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#### Editorial

Happy New Year everyone. 1996 may well be a special year in the history of the Reading RA, but we're not absolutely sure!

In 1971 we celebrated our Golden Jubilee but, as Dick Sawdon-Smith editor of the Newssheet said on the cover of the Dcc/Jan 1976 issue - 50 years *at least*. So the Reading RA is 75 years old - at least - this year. More about all of that on pages 18-23. Meantime do get thinking how you would like to celebrate . . .

Ironically, while we can celebrate 75 years of active life and, for example, are managing to keep membership reasonably well up in the present climate, the last few months have brought their problems, as the report of the December meeting Also, as you can see from the style and size of this issue of the magazine, John Moore can no longer manage to include the Assistant Editor's job in with all the other things he does for football and referees.

The good news is that we have two colleagues - Malcolm Garstang and Martin Albury - who have accepted office, at least until the end of the season, as Training Co-ordinator and Assistant Secretary respectively. A number of members we contacted expressed willingness to help and we look forward to a volunteer to act as Secretary (or trainee secretary) as soon as possible. Just ring one of the officers if you are interested in finding out what is involved.

Let's make sure 1996 really is a year to celebrate.

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## NOVEMBER Monthly Meeting

Stephen Green welcomed some 50 members to what was to be his last meeting.

- It was reported by Ted Cambridge that Council Services had promised immediate improvements at Coley Rec; improvements at Christchurch Meadow were unlikely before 1997; Ted was also concerned about the lack of separate facilities for referees at King's Meadow.
- It was noted that the Berks & Bucks FA had asked for Council Members in the area to be invited to RA meetings. [Ted Cambridge regularly attends ours]
- The 'VAT refund' of £171 had been received from the national RA and had been credited to the Benevolent fund.
- Membership stood at 109.
- Sunday League referees were reminded of the amendment to rule 10D any cup-tie finishing level after extra time will now be determined by penalties.
- Reading RA had come 5th in the County Quiz. Creditable in the circumstances (rumours of last minute substitution). Thanks to Malcolm Garstang for taking charge.
- Ted Cambridge reported, amongst other items, that County Association records are going to be computerised. [Wow! At least 10 years after the Reading RA's. Ed]

[Because of the absence of your editor, Brian Wratten kindly wrote this report on the problem spot and the one on the second half]

#### **On the Problem Spot**

Martin Albury recalled an incident which occurred some years ago when he was being assessed for promotion from Class 3 to 2. (Congratulations on your memory Martin!) He had signalled half-time and collected the ball to place it on the centre spot when his attention was drawn to a player urinating on the field of play, near to the edge of the penalty area. *What action was Martin to take*?

During discussion the general opinion of members seemed to favour a caution for Ungentlemanly Conduct. However, there were some advocates of a Dismissal - although there was some uncertainty about the reason to be given.

Martin then revealed what action he had actually taken. He slowly walked towards the player (his customary pace at Tuesday night training) having decided to issue a caution for Ungentlemanly Conduct. On being cautioned the player refused to give his name and deliberately walked away. Martin cautioned the player (this time for Dissent) and dismissed him from the game. He then sent in two reports and an explanatory letter to the County FA. [But how did he get the name? Ed]

Well done Martin. Good work for a Class 3 referee! (He got his 2).

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS** (with a difference)

Hoo-ray! for that essential pillar of football on the local parks - the club linesman! This was the theme of our guest speakers Matt Barnes and Paul Jenkins.

Having introduced themselves under their professional stage name of the *Symbolics* ("I'm Sym and he's the other fellow!", explained Matt) the dynamic duo (surely the Army FA's reply to Cannon and Ball!) went on to discuss the way in which linesmen, in general, are perceived by players, managers and supporters. Most of us could identify with that solitary figure who maintains a lonely vigil as he patrols his assigned beat backwards and forwards along a muddy and undulating touchline. How well we know those accompanying

verbal tirades from on and off the field which proclaim that, since the linesman is a cheat and a liar and has a biased outlook, he is totally unsuitable for the task which he is striving so valiantly to perform. As we've all been in that position ourselves, we, better than most, should understand and respect the role of the club linesman. But do we? How do we, as referees, perceive him? Importantly, how do we ensure that we take full advantage of the support which the club linesman can provide while making allowances for any shortcomings? Could we learn anything by considering the club linesman's perception of the referee?

