

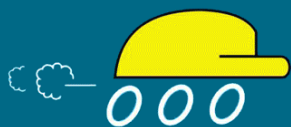
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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

AFC Totton

Joe Wright	1	Alex Cull
Jack Goodhall	2	Mitchell Byrne
Jacob Waddington	3	Ben Scorey
Myron Turner	4	Robin Nicholls
Ioan Richards	5	Jack Smith
Joel White	6	David Allen
Lewis Spurrier	7	Mohamed Bakary
Dean Turner (c)	8	Patrick Nolan
Rhys Sarson	9	Lewis Beale
Ryan Beckinsale	10	Silvano Obeng
Leighton Tuodolo	11	Oliver Bradley
Christien Turner	12	Liam Callaghan
Dion Chambers	14	Matthew Simm
Jack Horrell	15	Gowan Stares
Ethan Dunbar	16	Alex Haynes
Danny King	17	Adam McWilliam
Sol Wanjau-Smith	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

Louis Langdown
Adam Wilde

Physios:

Tony Woodward
James Watson

Dave Penny
Imogen Still

Referee:

Stephen Oakey

Assistants:

James Whittington
Lewis Mountain

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

Another great win last weekend at home to a tough Bideford side to make it five on the bounce. It wasn't an easy game and on reflection the visitors deserved a point for their efforts and determination but we held on well and Jack scored a screamer that gave us the points.

We take a break from league action today and entertain league rivals AFC Totton in the preliminary round of the FA Trophy. As always the will lads take each game as it comes, so a victory today would be most welcome both in the kudos of advancing into the first qualifying round of the completion but also from a financial point of view for the club in attaining the prize money.

It is good to see both the under 17 and under 18 teams doing well at the moment both are unbeaten in their respective leagues. Also the Under 18's have advanced in the FA Youth Cup and get to play Bath City at Twerton Park on the Monday 14th of October.

Should today's game end in a draw after 90 minutes, the replay is scheduled to take place at AFC Totton on Tuesday 15th October at 7:45pm where the game will be played to a conclusion (Extra time and penalty kick if required)

Let's get behind the lads and enjoy today's game,

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 12 Oct 19

- 15:00 Slimbridge v AFC Totton
- 15:00 Barnstaple Town v Thatcham Town
- 15:00 Cirencester Town v Basingstoke Town
- 15:00 Didcot Town v Larkhall Athletic
- 15:00 Evesham United v Halesowen Town
- 15:00 Frome Town v Bideford
- 15:00 Highworth Town v Cinderford Town
- 15:00 Melksham Town v Wantage Town
- 15:00 Paulton Rovers v Willand Rovers
- 15:00 Sholing v Bristol Manor Farm
- 15:00 Winchester City v Thame United

Tue 15 Oct 19

- 19:45 Bideford v Bristol Manor Farm

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Totton Football Club was formed in 1886 & became a founder member of the Hampshire F.A. when it was inaugurated. It was also a founder member of the New Forest League, formed in 1904.

After the 1914-18 War, Totton entered the Southampton Senior League, the New Forest League & in 1920-21 joined the Hampshire League West. The games were played at South Testwood Park, before Totton moved to Testwood Park on the 30th December 1933. In 1975 the club amalgamated with Totton Athletic, installed floodlights & opened a Club Room with a Bar at the ground.

Totton's most successful season was in 1981-82 when they won the Hampshire League Division 1 title for the first time, the Russell Côtes Cup, Hampshire Intermediate Cup, Southampton Senior Cup & the Reg Mathieson Trophy. In 1983 Totton reached the 5th round of the FA Vase, losing 1-0 away to the cup holders Forest Green Rovers.

Totton became a founder member of the Wessex League when it was formed in the 1986-87 season, finishing third. In 1989-90 Totton won the Medisport Wessex League Cup & in the 1990-91 season was runner-up to Southern League Bashley in the Russell Côtes Cup.

In 2001, the club reached the 4th Round of the Carlsberg FA Vase. The 2002-03 season saw the Club enjoy a good FA Cup run before losing to Slough Town in a 1st Qualifying Round replay. The Club did gain some silverware though, beating League Champions Eastleigh 2-1 in the final of the Jewson Wessex Football League Cup.

Our Visitors Today

The 2005-06 season saw many changes. With Stuart Ritchie now at the helm, the team achieved 4th place in the League. The club had a good FA Cup run & won the Wessex League Cup for a third time.

2006-07, proved to be the most memorable in our history. The first Team had a season-long battle with Gosport, missing out on the League title by one goal. This was disappointing after leading the table from October until the last week of the season. The highlight was reaching the FA Carlsberg Vase Final for the first time in the Club's history. Played at the new Wembley Stadium in front of a record 36,232 crowd for a Vase Final, we had to settle for Runners-up spot, losing 3-1 to Truro City.

