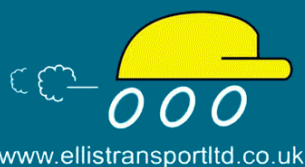


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

(From)

Alex Avenell	1
Tom Handley	2
Will Peck	3
Michael Ford	4
Christien Turner	5
Joel White	6
Jamie Martin	7
Dean Turner (c)	8
Rhys Sarson	9
Myron Turner	10
Leighton Tuodolo	11

Edgware Town

(From)

Harry Hauserman	1
Deon Marshall	2
Rio Beech	3
Mark Burgess	4
George McCluskey (c)	5
Eisa Azab	6
Felix Amoah	7
Martin Flannery	8
Adam Page	9
Eric Lopes	10
Daniel McNair	11

Aaron Nesbeth	12	Thierry Gaye
	13	Nathan Kpemou
Ryan Beckinsale	14	
Dion Chambers	15	Denis Marhajan
Adam Bloomfield	16	Michael Koscienn
Ben Aitken	17	Brian Mooney
	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

Fergus Moore
Jos Pascoe

Physios:

Tony Woodward

Referee:

Daniel Pattison

Assistants:

Lewis Mansfield-King
Thomas Fairclough

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

Were back!!!

After what seems to me like only a couple of weeks away, we start all over again all positive and optimistic for a successful season ahead.

We welcome a number of new faces to the playing squad this year, all look fit and raring to go and a few familiar faces returning to the Swans family. In fact this year is the tenth season for both Dean Turner and Jamie Martin as Slimbridge players which is a great achievement and both should be congratulated for their efforts and commitment to the club.

Drive has also been busy building a new backroom team, we welcome Alex Lumsden as our new assistant manager bringing a new technical approach to the coaching alongside player coach Dion Chambers a former Swansea City player.

There have been a number of good performances on the field during preseason I am very much looking forward to what we can achieve this year and hope we are able to fulfil the dream of at least sitting in mid-table next May avoiding the relegation battle we have been accustomed too in recent seasons.

Off the field the club has a new Vice Chairman... Me!! After 17 years with the club I am delighted to continue to serve the Slimbridge family and honoured to be asked to undertake such a role.

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Now onto the new season starting with the FA Cup, today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Edgware Town from the Spartan South Midlands League in what promises to be an entertaining FA Cup tie. The magic of the cup and the prize money incentive always brings out the best in players so let's hope today is no exception. I hope all associated with Edgware enjoy their first visit to Thornhill Park and have a safe journey home after the game.

Should today's game end in a draw, Slimbridge will travel to North West London on Wednesday evening for the replay, which will be played to a result.

The winners of today's game will host either Burnham (Hellenic League) or Tring Athletic (Spartan South Midlands League) on Saturday August 24th.

Please get behind the lads, welcome the new faces and look forward to a successful start to the new season ahead.

Enjoy today's game,

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 10 Aug 19 (FA Cup)

- 15:00 Slimbridge v Edgware Town *
- 15:00 Newport Pagnell Town v Cheltenham Saracens
- 15:00 Tuffley Rovers v North Greenford United
- 15:00 Fairford Town v Enfield
- 15:00 Clanfield 85 v Shortwood United
- 15:00 Bishops Cleeve v Easington Sports
- 15:00 Burnham v Tring *
- 15:00 Longlevens v Malmesbury Victoria
- 15:00 Harefield United v Lydney Town
- 15:00 Abingdon United v Brimscombe & Thrupp

* Winners of today's tie play at home to Burnham or Tring

Sat 17 Aug 19

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

This Week's Fixtures

Tue 20 Aug 19

- 19:45 Barnstaple Town v Bristol Manor Farm
- 19:45 Cirencester Town v Melksham Town
- 19:45 Frome Town v Bideford
- 19:45 Moneyfields v Thatcham Town
- 19:30 Paulton Rovers v Cinderford Town
- 19:45 Sholing v Basingstoke Town
- 19:45 Winchester City v AFC Totton

Wed 21 Aug 19

- 19:45 Larkhall Athletic v Evesham United
- 19:45 Slimbridge v Highworth Town
- 19:30 Willand Rovers v Mangotsfield United

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Our Visitors Today

The club were founded in 1939 and played in the Middlesex Senior League until joining the Coronian League in the 1946–47 season. In 1948 they won the Middlesex Senior Cup. In 1963 the club transferred to Division One of the Athenian League. They finished third in their first season, and were promoted to the Premier Division. In 1966–67 they finished bottom of the division, and were relegated to Division One. This was followed by a second successive relegation to Division Two as they finished bottom of the table again.

