

TT No.001: 03/01/05 - Club/Programme News: Barry Neighbour - Hi Holiday News: Boxing day saw a visit to **Brentford** as they crashed 1-3 to a very ordinary looking **Torquay United**. Usual 64 Page programme sold for £2.50. Like a number of Hoppers I had planned a double on the Monday but that was ruled out on arrival at Western League **Shepton Mallett** which was off due to a frozen pitch; we thought we had redeemed the situation when turning up at Somerset League side **Timsbury Athletic** who were home to Peasedown Athletic but after standing around for half an hour the pitch was also deemed unplayable although I did manage to pick up a 28 Page informative programme which was on sale for £1 including admission to the game. We eventually got a game in the afternoon with a visit to Western League newcomers **Biddestone**. The White Horse in the centre of the Village served Food and real ale. Biddestone issued a Computer Generated 8-page programme which sold for 50p and proved a welcome addition to the collection. The following day Tuesday 28th the lure of **Bedmond Sports & Social** in the Hertfordshire County League looked far more appetising than £23 for a ticket to see Brentford at Swindon Town. (The result 0-3 made me even more pleased not to have gone). A meal in The Bell at the end of Toms Lane which also served real ales is to be recommended as was the football in a cracking match won by the home side 4-3 against rock bottom Old Parmeterians. I was told before the game that no programme would be available as the lady who does them is away but to my surprise some turned up at Half Time although they contained no information inside other than the names of the teams and Bedmond's Manager/Assistant and Physio and the Ref and Linesman. inside a 4-page wraparound which has 50p on the cover but was actually given away free on the day. On to the New Year and with a limited fixture list on New Year's Day I headed to Nailsworth in Gloucestershire to see the Conference game between **Forest Green Rovers** and Aldershot Town. A disappointing game ended Goalless. A glossy 52 Page programme of which 30 were Adverts sold for £2.50. Sunday, 2nd saw a trip to **Flackwell Heath** for a Ryman's Division 2 fixture with Ware. A very entertaining game finished 2-2. A 36-page programme containing 16 pages of Adverts sold for £1. I finished off the Holiday period where I started it at Griffin Park as The Bees overcame Walsall 1-0. Again 64 Pages £2.50.

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