



## FGIF INBOX - NEWS UPDATES 2018-19

updated on 06/07/19.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Website Update: *WebEd*** - Please find the last few items of news; TT reports and photo albums covering the end of the 2018-19 football season which have been added to the Inbox today. As always, I would like to thank all contributors for providing the most recent photos, reviews and information particularly Steve, Brian and Ian for their superb coverage from the recent Inter-Island Games Football Tournament held in Anglesey - a veritable football hopping feast! The site will be updated again before the start of the regular season which kicks off in August with further news, photos, reports covering pre-season. Look out too for the latest additions to the terrific *FGIF* UK Non-League Football Programme Database courtesy of Steve which will be uploaded to the Programme section. In the mean-time please keep checking the album gallery and TT pages for the latest reports which will still be added to the site over the summer months. Until then have a restful break and enjoy your travels as well as following plenty of televised sport including the final stages of the FIFA Women's World Cup Tournament in France; Cricket World Cup; Wimbledon and the Tour de France to name a few! All the best, Martin.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Latest News: Stotfold FC: *Brian Buck*** - writes (via E-Mail on 30/06): *'I drove past Stotfold's new ground tonight and noted that work is progressing well. At present much attention is being paid to the clubhouse, which looks as though it's going to be rather sizable. Rather surprisingly they have already put the floodlights up. Perhaps they are going to work at night!'*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - New Weblog Update: *WebEd*** - Following an E-Mail sent on to *FGIF* HQ on 18/06 readers might be interested in viewing Ross and Adrian's Stadium Guide which can be found at:  
<https://footballstadiumguide.wordpress.com/> .

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - WebLog Update: *Simple Pieman*** - Read all about Steve's memorable visit to the **Estadio Metropolitano - Atletico Madrid FC** (for Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool) in the UEFA Champions League Final 2019 played on 01/06/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address: <https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/06/atletico-madrid-fc.html>

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Latest News: Haringey Borough FC: *Brian Buck*** - writes (via E-Mail on 02/06): *'Haringey Borough will once again be issuing free season tickets for their home league matches during season 2019/20'*.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.166: Brian Buck** - *'The match was played over four lots of twenty minutes and bearing in mind the weather, this was sensible'*. It's a Norfolk Hop as Brian watches **Foulsham** (v Longham) in a Friendly Match played on 29/06/19. Click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* to read more...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.165: Brian Buck** - *'Eventually I found the 3G pitch the match was to take place on and fortunately it had a spectator viewing area once you were inside the cage'*. Brian travels down to Kent for **Chatham Town Reserves** (v Rochester City Reserves) to watch a Friendly Match played at the Victory Academy, Magpie Hall Road on 22/06/19. For more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.164: Brian Buck** - *'...this was the best ground on the island and it had substantial seating on both sides of the pitch'*. For the second semi-final of the men's competition Brian takes in Ynys Môn (Anglesey) v Shetland played at **Llangefni Town FC** on 20/06/19; *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.163: Brian Buck** - *'The ground is behind what looked to be a small council estate and it was OK'*. Brian visits **Gwalchmai FC** for Guernsey v Isle of Man (Men's S-F) on 20/06/19. To read his report go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.162: Brian Buck** - *'In terms of spectator accommodation this was the least best of all the grounds I visited and it had one, perhaps two, small areas of cover in one corner'*. It's a trip to **Amlwch Town FC** for Brian as he takes in Ynys Môn (Anglesey) v Jersey (Women's S-F) played on 19/06/19. Click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* to read more...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.161: Brian Buck** - *'The pitch though sloped from side to side and up and down'*. Brian visits **Cemaes Bay FC** for Orkney v Western Isles (Men's Group A) played on 18/06/19. Go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* for more...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.160: Brian Buck** - *'It (also) had a nice stand on one side with some bench seating in it'*. For his first game in the Inter-Island Games Football Tournament 2019 on Anglesey Brian heads to **Llanerchymedd FC** for Gibraltar v Isle of Man (Womens Group C) played on 17/06/19. To read more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.159: Steve Hardy** - *'The warmth of the locals was superb, the scenery staggering and the banter with the groundhoppers I knew was top notch'*. Anglesey Hopping. Read Steve's review from his trip to Anglesey to watch seven games in three days from the Inter-Island Games Football Tournament 2019 (between 16/06/19 to 18/06/19) ...to read more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - TT No.158: Brian Buck** - *'The game was keenly contested but had to be stopped on 4 minutes after someone spotted some dog poo on the 3G pitch'*. End of Season Hoppertunity! Check out Brian's report from his trip to watch

**Stalham Town** (v Thorpe Village) in a Friendly Match played at FDC at Flegg High School, Martham on 08/06/19...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - More Anglesey Hopping Heaven! Ian heads for the Inter-Island Games Football Tournament 2019 and brings us matchday pictures from the following three games: **CPD Aberffraw** for St Helena v Shetland Islands (Men's Group C) played on 16/06/19; **Bodedern Athletic FC** for Guernsey v Shetland Islands (Mens Group A) on 17/06/19 and **CPD Gwalchmai** for Guernsey v Isle of Man (Men's Semi-Final 1) on 20/06/19...all now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Anglesey Hopping Heaven! Steve takes in seven games in three days during the Inter-Island Games Football Tournament 2019 covering the following clubs and games: **Llangefni Town FC** for Jersey v Orkney (Men's Group A); **Aberffraw FC** for St Helena v Shetland Islands (Men's Group C); **Holyhead Hotspur FC** for Ynys Mon v Western Isles (Men's Group A) and **Cemaes Bay FC** for Alderney v Hitra (Men's Group B) all played on 16/06/19; **Glantraeth FC** for Jersey v Western Isles (Mens Group A) and **Bodedern Athletic FC** for Guernsey v Shetland Islands (Mens Group C) both on 17/06/19 and **Bro Goronwy FC** for Western Isles v Hitra (Women's Group A) on 18/06/19...all now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery..

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - Scottish Road Trip. Check out Ian's cracking ground photos from hops featuring **East Craigie** (v Pumpherstons) in the Thorntons Property League Cup Semi-Final and **Carnoustie Panmure** (v Livingston United) in the DJ Laing East Region Cup Semi-Final both played on 25/05/19 and **Forfar West End** (v Dundee North End) in the East Region Consolation Cup Semi-Final on 01/06/19 all now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Fixture News: Brian Buck** - writes (via E-Mail): 'This week I have added **The Khalsa Football Federation 2019 Tournament** dates and venues. Find out more by clicking on the attached link. Note- matches usually start at around 9.30am and continue until late afternoon. <http://thekff.co.uk/>

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Hunts FA IPC Competitions: Brian Buck** - writes (via E-Mail): 'The Hunts FA will kick start their **125 Year Celebrations** with both **Men and Women Invitational Premier Cup Competitions**. The competitions will run as a Champions League style Knock-Out format and the final dates will be announced at a later stage but the competitions promise to be a great display of local football prior to the team's respective seasons starting and a brilliant way to kick off a year of celebrations for Hunts FA. The Men's Competition will include eight teams in two groups of four featuring: **Biggleswade United FC; Cambridge City FC; Eynesbury Rovers; Godmanchester Rovers FC; Huntingdon Town FC; St Ives Town FC; St Neots Town FC and Yaxley FC**'.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - R No.49: WebEd** - 'The club usually plays it's matches at the well-appointed *SB Sports Association*, but with cricket taking priority on the field now, tonight's game has been switched to their 'secondary' site'. Read the report

from a hop to watch **Stamford Bridge** (v Rufforth United) in the York Football League Junior Cup Semi-Final played on 08/05/19... now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.157: Brian Buck** - *'There was a bit on the match today in that the winners had a chance of finishing second'*. Check out Brian's ace review from **Slough Heating Laurencians** (v FC Beaconsfield) in the East Berks League Premier Division played on 18/05/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.156: Keith Aslan** - *'A picture postcard village with thatch being the prime roofing material and a canal choc-full of brightly painted barges running through the middle'*. Heyford Hikes! Read more about Keith's inspirational programme busting hop to **Heyford Athletic** (v Garsington) in the Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Division fixture played on 18/05/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - View the superb ground photos following Ian's trip to Dundee for **Lochee United** (v Thornton Hibs) in the SJFA East Region Superleague played on 18/05/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Website Update: WebEd** - I have just received an advance notification from Flickr (our photo host/provider) that the *FGIF* Album Gallery will be closed from **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 5pm** due to essential maintenance work. This may last a couple of days after which normal service should be resumed. Many apologies to all our visitors at this time. Martin.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.155: Brian Buck** - *'...having parked up close to the 3G cage the game was played in, it took some us some time to negotiate getting into it'*. Brian reports from his visit to watch **CS Rovers** (v Houghton Athletic) in the Bedfordshire County League Division 2 fixture on 15/05/19... now uploaded to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.154: Brian Buck** - *'The ground was bounded on two sides by roads and behind the bench we watched the match from what was open countryside'*. It's a midweek hop to Kings Lynn for Brian as he takes in an important cup game at **West Winch** (v Marshland Saints) in the UK Van Solutions Norfolk West Norfolk League Charlie Day Cup Semi Final played on 14/05/19... now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.153: Brian Buck** - *'(since my last visit) the place has been spruced up and given a lick of paint. Furthermore, the pitch has been moved closer to the clubhouse'*. Mini Hop fixture. Brian brings us news from his mid-day fixture featuring **Linby Colliery Welfare** (v Welbeck Lions) in the Abacus Lighting Central Midlands League Black Dragon South played on 11/05/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - R No.48: WebEd** - *'The self-contained, council-owned ground...is referred to by locals here as 'Stadio Denison''*. Check out the review from a wet midweek hop to watch **Malt Shovel** (v Bubwith White Swan) in the York Football

League Junior Cup Q-F played on 06/05/19... now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - R No.47: WebEd** - *'(it's)...an eagerly-awaited 'winner takes all' contest'*. Read about a hop to watch **Telegraph** (v AAK) in the crucial top of the table East Riding County League Division Three played on 04/05/19... now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.152: Keith Aslan** - *'Today's match was played at Donnington Castle FC's head-quarters'*. Donington Dawdles! With a gaggle(?) of hoppers attending the game, chosen scribe Keith reports on the trip to **Castle Donington** (v Mayfield) in the Midland Regional Alliance fixture played on 11/05/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - Don't miss Ian's ace matchday photos from **Saltcoats Victoria** (v Lesmahagow) in the SJFA West Region **League Two** played on 11/05/19...now added to the **FGIF album gallery...**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Leeds City** (v Beeston St Anthony's) in the West Yorkshire Football League Premier Division played on 11/05/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF album gallery...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's matchday photos from **Castle Donington** (v Mayfield) in the Midland Regional Alliance played on 11/05/19...now added to the *FGIF album gallery...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - WebLog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **AFC Ajax** (v Tottenham Hotspur) in the UEFA Champions League, Semi-Final, 2nd Leg played on 08/05/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/05/afc-ajax.html>

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.151: Brian Buck** - *'...I stood on the railway side of this railed off three sided ground'*. Find out more about Brian's midweek hop to watch **Old Bradwell United** (v Pitstone & Ivinghoe) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division 1 played on 06/05/19...now uploaded to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.150: Brian Buck** - *'The current clubhouse was opened a few years back now...'*. Read about Brian's hop to watch **Alcester Town** (v Enville Athletic) in the Total Motion Midland League Division 3 played on 04/05/19... now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Local Yorks & Lincs Football Scene: Martyn Girdham** - Winterton-based super-hopper Martyn writes via E-mail (sent on 11/05): *'Since the early evening kick offs arrived in April, I have managed to take in four midweek games in the York League at Barmby Moor, Wheldrake, Rawcliffe & Easingwold. If I'd not been travelling to such games, I would have certainly bumped into you at The Butchers Arms midweek game recently. I can't recall if you have already visited Easingwold Town or not, but having seen games at most of the venues in*

