

# BEXWELL NEWS

## BEXLEYHEATH & WELLING REFEREES' BRANCH KENT REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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October 2003

### Branch General Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2003

The meeting will be held in the Sportsman's Club, Moat Lane, Slade Green, Erith (alongside Slade Green FC) commencing at 8.00pm.

After a short Business session the Meeting will continue with our Speaker for the evening Keith Jarvis, Kent Referees' Association Coaching Committee.

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### Future General Meetings Programme

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2003  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2003

Speaker, Joe Ross, National List Referee.  
Christmas Draw and Quiz evening.

Also presentation of Kent Referees' Association 15 Year Awards to Steve Bruzas, Paul Duffin, Ken Levitt, David Perks and Graham Ray.

Would any of these Members who are unable to attend the presentations please let the Branch Hon. Secretary, Doug Wills (020 8695 5668) know.

There is no meeting in January 2004.

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2004

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arrangements for this dates  
are being arranged.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2004

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10<sup>th</sup> May 2004

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7<sup>th</sup> June 2004

Branch Annual General Meeting

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### Congratulations.

We are most pleased to announce the birth of a daughter to David Buck's wife, I am certain that all members wish to send their best wishes to them.

## Match Appointments

### Pre-Season Friendlies:

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| 29 <sup>th</sup> July  | Charlton U17s v Universita Catolica (Chile)<br>Assistant Referee: Barry Cusselle                            |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> July  | Charlton Res v Tottenham Hotspur Res<br>Assistant Referee: Constantine Hatzidakis                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> August | Charlton U17s v Bury Football College<br>Referee: Constantine Hatzidakis<br>Assistant Referee: Paul Lockley |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> August | Charlton U19s v Leyton Orient<br>Assistant Referees: Barry Cusselle, Constantine Hatzidakis                 |

### Football Association Youth Cup, 1<sup>st</sup> Round

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| Erith Town v Leatherhead | Assistant Referee: Constantine Hatzidakis |
| Dartford v Woking        | Referee: Trevor Cogley                    |

### Football Association Cup, Preliminary Round

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| Withan Town v Marlow         | Referee: Dave Buck                        |
| Dartford v Bashley           | Assistant Referee: Paul Duffin            |
| Slade Green v Hartley Witney | Assistant Referee: Constantine Hatzidakis |

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## Branch Training Centre

The training centre is based at the Bexleyheath Sports Club, Park View Road, Welling (next door to Welling United FC Ground) and operates on a Tuesday evening 7.30 to 9.30pm.

The present course of 6 students are awaiting their examination dates and it is hoped to commence the next course end September/early October and then the course after that in January 2004.

It is not economic to run a course of less than 6 students, so we need to recruit students for these coming courses.

**All members can help out by advertising the availability of the courses to their Leagues, Clubs and Committees, and to anyone they think would be interested.**

Please put anyone interested in touch with Ken Levitt on 020 8855 0457 who will give them fuller details regarding actual dates and costs.

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## Referees' Association Draw 2003-10-08

In respect of our Branch sales of the Draw tickets we have received a cheque for £85 for our Branch funds.

Let us resolve to sell more tickets for the 2004 Draw to get even more return for our funds.

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## **Invitation**

Gravesend Branch extends an invitation to all Branch Members to attend a Presentation Evening on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at the Gravesend and Northfleet FC, Stonebridge Road, Northfleet commencing at 8.00pm.

The following awards are being presented:

Kent Referees' Association Meritorious Award: John Newson

Gravesend Branch 40 Year Award: Les Evers

Gravesend Branch 25 Year Award: 12 members

If you are going to attend please let Doug Wills know (020 8695 5668) before the 6<sup>th</sup> October so he can let Gravesend know for catering arrangements.

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## **Kent Referees' Association Dinner/Dance 2005**

This branch will be the hosts for the event in 2005, the venue will be the Bexley Borough Civic Centre in Bexleyheath and it is proposed to hold the event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005.

This event is held to honour all the Cup Final Officials appointed to the Kent County FA Cup Finals and is attended by Kent RA Members from throughout Kent.

To ensure that the event is successfully organised and funds are raised to subsidise the event we need to form up a small Sub-Committee to take charge.

