



During the first month of the academic year I had the pleasure of meeting many parents and carers of both existing Glyn students (at our year specific Information Evenings) and of prospective parents and carers at our Open Evening. There is clearly no one attribute that defines Glyn or any other school. Those of you who attended the Year 10 and 11 Information Evenings may recall me talking of my belief that Glyn is such a special place thanks to its outstanding students, committed staff and families. Crucially, it is the strength of the partnerships that exist between the school and families, and indeed the wider community, that for me lie at the heart of why Glyn is the remarkable school that it is.

There are countless examples of families quietly demonstrating commitment to the school and the richness of the experience that their sons and daughters have on offer. If you are yet to experience Saturday morning fixtures at Priest Hill, for instance, I urge you to pay a visit one morning - although the support on offer is often of the more vocal variety! We have been lucky with the weather lately, but Priest Hill has something of a *breezy* reputation, especially as we move through the autumn fixture list into winter.

Last Friday evening Mr Wheatley and I were joined by a number of staff, parents and carers and several hundred Glyn and Rosebery students from Years 7 and 8 at the first of our regular school discos. These events are run by our tirelessly supportive parents from the Glyn PSA, who last year were able to raise an incredible figure in excess of £25,000 to support the provision of resources for a wide range of areas of school life. More details of the work of the PSA and how you can help support their work are available later in this newsletter.

Please also be sure to read this week's article from Miss Owen, our Head of Food Technology, whose passion for the subject and its potential to genuinely impact all of our lives for the better is clear to see. Miss Owen writes of yet another opportunity for the wider Glyn community to come together in support of our students and I hope that you are able to take the time to 'do your bit'.

Mr Duffield, Deputy Headteacher



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**Dates
for
Your
Diary**

Friday 2 October - Year 9 to 11 CCF late night exercise at CLFS 1.00pm to 10.00pm
Saturday 3 October - Year 7 to 13 English Schools` Swimming Gala, Leeds, 8am departure
Tuesday 6 October - Sixth Form Drama visit to `The Merchant of Venice`, Luton, 10.15am to 5.30pm
Wednesday 7 October - Sixth Form Gold Duke of Edinburgh assessed and practice expedition to Brecon Beacons, departing 8.30am - returning Sunday 11 October
Wednesday 7 October - Sixth Form Art galleries visit to London, 8.30am to 3.00pm
Wednesday 7 October - Year 9 to 13 Drama theatre company visit school 1.00pm to 3.30pm
Friday 9 October - Staff Training Day. School closed for all students.
Monday 5 - Thursday 9 October - Open Mornings for prospective Year 7 students in September 2016
Wednesday 14 October - Years 10 to 13 Upper School Concert in Canteen from 5.00pm



Visit from our Partner School in Ghana!

I am delighted to let you know that, from Monday 19 - Friday 23 October, we will be hosting two teachers from our Partner School in Ghana. They will be travelling all the way from the Philip Quaake School in Ghana to visit Glyn!

This visit is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the links we already have with our Partner School and to develop the curriculum projects that we are participating in. For example, what better way to learn about the impact of the slave trade when studying Year 8 History than from students in a school a stone's throw from one of the best preserved colonial slave forts on the West Coast of Africa?

Would You Like to Host our Visitors for an Evening?

If there are any families or members of the Glyn community who would like to be involved in the visit in any way, perhaps by hosting the two visitors for dinner one evening, please let me know by emailing me at butlere@glynschool.org. Our visitors will be staying in a hotel in the local area, but it would be wonderful to show them the full extent of the Glyn community.

Please contact me if you would like more information or would like to be involved in the visit in any way.

Reminder - House Music Competition Auditions!

Auditions for House Music Competition will take place from Monday 5 October. Students should check the noticeboard in the Music department for their audition times. Each day's auditions will also be included in the Daily Notices during Form Time. Make sure you know when to attend your audition!

The final of the House Music Competition will be held on Wednesday 21 October at 7pm in The Proctor Hall.

If you have any questions, please see a member of staff in the Music department. Thank you.

