

## Academy is back!

Prior to every monthly meeting an academy fitness session will take place at Leigh Harriers Athletics track located behind Leigh Sports Village.

Training will commence at 6:30 and approximately last for 45 minutes. It's free to attend and we encourage all members to come along.

Showers and changing rooms are provided and following the session we will all head over to the monthly meeting at Eastleigh Labour Club.

## Society Christmas Gathering

After recent discussions at the latest Management Committee Meeting it was decided that for this year's Christmas gathering, we will be going to play Ten Pin Bowling.

More details are to follow but the gathering will be held between Christmas and New Year at Hollywood Bowl on the Middlebrook complex next to the Reebok Stadium.

All members are welcome to attend.



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## Back in the swing of things

After months of persistence society member Graham Ogden is back on the Contributory List of Referees (Level 3).

The past few months Oggy has battled with high blood pressure and kidney stones, which have prevented him from passing his fitness test.

However I'm pleased to say that Oggy is back to full health and has passed his fitness test.

It will be great to see Oggy back in action and we wish him all the best for the season.

## FAMOA Event

The latest FAMOA event is to take place next Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> October) at the Lancashire FA HQ in Leyland.

The session will last from 6:30-9:30pm and a high caliber of guest speakers have been arranged.

Guest speakers include FA Tutor Steve Stewart and Premier League Referee Peter Walton.

Anyone wishing to attend needs to contact the Lancashire FA office ASAP.

# Members Profile

**Name** – Norman Edward Lea

**Age** – 66

**Years with Society** – 13

**Years Refereeing** – 13

**Current Level** – 6

**Career Highlight** – any and every game

**Sporting Idol** – Don't really have idols, but favourite player probably George. (Best)

**Refereeing Idol** – Paul Haworth (for his I.T. skills)

**Aim for the season** – To be involved in as many games as possible

**Aim for the future** – To survive (see above)

**Best Stadium officiated at** – Old Trafford

**Funniest Refereeing Moment** – Telling David Gill to shut up and get on with it

**Favourite Team** – You'll never guess

**Favourite Holiday Destination** – Singapore (it was free!)

**Favourite Sporting Moment** – Wembley, 1968

**Hobbies** – Most sports, reading, music, arguing

**Interesting fact about you** – I'm the most boring person I know



**Name** – Duncan Tighe

**Age** – 47

**Years with Society** – 21 years

**Years Refereeing** – as above

**Current Level** – five (County senior retired hurt)

**Career Highlight** – Too few to mention

**Sporting Idol** – Are there any?

**Refereeing Idol** – There are definitely none

**Aim for the season** – To get through it

**Aim for the future** – To move from the centre circle

**Best Stadium officiated at** – Goodison Park / Ewood Park

**Funniest Refereeing Moment** – Every time I put my kit on

**Favourite Team** – European Champions 2007 /2008

**Favourite Holiday Destination** – Anywhere hot

**Favourite Sporting Moment** – seeing other Leigh Society referees progress

**Hobbies** – no time for that

**Interesting fact about you** – I have double eye-lashes



# Referee World

## **UEFA experiment**

UEFA have been trialling the use of two extra match officials, during the UEFA European U19 Championships in Slovenia and Premier League Referee Steve Tanner has been part of the experiment.

As well as the usual match referee and his two assistants – two extra assistant will be placed behind the goalline to focus on incidents which happen in the penalty area, such as fouls or misconduct.

Further trials are planned later this year in the U19 qualifying round, in Groups 1 and 7, in Hungary and Cyprus.

## **New Zealand official makes Premiership History**

Peter O'Leary was enjoying the chance to observe how the PGMOL works at close quarters and how officiating in England differs to back home in New Zealand. Little did he know he'd get the chance to experience it first hand!

The FIFA referee was a guest of Steve Bennett for Aston Villa's match against Sunderland, on Saturday. An injury to one Assistant during the match saw Bennett, who was Fourth Official, later running the line. Cue the call for any qualified officials to take his place and up stepped O'Leary, who became the first ever New Zealander to officiate in a Premier League game.

