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We commence News Bulletin No 5 to bring you **Brian Buck's Travellers Tale** of his recent visits to take in Pre-season friendly games at Sandy and Blunham.

44. (9,794) Monday 16th August 2010. Sandy 4 Embankment 1 (Friendly Match) att 20 approx. Although Embankment are a Beds Sunday League side, I don't know where they play. Someone said they change at Charing Cross! They also appeared at Bedford Road almost exactly a year ago, when on a very wet night Embankment were overflowing with goals on an almost waterlogged pitch and they beat Sandy Reserves 4-2. This year Sandy decided to put their first team out! I'd seen them get well beaten by Baldock Town Letchworth Reserves on the previous Monday, although to be fair to Sandy there were quite a few first team players in that side. So it was that as bad as they looked in that match the opposite applied tonight and with four goals in the opening 27 minutes, through Haines, Seward, Baker and player manager Hammett, Sandy looked a very useful side. Embankment though didn't offer that much of a threat and after they conceded these goals their chances of winning the match went down the tube! Although they played the match in a good spirit they didn't seem that concerned when they shipped these goals and to them it was more of a training game. Having said that they did apply themselves more effectively after the break and on 59 minutes they pulled a goal back. Gradually Sandy eased their way back into control and although they were not to find the net anymore during the game I suspect that they were well pleased with this improved performance tonight

47. (9,797) Thursday 19th August 2010. Blunham Reserves 1 Dunton Reserves 0 (Friendly Match) (Played at Moggerhanger United (Defunct)) att 10 approx. When I picked up the Beds County League Press & Media Secretary Peter Francis to take him to this match, I had something of a shock, or I could have done! He asked me to take some 'electric' fencing for Blunham to use with me! Anyway this was basically a poor match played out on a wet night and for the most part we watched it from under the adjacent trees. They are playing on a new pitch within the same complex this season, to give them a bigger playing area, but to me it looks smaller than last seasons pitch. Plus side is that this pitch is further from the adjacent church yard so you should now be able to tell the difference between the stiffs therein and those playing more easily! However tonights pitch had two halfway lines, some distance apart, until the rain washed one of them away and then the other. Not a lot happened in this match although when one Dunton player was given offside it was claimed that his gut was offside but his arse wasn't! The first half saw Dunton slightly in control but neither side looked like scoring. In fact the most uplifting moment came when a Dunton sub picked up a female fan and put her over his shoulder! On 48

minutes Blunham got the only goal of the game. After this the football improved a bit but Dunton still looked the better side.

Action Round-Up from Saturday 11th September 2010

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

With morning league leaders Renhold United sitting the afternoon out, Blunham took full advantage to move back onto the top of the league table with a 3-0 home win over AFC Kempston Town, Andy Smith doing all the damage with a hat-trick.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 11th September

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blunham	4	3	0	1	17	6	11	9
2	Oakley Sports	4	3	0	1	10	10	0	9
3	Renhold United	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
4	Wilshamstead	4	2	1	1	11	9	2	7
5	Shefford Town & Campton	3	2	0	1	11	6	5	6
6	Leighton United	3	2	0	1	9	5	4	6
7	Woburn	4	2	0	2	9	9	0	6
8	Dunton	4	2	0	2	10	17	-7	6
9	Arlesey Town Reserves	3	1	1	1	9	10	-1	4
10	AFC Kempston Town	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4
11	Caldecote	3	1	0	2	5	6	-1	3
12	Flitwick Town	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
13	Southill Alexander	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
14	Biggleswade United Reserves	2	0	0	2	4	6	-2	0
15	Sharnbrook	4	0	0	4	5	13	-8	0

Also jumping above United in the league standings are Oakley Sports, 4-2 away winners at Woburn, two goals from Liam Brown plus strikes from Jamie Endersby and Sam Watkins only being replied to by Alex Otterway and Aaron Ripley.

Up into fourth spot are Wilshamstead, who won 3-2 at Sharnbrook to ensure the home club remained on the bottom of the league table. Colin Marshall striking twice and Kevin Butler once against home replies from Alex and Ian Strange.

For Shefford Town & Campton, it was an end to their seasons 100% record when beaten 3-1 at Caldecote, Russel Kemp from the penalty spot shooting Caldecote ahead after just five minutes until Adam Larsen levelled matters just before the half-hour mark. However, a brace of goals from Jack Gabbitas saw the home side lead 3-1 by the interval, which was to become the final scoreline after Kemp had his second penalty of the afternoon saved by visiting goalkeeper Gary Cullerton in the second period.

Moving up into sixth slot in the league standings are Leighton United, 1-0 home winners over Southill Alexander, thanks to a 20th minute goal from Ben Wallington.

