

FGIF INBOX - NEWS UPDATES 2018-19

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Friday 16th November - TT No.57: Brian Buck - *'Most of the crowd were housed either in the main west stand or the south stand of this 10,505-capacity stadium'*. It's FA Cup action for Brian as he takes **Chesterfield** (v Billericay Town) in a First Round tie at played on 10/11/18...read his matchday review now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Wednesday 13th November - TT No.56: Keith Aslan - *'Railed with a concrete walkway on three sides the area behind the far goal a no-go area'*. Boldmere Bustles! Read Keith's superb matchday report from a hop to Birmingham for **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** (v Earlswood Town) in the Midland League Division 2 played on 10/11/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 12th November - R No.16: WebEd - *'It's a lovely, remote setting too, with rolling hills on all sides providing an idyllic backdrop to the action'*. Read about a hop to watch **Heslerton** (v Wilberfoss) in the East Riding Junior Country Cup Round 2 tie played on 10/11/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Monday 12th November - TT No.55: Steve Hardy - *'The fun took place at the Veseyans Rugby Club, which is in the village of Streetly, near Walsall'*. Almost a Saturday Double! Steve reports from a morning game at **Bush Vikings** (v Rugby Town Juniors) in the Midland Junior Premier League U18 Division played on 10/11/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Monday 12th November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Don't miss Gary's awesome matchday photos following a hop to **Shifnal Town** (v Bilston Town Community) in the West Midlands Regional League Premier Division fixture played on 10/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): *'A sporting double yesterday as I went to Shifnal for footie in the afternoon followed by snooker at the Ricoh in the evening. The snooker went to a final frame decider which was a lot more exciting than the footie where Bilston Town Community won 3-1 in a very poor game. Friendly locals and travelling fans alike still meant it was a good afternoon before the main event of the day'*.

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Monday 12th November - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Heslerton** (v Wilberfoss) in the East Riding Junior Country Cup Round 2 tie played on 10/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 8th November - Late News from Haringey Borough FC: Brian Buck - The club writes: 'As you will know we have received a really attractive tie in the First Round Proper of the Emirates FA Cup with AFC WIMBLEDON visiting us. We are obliged to charge everyone for admission so Season Tickets are not valid but we will NOT be making any increases on our normal figures of £10 Standard Adult £5 Concessions and Under 16s Free (if accompanying an entrance paying adult) - but ticket in advance still needed. The match will take place on Friday 9th November at 7.55pm and will be shown live on TV (BBC2)'.

Thursday 8th November - Beverley Town FC News: WebEd - Travellers may be interested to know that **Beverley Town FC** (members of the Humber Premier League Premier Division) is **returning to its former base at Norwood** back in the town after ground-sharing with Hutton Cranswick SRA FC for the last couple of seasons. The ambitious club will play its first game back at Norwood Park (HU17 9HW) this coming **Saturday 10th November 2018** when Westella & Willerby will be the visitors for an East Riding Senior Cup tie, kick-off 2pm. After significant investment over the last eighteen months much work has been carried out at the ground where a new pitch has been laid. There are also plans to build a new stand next year with a view to playing at a higher level in the future. For more details please read the following *Just Beverley* press release posted on the Official Beverley Town FC *twitter* account in recent days:

<https://justbeverley.co.uk/articles/2252/beverley-town-football-club>.

The bar will be open to all at 1.30pm. As part of the celebrations there will be a mini-game during the half-time break and a range of raffle prizes on offer including: an England shirt signed by Joe Hart; a watch donated by one of the local jewellers; a meal for two at a pub in Beverley; a replica BTFC top and a one-month gym membership at a local sports and leisure centre. Any further updates can be found on the club's twitter account at: <https://twitter.com/bevtownfc>

Thursday 8th November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - View Gary's photos from a visit to the **King Power Stadium home of Leicester City Football Club** on 04/11/18. The album shows the many flowers, shirts and messages of support laid as a mark of respect and tribute to the former club owner **Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha** and other family members/friends who sadly passed away a week ago following a tragic helicopter crash at the ground on Saturday 27/10/18.

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 04/11/18): 'Mandy and I have just got back from the King Power. Absolutely amazing as I'm sure you've seen already. Sunday afternoon and there were hundreds of people there in the wet to pay tribute to Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha. The flowers, shirts and tributes cover a massive area around the stadium and are from clubs and people across the world. The pictures really do not do the scene justice. Incredibly moving!'.

Thursday 8th November - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman* - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Stafford Rangers** (v Gainsborough Trinity) in the Northern Premier League Premier Division played on 03/11/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/11/stafford-rangers-fc.html>

Thursday 8th November - R No.15: *WebEd* - '*...this was a splendid, hard-fought game of cup football with virtually nothing to separate both sides in terms of skill, endeavour and chances created*'. Read about a memorable visit to watch **North Somercotes United** (v Appleby Frodingham) in the Lincolnshire Junior Cup second round tie played on 03/11/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Thursday 8th November - TT No.54: *Brian Buck* - '*...not much to the ground, but it's basically enclosed with buildings on three sides and a car park and entrance on the fourth side*'. What's in a name? Brian heads to the East London to take in the wonderfully titled **Rainham Working Men's Club** (v Inter Plaistow) in the high-scoring Essex Alliance Division 2 fixture played on 03/11/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 8th November - TT No.53: *Keith Aslan* - '*The scenic ground has a large wooden clubhouse (wood is so much more pleasing to the eye than brick) which contained the changing rooms, tea bar and clubhouse with the lunchtime footy showing on a big screen*'. Angmering Ambles! To celebrate his birthday Keith travels to leafy Sussex for **Angmering Seniors** (v Westfield) in the Southern Combination Division 2 Cup tie played on 03/11/18...read all about his heart-warming review now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 8th November - TT No.52: *Steve Hardy* - '*The ground is excellent, although a bit basic, I thought. Perfect for step 7 though, with a fully railed off pitch and concrete walkway all the way round*'. For his second game of the day Steve attends **Euxton Villa** (v Vickerstown) in the West Lancashire League Premier Division) played on 03/11/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 8th November - TT No.51: *Steve Hardy* - '*Definitely one of the poshest places I have seen a game at, this one. Blackburn Rovers training ground and academy are based in a gated community called Brockhall Village*'. For the first part of an exciting Saturday Double Steve heads for **Blackburn Rovers U18** (v West Bromwich Albion U18) in an FA Premier Academy League U18 Division fixture played on 03/11/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 8th November - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner* - Don't miss Gary's awesome pictures from a local hop to watch **Hinckley AFC** (v Hereford Lads Club) in the FA Vase Second round tie played on 03/11/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'Magic of the Vase yesterday as I stayed close to home and watched Hinckley beat Hereford Lads Club 3-1. A close first half was goalless but Hinckley quickly went 2-0 up in the second. At that point I thought it was game over but Hereford Lads Club pulled one back and were pushing hard for an equaliser right up until the last minute when Hinckley made it 3-1 from a penalty. Decent enough game and I was home at quarter past five for more magic in the form of a Mandy special Shepherds-Pie!'

