

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Non-League Programme Database: Steve Hardy** - Our programme guru, super hopper and dedicated archivist has now COMPLETELY UPDATED all sections of his extensive non-league programme database featuring 1000's of clubs covering English, Scottish, Welsh, Northern Irish, Ladies, School and Youth and Sunday football. The impressive catalogue lists include EVERY KNOWN CLUB THAT HAS ISSUED up to the end of the 2016-17 season. Reference to any alterations/additions since last year's database are handily highlighted in red ink for ease of identification. As you will appreciate an incredible amount of work has gone into making this possible and we are indebted to Steve for his painstaking efforts. You'll agree it's an absolutely fantastic resource for programme collectors and ground hoppers alike. Click on the Programmes link in the menu above and then go to the UK NL Programme Database tab for more...

**WebEd** - In addition Steve brings us another terrific selection of programme cover scans from some of the recent additions to last season's data base. These include ... Fife Amateur club, Inverkeithing **Hillfield Swifts AFC**, from season 2001-2002. Programmes from Scottish Amateur clubs are very unusual. New boys **Brynmawr AFC**, from the Gwent County league this season. All clubs in this league must issue for every game but getting hold of new issues can be very tricky. A very rare Sunday club issue from **Aldridge Town FC** of the Sutton Sunday league from 1990-91. A very faint issue from the Schools cup in 1984-85. **Westlands School** from Torquay entertain St Joseph's School from Swindon in a second-round tie. An unusual single sheet war time issue from **London Fire Services** as they play Tooting & Mitcham in the South Eastern Combination in 1944. Playing in the now defunct Burton & District league were **Uttoxeter FC**, who had this tremendous programme on offer in 1991-92. Scottish Junior cup action from 2014 as **Spey Valley FC** play Aberdeen East End in 2014-15. Spey Valley subsequently merged with Grantown and are now known as Spey Valley United. **Sporting Khalsa Women** did not issue for every game in 2016-17, but when they did it was this super full colour effort which was given out for free. A programme from the original **Tufnell Park FC** team from 1948, as they play, and beat, Corinthian Casuals.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.98: Steve Hardy** - Read about Steve's visit to watch **Crewe Alexandra U19** (v AFC Fylde U19) in the National League U19 Alliance Division K fixture played on 07/03/18... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Eleventh Heaven Hop! Don't miss Steve's mouth-watering pictures following his mid-week hop to watch **Crewe Alexandra U19** (v AFC Fylde U19) in the high-scoring National League U19 Alliance Division K fixture played on 07/03/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: WebEd** - Beast Buster! Check out the ground, action and matchday pictures from a hop to watch **Harchester United** (v Middleton Rovers) in the East Riding County League Division One fixture played on 03/03/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

WebEd writes: 'After enduring several days of heavy sleet and snow, freezing cold temperatures and a bitter wind-chill, the football traveller would be forgiven for feeling pessimistic about the prospect of watching any live football at the end of

the week. By the time the Beast of the East had done its best to wreak havoc and cause widespread disruption throughout the country the chances of finding a game that had survived the effects of this Siberian phenomenon were virtually nil. But as any collector of footy grounds will tell you we all live in hope of finding something (no matter how small) to satiate our fix even when the odds are stacked so highly against us.

By Friday morning the number of expected call-offs had increased to an unprecedented level. It was not so much a case of what had already been called off now but what would be left by the time kick-off approached. You certainly know it's bad when Football League matches are getting postponed as well. Given the worsening situation, it's going to be a hard call for clubs and referees to allow their games to go ahead. They have to make bold decisions taking into account not only the effects of the dreadful weather on the pitches which were obviously unplayable but also the hidden dangers to all travelling fans who have to make long and difficult journeys on hazardous untreated routes.

My short list of just four possible remaining matches (all 3/4G 'hoppertunites) was soon decimated, with three rapidly falling victim to the Beast. Checking the current information posted on the excellent *FA Full-Time* websites and my own *twitter* feed spelled out the state of play with those dreaded letters: P-P. It appeared that despite the valiant efforts made by countless club officials and volunteers to clear pitches, stands and walkways, the games I had chosen at Scarborough Athletic FC (NPL1N); Basford United FC (NPL1S) and Ruston Sports FC (Lincolnshire County) were all postponed (and quite rightly so). This left just one local game standing and that was at Harchester United (v Middleton Rovers) in the East Riding County League Division One. I also noticed that Scunthorpe United (v Oldham) in the Football League was still on and could serve as a back-up (back-up) if you get my drift (snow pun intended). So, it was with a mixture of hope and trepidation that I checked my trusted digital footy sources once again on Saturday morning. To my utter amazement and with some dis-belief my one and only remaining game was still listed as being ON! Surely there must be some mistake?! Had someone forgotten to update their site? A quick phone check call to helpful club secretary Dan Chadwick indeed confirmed some very welcome news. In fact, he almost seemed puzzled as to why there was any doubt in the first place. Game on!

The club is based at the large well-respected Malet Lambert School located in the Sutton Ings area of East Hull and found off James Reckitt Avenue. Teaching pupils of secondary school age it has a long and proud history, dating back to 1932. Once a grammar school, it became a community comprehensive school in 1968 and continues to adopt the same principles almost 50 years later working now as a formal Multi-Academy Trust with other partner institutions in the East Riding. A beautiful brick-built façade to the building bedecked in ivy greets the visitor as you turn into school grounds - it looks quite impressive here. The driveway leads past the main school buildings and sports department before reaching the adjacent 3G multi-use games area at the far side of the campus. Bordered on three sides by residential housing the site has a more-homely feel (another pun) about it. With plenty of adjacent parking spaces the floodlit facility is easy to access and hoppers will be pleased to know that you can watch the action from inside the cage. This

was refreshing to learn as I had some difficulty getting pitch-side a few weeks earlier on recent visits to watch matches at South Cave United FC and Hedon Rangers FC (both Humber Premier League sides) who are based at local schools and use 3G pitches - if you go here please be warned.

Harchester United Football Club is a relatively new side formed as recently as 2013 (starting I think as a pub team from East Hull). The club, members of the East Riding County League, enjoyed much success last season winning both the Division 2 title and the ER Junior Cup. They have stepped up to the plate once again this campaign and before the game today currently occupy second spot in the ten-team Division One table having lost only two matches to date. Their visitors Middleton Rovers (who lie in eighth) travel from Middleton-on-the-Wolds, a small village on the outskirts of neighbouring Driffield.

After all the heavy snow that had fallen on the days leading up to the match the pitch here looked in remarkably good condition with the playing area itself completely clear of the white stuff. In fact, the only bits still covered were along one side near to the players' dug-outs and behind the goal at the far end. The match itself was a cracker and a terrific advert for both the players and the league. Harchester looked in control from the start and made home advantage count taking a comfortable 3-0 going into the break. However, to their credit the visitors came out fighting in the second half and quickly got back into the match reducing the deficit with two well-taken goals. This seemed to unnerve the hosts who managed to hang on to the points despite going a player down in the closing stages. The contest was expertly refereed by Richard Jubb who was appropriately attired wearing a matching woolly hat and trackie-bottoms throughout the contest.

The game played in mostly dull and overcast conditions attracted a dozen or so spectators including well-respected and much-travelled local hopper Ian who was great company during my visit. Living only five-minutes-drive away the self-confessed Liverpool FC fan had actually been here many times before (also to watch Lambwatch FC members of the ERCL who coincidentally compete in the same division as United). He was well versed in all local things sporting and gave me the low down (and more) on all the clubs and grounds in the vicinity. A top bloke! Also joining us pitch-side was super-snapper Paul Linton who worked on the sports section at the *Wolds Weekly*, a newspaper/media business based in Beverley and Driffield. He had originally planned to double up this game with some rugby action but that had unsurprisingly fallen by the wayside too. He made us laugh when he expressed some concern as to how on a Saturday like this he was going to fill so many printed pages by featuring just this one game!!

