

TT No.54: Bob Davies - Sat 18th September 2010; **Cuffley** v Harpenden Rovers; Herts Sen County League Prem; Venue: King George V Playing Fields, Northaw Rd East, Cuffley, Herts, EN6 4RD; Score: 1-3; Admission: None; Programme: Free from bar (4 pages); Match rating: 4*.

After an early morning start on the return from my holiday in Weymouth, a local game coupled with speedway at Rye House became my preference. I hadn't visited Cuffley for many years and certainly not got a programme from the club.

Probably the easiest way to get to the ground is turning right at the B198 roundabout just past Cheshunt FC on the A10 heading south towards the M25. At the next roundabout turn left onto the B156 and continue on this road passing through Goffs Oak and past Cuffley Station towards Potters Bar. The entrance to ground is on the left just past some tennis courts.

Cuffley F.C. also has one of the most unusual nicknames in local football circles that being the Zeppelins or Zep's for short. The name emanates from the fact that the village of Cuffley was the scene of the first ever downing of a German airship during World War One.

All the club's facilities are situated with the one building including a clean and tidy bar. I made this my first port of call and picked up a very colourful 4-page programme that the club issue on a match day. The pitch is fully railed but cover for spectators is very limited for a visit on an inclement day!

The game saw visitors, the promoted Harpenden Rovers, take a two goal through Stuart Love, maximising their two chances of a competitive first half. The second half saw Rovers extend their lead with a stunning strike from Denys Ryan. Despite grabbing a goal back late in the game this was to be only a consolation for the home side.

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