

TT No.70: Bob Davies - Sat 24th October 2009; **Epping** (2) 5 v Chipperfield Corinthians (0) 0; Anagram Records Trophy 1; Admission: nil, Programme: 16pp (4*), FREE; Attendance: 22 h/c.

A very late change of plans on Saturday with a phone call to the grandson finding out he was still in bed 10 minutes before we were due go! With the M25 looking a slow grind around where I wanted to go all plans were changed. I decided to leave the grandson in bed and avoid the M25 altogether. I had visited Epping a few years but decided on a revisit and go to the speedway at Rye House afterwards.

The ground is situated at Tidy's Lane in Epping. After I parked up, I walked through the park where Epping's third team were preparing for a Essex Junior Cup tie with Alemite Athletic reserves. Epping play on the pitch previously used by Epping Town when they were in the Isthmian League. There is still some terracing left and a useful bit of standing accommodation has been erected on part of this. The complex has no facilities for refreshments prior to the game but is open after the game for post-match refreshments. Graham Sly the vice chairman produces programmes for all first team games and an excellent publication it is too. It is given away free to all spectators on the day.

The game was very one sided with Epping taking control from the off. Two goals up after twenty minutes the home dominated the play but couldn't add to the score line before half time. Chipperfield improved in the second half and created some scoring chances for themselves. The home side, despite not enjoying the dominance of the first period, still looked dangerous on most attacks and scored three more to make this an emphatic win.

Plenty of time then to make my way to Rye House for my final speedway of the season and a good 54-42 (but may not be big enough for the second leg) victory over the Workington Comets in the Jack Young Shield Final.

FGIF Match Rating: 3*.

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