Despite the bitter weather, my visit to watch Harchester United FC at the Malet Lambert School was thoroughly enjoyable and one that I definitely would recommend to all football grounds enthusiasts not just as a back-up in adverse conditions. On a day when it looked as though it would be football-free I was well chuffed just to get to a game I can tell you. Indeed, as luck would have it I think this was the ONLY match to be played in the entire league if not in the whole of East Yorkshire today. The joys of watching football matches in a Siberian climate are definitely not to be taken lightly. Have fun wherever you go and remember to stay well wrapped up!!'.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.97: *Brian Buck*** - It's hop up to Yorkshire for Brian as he takes in **York Railway Institute** (v Huntington Rovers) in the Minster Engineering York League Premier Division played on 24/02/18...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.96: *Brian Buck*** - Check out the best bits of Brian's hop to watch **Brockworth Albion** (v Taverners) in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division 1 played on 17/02/18... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Richard Panter*** - Our super snapper brings us plenty of great images from recent visits to **Harworth Colliery** (Central Midlands League North) and **Cambrian & Clydath Vale B & G Club** (Welsh League) all now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.95: *Keith Aslan*** - Pontardawe Perambulations! Find out about Keith's gem of a hopping day when he travelled to watch **Pontardawe** (v AFC Porth) in the Welsh League Division Two encounter played on 24/02/18...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner*** - Back-up game to the rescue! Don't miss Gary's cracking matchday pictures from a hop to watch **Thame United** (v Cambridge City) in the Evo-Stik Southern League South-West Division match played on 24/02/18...

Gary adds (via E-Mail): 'Had to revert to Plan B yesterday when a late finish at work and slow-moving traffic meant that I didn't reach Bracknell for the Vase as planned. When the satnav eventually confirmed I wouldn't be getting to Bracknell on time I opted for Thame United. Not a spectacular venue, definitely not a spectacular game and it was absolutely freezing! However, the friendliness of the locals and the travelling fans coupled with some great red kite action meant it was still a reasonable afternoon'.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - South Yorkshire Saturday Double! Check out Steve's mouth-watering pictures from **Sheffield Wednesday U18** (v Bolton Wanderers U18) in the U18 Professional Development League and **Ecclesfield Red Rose** (v AFC Dronfield) in the Sheffield County Senior League Division One...both played on 24/02/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Selby Town** (v Armthorpe Welfare) in the Northern Counties East League Division One fixture played on 24/02/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

*WebEd* writes: 'A short trip along the M62 and A1041 (by-passing the huge Drax Power Station) took me to The Fairfax, home of Selby Town FC for my footy fix today. Formed in 1919 and adopting the nickname The Robins, the club became founder members of the Yorkshire League. The golden eras came in the 1930's and 1950's where many league and cup titles were won. They also recorded the club's

highest attendance of 7000 when they played Bradford Park Avenue in the First Round of the FA Cup at their present home in Richard Street having moved here from The Bowling Green, their original ground on the other side of town. The Fairfax is within easy walking distance from the railway station in the town centre and is not far from the famous Selby Abbey one of only a few surviving churches from the medieval period. Built in 1069, it is a major landmark in the area.

From first impressions you feel that the ground has seen better days. However, there is much old charm and character to admire here and enough appeal to make you feel at home at what is quite a large arena. Everywhere is decked out in red and white. The main social facilities including a lounge bar and refreshment area and an adjacent cramped but well-stocked club shop (selling stacks of programmes, badges etc) are all based along the nearside. It's great to find several steps of old fashioned concrete terracing in the corner. The players' entrance and dug-outs are positioned on the far side opposite. For spectators there is a small covered stand (no seats) set back in an elevated position behind the goal to the left with covered bench seating spanning the full length of the area behind the goal at the opposite end (to the right). Here large white letters spelling out the name Selby Town can be easily picked out from the red background behind.

The game was a cracking advert for the league. Selby sitting in sixth place in the division before kick-off took an early lead when front-runner Sam Cable stabbed the ball home from close range after just ten minutes. With seconds of added time left they were pegged back by their visitors from Doncaster when Luke Williams had time and space to slot home. It was the locals who went home happy though when Liam Flanagan fired home on seventy minutes after a neat counter attack to grab his side all three points and consolidate a place in the promotion play-off race. The match played on a heavily sanded and bobbly pitch (survived an 11am pitch inspection) held up well on what was a sunny but raw afternoon. Despite the freezing conditions a vociferous crowd of 130 was in attendance (this was in fact the highest in the division and third best in the entire NCEL). The club produced a cracking (no frills or glossy colour cover) home-spun programme that was jam-packed with local news, pen pictures, history of both clubs and all the essential stats for £1.50. A well-stocked menu serving both hot food and drink was on the menu and dispensed by three charming ladies throughout the afternoon.

It is worth pointing out that like most clubs in this competition Selby Town publish a useful web site and up-to-date *twitter* feed (this was a superb resource helping to confirm that the match was going ahead). Hoppers may be interested to learn too that The Robins have ambitions to move from The Fairfax to a brand-new conference standard stadium on East Common next to Selby College at a future date. Watch this space! A visit here comes highly recommended to all footy travellers.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - TT No.94: Brian Buck** - It's a trip to Wembley (not Stadium!) for Brian as he brings us a tasty review from **Cricklewood Wanderers** (v Brentham) in the Cherry Red Books Middlesex County League Premier Division match played on 17/02/18...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - TT No.93: Keith Aslan** - Ashford Ambles! Roving reporter Keith brings us all the essential details from his trip to watch **Ashford** (v Gillingham Town) in the Kent FA Reliance Junior Cup Group A Quarter-Final played on 17/02/18... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - TT No.92: Steve Hardy** - Read about Steve's hop to watch **Goldenhill Wanderers** (v Keele University Reserves) in the Staffordshire County Senior League Division Two played on 17/02/18...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Latest Images: Malc Dye** - View Malc's match day pictures from **Immmingham Town** (v Ruston Sports) in the Lincolnshire Football League Premier Division played on 17/02/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Our star snapper heads down to Essex for **Sawbridgeworth Town** (v Ilford) in the Essex Senior League fixture played on 17/02/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 18/02/17): 'A trip to Sawbridgeworth for me yesterday. The ground definitely needs some TLC and the game was not the best...'

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View Steve's super snaps from his trip to watch **Goldenhill Wanderers** (v Keele University Reserves) in the Staffordshire County Senior League Division Two played on 17/02/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - Check out the ground, action and match day pictures from **Immmingham Town** (v Ruston Sports) in the Lincolnshire Football League Premier Division played on 17/02/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

'This was my second trip over the water since moving to the Banks of the Humber just a few weeks ago. After a visit to watch Cleethorpes Town (v Bedworth United) in the table topping NPL Division One South fixture back in January I followed a similar route before heading to the docklands area of Immmingham. After by-passing several large chemical depots along the A180 I soon arrived in the town centre and headed east to the Immmingham Sports Complex. Beware though the reality is quite different to the picture its name conjours up!

The ground entrance and large playing field is found at the end of a cul-de-sac tightly hemmed in among a myriad of houses forming what is a large residential estate. I was quite puzzled when two young lads wearing high-vis jackets greeted me at the end of Lydford Road and directed me to the field! Here, the rather basic facilities consisting of a breeze-block building adorned in red and black club banners (depicting the Pilgrims logo) is set at an oblique angle close to the pitch and roped off all-round with tape that formed a mini players-tunnel next to the clubhouse. This building incorporates changing rooms for both sets of players and officials and a tea bar which was doing a brisk trade before kick-off. There is little

else at pitch-side apart from a row of houses running parallel to the near side touchline and the setting is pretty soulless to be honest.

Today's game saw the visit of league leaders Ruston Sports (from Lincoln) to the ISC. The game played in mainly dull and overcast conditions started at a frantic pace and saw the home side (in fifth place) come back twice to equalise with their second going in during the dying minutes of play to salvage a well-earned 2-2 draw, a fair result on the balance of play which wasn't too exciting at times. The game attracted almost forty spectators including fellow hoppers Alan Wiggins and blind traveller John Stancombe who was well received by the club and given terrific hospitality by the club chairman who helped to provide lifts to and from Habrough rail station located just a few miles down the road. I also met another snapper Malc who had come up from Lincoln to watch his grandson playing for Ruston. A selection of his pictures taken during the afternoon are also included in the album gallery. Cheers my friend. Paper-chasers will be very interested to know that the club issue a cracking little 16-page colour programme priced £1 for all home matches. This was sold from the tea bar where hot drinks were dispensed for 50p (including a free chocolate bar) by two cheerful young ladies.

Although the facilities here are pretty basic at present I certainly found everyone associated with the club to be extremely friendly and welcoming. No doubt the lure of a match day programme might attract some of you to the club for a game in the future. I would certainly recommend a visit to the ISC to all football travellers. The joys of hopping in Humberside (or should that be North Lincolnshire?) will definitely continue'.