The 2007-08 season saw a good early run in the FA Cup & that momentum extended into a great run in the League. The team produced a stunning 27 points from 30 in March & April. This sealed our first Wessex League Championship & promotion to the BGB Southern League. Those two seasons will linger long in the memory of those lucky enough to be part of the adventure & a glowing tribute to a dedicated team with fantastic support. An exciting new adventure was about to begin!

2008-09 saw AFC Totton reach new heights after being promoted to the Southern League South and West Division One. After a table topping start, we eventually finished 3rd in the league. After beating Beaconsfield SYCOB in the play-off semi-final, we had a home tie in the final against Didcot Town. It was a superb match which went to extra time, before Didcot scored the winner.

Our Visitors Today

2009-10 had seen AFC Totton lift the Hampshire Senior Cup after reaching the final for the first time in the Club's history. This wrapped up yet another great season for the Stags as we narrowly missed out on promotion for the second season in a row. After finishing runners up in the league, we lost the play-off semi-final to Cirencester Town 2-3, despite coming from 2 goals down to unfortunately concede a goal in the 90th minute.

2010-11 was another successful season in the club's history, retaining the Hampshire Senior Cup for the second time after beating Sholing 3-1 at St. Mary's Stadium. This was eclipsed by the club being crowned Champions of the Southern League South and West Division. The Club was named club of the season for the South and West Division & also picked up the fair play award along with the Merit Cup for the most goals scored. The Club also celebrated a golden boot award for one of the crowd favourites Mike Gosney, who scored 36 goals. The Club were pleased to see another crowd favourite doing well & penning his first pro contract, securing a deal with Port Vale.

The highlight of the 2011-12 season was AFC Totton reaching the 2nd round proper of the FA Cup for the first time in the Club's history. The match against Bristol Rovers was televised live on ITV & our visitors came out on top in convincing style. Nevertheless history was written & shall never be forgotten. This was not the only history making event of the season. Stefan Brown made his mark in the record books by scoring the fastest FA Cup hat-trick by a substitute, scoring all 3 goals in 15 second half minutes. AFC Totton also reached the Hampshire Senior Cup final for the 3rd season in succession, losing 2-0 Eastleigh. The Club narrowly missed promotion to the Conference South after losing 4-2 to Oxford City in the play-off final after only one season at Southern Premier League level.

Our Visitors Today

The 2012-13 season saw AFC Totton consolidate their position in the Southern Premier League, finishing 14th. The home results disappointingly didn't match performances away from the Testwood Stadium.

The Red Insure Cup saw an early exit at the hands of Sholing, but a better run in the Hants Senior Cup ended against a strong AFC Bournemouth side. With scores level at 90 minutes, the Stags lost out 4-2 on penalties. A tremendous effort from our Youth side saw them beat AFC Bournemouth after an epic 11-10 penalty victory in FA Youth Cup. Unfortunately, they lost in the next round of the competition but the win away at Bournemouth will remain in the memory of those who attended. In the FA Cup progress was made to the 4th Qualifying Round where the Stags lost 3-2 at home to Cambridge City. On the way they recorded a remarkable result in defeating the then Conference South side Truro City by the same score in Cornwall. In the FA Trophy, Totton were rewarded by three home draws when beating Bideford, Gosport Borough & Conference South Basingstoke Town. Despite a fine performance at Blue Square Premier side Forest Green Rovers, we lost by a solitary goal in time added on.

The 2013-14 season saw the Stags undergo major changes, caused by previous miss-management of the Club. Forced to field mainly inexperienced youngsters in the tough surroundings of the Southern Premier League, relegation was half expected. Although as the players matured performances improved, the dreaded drop could not be avoided.

The Club has spent the last few seasons rebuilding & in 2018-19 finished 10th in the Southern League Division One South. The committee, management & playing squad are looking forward to the 2019-20 season as the club grows both on & off the field.

Our Visitors Today

Staff Profiles

Manager - Louis Langdown.

The former Head of Sport Science at AFC Bournemouth & Crystal Palace FC enters his 3rd full season in charge. Previous coaching roles include positions at Southampton FC and Portsmouth FC working with Premier League, National League, and International footballers.

Assistant Manager – Adam Wilde.

Adam brings 20 years of high level nonleague playing experience having worked under excellent coaches and managers. Adam's experience of winning promotions at Steps 2,3 and 4 and playing in the Trophy Final at Wembley provides good game knowledge to our young team.

Physio - Dave Penny.

The clubs long standing Physio, and all round top man. The 'Doc' works his magic to get the players back fit in record time.

