

**TT No.79: Barry Neighbour** - Fri 24th November 2006 - **Cheltenham T 2** Brentford 0 (Coca-Cola Football League 1); Sat 25th - **Malvern Town 1** Halesowen T 2 (Worcs. Sen Cup 1) and Sun 26th - **St Josephs (Luton) 1** Loft Style Sinners 2; FA Sunday Cup Rd 3 (at Ampthill Town).

When I saw Brentford were away to Cheltenham on a Friday night it seemed a good excuse for a weekend away and the opportunity to watch three games:

Friday 24th November 2006; **Cheltenham Town 2** Brentford 0; League One; 2\*; Glossy 64-page programme - £2.50.

Full credit to Cheltenham on the ground improvements since their elevation to the Football League with three new stands in place since my previous visit in their Southern League days. As for the match' the Bees wretched form continued as they conceded a soft goal after just 5 minutes. Both sides had chances but the quality was poor. Cheltenham clinched the game with a late strike for a deserved victory which took them off the bottom and lifted them above the Londoners.

Saturday 25th November 2006; **Malvern Town 1** Halesowen Town 2; Worcestershire Senior Cup 1st Round; 3\*; Basic 28-page programme (expensive at £1.50).

Malvern Town FC sits at the foot of the Malvern Hills and the ground is quite picturesque. The higher-ranked visitors showed their class from the start as the hosts struggled to cope with their lively forwards. It was no surprise when Halesowen took the lead after 11 minutes when a poor clearance was volleyed back past the keeper. Halesowen were in control and doubled their lead on the hour after a mistake in the Malvern defence was punished to make it 2-0. The homesters pulled a goal back 14 minutes from time but it was Halesowen who held on to win in a frenzied finish. to the game.

Sunday 26th November 2006; **St Josephs (Luton) 1** Loft Style Sinners 2; FA Sunday Cup 3rd Round (at Ampthill Town FC); 3\*; 16-page programme included in £3 Admission.

Ampthill is an unusual ground with a high stand looking down on the pitch. Former winners of the FA Sunday Cup, St Josephs were amongst this year's favourites but were well below their best, going behind in the 8th minute when a good run saw the Sinners forward's shot bounce over the keeper. St Jo`s could not get the goal back and fell further behind in the 73rd minute when the forward broke from the right and cut in to fire home a left foot shot. St Josephs pulled one back 3 minutes later with a penalty after a handball but it was too little too late.