Mr Houlston, Head of Music, Extra Curricular



The Fight to Save A Level Food Technology

In September this year, I joined Glyn School as Head of Food Technology and so far I have been humbled by the positive perception that staff, students and families have of the subject within the school. With a strong passion for food education, my desire is to enthuse students about food so that they lead healthier and more fulfilled lives. In my role, I also want to be able to encourage students to study Food Technology at GCSE, A Level and even degree level so that they can build high level practical skills and a deeper understanding of nutrition and the science behind food, with this potentially leading them to embark on a career in the food industry.



The Government's announcement at the end of the summer term to abolish the study of Food Technology at A Level was therefore hugely disappointing, and one which the food teacher community is determined to protest. Without Food Technology as an A Level option, there will be a diminishing number of food teachers to educate the younger generations of society in the future, which will be tragic for reversing the decline in culinary skills that has been seen in recent years. There will also be a likely decline in the number of students opting to study degree courses such as Nutrition and Dietetics at university, which will ultimately hinder efforts currently being made to reduce diet-related health conditions that are growing ever prominent in our society.

On Saturday 26 September, I was invited into BBC Radio Gloucestershire to discuss the potential cull of A Level Food Technology. You can listen to the radio show in which I featured here, with the story covered from 2:07:10 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03202qc>. I have also written a blog about why I think the subject is so important - <http://blog.nutritionprogram.co.uk/2015/07/29/the-education-food-fight-save-a-level-food-tech-by-megan-owen/>.

If you agree with my comments, please join the fight to save food education at A Level by signing an online petition that has been set up by a fellow Food Technology teacher - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/106956>. If the petition reaches 10,000 signatures the government will respond to the petition. Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss M Owen, Head of Food Technology

This Week We Hear From Derby House...

We are now four weeks into the new school year, with The Chaloner Building officially opened, new members of staff, new Headteacher and the start of the new data system, Insight. With all of these new changes it has been great to see such a positive and enthusiastic start; lessons have been buzzing with outstanding teaching and engaged students.



There have been over 7500 achievement points awarded to the students already. I would like to give a special mention to those leading the Achievement points score board: George Alford, Ethan Winter, Syed Subhan and Connor Griffin, all with over 24 achievement points which is an outstanding start. Well Done! These points will contribute towards the much coveted Victor Ludorum Trophy, with the remaining points earned through House events. House events begin next week with House Football and House Music. There is already great anticipation to see which House will get off to the best start in the race to lift the winner's trophy (my money is on Derby House!).

Over the last few weeks we have held Parent Information Evenings for each year group. On behalf of the pastoral team I would like to thank you for supporting the school, and your son's learning, by attending. We are hoping that Insight will make communication between the school and yourselves much easier and will enable you to share in the success of your son or daughter on a day-to-day basis through the updates of the achievement points they gain. We are aware that there are some teething problems with the system but, once resolved, this new system will undoubtedly strengthen our relationship with families through its transparency and ultimately increase the support your son or daughter receives.

Please do not hesitate to contact your son's or daughter's pastoral team regarding any issues you may have. Furthermore, please also share with us any achievements your son or daughter may have outside school so that we can also share and celebrate their successes.

I hope you have a Rugby World Cup filled weekend and that we can celebrate a more positive result for the England team!

Mr Holloway, Head of Derby House

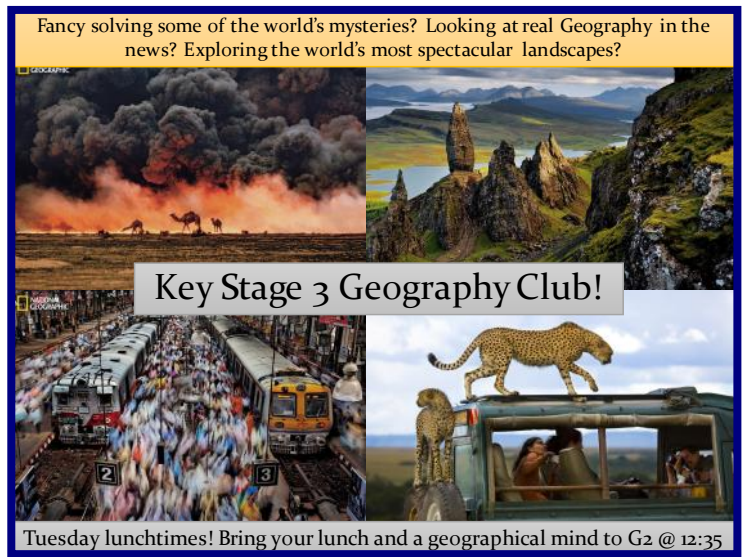
Join the KS3 Geography Club! (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Would you like to learn about the world's most spectacular places? Solve some of the world's mysteries? Engage in Geographical debates about relevant issues in the news?