At this point we were introduced to a typical club linesman (Mr Flagit Offside played by Matt) who had for some 20 years been a stalwart companion of his local team. This cheerful, corpulent character, attired in his official uniform (which included old worn-out boots, odd socks and a colourful woolly hat) was presented as a caricature of the average club linesman who can be seen each week at the local parks. Clearly, beneath his faded shirt there beat a heart which was dedicated to the wonderful world of soccer. This long-suffering gentleman of the touchline had his own definitive opinions of referees, and these he was not in the least shy to share with us.

In a sketch depicting a television interview, the interviewer (Paul) asked Mr Flagit Offside to comment on topics (ranging from A-Z) relating to the club linesman. It must be said that the responses - both amusing and enlightening were not always complimentary towards referees! In his 20 years experience more than many of the referees with whom he had worked - he had come across all types, with their individual quirks and their mysterious decisions. Not unreasonably, the referees that he seemed to dislike the most were those who were rude, or patronising, or simply took him for granted.

Following the interview we had an opportunity to review some of the issues raised. Obviously, not all club linesmen had the same level of experience as our Mr. Flagit Offside. Some might well be substitutes who were press-ganged into service for part of a game only - and possibly swapped the flag with a colleague when the time came for them to take to the field. (In these situations do we give appropriate instructions to the incoming linesman?) Nevertheless, as referees, we need to make the best possible use of whatever talents the club linesman has to offer. It costs nothing to be friendly and courteous and we should remember that most of them want to involve themselves to utmost and enjoy the game. Before the match we should make sure that both linesmen receive the same instructions and that we solicit their questions. How do we assess their capabilities and indicate how we aim to use their services? Do we let them know how we plan to operate and how we will acknowledge (politely) any of their signals which we decide to override? Do we meet up with them at half-time to see if there are any problems? At the end of the match, do we recognise their contribution by thanking them for their assistance? We should be on the lookout for those who might be persuaded to go a stage further and become a qualified referee, and tell them who to contact.

In summary, the club linesman is an important part of the game at the local parks level. We have a responsibility to encourage and to help develop them. Refereeing can be a difficult enough task and we need all the help we can get. Start by getting the club linesmen "on our side." Then its 3 of us taking on the 22 players - far better odds than 24 to 1! Agreed? Then let's hear it for the <u>club</u> <u>lineman</u>!

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PS The A to Z used during the "television interview": was as follows:

Alcohol	Fitness	Kit	Prima Donna	Upstarts
Biased	Gamesmanship	Lippy	Quirks	Victorious
Con-man	Hassle	Mysterious	Rudeness	Water
Decisions	Insults	Nets	Set Pieces	X-ray
Eccentric	Judgement	Offside	Touchlines	Why
	-			Zoo

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#### **SPARE A (New Year) THOUGHT**

for Alan Turner and the Fair Play and Linesman's Awards. Make it a resolution to get your marks to him regularly - the more marks, the fairer the result.

*New referees* - just see Alan at the monthly meeting and he will explain all.

### DECEMBER Monthly Meeting

The meeting with a difference - or two. First a nice full room with almost 70 present including some former members who may by now have paid their sub. Derek Reigate in the chair as Acting Chairman for the rest of the season following Stephen Green's resignation.

After the Chairman's opening remarks, the President referred to a meeting of officers he had called to consider the various roles to be filled, including that of Assistant Secretary as Jim Fleming had had to resign because his new job would take him away too often. The Committee had accepted the officer's proposal that a new role of 'Training Co-ordinator' should be created. Stewart Mills and John Moore would continue as the training team, but neither had the time to take on the administration of the courses. Malcolm Garstang, who already has some experience of training, will fill the role at least until the end of the season, and will also be an additional member of the team. Martin Albury has been appointed Assistant Secretary (acting). Peter Pittaway has accepted co-option on to the Committee. Brian Wratten is still acting as secretary and it is hoped that a volunteer will come forward, preferably before the AGM.

The President next presented certificates to the six successful members of the recent course who were in attendance. Life Member and Examinations supremo George Mills spoke about the usual Royals Rendezvous course and the special one held at Presentation College and about the results.

