



FGIF INBOX - NEWS UPDATES 2019-20

updated on 13/09/19.

Friday 13th September - R No.7: WebEd - *'The Slazenger's Sports Club is a multi-sport facility built in the 1940's and has served the local community since with high grade sports facilities'*. Read about a hop to watch **Horbury Town** (v Boroughbridge Town) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division played on 07/09/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Friday 13th September - TT No.28: Brian Buck - *'This fully railed off ground is actually in a public park, but with a mixture of trees, a tarmacked footpath, a block of flats and the main road surrounding it, the venue felt more enclosed than it really is'*. It's a trip down to Hampshire for Brian as he takes in **Bush Hill** (v Fleetlands) in the Hampshire Premier League Senior Division fixture played on 07/09/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 13th September - TT No.27: Steve Hardy - *'Just like every other school, college and University we passed whilst we were in the States, the UNCW set up is vast. A full baseball ground, athletics track, American football stadium as well as the 'Soccer' stadium which were all floodlit and played on a 4G pitch'*. Read about Steve's hop to watch **University North Carolina Women** (v Coastal Carolina Women) in the Colonial Athletics League fixture played on 29/08/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 13th September - Latest News Eynesbury United FC (Cambridgeshire County League): Brian Buck - writes via E-Mail (sent on 10/09): *'After the excitement of getting a 16-page programme last Friday watching Eynesbury United, I went back there tonight and there was no programme, so it seems that that are infrequent issuers. Tonight, they played in royal blue tops, rather than in pink and they won 5-2. So, everything was different!'*.

Friday 13th September - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - The American Dream! View the matchday photos from Steve's trip to the United States for **University North Carolina Women** (v Coastal Carolina Women) in the Colonial Athletics League fixture played on 29/08/19...now added to the FGIF album gallery...

Friday 13th September - TT No.26: Keith Aslan - *'Pomphrey Park (is) the delightful setting for today's entertainment. A large cultivated open space with the football ground near the entrance'*. Mangotsfield Meanderings! Check out Keith's uplifting report following a trip to watch **Bromley Heath United** (v Frampton United) in the Les James Cup played on 07/09/19... now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 13th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Don't miss Gary's awesome photos from a trip to the outskirts of Glasgow for **Cambuslang Rangers** (v Arthurlie) in the Scottish JFA West Region Championship played on 07/09/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds via E-Mail (sent on 08/09): *'Trip to Scotland yesterday and a glorious sunny day. Decent game at Somervell Park where the crowd basking in the sun saw Arthurlie get three points with a 2-0 victory. Trains behaved and a good day was had'*.

Friday 13th September - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from **Horbury Town** (v Boroughbridge Town) in the West Yorkshire League Premier Division played on 07/09/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 13th September - Latest Images: Ian Brown - View the cracking matchday pictures from Ian's trip to watch **Portstewart** (v Tobermore United) in the Northern Ireland Intermediate Football League played on 07/09/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Ian adds via E-Mail (sent on 08/09): *'Saturday 7th September 2019; Northern Ireland Intermediate Football League (3rd Tier); Portstewart 2 Tobermore United 2; Crowd: Peter-guestimate 120; Admission: £5 £3. Proverbial game of two halves. Tidy venue. Standing on club house side offers elevated views. Seated cover area straddles halfway line opposite the clubhouse. Hard standing on three sides. Quirky dugouts which are underneath the clubhouse. A very friendly club to visit'*.

