



As always in April, it was an 'In House' Training session at Stockport Referees Society. This month it was with a twist with Trevor Massey delivering an Interactive Session.



Before the meeting commenced, there was a slight technical problem with the presentation and trying to find a 'hotspot' (yes Bob was trying to help!) we managed to get the meeting kicked off slightly later than advertised.

Barry Rowson, welcomed members, guests and newly qualified referees to the meeting, presented by Trevor Massey, with an Interactive Training Session. Bob Hurren then reiterated the Chairman's comments in welcoming newly qualified referees and their parents reminding them that the first year of membership is free at Stockport Referees Society. A letter of thanks was sent to Ray Olivier for a great session on 'Conflicts on the field' where plenty of discussion was had on how to deal with these situations, Ray also commented that he had enjoyed the evening.

A competition is being held by Stockport Referees, to design a new logo for the society and is open to members to submit their designs by the 5<sup>th</sup> May where the winner will be announced at the AGM the following week. The society committee have decided to for their badge in line with the FA and their counties crests. If you are interested in designing the new logo, it must include *Stockport Referees Society* or *SRS* and a *whistle, ball, and flags*. Good luck in the designing!

The Bert Thompson Trophy is coming to an end for the



season but all referees who are taking part are reminded to continue to send the fixtures in as the decision is very tight and the committee are still undecided.

Some exciting news came out of the society on the evening, explaining to members that 'An Evening with Premier League Referees' will be happening on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Edgeley Park with guests Jon Moss and Anthony Taylor being the speakers with live entertainment and music along with a 3 course meal. More information can now be found on our website –

[www.stockportrefs.com](http://www.stockportrefs.com) or emailing Barry at [Stockport\\_Refs@hotmail.com](mailto:Stockport_Refs@hotmail.com)

### DATES FOR THE DIARIES

26<sup>th</sup> May – RA QUIZ

17<sup>th</sup> July – RA CONFERENCE

More information to come at the AGM and via email

### FA CUP REMAINING TEAMS

Crystal Palace – Steve Jones

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With league and County Cup finals either started or just around the corner, members are reminded to send the details (date, competition and their role) to [socialmedia.srs@hotmail.com](mailto:socialmedia.srs@hotmail.com) for the recognition they deserve, it will appear on Twitter and on the society website.



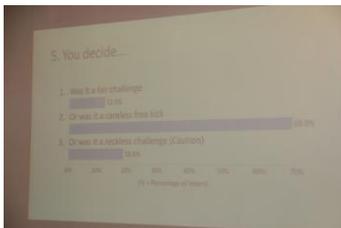
The problem spot gave Norton a time to vent off about the local press and the fact that they do not produce the local league tables or results, the society said they will look into this and see if we can resolve it in the near future.

## Interactive Training Session

Presented by Trevor Massey



As a committee we decided we wanted to do something different for the 'In House' Training session in which we have every April to make sure that we keep our members engaged. We Did! Massey created a presentation with clips and questions about the Laws of the Game, with basic ones as well as some which had the room split in half.



Through the video clips, discussions were had to which allowed members understand the reason for the outcome and why it was made.



The overall winner of the night was Nigel Freelove, getting only two wrong from the 22 questions. He was closely followed by Mat Donohue and Joe Hull. It has been agreed that the pods will be used again in future meetings next season. However, considering Freelove helped make the presentation and being a Referee tutor, we would have hoped he got them all correct!



Remember, the next meeting is the AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at Edgeley Park from 7.45pm where the winners of the Bert Thompson Trophy, Don Clark Quiz and also the Mally Gammond Referee of the Year will be announced. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.



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