

04/09/05 TT No.38: Barry Neighbour - Recent August Travels

On the way back from the Welsh Hop we took in the first game of the Hellenic Hop:

Sunday 28th August 2005; **Trowbridge Town** 7 Tythrington Rocks 2; Attendance: 369; GLS Hellenic League Division 1 West; Rating: 5*; Admission: £2.50; Programme: 40 Pages, £1.

This game was between last season's 2nd and 4th place teams and promised to be a cracker - and so it turned out. Despite the score-line, Tythrington played well but were simply blown apart from the home side's clinical finishing. Having seen a nine-goal thriller in the last game of the Welsh Hop we never expected to see another nine goals here. This incidentally is the biggest win of the season I have seen to date. Despite a railed-off pitch and cover on one side Trowbridge plan to move grounds soon so it is advisable to get there as soon as possible. Having dropped the boy off at the Reading Festival on the way back from Trowbridge he was back in time for the following days footy treats.

Monday 29th August 2005; **Chinnor** 3 Oxford Quarry Nomads 0; Attendance: 306; GLS Hellenic League Division 1 East; Rating: 3*; Admission: £3 (including 24-page programme)

A bumper gate for the small Oxfordshire outfit who play on a roped-off pitch. The clubhouse had real ale on sale which went down well with the 'hoppers. As for the game itself the 3-0 score-line was a fair reflection on play against the re-named Oxford Quarry Nomads. After this it was a trip down the M40/M4 to see Brentford draw 1-1 with Gillingham.

Wednesday 31st August 2005; **Keynsham Town** 1 Hallen 1; Attendance: 54; Toolstation League Premier Division; Rating: 3*; Programme: Issued (no details available)

After the goal glut at the weekend I thought fate had caught up with me at Keynsham. Due to missed chances by both sides this game seemed to be heading for a goalless draw. Keynsham scored against the run of play three minutes before the end, only for Hallen to hit back immediately through a penalty. Hallen even had time to get a player booked for diving as they tried to win another spot-kick right at the end of the game.