If you would like to help out either on the Sub-Committee or by suggesting or organising Fund Raising, please contact our Hon. Secretary Doug Wills.

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## **September Branch Meeting**

After the business session and a short break the Members present took part in a General Discussion session during which the following subjects were aired.

1. A Member reported that he had heard that for certain age groups within the Bexley Junior League they were going to introduce a 'Roll On, Roll Off' system of Substitution, was anything known about this? Though some members had heard of this on the grapevine, nothing official had been issued; Doug Wills said he would take this up with the London FA and report back.  
Some of the difficulties of operating this were thought to be:
  - Without proper control of the substitutions the Referee would never know who was on the field of play and at times teams could have more than 11 on.
  - Members were reminded that no player could enter or leave the field of play without the permission of the Match Referee; this was

- clearly laid down in the Laws of The Game and should be strictly controlled by the match Referee.
2. There was some long discussion regarding the Goalkeepers' movements during the taking of a Penalty Kick, how much movement he was allowed along the Goal Line and when it was a move forward off the Line. It was suggested that the Referee, particularly at local games, that the Referee get into a good position to judge, Goalkeeper movement, the kicker and encroachment.
  3. The general poor condition and often lack of facilities for the Referee to change at a venue both before and after the match were discussed. Members were requested to inform the Branch of the worst venues so that they could be announced in the Branch Newsletter to enable Members to be prepared before getting to the venue. Also the Branch Committee would try and see if approaches through the Leagues using the venue could improve matters.
  4. Dealing with abuse and insults by Spectators was discussed, if you are unable to disregard it speak to the Home Club Secretary before taking any other action, if this does not sort it out then a Disciplinary Report and a letter to the League may be required. But it is often difficult to tie the spectator in with either of the Clubs, especially on Park Pitches.
  5. The lack of attendance of Branch Members to Branch Meetings was discussed, with a suggestion as to whether combined meetings with another Branch would help with this. It was pointed out that attendances varied with the Meeting content and unless the membership informed the Committee of what they wanted we could only do our best. A number of members were unable to attend consistently due to work commitments, studying for examinations etc. It was not felt that a combined meeting would be any more successful as members would not want the extra travelling and perhaps it would be better to try and keep things local. Members were the best recruiters, so when you are around the Grounds, speak to the other Referees, if they are members, cajole them into attending and if they are not members of the Referees' Association try to recruit them.
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## **Referees' Association Re-Organisation**

### **1. Voting Results at National Conference 2003.**

The voting for the main re-organisation proposal was as follows:

FOR: 8081    AGAINST: 3577    with 331 spoilt votes.

If this is compared with our Membership Total for 2002/3 which was 15600 it shows that 51.8% voted FOR, 22.9% voted AGAINST and 25.3% failed to vote.

*Mind you the size of the voting surprises me, as I have met a number of Association Members from other Societies/Branches who knew nothing about the re-organisation, but I do not expect it stopped their Society/Branch from using their vote as their Committee decided.*

## 2. Referees' Association of England Board of Management.

The next main event will be the election of the 9 members of this Board of Management. Nominations for these positions had to be in to the Referees' Association Office by the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003, though objections to this date have been put forward by a number of Societies/Branches, this was quite clear in the proposals put to Conference 2004 and members interested should have taken action in time.

The R.A. Office will send out the Voting Forms and each Candidates Election Statement to Societies/Branches by the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2003, these have to be completed and returned to the RA Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

So this means that we will have two meetings (October/November) to consider these Candidates and complete our voting. We are required to vote individually for 9 of the Candidates put forward, so each of our members has 9 votes to use and then these votes will be consolidated by the Branch Hon. Secretary for entry of the individual candidates voting form.

**As and when we receive the information I will spread this over the two Newsletters for your assimilation and with the November Newsletter will include a Voting Form listing the Candidates for you to tick alongside your choice of 9.**

**This voting form should be returned to the Branch Hon. Secretary either at the November Meeting or by post to arrive no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, to enable him to get the RA Voting Forms completed and returned to the RA Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2003.**

**IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE PART IN THIS ELECTION, SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU COMPLETE YOUR FORM AND RETURN IT.**

## 3. Interim Procedure.

Once the RA England Board of Management has been elected, they will nominate 5 of their Board members to serve on the Referees' Association Board of Management. Up and until the Conference 2004 the Board members will shadow the present RA Council and set up the administrative side of RA England.