As an aside it is also worth adding that Immingham Town FC publish a very useful and regularly updated twitter account which I flagged up before setting out for the game. Apart from the usual match details the club made reference to hopper John Stancombe and provided a link to an article which appeared in the Guardian newspaper last year. Many of you may have read this but for those who haven't done so (like myself) it is worth checking out at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2017/may/15/blind-groundhopper-non-league-football-john-stancombe>

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.91: *Brian Buck*** - Touch and Go! Find out about Brian's timely arrival to watch **Cookham Dean** (v Taplow United) in the Thames Valley Premier League Premier Division fixture played on 10/02/18... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.90: *Brian Buck*** - 30-year wait! Read all about Brian's delayed re-visit to Latimer Park as he takes in **Burton Park Wanderers** (v Thrapston Town) in the ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League Division 1 played on 02/02/18... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.89: *Brian Buck*** - University Challenge! Read about Brian's latest hop following a trip to watch **Cambridge University Falcons** v Bishop Grosseteste University in the BUCS League Midland Division 3B played at the Queens & Robinson Sports Ground in Cambridge...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.88: Keith Aslan** - Plastic Perambulations! Our super hopper takes in **St Helens Town** (v Whitchurch Alport) in the North West Counties League Division 1 fixture played on 10/02/18.....read more about his visit by going to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.87: Steve Hardy** - 3G weather buster AGAIN. Find out more about Steve's hop to **FC Cavaliers** (v Awsworth Villa) in the Notts Senior League Premier Division fixture played on 10/02/18... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and match day photos from **Hedon Rangers** (v Bridlington Town) in the East Riding County FA Q-F tie played on 10/02/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's ace pictures from a trip to the East Midlands for **FC Cavaliers** (v Awsworth Villa) in the Notts Senior League Premier Division fixture played on 10/02/18...all uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail): '3G to the rescue again. My FIFTH game on the plastic in a row...'

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - FA Vase thriller! Check out Gary's magnificent photos from a hop to watch **Wolverhampton Sporting Community** (v Leighton Town) in the delayed FA Vase Round 5 tie played on 10/02/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'It was definitely the magic of the Vase yesterday with an absolutely superb game of football at Pride Park, home of Wolverhampton Sporting Community. It was a hard fought, rip-roaring cup tie with 7 goals, 5 of which are in the pics including the match winning penalty from Leighton Town. Great stuff!'

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.86: Steve Hardy** - Steve brings us more from **Old Hill Vets** (v Shirley Athletic Vets) in the Birmingham & District League Vets Cup tie played on 03/02/18...read a summary covering his visit by going to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.85: Brian Buck** - Seaside Stroll! NEW GROUND ALERT! Don't miss Brian's ace review from **Scarborough Athletic** (v Prescott Cables) in the Northern Premier League North Division fixture played on 03/02/18...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Dieser Bilder sind sehr schon! It's a magnificent German Hopping Double for Gary as he brings us plenty of fabulous match day pictures from **Hallescher** (v VFL Osnabruck) in the Bundesliga 3 match played on 03/02/18 and a much- awaited trip to **Dynamo Dresden** (v VFL Bochum) in the Bundesliga 2 game played the following day on 04/02/18...



Gary reports enthusiastically (via E-Mails sent on 05/02 and 06/02): 'Trip to Germany for Mandy and I this weekend where we saw a couple of games. Saturday saw a trip to Halle where Hallescher were taking on VFL Osnabruck at the Erdgas Sportpark. It was a dour 90 minutes but the home fans went home happy after a 1-0 victory. The ground is relatively new (2011) but when built the walls to the old stadium were retained'.

'Our 2nd game of the weekend was in a city and at a stadium that has been on my wish list for a long time. Dresden as a city and Dynamo at the DDV did not disappoint! A crowd of 24,097 (the lowest of the season) braved the snowy conditions, created a tremendous atmosphere and were rewarded with a 2-0 home win. Superb!!'.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Check out Steve's mouth-watering match day pictures from **Old Hill Vets** (v Shirley Athletic Vets) in the Birmingham & District League Vets Cup tie played on 03/02/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - 3G weather buster! View the essential ground, action and match day pictures from a visit to watch **South Cave United** (v Chalk Lane) in the exciting Humber Premier League Premier Division fixture played at South Hunsley School in Melton on 03/02/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.84: *Brian Buck*** - Boston & District League Bulletin! Find out all the important info from Brian's hop to watch **Freiston** (v Woodhall Spa United) in the Boston Workforce Unlimited League Division 1 match played on 20/01/18... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.83: *Steve Hardy*** - Catch up on Steve's match day trip to Liverpool for **Alumni** (v East Villa) in the Liverpool Premier League Premier Division game played on 27/01/18...read his report now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - It's Humber Premier League action with a trip to watch **Brandesburton AFC** (v Hull United) in a Division One fixture played on 27/01/18...view all the match day pictures now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - View Steve's match day photos from **Alumni** (v East Villa) in the Liverpool Premier League Premier Division game played on 27/01/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.82: *Brian Buck*** - Bonus midweek ground trip! Brian takes advantage of a lift as he takes in **RAF** (v Tamworth X1) for a Friendly Match played at **RAF Cosford** on 19/01/18...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - Top of the table clash! Check out the ground, action and match day pictures from **Cleethorpes Town** (v

Bedworth United) in the Northern Premier League South Division fixture played on 20/01/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.81: *Brian Buck*** - Prior to watching his beloved Spurs play at Wembley Stadium Brian whets his footy appetite with a trip to **LNER** (v London Titans) in the Cherry Red Books Middlesex County League Combination fixture contested on 13/01/18... read more by going to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.80: *Brian Buck*** - Find out more about Brian's hop to watch **Altis** (v United London) in the London Junior Cup 4th Round tie played at the London Marathon Community Track, Stratford (WHU FC) on 09/01/18... go to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Programme News: *Steve Hardy*** - Second list of the season. Check out Steve's review covering clubs that have issued during the season. Includes over 60 club entries featuring English; Scottish; Welsh; Sunday and Ladies football. Click on the main Programmes link and then visit the Programmes News tab for more.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.79: *Keith Aslan*** - Retford Rambles! After passing the ground for years Keith finally gets off the train to watch a game here as he takes in **Retford** (v Brodsworth Welfare) in the Central Midlands League North Division fixture played on 13/01/18... read more by going to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.78: *Steve Hardy*** - Read Steve's review from his hop to **Stamford** (v Frickley Athletic) in the Northern Premier League South Division match played on 13/01/18... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner*** - FA Trophy trek! Don't miss Gary's terrific album photos following his trip to watch **Brackley Town** (v Barrow) in the FA Trophy Round 2 tie played on 13/01/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail sent on 09/01): 'FA Trophy action for me yesterday though not much action in a poor game which ended 0-0'.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from **Pocklington Town** (v Hornsea Town) in the Humber Premier League Premier Division match played on 13/01/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Check out Steve's cracking match day pictures from a visit to **Stamford** (v Frickley Athletic) in the Northern Premier League South Division match played on 13/01/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.77: *Brian Buck*** - It's a local-ish trip to the sea side for Brian with a hop to watch **Hunstanton** (v Marshland Saints) in the North West Norfolk League Division Two Cup Round 1 tie played on 06/01/18...read more by going to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner*** - The thrill of the FA Vase! Gary heads towards Heathrow for his chosen game with a trip to **Horley Town** (v Chichester City) in the FA Vase Round 4 tie played on 06/01/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 07/01): 'It was the magic of the Vase yesterday with a highly entertaining game at Horley Town. Several hoppers present and a very good day out'.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - 3G life-saver! Steve takes a detour for his footy fix today with a hop to watch **Hilton Harriers** (v Linby Colliery) in the re-arranged Central Midlands League South Division match played at the Etwall Leisure Centre on 06/01/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via i Pad message sent on 06/01): 'More 3G fun for me today. Hilton Harriers very cleverly switched their match with Linby Colliery from a sodden Mease Ground, to a 3G pitch at Etwall Leisure Centre, in Etwall. Viewing was restricted to just one side of the pitch, so the photos are really boring this week. I did manage to get the first goal though, which is the penalty taken from outside the cage, and through the fence! Match details - Central Midlands League - South Division Hilton Harriers 3-0 Linby Colliery'.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - Scroll through all the essential match day photos from **Fulbourn Institute** (v Chatteris Town) in the Cambridgeshire County League Premier Division fixture played on 06/01/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.76: *Keith Aslan*** - Bramford Byways! Find out more from Keith's hop to watch **Bramford Road Old Boys** (v Bramford Road) in the Suffolk & Ipswich League Bob Coleman Cup tie played on 06/01/18...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.75: *Brian Buck*** - Read about Brian's hop to watch **Team Dudley** (v Newport Town) in the West Midlands (Regional) League Division 1 played on 30/12/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner*** - New Year Football! View the fantastic photos from Gary's trip to watch **Peterborough Sports** (v Stamford) in the Northern Premier League South Division match played on 01/01/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'New Year's Day saw me make the short trip to Peterborough Sports where I watched a very feisty local derby with lowly Sports beating promotion chasing Stamford 2-0. Attendance was 336 which was a record for Sports. 12.45 kick off meant I was home for Final Score'.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.74: Keith Aslan** - Scarborough Strolls! NEW GROUND ALERT! Read all about Keith's much awaited trip to watch **Scarborough Athletic** (v Clitheroe) in the Northern Premier League North Division fixture played on 30/12/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's awesome match day photos from a trip to **Wolverhampton Sporting Community** (v Wellington Amateurs) in the West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division fixture played on 30/12/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - Week end double...view the ground, action and match day pictures from **Haverhill Borough** (v Haverhill Rovers) in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division played on 29/12/17 and **Yaxley** (v Northampton Sileby Rangers) in the United Counties League Premier Division on 30/12/17...both uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's superb match day photos from a hop to watch **Spalding United** (v Peterborough Sports) in the Northern Premier League South Division played on 26/12/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 31/12): 'My last pics of 2017 (given the weather I stayed local and went to Aylestone Park yesterday so didn't bother with pics). Boxing Day saw a short trip to Spalding United which I hadn't visited since the late 80s. Whilst Mandy and her Mum went shopping I went to the footie. It wasn't the greatest of games but it was definitely better than shopping!'

