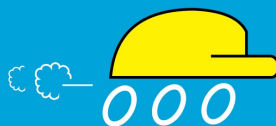


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Slimbridge AFC v Bristol Manor Farm
Saturday, September 23rd, 3.00pm

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Match Day

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Farm to Thornhill Park

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V

BRISTOL MANOR FARM

EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, WEST

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017
KICK OFF 3.00PM

Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Bristol Manor Farm

Ollie Hall	1	Ashley Clark
Sam Turl	2	Steve Kingdon
Adam Mace	3	Aron Robbins
Rich Thwaite	4	Martin Stowell
Kieran Squires	5	Lloyd Mills
Kory Pring	6	Kye Holly
Henry Birkett	7	Jordan Metters
Jack Twyman	8	Jack Dyrrant
Nathan Payne	9	Dean Stamp
Marley Thomas	10	Ban Bament
Max Harper-Emerson	11	Troy Simpson
Joe Stokes	12	Harley Purnell
Dean Turner	14	Jake Cox
Luke Payne	15	Simon Gilbert
Joe Wilton	16	Lewis Powell

Managers:

Freddy Ward

Lee Driver-Dickerson

Lee Lashenko

Iain Harvey

Physio:

Lucy Pearce

Steve Carter

Referee:

Philip Staynings

Assistants:

Sean Rudd, Roger
Smith

Club Chat

With Tim Blake

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to players, official and fans from our visitors and old friends at Bristol Manor Farm. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

Farm have certainly made a decent to the season, so no doubt, we will be in for another exciting game between the two sides this afternoon, I can remember some crackers over the years!

Today marks the first outing at the club for our new Physio, and newest member of the Swans Family Lucy Pearce. Lucy's arrival allows Tony Woodward to finally hang up his magic sponge. We would all like to welcome Lucy to the club - we hope you enjoy your time with us, and thanks Tony for all your service to us over the years!

You may have seen that we are working with the Kick It Out and Fans for Diversity Campaign on Non-League Day, October 7th, when we host Hartley Wintney in the FA Trophy.

Plans are already advanced, and there will be a range of promotions, giveaways and activities taking place on matchday, much of it co-ordinated with the support of the Slimbridge Youth Club, with whom, of course, we host our annual summer tournament.

Keep following our Twitter Feed @slimbridgeafc and checking the website www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk, further details will be announced as they are confirmed. But we hope to see as many of you as possible down at Thornhill Park on the day, for what should be quite a special occasion.

The Print/Not Print programme debate continues to rage – last Saturday was the first time we had ever not provided a printed programme, and only put the programme online, so obviously it was the perfect opportunity to disappoint four groundhoppers who come along to visit us and to see the game. You just can't win.....

Enjoy the game this afternoon

Tim

A dynamic action shot of two soccer players in mid-air, competing for a ball. The player on the left is wearing a white jersey and blue shorts, while the player on the right is wearing a yellow jersey and green shorts. The background is a dark, gradient sky.