The ordinary business of the meeting was quickly dispatched. Membership has crept up to 112 (against last season's 117). Under League reports, Stuart Gentle gave another impassioned plea for referees on the Sunday League to get the substitutes business right. The rule is clear about putting the names on the card. (He did admit he might be 'preaching to the converted', but there is angoing problem with referees getting it wrong).

After a generous half-time for chat and refreshment, the Grand Draw. As usual John Moore ably assisted by his son, Stewart Mills and Alison Chapman, had created a wonderful display of some 30 prizes - from a top-of-the-range

mountain bike to some humble cans of beer. A few of the prizes did go to referees . . . . Full list of winners on page 16. (Remember we get another chance in the national RA Draw - 1st prize is a Rover 214. Tickets available January). At the end John was able to announce a profit for the RA of just over £300. He was warmly congratulated by the Chairman for all his efforts and the splendid outcome.

#### Assistant Editor of the Reading Referee

While we are thinking about John Moore, this is a good place for me to record my thanks publicly for his work on the magazine over the past two years. Readers can't have missed the fresh style he brought and the force of his own writing, but that is simply the tip of the iceberg of hard graft that he has put into the production of one of the most professional RA magazines. Sincere thanks to John's brother Michael and Ferricon the printers as well,, but the late night sweating with the copy, the formatting, the fiddly pasting-up was all John's and had to be fitted into an incredibly busy work and football schedule.

Which leads me to wonder . . . have we any other DTP buffs looking for an outlet for their talents, including ambition to write, and preferably with contacts in the printing trade? Just give me a ring.

#### MORE AND MORE WOMEN IN FOOTBALL

[Extract from an article in the UEFA Official Bulletin No 153 December 1995]

#### **Referees and Lineswomen**

On the pitch, the feminization of woman's football has progressed through the appointment of an increasing number of women referees and lineswomen to officiate at women's matches. This year's Women's World Cup deployed halfa-dozen women referees and around the same number of lineswomen, and the final itself was refereed by Swedish referee Ingrid Jonsson.

This trend has now extended as far as the latest European Women's Football Championship, and women referees and lineswomen can even officiate at men's football matches. Still in the area of refereeing, FIFA published a provisional list of women referees in 1995. This list will become definitive in 1996, the year when women's football will experience a new mark of recognition in the world, when it acquires the status of an Olympic discipline at the Atlanta Games.

## 75 YEARS - AT LEAST!

[For the first 50 years of this history of the RA I have leant heavily on Dick Sawdon-Smith's account in the December/January 1971 Newsheet (sic). The latter years I have to take full responsibility for. Ed]

#### Part 1: The First 50 Years - 1921-1970

That problem of the date of foundation of the Reading Referees' Association: 'It is lost in the mists of time. Older members were agreed that it was started before the First World War, 1913 and 1915 have both been suggested'. However, 'the first recorded minutes that have come to hand are those of the AGM held on the 6th of May 1924. The then Chairman, Mr C.A. (Claude) Newman resigned from office in 1931 and it is recorded that he had served 10 years. So the Reading RA dates from 1921 - - at least.

It appears that, as early as 1922, the Society was in dispute with the National RA - over a sum of money - and 'after 2 years of correspondence agreed to accept the sum of £8-8s-0d [£8-40p] in settlement.'

Mr H.C. Salt took over as Secretary in 1924 but resigned in the November. As there were two aspirants there had to be a ballot for his successor. Mr J.C. (Jack) Durman was elected and served for the next ten years (there being no fixed terms of office in those days). A proposition was put to that same meeting that 'a resolution be sent to the local leagues that referees' fees should not be below 3/6d [17 1/2 p.]. The proposal was defeated by 11-2, suggesting that numbers were small at meetings in those days. In the late 20s and early 30s, however, the membership was in the 60s or 70s and meetings, it was reported, were crowded. Speakers came from far and wide, including on a number of occasions the best known name in the refereeing world of that era, Mr J.R. Schumacher. The meetings were held at Palmer Hall and 'seemed full of interest and starting at 7-30 p.m. seldom finished before 10 p.m'.

When Jack Durman resigned as Secretary in 1934, he became Secretary of the RA Southern Division. and, in 1943, he became Hon. General Secretary of the National RA. He was made a Life member of that body in 1953, the year of his tragic death. At a meeting in 1925, Reading referees decided firmly

against . . . Sunday football, (and it took nearly 40 more years for the Sunday League to be established). Also in 1925 the first steps towards the Berks & Bucks RA were taken, when Reading RA first proposed that Berkshire referees and Buckinghamshire referees should combine.

