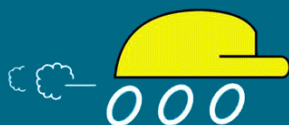


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Bideford

Joe Wright	1	Liam Kingston
Jack Goodhall	2	Ian Sampson
Will Peck	3	Ben Palmer
Myron Turner	4	Charlie Lawrence
Ioan Richards	5	James Mayne
Joel White	6	Toby Down
Danny King	7	Ben Carter (C)
Dean Turner (c)	8	Max Smallcombe
Rhys Sarson	9	Ryan Turner
Ryan Beckinsale	10	Craig Duff
Sol Wanjau-Smith	11	Billy Tucker
Christien Turner	12	Aaron Taylor
Mike Ford	13	
Will Hawes	14	Lewis Waldy
Dion Chambers	15	Kevin Squire
Jack Horrell	16	Niall Heeney
Adam Bloomfield	17	Steven Reed
Leighton Tuodolo	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

Sean Joyce
Craig Laird

Physios:

James Watson

Tony Beal

Referee:

Daniel Robinson

Assistants:

Charles Humphrys
Jason Porter

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 05 Oct 19

- 15:00 AFC Totton v Frome Town
- 15:00 Barnstaple Town v Moneyfields
- 15:00 Basingstoke Town v Highworth Town
- 15:00 Cinderford Town v Melksham Town
- 15:00 Cirencester Town v Paulton Rovers
- 15:00 Evesham United v Mangotsfield United
- 15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Willand Rovers
- 15:00 Sholing v Winchester City
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Bideford

Tue 08 Oct 19

- 19:45 Bristol Manor Farm v Slimbridge
- 19:45 Cinderford Town v Evesham United
- 19:45 Moneyfields v Cirencester Town

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Our Visitors Today

Bideford A.F.C. is an English non-league football club from Bideford, Devon that plays in the Evo Stik Southern League South and West..

It was first formed in the Late 1890's and was then called "Bideford United". It was nicknamed the Robins, due to its Red Shirts, which it is still known as today. After playing local football, Bideford joined the Devon and Exeter League in 1904. Football was suspended for the duration of World War 1.



After the First World War, its name was Changed to "Bideford Town" and Since the first decade of the twentieth Century, the club has predominantly played at the Sports ground in Bideford. Until entering hibernation for the duration of World War Two, it was a highly successful club, albeit that it played the majority of its football in North Devon.

In 1927 Cardiff City won the F.A Cup and their Captain was Fred Keenor who had 32 International Caps, this number was almost unheard of. It was a big day for the Club when Fred brought his Cup winning team and the Cup to Bideford.

Following its reformation in the 1947/48 season, The Club was reborn as "Bideford Association Football Club" and re-entered the Exeter and East Devon League, with only two of the Pre War team surviving, Gerald Brommell and Fred Shute. The team in 1947/9 was run by a committee which met at the Maltscoop Inn, and they selected the team also. For the start of the 1948/49 season Fred Pincott was appointed Manager and the club had a house in Chanters Avenue for him to live in, but team selection was still in the hands of the committee.

Our Visitors Today

Bideford were runners up in the 1948/49 Season, and applied to join then the Western League Division Two. This was declined and instead they were made to join Division Three. Bideford won the division, without losing a game, and two seasons later they won the second division and promotion to Division One. At this time, the club did not have a club house, but there was a Nissen Hut just inside the main gate, and a wooden grandstand, which was replaced with the present one after the Bradford fire disaster.

In 1964/65 Bideford reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, and drew away at Colchester 3:3 and lost home in the replay 1:2, at which BBC camera's were present. Bideford won the Western League three times before joining the [Southern League](#) in 1972. The club spent three seasons in the Southern league before the extra expense involved and increased travelling took its toll, forcing them to drop down back to the Western League.

During their time in the Southern League, the club set an all-time [FA Cup](#) record, when in 1974–75 they played thirteen FA Cup games in a single season – as a result of playing numerous replays in qualifying rounds including needing five games to beat [Falmouth Town](#) and four more to beat [Trowbridge Town](#) in the next round. With the subsequent abandonment of second and further replays, this record will never be beaten again. Bideford were finally knocked out 0:2 by Bristol Rovers. In 1977/78 Bideford again reached the First Round Proper, travelling to Portsmouth where they lost 1:3. Finally they achieved the feat again in 1981/82, being knocked out by Barking 1:2.



