

TT No.111: 06/05/05 - Recent Travels (2): *Barry Neighbour* - Hersham RBL (CCL1); Bookham (CCL1) & Hanworth Villa (Middlesex County League).

The Bank Holiday weekend saw me descend on the Combined Counties League Division 1 with a visit to **Hersham RBL** on Saturday 30th April. The visitors were Bedfont Green who were top of the table and must have been confident of getting the win to maintain their challenge for the title. A very physical game developed and it was no surprise to see each side have a player sent off in the second half for scrapping. This seemed to unnerve Bedfont more than Hersham and they had to settle for a point in a 1-1 draw which allowed Coney Hall to move into pole position in the table. No programme was issued as `The Secretary is on holiday` - heard that one before!

Bank Holiday Monday saw me visit 3rd place **Bookham** with the visitors again Bedfont Green. A 16-page programme was available for £1 which was welcome. Bedfont have certainly allowed the pressure to get to them as Bookham dominated from the start and ran out worthy 5-1 winners. This result handed the title to Coney Hall on a plate making Saturday's clash between the top two irrelevant. On Wednesday 4th May I visited Hanworth Villa in the Middlesex County League against Crown & Manor. (This game has already been adequately covered by Stephen Harris. Although no programme was available you could get a copy of Saturday's game v New Inn from behind the bar. 4 Pages at £1. Strangely enough this was a Hanworth Villa production for New Inn as the match was switched to **Hanworth**, a similar situation to Crown & Manor so why no programme for last night's game? Seems a bit strange. With Brentford in the Play Offs I will be saving my pennies but hope to get another couple of Non-League games in before the end of the season.

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