Friday 13th September - R No.6: WebEd - *'You pass the White Swan pub (surprise, surprise) in the centre of the village before turning right into the modern Leisure and Sports centre car park'*. Read the report from **Bubwith White Swan** (v Wheldrake) in the York Football League Division Two played on 31/08/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Friday 13th September - R No.5: WebEd - *'...the club is also proud of its on-site facilities which include a superb new brick changing pavilion built four years ago now with the assistance of local funding and a welcomed Football Foundation grant'*. Check out the report from **Hessle Sporting Club** (v Howden) in the Humber Premier League Division One played on 27/08/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Friday 13th September - R No.4: WebEd - *'Situated at the end of a cul-de-sac the site is dominated by the large cantilever stand decked out neatly in contrasting blocks of seats sporting the club's colours'*. Read the report from a hop to watch **Garforth Town AFC** (v Colne) in the FA Cup Preliminary Round tie played on 24/08/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Saturday 7th September - TT No.25: Brian Buck - *'Eynesbury United are in effect a new club, playing at Eynesbury Rovers FC'*. Friday evening footy fix! Check out Brian's report from **Eynesbury United** (v Cherry Hinton) in the Cambs County

League Premier Division played on 06/09/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - TT No.24: Brian Buck - *'Today's match was played on the Stadium Pitch, which is in the middle of a six-lane running track, but viewing was not so distant as you might think. Also, it had a covered stand, no seats, but I reckon you could get 50 or so in there at a push'*. It's a hop on the banks of the River Thames (well almost) as Brian takes in **Stonewall** (v Larkspur Rovers) in the Cherry Red Books Middlesex County League Premier Division played on 31/08/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - TT No.23: Keith Aslan - *'The pitch is plastic and guess what, it's surrounded by a green fence, surprise, surprise. There is a covered area with seats just outside the enclosure which at a pinch would give you sight of the match and keep you dry'*. Oracle Outings! Keith brings us the latest from his hop to watch **Oracle Components** (v St. Margaretsbury Reserves) in the Herts Senior County League Division 1 fixture played on 31/08/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - TT No.22: Brian Buck - *'This match was played at The Recreation Ground, Islington Road in Towcester and as recreation grounds go, this was not an unattractive venue'*. For his midweek footy fix Brian attends **Towcester Town** (v City Colts) in the North Bucks & District League played on 28/08/19...for more go to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - TT No.21: Brian Buck - *'With temperatures into the thirties today I was fortunate that there was some shade to stand in here, under some trees'*. Brian heads to the Scarning Playing Field for **Dereham Taverners** (v Watton United Reserves) in the Barnes Print Central & South Norfolk League Division 1. Read more by clicking on the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - TT No.20: Steve Hardy - *'The club plays on Station Road in Llanymynech and behind the village hall. No spectator facilities at all of course, just an un-roped pitch in the local park'*. For his second game of the day Steve takes in **Llanymynech** (v Newtown Wanderers) in the Montgomeryshire League Division Two played on 24/08/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - TT No.19: Steve Hardy - *'The venue for is this actually called the Lythwood Sports Complex which consists of a bowling green and two football pitches'*. Check out the first game in Steve's Saturday Double with a hop to watch **Shrewsbury Town Supporters Club FC** (v Bury Supporters FC) in the Internet Football League played on 24/08/19...read about his trip by clicking on the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 6th September - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Don't miss Gary's awesome photos from a cracking high-scoring hop to **Lydd Town** (v Raynes Park Vale) in the FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round tie played on 31/08/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary adds (enthusiastically) via E-Mail (sent on 01/09): *'I attended my first ever football match in 1970 and I've been to many games since. Before yesterday, in all those games I had never seen a 5 all draw. For my footie fix yesterday I was accompanied by three members of The Welsh & The Scouse. The members of this inveterate travelling triumvirate had also never seen a 5-5 draw. We all have now! It was a long haul to Lydd and the traffic was not great which meant that we arrived too late for a leisurely stroll along the beach. After parking up we were warmly greeted and welcomed to Lydd. The friendliness of the locals was evident throughout the day. The game started in windy conditions and within 3 minutes it was 1 each. Definitely a sign of things to come. After 10 minutes the Raynes Park Vale keeper was sent off and a defender donned the jersey. After 20 minutes it was 2-2. A frenetic first half ended with Lydd 3-2 up. The second half started and Lydd went 4-2 up. Surely the 10 men would now capitulate? No way! Two late goals made it 4-4 and meant extra time. Lydd again took the lead in the first half of extra time but with just a few minutes of the match left Raynes Park Vale made it 5 all. An absolutely brilliant match. It was most definitely the magic of the Vase yesterday!!!!!!!'*