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.73: Brian Buck** - Read all about Brian's memorable day out to watch **Heyford Athletic** (v Launton Sports) in the Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Division match played on 23/12/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.72: Steve Hardy** - Find out more about Steve's trip to **Heath Hayes** (v Leicester Road) in the Midland Football League Division One played on 26/12/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - It's Isthmian League action with a local visit to **Mildenhall Town** (v AFC Sudbury) in the Bostick North Division fixture played on Boxing Day...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View Steve's footy snaps from a local hop to watch **Heath Hayes** (v Leicester Road) in the Midland Football League Division One played on Boxing Day... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.71: Keith Aslan** - Ruardean Rovings! Check out Keith's inspirational review from a hop to **Ruardean Hill Rangers** (v Gala Wilton) in

the Gloucester County League played on 23/12/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.70: *Steve Hardy*** - Our roving hopper extraordinaire brings us a review from **GNP Sports** (v AFC Solihull) in the Midland Football League Division Three played on 23/12/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day photos from **Sheering** (v Park Lane Rangers) in the Hertford & District League Division One fixture (abandoned after 65 minutes when fighting broke out) played on 23/12/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Check out Steve's super pictures from a hop to **GNP Sports** (v AFC Solihull) in the Midland Football League Division Three played on 23/12/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.69: *Brian Buck*** - Our super hopper takes in **Royal Holloway Old Boys** (v AFC Spelthorne Sports) in the Surrey Elite Intermediate League Intermediate Division Challenge Cup 1st Round played on 16/12/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.68: *Brian Buck*** - Brian takes in **AFC Hoxne** (v Ransome Sports) in the Touchline Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Division played on 02/12/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.67: *Brian Buck*** - It's a trip to the East Midlands for Brian with **Leicester Nirvana** (v Blackstones) in the ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties League Knock Out Cup Quarter Final played on 28/11/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.66: *Brian Buck*** - Check out more about Brian's visit to **Holy Rood** (v St Albans Romans Reserves) in the Hertfordshire & Borders Churches League Division 2 played on 25/11/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.65: *Brian Buck*** - Find out about Brian's hop to watch **Attenborough** (v Newark Flowserve) in the Precision Notts Senior League Premier Division played on 18/11/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.64: *Brian Buck*** - Brian brings us a review from a trip to watch **West Ham United U23** (v Derby County U23) in the Premier League 2 Division 1 played on 17/11/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.63: *Brian Buck*** - Read about Brian's hop to watch **Aveley** (v Barking) in the Bostick League North played on 13/11/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - View Gary's superb match day pictures from a hop to watch **Biggleswade United** (v Leverstock Green) in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division fixture played on 16/12/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

NTFC super fan Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 17/12/17): 'I was on weather watch yesterday morning as games were rapidly being called off. Then Biggleswade United stated their game was definitely on. Decision made and what a good one too. Excellent go-ahead club, cracking game and a superb pastie at half time. To round off the day the Mighty Cobbs won as well!'

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.62: Keith Aslan** - Sporting Saunters! Paper-chasing hopper extraordinaire Keith brings us a superb review following his Eastern Hop to watch **Sporting '87** (v Ipswich Athletic) in the Suffolk & Ipswich League Division One fixture played on 16/12/17... go to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18 to find out more...

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.61: Steve Hardy** - Read about Steve's hop to **Stapleford Town** (v Selston Reserves) in the Notts Senior League Division One fixture played on 16/12/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - Don't miss the ground, action and match day photos from a hop to watch **AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College** (v Ickwell & Old Warden) in the bad-tempered Bedfordshire County Football League Premier Division fixture played on 16/12/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View Steve's sumptuous snaps from his trip to the East Midlands for **Stapleford Town** (v Selston Reserves) in the Notts Senior League Division One fixture played on 16/12/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Check out Gary's fabulous matchday pictures from his busy cross-Channel hopping weekend for **Folkestone Invicta** (v Harrow Borough) in the Isthmian Bostick League Premier Division played on 09/12/17 and his visit to **SC Eendracht Aalst** (Belgian League Division Two) which was unfortunately postponed before kick-off the following day...both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 15/12): 'Last Saturday saw Mandy and I heading to **Folkestone**. Smart move I thought given the weather up North. No snow on the south coast although it was very cold. Excellent ground at Folkestone with a superb club shop. Average game with Harrow winning comfortably to send their small band of supporters home happy'.

'Sunday morning saw Mandy and I heading through the tunnel to France and Belgium. Our destination was **Aalst** where (surprise, surprise) there was a footie match planned. The bad weather from up North had now arrived down South and we drove to Aalst in challenging conditions before parking up at the Pierre

Cornellisstadion. First bad news of the day (especially for Mandy) was that the Christmas Market outside the stadium was closing-down due to the snow. At this point I was not worried about the game being off as fans and stewards were all milling around as normal. However, it was not to be with the ref finally calling the game 40 minutes before kick-off. Not even Santa (see pics) could save this one! Mandy and I had to make do with a long and excellent Sunday lunch instead before retiring to the warmth and comfort of our hotel'.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Dave Norcliffe RIP!** It was heart-breaking to learn of the recent passing of hopper David Norcliffe, aged 49, after a long battle with illness. As a keen fellow traveller Dave was also a dedicated photographer and contributed a wide range of pictures to the site particularly in its early days. On behalf of all readers of FGIF I would like to send our condolences to both his friends and family at this sad time. RIP Dave.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.60: Keith Aslan** - Benhall By-ways! Read all about Keith's hop to watch **Benhall St Mary** (v Bramford United) in the Suffolk & Ipswich Premier Division fixture played on 09/12/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - Check out the ground, action and match day photos from **The Eagle (Ely)** (v Benwick Athletic) in the Cambridgeshire County League Division 3B fixture played on 18/11/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.59: Steve Hardy** - Goal Fest!! Find out more about the very high-scoring North-East Wales League clash at **Bellevue** (v Halkyn United) played on 02/12/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - Harlow 3G Derby!! A full set of photos from **Sumners** (v Oracle Components) in the Hertford & District League played on 02/12/17 is now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View all the essential match days photos from Steve's hop to **Bellevue** (v Halkyn United) in the North-East Wales League played on 02/12/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's hop to watch **Borussia Dortmund U19** (v Tottenham Hotspur U19) in the UEFA Youth League Group Stage played on 21/11/17...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:  
<http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/11/borussia-dortmund-u19.html>

