials hope for? We should all have a pre-season *'wish list'* and we should all strive for the *'big'* matches, the top of the table clashes, the cup semi-finals and ultimately the same as all the players which is to be involved in a cup final. It is irrelevant the level that we are or the leagues that we are involved with because from the local parks to the Premier League we all want to be part of the cup final *'team'*. I have heard of stories of referees who have rejected a cup final appointment just because they were *'only'* appointed in the capacity as an assistant referee.

I was once appointed as the 4th official for a cup final. I was delighted to accept and I felt honoured and very privileged that the local league had chosen me based on my performances throughout the season against all the other referees. We all dream of being involved on cup final day. Whether it be Wembley Stadium or the Sunday Park (North) League Cup Final. Usually a large crowd for me is ten people and that includes the substitutes! Only a few officials can be appointed to the *'big'* matches but why not dream the same as the players and supporters. Why should it not be me or you but to be honest I would prefer it if I was the one!

I have been going to the gym and doing the best I can to be ready and fit for the new season. Being mentally prepared is as important as being physically prepared. They are both required. It's a long season for all of us. We never know what will happen next!

The most difficult matches are usually the first few matches when the season begins. Those first few pre-season friendlies when the teams are adjusting to new formations or to be honest are just generally unfit.

I feel it normally takes three matches to get back into the *'rhythm'* and tempo of the matches (*Well it does for me!*). These matches will be played during July and August and these are historically the hottest months of the year. If you are still struggling for fitness by match four then you have not worked hard enough throughout the summer months on your fitness!

Having ensured we have made the efforts to be match fit are we all ready with our kit for the coming season? Have the county redesigned the badge? Always looks better to have the correct up to date version on display.

One of my 'pet' hates is seeing referees wearing socks with white tops and shirts with white collars and cuffs. These went out of fashion some seasons ago! I personally have two of everything. Sometimes we may have a match on the Saturday and the Sunday and I prefer to have the choice of both long and short sleeved for my top. I have over ten pencils, five whistles.....you can never have enough of these things.

What you don't want is the referee on the next pitch having an identical whistle to you. Players on both pitches might stop playing each time the whistle is blown either by you or the other ref! Don't forget the spare boot laces either as you just never know.

My motto is '*always arrive early and be prepared.....for anything*'!

Have you read the 'Laws of the game' and are you familiar with the *new* law changes? Good to read that '*biting*' is now recognised as an offence not that I have ever had any players bitten whilst I was the ref! Ever happened to you? So with everything checked with the field of play, match ball and the players' boots and equipment we are ready to go.

Only two minutes into the game and I could not believe eyes as the Dog & Duck defender took a bite on the opposing forwards shoulder.

I knew immediately that this was a red card offence and the restart would be a direct free kick. I duly produced the red card and awarded a penalty. I can only think the player was hungry and had not eaten any breakfast! It proved that all referees must be aware of the new law changes.

Being such a hot day today I was also aware that if there were to be any 'drink' breaks they cannot exceed one minute. Yes.....another new law!

Well reader.....did you know that!

So just to recap.....read the new law changes and set your goals for the season. Maybe that cup final will be achievable.

Enjoy your season,

Willy the 'Red Card' Referee

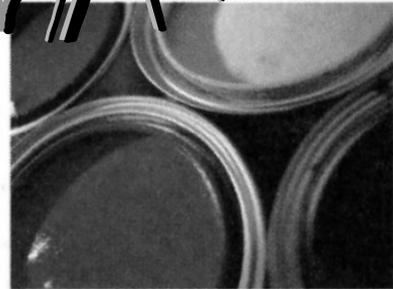




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What Would You Do—Answers to August Issue

Q1. The home side are down to nine men. When you call the physio on to treat a player late in the game, their manager is furious; he blocks the physio ordering him to sit down; the physio is very angry. What would you do?

A1. The manager has no right to intervene - have a quiet word with him. As the referee you have a duty of care, and if the player tells you he needs treatment then you must make sure he gets it. Once the player has been treated ask him to leave the FoP as normal. Include the details in your report.

Q2. A defender slides in with a clean tackle, knocking the ball out of play. But his momentum means he ends up taking out both an opposition winger and their veteran manager. Both are badly hurt. As the medics deal with them, the manager's assistant appears to be in shock; he can't decide on a substitution and seems to be in no fit state to take over. He insists you call the game off. What would you do?

