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TT No.20: Steve Hardy - Saturday 24th August 2019; **Llanymynech** v Newtown Wanderers; Montgomeryshire League Division Two; Kick-Off: 2.30pm; Result: 0-2; Admission: Free, Programme: No; Attendance: 8 H/C

Match two today was a 20-mile drive from Shrewsbury into Wales, and the beautiful village of Llanymynech. It was a close-run thing though as the village is only 'dwy fodfedd' across the border and only just in Wales.

The club plays on Station Road in Llanymynech and behind the village hall. No spectator facilities at all of course, just an un-roped pitch in the local park. I suspect the railway has long gone too as there is nothing shown on the local map in front of the village hall.

The Montgomeryshire League is not part of the Welsh Pyramid and consists mainly of Reserve teams. My match was in Division two of the league and featured two first teams, both of whom had made a decent start to this fledgling season. After my goalless draw this morning, I was delighted when the visitors scored after less than a minute and sat back to await the expected deluge of goals. Fat chance! I must have caught the home team on a bad day, as they were shocking. Passes went astray, shots on goal headed across the English border, and they seemed to play the whole game in a state of lethargy which they seemed unable to break. Newtown, on the other hand, couldn't believe their luck. They stuck to their limited game plan and scored a second before the end to round off a very easy 2-0 win.

As with just about everywhere else in the country, it was absolutely roasting today, and I spent the game watching from any available shady spot to avoid melting. I don't 'do' heat so found all the shady trees an absolute bonus.

A perfect day was rounded off when Sarah Satnav and I discovered the A5 was closed in Shrewsbury, and we had to follow diversion signs that seemed to take us in totally the wrong direction. Still, Sarah has always wanted to visit Carlisle.

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