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - It's Bostick League action for Gary as he takes in **Dereham Town** (v Romford) in the North Division match played on 25/11/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail) sent on 26/11): 'Saturday 11th November saw me head to a top v bottom clash in the Ryman North. Expecting a comfortable home win, I was surprised to see such an entertaining game which could have gone either way. Nice set up at Dereham and as is usual, friendly locals made for a good afternoon out'.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Browse the full set of match day photos following Steve's visit to **Allscott** (v Team Dudley) in the West Midlands League Division Two match played on 25/11/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from **Weston** (v Hatfield Social) in the Herts Senior County League Division One fixture played on 25/11/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.58: *Steve Hardy*** - Read about Steve's trip to the Wirral for **Ashville** (v Stockport Georgians) in the Cheshire Amateur Cup Round 3 tie played on 18/11/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - Check out the full set of match day pictures taken at **Guilden Morden** (v Cambridge Ambassadors) in the Cambridgeshire County League Division 4A fixture played on 18/11/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Don't miss Steve's match day pictures from his hop to watch **Ashville** (v Stockport Georgians) in the Cheshire Amateur Cup Round 3 tie played on 18/11/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.57: *Steve Hardy*** - Find out more about Steve's second game of the day when he visits **Manchester Gregorians** v Hindsford in the Manchester League Premier Division played on 11/11/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.56: *Brian Buck*** - Our super-hopper takes in **London APSA** (v Old Esthameians) in the Essex Alliance Premier Division fixture... read his ace report now uploaded to the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.55: *Steve Hardy*** - Check out Steve's review following a morning trip to watch **Old Stretfordians FC** (v Medlock Rangers) in the Manchester Saturday Morning League Division One) played on 11/11/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day pictures taken at **Stansted** (v Sawbridgeworth Town) in the Essex Senior League played on 11/11/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View the complete set of photos taken by Steve on his morning hop to watch **Old Stretfordians FC** (v Medlock Rangers) in the Manchester Saturday Morning League Division One) played on 11/11/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.54: Keith Aslan** - It's West Midlands League action for Keith as he takes in the Second Division fixture at **Church Stretton** (v FC Darlaston) West Midlands League Division 2...read his report now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.53: Brian Buck** - Find out all about Brian's trip to watch **FC GNG** (v Saffron Dynamo) in the Everards Brewery Leicestershire Senior League Premier Division played on 04/11/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's hop to watch **Brightlingsea Regent** (v Harlow Town) in the Isthmian League Premier Division played on 04/11/17...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:  
<http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/11/brightlingsea-regent-fc.html>

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.52: Steve Hardy** - Read Steve's report from a hop to the beautiful Derbyshire Dales for **Cromford** (v Wirksworth Town) in the Central Midlands League Division Two fixture played on 04/11/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - View Gary's stunning match day photos from Dalry Thistle v Glenafton Athletic in the Scottish Junior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round tie played at **Kilwinning Rangers FC** on 04/11/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 05/11): 'Another trip to Scotland yesterday and a junior cup tie which was switched to Kilwinning Rangers as Dalry's pitch was again unplayable. Glenafton cruised through in style 5-1. Nice set up at Kilwinning with covered standing behind one goal and along one side. Decent welcome and the food offered was excellent. Kilwinning Abbey provides an excellent backdrop also'.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's awesome match day pictures from **Cromford** (v Wirksworth Town) in the Central Midlands League Division Two fixture played on 04/11/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and match day pictures following a hop to watch **Eriswell Village** (v St Edmunds 1965) in the St Edmundsbury League Mick McNeil KO Cup Q-F played on 04/11/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.51: Brian Buck** - Find out all about Brian's trip to watch **Fry Club** (v Odd Down Reserves) in the Somerset County League Premier

Division played on 28/10/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.50: *Steve Hardy*** - Read about Steve's visit to watch **Sutton Coldfield Town Youth** (v Matlock Town Youth) in the Northern Premier League Youth Division) played on 01/11/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - View Steve's inspiring match day photos from **Sutton Coldfield Town Youth** (v Matlock Town Youth) in the Northern Premier League Youth Division) played on 01/11/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Check out Steve's cracking footy-scape from **Brereton Town Ladies FC** (Staffordshire County Women's League) ...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail sent on 22/10): 'Hope you like this photo I took at Brereton Town Ladies in the Women's FA cup recently. It's grim in t'west Midlands, tha knows!'

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman*** - Read all about Steve's hop to watch APOEL (v Tottenham Hotspur) in the UEFA Champions League Group Stage tie played on 26/09/17...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:  
<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/apoel-0-tottenham-hotspur-3-uefa.html>

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Hopper Info/Club News: Norton Athletic FC (Lowestoft & District League): *WebEd*** - Hoppers looking for a game near to the Norfolk Broads may be interested to learn about the latest ground improvements at Norton Athletic FC. Club secretary Scott Yarham writes (via E-Mail sent on 20/10): 'Hello Martin, around 6 years ago, I believe you visited my club Norton Athletic for one of your reports (and to take some photos). I am writing this to invite you back as our ground has undergone a complete transformation since then with brand new changing facilities, tea hut, pitch side fencing and sponsor boards. If this is of interest to you and others then let me know and I can update you on fixtures. Thanks, Scott Yarham, Secretary (E-Mail: [moffit02@icloud.com](mailto:moffit02@icloud.com))'.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - TT No.49: *Steve Hardy*** - Find out about Steve's hop to **FC Creswell** (v Balfour Old Boys) in the Stafford & District Sunday League Division Two fixture played on 29/10/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - TT No.48: *Keith Aslan*** - Read about Keith's trip to watch **AFC Kilburn** (v Swanwick Pentrich Road) in the Central Midlands League South Division match played on 28/10/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - NEW GROUND ALERT! Don't miss Gary's awesome pictures from a mouth-watering visit up to Scotland for **Hearts** (v Rangers) in the Scottish Premier League played on 28/10/17... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'Scottish Prem action at Murrayfield for me yesterday having missed out visiting for previous footie games held there. Excellent venue and a bumper crowd of 32852 including over 14,000 Rangers fans. First half was pretty poor with Hearts Kyle Lafferty scoring from a Beckhamesque free kick being the highlight. Second half was better and saw Rangers dominate to win 3-1. Veteran Kenny Miller was the difference, he scored twice and set up the third goal with a superb pass. The local hostelrys and eateries did a roaring trade and nearly half the crowd went home happy. Trains behaved and because of the early KO I was home before 10. Decent day out'.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Sunday Footy Special! Steve takes in **FC Creswell** (v Balfour Old Boys) in the Stafford & District Sunday League Division Two fixture played on 29/10/17...View the match day pictures now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the match day pictures from **Longham** (v Shipdham) in the Central & South Norfolk League Division One played at the Barnham Broom PF on 28/10/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - TT No.47: Brian Buck** - Check out Brian's review following a hop to watch **Tollesbury** (v Dedham Old Boys Reserves) in the Essex & Suffolk Border League Division 3 fixture played on 21/10/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - TT No.46: Brian Buck** - Read all about Brian's trip to watch **Coventry United** (v Highgate United) in the Birmingham Senior Cup 1st Round tie played on 18/10/17... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - TT No.45: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's cracking match day report from **Redditch Borough** (v Wake Green Amateurs) in the Birmingham FA Saturday Vase First Round match played on 21/10/17... now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18..

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - View Gary's terrific match day photos from a trip to Norfolk for **Norwich CBS** (v Oxhey Jets) in the FA Vase Round 1 played on 21/10/17... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 22/10): 'As of Thursday my plan for yesterday was Darwen v Marske in the Vase. However, on Thursday the mystic Sponge called to say that the weather was horrible up North (no surprise there!) and we should look East on Saturday.'