*the top two divisions in the York League, I can safely say Easingwold tops the list. So, a must visit if you haven't already been.*

*It was sad to see **Hall Road Rangers** get relegated but at least it will give Winterton Rangers more local derbies next season. I actually went to their final 'relegation clincher' game of the season at **Goole** a couple of weeks ago. I don't know what to think about the goings on at **East Yorkshire Carnegie** or whatever they are called these days! We may also see the new **Ferriby** club at step six although I know they are hoping for step five. I may even see you at Winterton pre-season. Rumours of **Hull City** (probably U23's) coming over for a game.*

*Well I think footy is over for me until July, but I hope to watch a bit of cricket during the summer and even the odd game of rugby league, starting this afternoon (11/05) at Beverley Leisure Centre to watch Beverley v East Leeds in the National Conference League. There should be a programme too as I got one in recent seasons at Skirlaugh, Myton and West Hull'.*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - R No.46: WebEd** - *'Sadly, this top division has now been whittled down to only eight participating team's'*. Read all about a midweek hop to watch **The Butchers Arms** (v Limestone Rangers) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division One played on 01/05/19... now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - R No.45: WebEd** - *'Pride of place for the grounds' collector though is the massive cavernous stand with slopping metal roof and steep concrete steps of terracing which lead down to the pitch below'*. Find out more about a memorable trip to watch **Dodworth Miners Welfare** (v Denaby United) in the Sheffield & Hallam County Senior League Premier Division played on 27/04/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Stamford Bridge** (v Rufforth United) in the York Football League Junior Cup S-F played on 08/05/19... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - Check out Ian's cracking matchday pictures featuring **Cowdenbeath** (v Clyde) in the Scottish Football League Division Two played on 04/05/19 and Connahs Quay Nomads v The New Saints in the **Welsh Cup Final** played at The Rock, home of **Cefn Druids (Welsh Premier League)** on 05/05/19...both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Malt Shovel** (v Bubwith White Swan) in the York Football League Junior Cup Q-F played on 06/05/19... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.149: Keith Aslan** - *'You can't miss the ground with a massive banner declaring this is home to Newcastle Blue Star outside the brand new 'Bobby Robson Lounge''*. Geordie Jaunts! Read about Keith's highly regarded hop to the North East for **Newcastle Blue Star** (v Newcastle University); Northern

Alliance Premier Division played on 04/05/19...now uploaded to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.148: Steve Hardy** - *'The ground is on the Shobnall Road in Burton, right next to the giant Marstons brewery'*. Check out Steve's trip to the MBSG in Burton for **Willington Reserves** (v Wirksworth Ivanhoe Reserves) in the Midland Regional Alliance Division One fixture played on 04/05/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Don't miss Richard's superb matchday photos following an end of season hop to watch **Welbeck Lions** (v Ashland Rovers) in the Central Midlands League South Division played on 04/05/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Richard adds (via E-Mail): *'04.05.16; 2-3. The home 'keeper scored the last goal from the penalty spot. This will most likely be the final game of the season for me. Have a good closed season and once more well done for you continued efforts with the web site'. WebEd - 'Thanks Richard for your terrific contributions and the kind words'*.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Gone for a Burton! Don't miss Steve's super snaps from a hop to **Willington Reserves** (v Wirksworth Ivanhoe Reserves) in the Midland Regional Alliance Division One fixture played on 04/05/19... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Telegraph** (v AAK) in the East Riding County League Division Three played on 04/05/19... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - R No.44: WebEd** - *'From first impression it's clear that the club is proud of its roots'*. Find out more about a trip to watch **Yorkshire Amateur** (v Hemsworth MW) in the Northern Counties East League Premier Division played on 23/04/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - R No.43: WebEd** - *'Today's game is a crucial fixture with both sides still in with a fighting chance of winning the title'*. Read about a hop to watch **Wheldrake** (v Helperby United) in the York Football League Division Three fixture played on 20/04/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.147: Brian Buck** - *'This game attracted a goodly number of groundhoppers from around the country'*. Find out about Brian's midweek hop to **Elstow Abbey** (v Sporting Lewsey Park) in the Bedfordshire County League Division 2 played on 01/05/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - Check out Ian's ground photos from a trip to watch **Vulcan** (v Styal) in the Cheshire Football League Division One played on 01/05/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Ian adds (via E-Mail): *'Not the best of games - an 87th minute header won it for the visitors''*.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **The Butchers Arms** (v Limestone Rangers) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division One played on 01/05/19... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.146: Steve Hardy** - *'This is the archetypal chocolate box country village for me. The players change in the village hall, cross the road past lovely old cottages with wisteria around the door...'*. Read more from Steve's report following a midweek trip to **Woolpack** (v Seighford 'A') in the Stafford Sunday League Premier Division played on 30/04/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Sunday on a Tuesday! Take takes in an early evening midweek game for **Woolpack** (v Seighford A) in the Stafford Sunday League Premier Division played on 30/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail): 'Report and photos from last night's fix in Weston, near Stafford. Stafford Sunday League Premier Division - Woolpack 5-1 Seighford 'A'.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest News: Brian Buck** - writes (on 29/04): *'Hashtag United will play their home games at Tilbury next season. Also, I'm hearing that Spurs Ladies, or Tottenham Hotspur Ladies, will be known as Tottenham Hotspur Women from 2019/20 and that they are going to play their home games at Haringey Borough (tbc)'*.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Ian Brown** - Northern Irish Double! Check out Ian's matchday photos from **Dundela** (v Carrick Rangers) in the Northern Irish Football League Championship played on 20/04/19 and ground photos from the Orangefield Playing Fields for **Bloomfield FC** (The Northern Amateur Football League) taken on 20/04/19...both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.145: Keith Aslan** - *'They certainly appreciate people coming to watch them here'*. Scouse Saunters! Michael Fish and Ken Dodd both get a mention in this week's report from Keith as he takes in a hop to Liverpool for **Lower Beck** (v Carlisle City) in the North West Counties League Division One North played on 27/04/19...now uploaded to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.144: Steve Hardy** - *'There are umpteen pitches here and I have seen games on a good few of them, but I finally got a bit of luck when today's game of choice was played on a pitch I had not previously visited'*. Steve heads to the Aston University Sports Ground for his second game as he attends **Amanah** (v Wake Green Amateurs B) in the Birmingham & District League Division One played on 27/04/19...now uploaded to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.143: Steve Hardy** - *'I arrived at the Baggies training ground to be told I couldn't be admitted as my name 'wasn't on the list''*. Great Barr Fun and Games! Read more about Steve's first hop of the day when he takes in **West Bromwich Albion U18s** (v Manchester City U18s) in the FA Premier

Academy League U18 North Division played on 27/04/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Dodworth Miners Welfare** (v Denaby United) in the Sheffield & Hallam County Senior League Premier Division played on 27/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Easter Monday Trip! View the terrific matchday photos from Gary's Bank Holiday Monday visit to **Sheffield** (v Belper Town) in the Northern Premier League East Division fixture played on 22/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes: *'Easter Monday saw another trip to Sheffield and a trip to see the oldest football club in the world! Sheffield needed points for the play offs so plenty at stake. However, on a baking afternoon they were thwarted by Belper who looked the better side at times. A competitive game that ended goalless. As is usual up North, the pie and peas were once again delicious!'*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - West Midlands Double! Don't miss Steve's superb photos from his visits to watch **West Bromwich Albion U18s** (v Manchester City U18s) in the FA Premier Academy League U18 North Division and **Amanah** (v Wake Green Amateurs B) in the Birmingham & District League Division One both played on 27/04/19 and both sets added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail): *'One thing I couldn't get my head around today is how two grounds that are right next door to each other could have totally different postcodes. WS5 3LQ and B43 7AJ. Daft, isn't it?'*

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Check out Richard's cracking matchday photos from **Longridge** (v Holker Old Boys) in the North West Counties League Division One North played on 27/04/19... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - TT No.142: Brian Buck** - *'This ground can be found just off the new Junction 11A of the M1 as you go on towards Dunstable'*. Read all about Brian's trip to watch **Houghton Athletic** (v Sporting Lewsey Park) in the Bedfordshire County League Division 2 fixture played on 24/04/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - R No.42: WebEd** - *'It certainly has plenty of character to admire'*. Check out a recent midweek ground visit to watch **Riccall United** (v Strensall Tigers) in the York Football League Division One played on 17/04/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - R No.41: WebEd** - *'The club play games at the local playing fields which are shared with cricket and where parking space is at a premium'*. Read all about a hop to watch **Skirlaugh** (v St George AFC) in the East Riding County League HE Dean Cup Round 3 tie played on 13/04/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.141: Brian Buck** - *'There was something on this game today in that if either side won it then they would win the league'*. Plan B! Find out about an exciting hop to watch **Chesterton** (v Hanborough); Oxfordshire Senior League Division 1 played on 20/04/19... now uploaded to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.140: Steve Hardy** - *'Luckily, I arrived just as they were kicking off'*. Worcestershire Fiasco! Steve brings us a (frustrating) report following an eventful hop to watch **Connect Sports** (v Clarendon) in the West Midlands Christian League Division One played on 20/04/19...now added to the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Yorkshire Amateur** (v Hemsworth MW) in the Northern Counties East League Premier Division fixture played on 23/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View Steve's matchday photos from a visit to **Connect Sports** (v Clarendon) in the West Midlands Christian League Division One played on 20/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.139: Keith Aslan** - *'The ground is what you would expect around here best summed up by the word 'nice''*. Devon Delights Part Two! For his second footy fix in Devon Keith heads to **Bere Allston** (v Plymstock) in the South West Peninsula Division 1 West fixture played on 19/04/19...now uploaded to *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - West Yorkshire Easter Hop. View Gary's magical matchday photos from a visit to **Brighouse Town** (v Carlton Town) in the Northern Premier League East Division fixture played on 20/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes via E-Mail (sent on 21/04): *'Easter Saturday - another roasting day and another sporting double. First up was snooker at the Crucible and from there it was onto Brighouse where the home side needed points to confirm a play-off position and visitors Carlton Town needed points to avoid relegation. It was the home side who prevailed winning 4-0 though Carlton had chances of their own. Lovely ground at Brighouse, friendly locals and excellent steak pie and mushy peas! Another superb day out'*.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Check out Richard's ace images from a hop to watch **Hartley Wintney** (v Beaconsfield Town) in the Southern League Premier Division South played on 20/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Wheldrake** (v Helperby United) in the York Football League Division Three played on 20/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Ayre** - View Steve's matchday shot taken and sent during the game at **Freeland** (v Cropredy) in the Oxfordshire Senior League played on 20/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's awesome matchday photos featuring Easter Good Friday Hops to watch **Bitton AFC** (v Cadbury Heath) in the Western League Premier Division and **Bristol Telephones** (v Longwell Green Sports) in the Western League Division One...both played on 19/04/19 and both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes via E-Mail (sent on 21/04): *'Managed a double on Good Friday though this was Plan B. Plan A was a single game at Bridport which was scuppered by the M5 Bank Holiday traffic. When it became obvious that we were struggling to make kick off we diverted to Bitton. It wasn't a bad choice. On a roasting hot day Bitton beat Cadbury Heath 4-2 in an excellent game to go top of the table for an hour. At the end of the day Bitton were back in 3rd place, just one point behind Plymouth Parkway and Willand Rovers who both also won in later kick-offs'*.