At the AGM in 1926, the two new committee members were Maurice Love and Lionel Gibbs. Maurice was on the referees' list of the Football Combination and Southern leagues and on the linesmen's list of the Football League. He served on our Committee for 21 years, and from 1928 recorded 34 years of unbroken service on the Berks & Bucks FA Council. In 1933 he was elected Hon. Secretary of the Berks & Bucks FA and remained in office until his untimely death in 1962. In 1942 he had become the first Reading man to be the Berks & Bucks representative on the FA Council, and he was awarded the FA Medal for 20 years' service. Maurice always retained his allegiance to the Referees' Association, becoming President of the Berks & Bucks RA, and it was in no small measure due to him that Berks & Bucks FA became the first County FA to accept an RA representative on their Council.

Lionel Gibbs provided further evidence that there was a Reading RA in 1921, because that was when he joined. He was to become our most famous member. In 1926, only five years after starting refereeing, he became a Football League linesman. [That really is fast-track!] In 1929 he refereed the Amateur Cup Final and the following year was promoted to the Referees' List. He soon had international appointments in Europe and was linesman for two pre-war Cup Finals. He refereed the 1944 Cup Final. After the war in 1948, he went to South America where he refereed top matches all over that continent.

In 1934 Lionel had been elected to the Berks & Bucks FA Council where he served until his trip to South America. He was re-elected in 1951 and served until his death in 1985. He served as Match Secretary for many years, Deputy Chairman for 5 years; President for 6 years and was made a Life Member in 1971. In 1936 Lionel was elected Auditor of the Reading RA and held the post until 1974 (broken only by his South American venture). He was made a Life Member o the Reading RA in 1966 and remained a committed and active member until his death..

It was in 1928 that classes were first held by the society 'for the guidance of intending referees'.

In 1931, when Harry Taylor had become the new Chairman, it is recorded that the Reading RA was trying to get the County FA to inform referees of changes to the Laws of the Game and sent a resolution to the Berks & Bucks FA to that effect!

The following year Alderman F.A. Cox JP, stood down as President after at least 9 years - the record is not clear - and in appreciation of all his efforts was made the society's second Life Member. His successor was Councillor (Major) Sainsbury who eclipsed that record by being President for 40 years and who won the lasting gratitude of the Reading RA by his handsome bequest of  $\pounds 20,000$ . Also in 1933 the first certificates were awarded to the best club linesmen in recognition of their service - a practice which has continued ever since.

In the many lively discussions that took place at monthly meetings the name of Fred Porton (father of Alan) was frequently mentioned - a speaker well known for his authority and wit. He first became an Auditor in 1934 and continued to serve until 1973. In 1967 he was made a Life Member of the Reading RA and later in the year awarded the MBE.

1934 was a most memorable year - Reading hosted the national RA Conference. The cost of staging the event was £100. A small amount by today's standards, but the society had to raise it and it fell to Charles (Charlie) Kearse as organiser of the Conference. Charlie, for many years Secretary of the Benevolent Fund, had taken over as Treasurer from Mr R.R. Bragg (and was to serve for 20 years in that office).

Charlie Kearse had qualified as a referee in 1925 and worked his way through the Isthmian League and London Combination to the Football League, retiring at the age limit in 1947. He was linesman at the 1966 Wembley Cup Final and held the FA International Medal. In 1938 he became Secretary of the County RA, a position he held until 1962 when he took over as President until 1970. He was also the Berks & Bucks representative on the Southern Division of the RA for a total of 25 tears. He made history in 1947 when he took his seat on the Berks & Bucks FA Council as the first direct referees' representative to be accepted on to any County FA. He served with great distinction for 14 years. Charlie was a regular attender at the RA Conference and become a nationally known figure in the world of referees. In recognition of his contribution he was made a Life Member of the National RA in 1955 and was the fourth Life Member of the Reading RA.

When Jack Durman relinquished his position as Secretary of the society to take on the role of Secretary of the Southern Division, the vacancy was filled by committee member Harry Collier, who had begun refereeing some 10 years earlier. When he was made a Life Member of the society in 1964, he had just given up the job after 30 years' service. For many years until 1962 he had been Assistant Secretary of the County RA and also acted as Appointments Secretary for the local leagues.