Thursday 8th November - Latest Images: *WebEd* - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **North Somercotes United** (v Appleby Frodingham) in the Lincolnshire Junior Cup second round tie played on 03/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 8th November - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy* - For his second game of the day in Lancashire Steve takes in **Euxton Villa** (v Vickerstown) in the West Lancashire League Premier Division) played on 03/11/18...view the album now added to the *FGIF* gallery...

Thursday 8th November - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy* - Check out Steve's matchday photos from his first game of a Saturday Double in Lancashire featuring **Blackburn Rovers U18** (v West Bromwich Albion U18) in an FA Premier Academy League U18 Division fixture played on 03/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 8th November - R No.13: *WebEd* - '*...the new ground...looks really neat and tidy*'. A belated report from a visit to **Cleethorpes Town** (v Tadcaster Albion) in the Northern Premier League East Division fixture played on 20/10/18... now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Friday 2nd November - R No.14: *WebEd* - '*Despite the strong swirling breeze both teams adapted well and contributed to what was a terrific spectacle, making it a superb advert for county league football*'. Catch up on the latest from **Hutton Cranswick SRA** (v Kingfields) in the East Riding County League Premier Division played on 27/10/18...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Friday 2nd November - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman* - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Chippenham Town** (v East Thurrock United) in the National League South played on 24/10/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/10/chippenham-town-fc.html>

Friday 2nd November - TT No.50: *Brian Buck* - '*As the clubhouse was out of sight of the pitch it was handy that they had a webcam inside the clubhouse, so you could see when the players returned to the playing arena at the start of the second half*'. It's a train trip to the North East for Brian as he covers **Newcastle Blue Star** (v Whitley Bay A) in the Northern Alliance Premier Division fixture played on 27/10/18... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 2nd November - TT No.49: *Keith Aslan* - '*This is a brand-new stadium which was only opened for business earlier this year*'. Wythenshawe Wanderings!

It's a hop to Manchester for Keith as he takes in **Wythenshawe Amateurs** (v Stone Old Almeynians) in the North West Counties First Division South...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 2nd November - TT No.48: Steve Hardy - 'The action took place in Balsall Heath in south Birmingham at Calthorpe Park. As my photos show, this park is very close to Edgbaston Cricket ground with its very distinctive floodlights a wonderful backdrop'. Read about Steve's hop to **Armada** (v Bluepool) in the Birmingham & District League Division Six played on 27/10/18...for more click` on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 2nd November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Don't miss Gary's cracking photos from a hop to **Bracknell Town** (v Bognor Regis Town) in an FA Trophy First Qualifying Round tie played on 27/10/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 28/10): 'Cup action yesterday at Bracknell Town. Excellent game against Bognor Regis which ended 2-2'.

Friday 2nd November - Latest Images: WebEd - Check the ground, action and matchday photos from **Hutton Cranswick SRA** (v Kingfields) in the East Riding County League Premier Division played on 27/10/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 2nd November - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - View the terrific matchday pictures from Steve's hop to watch **Armada** (v Bluepool) in the Birmingham & District League Division Six played on 27/10/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 26th October - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **PSV U19** (v Tottenham Hotspur U19) in the UEFA Youth League Group Stage played on 24/10/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:
<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/10/psv-u19.html>

Friday 26th October - TT No.47: Brian Buck - 'The club committee, which seemed to be made up of three people, had erected a gazebo from under which hot tea, coffee and biscuits were sold.'. Sussex Strolls! Find out about Brian's trip to watch **Herstmonceux** (v Icklesham Casuals) in the high-scoring Macron Store Hastings East Sussex League Division 1 match played on 20/10/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 26th October - TT No.46: Keith Aslan - 'The ground is in the pleasant setting of Kingsway Park'. Ashland Ambles. Read all about Keith's trip to watch **Ashland Rovers** (v Pinxton) in a Central Midlands League Cup tie played on 20/10/18..... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 26th October - TT No.45: Steve Hardy - 'A park with a roped off pitch outside the excellent clubhouse/changing room block'. It's a trip to Cubbington for Steve as he reports on **Leamington Hibernian** (v AEI Rugby) in the Birmingham

FA Saturday Vase Round One tie played on 20/10/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 26th October - Latest Images: *Richard Panter* - View the matchday photos from **Pickering Town** (v Gresley) in the Northern Premier League East Division played on 06/10/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 26th October - Latest Images: *WebEd* - NEW GROUND ALERT! You can check out the ground, action and matchday pictures from **Cleethorpes** (v Tadcaster Albion) in the Northern Premier League East Division played on 20/10/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 26th October - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner* - Definitely the USP! Don't miss Gary's terrific matchday photos covering his hop to watch **United Services Portsmouth** (v Hythe & Dibden) in a top of the table Wessex League Division One fixture played on 20/10/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail): 'The train took the strain yesterday for a cracking day out at the seaside. Glorious weather and a goal filled game at the Victory Stadium where 4th place United Services Portsmouth were entertaining League leaders Hythe & Dibden. USP number nine Harry Potter produced some wizardry to give the home side the league but H&D showed why they are top of the league and were 5-1 up before USP scored a second. H&D then added a sixth. Excellent entertainment. Shame that the crowd was just 21 though over 18,000 at top of the table Pompey just down the road obviously had an effect'.

Friday 26th October - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy* - View the matchday pictures following Steve's visit to watch **Leamington Hibernian** (v AEI Rugby) in the Birmingham FA Saturday Vase Round One tie played on 20/10/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes (via E-Mail): 'You can leave the really naff wooden owl picture out if you like, as he had turned his back on the football like the rest of us really!'.

Thursday 18th October - R No.12: *WebEd* - '*...today's game turned out to be an absolute cracker and one of the best I had seen so far this season*'. Check out the matchday review from a memorable trip to watch **Howden AFC** (v Blackburn Athletic) in the Humber Premier League Division One fixture played on 13/10/18... now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Thursday 18th October - TT No.44: *Steve Hardy* - '*Chasetown are always a very friendly club to visit. The clubhouse is excellent and now houses what remains of the club shop*'. Read all about Steve's hop to The Scholars, one of his favourite grounds, for **Chasetown** (v Lincoln United) in the FA Trophy Preliminary Round tie played on 13/10/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 18th October - TT No.43: *Keith Aslan* - '*Everything you would expect from a hop match.... Programme, hot food, drinks and the teams written on a large whiteboard*'. Bedford Bustles! As part of the annual Bedfordshire League Groundhop Keith brings us the latest from his visit to watch **Bedford Albion** (v

Sandy) in the high scoring Bedfordshire County League Division One played on 13/10/18...to find out more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 18th October - Latest Images: *WebEd* - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Howden AFC** (v Blackburn Athletic) in the Humber Premier League Division One fixture played on 13/10/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 18th October - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy* - It's a trip nearer to home for Steve as he takes in **Chasetown** (v Lincoln United) in the FA Trophy Preliminary Round tie played on 13/10/18...check out the complete album now added to the *FGIF* gallery...

