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### *Editorial*

Welcome back, though for many the season is well under way, if it ever stopped that is. The World Cup nicely (or unfortunately for some) filled a good deal of the closed-season gap. What did you think of it all? I penned a few thoughts at the time which I hope are still of interest, but it all seems a bit remote now.

As always, the Committee has been concerned about making our monthly meetings more attractive to members and in this issue Dick Sawdon Smith offers advice from past experience. Most of all though we need *your* ideas and preferences. One thing we all can do, however, is *make members welcome*. Don't just say Hello, though that helps, try to make them feel one of us. I say this with a bit of feeling because, when I asked one of our new members whether he was enjoying being with us (and he was), he did point out how difficult it was for newcomers, as we are all 'in cliques'. I think he was right, so let's do something about it.

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## **MONTHLY MEETING**

### **August**

Nice to be back and some 40 members made it in spite of the holidays. First thing to be noticed was that the agenda paper now contains a summary of correspondence and notes about finances and membership. As Chairman Derek Reigate explained, all this is an attempt to speed up the business part of the meeting while keeping members informed.

The Secretary, Martin Albury, reported on the situation for future meetings. In September we will definitely still be at the Royals' Rendezvous Club. Subsequent meetings at the Madejsky Stadium will be in either the Players' Lounge or one of the conference rooms.

Brian Palmer spoke briefly about National Conference (fuller report on pages 10-12).

Derek Reigate reminded Reading Football League referees to register and reported that the League could no longer withhold a player's registration (the prerogative of the County FA). Derek also urged members to report any problems to the League which will take action. Phil Lewis underlined this. Ken Clarke added a reminder that subs can no longer act as linesmen in the Senior Division and Martin Shearn noted (with some satisfaction) that a change of socks in case of a colour clash had now been made compulsory. Peter Pittaway reinforced the message about informing the league of problems in respect of the Sunday League also. Peter then presented Karl Wilson with the Fred Porton Award as Karl had been unable to receive it at the AGM.

Terry Gibbs fulfilled his first task as President in presenting Peter in his turn with the County Certificate of Registration as a Referee Assessor.

Ken Clarke detailed the way the Mentorship scheme would be run this season. He emphasised that all trainees intending to referee would be allocated a mentor; mentors would meet their trainee at the final meeting of the course; they would be required to attend a preparation meeting.

Ken would welcome more mentors, including those of modest experience (at least a year).

Malcolm Garstang was congratulated on having qualified as a Licensed Referee Instructor (see Training Report, pp. 7-8) and George Mills was congratulated and thanked for his exceptional service as Examinations Officer (see p.20).

Colin Pike re-introduced the issue of match fees paid by the County FA. The County RA had taken the matter up but no progress had been made. Members were agreed that, since the fees were now well below those of local leagues, we should continue to try to seek an increase.

The second half, as usual, was to be devoted to the Law changes which this season contain 'nothing desperately important' according to our Training Officer. IBD 5 is important however. Peter commented briefly on most changes and then introduced the FIFA video shown to the World Cup officials. 18 examples of tackles 'from behind' (or not) and the opportunity to choose the correct sanction. Illuminating and not easy. As always the discussion was valuable and rounded off an interesting meeting.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **21 May 1998**

President Brian Palmer was invited to take the chair.. He welcomed all present but extended a special welcome to Mrs Sybil Newman, widow of Bert, who would be presenting the Fair Play and Linesman's Awards for the 18<sup>th</sup> year, and to those in attendance to receive the awards.

As usual the meeting began with the presentations after which Mrs Newman said a few words to the recipients and expressed her thanks to the Reading RA for the invitation and for the bouquet with which she had been presented.

The Secretary's Report was accepted without question and Martin Albury was congratulated on both the report and his work during the season.

Several changes to rule had been proposed, the most significant of which would lead to a larger committee. The changes were accepted *en bloc* and are incorporated in the new Handbook.

In presenting his comprehensive report Treasurer Brian Wratten considered it had been a very good year. The policy of repaying the loan from the bequest, taken out at the time of the contract for accommodation with Reading FC, was continuing. Investment interest was contributing to the running of the Association. The accounts were adopted. Brian also reported that the total of 143 members might well be the highest 'real' membership ever.

