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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Lewis Adams	1
Aaron Nesbeth	2
Will Peck	3
Mike Ford	4
Christien Turner	5
Joel White (c)	6
Jack Horrell	7
Ryan Beckinsale	8
Myron Turner	9
Rhys Sarson	10
James Spruce	11

Korey Pring	12
Adam Price	13
Dion Chambers	14
Theo Maye	15
Sol Wanjau-Smith	16
Ethan Dunbar	17
Dean Turner	18

Cirencester Town

Lewis Clayton
Shayne Anson
Will Tunnicliff
Tommy Ouldrige
Will Wellon
Baboucarr Jarra
Toumani Sidibe
Jay Malshanskyj
Alan Griffin (c)
Jack Freeman
Jonny Dennis

Levi Irving
Ashley Harper
Adam Connolly
Tommy Anderson
James Mortimer-Jones

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

James Mortimer-Jones

Physios:

James Watson

Jonny Evans

Referee:

Dean Steatham

Assistants:

Richard Booth
Ryan Grandison

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 07 Dec 19

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

Mon 09 Dec 19

- 19:45 Melksham Town v Sholing

Tue 10 Dec 19

- 19:45 Cirencester Town v AFC Totton
- 19:45 Winchester City v Highworth Town

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Cirencester Town FC was formed in 1889 and played amateur football in the Cirencester & District League, Cheltenham League and eventually the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

In the late '60s Cirencester joined the Gloucester County League, moving from there up to the Hellenic League in 1969. During that time they had their first national cup run, reaching the 2nd round proper of the FA Amateur Cup. They won their first major piece of silverware, taking the Hellenic First Division Championship in 1973-74 to reach the Premier Division. Following a subsequent relegation the modern phase of development was slowly established, with their Smithsfield ground being improved.

Runners up to Cinderford Town in '90-'91 put the club back in the Hellenic Premier, and they also picked up the Hellenic League First Division Challenge Cup for the first time as well as the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup (North). Premier Division Runners up '91 – 92 behind Shortwood United in the Premier Division, they also lost 2-1 to Shortwood United in the GFA Challenge Trophy Final, but bagged that season's Arthur Shipway Cup.

Season 1995-96 was the start of the new era. In partnership with Cirencester College, the club began the groundbreaking Football Academy programme. Developing rapidly, first under Dave Hockaday and when he moved as Youth Team Manager to Watford FC, followed by Steve Lowndes, the Academy have been National College Champions in '97 and in '98, five times winners of the English Schools FA U19 Colleges Cup since 1998, and British Colleges Trophy Champions 4 times since '97. The youngsters have regularly reached the latter stages of the FA Youth Cup as the last remaining non-league club in that competition and in 2008-09 reached the third round proper before losing to Sunderland at the Stadium of Light. The success of the Academy has had the knock on effect of providing CTFC with new blood and developing talent.

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Off field, a long planning process led to the development of the Community Club phase led by Chairman Steve Abbley and implemented over 3 years by Business Manager Anna Kocherhan. In summer 2002 Brian Hughes succeeded Ray Baverstock as manager. At the same time the club, having invested the proceeds of the sale of Smithsfield in the Corinium Stadium at Kingshill, moved into their new facility and renamed as "The Centurions". This development was followed in November 2004 by the opening of The Arena, a state of the art full size indoor training facility. We have now been awarded the FA's "Charter Standard Community Club" status and this summer we received the 2006 Gloucestershire FA Award for "Charter Standard Community Club of the Year", which was presented to Steve Abbley by Sir Geoff Hurst.

The Junior section of the club, with its philosophy of "football for all" and which has in the region of 300 members, is of vital importance to the club and with a thriving Ladies team in addition to the Men's first team, the club really does provide a valuable service to the local community. With the Arena hosting approximately 70 teams in its 5-a-side and 6-a-side football leagues, and the Club being a thriving private and corporate event venue, the future of the Club is assured.

In 2003-04, Cirencester Town battled hard with Champions Redditch United and runners up Gloucester City to finish third in the Western Division and joined the newly restructured Southern Football League Premier Division, where, in their first season, they finished seventh, only one point away from the Play Off places.