Thursday 11th October - TT No.42: *Steve Hardy* - *'The Academy is vast, with a 3G pitch in a cage at the back, plus several grass pitches...'*. For his second game of an exciting Derby Double Steve takes in **Punjab United** (v Little Eaton Reserves) in the Midland Regional Alliance Challenge Cup played on 06/10/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Wednesday 10th October - R No.11: *WebEd* - *'The ground is a veritable football outpost found in open countryside'*. Find out more about a trip to watch **Eppingale & Folkingham** (v Louth Town) in the Lincolnshire Junior Cup Round One tie played on 06/10/18...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Wednesday 10th October - R No.10: *WebEd* - *'The ground has to be one of the best in the Lincolnshire League'*. Read about a hop into the Lincolnshire Wolds for **Horncastle Town** (v Lincoln Moorlands Railway) in the Lincolnshire League played on 29/09/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Tuesday 9th October - TT No.41: *Keith Aslan* - *'The matchday experience is certainly top of the range here'*. Cleethorpes Cavortings! Keith attends a memorable game with a trip to watch **Cleethorpes Town** (v Guiseley) in the FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round tie played at the New Linden on 06/10/18...find out more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Tuesday 9th October - TT No.40: *Steve Hardy* - *'One of these new venues was the setting for my fix this morning. It is the Darley Playing Fields on the Old Chester Road in Derby, and it is, once again, a multi pitch job'*. Read all about the first game on Steve's Saturday Double in Derby as he visits for **Sherwin** (v Loughborough Emmanuel) in the Derby Church League played on 06/10/18... read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Tuesday 9th October - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner* - Check out Gary's awesome photos from a hop to Sheffield for **Swallownest** (v Armthorpe Welfare) in the Northern Counties East League Division One played on 06/10/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'Short trip to Swallownest yesterday for their game against Armthorpe Welfare. **New stand as seen in pics will be open next week for**

the Vase game against Garstang. Cracking set up and friendly locals though not a good result for them yesterday as Armthorpe won 3-0'.

Tuesday 9th October - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - It's another exciting Saturday Double for Steve with a trip this week to Derby for **Sherwin** (v Loughborough Emmanuel) in the Derby Church League and **Punjab United** (v Little Eaton Reserves) in the Midland Regional Alliance Challenge Cup both played on 06/10/18...don't miss his terrific pictures now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Tuesday 9th October - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Rippingale & Folkingham** (v Louth Town) in the Lincolnshire Junior Cup Round One tie played on 06/10/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Tuesday 9th October - TT No.39: Brian Buck - *'I moved round to the tin stand, a very small affair. It has two steps at the back of it, made out of railway sleepers and I sat on the top one of them'*. It's a trip over to the seaside for Brian as he takes in a top of the table clash at **Cromer Youth Old Boys** (v Gimingham United) in the North East Norfolk League Division One played on 29/09/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 2nd October - Website Update: WebEd - Due to essential maintenance on the site there will be no further updates to *FGIF* until early next week. Apologies for the inconvenience. In the meantime, please continue to send in your news, photos and reports in the usual way. Yours in Sport, Martin

Tuesday 2nd October - Latest News: Brian Buck - Work has started on laying a **3G pitch at the Herts FA County Ground, Letchworth**. They say: 'After many years of planning, we are excited to say that work is now underway on the redevelopment of the County Ground that will bring significant improvements to the both the pitch and the clubhouse. Due to be completed by the end of 2018, this project will transform the home of Hertfordshire FA into a high quality, modern facility that can be used more frequently and for a wider range of purposes than before, becoming a real community hub for football in the area'.

'With a state-of-the-art artificial surface, showpiece events such as our County Cup finals will continue to be hosted at the County Ground, without the widespread postponements that have plagued recent seasons. As the only stadia 3G in the area we will also be able to host a wide range of competitive affiliated matches. More info can be found on:

<http://www.hertfordshirefa.com/news/2018/sep/25/county-ground-development>

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Website for Spurs fans: Paul Favell has pointed me in the direction of a website Spurs fans may be interested in. I particularly enjoy the Memory Lane section, which interviews old Spurs players, not always ones some people will be familiar with. For more information go to: <https://superhotspur.com/>

Tuesday 2nd October - TT No.38: Keith Aslan - 'Trimley must have one of the largest, most ostentatious dug outs in the country. A joy to behold for dug out

spotters!'. Trimley Trek! Read all about Keith's hop to **Trimley Red Devils** (v Benhall St. Mary) in the Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Division fixture played on 29/09/18...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 2nd October - TT No.37: Steve Hardy - 'The Binley Woods Recreation ground does exactly what it says on the tin. Just an un-roped pitch in the local park...next to the excellent changing room block'. Steve's second game of the day takes him to **AFC Woods United** (v Bulkington S & S) in the Coventry Telegraph Challenge Cup played on 29/09/18...read all about his visit by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 2nd October - TT No.36: Steve Hardy - 'Facilities-wise, there were none. This was just an un-roped off pitch in the middle of a school sports field. As I was the only spectator again though, it didn't matter one jot'. For his first game of an exciting Coventry Saturday Double Steve takes in **Holy Trinity** (v HERC Saints) in the Coventry & District Church League Division 2 played on 29/09/18... read his report now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 2nd October - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Let the plane take the strain! Check out Gary's super matchday pictures from a trip to watch **Inverness Caledonian Thistle** (v Queen of the South) in the Scottish Football League Championship played on 29/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail): 'Another Saturday. Another country. Another football match. Another 0-0. An excellent price from the orange airline tempted me into a day trip to Inverness yesterday to knock off the most awkward of my Scottish League grounds needed. Admission was £20 which was about £19 too much for the entertainment offered. Queen of the South rattled the bar from a free kick which was the most notable moment. Cracking day out apart from the game which was dire!'