If any of these spark your interest, and you are in Years 7-9, come along to KS3 Geography Club! It will run on Tuesdays at 12.35pm in G2. Bring a packed lunch, your friends and a Geographical mind!

If you have any queries, do come along to the Geography department and we will be happy to help!

Mr Dinnage, Geography, NQT
dinnagem@glynschool.org



Fancy solving some of the world's mysteries? Looking at real Geography in the news? Exploring the world's most spectacular landscapes?

Key Stage 3 Geography Club!

Tuesday lunchtimes! Bring your lunch and a geographical mind to G2 @ 12:35

The graphic features four images: a volcanic eruption, a rocky landscape, a crowded train, and a leopard on a vehicle.



BBC News School Report - all students welcome!

We are delighted to announce that Glyn will be taking part in the BBC News School Report event again this year. The initiative gives students the chance to create their own news reports for a real audience. They will also benefit from the support of a mentor from the BBC, who will work with the students across the year. Not only does this opportunity provide real world experience for school reporters, it also enables students to hone their English skills. This year we are looking to raise the profile of School Report at Glyn, through unique stories and innovative approaches to researching and publishing news.

All students are warmly invited to E6 on Wednesday 7 October at 12.20pm.

Miss Keoshgerian and Miss Jeyarajah, English
keoshgerian@glynschool.org and jeyarajahm@glynschool.org



An Introduction to Law

The students studying Law this year have settled in well; the Year 13 students returning from the summer break and the new Year 12 students who are starting a subject they've never studied before.

The Year 12 students are showing enthusiasm for the subject and have already started bringing in news stories to discuss in lessons. They have just finished their first exam topic, Delegated Legislation, which is about how bodies other than parliament can make and amend laws and they are now about to begin Statutory Interpretation which looks at how Judges interpret Acts of Parliament when making decision in cases. This topic has some interesting cases such as R v Allen (a man who married twice) and Smith v Hughes (discussing the legality of prostitutes soliciting their wares from balconies).

Year 13 Law students are currently studying Occupiers' Liability Act and looking at when an occupier may owe a duty to a lawful visitor and also a trespasser. This has caused a fair amount of outrage amongst some of the Year 13 students who have been having heated discussions about whether an occupier should ever have a duty of care to someone who enters their land uninvited.



Magistrates Mock Trial Competition - Years 8 and 9

We will soon be recruiting students from Years 8 and 9 to take part in the hotly contested Magistrates Mock Trial competition. This competition is run through the Citizenship Foundation and gives students the opportunity to play the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates and court staff. The competition allows students to prosecute and defend specially written criminal cases against teams from other schools in real magistrates' courts in front of real magistrates.

This competition is a fantastic opportunity for students and I hope as many as possible sign up in the coming weeks. If any students are interested in taking part they can get in touch with me at walmsleys@glynschool.org

Miss Walmsley, Head of Law, Assistant Head of Carew House

Key Stage 3 Book Club - Years 7, 8 and 9

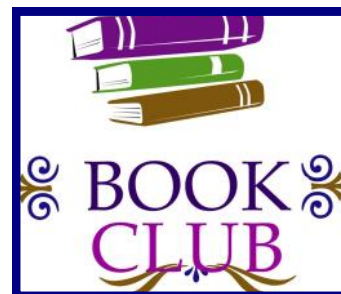
Did you miss our meeting last week? The good news is that we have decided to hold another meeting next week!

Don't miss KS3 Book Club on Thursday 8 October at 12.20pm in E6. There will be literary cakes and sweets to aid a discussion on our favourite books.

Are You a Keen Techy?!

If you are interested in 'all things techy' come along to be involved in building our new app and website. Bring a packed lunch and a friend!