Sports Therapist – Imogen Still.

Imogen provides pitch-side first aid support, specialist injury prevention and recovery techniques for the players.

Our Visitors Today

Player Profiles:

Alex Cull

On loan from Premier League side Southampton FC. The excellent young goalkeeping prospect has represented England at youth level.

Alex Haynes

Last season's Player's Player of the season. He's one of our own after stepping up from the youth team. Former England school's player Alex has impressed everyone at the club.

Matt Bozier

Signed permanently after three loan spells from Aldershot FC, the classy defender will look to get a full season under his belt.

Robin Nicholls

Our experienced midfielder entering his third season having played southern league football for a host of top sides.

Jack Smith

Last season ever present centre back adds game knowledge and steal to the side. Entering his 3rd full season, the Eastleigh FC Academy coach brings a wealth of experience.

Gowan Stares

A former New Zealand U20's player, Gowan has represented Redditch United in the Southern League and after a series of injuries the defender will look for fitness and form.

Adam McWilliam

New arrival the former Montrose player has plenty of skill and quality. Will be looking to add goals from midfield to the team.

Our Visitors Today

Jack Masterton

The skipper and our silky skilled lefty who's also entering his 3rd season. Jack can play anywhere, but don't ask him to head the ball.

Craig Feeney

Known affectionately as 'Mr Totton' or 'Goals'. Feens is a regular goalscorer at this level. He uses his pace and strength very well, scored some cracking goals in a Stags shirt.

Silvano Obeng

Arrived from Team Solent after 3 very good seasons. Silv brings good physicality and work-rate to the side, as well and being a cool finisher.

Oli Bradley

The wideman has impressed the players and staff and this season promises to be a good year for the rapid attacker.

Liam Callaghan

Arrived from Eastleigh Fc, the young attacker has experience at Southern league level and will excite our supporters.

Matt Hall

Understudy to Alex, and again on loan from Southampton FC, the big stopper made his debut at 16 for the Stags.

Matt Simms

Played in the same Eastleigh Academy side as Liam and brings a versatility to the squad as he's able to operate anywhere along the right-hand side.

Our Visitors Today

Matt Hartman

The former Philippines International is a very experienced and calm footballer. Can operate in midfield or defence.

Mitchell Byrne

The talented young centre back arrived from team Solent having played 2 seasons for the Wessex Premier side before reaching 18.

Dave Allen

Club captain and a massive part of the football club for the last 4 seasons. The striker turned defender is the ultimate team player.

Liam Farrugia

Dual signed from Conference South outfit Weymouth, Liam is a player we can use in several positions. Great athleticism and a winner.

James Matthews

James broke into the squad last season while playing for our U18's. He'll dual sign with neighbours Totton & Eling as we progress him further.

Will Archer

The young defender arrived from college football and the well run programme at Sparsholt. His first season in senior football and Will is expected to do very well.

Rob Bradley

This young midfielder has joined from Wimborne Town & brings a good work rate to the side.

Our Visitors Today

Richard Bakary

This young player has recently arrived, having spent 4 years with Southampton FC. Able to play in defence or as an attacker, he has the perfect platform to showcase his ability with us.

Patrick Nolan

Pip has rejoined the Stags after playing in Blackfield & Langley's title winning side last season. He will add strength, creativity & goalscoring to our midfield.



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Sat 10 Aug 19	15:00	Edgware Town	H	FAC EPr	W	1-0
Sat 17 Aug 19	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League	L	3-6
Wed 21 Aug 19	19:45	Highworth Town	H	League	L	2-4
Sat 24 Aug 19	15:00	Burnham	H	FAC Pr	D	1-1
Wed 28 Aug 19	19:45	Evesham United	A	League	L	3-4
Sat 31 Aug 19	15:00	Basingstoke Town	H	League	W	2-0
Tue 03 Sep 19	19:45	Burnham	A	FAC Pr R	L(Pens)	1-1
Tue 10 Sep 19	19:45	Cheltenham Town	H	GFA Cup	L	1-2
Sat 14 Sep 19	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League	W	3-0
Sat 21 Sep 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	H	League	W	4-1
Tue 24 Sep 19	19:45	Frome Town	A	League	W	2-1
Sat 28 Sep 10	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	FAT Ex Pr	W	2-1
Wed 02 Oct 19	19:45	Yate Town	H	lge Cup	L	1-2
Sat 05 Oct 19	15:00	Bideford	H	League	W	2-1
Sat 12 Oct 19	15:00	AFC Totton	H	FAT Pr		
Sat 19 Oct 19	15:00	Paulton Rovers	H	League		
Sat 02 Nov 19	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League		
Sat 09 Nov 19	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	H	League		
Sat 16 Nov 19	15:00	Winchester City	A	League		
Sat 23 Nov 19	15:00	Willand Rovers	H	League		
Sat 30 Nov 19	15:00	Sholing	A	League		
Sat 07 Dec 19	15:00	Cirencester Town	H	League		
Sat 14 Dec 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	A	League		
Sat 21 Dec 19	15:00	AFC Totton	H	League		
Thu 26 Dec 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	League		