There was drama a plenty at Steppingley Road before hosts Flitwick Town claimed a 4-1 victory over Dunton. Town's Mark Bartlett being red carded in the 20th minute for a handball offence which gave Dunton the lead via a Lawrence Boshier penalty. Yet by half-time, Town with a penalty success from Martin Byrne, were level until second half goals from Richard Davison, Richard Bevan and Steve Parkhouse took them to the full three points.

Division One

Bedford Hatters maintained their seasons 100% record to remain on the top of the Division One table with a 3-1 home win over Bedford Sports Athletic. Scott Alleyne, Dean Lebrecht and Aran Izzard all scoring in the opening half before they conceded their first goal of the season when Ashley Mead netted for the visitors 10 minutes into the new period.

Division One League Table at 11th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bedford Hatters	4	4	0	0	15	1	14	12
2	Potton Wanderers	3	3	0	0	17	4	13	9
3	Marston Shelton Rovers	3	3	0	0	10	2	8	9
4	Blunham Reserves	3	2	0	1	17	6	11	6
5	Meltis Albion	3	2	0	1	10	3	7	6
6	Henlow	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
7	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
8	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
9	FC Meppershall	3	1	0	2	5	10	-5	3
10	Sandy	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
11	Bedford S.A.	3	1	0	2	6	12	-6	3
12	Caldecote Reserves	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
13	Marston Social	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
14	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	2	0	0	2	5	10	-5	0
15	Brache Sparta Community Reserves	2	0	0	2	0	21	-21	0

Meantime, Potton Wanderers were also keeping up their 100% start to the season to jump up into second spot with a 6-2 win at Luton Old Boys, goals from Ashley Wadhams and Michael O'Hanlon failing to save the home side.

In third spot now are Marston Shelton Rovers after they maintained their own 100% record and ended Blunham Reserves perfect start to the campaign with a thumping 6-1 home win. Gibran Pirbhai with a brace plus a Lee Dudley penalty and strikes from Charlie Standish, Aaron Franks and Ali Porter-Harris only being replied to by Gary Fil.

Up now into fifth spot are Meltis Albion, 2-1 away winners at AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Darren Ashpole and James Pickard shooting them 2-0 ahead in the opening half before Town's Greg Etheridge reduced the arrears on the hour mark.

Also winning away from home and now up into the top six of the standings are Henlow, 3-2 victors at FC Meppershall. Glen Clark and Adam Cavell giving them a 2-0 lead at the break before a brace of goals from Danny Wing levelled matters at 2-2. Yet it was to be Henlow's day when Steve Bennett hit the winner right on the final whistle.

The sixth and final game of the day in this section also going to the visitors, with a 2-0 win for Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves at Sandy, Rob Gaylor with a brace doing all the damage.

Division Two

The story of the day in Division Three saw wins for all of the leading three clubs to leave the league standings unaltered. Leaders Arlesey Social Galacticos with two goals from Jon Rowe and strikes from Lee Shambrook and Sean Lloyd against home replies from Harry Ellis and Dave McCarthy winning 4-2 at Elstow Abbey. Whilst second place Clifton triumphed 2-1 at Kempston Hammers Sports, goals from Paul Rowe and Toby McNaught only being reduced by an own goal for The Hammers.

For third place Queens Park Crescents, it was a 3-2 home win over Stopsley Park. Mohammed Zahar netting twice and Imran Kahn once against a Park brace in reply from James Smart.

Division Two League Table at 11th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Arlesey Social Galacticos	4	3	1	0	16	9	7	10
2	Clifton	4	3	1	0	16	12	4	10
3	Queens Park Crescents	4	3	1	0	9	6	3	10
4	Lidlington United Sports	3	2	1	0	9	7	2	7
5	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	4	2	1	1	8	10	-2	7
6	Elstow Abbey 06	4	2	0	2	14	7	7	6
7	Great Barford	4	2	0	2	9	8	1	6
8	Bromham United	4	2	0	2	11	13	-2	6
9	Westoning Recreation Club	3	1	1	1	9	5	4	4
10	Lea Sports PSG	3	1	1	1	7	6	1	4
11	Harpur FC	4	1	1	2	12	16	-4	4
12	Stopsley Park	4	1	0	3	13	12	1	3
13	Marabese Ceramics	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
14	Kings AFC	2	0	0	2	3	7	-4	0
15	Kempston Hammers Sports	3	0	0	3	4	13	-9	0
16	Stevington	4	0	0	4	2	11	-9	0

Up into fourth place now and still unbeaten for the season are Lidlington United Sports, 2-1 home winners over Stevington. Jonathon Smith netting both of United's goals against a lone reply from Gary Armstrong.

In fifth spot now are Shefford Town & Campton Reserves, 1-0 home winners over Marabese Ceramics thanks to a Paul Still goal just 10 minutes from time.

Enjoying a return to winning ways were Bromham United, 3-2 home winners over Great Barford. Sam Jones with a brace plus a goal from Adam Cranny outscoring a brace in reply from Daniel Stafford.