In spite of the fact that our subscription to national RA had gone up he was proposing no increase in ours. At £16.50 it was mid-range for the Berks & Bucks.. The proposal was carried unanimously. Brian was thanked and congratulated on the quality of his work and report.

This was the final year of Brian Palmer's 5-year term as President and Chairman Derek Reigate thanked him for his contribution through a particularly difficult period in the Society's history. There were four nominees for the office. In the ballot Terry Gibbs was duly elected. Derek Reigate, Cliff Watkins, Martin Albury, Colin Pike, Brian Wratten, Peter Pittaway, Brian Palmer (as Press Secretary and Magazine Editor), Ken Clarke and Ray Kerr (auditor) were all re-elected. Malcolm Garstang took over from Kevin Parsons as Supplies Co-ordinator and Gary Douglas and Karl Wilson joined the Committee in place of Martin Gallacher and Malcolm Garstang. The President thanked the retiring officers and committee members, including Neil Haddock who had been co-opted.

Finally, the Major Sainsbury Award was presented by Vice-Chairman Cliff Watkins to Training Officer Peter Pittaway. Peter then named Karl Wilson in his absence as winner of the Fred Porton Award for the most promising Class 3 referee.

In closing the meeting Retiring President Brian Palmer thanked all the members, officers and committee for all their support during his five years of office. He paid particular tribute to Brian Wratten who had contributed so exceptionally as Treasurer and done so much more for the Society besides.

### **OUR NEW PRESIDENT – Terry Gibbs**

Not easy for Terry to go unnoticed at 6ft 4in and built to match. In his time as an active referee he could easily be seen *and particularly heard* around the local parks. He was a bit of a legend for reasons that were pretty obvious: at his size he was an unmistakable physical presence – and that was before he opened his mouth. You don't mess about with a man-mountain with a voice that could make teeth chatter and knees knock at 50 paces.

Terry started his football in the team at primary school, but turned out to be a better swimmer. So it was not until 1961 that fate got him involved in football again. He had been in the St John's Ambulance Brigade since he was 8, so when the regular spongeman cried off at Berkshire Printing, Terry took over. From spongeman he progressed to linesman, won the Reading RA Award two years in succession before deciding to qualify and take up the whistle.

Terry complemented his refereeing in the local Saturday and Sunday leagues with officiating in schools' football, the highlight of which was his appointment to an England Boys v. High Wycombe game. Among his many trophies he most prizes the one for the old Combination League Senior Cup.

When Terry was forced to give up his refereeing at 57 because of a knee problem, he became an assessor and built up a new reputation for his constructive and supportive approach. This summer he was awarded the Leonard E. Gibbs Memorial Certificate of Service by the County FA in recognition of all he has done over more than 30 years for local football –

as referee, officer of the Combination League and assessor. We wish him well for his term as President.

### **TRAINING REPORT**

from Training Officer Peter Pittaway, May 1998.

Season 1997-98 was a very busy period indeed. On behalf of the Society, the training team completed *four* basic training courses: *two* for the Reading RA and, for the first time this past season, *two* on behalf of the Reading Sunday League.

First RRA course: 49 passed out of 50. (We will not run a course of this size again!)

Second RRA course: 20/21. (the failed candidate was dyslexic unfortunately).

First RSL course: 19/20

Second RSL course: 12/16.

The total of new referees registered was a lot – exactly 100 qualified during the season. This magnificent result could not have been achieved without the excellent support of, in the main, Chief Instructor Malcolm Garstang and Deputy CI Brian Wratten, ably backed up by Cliff Watkins and David Osborne. Thanks also go to Neil Isham, Neil Haddock, Brian Grover and others for their assistance during our Practical Match Control sessions. Special thanks to our Examination Officer George Mills and his assistant Stuart Gentle.

A County Training seminar was held over the weekend 8/9 November 1997, primarily to produce accredited County Referee Instructors. Happily, Reading scooped a total of three, with Cliff Watkins, David Osborne and ‘Prof’ Brian Wratten all coming through with flying colours. An extremely successful weekend which will be repeated later this year if sufficient funds can be extracted.