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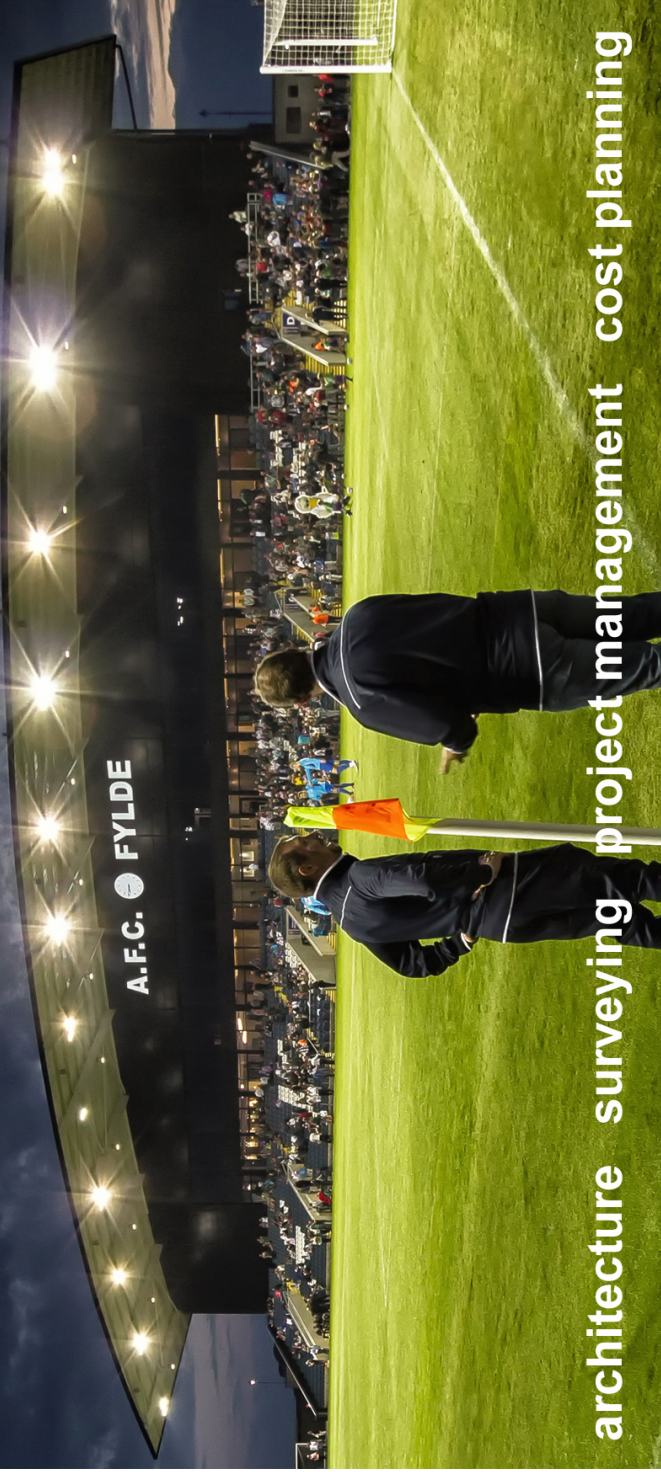
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Wednesday 27th September , 7.45pm – Kidlington v Slimbridge – Kidlington Football Club, Yarnton Road, Kidlington Oxon, OX5 1AT

Saturday 30th September , 3.00pm – Mangotsfield United v Slimbridge – The Curtis Drew Stadium, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol, BS16 9EN



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16/08/17	Cirencester Town	H	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Pring	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Turner	Stokes	Harper – Emerson*	Thomas 1	N Payne	Wilton	Thwaite	11
19/08/17	Cinderford Town	H	FAC 1Q	1-2	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Birkett*	Stokes 1	Harper – Emerson	Thomas	Turner	Wilton	N Payne	-
26/08/17	AFC Totton	A	League	2-1	Hall	Turl*	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	Twyman	Turner	Birkett	Stokes	N Payne	Thomas 2	Harper-Emerson	Reeves	L Payne	8
28/08/17	Shortwood United	H	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Birkett*	Stokes	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 1	Turner	Wilton	Wilton	12
05/09/17	Shortwood United	A	GFA	1-2	Beauchamp	N Payne	Harper-Emerson	Thwaite	Squires	Pring	L Payne	Twyman	Lawson*	Birkett 1	Thomas	Stokes	L Payne	Turl	-
09/09/17	Larkhall Athletic	A	League	2-2	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Pring	Hoyle	Birkett	Twyman	Stokes	Lawson	Harper-Emerson	Thomas 2*	N Payne	Squires	Ward	14
16/09/17	North Leigh	H	League	0-2	Hall	Turl	Mace	Pring	Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Birkett	Lawson	N Payne	Thomas	Harper-Emerson	L Payne	Stokes	15
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28/04/18	Wimborne Town	A	League																

Next First Team Game – vs Hartley Wintney, 7th October 2017, 3.00pm

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Our Visitors Today

Bristol Manor Farm Football Club was formed for the 1960/'61 season before disbanding and reforming for the start of the 1962-63 campaign.

Our ground here at 'The Creek' used to be the site of the Port of Bristol Authority Sports & Social Club. In 1965 when the authority moved to new premises, Manor Farm took it over, making it our permanent home.

Having a base of our own enabled the club to apply successfully to join the Somerset Senior League where we made good progress through the divisions. In 1977 the club decided to step up to the Western League, joining the First Division for the start of the 1977-78 season.

The Club were crowned Division 1 Champions for 1982-83 and since that promotion to the Premier Division of the Western League we have played most of our football at that level.

The last decade at the club has certainly been the most ambitious period of our history.

The club went into the 2009-10 campaign with reasonably high expectations for an improvement on the previous season's fifth placed finish but sadly the 'Farm never really looked like challenging for the top spot. It was a different matter in the FA Vase, however, where the club enjoyed our best success for years, making it to the fourth round proper before going out to eventual semi-finalists Whitehawk.

An exciting run during the 2010-11 FA Cup competition saw us win a penalty shoot-out against Almondsbury Town and hold Basingstoke Town to a draw before being pipped by a single goal in the replay. The club were the proud winners of the Premier Division's 'Best Match day Hospitality' award, no doubt due to all those home-made cakes!

