

TT No.86: Mike Latham - Wednesday 2 April 2014: Welsh National League (Wrexham Area) Premier Division: **Brickfield Rangers** 1-1 Penyffordd; Admission: By donation; Programme: None; Attendance: 55 (h/c).

Thanks to the estimable Steve Broughton for posting a few months ago on the Tony Kempster site that Brickfield have now moved from Court Road to their own ground off Homestead Lane opposite Clywedog College in Wrexham, I was able to get in another tick in this league. Rangers' old ground is still shown on the league website which is usually reliable.

Rangers' new ground, known as Clywedog Park is easy to reach for the motorist off the A483 when heading from the North, taking the first major turn (the Ruthin Road) after Mold Road (Wrexham FC). Instead of turning towards Ruthin, follow the Wrexham Road and Homestead Lane is the first major right. There is plenty of parking on the college car park.

The club officials are very friendly and welcoming to groundhoppers. They have a clubhouse behind the nearside goal with a tea bar and hope to have the dressing rooms here next season (at the moment the players change in the college). They have spent around £45,000 on the ground so far and it is neatly railed with a good playing surface. A banking alongside the near touchline and behind the far goal gives it a bit of an enclosed feel. Considering it is so close to the town centre there are some good sweeping views.

Several hoppers were in attendance and the famous Lollipop Man accompanied me on this cross-border raid. The game, which kicked off at 6-15pm prompt ended in the gloaming just before 8pm after a short half-time. The young referee did well, I thought. In truth, it wasn't the greatest game but as usual from this league there was plenty of hard endeavour and commitment. I'd recommend a visit here and it will be interesting to see how the ground develops. Brickfield run over 20 teams and are a fantastic example of a community club, I wish them well.

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