Malcolm Garstang represented the Reading RA and the Berks & Bucks as a First Year candidate on the FA National Referee Instructor course

held at Bishop Grossteste College, Lincoln in July 1997. He was rewarded with a 'B' grading and, with a strong recommendation, was accepted for the second year course this July. [Congratulations to Malcolm who was successful and is now the second FA Licensed Instructor in the Reading RA. No prize for guessing who the first one is! Ed]

Brian Wratten was invited on to the County Training team, bringing our membership to three. Yours truly has been a member of the 'Training Topics' sub-committee and topics completed include: *Sensible Use of the Diagonal, Managing Free Kicks, Managing Penalty Kicks, The Kick-Off, Offside, Unsporting Behaviour, Pitch Inspections, Instructions to Assistant Referees, Gamesmanship and Report Writing*. Topics in the pipeline include: *Serious Misconduct, Dangerous Play*.

In summary – generally a most satisfying season. Unfortunately the Mentorship Scheme did not really get off the ground, for which I accept full responsibility. This will be rectified a.s.a.p.. It is soul-destroying if we consume so much human resource in training in excess of 100 referees and then offer them absolutely nothing in the way of 'after care'.

To end on an upbeat note – it is my belief that Reading now possesses, not only one of the strongest and most professional training teams in the County, but also that we rank among the best in the country. And I cannot stress the 'team' bit too strongly. I might pull a few strings and kick a butt or two from time to time, but it's the *team* that does this Society so proud. Long may all your support continue . . . .



**AVON FOOD SERVICES ONE PAGE**

## **NATIONAL RA CONFERENCE - Newport, 20 June 1998**

A conference to remember, for the wrong reasons, but more of that later.

Lovely day, the Friday, and a pleasant journey down. Derek took George and me off into the Cotswolds, round Gloucester and via Chepstow. The calm before the impending storm. We were assigned to the Stakis Hotel, not the Conference hotel but close by, and I think we got the better deal.

The Friday evening, traditionally the time for the welcome to the town, was excellent. For the first time I can remember it was in a Sports' Hall - so plenty of room and a nice high ceiling - and, more important, we had a very good buffet meal. Entertainment was provided by the Newport Band and Male Voice Choir, whose female conductor sang several excellent solos and was the star of the evening. The Mayor and our own President made us feel really welcome.

Saturday dawned wet, perhaps a sign of what was to come. The Conference got under way with a further welcome and the usual business of reports about the last year's workings. Your editor challenged the accuracy of the Annual Report in its favourable comments on the new website. He considered it a disaster and said so. The Chairman, President Peter Willis, rushed to explain that the website had been removed and that a much revised version was about to go on the Net. [I drew the NRA's attention to the unacceptable deficiencies of the website in March just after it appeared. Apart from being badly designed and full of irrelevancies it was riddled with grammatical and typographical errors. I also suggested how it might be reconstructed. Unfortunately, it has proved impossible so far to take it off! Ed]

The next embarrassment was the Annual Accounts. We had been given an amended version of part of the final (!) accounts on entering the hall. It transpired that the accountants had made an error. *Quis custodiat . . ?* We did forgive the accountants and accept them for next year.

Life Membership was bestowed on three members with outstanding records of service and this year there were thirteen MSA awards. Nobody from hereabouts.

Now the drama. The President confessed to Conference that proper procedures for the circulation of material about the proposed changes of rule and notices of motion had not been followed. Deadlines had been missed (and by some margin). He would ask Conference to proceed notwithstanding. Doug Douglas of Harrow pointed out passionately that we could not act in contravention of our own rules and quoted chapter and verse. After top table discussion the President (correctly) ruled that we could not discuss the proposals. In effect, the new business of the Association, the opportunity for change, was lost for 12 months. Conference was stunned and members were full of sympathy for those like our Northern Ireland colleagues, who had a really significant proposal on the order paper.

