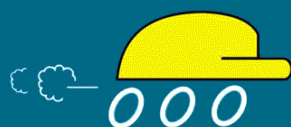


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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC

Highworth Town

Lewis Adams	1	Connor Johns
Tom Handley	2	Dan Comer
Will Peck	3	Jon Else
Michael Ford	4	Leon Morrison
Christien Turner	5	Ryan Morgan (c)
Joel White	6	Chris Taylor
Jamie Martin	7	Sam Morris
Dean Turner (c)	8	Jacob Davidge
Rhys Sarson	9	Stephen Robertson
Myron Turner	10	Terence Bohane
Leighton Tuodolo	11	Toumani Sidibe
Aaron Nesbeth	12	Darren Jefferies
	13	
Ryan Beckinsale	14	Edjidja Mbunga
Dion Chambers	15	Sean Wood
Adam Bloomfield	16	Matthew Cheetham
Ben Aitken	17	
	18	

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

Jeff Roberts
Paul Braithwaite

Physios:

Tony Woodward

Natalie Haines

Referee:

Richard Walker

Assistants:

James Whittington
Paul Sparrow

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good evening, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

Last weekend's victory in the FA Cup gave us a great start to the season, we now have the opportunity to progress further when we face our former Hellenic league rivals Burnham on Saturday. Burnham have had a tough start to the season both on and off the pitch but like any lower level team will be fired up and will certainly not make it easy for us.

Saturday's game at Melksham brought the team back down to earth with a bump. We started the game very well, however losing Christien and Aaron to injury and a couple of silly mistakes on the pitch proved very costly. On the positive side we scored three good goals and continued to play football right to the end.

Tonight see's the visit of Highworth Town for our first home league game of the season, last year we played out a very entertaining nil-nil draw. Let's hope the boys can regroup and go one better claiming three points to kick start our league campaign.

I would like to congratulate our ground staff Paul Chappell, Malcolm Carter and Ian Wrixon, who last week picked up the national Groundsman of the year award as well as the Step 3/4 regional award. This is very fitting and well deserved for the hard work they have put into the pitch over the last couple of years. Well done guys...

Enjoy today's game,

Rob

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

Sat 24 Aug 19 (FA Cup)

- 15:00 Bishop's Cleeve v Kidlington
- 15:00 Brimscombe & Thrupp v Aylesbury United
- 15:00 Cirencester Town v North Greenford United
- 15:00 Dunstable Town v Shortwood United
- 15:00 Evesham United v Harefield United
- 15:00 Fairford Town v Hanwell Town
- 15:00 Longlevens v Northwood
- 15:00 Marlow v Cinderford Town
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Burnham

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Our Visitors Today

Highworth town football club was formed in 1893. We joined the Cirencester & district league and it took us some time to record our first Honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when we won both the Swindon junior cup And the local advertiser cup, a cup we captured again in 1912-13.

After winning the Cirencester & district league division two championship in 1931-32, we moved to the Swindon & district league, where we completed The third division championship and Swindon junior cup double in 1933-34.

The 1950s saw us make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. We won the Swindon & district league third division title again in 1954-55 and then the division two title the following season. One more season was Needed to clinch the division one title and also the wilts junior cup. We then Went on to win the premier division title in 1957-58, along with the Farrington Thursday memorial cup and the following season we were the Premier division champions again, also winning the advertiser cup.

We continued to dominate the Swindon & district premier division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick From 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. We reached The final of the wilts senior cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the Following season.

There was a switch to the wilts combination league, where we finished as Runners-up in division two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another wilts senior cup Victory and all this success prompted us to join the Hellenic league. We Achieved our first honours in 1988-89, winning the first division challenge Cup and reached the final of the wilts senior cup yet again.

Our Visitors Today

We finally achieved premier division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after Finishing third in division one. Since then we have been winners of the Wilts senior cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, winners of the Hellenic challenge cup in 2011-12, winners of the Hellenic supplementary cup in 1998-99 and runners up in 2003-04, runners-up in the premier division in 1999-00 and winners of the premiership title in 2004-05.

In more recent history, which reached the semi-final of the fa vase in 2014-15 Where we were knocked out by eventual winners north shields in a closely Fought two-legged tie. This season also saw us pick up the wilts senior cup.

In the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons we were runners-up in the wilts senior Cup to Swindon Supermarine and Chippenham Town respectively, both of which played at higher levels than us.

Also in the 2017-18 season we saw promotion to the southern league Division 1 south as we finished as the best third placed team across the Whole country. This means we are now playing the highest level of football The club has seen.

Our Visitors Today

Connor Johns (20) Goalkeeper

Spent last season at Shrivenham FC where his performances contributed to a promotion to the Hellenic Premier. An exciting prospect.

Wayne Turk (37) Defender

Vastly experienced player at a much higher level with Salisbury City, Forest Green Rovers and Newport County. A natural leader who brings some class into the team.

