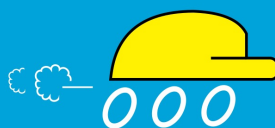


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Match Day

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United to Thornhill Park

SLIMBRIDGE AFC

V

SHORTWOOD UNITED

THE EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH, WEST

MONDAY 28TH AUGUST 2017
KICK OFF 3.00PM

Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC (From)

Shortwood United

Ollie Hall	1	Harry Pickering
Sam Turl	2	Callum Preece
Adam Mace	3	Ben Prictor
Rich Thwaite	4	Ryan Thwaite
Alex Hoyle ©	5	Ryan Meredith
Kory Pring	6	Alex Kibble
Henry Birkett	7	Adam Price
Jack Twyman	8	Lewis Fogg
Nathan Payne	9	Harlie Price
Marley Thomas	10	Nathan Marks
Max Harper-Emerson	11	Levi Cox
Joe Stokes	12	Todd Hathaway
Dean Turner	14	Jack Freeman
Luke Payne	15	Harry Burns
Joe Wilton	16	Will Hawes
Kieran Squires	17	Bobby Humphreys

Managers:

Freddy Ward
Lee Driver-Dickerson

Des Meredith
Chris Burns

Physios:

Tony Woodward

Liz Spratt

Referee:

Steve Durnall

Assistants:

John Roskelly
Andrew Genders

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 from our good friends Shortwood United. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

The first thing I have to note is that we are on our way back to Meadowbank on Tuesday, 5th September, for a 7.45 Kick Off in the GFA Challenge Cup, so this is only part one of this particular drama...Put the date in your diaries..

So, we suffered two fruitless games when we more than matched teams that had come from the Premier Division last season within a week, and were cruelly punished for not taking our chances. But I think I can safely say that it has been a long time since us folk behind the scenes have felt as confident as we are at the moment with the squad we have assembled, and Freddy and Dickers deserve massive respect for the work they have done in the close season.

It was interesting to see Jim from Shortwood on BBC TV last week talking about this new digital programme thing – I can exclusively reveal that I was also approached by the BBC to contribute to a feature, but, either the fact we were producing *some* programmes this season swung the argument in favour of Shortwood, who are not producing any, or else (and more likely) they all concluded that Jim's face was far more TV friendly than mine! I definitely have the face for radio, as they used to say...

Anyway, games between these two sides are always keenly fought, and I'm sure today will be no different – enjoy the game this afternoon!

Tim



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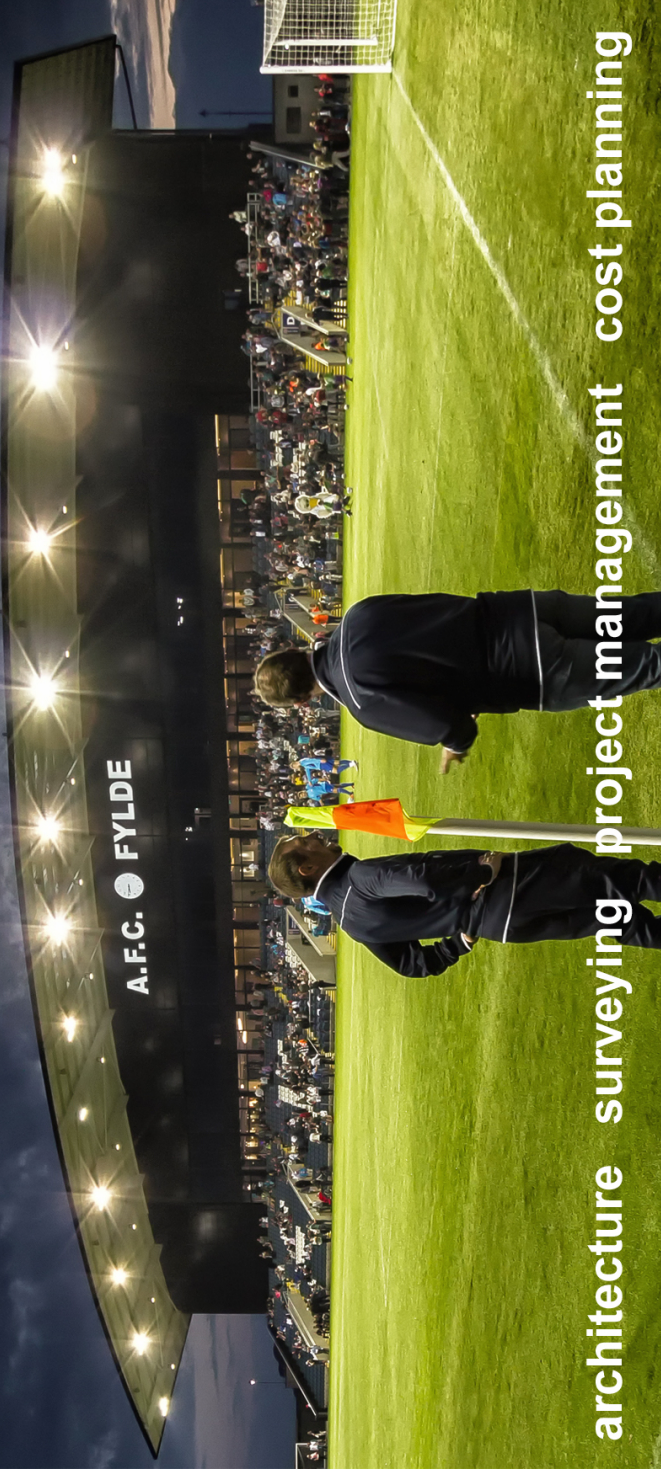
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16/08/17	Cirencester Town	H	League	1-3	Hall	Turl	Mace	Pring	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Turner	Stokes	Harper -- Emerson*	Thomas 1	N Payne	Wilton	Thwaite	11
19/08/17	Cinderford Town	H	FAC 1Q	1-2	Hall	Turl	Mace	Thwaite	Hoyle	L Payne	Twyman	Birkett*	Stokes 1	Harper -- Emerson	Thomas	Turner	Wilton	N Payne	-
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28/08/17	Shortwood United	H	League																
05/09/17	Shortwood United	A	GFA																
09/09/17	Larkhall Athletic	A	League																
16/09/17	North Leigh	H	League																
23/09/17	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League																
27/09/17	Kidlington	A	League																
30/09/17	Mangotsfield United	A	League																
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17/02/18	Salisbury	A	League																
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14/04/18	Yate Town	A	League																
21/04/18	Bideford	H	League																
28/04/18	Wimborne Town	A	League																