In May 2006, after four highly successful years and having raised expectations at the club, Brian Hughes resigned as First Team Manager to be replaced by Neil Hards. Neil had taken a year out of football after his achievements at Winchester City where they gained "back to back" promotions and won the FA Vase in 2004. Unfortunately, despite some good early performances, the team lacked the necessary consistency, and a disastrous run of results after Christmas meant they finished in the relegation places. However the club was later reprieved from relegation after a number of changes were made to club allocations in the non-league structure due to club mergers and other decisions.

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In May 2007, former players, Adi Viveash and Paul Hunt, took over as Manager and Assistant Manager respectively, and the club was looking forward to making progress again under the new management team, as they set out on their new managerial careers. However things did not go according to plan and despite winning 4 out of 5 games over the festive period the club were relegated to the South and West Division.

Manager Adi Viveash left the Centurions to take up his role as Chelsea and Brian Hughes was again called upon to take up the hot seat as First Team manager. The 2009 – 10 season proved to be a very successful one with the Development squad winning the league in their first season and the first team gaining promotion via the play offs after 2 very good away wins both with late goals.

Manager Brian Hughes managed the clubs first season back in the Premier Division in 2010-2011 and the club finished 13th. Unfortunately 2011-12 saw the heartbreak of relegation and our first year back in the South & West division saw us finish a respectable 10th in the table

2013-2014 saw the club have its most successful season ever gaining automatic promotion back to the Southern League Premier by clinching the title on the last day of the season to beat Merthyr Town to the championship. Brian Hughes worked with a small squad which managed to overturn a 9 point deficit and clinched the title last term by winning the last 7 games of the season whilst everyone else dropped points on the way.

2016-2017 saw changes at the helm after a poor start Brian Hughes was relieved of the manager's job and Charlie Griffin was installed as his replacement. The 2017-2018 saw a brand-new state of the art 3G pitch installed at The Corinium Stadium. After a slow start The Centurions missed out on a playoff spot on goal difference and disappointment was to follow last season after finishing runners up, promotion was denied via the play offs losing to Cinderford Town FC in the semi-final by 1 goal.

Our Visitors Today

Lewis Clayton - Goalkeeper

Big and strong goalkeeper who commands his box and is quick off the line. Great shot stopper and a great addition to the club. Previous clubs include Cheltenham Town FC, Bishops Cleeve and IFK Mora (Sweden).

Adam Connolly – Defender / Midfielder

A classy midfielder with Football League pedigree after playing with Cheltenham Town from 2004 to 2008. Joined the Centurions in 2014, He is known for his canny passing ability and midfield tenacity.

Shayne Anson – Defender

‘Sheriff’ returns to the Corinium for his second spell following a few seasons away. Left The Corinium to take up a managerial role at Tuffley Rovers before finding his way to Evesham last term before joining the Centurions once again. Excellent defender with pace to burn.

Will Tunnicliff– Defender

Another player that joins us from the Jubilee Stadium having previously spent time at The Corinium. Left sided defender who despite his young age has bags of experience at Southern league level.

Will Wellon – Defender

The 3rd of our Evesham captures this summer. Having begun his Southern League career at Slimbridge Will joined Evesham in 2013-14 and went onto make over 100 appearances for Robins before making the switch to Ciren. Big, strong and great in the air.

Our Visitors Today

Baboucarr Jarra – Defender

Big, strong and pacey centre back who joined from Neighbours Swindon Supermarine. Won the FA Vase with Thatcham Town at Wembley in 2018. A big loss towards the end of last season after picking up a serious knee injury which resulted in him missing the last 5 games. Back this term fit A great addition to the squad and a player with a great reputation within the non-league game.

Toumani Sidibe – Attacking Midfielder

Former Evesham United and Highworth Town Winger. Bags of pace and tricks, like to take on defenders and will score his fair share this term – a great capture for the Centurions.

James Mortimer-Jones-Midfielder

Another long serving player. Joined from Didcot Town in 2010 and was an ever present at the heart of the Ciren midfield clocking up 358 appearances to date. He is an intelligent player, good on the ball and has a wide range of passing and has the ability to score wonder goals. Has now moved into the assistant managers role supporting Charlie Griffin.