Friday 6th September - Latest Images: *Richard Panter* - Check out Richard's excellent matchday pictures from a hop **Wythenshawe Town** (v Goole AFC) in the FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round played on 31/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 6th September - Latest Images: *WebEd* - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **Bubwith White Swan** (v Wheldrake) in the York Football League Division Two played on 31/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 6th September - WebLog Update: *Simple Pieman* - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Western Super Mare** (v Poole) in the Southern League Premier Division South played on 24/08/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:

<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/08/weston-super-mare-afc.html>

Friday 6th September - Latest Images: *Ian Brown* - It's a trip down to Woking for Ian as he takes in **Knaphill** (v Fareham Town) in the FA Cup Preliminary Round tie played on 24/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Ian writes via E-Mail (sent on 27/08): *'Saturday 24th August: FA Cup - Knaphill v Fareham Town 0-1; Attendance: 109; Admission: £8 (adult) £4 (conc); Programme: £2; Refreshments: Tea, Coffee etc £1. A deserved win for visitors whose margin of victory would have been greater if it had not been a missed penalty. Game started at decent pace but slowed as it progressed due to the heat. Tidy little set up. Thanks to Harry for driving and Peter's usual patter'*

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Friday 6th September - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Saturday Double Hop! Check out Steve's cracking pictures from **Shrewsbury Town Supporters Club FC** (v Bury Supporters FC) in the Internet Football League and **Llanymynech** (v Newtown Wanderers) in the Montgomeryshire League Division Two both played on 24/08/19...both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery

Friday 6th September - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to watch **Garforth Town AFC** (v Colne) in the FA Cup Preliminary Round tie played on 24/08/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 6th September - WebLog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Taffs Well** (v Swansea University) in the Cymru South played on 23/08/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address: <https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/08/taffs-well-fc.html>

Friday 23rd August - TT No.18: Steve Hardy - *'What is the most difficult to find ground you have ever visited? My answer is this one!'*. Read more about Steve's review from his trip to watch **Stone Outlanes** (v Canal Tavern) in a Pre-Season Friendly played last night...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 23rd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Sunday on a Thursday! View Steve's ace pictures from a midweek visit to **Stone Outlanes** (v Canal Tavern) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 22/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 23rd August - R No.3: WebEd - *'Like many grounds in this top division, it has a neat post and rail fence around its perimeter to give it a nice fully enclosed feel'*. Read about a hop to watch **Thorpe United** (v Sporting Knavesmire) in the York Football League Premier Division played on 17/08/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Friday 23rd August - TT No.17: Brian Buck - *'It's a rather large complex and there were at least four or five full sized pitches in it. However, the one today's game took place on was fully railed off, just ten days prior to this game, as a surprised home official told me'*. Find out more about Brian's hop to the East Midlands for **Bottesford** (v St Andrews Reserves) in the Everards Brewery Leicestershire Senior League Division 2 played on 17/08/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 23rd August - TT No.16: Steve Hardy - *'News of this programme spread throughout the groundhopping community like wildfire, and I would guess that at least 30 of the 37 spectators were 'hoppers'*. Read about Steve's programme-induced hop for the eagerly awaited debut fixture at **Madeley White Star** (v Cheadle Town Reserves) in the Staffordshire County League Division Two played on 17/08/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20...

Friday 23rd August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Don't miss Gary's awesome matchday photos from a high-scoring Hull derby hop featuring **Hall Road Rangers**

(v East Hull) in the Northern Counties East League Division One fixture played on 17/08/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes via E-Mail (sent on 18/08): *'Mandy and I visited Wray country yesterday. Pre-match entertainment was a gentle stroll along Withernsea beach. Then it was onward to Haworth Park where Hall Road Rangers won a very one-sided game against East Hull 9-0. Plenty of goals but little in the way of a competitive match. I'd much prefer a fiercely contested 0-0!'*.

