

**TT No.7: *Brian Buck*** - Saturday 20th July 2019; **Ongar Town** v Buckhurst Hill; Friendly Match; Venue: played at Fyfield Village Hall; Kick-Off: 2.30pm; Result: 1-5; Attendance: 25 approx.

After my previous game had finished it took me about an hour to get to my other match today. Time for some unhurried refreshments in the nearby pub, but no time to sample their tasty looking food, which judging by the menu looked as though it was going to cost me about a pound a mouthful. My fault for having such a big mouth I suppose! Back at the ground the main car park was full so, with permission, I parked in the adjacent Scout Hut car park instead. I'd seen a game on Ongar Town's proper ground, which is a few miles south of Fyfield, but that was so long ago that you could still get a Central Line tube train to and from the ground.

Fyfield's ground is quite a nice venue for football. The modern and spacious looking village hall flanked the football pitch, which was very green and flat. There were no spectator facilities inside the hall, except for toilets and somewhere to sit if you wanted to, but no one did. Most people sat around the various trestle tables, mainly to get out of the sun, which by now was becoming very warm. This was apart from one couple, who arrived late and decided to roam around in front of everyone else, blocking all of our views from time to time. Their very young son even ran onto the pitch twice! Eventually the father blocked my view of one of the goals. I politely asked him to shift his bum, which he did immediately. But within ten minutes the three of them had disappeared. For some strange reason this was a 3 x 35 minutes match. Buckhurst Hill were easily the better side, but perhaps not quite by the margin they won by. They were also the side that gave the ref the most hassle, causing him to sin bin one of them at one point!

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