All credit to the President. He held the meeting together and we went on to other things. The debacle allowed us a bit more time for Conference to be addressed. Colin Downey, Referees' Secretary of the FA (soon to take early retirement) reported a slight increase in assaults and reassured us that all possible is done to punish the guilty. He feels that our own standards are continuing to fall in the way we administer ourselves as referees, e.g. do remember to notify County FA of holidays because of the particular problems at the beginning of the season with the early rounds of County Cups. Finally the question of insurance and referees' liabilities. It is our responsibility to check the pitch properly but we must not become paranoid about it.

John Bramall next told us how much the PFA appreciates the work of referees. Then Richard Scudimore, the new Chief Executive of the Nationwide Football League was introduced. A breath of fresh air. Young and dynamic, offering to help us in any way to make things better. Ready to listen and I believe he meant it. After Richard it was less of a surprise to see our youthful newly-appointed Recruitment and Retention Officer approach the lectern. An enthusiastic and realistic young man who made it clear how much his success relies on us. Our first task is to

ensure that the County FA and local league handbooks for next season all carry an advert about training to become a referee.

Bill Hudson, the new Magazine Editor, laid his plans before us. He envisages three stages: full colour magazine of 20 pages this coming season; change of rule next year [assuming proper notice is given. Ed], leading to direct mailing to all our 17,000 members from September 1999. Certainly the mock-ups of the new cover we received are very attractive.

The afternoon concluded with the real Guest Speaker, Keith Cooper - The Tonnypandy, ex-Premiership Keith Cooper.. He is a real character and was very entertaining in relating his refereeing life story. I thoroughly enjoyed it, but whether it was the best use of the prime spot at Conference is open to question. I suspect that Keith was not given a proper brief and did what came naturally. Certainly if you reflect on what came out of Conference apart from the important pleasure of meeting up with long-standing colleagues and friends, it was not that much. We left at the end of the afternoon session after the most unusual Conference in anyone's experience. The good news is – next year's just has to be better.

## **THE NATIONAL RA GRAND DRAW**

One of the breath-taking moments (actually the only breath-taking moment usually) of the Conference is the Grand Draw. Of course I was expecting to win the car as I have done for the last decade or two. I didn't. It went this year to C. Stafford from Yorkshire. The other big money prizes (£1,250 and £750) went to Norfolk and Derbyshire. Three £30 prizes nearly reached us: Bracknell, Langley and . . . one to my fellow editor, Robin Woolman of the Slough Society. It could be an omen. Don't forget to get your tickets next year!

**KNOWL HILL GARAGE ONE PAGE**

## **SO WHO DID LOSE ENGLAND THE WORLD CUP?**

As everyone knows, it was David Beckham, who was correctly sent off for his deliberate and petulant foul, and playing with ten men cost England the game. But was it really Beckham?

David Batty then. He missed the deciding penalty. Wrong again? It should never have got to penalties . . . .

On the balance of probabilities it was actually your friend and my friend – *Alan Shearer* who was responsible for our demise. If that Sol Campbell ‘goal’ had not been (correctly) disallowed, England would almost certainly have held on to their lead to win the match and would have had plenty of backers to win the final. And so, why was the goal disallowed? For a blatant piece of holding or worse on the goalkeeper by – Alan Shearer. Ironically, the keeper would probably not have prevented Campbell from scoring anyway.

Of course Beckham makes a more convenient fall-guy than a popular hero but, however much you deplore his immature behaviour which made England’s task so much more difficult, he does seem to have had more stick than he really deserved.

## **IS THE JOB STILL POSSIBLE AT THE TOP LEVEL?**

This World Cup, like many if not all of its predecessors, begged a few questions as well as providing a feast of wonderful and some not-so-wonderful football.

Like other referees, I suspect, and long before the pundits cottoned on, I was appalled by the exponential increase in holding, shirt-pulling and use of the elbow (real and simulated) – not only that it happened but that was allowed to continue to happen. It was as if compensation was being applied by the officials for the expected harsher treatment of the tackle from behind. I cannot be the only one, I mused, who remembers blatant shirt-pulling as one of the most ungentlemanly of offences, definitely

foreign and punishable by a caution no less. Now it seemed to be simply disregarded. Certainly by the end of the tournament, it seemed that the tolerance level was so high that any official who really tried to referee according to Law – *'holds an opponent'* is still a penal offence – would have had an impossible task.