In 1937 the momentous decision was taken to change the Annual Dinner into an Annual Dinner and Dance - ladies were to be invited to join us for the first time. The tickets cost 3/6d (17 1/2p) but the dance alone cost 1/-(5p).

Also in 1937 Mr G.H. Cusden took over from Mr J.H. Taylor as Chairman for a spell of 12 years including the period of the war. The following year, committee member and former Assistant Secretary Alf Wooldridge became Vice-Chairman and was Chairman from 1949 -1959. Alf reached the Football League line and in 1969 he was made a Life Member of the Reading RA.

National and even world events are reflected in the minutes of the Association. For instance, during the Great Depression of 1929, a social evening was arranged with the Basingstoke Society - return fare 2/- (10p). It was agreed that any member out of work could join the party free of charge. In September 1939, the Chairman suggested to the Committee that, as all football had been suspended owing to the state of National Emergency, RA meetings should also be suspended, He expressed profound regret that the start of what appeared to be a most successful season had been marred by the outbreak of war. Meetings were resumed in 1940 but suspended again until a special meeting was called in September 1945 to restart the Association with the Officers elected at the AGM in 1940. The Chairman gave a special welcome to Alf Turner, Assistant Secretary in 1939, who had spent 5 years as a prisoner of war

Cecil Grieshaber, after two spells as Assistant Secretary, took over the Chairmanship in 1949 and served for three years. An authority on the Laws of the Game, Cecil ran the training classes for intending referees for a number of years. At the end of the war, buying a referee's 'suit' was not just the question of having the money, because of clothes rationing. An allowance of 12 clothing coupons was made to the Association to help referees to equip themselves.

1947 saw the largest ever meeting of (or rather organised by) the Reading RA. Stanley Rous (later Sir), then Secretary of the FA, came to talk to the society. The meeting was attended by some 200 people, though the membership at the time was only 52. Also in that year, Fred May, a former committee member and a Berks & Bucks FA Council member, was appointed Secretary of Reading FC. Fred was to serve as a County FA Council member for 44 years, was made a Life Member in 1971, and served as President from 1986-1990.

In 1954 Ray Smith took over from Charlie Kearse as Treasurer and was succeeded in 1958 by Ray Weedon who finally relinquished the role in 1974. Ray rose to be a Football League linesman and lined at an Amateur Cup Final. Ray is still a member and reader of the magazine, although retired to Dawlish.

Also in 1958 the Reading Referee, Official *Newsheet* of the Reading RA, was started [and apparently nobody noticed the misspelling during its lifetime]. Dick Sawdon-Smith, our Immediate Past President and Life Member, took over as Editor four years later and was at the helm for 22 years.

After serving on the Committee, Mr A.W. (Bert) Newman became Chairman in 1962, with a new Vice-Chairman, one George Mills, and a new Assistant Secretary Peter Jefferis. Bert, a Football League linesman and a Berks & Bucks FA Council member held the position until 1969. During Bert's period in office membership reached 100 for the first time and by 1969/70 it was 117

[Coincidentally, the membership of the Reading RA last year was - 117] A member for 30 years and an enthusiastic member since 1939, George Rumsey resigned from the Committee in 1963 and in 1970 was made a Life Member of the Association.

George Mills took over from Harry Collier as Hon. Secretary in 1964. George also became Berks & Bucks RA representative on the County FA in 1965 and representative to the Southern Division of the RA in 1970. Len Forbes took over as Vice-Chairman, and was elected Chairman in 1969.

It was in 1964 also that the *Reading Chronicle* accepted the weekly 'Referees' Viewpoint' from the Society, echoing the 'Referees' Corner' it published in the 1920s. In its turn the 'Viewpoint' was the forerunner of Dick Sawdon-Smith's long-running series 'From The Middle'.

In 1965 the Association introduced the first Quiz for Clubs on the Laws of the Game. This became an annual event until by which time support had dropped away. The following year the Fair Play Award for clubs was initiated to encourage clean and sporting play and would be awarded annually on the basis of marks awarded by referees The awards continue some 30 years later.

As Dick Sawdon-Smith concluded about the first fifty years: 'The history of the Reading RA is not so much a history of events but more a history of people, the people who have made the Association. People dedicated not just to refereeing but to football itself'.

While the RA will always be what it is made by its members, the story of the next 25 years was to prove different in a number of respects.