Friday 23rd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Check out Steve's cracking pictures from **Madeley White Star** (v Cheadle Town Reserves) in the Staffordshire County League Division Two played on 17/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 23rd August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday pictures from a hop to watch **Thorpe United** (v Sporting Knavesmire) in the York Football League Premier Division played on 17/08/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 16th August - East Hull FC News: WebEd - After attending the **East Hull v North Ferriby** NCEL Division One fixture played at Dunswell Park on Saturday 10/08/19, the following article concerning the much publicised £5K raffle draw prize appeared in the *Hull Daily Mail* two days later (on Mon 12/08). Some readers may like to read a copy of it: [click here for more](#) .

Friday 16th August - R No.2: WebEd - Check out a report following a memorable trip to watch **East Hull** (v North Ferriby) in the Northern Counties East League Division One played on 10/08/19...now added to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Thursday 15th August - R No.1: WebEd - *'Visitors to the Easy Buy Stadium will discover that this is one of most friendly and proactive clubs in the NCEL'*. Read about a hop to watch to **Barton Town** (v Yorkshire Amateur) in the Northern Counties East League Premier Division played on 03/08/19...now uploaded to the *Read Ramblings Reports* page and index...

Thursday 15th August - TT No.15: Keith Aslan - *'You can get a picture of what the ground is like, plastic of course, so it has to be surrounded by a green mesh fence. Plenty of spectator room on three sides with a stand due to be erected when finances permit'*. Liverpool Loiterings. Keith travels up to Merseyside for some nostalgia and to visit **South Liverpool** (v Maghull) in the West Cheshire League Division One played on 10/08/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Thursday 15th August - TT No.14: Steve Hardy - *'At present they have a decent sized stand along one side of the pitch, with a covered standing area behind the goal nearest the entrance'*. Second game of the day. It's FA Cup action as Steve makes the short journey to watch **Charnock Richard** (v Lower Breck) in the Extra Preliminary Round tie played on 10/08/19. Click on the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20 for more...

Thursday 15th August - TT No.13: Steve Hardy - *'I was really impressed by this Academy. Loads of pitches available, including a floodlit 3G pitch next to lake car park'*. For the first game of his Lancashire Saturday Double Steve watches **Bolton Wanderers U18** (or should that be U16?!) (v Watford U18) in the U18 Professional Development League - North played on 10/08/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Thursday 15th August - TT No.12: Brian Buck - *'This was far more than a friendly as in reality, as the colourful 8-page programme revealed...'*. A hop with a difference and for an excellent cause. Brian takes in a game at **RAF Regiment Honington** (v Thetford Town Reserves) in a Charity Friendly Match played on 07/08/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Thursday 15th August - TT No.11: Brian Buck - *'Although this is a new football ground, it actually had a bit of a 'lived in' look about it. This is because it was the former home of Farnham Rugby Club'*. New Ground Alert! Read all about Brian's trip to watch **Badshot Lea** (v Frimley Green) in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division fixture played on 06/08/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Thursday 15th August - TT No.10: Brian Buck - *'...the ground is of major historical significance, in that it once staged League football'*. Check out Brian's memorable visit to watch Bakewell Town v Pinxton in the **Abacus Lighting Central Midlands League Chairman's Cup** played at **Peel Croft** home of **Burton Rugby Union Club** on 03/08/19 by going to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Thursday 15th August - TT No.9: Keith Aslan - *'Winches Field or Altera Stadium as it is now known is a 12-minute walk from the station, plenty of seats and cover on three sides of the ground all built without recourse to the Atcost shop'*. Herne Hikes! It's definitely a case of blood, sweat and tears as Keith defies doctor's orders for his footy fix and bring us his must see report from **Herne Bay** (v Witham) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 03/08/19...read more about his epic hop by clicking on the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Lancashire Double! Steve heads north up the M6 for his chosen games at: **Bolton Wanderers U18** (v Watford U18) in the U18 Professional Development League - North) and **Charnock Richard** (v Lower Breck) in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round both played on 10/08/19...both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...'