Fixtures 2019-20

BetVictor Southern League Division One South

Wed 01 Jan 20	15:00	Evesham United	H	League
Sat 04 Jan 20	15:00	Highworth Town	A	League
Sat 11 Jan 20	15:00	Melksham Town	H	League
Sat 18 Jan 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League
Sat 25 Jan 20	15:00	Barnstaple Town	H	League
Sat 01 Feb 20	15:00	Bideford	A	League
Sat 08 Feb 20	15:00	FromeTown	H	League
Sat 15 Feb 20	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	League
Sat 22 Feb 20	15:00	Moneyfields	H	League
Sat 29 Feb 20	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	A	League
Sat 07 Mar 20	15:00	Winchester City	H	League
Sat 14 Mar 20	15:00	Willand Rovers	A	League
Sat 21 Mar 20	15:00	Sholing	H	League
Sat 28 Mar 20	15:00	Basingstoke Town	A	League
Sat 04 Apr 20	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League
Sat 11 Apr 20	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League
Mon 13 Apr 20	15:00	Cinderford Town	H	League
Sat 18 Apr 20	15:00	Thatcham Town	H	League
Sat 25 Apr 20	15:00	Cirencester Town	A	League

Fixtures 2019-20

Cheltenham Youth League (U18)

Mon 02 Sep 19	19:45	Malvern Town	H FA Y Cup	W 3-2
Thu 12 Sep 19	19:45	Chipping Sodbury T	H League	W 6-0
Mon 16 Sep 19	19:45	New College Swindon	A FA Y Cup	W 4-2
Mon 23 Sep 19	19:45	Cinderford Town	H League	W 6-0
Mon 30 Sep 19	19:45	Chippenham Town	H FA Y Cup	W 2-0
Thu 10 Oct 19	19:30	Tuffley Rovers	A League	
Tue 15 Oct 19	19:30	Tuffley Rovers	A GFA Cup	
Mon 21 Oct 19	19:30	Cheltenham Town	H League	
Tue 29 Oct 19	19:30	Cinderford Town	A League	
Wed 06 Nov 19	19:30	Lydney Town	A League	
Thu 21 Nov 19	19:30	Cheltenham Town	A League	
Mon 25 Nov 19	19:30	Tuffley Rovers	H League	
Wed 04 Dec 19	19:30	Westfields	A League	
Mon 09 Dec 19	19:30	Bishops Cleeve	H League	
Mon 16 Dec 19	19:30	Longlevens	H League	
Mon 6 Jan 20	19:30	Evesham United	A League	
Mon 13 Jan 20	19:30	Lydney Town	H League	
Thu 23 Jan 20	19:30	Bishops Cleeve	A League	
Mon 03 Feb 20	19:30	Westfields	H League	
Mon 10 Feb 20	19:30	Evesham United	H League	
Wed 19 Feb 20	19:30	Chipping Sodbury T	A League	

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 1-2 Yate Town

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Youthful Swans exit League Cup

A much changed Slimbridge side exited the League cup in the first round to a strong Yate side starting with a full complement of first team players. The Swans went for a youthful look to their side with 7 players under the age of 18 alongside Korey Pring making his first start of the season after a long injury break.

Yate had much of the early attacking play however the young Swans did well to stifle the opposition playing some nice passing football when in possession. Home keeper Joe Wright did well to tip Louis Britton's shot over the bar.

It was the visitors that opened the scoring, Sam Kamara lobbing Wright into the top corner from just outside the box after 26 minutes. Just before half time Bradley Webb thundered a shot off the corner of the stantion from 20 yards out.

A couple of minutes later a flurry of activity in the Yate box saw Lewis Spurrier's shot from Leighton Tuodolo's cross blocked followed by Dion Chambers close range shot charged down.

A fairly even second half saw Yate extend their lead Britton running onto a through ball and tucking it past Wright into the net. Slimbridge responded well, Wright's long kick found substitute Ethan Dunbar on the left, he cut in and coolly beat the visitor keeper Adam Forster from close range to score his first senior goal on debut.

Match Reports

Wright did well in the closing moments of the game making a number of crucial saves as Yate cruised into the next round of the competition.