Miss Keoshgerian, English, Acting KS3 Coordinator
keoshgerianc@glynschool.org



Auditions for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - all year groups

I am delighted to let you know that the 2016 production will be a neon, fun, family-friendly performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The Drama Department are looking for a huge number of students to play a wide variety of characters from Veruca Salt and Augustus Gloop to Grandpa Joe and Willy Wonka. Students do not need any previous experience of performing to be involved and they are not required to study Drama to take part. Every student who auditions will have a part.

Auditions will be held on 12, 13 and 14 October after school. Students who wish to take part should go to C1 and sign up for an audition. Remember, everyone who auditions will be given a part!

Mrs Wernick and the Drama Department

The LRC Book of the Week is Lockwood & Co: The Screaming Staircase

For more than fifty years, the country has been affected by a horrifying epidemic of ghosts. A number of psychic investigation agencies have sprung up to destroy the dangerous apparitions. Lucy Carlyle is a talented young agent who arrives in London hoping for a great career. However, she finds herself joining the smallest, most ramshackle agency in the city, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood. When one of their cases goes horribly wrong, Lockwood & Co. have one last chance of redemption. Unfortunately this involves spending the night in one of the most haunted houses in England and trying to escape alive!

"This is an exciting and thrilling book that puts you on the edge of your seat. It was really good and I would thoroughly recommend it." Henry Tappenden 8 Bourne

Available to borrow from the LRC!



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Messages From the Glyn PSA

Glyn Christmas Fayre 2015

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 21 November 2015 (11am - 3pm). We already have a variety of stalls booked and have something for everyone. If you would like to have a stall, do get in touch.

Can You Help Us to Advertise the Fayre?

'Kings of Surrey' Estate Agents have again this year agreed to place their boards outside families' houses advertising the fayre and for every board put up they will make a donation to the Glyn PSA. Last year we managed to place 50 boards. 45 families have agreed to have a board outside their home since our plea in last week's Glyn Newsletter...it would be great to exceed last year's total! Please let us know if you can help. We are very grateful to 'Kings of Surrey' for their donation.



Raffle

If you work for a company that may be able to donate something for our raffle, or you have something suitable that you would be happy to donate, please get in touch. Thank you.

Please put the date of the Glyn Christmas Fayre in your diary - Saturday 21 November. Further details will follow nearer the time. Thank you.

Off-Road Driver Training 16+ (Ideal Christmas Present!)

The PSA are very lucky to have been donated vouchers for RoadCraft Off-Road Driver Training held at Mole Business Park in Leatherhead on Sundays. This provides a course of junctions and road layout in a safe environment. These vouchers give 16 year olds the opportunity to start their driving practice before their 17th birthday. Training starts approximately a month before their 17th birthday. They don't even need to hold their provisional licence. The vouchers are only £60 and provide three hours off-road training. RoadCraft has been established for over 15 years, helping to qualify over 50 instructors and 1,000s of students with an ethos of teaching to a higher standard and safe driving for life, not just to pass the test. Their unique off-road course teaches pupils to handle the car confidently and to be prepared to start a safe and complete driving experience. Having the off-road course considerably reduces the number of hours needed for on-road lessons. Then if you choose to commit to a course of ten lessons on road with RoadCraft, you will receive an additional hour off road with a free lesson of 45 minutes on-road. RoadCraft lessons are £210 for 10 lessons. They also have both male and female instructors. Other driving schools are charging £40 per hour for this off-road driving. These vouchers make ideal presents and they are now available to any friends or family, as well as Glyn students. Please email GlynPSA@Outlook.com for more information.

Matched Giving

Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could double the money we make from the Christmas Fayre? Many companies offer their employees the chance to take part in a matched funding scheme. The company will provide additional funding to a good cause (usually on a £ for £ basis up to a maximum amount). Argos, Barclays, Boots, Citigroup, Ford, HBOS, J Sainsbury, KPMG, Legal & General, RBS, Tesco, Thames Water and Unilever are just a few companies that offer matched funding. Generally, the employee must have been involved in the fundraising event as a volunteer. For example: a parent or carer, who works for a company that offers matched giving, volunteers to work on the refreshment stall at the PSA fayre. The profit made by the stall is £250. The employer will then match this amount with a further £250 (assuming they offer a £ for £ match). The amount offered will vary depending on the organisation and conditions may apply. The PSA is a registered Charity. If you require further information or work for a company that offers matched giving, please get in touch. GlynPSA@Outlook.com

Facebook

The PSA Facebook page is the easiest place to see what's happening and to connect with other parents and carers. Events and details of available second hand uniform are all listed. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlynSchoolPSA> or email us GlynPSA@Outlook.com and we will send you the link.