*'From Bitton it was just 4 miles to Bristol Telephones. More goals here as Longwell Sports won 3-2 though the game was not as good as it sounds. Telephones went 2 down before an own goal made it 1-2. Longwell then missed chances galore before making it 1-3. Bristol Telephones are bottom of the table and hadn't looked like scoring though a late headed goal made it 2-3 at the final whistle. Thankfully the traffic which had been horrendous on our journey down was great on the way home. We hadn't made the seaside but had managed two games on a glorious day'*.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.138: Keith Aslan** - *'The programme was a glorious 36-page glossy production and was given away free with entry'*. Devon Delights! Read all about Keith's hop to the South-West for Kentisbeare v The Windmill in the **Devon Senior Cup Final** played at the FA Ground Newton Abbott on 18/04/19... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.137: Brian Buck** - *'I think that this may have been my first ever 0-0 draw in Ladies football!'*. Top Field Trip! Brian takes in **Hitchin Town Ladies** (v Hitchin Belles Ladies) in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Women's League Division 2 played on 14/04/19... go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* for more...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.136: Brian Buck** - *'This was my first visit here since they made all the ground improvements. They now have a 3G pitch, new surrounds, including floodlights and an enlarged clubhouse'*. It's a Sunday Cup Final at the Herts FA Ground for Brian as he attends **Blacksmiths** (v Everett Rovers) in the Herts Sunday Intermediate Cup Final played on 07/04/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.135: Brian Buck** - *'The match was played on a 3G pitch'*. For his second game of the day Brian takes in **CS Rovers** (v Black Swan (Luton)) in

the Bedfordshire County League Jubilee Cup Semi Final played on 06/04/19...go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* for more...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.134: Brian Buck** - *'We were made to feel most welcome by our hosts'*. League Decider! The first part of a Saturday Double takes Brian to **ZimStevenage** (v London School of Theology) in the Herts & Borders Churches League Division 1 played on 06/04/19... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.133: Brian Buck** - *'I have to say that the view from my front row seat in the top tier, halfway inside one half, was very impressive, as of course was the ground as a whole and it wasn't so different from my view at the old ground'*. **NEW GROUND ALERT!!** Read all about Brian's memorable midweek trip to his beloved new White Hart Lane for **Tottenham Hotspur** (v Crystal Palace) in the Premier League played on 03/04/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.132: Steve Hardy** - *'The Barnhurst Playing Fields ...a brand-new facility in Wolverhampton where an area of waste land has been turned into a huge sports ground'*. Check out Steve's report from his midweek fix at **Jack's Bar** (v Three Cups) in the Wolverhampton Sunday League Division Four played on 17/04/19...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Sunday on a Wednesday!? Don't miss Steve's latest photos from a hop to Wolverhampton for the very high scoring game featuring **Jack's Bar** (v Three Cups) in the Wolverhampton Sunday League Division Four played on 17/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes (via E-Mail) on 18/04: *'The start of my silly season, and a Sunday league match on a Wednesday. Wolverhampton Sunday League Division 4: Jacks Bar 3-9 Three Cups'*.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - Check out the latest midweek matchday photos from a hop to watch **Riccall United** (v Strensall Tigers) in the York Football League Division One played on 17/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Ground News - Bicester United FC (Oxfordshire Senior League): Rob Champion** - writes (on 14/04) via *Twitter*: *'Just a bit of ground news regarding Bicester United FC. The owners of the adjacent shopping village own the land that the football and adjacent rugby club sits on, and that they have three more years left before they move to the nearby village of Chesterton, opposite the golf club'*. Readers can find more essential non-league info and loads of cracking photo albums on Rob's excellent blog <https://allroadsleadssomewhere.blogspot.com/> which include regular feeds from his twitter account: @allroads1.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.131: Keith Aslan** - *'The facilities at the Bank of England Sports Ground in Roehampton are second to none...'*. Definitely 'On The Money'!

Keith brings us the latest from his mouth-watering trip to watch Old Carthusians v Old Meadonians in the (100th) **AFA Senior Cup Final played at The Bank of England Sports Ground** on 13/04/19... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.130: Steve Hardy** - *'...is just a mole hill infested, unroped off pitch, in a public park'*. For his second game of the day Steve attends **AFC Bull Farm** (v Old Boots) in the Midland & Notts Alliance Junior Cup Semi-Final played on 13/04/19...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.129: Steve Hardy** - *'Mansfield Town have a brand-new Academy set up this season, in the village of Pleasely, just north of Mansfield'*. Read about part one of Steve's Saturday Double Hop in Mansfield with a visit to watch **Mansfield Town Under 18** (v Bradford City U18) in the Football League Youth Alliance North East Division fixture played on 13/04/19... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Ceredigion Capers! Our super snapper Richard brings us plenty of mega pixels from a hop to **Penrhyncoch** (v Holywell Town) in the Cymru Alliance played on 13/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - View Gary's superb ground, action and matchday pictures taken on a trip to Anglesey from **Llangefni Town** (v Llandudno Albion) in the Welsh Alliance First Division played on 13/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail) on 14/04: *'It was a trip to sunny Anglesey yesterday for a top of the table clash in the Welsh Alliance which saw 1st place Llangefni Town facing 2nd place Llandudno Albion. The weather was glorious, the locals were friendly and £3 admission was an absolute bargain. However, given the positions of both sides the game was not great. Llangefni won 2-0 with two second half goals to keep their title challenge on track. It now looks like a two-horse race between Llangefni Town and Bodedern though Llandudno Albion could still win the league if they falter in a big way'*.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Ayre** - Don't miss Steve's cracking matchday ground shot taken and sent during Old Carthusians v Old Meadonians in the (100th) **AFA Senior Cup Final played at The Bank of England Sports Ground** on 13/04/19... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve (a big fan of women's footy) writes re his travels this season: *'The picture (in the album) you are referring to was game 56 of the current football season. Of these, 42 (or 43 if you count Moulton's new surface) I had not visited before. Ironically most of my admission fees have been with the 11 women's games. But that has included England Women qualifying for the World Cup away to Wales at Newport County; Continental Cup Final at Bramall Lane; Man. City away to Chelsea at Kings Meadow and away to Tottenham at Cheshunt. It was free to*

*watch Barcelona Woman at The Mini Stadium next to Camp Nou!! Still to go are the Women's FA Cup Final (beloved Man City of course); the final Women's league game at Borehamwood - Arsenal v City (although I suspect City will have to settle for second place); Women's Champions League Final in Budapest (guessing it will be O Lyonnais v Barcelona) and the Women's World Cup Semis and Final in Lyon, not sure England will get that far. Also, I will be at the Women's Final warm-up game at Brighton. Add in a smattering of men's finals etc and I may hit 50 new grounds from around 70 games...'*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's photos from a cracking Saturday Double in Mansfield featuring **Mansfield Town Under 18** (v Bradford City U18) in the Football League Youth Alliance North East Division and **AFC Bull Farm** (v Old Boots) in the Midland & Notts Alliance Junior Cup Semi-Final...both played on 13/04/19...both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes (via E-Mail) on 14/04: *'Piccies and report on yesterday morning's fun and games in Mansfield. Match 1 EFL Youth Alliance - North East Division: **Mansfield Town U18** 1-2 Bradford City U18. I tried to make the photos a bit more interesting by taking some from outside the cage, but, frankly, if you have visited one 4G pitch, you have visited them all!'*

*'Match 2 yesterday was this one: Midland & Notts Alliance Junior Cup Semi-Final: **AFC Bull Farm** 5-1 Old Boots. Hope you like the photo of one of the many mole hills on the pitch! Steve'*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Skirlaugh** (v St George AFC) in the East Riding County League HE Dean Cup Round 3 tie played on 13/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - R No.40: WebEd** - *'...the football ground (fully enclosed with neat post and railed fence) is found in a separate field around the back'*. Find out more about a hop to watch **Church Fenton** (v Old Malton St Mary's) in the York Football League Premier Division fixture played on 06/04/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - R No.39: WebEd** - *'The game was a thoroughly absorbing contest with the result in doubt right up until the... end'*. Read a review covering a trip to watch **Eastrington Sports Club** (v Holme Rovers) in the East Riding County League, HE Dean Cup Round One tie played on 04/04/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.128: Steve Hardy** - *'They have a new pitch being laid over the summer, but the stumbling block will be no floodlights or any cover or terracing'*. Check out Steve's cracking review from his trip to watch **Whalley Range** (v Old Stretfordians) in the Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur League Premier Division played on 06/04/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - View Richard's cracking photos from a hop to **Lakenheath** (v Downham Town) in the Eastern Counties League Division One North played on 06/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Back after a busy few weeks Gary returns to bring us plenty of cracking photos from his hop to **Abbey Hulton United** (v Vauxhall Motors) in the North West Counties League Division One South played on 06/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes via E-Mail (sent on 07/04): *'A glorious sunny day yesterday saw me head to Stoke for Abbey Hulton United v Vauxhall Motors. The plan was to choose a game that would allow me to get home in time to watch the second half of Bayern v Dortmund where the mighty BVB would be halfway to getting a result which would go a long way to winning the title. BVB failed dismally on that count as Bayern were 4-0 up at half time. The scoreline did not spoil the taste of Mandy's revered shepherd's pie though! Abbey Hulton was a scenic venue. Surrounded by countryside views there was a field of horses behind the far goal and several bird's nests frequently visited by their inhabitants along one side. At one point a magnificent buzzard soared high above the ground. All this was far more entertaining than the first half! The second half was better and saw Vauxhall Motors score the only goal of a dour game. For the second half I sat on one of the wooden chairs behind the goal. Very quirky and very relaxing in the warm sun. The Abbey Café looked to be doing a roaring trade and the food looked excellent though I didn't partake. Another excellent afternoon out'*.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's terrific matchday pictures from his hop to **Whalley Range** (v Old Stretfordians) in the Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur League Premier Division played on 06/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes via E-Mail (sent on 07/04): *'Report and photos from my half double in Manchester yesterday. Lancashire & Cheshire Amateur League - Premier Division. Whalley Range 5-0 Old Stretfordians. The last two photos in order show the 4th goal free kick and 5th goal penalty going in! Eat your heart out David Bailey'*.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Church Fenton** (v Old Malton St Mary's) in the York Football League Premier Division fixture played on 06/04/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - R No.38: WebEd** - *'From this terrific elevated vantage point you can appreciate the sloping pitch as well as the rural vista beyond'*. Read all about a visit to watch **Whitkirk Wanderers** (v AFC Headingley) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division played on 30/03/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Eastrington Sports Club** (v Holme Rovers) in the East Riding County