Slimbridge: Wright, Harper, Waddington, Chambers, C Tuner, Pring (Giles 59), Spurrier, Horrell, Bloomfield (Dunbar 71), M Turner (D Tuner 46), Tuodolo

Yate Town: Forster, Evans, Horton (Keightley 74), Peare (Humphreys 79), Ford, Webb, Kamara, Guest, Bryant, Britton, Twyman (Price 71)

Attendance: 92

Supporter's Man of the match: Joe Wright

Match Reports

Slimbridge 2-1 Bideford

Saturday 5th October 2019

Swans extended winning run

Slimbridge continued their exceptional league form by winning their fifth league game on the bounce in beating a determined and battling Bideford side that were unlucky not to come away with at least a point.

With Will Peck not recovering from a recent injury senior Under 18's player Jacob Waddington stepped into the first team to take his place. After scoring midweek in the league cup defeat young Ethan Dunbar was given a place on the bench.

It was Bideford who had much of the early possession as the Swans struggled to get into their normal passing game. A couple of early corners for the visitors tested the home defence, loan Richards heading the first away. A second corner was given after a scramble in the box was deflected to safety and home keeper Joe Wright did well to punch the resultant corner clear.

It took Slimbridge until 26 minutes to craft out a half decent chance, Waddington playing a long ball over the Bideford defence for Rhys Sarson to collect his attempted lob over the out coming keeper Liam Kingston just sailed over the bar.

A couple of minutes later Max Smallcombe headed wide for the visitors from a free kick taken on the half way line. Moment later Richards did well to block a shot at the near post and from the corner the ball took a deflection at the far post and out for another corner.

Match Reports

Leighton Tuodolo's shot on 29 minutes was too high before the best chance of the game for the Swans saw Dean Turner find Sarson in space his shot was saved by Kingston and deflected out for a corner by the home defence.

Bideford deservedly took the lead on 37 minutes, Sean Downing heading home a cross from the right to leave the home side stunned. On the stroke of half time a visitor's free kick on the edge of the box saw Charlie Lawrence head over.

As the game entered first half injury time, the Swans gained a corner. The ball was sent over by Tuodolo to the far post, Richards initial effort came back off a team mate before his second attempt found its way into the net from less than 5 yards out to bring the scores level at half time.

Again Bideford continued to pressurise the home side Toby Down heading straight at Wright and Smallcombe heading wide a 40 yard free kick. On 66 minutes Kingston kept the visitors in the game, Tuodolo through on goal forced a save the ball coming back out to Ryan Beckinsale whose follow up shot was also well saved.

The Swans now hitting a spell of possession got their passing game back and it was Dean Turner that sprung the offside trap running in on goal and drawing out keeper Kingston to the right of the box. Turner unselfishly squared to Tuodolo on the left but he managed to sky the ball over the bar with an empty net in front of him.

Match Reports

On 74 minutes Jack Goodall's run down the right resulted in a cross to the far post that was cleared out for a Slimbridge corner. From the corner a header in the crowded box was saved on the line by Kingston.

With just less than 10 minutes remaining of the game Bideford gained a free kick about 40 yards out, the ball was swung into the box Ryan Turner rose to head towards the top corner from less than 10 yards out with Wright pulling off a fantastic save to tip the goal bound effort over the bar. Wright then did well to punch the corner kick clear. Turner then hit a long range shot over the bar.

Against the run of play, Slimbridge broke down the left wing on 83 minutes through Waddington and Myron Turner. Turner played the ball into the feet of substitute Jack Horrell who hit a screamer of a shot into the top of the net from 30 yards leaving Kingston no chance and Slimbridge with another victory.

Match Reports

With Bristol Manor Farm's FA Cup tie going to a replay this week, the Swans first team have a week off to recover before next Saturdays home Buildbase FA Trophy game against AFC Totton. However the unbeaten Under 18's side are in action at Tuffley Rovers on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday evening Slimbridge will host the Reg Davis Cup Final contested between Chalford and King's Stanley with both teams set to enjoy playing on the award winning 'carpet' at Thornhill Park.

Slimbridge: Wright, Goodall, Waddington, M Turner, White, Richards, Spurrier (Dunbar 78), D Turner, Sarson, Beckinsale (Horrell 68), Tuodolo (C Turner 86)

Subs not used: Chambers, Ford

Attendance: 76

Supporter's man of the match: Joe Wright

Our Visitors Today

Recent Results

Sat 05 Oct 2019	AFC Totton 2 - 3 Frome Town
Sat 28 Sep 2019	Bideford 2 - 1 AFC Totton
Sat 21 Sep 2019	AFC Totton 0 - 0 Basingstoke Town
Sat 14 Sep 2019	Bristol Manor Farm 2 - 3 AFC Totton
Tue 03 Sep 2019	AFC Totton 1 - 0 Willand Rovers
Sat 31 Aug 2019	Barnstaple Town 1 - 0 AFC Totton

Goal Scorers

Craig Feeney	4
Lewis Beale	1
Oliver Bradley	1
Liam Callaghan	1
Patrick Nolan	1
Silvano Obeng	1
Mohamed Bakary	1

Our History

In The Beginning

The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for its Bird Sanctuary, but in recent years much hard work has gone into making Slimbridge better known in football circles.