Next First Team Game at Thornhill Park – vs North Leigh, 16th September 2017, 3.00pm

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Our Visitors Today

Shortwood United Football Club was formed in 1900 and since then have played at 4 different grounds, Nailsworth Playing Field, Table Land, Wallow Green and finally at our current ground, Meadowbank.

The club has been at Meadowbank since 1972, and includes an all weather training area opened by the late Ted Croker. Gradual improvements over the years culminated in a major enhancement in 2009 to meet ground grading criteria for any future promotions.

League football was commenced in the Stroud League where following continued success during the 1970s promotion was gained to the Northern Senior and then the Gloucestershire County League. Promotion to the Hellenic league was achieved in 1981 only to be relegated in our first season but finishing runners up the following year ensured promotion straight back. In 1983 we won the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy and in the following year won the Hellenic League. It was a further six years until success was realised again when the treble of League winners, GFA Trophy and Stroud Charity Cup was completed.

The 2007/08 season started a resurgence in Shortwood's fortunes in finishing 5th in the league and winning the supplementary cup, defeating Ardley 4-2 in the final. The subsequent season pushed our success even further when following a good run in the FA Cup and semi finalists in the League Cup, we pressed the eventual Champions Hungerford to the final day of the season where we lost out on goal difference after amassing 99 pts and scoring 99

Our Visitors Today

Shortwood's fine form continued into the next season when they again finished second in the league to Almondsbury, and runners up in the GFA Trophy again to Almondsbury, had good FA Cup and Vase runs and reached the final of the Floodlit cup. Having lost the away leg 3-0 to Reading Town they produced one of the most exciting comebacks and entertaining matches ever seen at Meadowbank where the score remained at 0-0 till the 67th minute when the deadlock was broken and Shortwood ran out 5-0 winners (AET).

Shortwood's league campaign in 2011 was a disappointment by their own high standards, but more silverware was added in the shape of the GFA Trophy after a 1-0 win over Tuffley Rovers in the final.

2011-12 season, however, was pivotal in the Club's history! Not only did they reach the quarter final of the FA Vase, they also reached the final of the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup and the GFA Trophy Final. Most important was their league position where they finished 2nd by 1 point behind Oxford City Nomads. With Nomad's not applying for promotion, and with Shortwood filling all the relevant criteria, they were promoted to the Southern League for the first time in their history!

The 2012-13 season was again a successful one. Following a disappointing early exit from the FA cup the club had a good run in the FA Trophy including a magnificent away victory at premier league side Weymouth on the way.

Our Visitors Today

In their first season in the Southern League they finished a creditable eighth position.