Our Visitors Today

Two more Western League titles followed in the early 1980s, before a financial crisis hit the club. A re-formation took place in 1987, leading to the current set up, a company limited by guarantee, under the revised company name Bideford AFC (1987) Ltd.

Under the chairmanship of Jim McElwee, and his successor Paul Mitchell, the club won four more Western League titles, and also made the [FA Vase](#) semi-finals, where they lost to [Winchester City](#). Despite winning the Western League four times, under Manager [Sean Joyce](#), between 2000 to 2006, the club elected not to apply for promotion to the Southern League due to the amount of travelling and expense that would be involved in playing teams which, almost without exception, would be over 100 miles away.

However after winning the Western League again for the 10th time in the 2009/10 season and winning the Devon St Luke's Bowl where they beat Exeter City 2–1 in the Final; Bideford AFC accepted promotion to the Southern League in May 2010, joining Division One South & West. In their second season in Division One South & West the club won the Division and gained promotion to the Southern League Premier Division as champions. They remained in the Premier Division the following season, by Goal Difference.

At the end of the 2015/16 season, the Robins were relegated to the Southern League Division One South & West.

Several players from the club have progressed to Football League status, the most recent of them being Tony Dennis and Shaun Taylor. Three former internationals have played for the club at the end of their career, Welshman Leighton Phillips, as well as Dermot Curtis and Will Haynes from the Republic of Ireland.

Our Visitors Today

Bideford have also won the Westward Ho! Cup, the Western League Challenge Cup, the Western League Subsidiary Cup, the Western League Alan Young Cup, the Devon Professional Challenge Cup. In FA competitions, Bideford AFC's record is quite impressive, reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup on four occasions, and reaching the Semi-Final of the FA Vase in 2003/04. The 2009/10 FA Vase campaign saw Bideford reach the quarter-final stages, where they were knocked out by an impressive Lowestoft.

Manager Sean Joyce is an ex-professional footballer, who spent his career playing for Doncaster Rovers, Exeter City and Torquay Utd. He has managed Bideford since 1998, bringing much success to the Club during his time here.



Our Visitors Today

Shaun Joyce...Manager

A former League professional, who played for Cambridge United, Doncaster Rovers, Exeter City; Torquay United and then Non-League with Elmore and Taunton Town. Sean made 200 Football League appearances, taking over as Bideford Manager, during the 1998/99 season. Bideford were at that time a struggling Western League Premier division side, and since then, Sean has taken the club from success to success during his twenty years as club manager, gaining Promotion to the Southern League South West Division one and then up to the Southern League Premier. Sean lives in Paignton with his wife Jo and runs his own business.

Craig Laird.....Assistant Manager

Craig is an incredible asset to the Club. Prior to joining the Robin's Craig Craig played for a number of teams, including Minehead. After hanging up his boots he went on to managed, Bridgwater Town, Dorchester Town, Weston Super Mare, Weymouth & Yate Town. He lives in North Petherton, Somerset.

Tony Beal...Physio

Tony a former goalkeeper and long standing club Physio lives here in Bideford with his family, he works as an engineer in South Molton.

Kevin Squire.....Player Coach

Kevin is 41 years old and has just completed his tenth season with the club; he had previously played for Ilfracombe Town, and Barnstaple Town. Kevin has played over 430 games for the Robins, and scored over 100 goals in the process. He lives in Ilfracombe with wife Jenny and Daughters Rebecca and Emily. He works as a production operative in a factory in his home town. Whilst with the Robins, Kevin has won the St Luke's Bowl; the Western League Premier Division and the Southern League Division One South and West.

Our Visitors Today

GOALKEEPERS

Liam Kingston

Liam is 20 years of age, & is a new signing this season from Weston Super Mare. He has also Previous played for Bridgwater Town, He has also had loan a loan spell at Melksham Town.

Joe Moore

Joe re-joined the Robins from Street, he has also played for Elmore. Joe is 27 years old and lives in Tiverton. He has now made over fifty appearances for the Robins.