The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season playing in local football at various venues in and around the village. A gap in the records suggests there may have been a couple of seasons when no games were played, and thus, officially, the Club's centenary was celebrated in 2002/03.

It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road was acquired, after a former player, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed it to the Club in his Will. For the next forty-odd years the Club were predominantly members of the Stroud and District League with varying degrees of success and failure, except for a period between 1960 and 1968 when they were in the Gloucester Northern Senior League.

Point Of Collapse

By 1988, a point of collapse approached, but fortunately, a handful of committee members led by Gordon King and Gordon Tudor kept the Club afloat. The following season local businessman Paul Chappell arrived. The Club was stabilised and construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed.

Start Of A New Reign

As playing standards improved, the building of a long awaited Social Club commenced in the 1998/99 season. The following year saw the introduction of John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, as Chairman. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager.

Our History

After achieving the Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven point margin in 2002/03 and with it, promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, where a creditable fourth place finish was achieved in 2003/04. In a marvelous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

Arrival Of Floodlights

The summer of 2003 saw the floodlights installed. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural floodlit game at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground record was beaten at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003/04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525.

Season 2004/05 again saw a fourth place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division, along with a first entry into the F.A. Vase competition which resulted in a useful run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at 'Screwfix' Western League side Backwell United concluded an enjoyable campaign. Sadly, in the February, Gray stood down after nearly four seasons at the helm of the club.

The club started season 2005/06 under newly appointed Manager Doug Foxwell. A first entry into the F.A. cup saw a visit from Wessex League side Wimborne Town.

Our History

A 1-0 defeat did not dampen the sense of occasion on the first day of the season. A second successful run in the F.A. Vase again came to an end in the Third Round Proper, with a 3-1 defeat at South Midland Premier, Welwyn Garden City. After a record-breaking 64 game season, the team managed a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division. The club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons.

Reserves Make Headway

After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005/06 saw the Reserve side finally win the title and with it, promotion to the Gloucester Northern Senior League Division Two. This was the same League title that the first team won in season 1998/99 which proved the springboard for five successive first team promotions.

Rise To New Heights

Season 2006/07 proved the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F. A. Cup and Vase runs for the senior side as well.

In the F.A. Cup, a five match run from the Extra-Preliminary Round finished at Merthyr Tydfil in the Third Qualifying Round. Along the way there were memorable wins against two other Southern Premier sides, 2-1 at Yate Town and 3-1 at home to Chippenham Town.

It was six matches in the F.A. Vase before defeat was tasted, the run ending in the Fifth Round Proper at home to the eventual winners, Truro City.

Our History

In the Hellenic Premier Division, a solid start was established. Due to the Cup runs, and then bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, half a seasons fixtures had to be played in the final two months. A tremendous effort saw the Club bring the Championship Shield to Wisloe Road, the winning margin being three points over second placed North Leigh.

There was a rousing performance in the G.F.A. Trophy Final against Almondsbury Town. A 3-1 victory not only retained the Trophy, but recorded a third success in four seasons in that competition.

The Reserve side had an early success in the Gloucester Northern Senior League Cup with a 2-0 win against Division One Tuffley Rovers. This saw confidence rise and they went on to break a Gloucestershire Northern Senior League record in winning Division Two with a Played 30, Won 30 record.

Promotion To The Southern League

Alongside the playing success, progress in the improvement of facilities allowed the First Team to be accepted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, the highest level that the Club have ever operated at.

Return To A New Beginning

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the opportunity of playing in the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, instead the club reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a big upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new.

Our History

However a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole taking over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling.

Climb Back Up The Ladder

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. The reins were handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, joined by Assistant and long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two have guided the side to a very respectable sixth and fifth place in their first two seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

Switching Leagues

After three top six finishes in the Hellenic Premier League, The Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League, a move approved by the FA in the Summer of 2013.

Return To The Southern League

After two seasons in the Toolstation Western Premier League, a third place finish at the end of the 2014/15 season gave the Swans a second opportunity to return to the Southern Football League. This time the club accepted the offer and took their place in the South and West division finishing a credible 18th.

Welcome To Thornhill Park

At the start of the 2016-17 season prior to our annual freindly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was renamed in honour of the gift in 1960 from former Chairman Evi Thornhill of the land the club still occupies to this day.

