

Harrow RA's October 2019 Meeting

The Harrow Referees Association are inviting all registered referees to their next meeting, which will be attended by former EFL referee, [Paul Taylor](#), Senior FA Coach for National List Referees, National Licensed Instructor and former English Football League referee, who also refereed on the Premier League.

Organisers: **Harrow Referees' Association**

Location: **Tithe Farm sports and Social Club, Rayners Lane FC, Rayners Lane, Harrow, HA2 0XH** (large car park is open now)

Date: **Thursday 17th October 2019**

Time: **8 p.m. Sharp**

We are expecting a large turnout so would **all referees and parents of young referees** wishing to attend **Book Your Seat**, please by emailing Harrow RA's Honorary Secretary at davidroberts.tv@gmail.com

In the subject line add: **"Book My Seat"** and in the body of the e-mail include your **name, e-mail address, mobile number, County FA, and Referees' Society, or non-member** (both welcome) and indicate if you would drink real ale if it were available at the bar, please.

Dear FA Registered Referee,

I am writing to cordially invite you to attend **Harrow Referees' Association's** next meeting at the newly rebuilt Tithe Farm Sports and Social Club, **Rayners Lane FC**, Rayners Lane, Harrow, HA2 0XH at **8 p.m. on Thursday 17th October 2019** when our guest speaker will be former EFL referee, [Paul Taylor](#), Senior FA Coach for National List Referees, National Licensed Instructor and former English Football League referee, who also refereed on the Premier League. Paul last visited us in 2011 and is a really great speaker.

Paul has chosen to **develop your knowledge of the 2019-20 IFAB Law Changes using video clips**, illustrating that even at the top level our knowledge isn't always perfect! After the break Paul will deliver a presentation based around other sports focusing on **what makes individuals successful?** There will also be the opportunity in a short Q+A at the end of the evening to look at Paul's progression in refereeing and his role as Senior Coach for National List referees. The event is expected to last until 10 p.m.

Attendance is open to Referees' Association members and non-members. There is an offer of membership for a fiver for the first year at your local RA Branch available to members who have never been an RA member. Newly qualified referees are eligible for free first year membership of their local branch. Ask me for details at the meeting.

Paul's Pen picture:

Paul first began refereeing in 1977 and progressed via the Hertfordshire County League, the Isthmian League and the National League. He was appointed as a Football League assistant referee in 1989. At this point he was aged only thirty and the youngest member on the List.

He refereed the Hertfordshire Senior County Cup Final, the FA Sunday Cup Final and several international matches at both Youth and Semi-professional level. He also officiated in the Football League occasions including the League Two Final at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, in 2006. He was appointed to the Premier League Referees List in 2001 and refereed his first senior FIFA International match in August 2003. In 2004, he was fourth official at the FA Trophy Final. Other notable appointments included refereeing Cheltenham Town's first game in the Football League and Arsenal versus Dell. His final fixture was the League One match between Wycombe Wanderers and Gillingham on 8 May 2010.

In 2005, he became a County Accredited Referees Instructor and in 2006 qualified as a National Licensed Instructor. He has delivered coaching to match officials in several countries including Sierra Leone. He is now a Senior Coach for the Professional Game Match Officials Ltd.

Yours in Sport,

David Roberts,

Referees' Association Administrator of the Year 2019

Honorary Secretary,

Harrow Referees' Association