Refreshments at Priest Hill Playing Fields - in The Paul Beeken Pavilion

We will be selling refreshments at Priest Hill Playing fields tomorrow morning, Saturday, so do bring a little money along to buy tea, coffee, bacon rolls and more!



Glyn PSA
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Are you Interested in Getting into Teaching?

Please find details of our 'Get Into Teaching Open Evening' on 20 October, 6pm - 8pm in The Proctor Hall at Glyn School. Further details can be found via this link: <http://www.glynschool.org/282/teacher-training-scitt-secondary>

Sheena Gordon, Glyn Teaching School Alliance
gordons@glynschool.org



We are looking for a range of enthusiastic support staff to join our friendly team to work in our successful, expanding school.

School Community Relations Officer

FTE £15,156 - £17,145 (Pro-rata: £12,920 - £14,616), 36 hrs p.w. to work in our school office team

Play Leader

FTE: £16,407 - £19,194 (Pro-Rata: £8,546 - £9,998), 22 hrs p.w. to work in our after school club team

Posts are term time only (including INSET days)

For further information and to apply please visit <http://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies>

Closing Date: Monday 19 October 2015 (9am)



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and all appointments will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Sports News

Sportsman of the Week - Charlie Connett 10SB

Charlie began to study GCSE PE this year and has already put in some great practical lessons, as well as producing some good work in his theory lessons. What I have been particularly impressed with is the commitment that Charlie has demonstrated to the school rugby team. Charlie has already started to raise money for his Canada tour in 2017 and this dedication shines through in everything he does. Charlie trains every week on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He made his first start of the season vs London Oratory in the B team in the first match of the season. Since then, and due to injuries to fellow players, Charlie has had to step up and play for the A team. His enthusiasm for the tackle and his desire to get involved in 'everything rugby' is infectious to those around him, too.



I am certain that Charlie's dedication will go a long way to furthering both his studies and his rugby.

Mr Hawkes, PE, KS4 Coordinator



Excellent Start to the Rugby Season for Glyn!

I am proud to announce that Glyn have made a flying start in their return to the Surrey Cup this year. Both the U13 and U14 teams won comprehensively last week in their 1st round encounters and look set to really push on in the tournament. The U12, U15 and U16 teams are all in action over the next fortnight, hoping to make it a clean sweep of 1st round wins for the school and I will be sure to update in due course with (hopefully!) their successes.

Looking ahead, this weekend we have five more year groups in action against both London Oratory and Salesians, whilst the U16s welcome Cobourg RFC from Canada as a return fixture, ready for their tour this summer!

Good luck to all in their coming fixtures and let's hope England put a right to their wrongs when they come up against the Aussies tomorrow!

Mr Scorgie, Master in Charge of Rugby

Sixth Form Social Football Success!

Glyn's Sixth Form Social Football team began the year with a friendly against Sutton Grammar on a bright and breezy Wednesday afternoon. For a team composed of many debutants, Glyn made a good start, with players showing great composure with the ball. Glyn quickly settled into the formation and tactical set-up and soon began to control the midfield, with Josh Slatter and Callum Rolfe transforming defence into attack, with ease. The first goal arrived soon enough, with Matt Edwards showing good anticipation to pounce on a weak Glyn effort and divert it into the net to open the scoring. Despite this advantage, Glyn's shooting for the majority of the first half was wayward, at best, with poor finishing meaning we could not make the most of the chances brought about by sustained pressure on the Sutton Grammar defence. Eventually, some fantastic work on the left flank with Ollie Dendy and Alex Martin supplying our attacking players led to Aaron Boxall opening his account for the season not long before half time.