Tuesday 2nd October - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Sent to Coventry! View Steve's terrific photos from a Saturday Double in Coventry with matches at: **Holy Trinity** (v HERC Saints) in the Coventry & District Church League Division 2 and **AFC Woods United** (v Bulkington S & S) in the Coventry Telegraph Challenge Cup both played on 29/09/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Tuesday 2nd October - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Horncastle Town** (v Lincoln Moorlands Railway) in the Lincolnshire Football League Premier Division) played on 29/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 28th September - R No.9: WebEd - '*a programme (consisting of four pages) is issued for the game - with all you need to know its packed with information and is a perfect addition to any programme collection*'. Read all about a most memorable visit to **Barnetby United** (v Sherpa) in the Scunthorpe & District League Sporting Shield 2018-19 Round 1 tie played on 22/09/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

Friday 28th September - TT No.35: Brian Buck - *'This is quite a scenic ground and the pitch slopes quite severely from top to bottom where the changing facilities are'*. For his second game of the day Brian attends **Fillongley** (v AFC Woods United) in the Coventry Alliance Division 1 played on 22/09/18... for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 28th September - TT No.34: Brian Buck - *'This is also the venue where Christ The King of the Coventry Alliance play and their pitch was behind the top goal and was tree-lined on three sides'*. The first part of a Coventry Saturday Double takes Brian to **Christ The King** v Coventrians (Holy Family) in the Coventry & District Church League Division 2 played on 22/09/18... read his report now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 27th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - For his third and final game of this exciting three-game hop Gary attends **Dender** (v Rupel Boom) in the National 1A Amateur Division Belgium played on 23/09/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail sent on 26/09): 'Sunday arrived and it was still raining heavily. Our original plan had been a long walk along the dunes to build up an appetite for a long lunch at the seaside. Given the weather we decided to take refuge at the Van Roystadion in Denderleeuw (nowhere near the seaside) which turned out to be an inspired choice. Firstly, the full team name of Dender is Football Club Verbroedering Dender Eendracht Hekelgem. This is due to the team being an amalgamation of KFC Denderleeuw, Eendracht Hekelgem and Verbroedering Denderhoutem. You can see why they are simply known as Dender! Secondly the Van Roystadion was named after the chairman Andre Van Roy. It had previously been called Florent Beeckmanstadion and the sign above the entrance still says this. On arrival at the stadium we entered the ticket office and were given a very warm and friendly welcome. Maybe not too many hoppers make it to Dender but it is well worth the effort. Admission to the stand behind the goal was 10 euros each. No programmes but plenty of free team sheets available. Club shop inside the stadium had pin badges for sale and there was a canteen selling food, (lots of) beer and hot drinks were also available! The ground was superb with three sides of seated stands and an uncovered terrace behind one end. The game was also superb. Winless Dender led 2-0 and 3-2 but Rupel Boom never gave up and levelled at 3-3. The final action saw Rupel Boom hit the inside of the post in the 93rd minute. A winning goal would have been very unjust on the home side. Cracking afternoon which would not have happened if the sun had been shining!'

Thursday 27th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - A trip to Belgium for his second game of the weekend sees Gary at **Sporting Lokeren** (v Royal Excel Mouscron) in the Jupiler Pro League Belgium played on 22/09/18... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 25/09): 'It was a miserable Saturday weather-wise as it rained heavily virtually non-stop all day and all night as Mandy and I visited the Daknamstadion, home of Sporting Lokeren (full name: Koninklijke Sporting

Club Lokeren Oost-Vlaanderen) where the opposition were Royal Excel Mouscron in the top tier of Belgian football. The stadium is a classic hotchpotch of stands and impressed despite the monsoon conditions. Admission for the home fan seats behind the goal was 18 euros each. No programmes issued but free team-sheets were available for the lucky few quick enough to get them. The customary burger, fries and mayo were being sold from one stall whilst another had a tremendous selection of sweets and hot waffles. No need for Mandy and I to partake as we had already eaten pre-match at a fantastic Italian in town. Quattro Stagioni comes highly recommended and there was even a Lokeren scarf above the bar. The first half of the game was truly dreadful. Things improved in the second half with both sides hitting the post and Lokeren having a goal disallowed for offside. However, a miserable 0-0 on a miserable night seemed par for the course’.

Thursday 27th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - For the first game of a mouth-watering Weekend Treble in France and Belgium Gary takes in **Valenciennes** (v Red Star) in France Ligue 2 played on 21/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 24/09): ‘Friday night saw Mandy and I at the Stade du Hainaut for the Ligue 2 game between Valenciennes and Red Star. Admission was 20 euros each for the upper tier. Programmes were free on admission. A decent selection of food was available but no hot drinks though given the copious amount of beer sold it is probable the locals didn’t care! The game definitely started with a bang. Valenciennes were 2-0 up after 4 minutes and 3-0 up after 14. Red Star pulled one back before half time but Valenciennes scored another after the break to make the final score 4-1. There were missed chances galore and the game could have ended 10-5. Cracking entertainment for the 11,545 in attendance and a great start to our weekend!’.

Thursday 27th September - TT No.33: Keith Aslan - ‘*There is a clubhouse here to shelter from the incessant rain...*’. Larking Around in London. Keith brightens up a rainy day out with an uplifting report from **Larkspur Rovers** (v Pitshanger Dynamo) in the Middlesex County League Premier Division played on 22/09/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 27th September - TT No.32: Steve Hardy - ‘*The Academy stadium is massive. It has a 7500 capacity, and is also home to the Women’s team, the City U19 team in the European Youth League as well*’. For his second game of the day Steve takes in **Manchester City U23** (v Derby County U23) in the Elite Football Development League both played on 22/09/18now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 27th September - TT No.31: Steve Hardy - ‘*New club Brendon Bees are based at Droylsden Academy. Sports-wise, the Academy has several grass football pitches, and two 3G caged-pitches*’. Part One of his Saturday Double takes Steve to **Brendon Bees** (v George) in the Manchester Saturday Morning League Division Two played on 22/09/18... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 27th September - Latest Images: *WebEd* - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Barnetby United** (v Sherpa) in the Scunthorpe & District League Sporting Shield 2018-19 Round 1 tie played on 22/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 27th September - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy* - It's a Saturday Double for Steve as he takes in matches at: **Brendon Bees** (v George) in the Manchester Saturday Morning League Division Two and **Manchester City U23** (v Derby County U23) in the Elite Football Development League both played on 22/09/18 and now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 27th September - Latest Images: *Richard Panter* - View the matchday photos from **Aslockton & Orston** (v Wollaton) in the Nottinghamshire Senior League Premier Division fixture played on 15/09/18 and the ground photos from **Witham Town** (v Basildon Town) in the Isthmian League North Division on 22/09/18...both added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Richard writes (via iPad message) re the photos from the Notts Senior League game: 'Picture A&O4 shows **Julian Joachim** (Aslockton & Orton FC)'.

WebEd - According to *Wikipedia*: 'Julian Kevin Joachim (born 20 Sep 1974 (age 44) in Peterborough, United Kingdom; Height: 5' 6") is an English former professional footballer who plays as a forward for Aslockton & Orston FC. During his professional career he initially played from 1992 until 2011, but he came out of retirement in 2013. Joachim notably played in the Premier League for Leicester City and Aston Villa, having also played for Coventry City, Leeds United, Walsall, Boston United and Darlington before moving into the Non-League game to play for King's Lynn, Thurmaston Town, Quorn, Hinckley United, Holbeach United and Coalville Town. Over the course of his career in professional football, he has scored over 100 league goals and accumulated over 450 league appearances. Whilst at Aston Villa he played in the 2000 FA Cup Final'.