Part 2: The Next 25 Years - 1971-1996 will appear in the next issue.

"It is needless to say that there was a good deal of dissent expressed during the progress of the match, but whatever feeling was then shown ought have subsided at the end, and I was sorry to see that a number of youths and boys so far forgot themselves as to hoot the referee as he left the ground . ... Such disgraceful proceedings, though in no way connected with the Club, indirectly bring disgrace upon it, and upon the town, and I trust will never be repeated".

Extract found by Barrie Hiscock about a match at Newbury in January **1893** from Football Notes "by Half-Back" in the NW News - published in the Basingstoke RA magazine, *Basingstoke Bleep*.

## **QUOTES OF THE YEAR**

[The Sunday Times 24/12/95]

If a Frenchman goes on about seagulls, trawlers and sardines, he's called a philosopher. I'd just be called a short Scottish bum talking crap. Gordon Strachan at the PFA awards

Even Poirot would struggle to find evidence that Bruges are a good side. Gary Linekar

What I said to them at half-time would be unprintable on the radio. Gerry Francis of Tottenham on Radio 5 Live

Rumours of my impending departure have proved somewhat premature. George Graham's Arsenal programme notes, the day he was sacked.

If one of our forwards had gone off on a stretcher, Auxerre would probably have sent somebody with him. Arsenal's Stewart Houston condemns man-marking

I think it's the lightest he has been since he was four. **Terry Venables on a slim-line Paul Gascoigne**  You never win anything with a dressing-room of angels. Frank Clark, manager of Nottingham Forest

I saw someone eyeing me in the pub. I asked: 'Do I know you?' He said: 'You should. You sent me off today.' **Sonya Home, female referee** 

Going behind that early made it like running uphill in treacle. **Howard Wilkinson, Leeds** 

We've laid to rest the dogs-of-war bit. We're Crufts now. Joe Royle, Everton And that's a priceless goal worth millions of pounds. Alan Parry describing the European Cup Final

I swear a lot, but the advantage is that, having played abroad, I can choose a different language from the referee's. **Jurgen Klinsmann** 

With my Italian and his English we understand each other. . . . . I think. **Paul Ince on his coach at Internazionale** 

Giggs was a big problem for us all night, but the biggest problem is that he does not have a German passport. Berti Vogts, Germany

I'd hang myself but we can't afford the rope. Hamilton manager Iain Munro on his club's lack of resources

Football is like a car. You have got five gears and the trouble with English teams is that they drive all the time in fourth and fifth. **Ruud Gullit, Chelsea** 

No one hands you cups on a plate. Terry McDermott, Newcastle

If he goes to Wolves I hope they get relegated. Steve Walsh, Leicester, upset at Mark McGhee's departure

What it does, Brian, is it makes an impossible job harder.

#### Ron Atkinson, Coventry

I have to hand it to Manchester United. They have the best players . . . and the best referees.

Sam Hammam, owner of Wimbledon

# What's On

for the rest of this season

JANUARY 18	<b>PETER PITTAWAY</b> <i>Our very own former Football League linesman and senior</i> <i>Army referee, Peter will be sharing thoughts on using the</i> <i>book</i>
FEBRUARY 15	<b>GARY WILLARD</b> One of the youngest Premier League referees who has enjoyed a fairly meteoric rise from the Isthmian League
MARCH 21	<b>JIM DE RENNES</b> An FA Licensed Instructor, Jim will be getting us to think about aspects of Law 12
APRIL 18 MAY 16	Open meeting Annual General Meeting

#### **PHYSIOTHERAPY - Everybody's Health Service**

Where do you go if you have a sprained ankle, back pain, or simply need advice on how to get back after injury?

Jill Wigmore-Welsh is a chartered Physiotherapist and practising Acupuncturist based at Tilehurst Physiotherapy, a clinic opposite Prospect Park. Her experience with

athletes is extensive, having spent 12 years with the British Judo Association at international level and 2 years with the International rowing team.

The clinic offers a complete and comprehensive treatment for the injured athlete and has a link with Bradfield College which can assist in full rehabilitation using their gym and pool facilities.

If you need professional advice or help, either call into the clinic at 218 Tilehurst Road or **telephone (01734) 594099**. Alternatively contact John Moore for further information. Concessionary rates for Reading RA members on production of a current membership card.