## 4. Change Over

At the Conference 2004 the nominated RA Board of Management will take over the administration of the Referees' Association from the present Council and the elected RA England Board will commence administration of RA England through the Country RA Committees.

## 5. Future Events

- a. The RA Board will appoint a suitable Association Manager to the post of Honorary President. (You will note that the Membership will not be asked to nominate or vote for this post)
- b. The RA Board will cooperate in the establishment of a National Referees' Associations constitutions in Northern Ireland and Wales participating in the new RA.
- c. The RA Board shall prepare and circulate Reports in 2005 concerning possible reforms in certain areas of the Association business.
- d. The RA Board will review Benevolent Fund matter.

- e. The Board will make proposals for other reforms concerning a strategic plan for development of the Association.
- f. The RA Board will review the Associations system of rewards.
- g. The RA Board will review the proposed specimen set of rules for both Country Associations and for Associations/Branches or Societies.
- h. The RA Board will issue a report by 2010 outlining proposals to reform the electoral system in order to allow member to have a direct vote for members of the Board.

6. So what actions are required from you?

Now that the decision has been taken to operate the re-organisation, its up to you the Membership to take a more positive interest at what is going on , to ensure that the changes proposed are what you want, not what the few activists want.

Firstly, take an interest on who is voted on to the RA England Board by reading the various election blurbs and registering your vote.

Next, take a look at the rules of the FA, rules of the RAE and the specimen rules for County Associations and Associations/Branches and Societies (you received copies of these in the papers sent to you before the conference 2003, but if you have not got them now, let me know and copies will be sent), If you have any thoughts of the rules contents of feel there should be an amendment, let the Branch Committee know and the matters will be discussed at a Branch Meeting to decide what should be done.

## **ROLL ON - ROLL OFF SUBSTITUTION**

Doug Wills has spoken to the London FA regarding this and has been informed that this type of substitution has been agreed by the FA and all County FA's to operate for all Youth games up to and including Under 15 years. The idea behind this is to enable the youth players to have a rest and avoid the disappointment of being substituted by knowing they can be put back on.

But normal substitution requirements of Law must be carried out, Referee notified, players enter and leave at Halfway Line at same time

## **MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE BEXLEYHEATH AND WELLING REFEREES' SOCIETY. HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003, AT THE SPORTSMAN BAR, MOAT LANE, SLADE GREEN, KENT.**

The meeting was opened at 20.10hrs. With Ken Levitt in the Chair, there were 14 members present, and apologies were received from 2 members. The chairman then welcomed everyone back after the summer break, and hope they all have an enjoyable season.

## 1. Minutes

The minutes of the Branch General Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, having been previously circulated to all members, were agreed on the proposal of Tom Metcalfe, and seconded by Bob Clapshoe.

## 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 3. Reports

### a) Vice presidents:

There was nothing on this item

### b) Hon. Treasurer

We have 76 members and 1 associate.

There is £1786.18 in the building society and various items of kit and stock available for sale. Copies of the LOAF are available from Hon Treasurer at a cost of £2.50

### c) Hon. Gen. Secretary

#### Post In

- Minutes of RA Council meeting 15.5.03
- Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> RA AGM 14.6.03
- Minutes of Southern Division Executive Committee 24.5.03
- RA Rules for 2003/04
- Constitution of the RA
- Constitution of the RA of England
- Cheque from RA £85 from RA Draw Tickets
- List of RA Draw Winners
- KRA Agenda for meeting being held on 17.9.03
- Invite to presentation of LMSA to Ralph Bradshaw on 26.9.03
- Invite to presentation of LMSA to Keith Jarvis (Dartford) 19.9.03
- Invite to presentation of various awards to members of Gravesend Branch 18.10.03

#### Post out

- Letter to Keith Jarvis (KRA Training Officer) inviting him to address our meeting in October
- Letter to Joe Ross, (National List Referee) inviting him to attend our November meeting
- Letter to RA regarding nomination of Members for Council for the RA of England. All nominations had to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> September, I pointed out to the RA that most branches do not meet between the months of June to September.