Thursday 27th September - Weblog Update: *Simple Pieman* - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **FC Internazionale Milano U19** (v Tottenham Hotspur U19) in the UEFA Youth League Group Stage played on 08/09/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/09/fc-internazionale-milano-u19.html>

Tuesday 18th September - R No.8: *WebEd* - '*...this can be described as a very basic venue to say the least*'. It's a trip closer to home for **Scotter United** (v Limestone Rangers) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division One played on 15/09/18... now uploaded to the *Ramblings Reports 2018-19* page...click on the *Read Ramblings Reports* link for more...

Tuesday 18th September - TT No.30: *Keith Aslan* - '*The match was thoroughly enjoyable for all the wrong reasons, malevolent sums it up*'. Plumbing the Heights! Check out Keith's top-notch report from a bad-tempered contest featuring **Coventry Plumbing** (v Bartestree) in the Midland Football League

Division Three played on 15/09/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 18th September - TT No.29: Steve Hardy - *'...they are not playing on the Mike's 3G pitch every week for sure. This game was played at the Braemar Road Playing Fields'*. It's Birmingham League action for Steve as he takes in **Boldmere St Michael BFL** (v Naija) in the Birmingham & District League Division Two fixture for his second game played on 15/09/18... for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 18th September - TT No.28: Steve Hardy - *'...based at St Michaels C of E School in Rowley Regis...(it) looks an excellent set up too'*. For the first part of his Saturday Double in the West Midlands Steve heads to **Living Hope Church United** (v Delph Athletic) in the West Midlands Christian League Division Two played on 15/09/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Tuesday 18th September - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Scotter United** (v Limestone Rangers) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division One played on 15/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Tuesday 18th September - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Check out Steve's superb photos from a cracking West Midlands Saturday Double featuring games at: **Living Hope Church United** (v Delph Athletic) in the West Midlands Christian League Division Two and **Boldmere St Michael BFL** (v Naija) in the Birmingham & District League Division Two both played on 15/09/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 14th September - TT No.27: Brian Buck - *'The facilities at the new ground are fine, but at present it has the feel of being plonked into a field on the edge of town'*. It's FA Cup action for Brian as he reports from **Melksham Town** (v Merthyr Town) in the 1st Qualifying Round tie played on 08/09/18... for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 13th September - TT No.26: Keith Aslan - *'Newent's ground is a little gem. Neat, tidy with nice views, and a comfortable clubhouse'*. Newent Navigations! Keith certainly knows his onions as he takes in **Newent** (v Malmesbury Victoria) in the Hellenic League Division 1 West fixture played on 08/09/18...check out his uplifting report by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 13th September - TT No.25: Steve Hardy - *'Well, what an excellent set up they have...'*. Despite the dreadful weather and being the only spectator Steve nevertheless enjoys his visit to watch **Knaresborough Celtic** (v Tingley Athletic) in the West Yorkshire League Division Two played on 08/09/18... for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 13th September - TT No.24: Steve Hardy - *'The senior teams play on a 4G pitch in a cage at Bedlington Community School. Spectators are allowed inside the cage although they are restricted to just one side of the pitch'*. It's a hop to a

brand-new club for Steve as he reports on **Bedlington** (v Red Row Welfare) in the Northern Football Alliance Division One played on 05/09/18... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 13th September - TT No.23: Steve Hardy - 'I arrived at Embleton's Creighton Memorial Hall ground to find a cricket match in full swing...'. It's a trip to Northumberland for Steve as he brings us the latest from his hop to **Craster & Embleton United** (v Wooler) in the North Northumberland League played on 01/09/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 13th September - Ramblings Reports Update: WebEd - Completed reports from **R No.1 - Parkgate** (v Nostell MW) in the Northern Counties East League Division One played on 04/08/18; **R No.2 - Wigginton Grasshoppers** (v Dringhouses) in the York Football League Premier Division on 11/08/18; **R No.3 - Dunnington** (v Osbaldwick) in the York Football League Premier Division on 18/08/18; **R No.4 - Driffield Evening Institute** (v North Cave United) in the Humber Premier League Division One on 25/08/18; **R No.5 - Tadcaster Albion** (v Morpeth Town) in the Northern Premier League Division One East on 27/08/18; **R No.6 - Crowle Colts** (v Sutton Rovers) in the Central Midlands League Division One North on 01/09/18 and **R No.7 - Sherburn White Rose** (v Beeston St Anthony) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division on 08/09/18...all now uploaded to the *Ramblings Reports 2018-19* page...click on the *Read Ramblings Reports* link for more...

Thursday 13th September - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Walsham-le-Willows** (v FC Clacton) in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division played on 01/09/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/09/walsham-le-willows-fc.html>

Thursday 13th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Our star snapper brings us some terrific match day photos from a hop to **Broadfields United** (v Enfield Borough) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One played on 08/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail): 'The groundhopping gods smiled on me yesterday. My plan A had been Beckenham Town before heading to Wembley. I reverted to Plan B. Beckenham finished 0-0 whilst Plan B was a cracking game between Broadfields United and Enfield Borough at Harefield United where Broadfields are currently ground-sharing. Programme issued as well. Attendance was just 21, some 81,318 less than my second game of the day (England v Spain)!

Thursday 13th September - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - It's West Yorkshire Football League action for Steve as he takes in **Knaresborough Celtic** (v Tingley Athletic) in the Second Division fixture played on 08/09/18... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 13th September - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Sherburn White Rose** (v Beeston St Anthony) in

the West Yorkshire Football League Premier Division played on 08/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 13th September - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy* - Our lens-meister brings us some cracking pictures from a break in the north-east covering matches at: **Craster & Embleton United** (v Wooler) in the North Northumberland League played on 01/09/18 and **Bedlington** (v Red Row Welfare) in the Northern Football Alliance Division One on 05/09/18...both sets added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 7th September - TT No.22: *Brian Buck* - *'Because the pitch at Wilstead hadn't recovered sufficiently from the summer's drought, this match was switched here the day before'*. For probably the first time a game has been played here Brian reports on **Wilstead** (v Marston Shelton Rovers) in the Bedfordshire County League Premier Division relocated at the Bedford International Athletics Stadium - outside pitch on 05/09/18...for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 7th September - TT No.21: *Brian Buck* - *'So overall this wasn't an unpleasant place to watch football'*. On 03/09/18 Brian travelled to Milton Keynes for **Unite MK Reserves** (v Kempston Athletic) in the Bedfordshire County League Division 2, a game that was sadly abandoned. For more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 7th September - TT No.20: *Brian Buck* - *'They are intending to lay a 3G pitch here soon as well'*. For his second game of the day Brian makes the very short journey to watch **Old Southendian** (v Bishop's Stortford Swifts) in the Prokit UK Essex Olympian League Premier Division played on 01/09/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 7th September - TT No.19: *Brian Buck* - *'Today we weren't allowed to watch this match from the side-lines'*. Part One of a Saturday Double in Southend. Read about Brian's morning visit to watch **Southend United U18** (v Stevenage U18) in the EFL Youth Alliance U18 South East Division played on 01/09/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Tuesday 4th September - Bedfordshire Business: *Brian Buck* - *'Just to clarify the situation regarding Crawley Green FC's new ground. It is in fact precisely where Vauxhall Motors used to play. Although the it now forms part of one of the Luton Town Training Ground, Crawley Green have taken out a lease on this ground. This is not to be confused with Luton's other training ground, at Ely Way, where Electrolux once played and where for some years now this is where Luton Town's U18's play.*