Coping with the tackle from behind led to problems, but not quite as anticipated. The expected clamp-down didn't seem to be happening at first – to the pleasure of the pundits - referees were 'applying common-sense' When action *was* taken, it was inevitably controversial and TV replays only added to the ambiguity. Sometimes they clearly supported, sometimes they failed to support the officials, sometimes they were just unclear.

The most difficult area for the officials was, however, in the sophistication of the players' attempts to deceive them. No longer the well-known Thespian like Frances Lee who always dives in the box. Much more subtle. The dives and falls are still there ever cleverer and more difficult to spot, but the frequent examples of exaggerated or simulated recoil from a blow, the constant harrying of the referee to show cards and send other players off and so on, are new in their relentlessness – to the point that attempted cheating now seems to be the accepted norm for the majority of players at that level.

It is not just that the officials need to tighten up their act (though I certainly think they do). On the evidence of the 1998 World Cup it may well have become impossible for the officials to be good enough to ensure fair play unless something changes. It seems unlikely at that level that the pressure on players to win at all costs will be reduced, so either the Laws must change (yet again) or, more likely, the officials need to be better armed to get more of the decisions right.

Although we will never achieve 100%, our conventional resistance to technological support will have to go. Even modest support – like the use of video after the match with the possibility of tough sanctions – might be enough to dissuade players from taking the risk of shamming.

Technology to determine ball in and out of net might remove an area of controversy without undermining the authority of the referee, and so on.

Unless something does happen, I believe the officials in 2002 will just find their task impossible.

## **LESSONS FROM THE PAST**

Dick Sawdon Smith

Brian Wratten, speaking as Membership Officer, said at our AGM that he believed our membership total of 143 was the highest we had ever achieved. Excellent though Brian's efforts were, in fact our membership has been higher.

In the 1980/81 season, at a time incidentally when the number of referees in the Berks & Bucks was down [as again last season. Ed], we reached the 150 mark for the first time ever – 151 to be precise, not including Vice-Presidents or Associate Members. I remember it well as I happened to be Chairman at the time, but the credit went to our Recruitment Officer, George Mills, just one of the many roles George has filled in the Society. Note we called him a 'Recruitment Officer' which, of course, is what the national Referees' Association is now recommending. Not for the first time we are ahead of the game.

How did he achieve these figures? One thing that happened is that by October George had prepared a list of referees who had not rejoined despite written reminders which he had already sent them. The officers of the Society each undertook to speak personally to so many of these non-joiners (to save George the task of having to do it all single-handed), and in this way many former members returned to the fold.

One thing that this can also do is find out directly from the people who have stopped refereeing what has caused them to take this step. Many reasons are often quoted for the wastage in refereeing, but no one has ever carried out real research: it's just what other people think. Secondly, those who have continued to referee but who have not joined or re-joined the Society can be asked for their reasons. In this way the society can



look at its programme of activities to ensure that it is giving referees what they want.

As well as record memberships we also had record attendances at our meetings. One of the secrets to this, I believe, was that we had a balanced programme fixed well in advance and advertised at the beginning of the season. By 'well-balanced' I mean that our speakers came from a wide variety of aspects in the game. So these may have included a FIFA referee, a football club manager, a leading player, professional or amateur, a referee instructor, and we would have had some workshops. All this took a lot of effort on the part of the Committee – some of the speakers were booked up years in advance – but it served not only to improve the enjoyment of the meetings but also the knowledge of our members.

A third aspect was the scheme we introduced for coaching newer members. This started originally for those members who asked to be watched and advised as well as for some referees who were getting poor marks from the local leagues. This was then extended into what was at first called the 'Godfather' scheme: new referees off the training course had a personal coach appointed to watch their first few games and to keep in touch with them as they started out as referees. This, we believed, kept many referees refereeing longer and of course we retained them as members of the association. This was a scheme which attracted the attention of other referees' societies throughout the country and later became the 'Mentor' scheme.