League, HE Dean Cup Round One tie played on 04/04/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.127: Brian Buck** - *'Facilities are at a premium here. The required 50-seater stand is placed behind the goal, close to a corner flag and along this side there are also two wooden stands...'*. It's a hop to the North West for Brian as he reviews his trip to watch **Sandbach United** (v Carlisle City) in the Hallmark Security League (NWCL) Division 1 Cup Semi Final 2nd Leg played on 30/03/19... go the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* to read more...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.126: Steve Hardy** - *'The action today, took place at Sholing FC, a ground I last visited in 1992'*. A trip down memory lane. Steve writes about his second hop of the weekend with a visit to **Southampton Saints Girls and Ladies** (v Cheltenham Town Ladies) in the FA Women's National League Division One SW played at **Sholing FC** on 31/03/19... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - TT No.125: Steve Hardy** - *'A trip to the south coast for me this weekend, starting on the Saturday in Hamble Le Rice'*. For his first game of a weekend double, Steve reports on his visit to watch **Hamble Club** (v Cowes Sports) in the Wessex League Premier Division played on 30/03/19... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Solent Double! Don't miss Steve's terrific matchday pictures from **Hamble Club** (v Cowes Sports) in the Wessex League Premier Division played on 30/03/19 and **Southampton Saints Girls and Ladies** (v Cheltenham Town Ladies) in the FA Women's National League Division One SW at **Sholing FC** on 31/03/19...both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - TT No,124: Keith Aslan** - *'A smashing set up on the outskirts of the village'*. Wickhamford Walks! Read all about Keith's cracking hop to watch **FC Wickhamford** (v Welford on Avon) in the (rarely reported) Stratford Alliance Division 1 played on 30/03/19... for more including news of a **programme** go the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to the outskirts of Leeds for **Whitkirk Wanderers** (v AFC Headingley) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division played on 30/03/19...now uploaded on the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Check out Richard's cracking photos from his hop to watch **Gosport Borough** (v Harrow Borough) in the Southern League Premier Division South played on 30/03/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - R No.37: WebEd** - *'Thankfully the club seems to have found some stability having been fortunate enough to become part of the set up at the Hill Top facility'*. It's a trip down memory lane! Find out more about a trip to watch **Westella & Willerby** (v South Cave United) in the Humber Premier League

Premier Division played on 23/03/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.123: Brian Buck** - *'...a very pleasant ground indeed.'*. Brian heads to the North-East for his footy fix with a trip to watch **Newcastle Benfield** (v Ryhope Colliery Welfare) in the Northern League Division One fixture played on 23/03/19...go the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* to read more...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - WebLog Update: Simple Pieman** - NEW IMPROVED GROUND ALERT! With photos of the new developments read about Steve's visit to watch **Tottenham Hotspur U18** (v Southampton U18) in the U18 Premier League played on 24/03/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/03/tottenham-hotspur-fc.html>

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Hertford & District League News Update: Brian Buck** - writes: 'It appears that, despite what it states on *FA Full Time*, the remaining **Hertford & District League Cup Finals** are taking place at Ware, rather than the Herts FA County Ground in Letchworth'.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.122: Steve Hardy** - *'This is a fairly large sports facility with umpteen grass football pitches spread around a super looking changing room complex'*. Steve brings us a hopper-friendly review from his second game of the day, with a trip to watch **Nottingham** (v Crowle Colts) in the Central Midlands League Division One North fixture...played on 23/03/19...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.121: Steve Hardy** - *'Access to the ground was not a problem, and I was able to walk round all four sides taking photographs...'*. For his first game of a double hop to Nottingham Steve takes in **Notts County U18** (v Burton Albion U18) in the Football League Youth Alliance North East Division played on 23/03/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.120: Keith Aslan** - *'The football ground is set slightly apart from the rest of the complex, railed and fully enclosed, one of the better set ups in the league'*. Whitkirk Wanderers Wanderings! It's a trip up to Leeds for Keith as he reports most favourably on his hop to watch **Whitkirk Wanderers** (v Knaresborough Town Reserves) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division match played on 23/03/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Nottingham Double! Don't miss Steve's terrific photos from his trip to the East Midlands for **Notts County U18** (v Burton Albion U18) in the Football League Youth Alliance North East Division and **Nottingham** (v Crowle Colts) in the Central Midlands League Division One North fixture...both played on 23/03/19 and both sets added to the *FGIF* gallery...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: WebEd** - Check out the ground, action and matchday pictures from a hop to **Westella & Willerby** (v South Cave United) in the

Humber Premier League Premier Division played on 23/03/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Steve Ayre** - View a ground photo from **Duston Dynamo** (v Mursley United Development) in the North Bucks & District League Interdivisional Trophy Knockout Q-F played on 23/03/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - R No.36: WebEd** - *'For football travellers looking for a game that is almost guaranteed to beat the worst of the wet and windy weather, this area of the country is an absolute godsend'*. Read a report from a hop to **Chalk Lane** (v East Riding Rangers) in the Humber Premier League Premier Division fixture played on 16/03/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.119: Brian Buck** - *'...they now play in Mawsley, some five or six miles south of Kettering'*. It's a trip to Northamptonshire for Brian as he reports on **Desborough & Rothwell United** (v Wollaston Victoria) in the Northants Combination Premier Division fixture played on 16/03/19...go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19* to read more...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.118: Steve Hardy** - *'The action took place at the vast Cofton Park in the Longbridge area of Birmingham'*. Steve visits **Kings Heath Rangers** (v AFC Sutton Phoenix) in the Birmingham & District League Supplementary Cup for his second hop of the day on 16/03/19... to read more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.117: Steve Hardy** - *'The venue was a brand new floodlit 4G pitch in a cage at the Telford Ski Centre in Madeley'*. For the first hop of the day Steve takes in **Wellington KB United** (v Red Star) in the Midland Junior Premier League U18 Division ...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.116: Keith Aslan** - *'A rural setting with a good view of the planes landing at nearby Gatwick Airport'*. Copthorne Constitutional! Following in the footsteps of our very own Mr Buck, Keith heads to **Copthorne** (v Westfield) in the Southern Combination Division 2 played on 16/03/19...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - West Midlands Double. Don't miss Steve's photos from his two-match hop featuring games at **Wellington KB United** (v Red Star) in the Midland Junior Premier League U18 Division and **Kings Heath Rangers** (v AFC Sutton Phoenix) in the Birmingham & District League Supplementary Cup both played on 16/03/19 and both now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Chalk Lane** (v East Riding Rangers) in the Humber Premier League Premier Division fixture played on 16/03/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - WebLog Update: *Simple Pieman*** - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Haywards Heath Town** (v Whyteleafe) in the Isthmian League South East Division played on 16/03/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/03/haywards-heath-town-fc.html>

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Barkingside FC Fixture Info: *J. Flanagan*** - writes: *'To mark the club's 120th anniversary we will be playing Clapton in the Community at Cricklefield on Monday 25/03/19 (Kick-Off 19.45). Admission will be £5.00 (kids allowed in free) and a special programme will be produced for the game, price £1.50. The club have invited a host of former players along as guests for the evening. Thanks J. Flanagan'*.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - R No.35: *WebEd*** - *'Rovers is part of the football section of the CYP and thanks to funding from the Football Association, the Premier League and a commuted-sums grant from East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the new 3G pitch was installed'*. Read about a really exciting hop to watch **Bridlington Rovers** (v Hutton Cranswick SRA) in the East Riding County League HE Dean Cup Round 1 tie played on 09/03/19...now uploaded to the now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.115: *Brian Buck*** - *'The club have just returned here after a lengthy exile to nearby Smallfield whilst a massive new clubhouse was built for'*. After finally getting his plumbing sorted Brian travels to Sussex for **Copthorne** (v Brighton Electricity) in the Macron Store Southern Combination Division 2 fixture played on 09/03/19...for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.114: *Keith Aslan*** - *'This was Kiveton Park's biggest game for 13 years''*. Kiveton Kinetics! Following in the footsteps of *WebEd*, Keith wastes little time as he heads to Sheffield for **Kiveton Park** (v Penistone Church) in the Sheffield & Hallamshire Cup Semi-Final played on 09/03/19...read the full report by going to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.113: *Steve Hardy*** - *'I have wanted to come here for some time, and the venue didn't disappoint'*. For his second hop of the day Steve visits **Mossley Hill Athletic** (v Upton AA) in the West Cheshire League Division Two played on 09/03/19...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.112: *Steve Hardy*** - *'The venue this time was the Heron Eccles sports ground in Allerton. It turned out to be identical to the last one I visited at the Simpsons sports ground, with several grass pitches as well as the 3 3G pitches I was relying on'*. For his first hop in Liverpool Steve takes in **Mossley Hill Athletic Reserves** (v South Mersey) in the Liverpool Old Boys League Division One played on 09/03/19...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: *Gary Spooner*** - Check out Gary's mega pictures from a Saturday Double Hop in the North West with visits to **Bootle** (v

Ashton Athletic) in the North West Counties League Premier Division and **Warrington Town** (v Stafford Rangers) in the Northern Premier League Premier Division both played on 09/03/19...both uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail) sent on 10/03: *'A double yesterday with two excellent games and 11 goals for a lot less than the price of a Cobblers ticket! First up at 11am was a hop game at Bootle. Cracking entertainment with 6 goals. Bootle went 2 up. Ashton Athletic pulled back to 2-2. Bootle went 3-2 up. After that there were chances at both ends until Bootle scored a late 4th. From there we headed to Warrington Town who were top of the table and playing Stafford Rangers who were one place above the relegation places. An easy home win was expected but it was not to be. Warrington had a player sent off early but opened the scoring with 10 men. Stafford equalised just before half time and then scored twice to go 3-1 up. Warrington pulled one back and it was a very nervy last 10 minutes for Stafford but they held on. A good contingent of Stafford fans who made a lot of noise and were delighted at getting 3 points from a game where they were expected to lose. Must mention the pie and peas at Warrington which were delicious. Superb day out!'*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Bridlington Rovers** (v Hutton Cranswick SRA) in the East Riding County League HE Dean Cup Round 1 tie played on 09/03/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve superb photos taken on his Saturday Double Hop in Liverpool featuring games at **Mossley Hill Athletic Reserves** (v South Mersey) in the Liverpool Old Boys League Division One and **Mossley Hill Athletic** (v Upton AA) in the West Cheshire League Division Two both played on 09/03/19 and both albums added to the *FGIF* gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail): *'Another trip to Liverpool yesterday, where there was some sort of groundhop underway, I understand! Not for me though as I stuck to the lower order of football leagues. Match One was Mossley Hill Athletic Reserves 1-5 South Mersey, in the Liverpool Old Boys League Division One. Match two of my trip yesterday was West Cheshire League Division One Mossley Hill Athletic 2-3 Upton AA. It was good to get a game on grass for a change after a plethora of plastic pitches recently'*.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - View the ground and action photos from Richard's hop to watch **Eastbourne Borough** (v Chelmsford City) in the National League South fixture played on 09/03/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - R No.34: WebEd** - *'At present all the main facilities are housed inside a number of large containers which are placed end to end along the near side of the field'*. Read about a hop to **Kiveton Park** (v Dodworth Miners Welfare) in the Sheffield & Hallam County Senior League Brian Bradley Memorial Cup Q-F played on 02/03/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Programme News: Steve Hardy** - For his second review of the season programme guru Steve brings us another mouth-watering list of issuers including over SIXTY clubs from **men's non-league in England and Wales; Sunday Football and Ladies Football**...not to be missed!! For more click on the *Programme News 2018-19* tab found on the main *FGIF Programme* section...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Programme News: Rod Grubb** - Essential Reading! Rod (editor for Midland Football League club Nuneaton Griff FC) will please paper-chasers everywhere with another terrific list of **current issuers covering non-league clubs from all parts of the country**...go to the *Programme News 2018-19* tab found on the main *FGIF Programme* section...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.111: Steve Hardy** - '*Gallacticos play on a council owned pitch with an identical changing room block to every other council owned set up in the City*'. For his second hop of the day Steve heads to **MK Gallacticos** (v Berkhamsted Raiders) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two...also played on 02/03/19...check out his report now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.110: Steve Hardy** - '*(they) play at The Pavilion in Woughton on the Green. (it) is actually a Chinese Pagoda*'. For the first part of his exciting Saturday Double in Milton Keynes Steve reports on a hop to **MK Dons Under 18's** (v Leyton Orient U18's) in the Football League Youth Alliance Merit League 2...read more about his visit by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - TT No.109: Keith Aslan** - '*A place to call home at last and they seem to have settled in already*'. NEW GROUND ALERT! Colden Cruises! Our popular reviewer Keith brings us the latest news from an uplifting hop and memorable occasion to watch **Colden Common** (v Liphook) in the Hampshire Premier League played on 02/03/19...find out more by going to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Important News Links: Brian Buck** - Our regular contributor, super hopper and Spurs fan extraordinaire Brian writes:

'The Deaf Champions League 2019 takes place in this country in April. Details in the attached link:-

[http://www.deafchampionsleague.eu/images/competitions/football/2019\\_london/documents/schedule-men.pdf](http://www.deafchampionsleague.eu/images/competitions/football/2019_london/documents/schedule-men.pdf)

**Spurs new ground during the day:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSpKNmGZM-M>

**Spurs new ground - at night:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVQ-AXv1Ov8>

**Spurs new ground from the air:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7B--T4XZY> '.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's excellent collection of matchday photos from his hop to **Stone Old Alleynians** (v FC Oswestry) in the North West Counties League Division One South played on 02/03/19...now uploaded to the FGIF album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-mail) sent on 03/03: *'Short trip to Stone yesterday. Despite there being no goals, it was a better game than my 4-0 last weekend. Excellent set up and friendly locals made for a good afternoon out'*.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Our roving snapper Richard brings us plenty of cracking photos as he heads to the home counties for **Berkhamsted** (v Bedford Town) in the Southern League Division One Central fixture played on 02/03/19...now added to the FGIF album gallery...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Milton Keynes Double! Check out Steve's superb matchday pictures following his visits to **MK Dons Under 18's** (v Leyton Orient U18's) in the Football League Youth Alliance Merit League 2 and **MK Gallactics** (v Berkhamsted Raiders) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two...both played on 02/03/19...both now added to the FGIF album gallery...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Kiveton Park** (v Dodworth Miners Welfare) in the Sheffield & Hallam County Senior League Brian Bradley Memorial Cup Q-F played on 02/03/19...now uploaded to the FGIF album gallery...

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - TT No.108: Brian Buck** - *'The ground was in a pleasant public park and in reality, the football wasn't that bad at all and as usual the friendly people who run the club all put in a good shift'*. In keeping with trying to watch a game in a different league each week, Brian heads to Leicester for his footy fix and takes in **Mountsorrel Amateurs** (v Sporting Markfield) in the Uptonsteel North Leicestershire League East Goscote Plumbers Premier Division played on 23/02/19... now uploaded to the Reports page in the TT Index for 2018-19...

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - R No.33: WebEd** - *'I can honestly say that (for the first time in ages) I didn't enjoy watching my chosen game as much as I normally do'*. Read more from an uninspiring hop to **Epworth Town Colts** (v Nottingham) in the Central Midlands League Division One North played on 23/02/19...now added to the Read Ramblings Reports page...

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - New League News: Brian Buck** - writes: *'There is a newly created league starting on Sunday 3rd March 2019, especially for railway people! It's called The Railway Friendly Flexi League. The matches are 45 minutes each way and the link to it is on FA Full-Time as follows: <http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/ListPublicFixture.do?divisionseason=219188440&league=926873014>'*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.107: Steve Hardy** - *'Those of you with long memories will probably remember visiting this ground for Killamarsh Athletic FC when they were playing in the Central Midlands League'*. For his second hop of the day Steve watches **Boynton Sports** (v Millmoor Juniors) in the Sheffield County

Senior League Division One played on 23/02/19. For more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.106: Steve Hardy** - *'The venue was the excellent HSBC Sports ground in Dore'*. For the first game of his Sheffield Double Steve heads to **Olympic Crookes** (v Langsett Pumas) in the Sheffield Fair Play League Division Three played on 23/02/19...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.105: Keith Aslan** - *'...it's everything a non-league ground should be. Enclosed, fully railed with a dinky metal stand in one corner'*. Foley Flitters! Keith is suitably impressed as he attends **Foley Meir** (v Alsager Reserves) in the Staffordshire County League Premier Division fixture played on 23/02/19...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - It's a trip down to West London as Gary takes in **Hanwell Town** (v South Park) in the Isthmian League South Central Division played on 23/02/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds via E-Mail (sent on 24/02): *'A sporting double yesterday with Hanwell Town for the footie followed by the Broncos v Tigers Superleague game. Pleasant ground at Hanwell though the footie was not great. The hosts scored twice in the first half and then again in the 88th and 90th minutes. Not a lot happened in between! As is the case when an early get away is preferred the game kicked off 3 minutes late and there was 5 minutes of injury time which meant a 5 to 5 finish. No problem making the rugby though which also kicked off 4 minutes late!'*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - It's a Sheffield Double for Steve with visits to **Olympic Crookes** (v Langsett Pumas) in the Sheffield Fair Play League Division Three and **Boynton Sports** (v Millmoor Juniors) in the Sheffield County Senior League Division One...both played on 23/02/19...both now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Check out Richard's matchday pictures from a hop to **Dartford** (v Woking) in the National League South Division played on 23/02/19... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Epworth Town Colts** (v Nottingham) in the Central Midlands League Division One North played on 23/02/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - R No.32: WebEd** - *'South Park in Old Goole has to be one of the county league's most remote out-posts'*. Read about a local hop to watch **South Park Rangers** (v Skirlaugh) in the East Riding County League Junior Cup Quarter-Final tie played on 16/02/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - TT No.104: Brian Buck** - *'This was a rather easy game for me to get to as the ground was a flat ten-minute walk from Morden tube station'*.

Read about Brian's hop down to Merton Park in Surrey for **Old Rutlishians** (v Battersea Ironsides) in the Surrey Intermediate Cup Quarter Final played on 16/02/19... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - TT No.103: Keith Aslan** - *'(there's) a large raised stand straddling the half-way line with an excellent view of proceedings notwithstanding the running track'*. University Challenge! It's a hop to South Wales for Keith as he takes in **Swansea University** (v Garden Village) in the Welsh League Division Two fixture played on 16/02/19...to read more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - TT No.102: Steve Hardy** - *'...the club must be pleased that in their first season at step 4 they are still getting crowds in excess of 400 for each game'*. For his second game of the day Steve attends the relatively new Oakfield Stadium for **Melksham Town** (v Blackfield & Langley) in the Southern League Division One South played on 16/02/19...for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - TT No.101: Steve Hardy** - *'Swindon Youth don't play in Swindon, but at the Stanley Park Sports Ground in nearby Chippenham'*. For the first part of a wonderful Wiltshire Double Steve takes in **Swindon Town U18's** (v Portsmouth U18's) in the Football League Youth Alliance Merit League 1 played on 16/02/19...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Latest Programme News: Rod Grubb** - Check out Rod's essential programme list featuring his club **Nuneaton Griff FC** (Midland Football League Division One). This covers many of the clubs that have issued this season on his travels with NGFC. For more click on the *Programme News 2018-19* tab found on the main *FGIF Programme* section...

Rod writes (via E-Mail): *'Since leaving Nuneaton Borough (after forty-seven years), I have been with Griff nearly twenty years now and write much of the programme. We won the Midland Combination Programme of the Year for six years in a row but since the MFL started we have been up against the Premier Division sides who mostly do glossy, all singing and dancing editions. We print our own inhouse having brought a printer and we buy ink and paper cheap on the internet. Our forty pages are well praised by other clubs and groundhoppers so we are pretty happy. I do realise that many clubs at our level do not have anyone able to devote time to proper articles or indeed the ability, also I know they can lose money if not done with a lot of thought'*.

*WebEd* - *'On behalf of all readers of this site, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rod personally not only for his latest programme list but also for his many, varied and valuable contributions which he has sent to FGIF over the last fifteen years. His dedication and loyalty to football and clubs in Nuneaton, the Midland Football League and non-league in general, spanning over sixty years, has been most inspirational'*.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's awesome matchday photos from **Herne Bay** (v Ashford United) in the Isthmian League South East Division played on 16/02/19...now uploaded to the FGIF album gallery...

Gary adds via E-Mail (sent on 17/02): *'Fun at the seaside yesterday as I went to Herne Bay. Cracking ground and a cracking game. Relegation threatened Herne Bay beat promotion chasing Ashford United 2-1 and were good value for their win. Home fans were ecstatic whilst the large contingent of away fans were definitely not. No bits of old paper purchased yesterday in the club shop but I can recommend the steak pies! Another excellent day's hopping'*.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Check out Richard's top matchday photos from a hop to **Ruthin Town** (v Buckley Town) in the Cymru Alliance played on 16/02/19...now added to the FGIF album gallery...

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - It's a Saturday Double down in Wiltshire for Steve with hops to watch **Swindon Town U18's** (v Portsmouth U18's) in the Football League Youth Alliance Merit League 1 and **Melksham Town** (v Blackfield & Langley) in the Southern League Division One South...both played on 16/02/19 and both now added to the FGIF album gallery...

Steve reports (via E-Mail): *'EFL Youth Alliance - Merit League 1. Swindon Town U18 3-2 Portsmouth U18. Not a great variety of photos here, as we were all restricted to one side of the pitch again'*.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **South Park Rangers** (v Skirlaugh) in the East Riding County League Junior Cup Quarter-Final tie played on 16/02/19...now uploaded to the FGIF album gallery...

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - WebLog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Frenford** (v White Ensign) in the Eastern Counties League Division One South played on 16/02/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/02/frenford-fc.html>

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - R No.31: WebEd** - *'Goodmanham Football Club is a newly formed side (set up in 2018) and is one of twelve teams (no less) that have joined the East Riding County League at the start of the current football season'*. Read about a hop to watch **Goodmanham** (v Souths FC) in the East Riding County FA Qualifying Cup Round 2 played on 09/02/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.100: Brian Buck** - *'...you would struggle to find it without prior research, as it is down a long track running parallel with the south side of the adjacent churchyard'*. Read all about Brian's hop to **Yelverton** (v Fakenham Town Reserves) in the Anglian Combination League Division One played on 09/02/19...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.99: Steve Hardy** - *'They are based at the Light Hall School in Shirley, just outside Solihull. Behind the school is a 3G pitch which appears to be used for hockey, a grass rugby pitch, and way off in the distance are two grass footie pitches.'* Steve watches a game in his favourite league with a visit to **Solihull Armada** (v Netherton Tigers) in the Birmingham & District League Division Six played on 09/02/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.98: Keith Aslan** - *'Neat, tidy and fully railed, next to the characterful pavilion is a small portacabin selling hot drinks, snacks and a 20-page glossy full colour programme'*. Waveney Wanderings! Check out Keith's superb matchday review from his (lengthy) hop to **Waveney** (v Beccles) in the Anglian Combination Premier Division played on 09/02/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Check out Gary's awesome photos from a hop to **North Ferriby United** (v Workington AFC) in the Northern Premier League Premier Division played on 09/02/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds via E-Mail (sent on 10/02): *'Cracking trip to your home-patch yesterday with the added bonus of a return trip over the magnificent Humber bridge as Mandy and I went to North Ferriby United v Workington. Excellent ground with views of aforementioned bridge, trains passing behind the stand and a decent club shop selling old bits of paper! As expected, North Ferriby United lost once again to the club immediately above them in the table. Workington have now won 3 on the trot and from looking doomed they are now dreaming of a great escape'*.