Last Friday night the **Biggleswade United** (v Wormley Rovers) FA Vase match never started, as a Wormley Rovers player (with the same surname as me!) became seriously unwell before the start. Although we didn't know it at the time he had had a stroke he was already being treated on the pitch when I arrived about 20 minutes before the intended kick off. The paramedics were called and eventually

turned up. Obviously, everyone wishes the player concerned a very speedy recovery’.

Tuesday 4th September - TT No.18: Keith Aslan - *‘The new ground is like, well a new ground, actually. Railed, enclosed, floodlights and two stands courtesy of ‘Atcost’*. Skegness Saunters. Read all about Keith’s trip to the seaside for **Skegness Town** (v Clay Cross - nee Parkhouse) in the FA Vase First Round Qualifying tie played on 01/09/18... by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Tuesday 4th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Check out Gary’s superb photos from **Coventry Plumbing** (v WVL Sports) in the Midland Football League Division Three fixture played on Bank Holiday Monday 27/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail): ‘As promised some pics from Coventry Plumbing on Bank Holiday Monday. Decent set up and a decent game. Excellent programme which I was told will be getting larger throughout the season’.

Tuesday 4th September - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from a hop to watch **Crowle Colts** (v Sutton Rovers) in the Central Midlands League Division One North played on 01/09/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Tuesday 4th September - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve’s visit to watch **East Cowes Victoria Athletic** (v Pewsey Vale) in the FA Vase First Round Qualifying tie played on 01/09/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/09/east-cowes-victoria-athletic-fc.html>

Friday 31st August - TT No.17: Brian Buck - *‘Since my last visit, a couple of years ago...they have turned the pitch round 90 degrees’*. It’s further Cambridgeshire County League action for Brian this week with a visit locally to watch **Gamlingay United** (v Orwell) in the Kershaw League Senior ‘A’ Division played on 29/08/18. Check out his ace review by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 31st August - TT No.16: Brian Buck - *‘Since my previous visit Shelford have built, or completed, building an impressive looking sports pavilion, which has a generous overhang so you can keep dry, if you want to, when it rains’*. Brian brings us a report from **Great Shelford** (v Cambridge City Reserves) in the Kershaw Premier League played on 28/08/18. Find out all about his hop by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 31st August - TT No.15: Brian Buck - *‘Although the pitch is fully railed off there is very little space to stand on three sides of the ground’*. It’s a trip down to the south coast for Brian as he takes in **Paulsgrove** (v QK Southampton) in the Hampshire Premier League Senior Division fixture played on 25/08/18... read about his hop by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 30th August - Latest Images: WebEd - Bank Holiday Monday Bonus! View the ground, action and matchday pictures from **Tadcaster Albion** (v Morpeth Town) in the Northern Premier League East Division fixture played on 27/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 30th August - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's Bank Holiday Monday visit to watch **Salford City** (v Barrow AFC) in the National League Premier Division played on 27/08/18...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:
<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/08/salford-city-fc.html>

Thursday 30th August - TT No.14: Steve Hardy - '*Cheadle Heath Nomads are one of a number of new clubs in the expanded North West Counties League this season...*'. Read about Steve's second game of the day with a visit to **Cheadle Heath Nomads** (v New Mills) in the North West Counties League First Division South played on 25/08/18... found by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 30th August - TT No.13: Steve Hardy - '*I really liked Stalybridge's ground, I must say. The whole ground was open for the 51 punters who attended, which meant I could wander round taking photos from every angle I wanted*'. The part of a Saturday Double takes Steve to **Rochdale U18** (v Fleetwood Town U18) in the EFL Youth Alliance Northern Cup Group 4 tie (at Stalybridge Celtic FC)

Thursday 30th August - Latest Images: Richard Panter - Check out Richard's excellent ground photos taken at **Atherton Collieries** (v Colwyn Bay) in the FA Cup Preliminary Round on 25/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 30th August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - It's a magical Manchester Double for Steve as he takes in **Rochdale U18** (v Fleetwood Town U18) in the EFL Youth Alliance Northern Cup Group 4 tie (at Stalybridge Celtic FC) and **Cheadle Heath Nomads** (v New Mills) in the North West Counties League First Division South...both played on 25/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 30th August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from **Driffield Evening Institute** (v North Cave United) in the Humber Premier League Division One fixture...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 23rd August - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read Steve's review a hop to **Crawley Green** (v Aylesbury United) in the FA Cup Preliminary Round tie played on 25/08/18...by clicking on this link from his terrific Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas*: <https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/08/crawley-green-fc.html>

Friday 24th August - TT No.12: Brian Buck - '*The pitch is still railed-off on two sides and the floodlights were all working, six lights on each side, which illuminated the pitch quite well*'. It's a midweek trip to watch **Needingworth United** (v Great Chishill) in the Kershaw League Senior B Division played on 22/08/18...find out more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 24th August - TT No.11: Brian Buck - *‘Since my last visit here, during last season, the club have erected a 250-seater stand on the side of their ‘Showcase’ pitch’*. Before watching his beloved Spurs play at Wembley Stadium, Brian heads to the Hive for **Barnet v Milton Keynes Dons** in the mid-morning EFL Youth Alliance U18 South East Division fixture played on 18/08/18...his review can be found by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Friday 24th August - TT No.10: Brian Buck - *‘The attendance here was surprisingly big’*. After a break of twenty years Brian heads back to Kings Langley FC this time to watch **Watford Ladies** (v Stevenage Ladies) in a Friendly Match played on 16/08/18...read about his trip by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 23rd August - Beds, Essex and Herts News: Brian Buck - *‘Just to try and clarify who is playing and when at Harlow Town FC this season. On Saturdays Harlow Town FC and Enfield FC (as they now wish to be known) will ground share. On Fridays Harlow Town Reserves FC and Woodford Town will ground share. Obviously, they will all be allocated midweek matches as well, so it looks like Enfield will play on Mondays and the Harlow Town sides on Tuesday. Not sure about when Woodford Town’s night is! Seems to be also Tuesdays providing that this does not conflict with Harlow Town’s usage.*

Potters Bar Town FC are doing free season tickets this season for all home league matches. Not quite free though as there is a £25 admin charge! **Haringey Borough** do the same thing, but they have no surcharges. Note from the club: *‘Finally, we would be happy to see our ever-growing Season Ticket Holder register increase ever further so do please encourage all your friends and relatives to join the throng. To do so they can use the option to order one at no cost by using the option (under Admission Prices) on the www.haringeyborough.net website.’*

Wootton Village FC, who play in Beds County League Division 3 will continue to issue **programmes** during the coming season’.

