

TT No.83: *Andy Molden* - Sat 5th January 2013; **Heyford United** v Dorchester FC; John Fathers Oxfordshire Junior Shield 4th Round; Result: 0-3; Attendance: 5.

With most of my choices of new grounds still waterlogged I stayed close to home and ventured to Upper Heyford, most (in)famous for its former USA Airbase. The village itself is perched high on a hill overlooking the Cherwell Valley and beyond onto the Cotswolds.

Heyford are joint top of the second division (Division One) of the Banbury District & Lord Jersey League, one division below Southern League strugglers Woodford United's 3rd XI. So, they are at Step 10 of the Pyramid. While visitors Dorchester FC are 4th in Division Two of the North Berks League which is Step 8 - don't tell the Oxfordshire Football Association but by their rules Step 8 should play in the Oxfordshire Intermediate Cup.

The visitors scored early doors and to be fair were just a little bit better than Heyford. Dorchester made it 2-0 midway through the 2nd half, the homesters missed a penalty. The Dorchester manager came on as sub and scored straight away to seal the tie and Dorchester's passage into the Quarter Finals. A good game to watch.

A new ground for me. Those who like a drink would have venture 25 yards from the ground to the local Barley Mow Pub. You can also drive through the old airbase which is quite interesting in itself and the local village shop is located in a 1960's American type building which inside looks like a typical store you would see in a 1970's American imported TV show. Upper Heyford is just a mile or two away from Lower Heyford which has a station on the Cherwell Valley Line - Oxford to Birmingham in old money. Lower Heyford also has a Wharf on the Oxford to Birmingham Canal. Lower play in the top division of the BD&LJ.