*'As we know club owners come and go. There are good and bad owners and fortunes rise and fall. One thing however is constant - the fans. I talked to a lady at Ferriby who had been watching them for over 60 years! It is always sad to see clubs hit hard times but sometimes it is better to start again lower down the pyramid where things are much more sustainable. Look at Workington. I watched them in the League at the Cobbs. Some of the 30 or so Workington fans at Ferriby will undoubtedly have watched them in the League as well. Oxford and Luton fans of our generation have seen their teams in the top division, in Wembley cup finals and also in the Conference. One of the souvenirs I purchased on Saturday was a booklet charting Ferriby's Trophy win. Heady days and unlikely to be repeated but the memories for everyone involved will never go away'*.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Goodmanham** (v Souths FC) in the East Riding County FA Qualifying Cup Round 2 played on 09/02/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - It's a hop to Warrington for Richard as he takes in the North West Counties League game at **Rylands** (v Stockport Town) in a Division One South fixture played on 09/02/19...don't miss his superb ground photos now added to the *FGIF* Gallery...

Richard makes the following remarks about his visit: *'There was a hopper here going absolutely ballistic because the programme was on-line only. He asked if there were any old ones available, he was told they were in the clubhouse, but being irritated said he wanted an old away programme! It is little wonder that ground-hoppers are seen as weird by many people. He was rude to the gateman, tea lady. He walked off in disgust. I told him he needs to accept that paper programmes will be a thing of the past in the next couple of years!'*.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View the terrific matchday photos from Steve's trip to **Solihull Armada** (v Netherton Tigers) in the Birmingham & District League Division Six played on 09/02/19...now added to the FGIF album gallery...

Steve writes via E-Mail (sent on 10/02): 'Here are some photos and my report from Solihull Armada yesterday. Fab afternoon out in my favourite league in the world!'

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Stotfold FC Latest Ground News: Brian Buck** - writes: *'Work has finally started on the new Stotfold ground. It's on the Arlesey Road on the west side of the town and will be built up to Step 4 standard. I'm told that it's a 40 week build, but you can double this time if the contractors are the same ones as building Spurs new ground!'*.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - LATEST PROGRAMME INFORMATION!!! Tetney Rovers Football Club (East Lincs Comb): WebEd** - Following my visit to the club last weekend for their Lincs FA junior cup semi-final tie (v Horncastle Town) I have since received an E-Mail from the TRFC secretary and programme editor Anthony George who has written (via E-Mail) to inform me:

*'The programmes seem to have gone down well. We are going to issue one on Saturday (09/02 v Barnoldby, League Cup, 1.30pm) after a request from the Barnoldby manager, as they also may be thinking of doing one in the future. We will probably do a more detailed one towards the end of the season maybe for the North Somercotes title-decider game. Our league committee were also impressed and are thinking of having one printed for all our league cup finals this year now'*.

Travellers interested in visiting TRFC and obtaining a programme can contact Anthony (or Tank as he's also known) on: 07734936691. Please note the Sat Nav code for the ground at the FULSTOW playing fields in Thoresby Road is: LN11 0XS

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - R No.30: WebEd** - *'Great praise must go to both clubs and match officials for making sure the game went ahead today'*. Read the matchday hop covering **Tetney Rovers** (v Horncastle Town) in the Lincolnshire FA Junior Cup Semi-Final played on 02/02/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - TT No.97: Keith Aslan** - *'The middle pitch is where Youth games are played and standing is only allowed (at the ends) behind each goal'*. Southend Sortie! Read all about Keith's trip to the Boots and Laces training ground for **Southend Academy** (v Exeter City Academy) in the EFL Youth Alliance Cup

Southern Section Final played on 02/02/19... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Check out Gary's awesome matchday photos from **Rylands** (v Eccleshall) in the North West Counties League Division One South played on 02/09/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 03/02): *'The weather gods smiled on me yesterday and I had a superb day out. It started with a cracking meal at the Farmers Arms. Then it was a mile down the road to Rylands FC. As I already had a ticket for Warrington Wolves v Leeds Rhinos at 5.15pm, Rylands was always my intended footie game and amazingly it was still on. Given that all my 2 o clock options were postponed it would have been just the rugby had this been postponed as well. Decent set up, friendly locals and several hoppers at Rylands where the table topping hosts won 3-0. Eccleshall did have chances but were never really in it after Rylands were 3-0 up after 36 minutes. Lots of chances followed but no goals after that. At full time it was a quick dash to the Halliwell Jones and I was in place on the terrace ten minutes before kick-off. Wolves hammered the Rhinos 26-6 making it a bad day for Leeds. The first thing on the radio as I got back in the car was Norwich scoring a third at Elland Road! Motorway behaved on the way home. If only all hopping days ran as smoothly as this!'*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Tetney Rovers** (v Horncastle Town) in the Lincolnshire FA Junior Cup Semi-Final played on 02/02/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Ayre** - View Steve's matchday photos from **Moulton** (v Earls Barton United) in the Northants Combination League Premier Division fixture played on 02/02/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds (via E-Mail) sent during the match on Saturday: *'Fantastic 3g facilities at Moulton FC Northants Combination. Moulton 3-0 up at half time'*.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Don't miss Richard's terrific photos from a hop to **Steeton AFC** (v Prestwich Heys) in the North West Counties League Division One North played on 26/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Richard writes (via E-Mail): *'26.01.19: Steeton AFC v Prestwich Heys, 0 - 3. Played at Cougar Park, home of Keighley Cougars RFL. Brilliant old-fashioned ground in the finest sense of the word'*.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - R No.29: WebEd** - *'Approaching down Hollowgate Hill the club is set in a beautiful isolated leafy location'*. Read about a hop to watch **Limestone Rangers** (v AFC Queensway) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division One played on 26/01/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - TT No.96: Brian Buck** - *'...so I saw the full nature of this undulating pitch...'*. It's a trip to the West country for Brian as he takes in **Castle**

**Cary** (v AFC Brislington) in the uhsport Somerset County League Division 2 played on 26/01/19...check out his matchday review now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - TT No.95: Steve Hardy** - *'Bottom of the table Liobians in their wonderful red and green quartered shirts pulled off a shock, but well deserved, win over their mid table opponents'*. Three in a cage! As part of his visit to the new Simpson's Ground in Woolton Steve covers **KCC Old Boys** (v Liobians) in the Liverpool Old Boys League Division Two fixture played on 26/01/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - TT No.94: Keith Aslan** - *'They have a site earmarked for a new ground on the outskirts of the village (you pass it on the bus) but of course finding the money to build it is a different matter'*. Caister Canters! Having your cake and eating it. Read Keith's forthright report following his visit to watch **Caister** (v Scole) in the Anglian Combination League Premier Division played on 26/01/19...for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Limestone Rangers** (v AFC Queensway) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division One played on 26/01/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - For his second game of the day at the Simpsons Ground Steve watches **MSB Woolton Reserves** (v Old Xavarians Reserves) in the Liverpool Premier League Division Two played on 26/01/19...check out his pictures...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Liverpool Regeneration. Check out Steve's matchday photos from an exciting visit to the Simpson's Ground in Woolton (one of four new 4G football hubs in and around the city) as he takes in three games including **KCC Old Boys** (v Liobians) in the Liverpool Old Boys League Division Two fixture played on 26/01/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.93: Brian Buck** - *'We were housed in one end of the stand, but we got a good, high, view roughly level with just outside the penalty area'*. It's Football League action for Brian this week as he heads north for **Morecambe** (v Stevenage) in the Football League Division 2 fixture played on 19/01/19...for more click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.92: Steve Hardy** - *'The pitch is one of several at the rear of the club, and is reached by walking across the cricket square and through a hole in the fence'*. For his second game of the weekend Steve takes in **Bloxwich Rangers U21** (v Dudley Rangers United) in the Beacon League Division Two played on 20/01/19...to find out more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.91: Keith Aslan** - *'A 2,000 seat stand down one touchline with a massive bank of terracing along the other...just what you need for 16 people!'*. Park View Perambulations! Super-scribe Keith reports from his visit to watch **Park View** (v Bedford) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division

One played on 19/01/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.90: Steve Hardy** - *'This is basically a local park, with kiddies play area, a large car park, dressing rooms and two full size football pitches'*. Read all about Steve's visit to Cradley Heath for **Netherton Tigers** (v Armada) in the Birmingham & District League Division Six played on 19/01/19...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Sunday Service! Don't miss Steve's ace photos from **Bloxwich Rangers U21** (v Dudley Rangers United) in the Beacon League Division Two played on 20/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: WebEd** - Check out the ground, action and matchday pictures from a mouth-watering Saturday Double in North Yorkshire for **Harrogate Town AFC** (v Hartlepool United) in the National League and **Harrogate Railway Athletic** (v Handsworth Parramore) in the Northern Counties East League Premier Division...both played on 19/01/19 and both added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View the matchday photos from Steve's trip to watch **Netherton Tigers** (v Armada) in the Birmingham & District League Division Six played on 19/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - R No.26: WebEd** - *'Pride of place here goes to the beautiful old wooden stand which straddles part of the far touchline'*. Read all about a hop to watch **Market Rasen** (v GB Kitchens) in the East Lincs Combination Le Sanctuaire on Steep Hill Junior Challenge Cup Round 2 tie played on 12/01/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.89: Brian Buck** - *'...today we had a National League ref in charge'*. Not to be confused with its Colorado name-sake Brian reviews his trip to Downham Market for **Denver** (v Birchwood) in the North West Norfolk League Division One match played on 12/01/19... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.88: Keith Aslan** - *'It is superbly situated in the middle of the local Parc Taff Bargoed regeneration scheme with the former colliery site being turned into a fabulous country park'*. Treharris Trek! Keith comes across a Swansea legend on his hop to **Treharris Western Athletic** (v Trefelin Boys & Girls Club) in the Welsh League Division 3 played on 12/01/19...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.87: Steve Hardy** - *'This was a minor champagne job for me, with the Wrexham Area league being finally completed after about 40 years of trying'*. Read more from Steve's fabulous report covering his hop into Wales for **Corwen** v (Pwllheli) in the FA of Wales Trophy Round 5 tie played on 12/01/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Check out Gary's awesome photos from a hop to **AFC Fylde** (v Biggleswade Town) in the FA Trophy Round 2 tie played on 12/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail sent on 13/01): *'FA Trophy action yesterday on a wet and windy afternoon at AFC Fylde. Not the greatest of games and whilst some at Fylde will be pleased to hear me say it was like visiting a League venue, I did not feel the normal non-league ambience that makes groundhopping so enjoyable. At least I was allowed to take photos'*.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's superb pictures from a hop to **Corwen** v (Pwllheli) in the FA of Wales Trophy Round 5 tie played on 12/01/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Market Rasen** (v GB Kitchens) in the East Lincs Combination Le Sanctuaire on Steep Hill Junior Challenge Cup Round 2 tie played on 12/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.86: Brian Buck** - *'...the ground is in the back garden of the White Horse pub and furthermore the club's secretary...is the landlady of the pub'*. Grassroots football at its best! Brian visits North East Lincolnshire for **Marsh Rovers** (v Alford Town Reserves) in the East Lincs Combination Division 3 fixture played on 05/01/19...read this uplifting report now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.85: Brian Buck** - *'In those days the ground was rather basic, but I'm pleased to report that it now looks much smarter, even if it has a lived-in look about it'*. It's a trip down memory lane for Brian as he takes in **Walthamstow** (v Redbridge) in the Essex Senior League Errington Challenge Cup 2nd Round played on 02/01/19...find out more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - R No.25: Webed** - *'The tree-lined site is the main hub for sport in the village and shares its facilities with the local cricket, football and tennis clubs'*. Read about a hop to **Middleton Rovers** (v West Hull Amateurs) in the East Riding County League Division One fixture played on 05/01/19... now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.84: Keith Aslan** - *'The set up here is very impressive. Two plastic pitches with the main one containing not one but two Atcost stands, floodlights and of course the reassuring green fence'*. Lampton Locomotion! Find out more about Keith's (paperless - ouch!) visit to **Lampton Park** (v Larkspur Rovers) in the Middlesex League Premier Division played on 05/01/19... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - TT No.83: Steve Hardy** - *'Their Lavender Hall Lane ground is most impressive for the level they play at, with an FA funded clubhouse/dressing room block, a huge car park, and several grass pitches for all ages'*. Read more from Steve's hop to **Balsall & Berkswell** (v Gurdwara GNP) in the