I mention all of this, not to boast about how good we were in the 'good old days', but because I feel that successful practices are sometimes forgotten and we try to re-invent the wheel. I know that times have moved on since I started refereeing in the early 1950's, but I believe members' needs are still the same. They want to belong to an association that cares, that they can turn to in time of trouble, and which will provide them with opportunities to make them better referees and increase their enjoyment. This is what really matters: to enjoy being a referee.

## **WELL DONE READING FC!**

Congratulations on the wonderful new Madejski Stadium, on being ready to play the first game there as planned and on getting such a good result in front of a crowd of 18,000+. And we will have the pleasure of holding our meetings there as well.

## **IT'S AN ILL WIND . . . . .**

Whatever you think about the proposed European Super League (and most people I talk to don't seem to like the idea), it seems it might have a few interesting spin-offs according to the *Daily Express* (11/8/98) – if it ever happens that is.

### **Super League backer offers £60m support**

Sports Marketing group Media Partners – plans to plough £60 million a year back into grassroots football as part of its proposals for a breakaway European Super League.

The move is to counter criticism that the £2 billion project backed by US investment bank JP Morgan is based purely on greed and would ruin the domestic game.

Club such as Manchester United and Arsenal each stand to net a guaranteed £100 million a season.

Media Partners' commitment to earmark £60 million for youth football compares more than favourably with such support from UEFA the sport's European governing body, whose future is threatened by the breakaway. According to its latest annual report UEFA spent less than £500,000 on youth football in the 1996/97 season – less than a third of the amount allocated for meetings.

“There is all this fine talk from UEFA about ‘the family of football’ and ‘for the good of the game’, but what do they actually do?” asked a Super League insider. “Where does the money go?”

Just over half the income from UEFA’s Champions’ League goes to participating teams. Clubs want a larger share of TV and sponsorship income and a greater say in running the competition.

Patrick Toohar

### **Super League lures refs with £3,000 a game**

Referees are being offered a staggering £3,000 per game to officiate in the proposed European super League.

However, Express Sport can reveal that despite the money, officials are refusing to commit themselves for fear of being banned by their authorities. Premier League referees are paid £400 and earn similar fees of 1,000 Swiss francs for UEFA matches. But to earn the big money on offer would mean referees becoming full-time professionals and being ostracised by their home associations if the League is not sanctioned by UEFA.

Many refs believe that the £3,000 match fee would not be enough to persuade them to give up their jobs. The Super League is, therefore, considering a retainer of around £100,000 for a three-year contract.

The new league would need 75 officials – 25 referees and 50 assistants – which is a major recruitment exercise, and they need to be of a high enough quality to satisfy the clubs involved.

Now the organisers are targeting leading officials over 40 years of age who may be tempted to make a killing as their careers draw to a close.

Shaun Custis

## **GEORGE COMPLETES ANOTHER 30 YEARS SERVICE**

Congratulations and sincere thanks are due to doyen of the Reading RA , Life Member George Mills, who has announced his retirement after 30 years of acting as Examinations' Secretary.

George took over from Harry Collier in 1968 and has arranged the examinations for hundreds of trainee referees (including me) since then. When George came off the County FA Council in 1978 he might have expected to be relieved of his duties which are the responsibility of the County FA, but such was the confidence placed in him, he has continued to 'act' ever since.

## **MORE FACTS FROM THE PAST**

### **1960-61**

This was the season the maximum wage and then the fixed contract were abolished, thanks to the pressure of players led by Jimmy Hill and the threat of strike action. From £20 a week the sky became the limit, as we now know to our cost. A number of well-known players, including Denis Law and Jimmy Greaves were still tempted abroad at the end of the season by huge financial offers.

England humiliated Scotland 9-3 at Wembley, after only drawing 1-1 the previous year. One Bobby Robson opened the scoring and the Scottish team included Ian St John.

Meantime, Rangers completed a Scottish double by winning the League and League Cup but failed the treble, losing to Fiorentina in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Jock Stein earned a reputation as a miracle worker for guiding Dunfermline to win the Scottish Cup only a season after saving them from relegation.