Michael Pook – Midfielder

Michael began his career with the Swindon Town Youth system. He went on to make 109 first team appearances for the club. He also played for Cheltenham Town (where he once scored a hat-trick in an amazing 6-5 win V Burton Albion), Oxford City, Maidenhead United and Chippenham Town. A classy, clever, precise midfielder who can unlock defences with a telling pass.

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Jack Freeman – Midfielder

Signed from Shortwood United having previously been at Forest Green Rovers. A skilful, tricky and pacey attacking midfielder that can go from box to box and scores goals. Had a great first season in the Red & Black, making 39 appearances, scoring 9 goals.

Tommy Anderson – Midfielder

Signed from Forest Green Rovers and now in his second full season at Ciren. Pacey, tricky winger that terrorises defences with his direct running. Can be a match winner of his day.

Tommy Ouldrige – Midfielder

Another player that has returned this season. Spent last season playing for Hungerford Town in the National League South before making the switch back down the A419. A good passer of the ball with great vision and can unlock defences with inch perfect passing.

John Dennis – Midfielder

Tricky winger who arrives from Abingdon United having previously played at Didcot Town. Likes to beat defenders and great quality from crosses

Josh Parsons – Striker

In his second spell at The Corinium. Works tirelessly for the team but is a match winner who can score goals out of nothing. Previous clubs include Swindon Supermarine, Hungerford Town and Shrivenham, who he spent most of last season with.

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Alan Griffin – Striker

Club captain and a great leader for the Centurions. A big powerful striker who knows where the goal is. Leads the line well and creates chances for others. Great in the air and equally as good on the deck –scores goals and finished runner up in the race for the Southern League golden boot last term scoring 27 goals in 39 appearances. Last season's supporter's player and players player of the year.

Levi Irving - Striker

Levi has progressed through our youth system and is currently part of our Academy squad. A natural goal scorer and having broken in to the 1st team this season Levi grabbed his first senior goal with a last minute winner in the FA Trophy, his first of what will no doubt be many more.

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Management Team

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Scott Rose – Goalkeeper Coach

Qualified goalkeeping coach who works closely with first team keeper Sam Ayres and puts him through his paces. Works closely with Charlie and valuable member of the coaching team.

Jonny Evans – Physio

A huge signing for the club after the loss of previous physio Ryan Meredith. Previously full time at Hereford FC and highly regards there, Jonny has joined up with Charlie and what this guy doesn't know about the body, injuries or rehabilitation isn't worth knowing! A wealth of knowledge and experience, welcome aboard Jonny.



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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	W	2-1
Sat 12 Oct 19	15:00	AFC Totton	H	FAT Pr	L	0-1
Sat 19 Oct 19	15:00	Paulton Rovers	H	League	W	1-0
Sat 16 Nov 19	15:00	Winchester City	A	League	L	2-3
Tue 19 Nov 19	19:45	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League	D	2-2
Sat 23 Nov 19	15:00	Willand Rovers	H	League	L	0-1
Sat 30 Nov 19	15:00	Sholing	A	League	L	1-3
Wed 04 Dec 19	19:45	Larkhall Athletic	H	League	L	0-1
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	13:00	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
Tue 10 Mar 20	19:45	Moneyfields	A	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
Tue 08 Oct 19	19:30	Tuffley Rovers	A League	W 3-2
Mon 14 Oct 19	19:30	Bath City	A FA Y Cup	L 0-3
Mon 21 Oct 19	19:30	Tuffley Rovers	A GFA	W 2-1
Mon 18 Nov 19	19:30	Dursley Town	H GFA	W 10-1
Wed 04 Dec 19	19:30	Westfields	A League	
Tue 10 Dec 19	19:30	Bishops Cleeve	H League	
Sun 15 Dec 19	14:00	Wickwar Wanderers	A GFA	
Thu 19 Dec 19	19:30	Longlevens	A League	
Mon 06 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 27 Jan 19	19:30	Longlevens	H League	
Mon 03 Feb 20	19:30	Westfields	H League	
Mon 10 Feb 20	19:30	Cheltenham Town	H League	
Wed 19 Feb 20	19:30	Chipping Sodbury T	A League	
Mon 24 Feb 20	19:30	Chipping Sodbury T	A Cup	
Tue 03 Mar 20	19:30	Cinderford Town	A League	
Wed 11 Mar 20	19:30	Lydney Town	A League	