Coventry Alliance Division One played on 05/01/19...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a visit to **Middleton Rovers** (v West Hull Amateurs) in the East Riding County League Division One fixture played on 05/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's cracking photos from a hop to watch **Balsall & Berkswell** (v Gurdwara GNP) in the Coventry Alliance Division One played on 05/01/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Don't miss Gary's terrific matchday photos from a hop to **Leek Town** (v Newcastle Town) in the Northern Premier League Division One West played on New Year's Day...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail sent on 06/01): *'New Year's Day saw a visit to Leek Town. On offer was a tasty looking local derby and I was not disappointed. Cracking ground with loads of character, superb pies (50p off with a programme) and a decent game which saw Leek win 4-1. It had been nearly 30 years since my last visit. I probably won't leave it so long for my next one!'*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - R No.24: Webed** - *'For the eager snapper who loves taking panoramic football landscape shots then this has to be one of the best places in grassroots football to be!'* Read about a hop to **Carlton Athletic** (v Sherburn White Rose) in the West Yorkshire Football League Premier Division played on 29/12/18... now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - R No.23: Webed** - *'Incredibly this was the club's first home game to be played in December'*. Find out about a trip to watch **Brighouse Town** (v Spalding United) in the Northern Premier League Division One East played on Boxing Day...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - First Footy of the New Year! Don't miss Richard's cracking photos from a hop to watch **Concord Rangers** (v East Thurrock United) in the National League South fixture played on 01/01/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - TT No.82: Steve Hardy** - *'The ground is loveably eccentric too. Four unmatching covered areas...'* For his second game of the day Steve takes in **Barnton** (v Cheadle Heath Nomads) in the North West Counties League First Division South played on 29/12/18...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - TT No.81: Steve Hardy** - *'The match itself was as one sided as the score-line suggests'*. For the first part of his Cheshire Saturday Double Steve heads for **Holmes Chapel Hurricanes** (v Winnington Avenue YC 94)) in the

Cheshire League Division Two played on 29/12/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - TT No.80: Keith Aslan** - *'The match was played to the stunning backdrop of the Forest of Bowland Fells with two stands, one older and the other an Atcost structure erected to please our old friends the ground graders'*. Longridge Loiters! Don't miss Keith's frank report from his hop to Preston for **Longridge** (v Cleator Moor Celtic) in the North West Counties League Division 1 North fixture played on 29/12/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - View Gary's fabulous photos following a hop to watch **Clevedon Town** (v Cadbury Heath) in the Western League Premier Division played on 29/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (via E-Mail sent on 31/12): *'Mandy and I took a trip to the seaside on Saturday and had a fantastic day. A trouble-free drive down saw plenty of time for a stroll along the front and a cracking pub lunch before heading to Clevedon Town. Cracking ground and an excellent club shop selling old and recent programmes including the FA Youth Cup programme against Manchester City which had seen over 1500 attend just over a week earlier. Very friendly locals and an excellent game as well which Clevedon won 4-1. The attendance was 111. Another trouble-free drive back home. Hopping heaven!'*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - A cracking Cheshire Saturday Double! Steve brings us loads of superb pictures from his footy fix featuring: **Holmes Chapel Hurricanes** (v Winnington Avenue YC 94) in the Cheshire League Division Two and **Barnton** (v Cheadle Heath Nomads) in the North West Counties League First Division South both played on 29/12/18...with both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve writes (via E-Mail sent on 30/12): *'The match details are: Holmes Chapel 0 - 5 Winnington Avenue 94. Cheshire League - Division Two. Yet another 3G pitch in a cage! Barnton 2-0 Cheadle Heath Nomads. North West Counties League - First division South'*.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Carlton Athletic** (v Sherburn White Rose) in the West Yorkshire Football League Premier Division fixture played on 29/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - Wisbech Boxing Day Double! Don't miss Gary's magical photos from a cracking festive double hop featuring **Wisbech St Mary** (v March Town United) in the Eastern Counties League North Division and **Wisbech Town** (v Stamford) in the Northern Premier League Division One East...both played on 26/12/18 with both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 28/12): *'Boxing Day saw me choose a very easy double. First up at 11.00 was Wisbech St Mary and it was still 11.00 when March Town United opened the scoring in the first minute. Plenty more goals followed as the hosts were comprehensively beaten 5-1. Cracking set up at WSM and the locals were full of Christmas spirit and good humour despite the result!'*

*'Next up was Wisbech Town at 3.00 which is just 10 minutes away. This gave me plenty of time to eat my turkey sandwiches, pigs and blankets and stuffing balls and also time to read a few chapters of one of my Christmas pressies. Afters was a free mince pie courtesy of Wisbech Town. The game against Stamford was a dour local derby with little action though the winning goal for Stamford was an absolute belter. The roads were great with very little traffic all day and I was home at 6.30 for some more turkey!'*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from a trip to **Brighouse Town** (v Spalding United) in the Northern Premier League Division One East played on Boxing Day...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Check out Richard's awesome photos following recent visits to **Rayners Lane** (v Amersham Town) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One played on 22/12/18 and the Billingham Derby at **Billingham Town** (v Billingham Synthonia) in the Northern League Division Two on Boxing Day...both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Richard adds (via E-Mail sent on 26/12 following his game at **BTFC**): *'This kicked off at 11.00 today and has the distinction of being the only 0 - 0 I have seen in the North East. Attendance 460'*.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - R No.22: WebEd** - *'As predicted, it was Villa who were celebrating Christmas early having won the game easily by a more than comfortable 11-0 victory'*. Read about a hop to watch **Hibaldstow Wanderers** (v New Holland Villa) in the high-scoring Scunthorpe & District League Division Two fixture played on 22/12/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - TT No.79: Brian Buck** - *'I believe (this) is the most southerly ground in the Total Motion Midland League'*. It's a trip to the Cotswolds for Brian as he takes in **Shipston Excelsior** (v Castle Vale Town) in the Total Motion Midland League Division 3 played on 22/12/18...for more about his visit click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - TT No.78: Keith Aslan** - *'The brand-new ground is a 45-minute walk from Bristol Parkway with no buses. I liked the place much more than I was expecting'*. Rockleaze Rambles! To find out about Keith's hop to **Rockleaze Rangers** (v Patchway) in the Gloucester County League played on 22/12/18... click on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - TT No.77: Steve Hardy** - *'Very friendly folk at the club, and I was delighted to find they have introduced a programme this season...'*. Read all about Steve's trip to **Foley Meir** (v Ashbourne) in the Staffordshire County

League Premier Division fixture played on 22/12/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - It's Midland Football League action for Gary as he brings us loads of cracking photos from a hop to watch **Redditch Borough** (v Feckenham) in a Division Two fixture played on 22/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary reports (via E-Mail sent on 23/12): *'At last some pics again. Should have been some from Germany but last Sunday saw lots of snow meaning lots of postponements including all of our sensible options. We decided to venture to Cologne Christmas market instead which was an excellent alternative. Goes without saying that Borussia Dortmund on Saturday night was as awesome as always. Yesterday saw me heading to Redditch Borough where there was a much better set up than I expected and also a much better game than I expected. Given the weather I was delighted to get a new ground on grass reasonably near to home. Hopefully Boxing Day will prove as fruitful!'*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from **Hibaldstow Wanderers** (v New Holland Villa) in the Scunthorpe & District League Division Two fixture played on 22/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's terrific pictures taken during his hop to **Foley Meir** (v Ashbourne) in the Staffordshire County League Premier Division fixture played on 22/12/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Latest Images: Richard Panter** - Our East Midlands based snapper brings us plenty of terrific photos following recent visits to **Havant & Waterlooville** (v Braintree Town) in the National League played on 08/12/18 and **Cleethorpes Town** (v Ossett United) in the Northern Premier League Division One East on 15/12/18...both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Richard adds (via E-Mail sent on 22/12) re his trip to **CTFC**: *'The pictures do not show it, but this was the coldest I have ever been at a football match'*.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Happy New Year!!: WebEd** - May I take this opportunity in wishing all our readers and our dedicated and hard-working team of contributors a very Happy New Year! I hope that you continue to enjoy your travels throughout 2019. Remember to get in touch with your inspirational news, reports and photos to put onto the site or drop us a message on our *twitter* feed...as always it will be very much appreciated. Have fun wherever you go. Cheers Martin

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Website Update: WebEd** - All photos and reports covering matches up to and including Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 have now been uploaded to the site and can be viewed in the *FGIF* album gallery and on the relevant report pages. The outstanding details relating to these updates (backdated to 22/12) will be added to this page as normal in the coming days...many thanks! Martin

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Seasonal Greetings: *WebEd*** - May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Happy Hopping Christmas! I would also like to thank our hard-working, dedicated and loyal contributors for their continued and much valued support over the last year. Here's hoping that you all manage to find some festive footy action over the busy holiday period. If you are going to a game or visit a new ground, please get in touch we would love to hear about it. Best wishes, Martin

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.76: *Steve Hardy*** - '*The Lamb has seen better days, it must be said. It all looks splendid at first glance, but most of the areas behind all the stands and terracing are starting to look shabby*'. Midweek Magic! Steve heads over to The Lamb ground for his footy fix with **Tamworth U19s** (v Boldmere St Michaels U19) in the National League U19's Alliance Division H fixture played on 19/12/18...read about his trip by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *Steve Hardy*** - View Steve's super snaps following a hop to watch **Tamworth U19s** (v Boldmere St Michaels U19) in the National League U19's Alliance Division H fixture played on 19/12/18... now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - R No.21: *WebEd*** - '*The ground itself is found on the left-hand side of the road (just past the large ASDA superstore). It is pretty basic and fairly typical for this level of football*'. Read about a hop to watch **AFC Bilton** (v Haltemprice AFC) in the East Riding County League Division One fixture played on 15/12/18...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.75: *Keith Aslan*** - '*...the adjacent 3g pitch where Eastwood actually play has nothing but a rail to lean surrounded by the ubiquitous green fence. Boy did I get wet*'. Stoke Soakings! Freezing cold, driving rain and a bout of man flu doesn't prevent Keith from watching his chosen game at **Eastwood Hanley** (v Hanley Reserves) in the Leek Cup tie played on 15/12/18...find out more by now clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: *WebEd*** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **AFC Bilton** (v Haltemprice AFC) in the East Riding County League Division One fixture played on 15/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - R No.20: *WebEd*** - '*I wasn't to be disappointed either as the game turned out to be a terrific contest and a great advert for the HPL Premier Division*'. Read about a recent hop to watch **Beverley Town** (v Pocklington Town) in the Humber Premier League Premier Division clash played on 08/12/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.74: *Brian Buck*** - '*...the fans are flocking in and there was an excellent atmosphere here*'. When his first-choice Youth game is called off Brian heads over to **Haringey Borough** (v Bishop's Stortford) in the