A raft of changes and a switch in formation at half time might have meant Glyn would have played more tentatively at the start of the second half, but this was not the case. Sutton Grammar had more of the ball, but Glyn rapidly resumed their dominance, again stretching the opposition's defence. Ben Spicer ran the show, dictating play from midfield by balancing industry with inspiration and elevating the team to a higher level of play with the support of his central midfield partner Jon Jelley's creativity and vision. Spicer then grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck, demonstrating impeccable technique, to score a brace with two viciously curled efforts from distance and double Glyn's advantage. Sutton Grammar simply could not cope

with the determination shown by Glyn's players, who took substantial squad rotation in their stride to retain their stronghold on the match. Boxall's continual hard work led to him tying the game up with a good finish for his second goal, with Diego Gouveia unlucky to have an effort ruled out for offside.

The game finished 5-0 to Glyn; a good result to start the year, with many positives to take from the first run out.

Man of the Match, without a doubt, was Ben Spicer. His superb display of silk and steel deserved the two great goals he scored. Special mention goes to Conor Reid for stepping in at short notice to help Oli Wells keep a clean sheet in the Glyn goal. Many thanks go to Glyn's team manager, Mrs Mabbott.

Team:

Oli Wells (c), Ollie Dendy, Lukas Sim, Ben Standage (c), Ben Clarke, Callum Rolfe, Ben Spicer, Jon Jelley, Alex Martin, Marcus Levett, Josh Slatter, Harvey Mockler, Matt Edwards, Diego Gouveia, Conor Reid and Aaron Boxall



Ben Standage 13C

Aquatic Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 11 October - Biathlon at K2 Crawley

Tuesday 6 October - Senior Waterpolo match at Trinity School - 3.15pm depart

Monday 16 November - Swimming Gala v Reigate Grammar (U12,14,16 & Snr) - 3.15pm depart

Wednesday 11 November - Swimming Gala v Trinity (U12,U13, U14,U16 AND U18) - 3.15pm depart

Mrs Pearson, Science, EVC, Extra Curricular Manager, UCAS

Year 7 Football Success!

Glyn U12B 3 v Hollyfield U12A 0

On a beautiful sun-drenched late afternoon at Priest Hill, with the balmy heat bouncing off the lush green sward, Glyn's Year 7 'B's' opened their season's account with a seemingly comfortable win over Hollyfield's 'A' team.



The eventual result did not truly reflect the nature of the game; Hollyfield had several very good players who caused plenty of consternation within the Glyn ranks. However, a combination of good fortune, resolute and at times, cultured defending, the home team managed to hold firm, especially during the second half.

The opening five minutes saw the visitors dominate possession with flowing, well-constructed football and whilst no chances were created, it appeared that the hosts would be in for a torrid time. As Glyn gradually became more cohesive and with Toby Appleyard and Sam Ward especially impressive at the back, they began to wrest the initiative away from Hollyfield. Having weathered the early storm the home team set about playing some irresistible football of their own. Billy Slade, an inspiration in the centre of midfield, began to dominate with forceful forward surges, timely interceptions and generally, his powerful physical presence. Glyn forged ahead with a well-constructed and well-taken goal Ollie Gant and their second soon followed, again as a result of good attacking approach play; this time Finley Phillips finished off with aplomb.

With a 2-0 cushion and players becoming more accustomed to one another, Glyn became the dominant force with accurate passing, good movement off the ball and excellent supporting play. The third goal arrived in the latter stages of the first half with Billy Slade firing home from the tightest of angles.

The second half was quite a different affair! With half-time changes, the fluency (not surprisingly) disappeared and Hollyfield grabbed a firm hold of the game. Glyn's goal seemed to lead a charmed life: shots whistling just wide; shots blocked; shots trickling agonisingly past the post; shots well parried by replacement keeper, Ryan Cripps and perhaps, most astonishingly, a finish of such unbelievable profligacy it really would have been easier to score! The poor Hollyfield forward managed to lift the ball over the bar from only a yard out, much to the incredulity of all!

Glyn battled gamely to the end and despite the visitor's second half dominance, they managed to preserve the half-time score line to record an impressive first game victory.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Billy Slade - an indomitable and indefatigable presence wherever he played!

Glyn's Roving Reporter

Wishing you a restful weekend.