A2. Calm everyone down. Apart from the verbal dissent, decide whether the defender's challenge was reckless; inform the assistant that the game will continue (with or without) him; tell him that he needs to make a decision quickly on the replacement, or you will resume with his side reduced to ten men. Restart? If you cautioned the defender for a reckless challenge then restart with a free kick. If you think it was accidental resume with a throw-in.

Q3. Late in a rain-drenched game the corner taker finds the quadrant submerged so he places the ball on the nearest bit of grass instead and plays it short. An opponent protests. What would you do?

A3. Stop the game, replace the ball in (or on) the quadrant. Get the groundsman to sweep the excess water away. If ineffective, suspend the game to allow the pitch/quadrant to be corrected using forks and spades. If that proves impossible, abandon the game.

Q4. Your game ends in a draw and so requires kicks from the penalty mark to decide the tie. The Blue keeper has already been cautioned in normal time - when he caused a penalty to be retaken due to his saving the original kick by having dashed as far forward as the 6-yd line before the kick was actually struck. So, even before the shoot-out starts, you remind him to be very careful. Amazingly he repeats exactly the same offence on the first kick to be taken tipping the shot over the bar. Should you produce a second yellow card and so dismiss the keeper? If you send him off, can his team replace him with another keeper? What would you do?

A4. Yes the keeper must be shown a second yellow card and so dismissed (kicks from the penalty mark are still part of the match). As to whether he may be replaced by another keeper not already on the field, Law 10 is ambiguous. It says: "With the exception of a substitute for a keeper who is unable to continue, only players who are on the FoP or are temporarily off the FoP (injury, adjusting equipment etc) at the end of the match are eligible to take kicks". We are also told: "A keeper who is unable to continue before or during the kicks may be replaced by a player excluded to equalise the numbers of players or, if their team has not used its maximum permitted number of subs, a named substitute, but the replaced keeper takes no further part and may not take a kick" and then: "A keeper who is sent off must be replaced by an eligible player." Once it is all sorted out, the penalty must be retaken!

Answers to August Issue continued

Q5. Just before the coin toss, the home captain - who you wrongly sent off earlier in the season - produces a red card from his pocket and waves it at you. His team mates cheer loudly and long. What would you do?

A5. If the captain was obviously joking take it on the chin, laugh it off - but tell him enough is enough. If he reacts badly or carries on, show him yellow card. But avoid it if you can.

What Would You Do**Question 1.**

You are refereeing a game with no assistant referees, so all offside decisions are yours. A Red forward, slow to get back after a failed attack, is clearly still in an offside position when his midfielder intercepts the ball and a colleague passes the ball directly towards him. Realising where he is, he simply jumps over the ball, allowing it to go out of play for a throw-in near the opponents' corner flag. You can see his motive was clearly to gain an advantage, keeping the ball deep in the opponents' half, so you blow for offside. Attacking Red players are irate - claiming that, since their player had made no attempt to play the ball, the game should restart with a throw-in. What would you do?

Question 2.

You have worked in Chile for two years and doing some refereeing while you are there. Your final match before returning to the UK is a Play-off Final for the team to be promoted to the top division. A tough match through 90 minutes and extra-time, and now promotion will be decided on a penalty shootout. The Reds miss their first penalty but score the next four, while the Blues, having scored every penalty so far, have only to score with their fifth to gain promotion. The Blue player runs up and scores - but he clearly paused as he actually took his shot (i.e. not during the run-up). He celebrates with joy. What would you do?

Question 3.

After a fierce 3-3 draw the two hat-trick scorers race over and demand the match ball. The home team striker says it's his since he completed his hat-trick first. They start pushing and shoving. What would you do?

Question 4.

A Red striker who is clean through on goal, suddenly pulls up - it looks like a torn hamstring. But when the now crouching Blue keeper hesitates and stands up, the Red striker smashes the ball into the net. It was a ruse. What would you do?

Question 5.

You break up a row and reprimand two players. You are not sure what sparked it - until half-time - when angry home officials show you a TV relay of the incident. It shows their player was clearly racially abused by his opponent. What would you do?

(Ed. Some questions were taken from "In the referee's opinion" in Touchlines - Sutton RS, and from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion in The Observer). Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee

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