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: Richard Panter - It's another Saturday Double Hop in Kent. Star snapper Richard brings us some terrific matchday pictures from **Punjab United** (v Broadbridge Heath) in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round and **Rochester United** (v SC Thamesmead) in the Southern Counties East League Division One both played on 10/08/19...both sets now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Richard writes via E-Mail (sent on 11/08): *'Please find some pictures from Punjab United v Broadbridge Heath, FA Cup extra preliminary round. Score 0-1. This was*

played in a gale! Felt sorry for the home side who were exceedingly friendly as were their fans. It was a 12.30 kick off which left us enough time to get to our second game in time enough to secure the second and third last programmes at Rochester United (v SC Thamesmead; Southern Counties East League; 2-1)'.

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from **East Hull** (v North Ferriby) in the Northern Counties East League Division One played on 10/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: Gary Spooner - Cracking Kent Double! Our super snapper Gary brings us loads of superb ground, action and matchday pictures from his trip to Kent for **Punjab United** (v Broadbridge Heath) in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round and **Rochester United** (v SC Thamesmead) in the Southern Counties East League Division One both played on 10/08/19...both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Gary writes via E-Mail (sent on 11/08): *'It was a Kent double for me yesterday. Plenty of other hoppers also took advantage of an early kick off in Gravesend as the first ever FA Cup game for Punjab United was being streamed live by the BBC. From there it was a short journey for my second game at Rochester United. Very friendly welcome at both clubs and given the conditions (windy at Rochester, very windy at Punjab) the games were better than expected'.*

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: Ian Brown - Don't miss Ian's ace ground photos from his second hop of the day taken at **Kirby Muxloe** (v Stapenhill) in the Midland Football League Division One played on 03/08/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* gallery...

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: Ian Brown - Check out Ian's superb ground pictures on a visit to Peel Croft home of Burton RUFC for Netherseal St Peters v Renishaw Rangers in the Central Midlands League Invitational Cup Final played on 03/08/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Ian adds via E-Mail (sent on 04/08): *'Saturday August 3rd 2019... Netherseal St Peters 1 Renishaw Rangers 3 played at @ Peel Croft, Burton RUFC...K-Off: 12pm; Admn: £5/£3; Programme: £2; Coffee: £2'.*

Thursday 15th August - Latest Images: WebEd - View the ground, action and matchday photos from a hop to **Barton Town** (v Yorkshire Amateur) in the Northern Counties East League Premier Division played on 03/08/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 2nd August - The New Season 2019-20: 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. After all that sofa-surfing watching a festival of televised sport it will be nice to get off the settee and back on the road (by car and bus) or rail again to watch some live football and of course tick off some more important 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 the humble roped off pitch to the hi-tech international stadium it doesn't matter, you can send us an e-mail, use our IMS service or even a post a tweet. You can be sure that our dedicated team of snappers and roving reporters will certainly bring you the very best coverage from matches and grounds visited on their travels up and down the country. I really hope that you will share a great season with us wherever you go. In the mean-time please find below details and contributions covering the very latest news updates, TT reports and photo albums featuring a number of Pre-Season matches attended during the last few weeks. Best wishes, Martin and the rest of the *FGIF* team

Friday 2nd August - Website Updates: *WebEd* - over the summer months the following updates covering last season's photo albums, TT reports and news items have been made:

- (1) **The Complete A2Z Ground Club Photo Index** - this has been updated to show an additional 200 albums added to the site/album gallery from last season. The anorak in you may be may be interested to learn that we now have 5843 albums in the index (and gallery) giving a total of 105304 photos and covering 3472 separate clubs/grounds;
- (2) **The TT Reports and TT Index for 2018-19** have now been added to the TT Archive in the Reports Section of the site and
- (3) **The Inbox Updates page for 2018-19** has been added to the News Updates menu page.