Thursday 23rd August - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - For his second midweek game Steve heads to Suffolk for **Haverhill Borough** (v Cornard United) in Eastern Counties League Division One (North) played on 21/08/18...read more by clicking on this link from his terrific Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas*:
<http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/08/haverhill-borough-fc.html>

Thursday 23rd August - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Lewisham Borough** (v Sporting Club Thamesmead) in the Southern Counties East League Division One played on 20/08/18...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:
<http://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/08/lewisham-borough-fc.html> and to

Thursday 23rd August - TT No.9: Keith Aslan - *‘Standing at the ground is all down the near side, with new portable dugouts opposite. There was a good vibe to this Central Midlands opener with, I suspect, a far larger crowd than they were getting in the Scunthorpe League’*. Crowle capers! It’s a trip up to North Lincolnshire for

Keith as he covers newcomers **Crowle Colts** (v Welbeck Lions Reserves) in the much-anticipated Abacus Lighting Central Midlands League Macron Store Stoke Division 1 North fixture played on 18/08/18...read all about Keith's visit by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 23rd August - TT No.8: Steve Hardy - *'Tigers have now moved to an athletics stadium in Smethwick, called the Hadley Stadium. It is just what it says on the tin really'*. Find out more about Steve's hop to the West Midlands for **Birmingham Tigers** (v Inkberrow) in the Midland Football League Division Three played on 18/08/18... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 23rd August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - What a find! Don't miss Gary's stunning pictures from his trip to **Ripon City** (v Hunsworth) in the West Yorkshire League Division Two fixture played on 18/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail): 'It was a visit to England's third smallest city yesterday for Mandy and I to see Ripon City take on Hunsworth. Low level stuff but a gem of a ground, fully railed and with a small stand. Very friendly locals and a decent game made for an excellent afternoon'.

Thursday 23rd August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from a hop to watch **Dunnington** (v Osbaldwick) in the York Football League Premier Division) played on 18/08/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 23rd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Check out Steve's ace photos from his West Midlands hop for **Birmingham Tigers** (v Inkberrow) in the Midland Football League Division Three played on 18/08/18... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes: 'Here is my report and a few photos from yesterday's disappointing trip to Smethwick. In the words of The Who, I won't get fooled again!'

Friday 17th August - TT No.7: Brian Buck - *'The pitch was well kept and was mainly green. It was fully railed off...'*. Don't miss Brian's matchday account following his trip to Yorkshire for **Hunslet Club** (v Wyke Wanderers) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division played on 11/08/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 16th August - TT No.6: Steve Hardy - *'A top evening out in North Staffordshire, and I really hope Ball Haze Green can make a success of their new home...'* Find out more about Steve's midweek hop to watch **Ball Haze Green** (v Staffordshire Moorlands) in the Staffordshire County League Division One played on 15/08/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

Thursday 16th August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Check out Steve's super pictures following his midweek trip to watch **Ball Haze Green** (v Staffordshire

Moorlands) in the Staffordshire County League Division One played on 15/08/18... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 16th August - TT No.5: Keith Aslan - *'As football grounds go they don't come much more pictures-que than this one with the castle forming a dramatic backdrop'*. Our intrepid reporter heads to the West Country for **Corfe Castle** (v Hamworthy Recreation) in the Dorset Premier League played on 11/08/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 16th August - TT No.4: Steve Hardy - *'The Penistone ground is fairly typical of NCEL set ups that I have visited over the years. Superb clubhouse and dressing room block behind the goal nearest to the entrance, a small stand covering half of one side of the pitch, floodlights and, er... that's it!'*. For his second game of the day Steve takes in **Penistone Church** (v Bootle) in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round tie played on 11/08/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 16th August - TT No.3: Steve Hardy - *'The Academy set up is very impressive indeed at Barnsley, and is situated directly behind the Palmer stand at Oakwell'*. Read all about Steve's Saturday morning hop at **Barnsley U18** (v Watford U18) in the U18 Professional Development League played on 11/08/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Thursday 16th August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Our super snapper heads down to Luton for the high-scoring FA Cup match at **Crawley Green** (v Woodley United) in an Extra Preliminary Round tie played on 11/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 12/08): 'Plan B yesterday after hold ups on the M1 caused us to divert to Crawley Green. First game for Crawley Green at the Brache Stadium which was previously used by Vauxhall Luton in the Isthmian League. The stadium and surrounding pitches are also used by Luton Town for training. Decent set up and an excellent programme. No hot food yesterday though there will be for future games.

The game itself was not great. Woodley took the lead after a calamitous goalkeeping error. Crawley Green equalised with a shot that may or may not have crossed the line. I was stood yards away and couldn't tell. The linesman (stood a lot further away) said it did so it counted. Just before half time the game turned. Firstly, Crawley Green scored to take a 2-1 lead. Then, there was a heavy collision between the Woodley keeper and a Crawley Green player. After lengthy treatment the keeper played on for a few minutes but did not appear for the second half with Woodley putting their centre forward in goal. From then on it was virtually one-way traffic though Woodley did hit the bar with a tremendous long range-shot which could have claimed goal of the season in August. Final score was 7-1. Given the proximity to Luton Airport there was the added entertainment of planes frequently flying overhead. At times they were more interesting than the match!'

Thursday 16th August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - South Yorkshire Saturday Double! Check out Steve's super snaps from his trip to the Sheffield area for **Barnsley U18** (v Watford U18) in the U18 Professional Development League and **Penistone Church** (v Bootle) in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round tie both played on 11/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 16th August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Wigginton Grasshoppers** (v Dringhouses) in the York Football League Premier Division played on 11/08/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 10th August - Website Update: WebEd - After several weeks of photo archiving readers may be interested to know that a new **FGIF A to Z PHOTOS INDEX** has now been completed and downloaded to the site. The links for each individual album (reflecting every club and ground that have ever appeared in both the new *Flickr* and old *Google Archive* with some photos dating back to 2001-02) have been collated and arranged in alphabetical order. This major revamp now means that readers and visitors to *FGIF* will no longer have to trawl through hundreds of albums to find what they are looking for. Instead it is now possible to access albums containing specific club or ground photos in a more user-friendly and time efficient way, with just a couple of clicks of the mouse! I hope you will agree that this change will provide a more improved and valuable service.