Our Visitors Today

2011-12 was the most successful season in the history of the club to that date. We won the GFA Challenge Trophy after beating Shortwood United 5=0 in a thrilling final and this was followed three days later with another cup triumph when we beat Willand Rovers in extra time to finally lift the Les Phillips Cup.

We lost the GFA Trophy Final to Bristol Academy in 2012-13 however and finished third from bottom of the Premier Division. After good service to the club, Manager John Black decided it was time to stand down.

The start of the 2013-14 season saw the beginning of a new era at Bristol Manor Farm FC when current boss Lee Lashenko took over the Manager's job. Fresh from winning the title with Bishop's Sutton, Lashenko quickly made an impact with Manor Farm.

An FA Cup run that saw us put nine goals past Oldland Abbotonians and then seven past Lymington Town quickly brought us to the attention of the national press. The tabloid photographers had a field day down at The Creek – photographing the team with the FA Cup and a variety of 'farmyard' accessories and costumes – it was a brilliant and fun day that everyone here will never forget! The First Round Qualifying Round tie against Corsham Town then ended in a 4-4 draw with Manor Farm winning the hard fought replay 1-0. We then also held Bridgwater Town to a 4-4 draw in the next round before narrowly going out 2-1 in the replay.

The club continued to fight for top spot in the league and also applied for promotion to the Southern League. We finished the league season as Runners-up but were unsuccessful in our promotion bid when Larkhall Athletic were accepted ahead of us. It was the highest-placed finish in the club's league history, however, breaking club records for goals scored and fewest goals conceded.

Our Visitors Today

In 2014-2015 Bristol Manor Farm missed out on promotion to the Southern League by 3 points, allowing Slimbridge to go up instead. We did win the GFA County Challenge Trophy however with a 2-0 win over local club Shirehampton.

During an epic 2015-2016 season an heroic run in the FA Vase took us to within sniffing distance of Wembley with a notable comeback win in the fifth round, overcoming Sunderland RCA 3-2 and a long return trip to the North-East for a Quarter Final showdown with Morpeth Town. On a heavy pitch The Portwaymen were unlucky to go out with Morpeth scoring a breakaway goal in the dying seconds after Farm had laid virtual siege to The Highwaymen's goal throughout the second half. Morpeth went on to beat Hereford FC 4-1 in the showpiece Wembley final.

We finished third in the Western Premier League – missing out narrowly again on promotion but winning the GFA County Challenge Trophy for the second season in succession with a record 9-2 win over Lydney Town in the final. On a happy night at Ashton Gate our former Exeter City and Truro City striker Dean Stamp also won the Bristol Post 'Footballer of the Year' award for his astonishing tally of 59 goals in all competitions.

We finally secured that elusive promotion to the Southern League in emphatic style, amassing 102 points and scoring over 100 goals on the way to being crowned as Western League Champions.

We also unluckily missed out on a second FA Vase Quarter Final in succession with another narrow 2-1 defeat in a fifth round tie in front of 1,500 partisan fans at Bromsgrove Sporting FC.

An extraordinary unbeaten league run of 21 games between September and March (19 wins and 2 draws) went a long way to securing the coveted league title for Manor Farm however, which was eventually clinched with three games to spare following a 2-0 win at local rivals Hallen on Good Friday.

Support Non-League Day

NON-LEAGUE Day is fast-approaching – amazingly when it comes around on Saturday, October 7 it will be the eighth edition. It's a mainstay of the football calendar.

Creator James Doe deserves a huge amount of credit for coming up with the idea in 2010 after a trip to a Non-League ground opened his eyes to football outside the bubble.

Since then, an army of volunteers have helped drive it each year and many clubs up and down the country have come up with wonderful ideas to capitalise on the celebration. Pay what you want, fancy dress, even ferret racing – it never ceases to surprise what clubs put on to lure in the fans.

Of course, if you're reading this there's every chance we are preaching to the converted. You probably already know what makes Non-League so special. And for fans of recently relegated Football League clubs still coming to terms with the level they're at, hopefully you are finding at least some aspects of life outside the EFL refreshing. But NLD is a great chance to bend the ear of a family member or a mate who hasn't experienced football from the National League down.

For most of us the, the bug bites quickly. With escalating ticket, food and merchandise prices at the top end of the game, increasing subscription packages and a general apathy towards the amount of money being spent at the top end, it's a real opportunity for people to rediscover their love for football.

Support Non-League Day

Get them down, park outside the ground, have a decent pint before, enjoy a cup of tea in a real mug at a Step 5 ground, go home with change in the pocket.