Our History

Evi's son, Tony and his wife Margaret were on hand to cut the ceremonial ribbon, and Tony made a short heartfelt speech about how much the renaming meant to him and the entire Thornhill family, and how honoured they were that the football club had recognised their father in this way.

Changes On The Bench

After a run of poor results the club parted company with manager Leon Sterling in December 2016, his assistant Freddy Ward taking up the post initially on a caretaker basis. Freddy continued in the role for the following season bringing in Lee Driver-Dickerson as his assistant and former Gloucester City player Lee Smith as player coach.

After tough year, just avoiding relegation Freddy Ward stepped down as first team manager at the end of the 2017/18 season. Driver-Dickerson taking up the reigns with Cheltenham youth coach Dave Strain as his assistant.

Progression Through Youth

After three tough years of survival in the Southern League the committee decided to start a new Under 18's team, entering into the Midland Floodlit Youth League, Division 1 for the 2018/19 season. The aim was to produce a new crop of Swans to bolster the first team and provide a platform for local players to progress into Southern League Football

The move was a resounding success, seven of the Under 18 players stepping up to first team football during the season and Lewis Adams taking the number one jersey for the majority of the season.

Our History

Another step forward

At the start of the 2019/20 season the clubs fifth in the Southern League, further progress is being made on the pitch. Alex Lumsden an academy coach at Bristol Rovers and former Swansea player Dion Chambers joining Lee Driver-Dickerson's backroom staff.

The Under 18's have moved across to a new County based youth league and the formation of an Under 17 team to bolster the clubs youthful squad gives an exciting air to the future of the club.

Swans Pen Pics

Lewis Adams

Lewis is in his second season with the club having progressed through our U/18s side. A very good goalkeeper who has a bright future ahead of him.

Joel White

Joel was recruited in the summer from Tuffley Rovers, a strong defender who will be looking to impress at Thornhill Park this season

Ben Aitken

Ben signed preseason after playing at Bishops Cleeve last season, a young midfielder who will be looking to establish a place in the first team this season.

Jacob Waddington

Another success from our U/18s Jacob is a very competitive defender who is in his second season with the Swans.

Will Peck

Another youngster recruited from Gloucester City in the summer, has shown

Tom Handley

Tom is a new recruit from Gloucester City and has signed on dual registration, formerly at Cheltenham Town Tom will be looking to cement a place in the Swans back four.

Joel Letori

Joel has come highly recommended having played for Cardiff Met in the Welsh Premier League, formerly with Willand Rovers and Cullompton FC.

Aaron Nesbeth

A 20 year old defender who joined us in the summer from Gloucester City, Aaron has impressed in pre season and will be looking to press on.

Swans Pen Pics

Christien Turner

Slimbridge's player of the year last season, a strong lad with a good head, reads the game well, a popular figure here at Thornhill Park.

Jack Horrell

Jack has a wealth of experience, formerly with Bishops Cleeve, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Evesham Utd, a strong midfielder and a good passer of the ball.

Sam Mendes

Sam is in his second season with the Swans, formerly with Westfields FC, Sam is another lad who will be looking to gain a regular place in the first team this season.

Ryan Beckinsale

Ryan is a young midfielder and has signed after playing for Fairford Town last season, has impressed in pre-season and has a big year ahead of him.

Mike Ford

Mike joins the Swans having played for Bishops Cleeve last season, another player who has had a good pre-season and will further strengthen the Swans midfield.

Adam Bloomfield

Another young player who has progressed through our U/18s, top scorer for our youngsters last season and also ended up league top scorer, Adam will be looking to do the same this year but at Southern League level.

Myron Turner

A popular lad here at Thornhill Park, in his second full season having previously played for Longlevens FC.

Dean Turner

Club Captain who needs no introduction here at Thornhill Park, supporters player of the year last season, always gives 100%.

Swans Pen Pics

Dion Chambers

Dion has joined us during the summer and has already become a favourite with the fans, played in Wales for Briton Ferry Fc, has a lot of skill and will add vital experience to our midfield.

Will Hawes

Top goal scorer here at Thornhill Park last season, Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player, he will be looking to notch plenty more for the Swans this season.

Jamie Martin

Another Popular figure here at Thornhill Park, a very loyal player who has improved with age, Jamie is a regular goal scorer and will be another looking to impress again this season.

Sol Wanjau-Smith

Sol has joined us in the summer having been scoring regularly for Cribbs FC in the Western League Premier Division. A pacy winger who will cause opposition defences plenty of problems.

Leighton Tuodolo

18 yr old striker who did well at Thornbury Town last season, another who has impressed in pre Season, plenty of pace, looks an exciting prospect.