Incidentally, for those readers who like stats, our site (at the start of this season) now stocks some 5630 albums covering 3200 clubs and providing a total of 95000 photos. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our dedicated team of photographers and contributors over the last fifteen seasons) all of whom have helped in no small way to make this possible. Many thanks, Martin.

Friday 10th August - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **White Ensign** (v Burnham Ramblers) in the Eastern Senior League Division One (South) played on 07/08/18...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/08/white-ensign-fc.html>

Friday 10th August - TT No.2: Brian Buck - *'The club's new name has something to do with the fact that they go to the Three Lions pub after games'*. Find out all about Brian's visit to watch **Welbeck Lions** (v Mickleover RBL) in the Abacus Lighting Central Midlands League Black Dragon South fixture played on 04/08/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 10th August - TT No.1: Steve Hardy - *'The Academy is based to the north of Cheltenham in an area called Swindon Village, on the wonderfully named Quat Goose Lane'*. Read all about the first game of Steve's terrific Saturday Double in Gloucestershire as he takes in **Cheltenham Town U18** (v Forest Green Rovers U18) in the Football League Youth Alliance played on 04/08/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Don't miss the terrific matchday pictures from Gary's trip to Hampshire for **Eastleigh** (v Solihull Moors) in the National Premier League fixture played on 04/08/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail on 05/08/18): 'Superb day out in the sun yesterday. Train to Southampton Airport Parkway was bang on schedule giving me plenty of time to enjoy a leisurely stroll through Lakelands Country Park and then past the one-handed church clock to the ground. It is definitely one of the best walks to a ground from a station. Admission (advance ticket) was by Conference standards an absolute bargain at £12 as was the programme at £1. Plenty of food options on offer at the ground though given the heat I settled for a couple of ice lollies and some cold water. 1st half of the game saw Eastleigh batter the Solihull goal. Only the woodwork and several fine saves kept the score 0-0 at half-time. Second half was more even and saw Eastleigh take the lead with a 77th minute penalty. At that point I thought game over. How wrong I was. Solihull scored in the 80th and 83rd minutes to complete a real smash and grab victory. Excellent entertainment for a neutral but the home fans were not happy. Train home was also on time though rammed with Southampton fans who were also not happy having been gubbed by Borussia Monchengladbach in a friendly'.

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos following a hop to South Yorkshire for **Parkgate** (v Nostell MW) in the Northern Counties East League Division One played on 04/08/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - It's a trip down to Gloucestershire for Steve as he completes a mouth-watering Saturday Double. For his first game of the day he brings us some cracking pictures from a morning hop to watch **Cheltenham Town U18** (v Forest Green Rovers U18) in the Football League Youth Alliance...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes: 'After a plethora of pre-season games on straw covered pitches, my season finally started in earnest yesterday with a double in Gloucestershire. Attached are photos (and a report) from Cheltenham Town U18s v Forest Green Rovers U18s, which I followed with Abbeymead Rovers v Winchcombe Town in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League'.

Friday 10th August - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's hop to watch **Slough Town** (v Hampton & Richmond Borough) in the National League South fixture played on 04/08/18...now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address shown below:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/08/slough-town-fc.html>

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Gary heads back to Scotland for his second footy fix of the campaign as he covers **Threave Rovers** (v Wigtown & Bladnoch) in South of Scotland League game played on 28/07/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 29/07): 'Another trip to Scotland yesterday to see Threave Rovers (v Wigtown & Bladnoch) on the opening day of the South of Scotland League season. Following a week where most of the time my office resembled a sauna the weather yesterday was windy and cold with some torrential rain thrown in as well. The nearby game at Nithsdale was called off due to a waterlogged pitch! Cracking set up at Threave and as usual the pies come highly recommended. On the field Threave scored three goals in each half for an emphatic victory'.

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Scottish Hop! Check out Gary's terrific matchday photos from his season opening hop to watch **Edinburgh City** (v Queen of the South) in the Scottish League Cup Group H fixture played at Spartans FC on 21/07/18...all now uploaded into the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail): 'At last - my first footie game of the new season and a trip to Spartans FC where Edinburgh City played Queen of the South in a Scottish League Cup game. Queens were far too good for City and were 4-0 up at half time. The second half was tame in comparison as the heat took its toll on the players and the final score remained 4-0 to Queens. Only two sides of the venue are opened for City games though I was told that Spartans use all 4 sides for their games. Friendly club and pie purchased was very tasty! Eventful journey home as a fatality on the line at Chester Le Street caused chaos on the East Coast line. Eventually I was given a taxi ride from Newcastle to Doncaster, arriving at 2.20am Sunday morning some 5 hours later than scheduled. I finally arrived home at 3.45am. A very long day but footie is back!'

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: Richard Panter - It's a trip to Surrey for Richard as he brings us some terrific ground photos from **Dorking Wanderers FC** (Isthmian League Premier Division) taken on 21/07/18... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 10th August - Dave Reed RIP: WebEd - On the eve of last season I, like many groundhoppers, was saddened to learn that Dave Reed had passed away aged 73 after a period of illness. I first met Dave back in the early nineties when I first started watching non-league football. I found him to be a real character with a great sense of humour, often adding a dry comment or two into the conversation (which, along with the baseball cap, were his trade mark). Kent-based traveller Dave was also a well-respected contributor to the site in its early days and regularly supported *FGIF*, penning many beautifully hand-written reports which covered his latest football trips. At the end of each season he also used to send me a complete archive of his hopping year stats all neatly documented on a floppy disc (at the time a most useful piece of PC storage software). I last met Dave a few years ago at a hastily arranged FA Vase replay between St Ives and Marske which had to be played one Sunday at the Milton Road home of Cambridge City FC. Despite the awful freezing weather, Sidcup Dave (as he was also known) was great company and made the time pass by quickly as the conditions worsened. A lovely bloke who will be sorely missed. From everyone at *FGIF* I would like to send his family and friends our condolences. RIP Dave.

Friday 10th August - Latest Images: WebEd - On behalf of the *FGIF* team - 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 over the last few weeks) it was must-see action all the way covering the most exciting World Cup for years including the success of a young England team; the lycra-fest that is the Tour de France reaching what was a fabulous climax with Sky's Geraint Thomas in yellow finishing at the top of the podium, as well as Wimbledon and the latest European Athletics Championships - certainly a summer to remember! After all that sofa-surfing it will be nice to get off the settee and back on the road (or rail) again to watch some live football and of course tick off some more new grounds along the way. With so much to look forward to 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. I really hope that you all have a great season wherever you go. Best wishes, Martin

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