

TT No.265: Paul Roth - Wednesday 16th May 2007; Kent County League Division 1 East; Tyler Hill vs. Sheppey Utd; Result: 3-1; Attendance: 7; Programme: No.

Tyler Hill football club actually play their home games at Hersden, just a couple of miles East of Canterbury and a mile or so from Tyler Hill village itself. Turn off the A28 Margate Road at The Sycamores in Hersden and follow this road down to the Chislet Welfare Club and the ground lies beyond the bowling green.

When I first came to live in this part of Kent there was a train station at Chislet which served the local community and the coal mining industry that was once here. The pit has been long since flooded and scenic fishing lakes take the colliery's place.

Hersden boasts a Chinese restaurant, Chopsticks, which is housed in the old Black Horse pub (a ghastly place when it was a tavern and only ever visited when attaining a stamp during the annual Shepherd Neame Passport Trail), a fish and chip shop and also an up-market Indian curry house. Oddly there is no pub here now! The nearest being the lovely Yew Tree {GBG listed} at Westbere.

The club has changing facilities housed in a communal building and backs onto rolling countryside at the far end, whilst a huge new build of some one hundred houses fronts the complex on the main road side.

Tyler Hill are champions of Division 1 East - I was told they have been given the 'Green Light' as far as promotion to the top division goes and after seeing them play this evening can well understand why. They have a couple of lads spearheading their attack that would easily do well playing at a much higher level. To their credit the visitors from Sheerness had a full side out tonight and made a decent attempt to compete with their higher ranked hosts but after scoring two of the best goals I've seen all season (and another besides), Hill were too far ahead when Sheppey pulled a late consolation back in the 83rd minute.

A damp but highly enjoyable evening, albeit in grotty Hersden!

FGIF Rating: 4*.

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