Sean Wood (29) Defender

Cool head under pressure and with the ability to carry the ball out of defence. Joined the Worthians towards the end of last season.

Matt Grabe (20) Defender

Previously with North Leigh. A very skilful player who has assumed the mantle of left back. Always looking to carry the ball forward,

Ryan Morgan (20) Defender

Ryan joins from Swindon Supermarine. He is a solid and hard working defender who will be sure to strengthen our defence. Even at just the age of 20, he has plenty of Southern League experience

Jason Milhench (27) Midfielder/Forward

On his day, Jason can tear apart defences with his pace, trickery and eye for goal could make a real impact this season.

Our Visitors Today

Jordan Roberts (25) Midfielder

Great signing for the club, this former Chippenham Town midfielder has the skills and vision to turn a game. Tenacious in the tackle with a great engine.

Chris Taylor (32) Midfielder

As a midfielder, enjoys nothing more than supporting the forwards and unlocking the tightest defence with some excellent passing.

Darren Jefferies (24) Midfielder

Darren joined in the summer from Frome Town. Very technical player with an eye for goal and will cause problems for defences.

Jordan Clark (18) Midfielder/Forward

Jordan first started playing for the club when he joined the reserves last year. He was called upon a few times towards the end of last season and he impressed, now looking to secure a regular spot.

Cam Gordon (22) Forward

Cam joins us from Loughborough University, he is a big, physical centre forward who is sure to create problems for defences.

Callum Parsons (24) Forward

Re-signed from Swindon Supermarine. Has all the skills and tenacity required to make a huge impact. Tricky player who will torment defences.

Ashley Edenborough (32) Forward

Very quick and possesses a good engine, always shutting down defenders and working extremely hard for the team. Proven goal-scorer with an excellent pedigree.



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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		
Sat 24 Aug 19	15:00	Tring or Burnham	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 10	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		

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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
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Mon 03 Feb 20	19:45	Westfields	H	League

Match Reports

Slimbridge 1-0 Edgware Town

Saturday 10th August 2019

Ford's strike takes Slimbridge through in tight FA Cup contest

Slimbridge progressed through to the preliminary round of the Emirates FA Cup after a tight encounter against Spartan South Midlands League Edgware Town. Had the visitors striker Theo Ofori brought his scoring boots it would have been a different story for the Swans.



Photo © Peter Barnes

The Swans started the game strongly, Jamie Martin getting his head to Myron Turners cross but his header sailed wide of the goal. Martin then burst down the left wing cutting in past two defenders before hitting his shot wide with keeper Harry Hauserman to beat.

Slimbridge building the play from the back line found Rhys Sarson just inside the box, holding the ball up and then playing it into the path of Mike Ford whose first time shot from 18 yards

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found the back of the net via a deflection giving the home side the lead after 11 minutes.

The home side continued to put pressure on the visitor's defence, Sarson shooting at the keeper then another shot blocked soon after. Myron Turner cross/shot sailed high and wide as both sides battled with the strong wind blowing down the pitch.

Edgware got their first sight of goal on 24 minutes; Deon Marshall's cross from the left was headed wide by the live wire Ofori. On the half hour Edgware started to get back into game Eric Lopes forcing a save from Lewis Adams in the Swans goal having beaten the offside trap from Ofori's cross.

Five minutes later a free kick to the visitors 30 yards out brought another save from Adams down low to his left from Lopes, Martin Flannery hit the side netting with the follow up as the Swans were caught napping at the back. Edgware continued to press for the final few minutes of the first half but were unable to get a shot on target.

The second half was a much more even affair, with both sides creating chances but failing to make them count. Ofori having a good chance early on shooting over from 20 yards, Sarson and Myron Turner linking up on the edge of the box with Turner being robbed of the ball as he was about to shoot.

Visitors substitute Ethan Mooney caused the home side a few problems getting down the left wing but his shot hit the side netting with players waiting in the box. A Martin cross from the left found Leighton Tuodolo in space but his shot was blocked. The industrious Dean Turner working hard in the middle nudged

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the ball across the box to Sarson but the Edgware defence held strong blocking his effort.

On 69 minutes Ofori evaded the home defence and saw his close range shot beaten away by Adams with the goal at his mercy. A few minutes later Ofori beat the defence again but this time he attempted to chip the ball over Adams his effort came off the top of the cross bar and out to safety.



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At the other end Dean Turner and Tom Handley's shots were blocked as the Swans were desperately looking to increase their slender lead. However it was the home side that had the majority of the play for the final ten minutes seeing out the game with both Adam Bloomfield and Myron Turner narrowly firing over late on.

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Edgware did get a late corner which the Swans defence dealt with to give the home side a narrow victory and a place in the next round of the cup at home to either Tring Athletic or Burnham on Saturday 24th August.