Defenders

Toby Down

Toby signed from Exeter City. Toby is 21 years old & has also played for Taunton Town and Buckland Athletic. His father is former Club Captain Ian Down. He lives in Torbay & has now made over forty appearances for the Robins.

James Mayne

Signed from Barnstaple Town, he is 31 years old & lives in Bideford. Now in his second spell @ the Robins; he works as a Heating Engineer for Ron Sussex. James has now played more than eighty games for the Robins.

Ben Palmer

Ben signed from Taunton Town, & lives in Exeter where works as a Teacher. Ben is 27 years old, & has made over forty appearances for the Robins.

Stephen Reed

34 year old Steven has played League football for both Torquay United and Yeovil Town. He has also played for Macclesfield, Weymouth, Fremington and Holsworthy. He has won the Conference Premier title, and lives with his wife in Bideford, and he works for a, Building Company; Stephen has made over 190 appearances for the Robins.

Our Visitors Today

Ian Sampson

Ian who is aged 28, hails from Bude in Cornwall, and has previously played for Oxford United; Didcott Town and Tiverton Town, where he was player of the year. Ian has played over 310 games for the Robins and with us has won the Southern League Division One South and West, and the Devon St Luke's Bowl. He works as a P.E Teacher. In 2014/15 he won the Supporters and Players player of the year awards.

Lewis Waldy

Lewis joined the Robins this summer from Street. He is 23 years old, and lives in Taunton, Somerset.

Midfielders

Ben Carter

Ben who is 28 years of age, is the Club Captain, he joined the Robins from Willand Rovers & has previously played for Tiverton Town. He lives in Torquay, where he works as a Carpenter. Ben has now made over Fifty appearances for the Robins.

Sean Downing

Sean, who is 27 years of age, lives in Bideford with his family, where he works as a Teacher. As well as being an accomplished exciting footballer, he is also a 2 handicap golfer as well. He came up through the youth ranks at Plymouth Argyle, and has also played for Appledore, where he was the Devon Premier Cup Man of the Match, and also Park United. He has played over 350 games for the Robins, scoring over 120 goals in the process. Whilst with the Robins, he has won the Western League Premier division; the Southern League Division One South and West and the Devon St Luke's Bowl. He has played for Devon and won one England C Cap.

Our Visitors Today

Craig Duff

Craig has returned to the fold this season, for his Fourth spell with the Robins. Craig who is 30 years old, has also played for Buckland Athletic; Falmouth Town; Taunton Town; Tiverton Town; Truro City; Weymouth & Willand Rovers. He lives in Chelston, Torquay. Craig has made over 50 appearances for the Robins & scored over thirty goals. He works as a Chef.

Will Hancox

Will signed from Bridgwater Town who he joined after progressing through the Torquay United Academy. Will who is 21 lives in Torquay & has now played over 50 games for the Robins.

Niall Heeney

Niall signed for the Robins from Barnstaple Town. He is 27 years old, and lives in Bishops Tawnton. He has made over Forty appearances for the Robins.

Charlie Lawrence

Charlie who is 18 years old, plays as a right sided wideman. He is on a six months loan from Exeter City; & has previously been on the books of Reading, and Bristol City. Charlie lives in Swindon.

Archie Reay

Archie is 18 years old and lives in South Molton. He signed from Barnstaple Town.

George Sinnott

George who is 23 years of age, has signed on dual registration from Bridgwater Town, and lives in Wiveliscombe.

Max Smallcombe

Max has returned to the club on a permanent basis following his release from Exeter City. He is 20 years old, & has also played on loan @ Tiverton Town & Truro City.

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Aaron Taylor

Signed following his release from Plymouth Argyle, where he had progressed up through the youth ranks, he is aged 21 & lives in Westward Ho!; where works for a building contractor.

Strikers

Ryan Bush

Ryan has signed on dual registration from Buckland Athletic, he is 23 years old and lives in Torquay.

Billy Tucker

Billy who is 24 years old, has also played for Barnstaple town, Brisbane Knights; Helston; North Molton & Petroc. Billy lives in Bideford and has now played over 170 games for the Robins; scoring over fifty goals in the process. Billy has represented Devon.

Ryan Turner

Ryan who lives in Swimbridge, is 26 years old & signed for the Robins from Barnstaple Town, he has made over ninety appearances, and scored over 30 goals for the Robins.



