

TT No.57: Keith Aslan - Saturday October 1st 2011; KO: 14.32; Llanrhaeadr v Holyhead Hotspur; Welsh Cup; Result: 1-6; Admission and Programme: £5; Attendance: 79 (48 home, 28 away & 3 neutral).

I had to beg a lift for this one as the catchily named village of Llanrhaeadr-Ym-Mochrant isn't exactly a hub for public transport, which given its remote location is hardly surprising. There is a bus from Oswestry that stops right outside the ground at 14.10 which is just about OK for a 2.30pm kick off but after the match the next bus out of the village is 10 past 7 on Monday morning (a bit too long to wait I thought)!

The programme has a very eye-catching photograph of the nearby waterfall on its cover. Locals claim it to be the biggest waterfall in Europe which I very much doubt. If today's effort was the usual print run you won't have to worry about them running out. Also, the ladies team issue for all games and they play on a Sunday which would present a very enjoyable weekend in this most beautiful part of the world.

The ground is, for want of a better word, lovely. With the Welsh hills as a backdrop the ground is fully enclosed and railed off with a car park behind the goal. The main building along the touchline contains the dressing rooms and the all-important tea bar (the cheese and onion rolls were the groundhoppers choice) and next to it is a small *Atcost* stand, presumably a recent addition, to comply with Cymru Alliance ground grading rules. Altogether a delightful setting to watch your football.

The game kicked off 32 minutes late as the Holyhead coach got held up. It took three and a half hours for it to make the journey which is slightly longer than it took us to travel from London. The game itself was quite entertaining if a little one sided with the home team now able to concentrate on improving their league position. All in all, a terrific day out on what was the hottest October day since records began. I would imagine the village of Llanrhaeadr would look picturesque no matter what the weather.