We also received notification of the ballot held at conference concerning the restructuring of the RA England. The ballot result will be shown in the newsletter.

d) Branch delegate

Next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, if you have anything that you would like Tom to bring up at the next meeting, please contact him ASAP.

e) Training and Welfare

Course started 6 weeks ago, with 6 people on the course, who are awaiting confirmation from the KCFA on date for their examination. Next course will start at end September, if you know anyone who wants to go on the course let Ken Levitt know.

On the welfare front, Doug Wills had a successful operation on his knee, but is still having physio, he hope to be mobile by the end September. Dave Bucks' wife gave birth to a girl, and we wish them well. Kevin Luff has a problem with a disc in his neck, and hope he has a speedy recovery.

f) Newsletter edition

Providing you are all happy with the content, so is the Editor. He would like more articles or experiences.

g) Any other business

Tom Metcalfe asked what is happen regarding the 2005 KRA Dinner and Dance that we as a Branch are hosting. The Hon. Secretary informed that he had spoken to Bexley Civic Centre, who will be opening their books for booking in 2005 in October. It was suggested that we try and book Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 for the event. We will be looking for volunteers to form a Sub Committee at a later date.

After a short break there was a general discussion between the members.  
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.35hrs.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

NOTES ON THE KENT REFEREES' ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003

1. County Association Membership 2003/04

As of the 17<sup>th</sup> September the County Membership was 758 (642 renewed + 116 new) as compared with 798 this time last year. So a total of 289 members have not renewed their membership (29 of those are ours)

2. Assault Misconduct Reports

Its was reported that the Kent County FA had been taken to task by the Football Association by immediately suspending players accused of an assault offence on the evidence of a telephone conversation.

No suspension action should be taken until a written report and the level of assault ascertained.

So it is most important that the Referee reporting the offence writes and posts the misconduct report as soon as possible after the incident, so the County Office can take proper action.

Where it is the reporting referee who has been assaulted and is maybe not in the condition to formulate the report, the referees' Branch should take immediate action to assist the referee with the report and get it to the County Office.

One method of quickening up the procedure would be to email the report details to the County Office ([info@kentfa.com](mailto:info@kentfa.com)) and then follow it up with the report forms.

### 3. Referees' Association draw 2004

RA Council have agreed that books of tickets should be changed from books of 5 @ 20p (£1) to books of four at 50p (£2)

The reasons given are to reduce printing costs and reduce the number of stubs that are required to be filled in.

Branches will still receive 50% of the sales money taken by the Branch.

### 4. Referees' association quiz and 5-a-side football competitions

a) The last southern division quiz and 5-a-side football finals will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at the Woking Leisure Centre.

b) The Kent RA quiz competition will be held during February 2004, fuller details will be sent to Branches.

*The Branches must decide whether they wish to enter a team and if so appoint an organiser to sort out a team and travel arrangements.*

c) The Kent RA 5-a-side Football Competition will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2004 at the Coldblow Leisure Centre, Eltham, commencing at midday.

*The Branch must decide whether they wish to enter a team in this competition and if so appoint an organiser to sort out a team and travel arrangements.*

d) During the 2003/4 the elected Board of the RA England will consider what format the Quiz and 5-a-side competition will take from 2005 onwards.

### 5. Referees' Association England elections

It was reported that there were a total of 19 nominations for the 9 Board of Management vacancies, the RA Office was sending out nominee list and election blurbs to all the Branches.

One nominee is Richard Blackman, the Kent RA delegate to Southern Division Committee and it is hoped that all Kent Branches will put him top of their voting list.

### 6. Kent Referees' Association Dinner/Dance 2004

Thanet Branch reported that this event will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at the Queens Hall, Winter Gardens, Margate, 7.15pm-8pm.

The cost per person would be £22.50.

Details of Menu's available, local Hotels and B&B's would be sent to all Branches.

### 7. Invitation of KFCA Cup Final 4<sup>th</sup> officials to the KRA Dinner/Dance

Most Branches reported that this matter had been discussed at their Branches and most were in favour of inviting these officials as they were part of the officiating team.

