

**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 to watch **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...

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 21st 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 21st October - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and match day pictures from hops to watch **SC Birchanger** (v Thundridge) 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 21st 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:  
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**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 Linnetts) 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.