Fixtures 2019-20

Cheltenham Youth League (U17)

Sun 08 Sep 19	14:00	Bishops Cleeve	A League	W	7-0
Sun 15 Sep 19	14:00	Swindon Village	H League	W	11-0
Sun 22 Sep 19	14:00	Frampton	H League	W	6-0
Sun 29 Sep 19	14:00	Charlton Rovers	H League	W	10-0
Sun 06 Oct 19	14:00	Leckhampton Rovers (Falcons)	A Cup	W	5-0
Sun 20 Oct 19	14:00	Churchdown Panthers	A League	W	2-2
Sun 27 Oct 19	14:00	Dursley Town	H League	W	4-0
Sun 03 Nov 19	14:00	Longlevans (Tigers)	A League	W	2-1
Sun 10 Nov 19	14:00	Churchdown Panthers	H League	W	5-0
Sun 17 Nov 19	14:00	Gloucester City (U18)	A GFA Cup	W	4-3
Sun 24 Nov 19	14:00	Leckhampton Rovers (Falcons)	H League	W	7-1
Sun 01 Dec 19	14:00	Southside Star	A League		
Sun 08 Dec 19	14:00	Leckhampton Rovers (Lions)	H League		
Sun 15 Dec 10	14:00	Cirencester Town	A GFA Cup		
Sun 22 Dec 19	14:00	FC Barrometrics	A League		
Sun 05 Jan 20	14:00	GVR Chalford	H League		
Sun 12 Jan 20	14:00	Broadwell Amateurs	A League		
Sun 09 Feb 20	14:00	Abbeymead Rovers	A League		
Sun 01 Mar 20	14:30	Longlevans (Tigers)	H Cup		

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Match Reports

Slimbridge 0-1 Larkhall Athletic

Wednesday 4th December 2019

Larks on song as Swans fall to defeat

An even game of very few chances for either side was settled by a single goal midway through the second half with both sides battling it out in a cold.

Harry Hope had an early chance firing straight at home keeper Lewis Adams at the other end Jack Horrell's cross from the left evaded everyone in the box and sailed past the far post.

Hope was causing the Slimbridge defence a bit of trouble down the right flank before being replaced due to injury midway through the first half. A free kick on the right for visitors saw Michael Baker head wide then as the half wore on Larkhall started to get the better of the home side with Charlie Wiles-Richards firing at Adams.

Slimbridge had their first real chance on 38 minutes James Spruce latching onto the ball on the right and fired across the goal but visiting keeper Shaun Semmens did well to cut out the low cross with home players running into the box.

Five minutes later Horrell went through on goal again Semmens was quick to react blocking the ball just inside the penalty area. The seconds half continued in a similar vein to the first with both sides battling hard in midfield and not allowing the other to play any free flowing passes. On 64 minutes Myron Turner linked up with Rhys Sarson but Semmens was well placed to block the ball and clear up field.

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On 67 minutes the only goal of the game fell to the visitors, the ball was dinked through to Alexandra Lambert who poked the ball past the out rushing Adams to seal the game.

Ryan Beckinsale almost levelled right on the final whistle as his long range shot fell the wrong side of the post by a couple of inches.

Slimbridge return to league action on Saturday when they entertain local rivals Cirencester Town at Thornhill Park.

Slimbridge: Adams, Nesbeth, Peck, Price, White, C Turner, Horrell (Chambers 88), M Turner, Sarson (Martin 74), Beckinsale, Spruce (Tuodolo 74)

Subs not used: Pring, Ford

Attendance: 75

Supporter's man of the match: Myron Turner

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

Will Peck

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

Danny King

Danny is in his second season with us, a young player who can play in defence or attack, capable of scoring goals, has great potential.

Jacob Waddington

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

Korey Pring

Korey has been a long term injury casualty but has now returned and is looking as sharp as ever, a good header of the ball, important squad member.

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.

Adam Price

Recently signed from Yate Town, an excellent addition to the squad, Pricey brings a lot of experience with him, also formerly with Shortwood Utd.

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.

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%.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

Ethan Dunbar

Another young player who caught the manager's eye in our U/18s, Ethan has plenty of pace and will further strengthen our attack.

Theo Maye

Theo has impressed the managers both in the U/18s and at training and he will be eager to continue this form in the first team, another young lad with loads of ability.