Friday 2nd August - UK Non-League Football Programme Database: *Steve Hardy* - Our outstanding contributor, programme guru, super hopper and dedicated archivist has now COMPLETELY UPDATED all sections of his extensive UK Non-League Football Programme Database featuring 1000's of clubs covering English, Scottish, Welsh, Northern Irish, Ladies, School and Youth and Sunday football. The impressive catalogue lists include EVERY KNOWN CLUB THAT HAS ISSUED up to the end of the 2018-19 season. Reference to any alterations/additions since last year's database are handily highlighted in red ink for ease of identification. As you will appreciate an incredible amount of work has gone into making this possible and we are indebted to Steve for his painstaking efforts. You'll agree it's an absolutely fantastic resource for programme collectors and ground hoppers alike. To find out more click on the following link:

<http://footballgroundsinfocus.com/UKPDBHome.htm>

Friday 2nd August - Bedfordshire County Football League Hop News: *Brian Buck* - writes (via E-Mail sent on 21/07): '*The Bedfordshire County Football League Hop takes place on Saturday 12th October 2019 and the provisional line-up features visits to Real Haynes FC, Stopsley United FC and Lancot Park FC. Fixtures to follow in due course*'.

Friday 2nd August - Ground News - Spurs Women: *Brian Buck* - writes (via E-Mail sent on 07/07): '*Contrary to the rumours I heard that Spurs Women may be*

*playing their home games at Haringey Borough FC this season, it has now been confirmed that they will be at **The Hive**, home of **Barnet FC**, instead’.*

Friday 2nd August - WebLog Update: Simple Pieman - Read all about Steve's visit to watch **Hamilton Academical** (v Queens Park) in the Scottish Football League Betfred League Cup Group F tie played on 13/07/19.....now uploaded to his excellent Weblog *Pie and Mushy Peas* at the following link/address:
<https://pieandmushypeas.blogspot.com/2019/07/hamilton-academical-fc.html>

Friday 2nd August - TT No.8: Steve Hardy - *‘The Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre...houses a floodlit 3G pitch in a cage, yet isn’t used by any local clubs as I understand it is too short for FA approval’*. Not the best of Games! Steve has a wretched day on his travels to watch **Wyrley United** (v Coven Athletic) in a Pre-Season fixture played on 27/07/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Friday 2nd August - TT No.7: Brian Buck - *‘Fyfield’s ground is quite a nice venue for football. The modern and spacious looking village hall flanked the football pitch, which was very green and flat’*. For his second game of the day Brian travels to watch **Ongar Town** (v Buckhurst Hill) in a Friendly Match played at Fyfield on 20/07/19... now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Friday 2nd August - TT No.6: Brian Buck - *‘...basically a pitch hewn out of a field full of long grass. In one corner there were some newish looking wooden changing rooms, complete with an overhang, to shelter under should there be rain’*. North Hertfordshire Hop! For Part One of an exciting Saturday Double Brian attends **Weston** (v Foxton) in a Friendly Match played on 20/07/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Friday 2nd August - TT No.5: Steve Hardy - *‘Quite when the club will be able to start playing all their games at Trentmill Road, I don’t know. It looks pretty good to me already, with a railed off pitch, a tea bar and a super clubhouse’*. Steve heads to Stoke for the Pre-Season Friendly at **Eastwood Hanley Development** (v Leek CSOB Reserves) played on 20/07/19...for more click on the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20

Friday 2nd August - TT No.4: Keith Aslan - *‘I liked the ground, a very large clubhouse behind the near goal, two small examples of Atcost architecture along the left-hand side and another one behind the far goal but the piece-de-resistance is the capacious stand straddling the right-hand touchline...’*. Horsham Hop! New Ground Alert! Our roving reporter Keith takes in **Horsham** (v Crawley) for a Pre-Season Friendly played on 20/07/19. Go to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20 for more.

