

Silver-laden Meon move up



East Meon have finished a barnstorming season in the Meon Valley League Division 2 with yet another victory and promotion to Div 1.

The last game saw a 4-0 win over relegated FC Timberland, bringing the club's scoreline to 34 wins and just three defeats in 37 league and cup games, with 194 goals scored and 49 conceded.

More than half Meon's goals were scored by just two players: Chris Heighes, who notched up his 60th of the season in the Timberland finale, and Jeff Wheeler who scored nearly 40.

After the last match, manager Mark Whiteley said: "This has been an unforgettable season. I am now planning an assault on the Division 1 title and with this side I can see this dream becoming reality this time next year."

The final tally of awards won by the team this season are the Meon Valley League Div. 2 Trophy and Cup, the Meon Valley League six-a-side cup, and the Jimmy Dickinson five-a-side trophy.

And now after four decades without anything to polish, the club has commissioned village craftsman Marc Aldridge to make a cabinet for the glittering array to be displayed in at the Izaak Walton.

East Meon's top scorers Chris Heighes (left) and Jeff Wheeler, who notched up nearly 100 goals this season, show some of their silver rewards. Picture by Glynn Williams.