

**TT No. 133:** *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018; **Maesgwyn** v Cefn Mawr Rangers; Welsh National League (Wrexham Area) Division One; Result: 2-1; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 7 h/c

At last, blazing sunshine, and no need to hunt out a 3G pitch for my afternoon's fix. Today was a trip to Wrexham and a visit to the Maesgwyn area of town.

Maesgwyn FC have returned to their roots for this season. Their ground is based at the end of Lilac Way in Wrexham and is exactly opposite Wrexham FC who are on the other side of the Mold Road from Lilac Way. Helpfully the club have put a brief history on the public notice boards at either end of the ground, and from this I learned that they have been playing at any ground that would have them for the last few years after their pitch was deemed too short. Extensive works have now been completed to extend the pitch length so they are delighted to be able to return home again.

Today's match saw the visit of Cefn Mawr Rangers for a match that meant little to either club really. Only one club played with an end of season feeling though as Maesgwyn set off at full pelt and took the lead after just 3 minutes following some shambolic defending from the Rangers. It was all a bit soporific for the rest of the first half and carried on that way in the second, until Maesgwyn were awarded a penalty on 70 minutes, which was put away with aplomb. That finally woke Rangers up, and they started to play a bit. They pulled one back on 73 minutes and I fully expected them to get an equaliser soon after. They didn't though, and despite hitting the post and bar they just couldn't score.

At the start of the game I reckoned about 6 people were actually watching it. Being in a public park, people were coming and going throughout, stopping to watch for a few minutes whilst taking a reluctant Fido out for his afternoon walk, or drinking copious cans of lager under a nearby shady tree. All very relaxed though and yet another excellent afternoon out for me.