

TV Delight For Evans

Karl Evans has hit the big time these last few months, three of the matches he has officiated on have been live on Sky Sports.

Karl's first appearance will be remembered for a long time as he was the assistant referee for the Carling Cup First Round match between Accrington Stanley and Nottingham Forest. Accrington sprung a cup shock that night and came up victors with a 1-0 win.

Following on from this TV appearance, Karl appeared once again on our TV screens as Port Vale took on Doncaster In League One with a Sunday afternoon kick-off. Karl was once again one of the assistant referees. This was another game that produced drama as Port Vale was 1-0 up until the 88th minute when Doncaster's Paul Heffernan fired an equalizer for his team. He quickly followed this up with an injury time winner to grab all three points for his team. In addition to this, the other assistant referee which took part in the match was a female who goes by the name of Amy Rayner, and she is the only female to be on the current Football League list of officials.



Karl Evan and his two other colleagues during the warm-up prior to the Accrington Stanley Vs Nottingham Forest game.

To cap off this fine run of games in front of the cameras. Karl was the referee in the Nationwide Conference game between Stafford Rangers and Dagenham & Redbridge. Karl was clearly not fazed by the occasion as he awarded the visitors a first-half penalty. The game ended 2-1 to Dagenham and Karl had shown the world the ability that we know he has.

Karl is the society's current Vice-Chairman and has enjoyed many happy years with the society. He currently acquires the guest speakers for our meetings and if you would like any information on our future guest speakers then contact Karl on 01942 891762.

Society Member Profile

Name – Alan Bennett

Age – 18

Years With Society – 2

Years Refereeing – 5

Current Level - 6

Career Highlight – Being 4th official in FC Utd first game against Leigh R.M.I.

Sporting Idol – Muhammad Ali

Refereeing Idol – Pierluigi Collina

Aim for the season – Gaining promotion to Level 4

Aim for the future – To referee in the Premiership

Best Stadium officiated at – Reebok

Funniest Refereeing Moment – A stalker which came on the field of play in the FC Utd Vs Leigh R.M.I. match.

Favourite Team – Wigan Athletic

Favourite Holiday Destination – Magaluf, Majorca



Match Appointments November

Saturday 4th November

L.A.L. 'A' X1s Cup Competition Round 3

Old Blackburnians 'A' Vs Bury Amateurs 'A' – **Gary Finch**

Saturday 11th November

L.A.L.

Horwich R.M.I. 'A' Vs Oldham Hulmeians 'A' – **Alan Bennett**

Little Lever Vs Broughton Amateurs – **Gary Finch**

Saturday 18th November

L.A.L.

Old Blackburnians Vs Tongue Utd – **Gary Finch**

Tongue Utd Res Vs Little Lever SC 'A' – **Nigel D'Arcy**

Friday 24th November

Lancit Haulage League

Fleetwood Town Res Vs Barrow Res – **Alan Bennett & Nigel D'Arcy**

Saturday 25th November

Northern Counties Youth

Liverpool FA Vs Cheshire FA – **Alan Bennett & Nigel D'Arcy**

Upcoming Member Meetings

All meetings fall on the second Thursday of the month and commence at 7:45pm in the Mick Martyn Bar.

9th November 2006
14th December 2006
11th January 2007
8th February 2007
8th March 2007
12th April 2007
A.G.M. 31st May 2007

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Christmas Party

Do you fancy a night out with the society at Belle Vue Greyhound Track? Then contact society member Nigel D'Arcy about the latest, on a night out not to be missed.

Sportsman's Dinner

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation team CMB are to hold a sportsman's dinner to raise funds for their club. The guest speaker on the evening is Dermot Gallagher. The evening will take place towards the end of November and for further details contact Duncan Tighe on 01942 516218.

Match Fees

Important notice to all officials who officiate on the Bolton Boys & Girls Federation League. Please remember that both teams pay half of the fee each.
Under 14's £20.00
Under 15's – 18's £22.00

[A Flash From The Past](#)

The society is currently in its 89th year of existence. As this is the first issue of our magazine I feel that it is most fitting to go back to the very first meeting the society had and show you the minutes from that meeting.

THE FIRST MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY

A meeting was held on Monday 12th November 1917 when the following resolutions and appointments were made:

1. That we form a Referee's Union for the whole of Leigh & District.
2. That W.M.Kearney is Chairman.
3. That G.Critchley is Treasurer.
4. That T.Lowe is Secretary.
5. That M.Wilkinson, C.Evans, J.Short, W.Higson, and E.Hayes be the Executive Committee (EC) for the year.
6. That the EC draw up the rules and decide on the fee to be paid for membership, and decide on the time and place of the next meeting.
7. That the question of Referee's fees be discussed by the EC.

W.M.Kearney1917

How times have changed is quiet incredible. The society was originally known as Leigh & District Association Football Referee's Union. The word 'Union' was replaced with 'Society' in the 1930's. One more interesting point is that from 1932-39 the President was also the Chairman of the society meetings.

It is quiet remarkable to think that in just over ten years time the society will be celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. Let's just make sure we can make that remarkable feat and keep the society alive by attending the meetings.

[Next Month](#)

- Meet our President – Dave Harrop will give us his profile.
- FA Youth Cup – Alan Bennett will give his thoughts on a recent FA Youth Cup Tie that he officiated on.
- Leigh Sports Village – An official update of the progress of the sports village.
- Head to head – Two of our society members will go head to head in a quiz on the laws of the game.
- A Flash From The Past – We will once again go down memory lane and give you more history on our society.