Rhys Sarson

Rhys is a new signing for us and has already made a big impression in preseason, a strong forward player who holds the ball up well, Rhys has also played for Mansfield Town.

Swans Pen Pics

Lee Driver-Dickerson: Manager

Lee is in his second full season as manager after being assistant to Freddy Ward in 2017/18, a good motivator who is dedicated to the cause. Lee will be keen to improve the league position of the Swans this season after a couple of tough years.

Alex Lumsden: Assistant Manager

Alex has joined us during the summer having had spells at Stonehouse Town, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Bishops Cleeve. Alex holds a Uefa B Licence and coaches at Bristol Rovers Academy. He is an excellent appointment and has already shown a very professional approach in his work here at Thornhill Park.

Tony Woodward: Sports Therapist

Tony has been with us for very many years and is a popular figure in the dugout. Keeps threatening to retire but keeps turning up, Tony is also a qualified football referee



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Player Appearances

		Started	Subs	Goals
M	Turner	13	0	4
J	White	12	0	0
D	Turner	12	1	0
W	Peck	10	1	0
L	Tuodolo	9	2	0
J	Wright	8	0	0
R	Sarson	7	1	3
S	Wanjau-Smith	7	2	6
I	Richards	7	0	1
T	Handley	6	1	1
C	Turner	6	2	0
D	Chambers	6	3	1
A	Bloomfield	6	3	1
R	Beckinsale	6	3	3
L	Adams	5	0	0
M	Ford	5	1	1
J	Goodall	5	0	0
J	Martin	4	0	1
D	King	3	1	1
T	Tucker-Dixon	2	4	0
J	Letori	2	1	0
J	Horrell	2	8	1
L	Spurrier	2	1	0
J	Waddington	2	0	0
A	Nesbeth	1	1	0
L	Roach	1	0	0
B	Aitken	1	1	0
A	Freeman	1	0	0
W	Hawes	1	2	1
L	Harper	1	0	0
K	Pring	1	0	0
J	Spruce	0	1	0
O	Giles	0	1	0
E	Dunbar	0	2	1

Goal Scorers

		Started	Subs	Goals
S	Wanjau-Smith	7	2	6
M	Turner	13	0	4
R	Sarson	7	1	3
R	Beckinsale	6	3	3
T	Handley	6	1	1
M	Ford	5	1	1
J	Martin	4	0	1
D	Chambers	6	3	1
A	Bloomfield	6	3	1
J	Horrell	2	8	1
I	Richards	7	0	1
D	King	3	1	1
W	Hawes	1	2	1
E	Dunbar	0	2	1

Form Guide

1	Evesham United	WWWDWW
2	Thatcham Town	WDWWWW
3	Paulton Rovers	WWWWWL
4	Slimbridge	WWWWWL
5	Cinderford Town	DWWWDL
6	Winchester City	WLWLWD
7	Cirencester Town	LLLWWW
8	Frome Town	WDLWD
9	Moneyfields	WLDWDL
10	AFC Totton	LLDWL
11	Willand Rovers	LWDDL
12	Bideford	LWLLDW
13	Larkhall Athletic	WLLLWD
14	Highworth Town	LDLWWL
15	Bristol Manor Farm	LLDWD
16	Melksham Town	DLDWLL
17	Basingstoke Town	WDDL
18	Mangotsfield United	LDLLWL
19	Sholing	LLWLL
20	Barnstaple Town	LLLLL



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League Table

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#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Paulton Rovers	9	7	1	1	26	12	+14	22
2	Frome Town	10	6	3	1	20	10	+10	21
3	Thatcham Town	8	6	2	0	16	6	+10	20
4	Evesham United	8	5	2	1	17	9	+8	17
5	Slimbridge	8	5	0	3	21	17	+4	15
6	Cinderford Town	8	4	2	2	14	11	+3	14
7	Winchester City	8	4	2	2	13	12	+1	14
8	Larkhall Athletic	9	4	2	3	14	14	0	14
9	Mangotsfield United	9	4	1	4	17	16	+1	13
10	Highworth Town	8	3	1	4	9	11	-2	10
11	Bideford	8	3	1	4	12	16	-4	10
12	Cirencester Town	7	3	0	4	13	13	0	9
13	Moneyfields	6	2	2	2	11	7	+4	8
14	Melksham Town	8	2	2	4	13	18	-5	8
15	Willand Rovers	9	2	1	6	8	13	-5	7
16	AFC Totton	9	2	1	6	10	17	-7	7
17	Sholing	8	2	0	6	7	12	-5	6
18	Basingstoke Town	9	1	3	5	10	16	-6	6
19	Barnstaple Town	10	2	0	8	8	26	-18	6
20	Bristol Manor Farm	5	1	2	2	7	10	-3	5

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