Wise words from an old man as the game at Darwen was postponed. No such problems at Norwich CBS where on a sunny afternoon the home side beat higher level opponents Oxhey Jets 1-0. Cracking Vase tie which saw lots of chances go begging with just the one goal settling it. Nice set up and once again a decent day out'.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Don't miss Steve's match day pictures from **Redditch Borough** (v Wake Green Amateurs) in the Birmingham FA Saturday Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Round match played on 21/10/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - Check out the ground, action and match day pictures from a hop to watch **Hockering** (v Bacton) in the Norfolk Primary Cup Round 2 played on 21/10/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - TT No.44: *Steve Hardy*** - Read all about Steve's hop to **Madeley White Star** (v Rushall Olympic U21) in the Staffordshire Challenge Cup Second Round played on 14/10/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner*** - Don't miss Gary's awesome match day photos from a visit to watch **Wednesfield** (v Bewdley Town) in the West Midlands Regional League Premier Division fixture played on 14/10/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail): 'After last week's trip to Old Trafford it was back to normality yesterday. Great weather yesterday and a decent game as Wednesfield and Bewdley shared the points in a four-goal thriller. There were chances and great saves at both ends including a first half penalty save by the Wednesfield keeper. Friendly locals made for a good afternoon out'.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - Check out Steve's tasty pictures from **Madeley White Star** (v Rushall Olympic U21) in the Staffordshire Challenge Cup Second Round played on 14/10/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from hops to watch **SC Birchanger** (v Thunbridge) in the Hertford & District League Division 2 Cup) played on 07/10/17 and **Aveley** (v Soham Town Rangers) in the Isthmian Bostick League North Division on 14/10/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Programme Latest: *Steve Hardy*** - First list of the season. Check out Steve's review covering clubs that have issued during the early part of this season. Click on the main *Programmes* link and then visit the *Programmes News* tab for more.

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.43: *Brian Buck*** - Check out the latest from Brian's hop to **Little Oakley** (v Cornard United) in the Thurlow Nunn League Division 1 played on 10/10/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.42: *Brian Buck*** - Read all about Brian's hop to **Hitchin Belles** (v Welwyn Pegasus (Adult) Sapphires Women) in the Beds & Herts Women's League Division 2 played at the St Christopher School, Barrington Road, Letchworth on 08/10/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.41: *Brian Buck*** - Find out more about Brian's trip to **May & Baker EC** (v Rayleigh Town) in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League Premier Division played at Barking Rugby Club on 07/10/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.40: *Brian Buck*** - Read all about Colin's hop to **Gimingham United** (v Runtun United) in the Walcott Lighthouse Inn North East Norfolk League Sanders Coaches Division 1 played on 30/10/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.39: *Brian Buck*** - Check out the latest from Brian's hop to **CB Hounslow United** (v Eversley & California) in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Challenge Cup 1st Round played on 26/10/17...now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.38: *Keith Aslan*** - Alvis Ambles! Check out more from Keith's trip to **Coventry Alvis** (v Littleton) in the Midland League Division 1 played on 07/10/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18...

**Saturday 21st October - TT No.37: *Colin Marshall*** - New contributor Colin tells us more about his trip to watch **Fisher** (v Forest Hill Park) in the Southern Counties East League played on 07/10/17...now added to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2017-18..

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Website Update: *WebEd*** - Apologies to all our readers for the lateness in adding updates to the site. We are currently in the process of moving up to East Yorkshire and as a result I have been unable to spend as much time checking E-Mails and processing the photos, reports etc provided by our terrific team of contributors in the usual way. Despite this, please continue to send us your news and I will endeavour to add it to *FGIF* when I get chance. Hopefully it won't be too long before normal service is resumed. In the meantime, thanks for your patience, loyalty and support and have fun wherever you go.  
Martin

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman*** - Read all about Steve's hop to watch APOEL U19 (v Tottenham Hotspur U19) in the UEFA Youth League Group Stage tie played on 26/09/17...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:  
[http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/apoel-u19\\_26.html](http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/apoel-u19_26.html)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.36: Keith Aslan** - Steel City Saunters! Read all about Keith's inspirational hop to Sheffield for **Swallownest** (v Glasshoughton) in the Northern Counties East League Division 1 fixture played on 30/09/17... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss our supremo's mouth-watering pictures from a terrific North-West footy double featuring **Ashton Athletic** (v Chorley) in the FA Cup 3Q tie and then **on to Daisy Hill** (v St Helens Town) in the North-West Counties League Division One...both played on 30/09/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail on 01/10): 'The magic of the FA Cup was evident at Ashton Athletic yesterday as a club record crowd of 610 plus the BBC camera (deliberately singular!) attended the tie v Chorley which saw Ashton Athletic in the 3rd qualifying round for the first time in their history. A hard-fought cup tie which took place for a long time in driving rain was witnessed. Ashton were certainly not embarrassed against opponents 3 steps higher in the pyramid though Chorley reached the last qualifying round with a belting goal in the last ten minutes. An excellent start to the day'.

'After the early KO at Ashton there were plenty of options for my 2nd game. Ashton Town would have been the easy choice but I'd already been there. I chose Daisy Hill on the basis that there would (hopefully) be parking as they generally get low crowds. Yesterday the attendance was 56. One slight hiccup was driving directly past Leigh Centurions (another choice but I'd been there too) who were contesting the million-pound game. The Leigh fans on the way to the ground were in buoyant mood (not so happy afterwards!) but most of the cars had already arrived so it was relatively stress free. I arrived at Daisy Hill just three minutes before KO and was buying a much-needed coffee as the game kicked off. Despite the fact that it was still raining it was a tremendous afternoon's entertainment. St Helens raced into a 3-0 lead before Daisy Hill pulled a goal back just before half time. The second half saw the home team pull another goal back and an equaliser looked on the cards. St Helens weathered (literally) the onslaught and then took a 4-2 lead. Daisy Hill scored in the last minute but had no further time to equalise. A cracking game and an excellent day out'.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and match day photos from **Taverham** (v Mariners) in the Norfolk Primary Cup First round tie played on 30/09/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.35: Brian Buck** - Check the tasty hop review following Brian's trip to watch **Team Northumbria** (v Durham City) in the Buildbase FA Vase 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round played on 23/09/17...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.34: Keith Aslan** - Lutterworth Loiterings. Find out more about Keith's hop to watch **Lutterworth Town** (v Teversal) in the FA Vase 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying round tie played on 23/09/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.33: Steve Hardy** - Read all about Steve's trip to watch **AVRO Reserves** (v Stockport Georgians Reserves) in the Manchester Football League Division Three played on 23/09/17...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Come on you Tigers! Our lens-meister brings us plenty of sizzling pictures from **Worksop Town** (v Kirby Muxloe) in the FA Vase 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round tie played on 23/09/17...

Gary adds (via E-Mail): 'Magic of the Vase yesterday though not so magical for Kirby Muxloe who got soundly beaten at Worksop. 339 in attendance and the Tigers fans went home very happy indeed. A statement that you no doubt love to hear!'

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's ace photos from a trip to **AVRO Reserves** (v Stockport Georgians Reserves) in the Manchester Football League Division Three played on 23/09/17...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from **Barsham** (v First & Last) in the Suffolk Junior Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round played on 23/09/17...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.32: Ian Brown** - It's a trip to Belfast for Ian as he takes in **Donegal Celtic** (v Newington YC) in the Bluefin Sport Premier Intermediate League played on 16/09/17... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.31: Brian Buck** - Don't miss Brian's match day review from **NUFC Oilers** (v Crouch End Vampires) in the Southern Amateur League Senior Division 2 played on 16/09/17... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - TT No.30: Steve Hardy** - Read all about Steve's trip to **Olton Ravens** (v Bartley Reds South) in the Birmingham & District League Division 6 played on 24/09/17...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's mega-pix from a superb Belgian weekend double featuring games in the West Flanders Provincial 1A at: **KSV Rumbeke** (v KSC Blankenberge) played on 16/09/17 and **KRC Waregem** (v KFC Varsenare) on 17/09/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail): 'Trip to Belgium this weekend which saw us take in 2 games. First game on Saturday night was at KSV Rumbeke. The home side took the lead with an outrageous lob (see pics) only for Blankenberge to equalise before half time. After the break, the visitors were much the better side and eventually ran out 3-1 winners. Admission at Wervikhovestraat was 8 euros to sit, 6 euros to stand and there was a free programme and teamsheet available. Covered seating on one side on the ground with covered terracing on the other. Excellent way to spend a Saturday night'.

'Sunday afternoon saw us at the Mirakelstadion, home of KRC Waregem. No miracles on this occasion for the home side though it was a very entertaining game. Varsenare took the lead midway through the first half then Waregem equalised just before half-time. An inspired substitution by the home side saw the sub score to put Waregem 2-1 up with around 10 mins to play. Alas, they couldn't hold on and the visitors won it with an 88<sup>th</sup> minute penalty. Two large seated stand either side of the ground. Admission again 8 euros. No programmes or team sheets were available. Definitely the first time I've ever seen chickens watching the game!'