The Swans start their league campaign next weekend visiting Melksham Town before entertaining Highworth Town on Wednesday 21st at Thornhill Park with a 7:45pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Adams, Handley, Peck (Nesbeth 65), Ford (Chamber 79), C Turner, White, Martin (Bloomfield 79), D Turner, Sarson, M Turner, Tuodolo

Unused Subs: Beckinsale, Aitken

Goals: Ford 11

Edgware Town: Hauserman, Marks, Beech, Burges, McCluskey, Arab, Lopes, Flannery (Koscien 61), Page (Amoah 77), Ofori, Marshall (Mooney 45)

Unused Subs: Kpemou, McNair, Gaye(GK)

Attendance: 77

Supporter's man of the match: Dean Turner

Match Reports

Melksham Town 6-3 Slimbridge

Saturday 17th August 2019

Slimbridge open season with defeat in nine goal thriller

Injuries and defensive mistakes proved costly as Slimbridge fell to defeat on the opening day of the season away to Melksham Town in a thrilling game of football. Conceding three goals in two ten minutes spells in each half proved fatal after the Swans got off to a flying start scoring early on. Slimbridge lined up with one change from last week's FA Cup victory with Aaron Nesbeth coming in to replace Will Peck, Christien Turner and Rhys Sarson passed late fitness tests to keep their places in the team.

It was the Swans that started the game the better team, Leighton Tuodolo with the ball on the right playing it in to Rhys Sarson in the middle he chested the ball down, pulling it back into the path of Myron Turner who fired home from 15 yards out to give the visitors a 2nd minute lead. Slimbridge continued to play the ball well frustrating the home side at times, Lewis Adams making couple of easy stops in the Slimbridge goal.

A mistake on 18 minutes brought the home side back in the game, Mike Ford tripping on the ball 25 yards out allowing the wiley Luke Ballinger to take the ball run through the defence and slot home into the bottom right corner. Two minutes later a mix up in the Slimbridge defence lead to a poor clearance that fell to Jack Ball who presented with an open goal chipped the ball over the bar.

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Melksham took the lead on 25 minutes Adams making a great save from Ball's initial shot however Callum Demkiv was on hand to follow up and slam the ball past a stranded Adams. Four minutes later Adams was caught out of his goal and Ball took advantage chipping in from 40 yards to extend the home sides lead.

As half time approached Slimbridge started to get back in the game Jamie Martin forcing a save from home keeper Liam Kingston. The Swans then lost centre half Christien Turner who despite passing a fitness test was struggling with injury so came off to be replaced by Will Peck.

This failed to disrupt the visitors who pulled a goal back in style as Myron Turner held the ball up well laying it off to Tuodolo and his cross fell nicely to Sarson chesting the ball down and volleying it into the net off the crossbar leaving Kingston no chance.

Adams kept Slimbridge in the game at the close of the first half making two decent saves first from Ball and then from Ballinger.

Slimbridge made a tactical change at half time, Ryan Bekinsale coming on to replace Mike Ford in the middle. Tom Handley had a great chance early on putting his shot inches wide of the post after some good linkup play between Sarson and Martin up front.

Adams was quick out claiming the ball at the feet of Demkiv after being played in by Ballinger with a defence splitting pass.

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Slimbridge made their final substitution on the hour mark, Sol Wanjau-Smith making his first competitive start for the Swans replacing Aaron Nesbeth who had taken a knock a few minutes earlier.

A free kick to the visitors a few minutes later saw Wanjau-Smith step up and place the ball into the top left corner of the goal however Kingston pulled off an acrobatic dive to palm the ball away to safety. With 15 minutes remaining the Swans were still in the game, Sarson knocking the ball down to Martin but his shot flew over the bar.

On 80 minutes the home side extended their lead as the Swans started to tire, Adams palming away Ballinger's shot to concede a corner. It was from the corner that Tom Warren was able to head into the net from 2 yards out despite Adams getting a hand to the ball.

A minute later Melksham substitute Andy Sandell hit the bar with Adams beaten before the Swans conceded a fifth on 84 minutes. Oscar Latas was allowed to run down the left and cut into the box and past Adams at the near post. Two minutes later Ball played the ball through the middle for Ballinger to fire past Adams for Melksham's sixth goal.

The visitors failed to give up, and in the final minute of the game Martin picked up the ball on the edge of the box racing into the area around the out rushing Kingston and poked the ball into the empty net for a consolation at the finish.

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The Swans must now regroup and head to Thornhill Park on Wednesday evening to face Highworth Town at 7:45pm before entertaining Burnham on Saturday at 3pm in the preliminary round of the FA Cup.

Slimbridge: Adams, Handley, Nesbeth (Wanjau-Smith 59), Ford (Bekinsale 46), C Turner (Peck 35), White, Martin, D Turner, Sarson, M Turner, Tuodolo

Unused subs: Chambers, Bloomfield

Melksham: Kingston, Bennett, Jeffery, Warren, Bailey, Hurley, Chris Allen, Ballinger, Ball, Demkiv (Andy Sandell), Cameron Allen

Attendance: 423

Supporter's man of the match: Myron Turner

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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.

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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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BetVictor Southern League Division One South 2019 - 2020

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

Club Constitution

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