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 pre-season, 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

Physio: James Watson

James has joined us this season as an addition to Tony in the treatment and warm up of players. He has settled in well and we look forward to working with him this season.



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Player Appearances

		Started	Subs	Goals
M	Turner	20	0	4
J	White	19	0	0
W	Peck	17	1	0
D	Turner	15	1	0
L	Adams	12	0	0
R	Sarson	12	3	3
R	Beckinsale	12	4	4
C	Turner	10	2	0
L	Tuodolo	10	4	0
S	Wanjau-Smith	9	2	8
J	Horrell	9	8	3
M	Ford	8	2	1
D	Chambers	8	7	1
J	Wright	8	0	0
I	Richards	8	0	1
T	Handley	6	1	1
A	Bloomfield	6	3	1
J	Goodall	6	0	0
D	King	5	3	1
A	Price	5	0	1
J	Martin	4	2	1
A	Nesbeth	3	2	0
L	Spurrier	3	1	0
K	Pring	3	0	0
T	Tucker-Dixon	2	4	0
J	Letori	2	1	0
J	Spruce	2	1	0
J	Waddington	2	0	0
L	Roach	1	0	0
B	Aitken	1	1	0
A	Freeman	1	0	0

Player Appearances

		Started	Subs	Goals
W	Hawes	1	2	1
L	Harper	1	0	0
O	Giles	0	1	0
E	Dunbar	0	5	1
T	Maye	0	1	0

Goal Scorers

		Started	Subs	Goals
S	Wanjau-Smith	9	2	8
M	Turner	20	0	4
R	Beckinsale	12	4	4
R	Sarson	12	3	3
J	Horrell	9	8	3
T	Handley	6	1	1
M	Ford	8	2	1
J	Martin	4	2	1
D	Chambers	8	7	1
A	Bloomfield	6	3	1
I	Richards	8	0	1
D	King	5	3	1
W	Hawes	1	2	1
E	Dunbar	0	5	1
A	Price	5	0	1

Form Guide

1	Thatcham Town	WDWwww
2	Frome Town	WDWwww
3	Winchester City	DWwww
4	Willand Rovers	WWwLLW
5	Cinderford Town	DWwLWD
6	Highworth Town	WDWDLW
7	Larkhall Athletic	WDWDWL
8	Paulton Rovers	DLWLWW
9	Sholing	WWLWLL
10	Evesham United	DLLWDW
11	Mangotsfield United	WDLWLL
12	Basingstoke Town	LLLLWW
13	Bristol Manor Farm	LLWDLD
14	Cirencester Town	LLLLWD
15	Bideford	DWLLLL
16	Melksham Town	DDDLLD
17	Slimbridge	LLLDLW
18	AFC Totton	WDLLLL
19	Moneyfields	LDLLWL
20	Barnstaple Town	LLLLLL

League Table

BetVictor Southern League Division One South 2019 - 2020

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Frome Town	17	11	5	1	39	15	+24	38
2	Thatcham Town	14	11	3	0	38	11	+27	36
3	Winchester City	13	8	3	2	29	19	+10	27
4	Paulton Rovers	13	8	2	3	31	18	+13	26
5	Evesham United	15	7	4	4	31	24	+7	25
6	Cinderford Town	13	7	3	3	28	22	+6	24
7	Larkhall Athletic	13	6	4	3	21	19	+2	22
8	Highworth Town	14	6	3	5	22	21	+1	21
9	Mangotsfield United	15	6	2	7	23	28	-5	20
10	Slimbridge	14	6	1	7	27	27	0	19
11	Bristol Manor Farm	14	5	4	5	20	22	-2	19
12	Willand Rovers	13	5	1	7	20	15	+5	16
13	Sholing	12	5	0	7	16	17	-1	15
14	Bideford	13	4	2	7	21	27	-6	14
15	Cirencester Town	13	4	1	8	23	24	-1	13
16	Moneyfields	13	3	4	6	20	28	-8	13
17	Melksham Town	13	2	5	6	23	32	-9	11
18	AFC Totton	13	3	2	8	18	30	-12	11
19	Basingstoke Town	14	2	3	9	18	37	-19	9
20	Barnstaple Town	15	2	0	13	12	44	-32	6

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