In 1972 the club was renamed Edgware. When the Athenian League disbanded in 1984 they joined the London Spartan League before changing their name back to Edgware Town in 1987. They won the Premier Division of the Spartan League in 1987–88 and 1989–90, and after their second title win, were promoted to Division Two North of the Isthmian League. After league re-organisation in 1991 they were placed in Division Three, which they won the following season. They were relegated back to Division Three in 2001.

In 2006 the now-renamed Division Two was disbanded and Edgware were transferred to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They won it at the first attempt, also winning the Premier Cup and the Challenge Trophy. The club was promoted to Division One North of the Isthmian League, but folded at the end of the 2007–08 season due to lack of funds.

Our Visitors Today

In 2014 a group including Dan and Antony Manzi, Daz Bloor and Ken Batten secured the clubs inclusion back into non-league football. After a shaky start to the 2014-15 season, the wares finished a credible 9th and Middx Prem Cup Runners up after the management team of Michael Roche, Fabio Valenti and Peter Grant came in.

The 2015-16 Season saw “The Wares” finish top with only 2 defeats, and lose in the Divisional Cup Final to Crawley Green.

The ground, Silver Jubilee Park has achieved a C grade rating with 3 new stands, new floodlights and extended changing rooms and new perimeter fence. The Ken Batten Stand should be in place shortly and then SJP will have 2 seated stands, 3 standing covered stands with a capacity just shy of 2000. Fabio Valenti took over as 1st team manager in June 2016.

Fergus Moore took over the team in 2017 after the departure of Fabio Valenti, and after a difficult start the team finished 10th which showed a marked improvement from the season before.

The 2018-19 season was another midtable finish with Fergus pretty much on his own but towards the end of the season he was joined by Joe Pascoe who came over from the Hendon U18's and that's how the 2019-20 season will begin.



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Sat 10 Aug 19	15:00	Edgeware Town	H	FAC EPr
Sat 17 Aug 19	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League
Wed 21 Aug 19	19:45	Highworth Town	H	League
Sat 24 Aug 19	15:00		H	FAC Pr
Wed 28 Aug 19	19:45	Evesham United	A	League
Sat 31 Aug 19	15:00	Basingstoke Town	H	League
Tue 03 Sep 19	19:45	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League
Sat 14 Sep 19	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League
Sat 21 Sep 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	H	League
Tue 24 Sep 19	19:45	Frome Town	A	League
Sat 28 Sep 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	FAT Ex Pr
Sat 05 Oct 19	15:00	Bideford	H	League
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 South, 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
Thu 12 Sep 19	19:45	Chipping Sodbury T	H	League
Mon 16 Sep 19	19:45	Longlevens	A	League
Mon 23 Sep 19	19:45	Cinderford Town	H	League
Mon 30 Sep 19	19:45	Evesham United	H	League
Thu 10 Oct 19	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	A	League
Wed 16 Oct 19	19:45	Chipping Sodbury T	A	League
Mon 21 Oct 19	19:45	Cheltenham Town	H	League
Mon 28 Oct 19	19:45	Cinderford Town	A	League
Wed 06 Nov 19	19:45	Lydney Town	H	League
Thu 21 Nov 19	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	League
Mon 25 Nov 19	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	H	League
Wed 04 Dec 19	19:45	Westfields	A	League
Mon 09 Dec 19	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	League
Mon 16 Dec 19	19:45	Longlevens	H	League
Mon 6 Jan 20	19:45	Evesham United	A	League
Mon 13 Jan 20	19:45	Lydney Town	H	League
Thu 23 Jan 20	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	A	League
Mon 03 Feb 20	19:45	Westfields	H	League



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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

Jacob Waddington

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

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.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

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.

Miles Ferguson

A young 19 year old who has joined us in the summer having played for Lydney Town last season, Miles comes highly recommended and is another player who has a big season ahead of him.

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.

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.

Swans Pen Pics

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.

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 dug out. Keeps threatening to retire but keeps turning up, Tony is also a qualified football referee



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