The 2013-14 season saw Shortwood progress further in the FA Cup than ever before! Early wins over Egham and Aylesbury put them up against Conference South outfit Dorchester and a 1-0 away win, and a further 1-0 win at Didcot put them into uncharted waters of the fourth qualifying round where they drew Conference side Aldershot at Meadowbank. A late, but deserved, equaliser gave them a replay and a heroic 2-1 win sparked wild celebrations. A home draw pitted Shortwood against League 1 side Port Vale in front of a record crowd of 1,247 plus a live television audience courtesy of BT Sport. Shortwood bowed out – but with the plaudits their cup run earned ringing in their ears.

The league season was also highly successful with a sixth placed finish, one point outside the play-off positions.

2014-15 failed to reach the heights of the previous season with many players moving on to higher things but for most of the season a play-off place looked possible until a decline in form towards the end of the season resulted in an 11th place finish.

2015 -16 continued Shortwood's continued stability in the Southern League as they finished the season 7th in the table with 78 points and the end of the season saw the end of an era as joint Manager John Evans retired after 20 seasons involvement with Shortwood – and the club moved forward with Alex Sykes now in sole charge.

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2016-17 Was a strange season with the Wood exiting the FA Cup and the FA Trophy at the first hurdle and showing inconsistent league form but despite that they managed to finish a more than respectable 9th.

Paul 'Des' Meredith took over the management reins at the start of season 2017-18.



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Saturday 26 August 2017

- 15:00 AFC Totton v Slimbridge
- 15:00 Bideford v Swindon Supermarine
- 15:00 Cinderford Town v Barnstaple Town
- 15:00 Cirencester Town v Didcot Town
- 15:00 Kidlington v Bristol Manor Farm
- 15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Winchester City
- 15:00 Mangotsfield United v Bishops Cleeve
- 15:00 North Leigh v Salisbury
- 15:00 Paulton Rovers v Evesham United
- 15:00 Shortwood United v Taunton Town
- 15:00 Wimborne Town v Yate Town

Monday 28 August 2017

- 15:00 Barnstaple Town v Bideford
- 15:00 Bishops Cleeve v Cinderford Town
- 15:00 Bristol Manor Farm v Larkhall Athletic
- 15:00 Didcot Town v Kidlington
- 15:00 Salisbury v AFC Totton
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Shortwood United
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League Table

EvoStick League South, West - 2017 / 2018

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	AFC Totton	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6
2	Taunton Town	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
3	Bideford	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
4	Salisbury	2	1	1	0	7	2	5	4
5	Bristol Manor Farm	2	1	1	0	8	5	3	4
6	Larkhall Athletic	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
7	Evesham United	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
8	Kidlington	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
9	Didcot Town	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
10	Winchester City	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
11	Wimborne Town	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
12	Cirencester Town	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
13	Slimbridge	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
14	Swindon Supermarine	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
15	Paulton Rovers	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
16	Yate Town	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
17	Cinderford Town	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
18	Shortwood United	2	0	1	1	5	7	-2	1
19	North Leigh	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1
20	Bishops Cleeve	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
21	Barnstaple Town	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0
22	Mangotsfield United	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

Goal Scorers

EvoStick League South, West - 2017 / 2018

Name	Team	Total
Patrick Cox	Winchester City	3
Dean Stamp	Bristol Manor Farm	3
Levi Cox	Shortwood United	3
Matthew Groves	Larkhall Athletic	2
Marley Thomas	Slimbridge	2
George Reid	Didcot Town	2
Claudio Herbert	Salisbury	2
Kane O'Keefe	Salisbury	2
Lewis Powell	Taunton Town	2
Edward Stevens	North Leigh	2
Matthew Wright	Taunton Town	2
Craig Feeney	AFC Totton	2

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 1-2 Cinderford Town, FA Cup Preliminary Round

It is an immense credit to Freddy Ward's young Slimbridge side that, for the second time this week, they more than matched, and at times outplayed opponents that last season were playing Southern League Premier standard football - However, once again, the Swans were taught a harsh lesson about what happens when you don't take your chances at this level.

Cinderford, with five minutes on the clock, took the lead when Craig Norman was allowed far too much space, and beat Slimbridge Keeper Ollie Hall with a neat finish.

Just before the half hour, Morley-Lynn was again close with a header before Slimbridge equalised from the penalty spot.

Henry Birkett was fouled as he attempted to ride out a tackle in the Cinderford box, and Adam Mace stepped up to convert the spot kick.

On 89 minutes, the visitors were awarded a Free Kick on the edge of the Slimbridge box, and Grimes got the ball around the wall and into the net to clinch the tie for the visitors.

Team: Hall, Turl, Mace, Thwaite, Hoyle, Luke Payne (Nathan Payne 69), Twyman, Birkett (Turner 60), Stokes, Harper-Emerson (Wilton 64), Thomas

Supporters Man of the Match: Henry Birkett

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