## **Officials Associations Launched**

The newly-formed cross-sport Association of Elite Sports Officials believes video technology and the use of microphones on match officials should play an increasingly important role in match officiating - as long as officials are still allowed to control games.

The Association of Elite Sports Officials, a new refereeing body comprising officials from football, cricket, rugby union and rugby league, met at Twickenham this week and backed the use of video technology to resolve match incidents that are inconclusive or deceptive to the human eye in real time.

The Football Association's David Elleray, himself a former top football referee and the chairman of the new association, said: "We hope we will hear from our colleagues the positives and the negatives of using video replays to help the active officials come to some sort of judgement.

"But in the end it's FIFA's who make the decision. We know the English FA was very much in favour of the introduction of goal-line technology but FIFA's decided worldwide they didn't want it.

"What we want to do is debate technology and/or other areas of officiating among the active officials to see if we feel it right to represent our views but we are not the decision-makers.

"We do not see ourselves becoming a big trade union but we do think we could become a think-tank and an influential source and give some expert advice from our cross-sport knowledge."

# Members Appointments

Competition	Fixture	Referee	Assistant Referee	4 <sup>th</sup> Official	Date
NWC Premier Div	Formby v Squires Gate		Alan Bennett		18/10
LAL Div 1	Tyldesley Utd v CMB		Gary Finch		18/10
LFA Amateur Shield 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Turton v Pennington	Nigel D'Arcy			18/10
LFA Sunday Trophy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round	Academy Sports FC v FC Eden	Alan Bennett			19/10
LFA Women's Cup	Wigan Ladies v Haslingden Ladies	Carl Berry			19/10
LFA Under 15's Cup	Bolton County v Leigh RMI	Norman Lea			19/10
LFA Under 15's Cup	Pennington v AFC Walton Wanderers	Daniel Sims			19/10
LFA Under 15's Cup	PSC Utd v South Shore Utd	Nigel D'Arcy			19/10
LFL	Stalybridge Celtic Res v Ossett Town Res	Alan Bennett	James Waterfall		21/10
LFL	Leigh Genesis Res v Fleetwood Town Res		Daniel Sims		22/10
LFA Under 13's Cup Round 3	Brightmet Utd v Rishton Utd	Ken Berry			26/10
LFA Under 13's Cup Round 3	Atherton Town v Foxhall	Duncan Tighe			26/10
LFL	Hyde Utd Res v Yorkshire Amateurs Res	Alan Bennett			27/10
LFL	Leigh Genesis Res v Bamber Bridge Res		Nigel D'Arcy		29/10

LEIGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL REFEREES' SOCIETY

16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 MEETING

AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

MATTERS ARISING

FOOTBALL PARTNERS

LEIGH YOUTH LEAGUE, BOLTON BOYS & GIRLS FEDERATION

LEIGH RMI / LEIGH EAST/ MEETING VENUE

REFEREES ASSOCIATION /  
LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

SOCIETY WELFARE OFFICER  
KEN BERRY

JUNIOR REFEREE ACADEMY  
ALAN BENNETT

TRAINING CLASSES / referee observer / coach including funding

SOCIETY WEBSITE

POINTS OF PLAY / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes of the Leigh & District association football Referees' Society

Meeting held Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: A Bennett, C Berry, K Berry, L Berry, N D'Arcy, R Drake, K Evans, D Harrop, P Haworth, G Knowles, N Lea, F Mort, T Nicolaides, D Renshaw, D Sims, M Smith, R Thorpe, D Tighe, J Waterfall, D Wilson

Guests: A Newell

Apologies from R Birchall, S Brockley, L Clarkson, S Eastwood, G Finch, G Halliwell, J Holmes, G Ogden, N Smith, I Stobbs, M Smith, K Swindell

Minutes of the meeting held 21st August 2008 had been posted to the website (with additional copies being available at the meeting). The minutes were then proposed as a true record by D Sims and seconded by D Tighe