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's super pictures from a trip to **Olton Ravens** (v Bartley Reds South) in the Birmingham & District League Division 6 played on 24/09/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Longstanton** (v Saffron Dynamos) in the Cambs FA Lower Junior Cup played on 16/09/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.29: Brian Buck** - 'The pitch was in the middle of a running track, but the view wasn't that bad.'. Find out all about Brian's hop to watch **AFC Solihull** (v Enville Athletic) in the Midland League Division 3 played on 09/09/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.28: Keith Aslan** - 'In spite of hearing much negativity regarding Blackwell Meadows I liked the place'. Darlington Dawdles. Check out Keith's frank report following a trip to watch **Darlington** (v Leamington) in the Conference South fixture played on 09/09/17... for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.27: Steve Hardy** - 'No spectator facilities at the pitch, with just a rope down one side to keep the spectator hordes at bay'. Read all about Steve's inspirational Welsh hop to watch **Rhosllanerchrugog** (v Penyffordd Lions) in the Welsh Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round on 09/09/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Latest Images: WebEd** - A trip back to my roots with a dash to watch **Hall Road Rangers** (v Gedling Miners Welfare) in the FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round tie played on 09/09/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's super footy pictures featuring a couple of holiday hops in the North East with visits to watch **Shilbottle Colliery Welfare** (v North Sunderland) in the North Northumberland League played on 28/08/17 and **Spittal Rovers** (Whitley Bay Sporting) in the Northern Alliance Division Two on 30/08/17; followed by **Steeton AFC** (v Wakefield City) in the West Riding County Amateur League Cup on 02/09/17 and



**Rhosllanerchrugog** (v Penyffordd Lions) in the Welsh Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round on 09/09/17...all now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail sent on 03/09) re- **Steeton**: 'This was one of those visits which restores your faith in this hobby (obsession?) of ours. Stunning scenery, lovely ground and friendly natives, plus an excellent match to boot' and on 10/09 re - **Rhosllanerchrugog**: 'Another top afternoon out for me, despite the terrible weather'.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - View the awesome match day pictures from Gary's trips to watch **Coventry United** (v Worcester City) in the Midland League Premier Division and **Kirby Muxloe** (v Anstey Nomads) in the FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round tie played on Bank Holiday Monday 28/08/17 and on 09/09/17 respectively...both now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail on 03/09): 'A scorching bank holiday Monday saw me at Butts Park Arena (home of Coventry United FC). Bumper crowd of 623 soaking up the sun. Both sides had won 3 from 3 going into this game and a tight first half ended goalless. Second half saw United score 3 to take the spoils'.

...and (on 10/09): 'A local, local derby for me yesterday. Definitely a game of contrasts both on and off the pitch. I arrived and left in bright sunshine. However, during the game there was a deluge of monsoon proportions! On the pitch Kirby Muxloe dominated the first half to lead 2-0 at the break. Anstey pulled one back second half and looked likely to score an equaliser before a dreadful defensive howler gave Kirby Muxloe a 3rd goal. Still time for Anstey to pull one back to provide a nervy final few minutes for Kirby Muxloe. As usual good entertainment provided by the Vase'.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Latest Images: WebEd** - Check out the ground, action and match day images from a hop to watch the high-scoring debut match for **Bardwell Sports** (v AFC Orwell) in the Suffolk & Ipswich League Division Four fixture played on 02/09/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.26: Brian Buck** - 'I couldn't quite understand why they used the railed off pitch, painted in the club colours of orange and black, furthest from the clubhouse...'. Read all about Brian's trip to watch **Hilton Harriers** (v Pinxton) in the Abacus Lighting Central Midlands League Black Dragon South...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.25: Brian Buck** - '...under their revised name they are playing on the pitch between the clubhouse and the adjacent *Hungry Horse*'. Brian watches **Worthing Town** (v Sidlesham) in the Macron Store Southern Combination League Division 2 played on 19/08/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.24: Brian Buck** - 'Overall a good and probably a memorable day out!'. It's **Abbey Hey** (v Runcorn Linnets) in the Hallmark Security North West Counties League Premier Division played on 12/08/17 for Brian...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.23: *Brian Buck*** - 'So, this season they will play in the Southern Counties East League'. Brian heads down to Gravesend for **Punjab United** (v Sporting Khalsa) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 29/07/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.22: *Keith Aslan*** - 'The ground is pleasantly situated with a large car park, railed down one side and a building containing the dressing rooms and grub station'. Our roving report heads to the south coast for **Infinity** (v Stockbridge) in the Hampshire Premier League fixture played on 02/09/17... for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.21: *Keith Aslan*** - 'Like the rest of Styal the football ground can be summed up as neat and tidy'. One from the end of last season as Keith watches Ford Motors v Pilkington played @ **STYAL** in the **Cheshire League Presidents Cup Final** played on 20/05/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.20: *Steve Hardy*** - 'What a super little set up this is!'. It's a scenic hop for Steve as he takes in **Steeton** (v Wakefield City) in the West Riding County Amateur League cup played on 02/09/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.19: *Steve Hardy*** - 'It is a delightful village in the middle of nowhere, with the football ground right on the edge of the village. What an excellent set up though'. Steve's second game takes him to **Spittal Rovers** (v Whitley Bay Sporting) in the Northern Alliance Division Two on 30/08/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - TT No.18: *Steve Hardy*** - 'Not a bad set up at all for the level, with a fully railed off pitch and dressing rooms located in the impressive Community Centre'. Catch up on Steve's holiday double hop with his first game, a visit to watch **Shilbottle Colliery Welfare** (v North Sunderland) in the North Northumberland League played on 28/08/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman*** - Read all about Steve's hop to watch **Bath City** (v Poole Town) in the Conference South played on 26/08/17...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:

<http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/08/bath-city-fc.html>

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman*** - Check out Steve's hop to watch Forest Green Rovers (v Yeovil Town) in the Football League Division Two fixture played on 19/08/17... now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:

[http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/08/forest-green-rovers-fc\\_19.html](http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.co.uk/2017/08/forest-green-rovers-fc_19.html)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from a hop to watch **Cromer Youth Old Boys** (v Erpingham) in

the North-East Norfolk League Division One) played on 26/08/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.17: *Brian Buck*** - 'They are a newly formed and well-organised club who have been elected into the Carmarthenshire League. They will eventually be playing their home games at the Showground, once they get their pitch there sorted'. For his final hop match Brian takes in **St Clears Reserves** (v FC Carmarthen) in the Clay Shaw Butler Charity Shield played on 26/07/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.16: *Brian Buck*** - 'The ground is railed off on two sides. The players enter the pitch from the middle of the stand, has seating for perhaps 80 spectators'. His fifth hop game sees Brian at **Monkton Swifts** (v Pembroke Boro) in the Weaver Callan Memorial Trophy Semi Final played on 25/07/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.15: *Brian Buck*** - '...as this ground is on the top of a hill, the views were spectacular'. For his fourth match Brian attends **West Dragons** (v Llangwm) in a Friendly played on 24/07/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.14: *Brian Buck*** - 'The ground is railed off and has a small stand, with shallow seating' For his third game Brian watches **Goodwick United** (v Llanelli Town) in a Friendly played on 22/07/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.13: *Brian Buck*** - '...the changing rooms here have a sufficiently large overhang, so no one got wet'. 'The game was played out on the training pitch, next to the main ground'. For his second game Brian attends **Letterston** (v Hundleton) in a Friendly played on 21/07/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.12: *Brian Buck*** - 'The game was played out on the training pitch, next to the main ground'. During an extended holiday hop (featuring six matches) Brian takes in **Haverfordwest County U19** (v Fishguard Sports played on Haverfordwest County Training Pitch) in a Friendly match on 20/07/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.11: *Keith Aslan*** - 'If you enjoy the aesthetics of a football ground then Immingham Town probably isn't for you, soulless just about sums it up. But it does have impressive brand new changing rooms still with the lingering aroma of fresh paint'. Immingham Itinerary. Keith heads north for a hop to watch **Immingham Town** (v Sleaford Sports Amateurs) in the Lincolnshire League match played on 19/08/17... for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.10: *Steve Hardy*** - 'The ground is fairly basic, with two full sized grass pitches, a good sized changing room block, and a kiddie's play area next to the limited car park.' - Read all about Steve's visit to **Leicester Three Lions** (v Kibworth Town) played in the Leicester & District League Premier

