

**TT No.64:** *Steve Hardy* - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018; **Wirksworth Town** v Holbrook St Michaels Reserves; Central Midlands League Division One South; Kick-Off: 2.00pm; Result: 6-0; Admission: Free; Programme: No; Attendance: 5 h/c

Match two today, meant a slow drive up into the beautiful Derbyshire Dales, to the lovely town of Wirksworth. For such a small town, it is perhaps a surprise that there are two Central Midland league clubs based here, with Ivanhoe also scheduled to be at home today, although I see their game was actually postponed.

Town play at the rear of the Anthony Gell School, although the changing rooms etc are in the Wirksworth Leisure Centre on the same site. The venue has a couple of adult pitches, plus one small school's pitch and a floodlit 3G pitch in a cage. There were several hockey matches on this pitch today, with three games being played one after the other.

Town's pitch is roped off before each game, but they have no spectator facilities at all. I did see people coming back after half-time with cups of coffee though, so they were presumably available from the Leisure Centre.

Just like my morning match, this was one-way traffic from start to finish. Holbrook Stiffs tried very hard though and I thought 6-0 was a bit harsh on them. 3-0 at the break with the highlight of the second half being an old steam train with several vintage coaches, chugging past the ground on the adjacent railway track. I didn't see any normal trains go past though, so perhaps this line is not in service any more.

So, all in all, another top day out with either 16 or 17 goals to savour as well.

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