Elsewhere, Kings AFC are still looking for their opening win of the campaign after goals from Rowan Hazelwood and Josh Clements could not save them from a 2-5 home defeat at the hands of Harpur FC.

The final game of the day in this section ending all square at 1-1 between Westoning Recreation Club and Lea Sports. Alex Barnwell on target for The Rec Boys against a reply from Meshach Hendrickson.

Division Three

League Leaders Pavenham made it four wins out of four with a 5-1 home success over Caldecote A. Michael Bates with a hat-trick plus goals from John Coles and Luke Owen only being replied to by Neil Giles.

For second place M & DH Oakley, it was also a retention of their seasons 100% record from three games played, when netting a 6-1 home victory over Co-Op Sports. Jamie Underwood with a hat-trick, Scott Rothery with a brace and a single strike from Adam Emms only being replied to by Ross Giffin.

Division Three League Table at 11th September 2010

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	4	4	0	0	22	1	21	12
2	M & DH Oakley	3	3	0	0	14	1	13	9
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	3	3	0	0	7	3	4	9
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	4	2	2	0	15	6	9	8
5	Flitwick Town Reserves	2	1	1	0	5	4	1	4
6	Co-op Sports	4	1	1	2	8	10	-2	4
7	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	1	1	0	0	7	1	6	3
8	Renhold Village	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
9	Caldecote 'A'	3	1	0	2	6	8	-2	3
10	Royal Oak Kempston	3	0	1	2	5	9	-4	1
11	Cranfield United Reserves	2	0	1	1	0	4	-4	1
12	Wilshamstead Reserves	3	0	1	2	4	13	-9	1
13	Riseley Sports	3	0	1	2	0	11	-11	1
14	Dunton Reserves	3	0	0	3	1	11	-10	0
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	2	0	0	2	1	14	-13	0

The biggest win of the day however in this Division belonged to Sundon Park Rangers, 7-0 home winners over Shefford Town & Campton A. Sam Chapman with a hat-trick, Luke Evans with a brace plus goals from Nicky Buttigieg and Matty Conway doing the damage.

The lone away winners of the day were Flitwick Town Reserves, retaining their seasons unbeaten record with a 2-1 victory at Dunton Reserves. Grant Archer from the

penalty spot plus Stuart Harvey on target for The Town against a home reply from Nicky Albone.

The final game of the day in this section seeing both Wilshamstead Reserves and Royal Oak Kempston gain their first point of the season in a 3-3 stalemate. Neil Greig twice and Marcus Tomlin on the scoresheet for the home side against a hat-trick in reply from Oak's Lorzeno Jordan.

Division Four

Leading the way still at the head of the Division Four league table and with a seasons 100% perfect record are Goldington, 5-2 home winners over Thurleigh. Braces of goals from Karl Anderson and Kerion Bridger plus a strike from Damien Quigley only being replied to by Daniel Newton and Colin Marshall.

In second spot and still with their own 100 % record for the season are AFC Turvey, 8-0 away winners at Kempston Athletic. Saimir Guri leading the way with a hat-trick, Mark Allen netting twice to go alongside single strikes from Andrew Wren, Rajan Kalyan and Chris Winton.

Division Four League Table at 11th September 2010.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	4	4	0	0	22	1	21	12
2	M & DH Oakley	3	3	0	0	14	1	13	9
3	Sharnbrook Reserves	3	3	0	0	7	3	4	9
4	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	4	2	2	0	15	6	9	8
5	Flitwick Town Reserves	2	1	1	0	5	4	1	4
6	Co-op Sports	4	1	1	2	8	10	-2	4
7	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	1	1	0	0	7	1	6	3
8	Renhold Village	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
9	Caldecote 'A'	3	1	0	2	6	8	-2	3
10	Royal Oak Kempston	3	0	1	2	5	9	-4	1
11	Cranfield United Reserves	2	0	1	1	0	4	-4	1
12	Wilshamstead Reserves	3	0	1	2	4	13	-9	1
13	Riseley Sports	3	0	1	2	0	11	-11	1
14	Dunton Reserves	3	0	0	3	1	11	-10	0
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	2	0	0	2	1	14	-13	0

For third place Eastcotts, it was an end to their seasons perfect record when beaten 1-0 at Potton Town, Sam Barham netting the vital goal on the half-hour mark.

Also losing their 100% record for the campaign were Clifton Reserves, beaten 6-1 at Goldington Hammers. Jamie Mercurio on target four times alongside Jimmy Jacob and James Travis.

For Dinamo Flitwick, it was a first win of the season, 5-2 at home over Bedford Park Rangers. Mark Funnell with a brace plus Ali Inwood, Scott Hannam and Simon Norman on target against Rangers replies from Shaun Finlay and Roy Murnane.

