

## Jack Boardman Quiz

Next month is the return of the Jack Boardman quiz as we look to successfully defend the trophy.

This year's quiz will be held at Wigan society on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

In Jack Boardman tradition we will face Wigan and Warrington society in the battle for the trophy.

## FA Vase Appointments

Congratulation is sent to society members Adam Eastwood & Alan Bennett for being appointed to matches in the FA Vase 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Proper back in November.

Adam was appointed assistant referee for the tie between Market Drayton Town v Arnold Town.

Whereas Alan was appointed assistant referee for the tie between Stone Dominoes v Nostell Miners Welfare Club.



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## Articles needed

I'm encouraging all members to contribute to the magazine to ensure that it keeps being published once a month.

I'm willing to accept any type of article, whether it is your profile, pictures of your games (past or present), favourite match, recent points of play, match report.

Anything you wish to include then please send it me by e-mail:

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## Christmas Function

The society Christmas function that was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at Hollywood Bowl was a huge success.

Eighteen society members were present and a very entertaining evening followed. Some of the bowling techniques were questioned but a very enjoyable evening overall.

Pictures from the night are included in the magazine and on the website.

# Referee World

## Argentines use free-kick spray

The Argentine Football Association is to introduce an aerosol spray to stop defenders creeping closer to the ball during a free-kick.

From next year, referees will use the spray in first division matches.

Referees will mark a temporary white line 9.15 metres (10 yards) from the ball, which defenders cannot cross.

The spray will disappear 30 seconds later.

Pablo Silva, who invented the spray, got the idea when he failed to score with a free-kick at an amateur match.

"In the 88th minute, we were losing 1-0 and won a free-kick on the edge of the area. When I took the kick, the wall was three metres away," he told Reuters earlier this year.

"The referee didn't book anyone and didn't do anything," he said.

"We lost the game, and driving home later, with a mixture of anger and bitterness, I thought that we must invent something to stop this."

## SFA happy with age limit

**The Scottish FA's Head of Referee Development says there is no great appetite to raise the age limit for match officials in Scotland.**

Donald McVicar told BBC Sport the issue had been raised by the Premier League, with a view to further discussion.

But McVicar stressed the desire to bring on younger referees means that raising the limit above the current level of 47 would be unhelpful.

"There's nothing we or the referee committee want to change," he said.

"Up until 2003 we were one of only four or five countries within Uefa that had an age limit of more than 45.

"Ours was 50 and we felt that was high given the pace of the modern game and the exposure referees are subjected to.

"The matter was debated and we looked at a lot of statistics before lowering it to 47.

"Apart from anything else, we have a lot of younger referees wanting to make the breakthrough, and so we have to make space."

## The referees a pranker

***A SOCCER fan ended up officiating at a League Two match — after blagging he had the right qualifications.***

Wycombe Wanderers fan Jarred McKnight was put in charge of checking substitutions and injury time after the fourth official had to stand in for an injured linesman.

Jarred, 27, had been watching his team at an away clash with Notts County when a call came over the PA system for a qualified replacement. And minutes later cheeky Jarred was changing into a ref's kit to take his place by the dugout.

The uni student, from Tamworth, Staffs, said: "When the call came, I thought, 'I'll have a bit of that.'

"My mates were trying to make me laugh. Thank God I hadn't been to the pub or I couldn't have kept a straight face. I even told Wycombe manager Peter Taylor to get back in his box.

"I've got a taste for refereeing now and I'd like to do it again."

Wycombe won 2-0 — and Jarred nearly gave himself away when he celebrated a goal. But it was clear he had fooled players and bosses when Notts County's chairman told him he had done a good job.

A spokesman for the Professional Game Match Officials said: "There wasn't time to check this man's credentials. We're glad he enjoyed the experience."