Show them they can get value for money. If everyone manages to bring someone new to a game on NLD then imagine what that could lead to.

More and more clubs seem to be slipping off the radar. More grounds are being bulldozed to make way for housing. The Non-League community needs to really shout about itself. The so-called mainstream media will hopefully point their spotlight on NLD.

Let's show them why we love this corner of the Pyramid so much. Check out www.nonleagueday.co.uk to see what events are going on and keep your eyes peeled around your local club.

Any clubs who want to promote what they've got going on can also send details for inclusion in The NLP – nlp@greenwayspublishing.co.uk

Matt Badcock

Match Reports

Larkhall Athletic 2-2 Slimbridge, Saturday 9th September 2017

It was a definite game of two halves - Larkhall bossed the first period as the Swans didn't settle into any rhythm and struggled to cope with the host's long ball attacks, and after six minutes, with their first real attack, Larkhall took the lead. A long ball forward found Matt Groves, who fed George King, and King gave Slimbridge Keeper Marcus Beauchamp no chance to open the scoring.

Three minutes later, it was two - Joe Tumelty went on a mazy run, and was allowed to create far too much space for himself, before drilling the ball home to double the advantage.

Five minutes into the second half, Thomas brought a good save from Semmens, but a minute later, a Jack Twyman through ball was seized on by Thomas, who beat Semmens one on one to get the visitors back into the game.

After Twyman had forced Semmens into another good save, Thomas struck again in the 59th minute, latching onto Birkett's pass and beating Semmens for the second time one on one.

Team: Beauchamp, Turl, Mace, Pring (Ward 70), Hoyle (Squires 70), Birkett, Twyman, Stokes, Lawson, Harper-Emerson (Nathan Payne 55), Thomas

Supporters Man of the Match: Marley Thomas

Match Reports

Slimbridge 0-2 North Leigh, Saturday 16th September 2017

It was a very entertaining and even game throughout, with the first decent chance going to the visitors on three minutes - Swans' Keeper Ollie Hall making a great stop from Eddie Stevens' effort.

North Leigh had a decent spell around the twenty minute mark, but Seacole was unable to take advantage of a good chance, while Josh Thomas brought another good stop for Hall with a dangerous shot on the half hour.

It was not all North Leigh though, and Dean Turner was just too high with a good effort at the other end, before Seacole just failed to get in the end of a penetrating cross from Connor Waldron a couple of minutes later.

With six minutes remaining, the deadlock was broken - Rich Thwaite mishit a back pass to Hall, and Seacole pounced to convert and put the visitors ahead.

Two minutes into stoppage time, Thwaite was penalised for a tackle on Thomas, and Hopkins stepped up to convert the penalty, which proved to be the last kick of the match.

Team: Hall, Turl, Mace, Pring, Thwaite, Turner, Twyman (Luke Payne 69), Birkett, Lawson (Stokes 75), Nathan Payne (Harper-Emerson 60), Thomas

Supporters Man of the Match: Ollie Hall

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2	Taunton Town	6	5	1	0	13	5	16
3	Swindon S'Marine	5	3	2	0	8	3	11
4	Salisbury	5	3	1	1	18	4	10
5	North Leigh	6	3	1	2	14	10	10
6	Evesham United	6	3	1	2	10	9	10
7	Didcot Town	6	3	1	2	9	12	10
8	AFC Totton	6	3	0	3	13	8	9
9	Winchester City	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
10	Bideford	5	3	0	2	5	5	9
11	Wimborne Town	7	3	0	4	13	15	9
12	Larkhall Athletic	6	2	2	2	12	9	8
13	Cinderford Town	5	2	1	2	12	6	7
14	Paulton Rovers	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
15	Slimbridge	6	2	1	3	8	12	7
16	Cirencester Town	5	2	0	3	6	7	6
17	Kidlington	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
18	Shortwood United	6	1	2	3	10	19	5
19	Barnstaple Town	6	1	1	4	8	17	4
20	Mangotsfield United	6	1	1	4	5	14	4
21	Yate Town	6	0	3	3	8	16	3
22	Bishops Cleeve	5	0	0	5	2	14	0

Table at September 10th 2017

Programmes for the 2017-18 Season

The Evo-Stik Southern League has this season made the decision that programmes can either be made available by home clubs in the tradition printed format, or alternatively as an electronic download from the club website.

Therefore, we will not be selling printed programmes for all home games this season. Games where we feel there will be a low demand will only be available this season in their online version.

However, all programmes will be uploaded to our website (whether we physically print or not), and will be available 24 hours before the game from www.slimbridgeafc.co.uk