Also enjoying their first win of the season were Stewartby Village, 4-1 home winners over Wootton Villlage. Ben Sparks with a brace plus goals from Matt Bennett-Cook and Michael Cook only being replied to by a strike from Adam Flynn.

Preview Saturday 18th September 2010

With Premier Division supported by Sportsform league leaders Blunham sitting the afternoon out, Oakley Sports will jump above them onto to the top of the table should they come up with the full three points from their home clash with Biggleswade United Reserves.

Any slip up however by The Sportsmen would give both Renhold United and Wilshamstead the chance to reach the summit come 5pm. United making their way to The Carlsberg Stadium to face Southill Alexander, whilst Wilshamstead will be in home Houghton Conquest Playing Field action against Woburn.

For Shefford Town & Campton following their first slip up of the season at Caldecote, it's a chance to make amends when Flitwick Town come calling on them at Rectory Road. While Caldecote head to Hillgrounds to take on AFC Kempston Town.

The final game of the day in this section comes at Horseshoes Close, where Dunton host Leighton United.

The game of the day in Division One should come at Mill Lane, with a clash between second place hosts Potton Wanderers and the visiting league leaders Bedford Hatters.

For third place Marston Shelton Rovers, it's a trip on the road as they head for a Mowsbury Park outing against FC Meppershall. Whilst Blunham Reserves look to repair the damage of their defeat at The Rovers hands last weekend when they host AFC Kempston Town Reserves at their Moggerhanger Playing Fields headquarters.

Over at Miller Road, Meltis Albion will be in home action against a Luton Old Boys side that travels in search of their seasons opening point. A comment that also applies to both Marston Social and Brache Sparta Community Reserves who take each other on at Marston Playing Fields.

The days other action in this section coming in the shape of a local derby at Bedford Road Recreation Ground between hosts Sandy and Henlow and a Hillgrounds encounter between Bedford Sports Athletic and Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves.

In Division Two, the clash of the day could well come at Arlesey Recreation Ground where league leaders Arlesey Social Galacticos take on unbeaten fourth place visitors Lidlington United Sports.

Any slip up by The Social would give both Clifton and Queens Park Crescents the chance to claim top spot by Saturday evening with wins from their own games. Clifton in home Whiston Crescent action against Great Barford, whilst The Crescents host Kempston Hammers Sports in Mowsbury Park, Hammers travel in search of their opening league point of the season.

Other than The Hammers, just Stevington and Kings AFC are yet to get points on the board for the season, that will of course change this weekend when they meet each other in a game that Stevington host.

For Bromham United, it's a tough looking home encounter with Elstow Abbey. Whilst Harpur FC will not find it easy to collect the three home points on offer when Shefford Town & Campton Reserves call upon them at The Bedford Hockey Centre.

The days other action in this section coming at Groveside, the venue for Marabese Ceramics home clash with Lea Sports PSG and at Greenfield Road, where Westoning Recreation Club host Stopsley Park.

In Division Three, league leaders Pavenham perhaps face their toughest test of the season to date, when they travel to Steppingley Road to take on unbeaten fifth place Flitwick Town Reserves. Whilst second place M& DH Oakley also hit the road, heading to Harvey Close and a meeting with Caldecote A.

The game of the day however in this Division looks to be the Lodge Road encounter between third place and still 100% for the season Sharnbrook Reserves and their unbeaten fourth place visitors Sundon Park Rangers.

Down at the other end of the table, Shefford Town & Campton A host Dunton Reserves at Digswell Playing Fields, where both teams will be looking for their first point/points of the season.

Elsewhere, Hillgrounds is the venue for Royal Oak Kempston home encounter with Westoning Recreation Club Reserves. The Rec Boys, still with a 100% record for the season albeit from just one outing. Whilst Renhold Village are in home Renhold Playing Field action against a yet to win this season Wilshamstead Reserves.

The final game of the day in this section, taking place at Crawley Road, the venue for Cranfield United Reserves home clash with Co-Op Sports.

In Division Four, league leaders Goldington will be expecting to add another three points to their tally when they journey to face a Wootton Village side that has yet to open it's account point wise for the season, a comment that also applies to second place AFC Turvey who will be in home Stonefields action against Potton Town.

For Eastcotts, it's a chance to return to winning ways when they host Stewartby Village at Hillgrounds, plus Clifton Reserves will be thinking likewise as they head to Keysoe Road and a meeting with Thurleigh.

Elsewhere, bottom of the table Kempston Athletic, still without a goal this season, never mind a point, hit the road across town to Mowsbury Park to face Bedford Park Rangers. Whilst Lea Sports PSG Reserves also search for their opening point of the campaign when Dinamo Flitwick call upon them at Pirton Recreation Ground.

The final game of the day in this section, being a Hillgrounds encounter between hosts Goldington Hammers and visitors Sandy Reserves.