Bostik League Premier Division played on 10/12/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.73: Brian Buck** - *'Furthermore, it (the pitch) is affected by moles and today there were two un-flattened ones visible'*. Find out about Brian's hop into deepest Suffolk for **Wortham** (v Tattlingstone United) in the Suffolk & Ipswich League Division Three played on 08/12/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **FC Barcelona U19** (v Tottenham Hotspur U19) in the UEFA Youth League, Group Stage played on 12/12/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:  
[https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/12/fc-barcelona-u19\\_13.html](https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/12/fc-barcelona-u19_13.html)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.72: Keith Aslan** - *'Stapleford have recently returned to their home town and are intending to upgrade the facilities here with the plans, and more importantly, the finance, in place for permanent barriers and dugouts'*. Stapleford Saunters! For his footy fix this week Keith follows hot on the heels of another *FGIF* favourite with a trip to watch **Stapleford Town** (v Keyworth) in the Notts Senior League Premier Division fixture played on 08/12/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - Ground, action and matchday photos from **Beverley Town** (v Pocklington Town) in a top of the table Humber Premier League Premier Division clash played on 08/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Leicester Nirvana** (v Oadby Town) in the United Counties League Premier Division played on 08/12/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:  
<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/12/leicester-nirvana-fc.html>

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Cobbs Travel News: Gary Spooner** - writes (via E-Mail sent on 09/12) re his visit to **Crawley Town** v his beloved Northampton Town (EFL2) on Saturday to re-complete the 92: 'I shared your enthusiasm before the game but the morning after I'm firmly back to the opinion that I watch non-league football to avoid the aggravation of League football and in the main will continue to do so! No pics as it was a miserable day with the rain lashing down and the few attempts that I tried on my phone are dreadful - certainly not good enough to send! The game itself was utter dross. Cobbs won with a penalty so at least the result was good! The trains and buses were also spot on so travel was easy as well yesterday'.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - John Weeks RIP: Brian Buck** - writes: 'I found out last Monday morning that the United Counties League Chairman and President John Weeks sadly passed away over that weekend, which took me rather by surprise, as I thought that he was getting better! A few weeks ago, he contacted me to say

that he was in hospital with severe abdominal pains and that tests were being carried out on him. When I contacted him a few days later he said that he was at home recuperating and from this I assumed that he was getting better. Clearly, I was wrong. I shall miss John a lot and we had many a long conversation about football and life in general! I have written a eulogy which I will pass on after John's Service of Thanksgiving has taken place. John's Service of Thanksgiving is at St. Peter's Church, Oundle at 12.30pm on Monday 17 December'.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Programme News: Steve Hardy** - Paper-chasing heaven! Our programme guru brings us his first list of clubs currently issuing for the 2018-19 season. There are details from over fifty clubs covering English; Ladies; Sunday and Welsh football. For more click on the *Programme News 2018-19* tab found on the main *FGIF* Programme section...

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.71: Brian Buck** - East Midlands hiccups! Brian reports from his visit to watch **Stapleford Town** (v Newark Flowserve) in the Notts Senior Cup 3rd Round tie played on 01/12/18... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.70: Steve Hardy** - *'There may have been no goals, but there was no lack of effort from both sides who entertained us regally for the whole 100-minutes!'*. Wonderful Wednesday! It's Boodles ISFA Cup action for Steve as he reports on a fascinating tie at **Shrewsbury School** (v Millfield School) in the U18 Q-F stage played on 05/12/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - R No.19: WebEd** - *'In fact, with both teams occupying the bottom two places before kick-off this could be described as the proverbial basement battle!'*. Find out more about a trip to watch **North Thoresby** (v Scamblesby) in the East Lincs Football Combination Division One fixture played on 01/12/18...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - View the terrific matchday photos from a hop to **Shrewsbury School** (v Millfield School) in the Boodles ISFA U18 Cup Q-F tie played on 05/12/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.69: Keith Aslan** - 'White Ensign have been forced to move here from their Southend base because their pitch was too small'. Basildon Bound! Read all about Keith's hop to watch **White Ensign** (v Holland) in the Eastern Counties Division 1 South fixture played on 01/12/18..... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - TT No.68: Steve Hardy** - *'...the match wasn't being played on the main pitch, but on the one that is next to it'*. Check out Steve's report from a hop to watch **Brocton U21** (v Cheadle Town Reserves) in the Staffordshire FA Change Cup Q-F played on 01/12/18...now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **North Thoresby** (v Scamblesby) in the East Lincs Football Combination Div One fixture played on 01/12/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Don't miss Steve's superb photos from a hop to **Brocton U21** (v Cheadle Town Reserves) in the Staffordshire FA Change Cup Q-F played on 01/12/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Weblog Update: Simple Pieman** - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Park View** (v Winslow) in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One played on 01/12/18.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2018/12/park-view-fc.html>

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December - R No.18: WebEd** - '*...the club is now playing its home games at the Blossom Way Sports & Social Club close to the town centre*'. Read about a local hop to **Immingham Town** (v Wyberton) in the Lincolnshire League match played on 24/11/18...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.67: Brian Buck** - '*...it was played out on an immaculately prepared pitch... at the John Lyon School Playing Fields, Sudbury Fields*'. For his second match of the day Brian attends **Old Lyonians** (v AFC Oldsmiths) in the Southern Amateur League Senior Section Division 3 fixture played on 24/11/18...read his report now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.66: Brian Buck** - '*...this was a game between the top two sides in the league, both of whom had won all of their opening five matches*'. For his first match of a mouth-watering Saturday Double Brian takes in **London School of Theology** (v Ruislip Baptists) in the Herts & Borders Churches League Division 1 played on 24/11/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.65: Steve Hardy** - '*Spectators are allowed inside the cage, and there is a small viewing area set aside down one side of the pitch...*'. University Challenge! Steve heads to South Birmingham for his midweek footy fix at **Newman University 1sts** (v Aston University 1sts) in the BUCS Football Division Midlands 3A game played on 28/11/18...read his matchday report now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.64: Steve Hardy** - '*Town play at the rear of the Anthony Gell School, although the changing rooms etc are in the Wirksworth Leisure Centre on the same site*'. Read about Steve's second match of his Derby Double as he covers **Wirksworth Town** (v Holbrook St Michaels Reserves) in the Central Midlands League Division One South played on 24/11/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.63: Steve Hardy** - '*The venue is actually the Rolls Royce Rugby club. Three rugby pitches and one football pitch are served by 4*

*small portakabins, housing the changing rooms and an equipment store'. Derby Double! For his first match of the day Steve (the only spectator!) reports from **New Life Christians** (v Grace Church) in the Derby Churches League played on 24/11/18...now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.62: Keith Aslan** - *'A brick-built stand with seats, and further cover along the side means you won't get wet here. The tea bar does hot food with old photos adorning the walls'*. Penydarren Perambulations! Keith brings us a pretty forthright report from his visit into Wales for **Penydarren Boys & Girls Club** (v Ynystawe) in the FAW Trophy tie played on 24/11/18... read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - It's FA Trophy action for Gary as he takes **Stamford AFC** (v Barwell) in a third qualifying round tie played on 24/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary sums up (a poor game) via E-Mail: *'Cup football at the Zeeco yesterday. Pretty uninspiring game. Barwell scored early and Stamford equalised very late with a belting strike. Very little happened in between!*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: Gary Spooner** - During a recent holiday break on the North Norfolk coast Gary brings us a terrific collection of pictures covering **Sheringham** (v Wymondham Town) in the Norfolk Senior Cup Round 3 tie played on 17/11/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes (via E-Mail): *'Excellent week in Norfolk. Last Saturday saw a trip to Sheringham for a Norfolk Senior Cup tie. In the league Sheringham were 5th just above Wymondham Town in 6th so I was expecting a close game. Not to be as Wymondham won easily. Excellent set up at Sheringham and as always a visit to the seaside is highly recommended!'*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Immingham Town** (v Wyberton) in the Lincolnshire League fixture played on 24/11/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - For his second game of the day Steve attends **Wirksworth Town** (v Holbrook St Michaels Reserves) in the Central Midlands League Division One South played on 24/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - For the first part of an exciting Derby Double Steve takes in a morning game at **New Life Christians** (v Grace Church) in the Derby Churches League played on 24/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - TT No.61: Brian Buck** - *'In recent years the ground has been spruced up and these days it compares favourably to my first visit. The floodlights were fine and the pitch was in good nick'*. It's a mid-week hop to Milton Keynes for Brian as he reports on **Unite MK** (v Aston Clinton) in the Spartan

South Midlands League Division 2 played at the MK Irish Centre on 21/11/18...read more by clicking on the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - TT No.60: Brian Buck** - *'This was quite an easy ground to get to and thus 'complete' the Kent County League Premier Division'*. Brian travels into Kent for his footy fix at **Bromleians** (v Peckham Town) in the Andreas Carter Kent County League Premier Division played on 17/11/18...for more go to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - R No.17: WebEd** - *'This season the club have moved from the main top pitch (nearer to the memorial hall) after experiencing problems with the surface'*. Read about a local hop to **Holme Rovers** (v Hodgson AFC) in the East Riding County League Senior Cup Round 2 tie played on 17/11/18...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page...

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.59: Steve Hardy** - *'On the plus side, the ground in Loak Road is very good, and perfect for this level. Fully railed off with an excellent clubhouse/changing room block behind one goal'*. It's a trip onto Salop for Steve as he reports from **Albrighton** (v Prees United) in the Shropshire Premier League played on 17/11/18... now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - TT No.58: Keith Aslan** - *'If you like quaint stands and beautiful views then Waldon probably won't be for you. Austere would sum it up. On top of a hill and roped with the old, very old, dressing room block...'*. Waldon Walks. Read all about Keith's exciting hop to Devon for **Waldon Athletic** (v Torridgeside) in the South West Peninsula East League fixture played on 17/11/18... now uploaded to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19*...

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: WebEd** - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Holme Rovers** (v Hodgson AFC) in the East Riding County League Senior Cup Round 2 tie played on 17/11/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's super pictures from a hop to **Albrighton** (v Prees United) in the Shropshire Premier League fixture played on 17/11/18...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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'.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve's pictures from a morning hop to watch **Bush Vikings** (v Rugby Town Juniors) in the Midland Junior Premier League U18 Division played on 10/11/18...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

‘.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22/09/18 now added to the *Reports* page in the *TT Index for 2018-19...*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> August - TT No.6: Steve Hardy** - ‘*A top evening out in North Staffordshire, and I really hope Ball Hays Green can make a success of their new home...*’ Find out more about Steve’s midweek hop to watch **Ball Hays 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 16<sup>th</sup> August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy** - Check out Steve’s super pictures following his midweek trip to watch **Ball Hays Green** (v Staffordshire Moorlands) in the Staffordshire County League Division One played on 15/08/18... now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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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