

**TT No. 136:** *Brian Buck* - Saturday 5th May 2018; **Great Missenden** v Prestwood; Wycombe & District League Senior Division; Kick-Off: 2pm; Result: 3-3; Attendance: 30 approx.

Then it was off to the delightful village of Great Missenden, which would have been slightly better had there not been a fayre going on at the same time as the football was taking place. I was there early enough to visit the nearest pub which thinks itself clever for charging me £18 for two pints of cider and some meal consisting of a few tentacles of squid, a spring onion, what looked like some handful of grass (possibly freshly mown from the pitch I was about to watch football on) and some olive oil (perhaps) dressing. I calculated that not only did it cost me about £2.50 a minute for the three minutes it took me to eat it, but also that the squid it came from is probably still alive!

Back at the ground and to me the pitch was one of the most badly marked out I have ever seen. Lines weren't straight and the angles seemed to be wrong. But it was the same for both sides. This was a top of the table clash in this six-team league. They play each other three times. Had Great Missenden won today they would have won the league, but as they drew then Prestwood would win it if they won their remaining game. I watched the game from the comfort of my garden chair and things started well for Prestwood and they took the lead on 73 seconds and doubled it on 10 minutes, despite one of their own players lying injured. But goals on 14 and 18 minutes, saw Missenden get back into the match. This was turning out to be an exciting game and was worthy of being called a top of the table clash. Then just before half time the visitors regained the lead. However, the hosts equalised four minutes into the restart. They were never quite good enough to get the winner though. As the second half wore on so both sides tired and took their frustrations out on the ref a bit. But he looked an ex-RAF type to me, so it was no good trying to fly off the handle with him around. Overall a good afternoon here, with some good football played, but get a bank loan if you decide to dine out here!