Matters arising: None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1) RA AGM MAGAZINE
- 2) COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE REQUEST
- 3) CHARITY COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST
- 4) REFEREES ASSOCIATION GRAND DRAW COMPENSATION AT £366.00
- 5) LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION NEW SECRETARY DETAILS
- 6) REFEREES ASSOCIATION ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER
- 7) REFEREES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MINUTES
- 8) REFEREES ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION
- 9) FA LEARNING TUTOR EVENT LAUNCH INFORMATION
- 10) FAMOA INCENTIVE SCHEME INFORMATION
- 11) BOLTON MBC SPORT INCLUSION SOCIETY DETAILS REQUEST
- 12) AWARDS FOR ALL END OF GRANT INFORMATION REQUEST
- 13) DPD LIMITED REQUEST FOR REFERENCE D MORRIS
- 14) LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION
- 15) OFFICIAL SPORTS CATALOGUE
- 16) REFEREES ASSOCIATION INVOICE FOR MEMBERSHIPS
- 17) REFEREES ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND LIASON MEETING INFORMATION
- 18) WARRINGTON REFEREES ASSOCIATION INVITE TO THEIR SOCIETY MEETING

CORRESPONDENCE SENT

- WARRINGTON REFEREES DECLINE TO ATTEND MEETING
- DPD REFERENCE FOR DES MORRIS
- THREE INVITES TO PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS
- ANDY NEWELL INVITE AS GUEST SPEAKER SEPTEMBER MEETING

Matters arising: None

Leigh Youth League

Only seven teams in the league, therefore only three games each week will be played.

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation

Nothing to report

Leigh RMI / Leigh Genesis

Mr Tighe stated that Academy training may take place at Leigh Sports Village as the running track is available at £2 per person.

Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees Association

No meeting – next LRA meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop stated the membership numbers were at 51. The TSB account was at £347.43. The society gained £366.00 from the recent RA draw and that money was placed into the Halifax account. The Halifax now stood at £3,669.14p.

Society website

Mr Haworth said that the website has recently been updated with new points of play videos and funny videos. Furthermore he said that an FA directive on 'dugouts' had been added too.

Training classes / Referee Observer

A course was going to be running over two Saturdays with the next month, date and venue to be confirmed.

Academy

Mr Bennett echoed the words said from Mr Tighe earlier that training may take place at Leigh Sports Village on a Monday nights.

Points of play

None to discuss due to guest speaker.

Any other business

Nothing

Guest Speaker – Andy Newell

Andy gave an interesting and interactive presentation on 'promoting good teamwork'. Every member present was involved and interesting talking points were raised from the presentation.

Presentation of the Stuart Hyde Trophy: Awarded to Ross Thorpe.  
With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 25pm

Minutes of the Leigh & District association football Referees' Society

Management Committee Meeting

Meeting held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: A Bennett, G Halliwell, D Renshaw, K Berry, D Harrop, K Evans and D Tighe.

Apologies for absence: None

Correspondence received:

NEW LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION SECRETARY – PAUL GRESTY

Matters arising: None

Footballing partners:

Local mini-league to begin shortly, with Des Morris organizing it.

Referees Association / Lancashire Referees Association:

Membership numbers are healthy with 51 members currently with the society. First LRA meeting of the season is on the 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Treasurers report:

The TSB account is £381.96p and the Halifax account is £3669.14p. £366 was raised from the RA Draw.

Meeting venue:

Mr Tighe and Mr Harrop are due to attend a meeting at Leigh Sport Village, and it is hoped that further discussions will be held to discuss holding our monthly meetings. Furthermore it was agreed that Eastleigh Labour Club will remain our meeting place for the time being.

Mentors/Coaches:

Nothing

Society Academy:

Mr Bennett proposed the idea of having a training session before a monthly meeting and that the session will be held at Leigh Sports Village. At 630-715pm before every monthly meeting a physical training session will be held for any member that wishes to attend.

Training classes:

Mr Tighe said that he would be a running a course over two Saturdays, starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Recruitment and Retention:

Nothing

Membership fee 2009/2010:

Mr Tighe stated that the fee may decrease but that may depend on whether or not we achieve charity status. This would be further discussed at the next MC meeting.

Society Website:

Nothing discussed

Any other business:

Mr Tighe announced he would be retiring from his secretary role in May 2010. Discussions were made about the society's Christmas event and it was decided that we will be going to Ten Pin Bowling. Finally it was decided that the next MC meeting would be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9 40pm