Friday 2nd August - TT No.3: Steve Hardy - *‘The attraction of this game was, once again, an obscure venue that I had never heard of before’*. Steve heads to the Hilton Park Community Centre in the Lanesfield area of Wolverhampton for his footy fix featuring **Gornal Athletic** (v Coven Athletic) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 16/07/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Friday 2nd August - TT No.2: Brian Buck - *'I'm told that it is or was known locally as the 'Tidy Tip' ground, because of its close proximity to the local Tidy Tip and I recall that Ampthill Athletic FC used to play here'*. Brian makes a rare visit to a new ground in Bedfordshire with a hop to watch **Ampthill Town U18** (v Ampthill Town Development) for a Friendly Match played on 03/07/19...now uploaded to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Friday 2nd August - TT No.1: Steve Hardy - *'This turned out to be yet another 3G pitch in a cage, but none the worse for that. The crowd of 5 were able to watch the match from a balcony overlooking the pitch (and) were allowed to go inside the cage'*. It's a hop to the Heartlands Academy in Birmingham for Steve as he takes in **Birmingham Tigers** (v Bolehall Swifts) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 06/07/19...now added to the *TT Reports* page for 2019-20.

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Ian Brown - Ayrshire coast cup tie trip! View Ian's terrific ground photos from **Irvine Victoria** (v Troon) in the SJFA West Championship Group 2 Sectional League cup tie played on 27/07/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Ian writes via E-Mail (sent on 29/07): *'Saturday 27th July 2019 - Irvine Victoria 1 Troon 4; Group 2 Sectional League Cup (West Region); Admission: £6/Conc.£3; Programme: £1; Refreshments: Pie & Drink - £2. Thank you to 'Pixel Perfection'/Lens-meister-in-Chief from the FGIF parish Gary Spooner for providing the transport for the founder members of the Merseyside bus pass brigade football tourist mafia (MBPBFTM) - Peter Leigh, Harry Merry and me up to the North Ayrshire Coast. Victoria Park is set below the main train line between Glasgow and Ayr. Spectator facilities are confined to two sides with the other two being hemmed in by the railway and an expanse of land with a training pitch offering a view of the hills lying further north. There are a couple of bits of terracing and two covered enclosures down one side. A tidy compact venue'*.

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Check out Steve's ace matchday photos from an uninspiring hop to **Wyrley United** (v Coven Athletic) in a Pre-Season fixture played on 27/07/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Steve adds via E-Mail (sent on 28/07): *'Please find a report and a few photos from a thoroughly depressing afternoon in Cheslyn Hay yesterday'*.

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Hoping for better times ahead! Steve heads to Trentmill Road (a former NPL ground) for his footy fix as he takes in **Eastwood Hanley Development** (v Leek CSOB Reserves) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 20/07/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Ian Brown - It's a local match for Ian as he takes in **Heswall** (v Witton Albion U21) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 17/07/19...now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - View Steve's matchday photos from a trip to watch **Gornal Athletic** (v Coven Athletic) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 16/07/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Ian Brown - Don't miss Ian's cracking ground pictures following a Scottish trip to Glasgow for **Benburb** (v Stranraer) in a Pre-Season Friendly and **Partick Thistle** (v Airdrieonians) in the both played on 13/07/19...both sets now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Ian writes via E-Mail (sent on 15/07): *'Bet Fred Cup - 13th July 2019; Partick Thistle 1 Airdrieonians 0; Attendance: 2241; Admission: £12; Programme: £2. Decent venue, three sided, a mixture of new and traditional at the ground closest to Glasgow City centre. Scruffy own goal won it deservedly for hosts; final ball let the visitors down in dangerous areas of the pitch'*.

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Steve Hardy - Check out Steve's superb matchday photos from a hop to watch **Birmingham Tigers** (v Bolehall Swifts) in a Pre-Season Friendly played on 06/07/19...now added to the *FGIF* album gallery...

Friday 2nd August - Latest Images: Ian Brown - View the Ian's ace ground photos covering his early pre-season matches at: **Chirk Town** (v Plas Madoc) and **Cerrig-y-Drudion** (v Caeryws) both played on 29/06/19; **Holywell Town** (v Runcorn Town) on 03/07/19 and **Chester Nomads** (v Rhos Aelwyd) on 06/07/19...all now uploaded to the *FGIF* album gallery...

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