Division on 19/08/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's awesome match day photos from a trip to Scotland for **Pollok** (v Kilbirnie Ladeside) in the West Region Super League Premier Division fixture played on 19/08/17... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail): 'Trip to Glasgow yesterday where I finally got to Newlandsfield Park, home of Pollok FC. Cracking ground that should be on everyone's hit list and a very good game in front of a decent crowd too'.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from a hop to watch **Fisher** (v Punjab United) in the Southern Counties East League Division One played on 19/08/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's cracking matchday pictures following a hop to watch **Leicester Three Lions** (v Kibworth Town) in the Leicester & District League Premier Division played on 19/08/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.9: Brian Buck** - 'This competition was held in memory of popular and well-known local man Nick Raven, who did a lot of corporate work for Norwich City'. Check out Brian's review following a hop to watch **Briston** (v Schoolhouse) in the Nick Raven Shield Final played on 01/07/17... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.8: Steve Hardy** - 'The action took place at the John Moores University IM Marsh campus. This is the Sports campus for all the John Moores students, and has an outdoor grass rugby pitch, fully railed off football pitch and a 3G in a cage hockey pitch'. Read all about Steve's second game of the day with a visit to watch **Marshalls** (v West Kirby) in the West Cheshire League Division One played on 12/08/17... for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.7: Keith Aslan** - 'The ground is pretty basic, obviously enclosed, railed and floodlit with the obligatory *Atcost* structure, one of the smaller examples of the genre...' Jarrow March! Find out more about Keith's inspirational trip to watch **Jarrow** (v Easington Colliery) in the Northern League Division Two encounter played on 12/08/17... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Ipswich Wanderings! View Gary's mouth-watering photos following a trip to watch **Ipswich Wanderers** (v Histon) in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division played on 12/05/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary comments (via E-Mail): 'Not too far away from you yesterday afternoon with a trip to Ipswich Wanderers. Excellent club to visit with a lovely ground and very friendly people too. As one pointed out Wanderers are the only Premier Division club in Ipswich! Not so good on the pitch though as Histon deservedly won 4-2'.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - South Africa Special! Don't miss Gary's wonderful ground photos taken recently during his holiday travels at the **Mmabatho Stadium** in Mahikeng, South Africa now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'The Mmabatho stadium in Mahikeng has long been on my hit list to visit. Pictures don't really do it justice but it is definitely one of the most wonderful designs for a stadium you will ever see. Alas this marvellous building is soon to be knocked down and replaced so even though there were no matches when I visited I was delighted to get in and get some photos. Special thanks to Jenny at Ashden Lodge (a marvellous place to stay and highly recommended) who pulled the necessary strings and arranged a tour and access to the stadium'.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's superb match day pictures taken at **Marshalls** (v West Kirby) in the West Cheshire League Division One played on 12/08/17...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery.

Steve adds (via i-pad): 'Report and photos from yesterday's West Cheshire league match at Marshalls. If I say so myself, I do like the photo with the Mersey in the background, and the Wirral beyond that! Before this match, I watched Everton U18 v Stoke City U18. Sadly, no photography allowed at Finch Farm so I don't have any pictures to send you of that one'.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from a hop to watch **Tiptree Heath** (v Belle Vue Social Club) in the Essex & Suffolk Border League Division Two fixture played on 12/08/17...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.6: Ian Brown** - 'Windle Labour now ply their trade at Bobbies Lane in Eccleston, it is the St Helens College (Bobbies Lane Sports Campus)'. Read all about Ian's hop to watch Windle Labour (v Halebank) in the Cheshire Football League Division One fixture played last night...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.5: Steve Hardy** - 'I knew that BPW are now sharing their ground with Kettering Town but I had no inkling of the developments that had occurred in the last year'. For his second match Steve takes in **Burton Park Wanderers** (v Blackstones) in the United Counties League Division One played on 05/08/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.4: Steve Hardy** - 'Northampton Town's youth teams play at Moulton College in the village of Moulton. This is a far bigger facility than I first thought with umpteen football and rugby pitches spread over a vast area'. For his first game of the day Steve travels to watch **Northampton Town Under 18's** (v Southend United Under 18's) in the Football League Youth Alliance South East Division played on 05/08/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.3: Ian Brown** - 'Castlecary Park is clearly visible from the A75 with Wigtown Bay in the background looking resplendent on this August Saturday afternoon'. For his footy fix Ian travels from Merseyside to watch **Creetown** (v Heston Rovers) in the South of Scotland League fixture played on 05/08/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18*...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Northamptonshire Footy Hopping Double! Don't miss Steve's superb match day pictures featuring games attended at: **Northampton Town Under 18's** (v Southend United Under 18's) in the Football League Youth Alliance South East Division and **Burton Park Wanderers** (v Blackstones) in the United Counties League Division One...both played on 05/08/17... now uploaded to the new *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: WebEd** - It's FA Cup Day. Check out the ground, action and match day pictures from a hop into Kent for an all-Southern Counties East League contest at: **Glebe FC** (v Lordswood) in the Extra Preliminary Round tie played on 05/08/17... now uploaded to the new *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: WebEd** - Season Opener! View the ground, action and match day photos from a local hop to watch **Long Melford** (v Brantham Athletic) in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division played on 29/07/17... now added to the new *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.2: Steve Hardy** - 'More stunning scenery all-round the ground, and I can't wait for another visit'. For his second game during a holiday stay in North West Wales Steve travels to watch **Nantlle Vale** (v Meliden) in a Pre-Season Friendly match played on 14/07/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.1: Steve Hardy** - 'Llanrug's Eithin Duon ground has an eclectic mix of spectator facilities, with two small, unusable stands each the size of a large dug out behind one goal, and a tea bar along one side of the ground which has a very welcome overhang in front of it...'. For his first game of the new season Steve travels to watch **Llanrug United** (v Bontnewydd) in a Pre-Season Friendly match played on 14/07/17...for more go the *Reports* page and click on the *TT Index for 2017-18...*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - North West Wales Footy Fest!! Check out the cracking match day pictures featuring an exciting hopping double with matches attended at: **Llanrug United** (v Bontnewydd) and **Nantlle Vale** (v Meliden) both in Pre-Season Friendlies played on 14 and 15/07/17 respectively... now uploaded to the new *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes (via a message sent from his i-pad): 'I have just spent a short holiday in North Wales and saw games at Llanrug and Nantlle Vale. Hope you can use them as some of the photos of the mist filled surrounding hills are super!'

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Mark Bembridge** - Alberta Magic! View the terrific ground, action and match day photos from a Mark's hop to watch **FC Edmonton** (v New York Cosmos) in the North American Soccer League played on 15/07/17... now added to the new *FGIF* album gallery...

Mark adds (via E-Mail): 'Photos from FC Edmonton 0 New York Cosmos 1, Saturday 15 July in the NASL - North America Soccer League'.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: WebEd** - It is with great sadness to learn of the passing of Bob Davies over the summer months following a short illness. Bob, a family man who lived in the Stevenage area, was an avid non-league football follower as well as speedway fanatic. He was also a regular contributor to our site over many years and would tirelessly send his news, reports, programme info as well as photos from his extensive travels around the south midlands particularly

taking in matches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. I had the pleasure of meeting Bob on many occasions along with his grandson Stephen and always found him to be great company with a wry sense of humour. I am sure he will be remembered fondly by all who met him and would like to express on behalf of everyone connected with FGIF our deepest condolences to his family and friends. RIP Bob you will be greatly missed.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and are now looking forward to another exciting new football season. I'm sure for many sports fans who like myself have been following the feast of televised sport covering Wimbledon, the Tour de France, Women's Euros, the Open Golf and the latest World Athletics Championships, it will be nice to get back on the road (or rail) again to watch some football and of course tick off some more new grounds along the way. With some much to look forward it goes without saying that here at FGIF we would love to share your news, reports and ground pictures. If you have been to see a great game or visited a cracking little ground that you think might be of interest to other fans then please get in touch. From roped off pitch to international stadium it doesn't matter, you can send us an e-mail, use our IMS service or even a post a tweet!! On behalf of the *FGIF* team I hope that you all have a great season wherever you go. Best wishes, Martin.