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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		
Tue 08 Oct 19	19:45	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League		
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	
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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

Our Visitors Today

Recent Results

Sat 28 Sep 2019	Bideford 2 - 1 AFC Totton
Sat 14 Sep 2019	Thatcham Town 4 - 3 Bideford
Tue 03 Sep 2019	Bideford 1 - 3 Paulton Rovers
Sat 31 Aug 2019	Larkhall Athletic 2 - 2 Bideford
Mon 26 Aug 2019	Bideford 2 - 1 Willand Rovers
Wed 21 Aug 2019	Frome Town 3 - 0 Bideford

Goal Scorers

Jack Rice-Lethaby	3
William Tucker	3
Not Found	2
James Mayne	1
Ryan Turner	1
Craig Duff	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	12	0	4
J	White	11	0	0
D	Turner	11	1	0
W	Peck	10	1	0
L	Tuodolo	8	2	0
S	Wanjau-Smith	7	2	6
J	Wright	7	0	0
T	Handley	6	1	1
C	Turner	6	1	0
R	Sarson	6	1	3
D	Chambers	6	3	1
A	Bloomfield	6	3	1
I	Richards	6	0	0
L	Adams	5	0	0
M	Ford	5	1	1
R	Beckinsale	5	3	3
J	Martin	4	0	1
J	Goodall	4	0	0
D	King	3	1	1
T	Tucker-Dixon	2	4	0
J	Letori	2	1	0
J	Horrell	2	7	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	Spurrier	1	1	0
L	Harper	1	0	0
J	Waddington	1	0	0
K	Pring	1	0	0
J	Spruce	0	1	0
O	Giles	0	1	0
E	Dunbar	0	1	1

Goal Scorers

		Started	Subs	Goals
S	Wanjau-Smith	7	2	6
M	Turner	12	0	4
R	Sarson	6	1	3
R	Beckinsale	5	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
D	King	3	1	1
W	Hawes	1	2	1
E	Dunbar	0	1	1

Form Guide

1	Thatcham Town	WDWwww
2	Paulton Rovers	wwwWLW
3	Evesham United	WwDWwL
4	Slimbridge	wwwWLL
5	Cinderford Town	wwwDLL
6	Winchester City	LWLWDW
7	Highworth Town	DLWwLW
8	Mangotsfield United	LLWLWW
9	Cirencester Town	LLwwwL
10	Frome Town	DLdWDW
11	Willand Rovers	WwDLLL
12	AFC Totton	LDwWLL
13	Bideford	WLLDWL
14	Sholing	LWLLLW
15	Moneyfields	LDWDL
16	Bristol Manor Farm	LLDWD
17	Larkhall Athletic	LLLWDD
18	Melksham Town	LDWLLL
19	Barnstaple Town	LLLLLW
20	Basingstoke Town	DLLLDL

League Table

BetVictor Southern League Division One South 2019 - 2020

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Thatcham Town	8	6	2	0	16	6	+10	20
2	Paulton Rovers	8	6	1	1	22	10	+12	19
3	Frome Town	9	5	3	1	17	8	+9	18
4	Evesham United	7	4	2	1	13	9	+4	14
5	Cinderford Town	7	4	1	2	13	10	+3	13
6	Mangotsfield United	7	4	0	3	16	11	+5	12
7	Slimbridge	7	4	0	3	19	16	+3	12
8	Winchester City	7	3	2	2	11	11	0	11
9	Larkhall Athletic	8	3	2	3	11	13	-2	11
10	Highworth Town	7	3	1	3	7	8	-1	10
11	Bideford	7	3	1	3	11	14	-3	10
12	Cirencester Town	6	3	0	3	11	9	+2	9
13	Willand Rovers	8	2	1	5	7	10	-3	7
14	Melksham Town	7	2	1	4	12	17	-5	7
15	AFC Totton	8	2	1	5	8	14	-6	7
16	Sholing	7	2	0	5	6	10	-4	6
17	Barnstaple Town	9	2	0	7	8	23	-15	6
18	Moneyfields	5	1	2	2	8	7	+1	5
19	Bristol Manor Farm	5	1	2	2	7	10	-3	5
20	Basingstoke Town	7	0	2	5	6	13	-7	2

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