



# The next best thing to being a footballer

A lecture by Gareth Viccars

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Tuesday 14th June 6pm - 7pm

(Tea and coffee served from 5.45pm)

**Lillingstone Mind and Body Zone**

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*“The best thing refereeing has given me is that it has allowed me to be involved at a level of the game I never had any chance of achieving as a player! I've been to places I never would have seen and met lots of my heroes from growing up”.*

In this lecture Gareth will cover his journey in refereeing from grassroots through to professional football. It will help football players, spectators and fans to understand the work match officials put in to get decisions correct, and will demonstrate that hard work (alongside a bit of ability!) can hopefully get you far in anything! It will also touch on some of the more unusual laws of the game to assist in the enjoyment of ‘the beautiful game’. Gareth has over 20 years’ experience as a match official. He started locally before progressing through the ranks of semi-professional football and now officates in the EFL division 1 and 2.

**Entry to these lectures is free to all members of the local community. For further details, or to book a seat, contact Lucy Beckett at [lbeckett@royallatin.org](mailto:lbeckett@royallatin.org) or on 01280 827306.**