# Members Appointments

Competition	Fixture	Referee	Assistant Referee	4 <sup>th</sup> Official	Date
Championship	Preston v Burnley			Karl Evans	17/1
Unibond Premier	Cammell Lairds v North Ferriby Utd		Alan Bennett		17/1
LAL Premier Div	Bolton Lads Club v Lymm	Gary Finch			17/1
LAL Div 7	Rosendale Amateurs v Broughton Amateurs	Nigel D'Arcy			17/1
Premier League Reserves	Wigan Athletic v Manchester City			Alan Bennett	20/1
Premier League Reserves	Bolton Wanderers v Blackburn Rovers			Alan Bennett	21/1
LAL Premier Div	Lymm v Bolton Wyresdale		Gary Finch		24/1
LAL Div 2	Bury GSOB v Ladybridge	Martin Smith			24/1
LFL	Darwen Res v Barrow Res	Alan Bennett	James Waterfall & Danny Sims		26/1
LFL	Clitheroe Res v Fleetwood Town Res		Carl Berry		26/1
LAL Div 1	Howe Bridge Mills v CMB	Gary Finch			31/1

# *Norman does hit bit for Charity*



On the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 society member Norman Lea took part in the Manchester Utd Santa run which consisted of running roughly 2km around the Old Trafford pitch.

Unfortunately no pictures of Norman were actually taken at the event as Norman had to dash to Brightmet to referee a game.

Congratulations to Norman as he has raised in excess of £325 for the charity Christies.

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# *Bowling Pictures*



Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society  
Meeting held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present: P Barton, C Berry, K Berry, L Berry, R Birchall. L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, K Evans, D Harrop, P Haworth, G Knowles, N Lea, T Nicolaides, D Renshaw, D Sims, M Smith (M46), R Thorpe, D Tighe, J Waterfall & D Wilson.

Guests: none

Apologies accepted from: A Bennett, D Harrop & M Smith (BL2)

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by R Thorpe and seconded by Danny Sims.

Matters arising: The secretary reminded members on the great success of the Jack Boardman quiz, and how communications had been received from both Warrington and Wigan societies, noting that the quiz would take place in February 2009. A question was raised regarding the usable status of the sports village, it was noted that at this moment it looked like the venue would be beyond the society's financial capabilities

CORRESPONDENCE: February & March (part)

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Matters arising: none

Football Partners

Leigh Youth League: Ross Thorpe related his experience at a recent game where he was questioning the issue when fog descends and where and when to abandon

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: Noted that cautions and dismissals were on the increase

Referees Association/ Lancashire Referees Association: 10: Lancashire referees Association: in the absence of Mr Bennett the secretary reported there was little feedback from the meeting, other than the Lancashire FA Referees Development manager had complimented the society on its current positive outlook. Also noted that draw tickets would be available at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: In the absence of Mr Harrop the secretary reviewed the society accounts stating that the society finances were in a really healthy state. The current balance in the TSB was £148.55 including tonight's buffet. Being as stated The

Halifax remained at a healthy level of £3669.14, an amount of £569.64 was being held from grants and the F Brown memorial account

Membership was very healthy at 55

Training classes: A new course would be run at the beginning of April in Oldham this was in conjunction with Lancashire FA and a subsequent course at Tottington High School. However a society course would not be run until August 2008

Referee mentor / Coach scheme: no report just a thanks to all concerned for their continued efforts

Society website: Mr Haworth was not present at the meeting.

Any other business

A discussion took place regarding the taking of penalties and other vibrant issues.

The secretary noted that new society merchandise was now available these being as follows polo shirts at a cost of £10.00, 'T' shirts at a cost of £8.00, both available in either blue or black. Rain and padded jackets at £12.00 and £22.00 respectfully, again in either colour. As a special discount the first polo or 'T' shirt would be £6.00. It was also noted that some members had not as of yet paid for their goods.

Guest speaker

Karl Evans, who spoke on his rise to the higher echelons of the game, giving a very humble and honest view from his current standing,

Any other business

The Christmas function would be ten pin bowling at Horwich on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008, numbers are limited first come first served.

The chairman closed the meeting by wishing members present a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 37pm