There was a worry regarding how to cover the extra cost of these invitations, without increasing the KRA membership fee. There was also discussion regarding those cup final officials who were not members of the Referees' Association and whether they should be requested to pay for the dinner costs.

The final discussions and voting on this matter will take place at the October County Committee meeting.

*“There was some query regarding whether 4<sup>th</sup> officials were going to be appointed by the County FA Referees' Committee or by the Divisional Committee in which area the Cup Final was taking place. It is hoped to clear up this query by the October meeting.”*

#### 8. Kent RA 100 Club draw

It was reported that the draws for June, July, August & September had been made at the officers meeting and the results were reported. Bexleyheath and Welling won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the June draw.

#### 9. Kent County FA Cup Final officials 2004

Branches were reminded to consider and nominate members for these Cup Finals. The nominations should be sent to the county RA Hon. Secretary, where they will be perused by the county officers before being sent on to the KCFA Referees' Committee for consideration.

#### 10. Kent Referees' Association rules 2003/4

Copies of the Kent RA Rules amended at the 2003 Annual General Meeting were issued to Delegates for their Branch Members.  
(Sent with this newsletter)

#### 11. Club Referees' Charter

This Charter as below was printed in the Non-League Paper dated the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of pushing the use of this through the County FA and the Leagues and Competitions within the County.

There was a general consensus that the idea of using this charter should be pushed through the County FA by the County Committee and that all branches should try and get their local leagues and competitions to incorporate the Charter into their rules. But the charter would not be effective unless they were backed with some sort of discipline, such as fines.

The “Ten Commitments” that clubs in Bedfordshire are being asked to agree to are:

- I. Teams shall tell the ref where the game is to take place in good time.
- II. Teams shall find and greet the ref before kick-off.
- III. Teams shall present the ref with a correctly inflated match ball prior to kick-off, or two if required.
- IV. Teams shall have their club's assistant referee report to the ref before kick-off.
- V. Teams shall give the names of substitutes to the ref prior to kick-off.

- VI. Teams shall offer the ref a drink at half-time.
- VII. Teams shall ensure that their players refrain from using any foul language.
- VIII. Teams shall ensure that team members refrain from any form of dissent.
- IX. Teams shall thank the ref after the match.
- X. Teams shall ensure that the referee is paid promptly after the game with the correct fee.

## **LAW 12 - FOULS & MISCONDUCT - ADVICE**

The first section of this Law states 6 offences which before the referee penalises the offending player, the referee has to decide whether the offence was committed in a manner deemed to be careless, reckless or using excessive force.

During the recent FAMOA development days when discussing this part of the law, the following definitions of these terms were given for the assistance of all referees and are in the clearest terms yet received.

**CARELESS:** Definition; a player attempting to challenge the ball in close proximity to an opponent, puts a great deal of honest effort into the challenge, but mistimes it and in doing so, fouls the opponent.

Award: Direct free kick.

**RECKLESS:** Definition; a player makes a challenge for the ball in a manner where there is a clear risk of endangering an opponent, but pays no regard to the possible consequences and the safety/welfare of the opponent.

Award: Direct free kick, plus caution. (Yellow card)

**EXCESSIVE FORCE:** Definition; a player who makes a challenge which may be malicious or excessively violent and may be designed to hurt or maim an opponent.

Award: Direct free kick plus send off. (Red card)

## **MAKING SURE THE GAME IS SAFE?**

We are now coming up to the time of the season when Referees' have to take decisions on whether to allow a match to take place or abandon a match already started.

There are two important matters which must be considered when making these decisions.

- a) Is there a danger to players?
  - is the surface too slippery or too hard?
- b) Can a proper game be played?
  - is visibility bad due to failing light, fog, mist, driving snow or heavy rain?

- is the ball able to move properly over the surface of the pitch.

If the answer to 'a' is yes and 'b' is no, the match should be cancelled, or if already started, abandoned.

It is most important in these days of 'sue at the drop of a hat' that the referee take the proper decision and is not influenced by League of Club officials regarding the importance of the match. They will not back you up if injuries occur to players who then take you to court.

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**BRANCH MEMBERSHIP 2003/4**

We welcome back Constantine Hatzidakis into membership of the branch

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**2003/4 LAWS OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL are still available from the Hon. Treasurer at £2.50**