Tottenham Hotspur, captained by the legendary Danny Blanchflower, were the first team to complete the League and Cup double. They had only one player cautioned during the season and conceded only one penalty.

Peterborough were promoted as Champions at the end of their first season in the Football League. They scored a record 132 goals. Terry Bly scored 52 of them, also a post-war League record.

Sir Stanley Rous was elected President of FIFA and Dennis Follows replaced him as Secretary of the FA.

## **1961-62**

The legendary Stanley Matthews was transferred home from Blackpool to Stoke City for - £3,500. [I haven't missed any noughts off! Ed] His wages? £50 a week, plus £25 appearance fee. The best bargain ever. From 8,000 before he arrived, the attendance for his first game was over 35,000. For a cup-tie against his old club, the police limited the crowd to 50,000.

Brian Clough moved from Middlesbrough to Sunderland after scoring 197 goals in 213 games. By the end of the season he had scored another 29 in 34 matches.

Jimmy Greaves was transferred from AC Milan to Spurs for £99,999 because his new manager, Bill Nicholson, did not want him to have the burden of being the first £100,000 player.

Under the leadership of Alf Ramsey, Ipswich won the Championship in their first season in the division.

Roy Ambler, Ron Barnes and Wyn Davies all scored hat-tricks for Wrexham when they beat Hartlepool 10-1 in Division 4.

After seeming on course for a famous triple, Tottenham ended up with just the FA Cup, but in so doing became only the second team this century to win it two years in succession. (The first was Newcastle United ten years earlier).

### **1962 – World Cup**

This was to have been Pele's competition but, after just one brilliant game, he was badly injured in the second and took no further part. Of the home nations only England had qualified. They met Brazil, the eventual winners in the quarter finals and were unable to cope with Garrincha, who scored two goals and made the third. Brazil beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 in the final after going a goal down.

### **1962-63**

Alf Ramsey replaced Walter Winterbottom as England manager and promised that England, the host nation, would win the 1966 World Cup

Johnny Haynes, the Fulham and England captain, missed almost the whole season because of injuries sustained in a car crash in August.

Welsh international John Charles returned to Leeds from Juventus for £53,000 at the start of the season but could not settle. He returned to Italy after only 11 games – to Roma for £65,000.

On their debut in Europe, Ipswich beat Floriana of Malta 14-1 on aggregate.

The big freeze of early 1963 played havoc with fixtures and the season had to be extended. Only eight matches could be played on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Lincoln v. Coventry fixture was postponed 15 times! After three weeks of void coupons the pools companies introduced the 'panel of experts' to decide the results.

Bangor City of the Cheshire League had won the Welsh Cup and so qualified for Europe. They beat Napoli 2-0 in the first leg of the preliminary round, lost 3-1 away, but were finally defeated by a relieved Napoli 3-1 in the play-off match.

Bristol City scored a near record 100 goals in Division 3. They only finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the table because they conceded 92.

Stanley Matthews played 35 games for Stoke City at the age of 48 and scored his only goal in the last game to seal the Second Division Championship.

Tottenham followed two years of success by trouncing Atletico Madrid 5-1 in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final to become the first British team to win a European trophy.

Everton won their first league championship since the war, but manager Harry Catterick was accused of buying his way to the title, spending £175,000 on five players.

**CATHERINE WHEEL ADVERT HALF PAGE**

## **WHAT'S ON THIS SEASON**

- 17 September**      A talk of clear relevance from our very own Dick Sawdon-Smith 'What can we do about club linesmen?'
- 15 October**        Guest Speaker: Ray Lewis, former Football League referee.
- 19 November**      To be confirmed
- 17 December**      Christmas Special: Grand Draw and all that.

## **FINAL THOUGHT FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

### **Do You Just Belong?**

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part to help the work along,  
Or are you quite contented to be the kind that just belong?  
Do you ever work on committees to see there is no trick,  
Or do you leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?  
Do you come to meetings often to help with hand and heart?  
Think this one over brother, you know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member or do you just belong?

Anon