

TT No.11: *Bob Davies* - Sat 22nd August 2009; **Belstone** 4, Walkern Rangers 0; Herts Senior County League Division 1; Admission with programme: £2; Attendance: 20 est.

Belstone are one of two new teams entering the HSCL this season (Whitwell AFC being the other). The Medbourn ground is situated on the A5183 Watling Street between Elstree and Radlett. If travelling north from Elstree the entrance is just past Butterfly Lane on the left. The ground has a good-sized car park from which you can see further on this little gem of a ground. The pitch is fully post and railed with a well-prepared playing surface. On one side there are two permanent dug outs and on the other side a small but adequate covered standing area. The brick built changing rooms also contain a bar that sells the usual alcoholic & soft beverages plus tea and coffee. Outside this is a small patio area with a number of bench tables. An 8-page programme is available for £2 which also includes admission.

Belstone had made a good start to the season and sat top of League after two games and two wins. Visitors, Walkern Rangers, the former Bedwell Rangers, hoped a name change to the venue they now play at would bring a change of luck. After a wooden spoon season last year, the club have started this season with two defeats leaking, 4 goals in each game.

The game was played in good spirit with Belstone taking only a first half 1-0 lead despite creating numerous chances. The second half was a different affair with a quick 3 goal salvo making the score line 4-0. Walkern looked a well beaten side and the home side took their foot of the gas on a hot afternoon for football. The game finished with the same score line to keep Belstone in top spot and Walkern at bottom of the table.

FGIF Rating: 3* - good.

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