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SATURDAY 4th MARCH 2017
KICK OFF 3.00PM

TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		AFC TOTTON
Marcus Beauchamp	1	Patrick O'Flaherty
Sam Turl	2	Connor York
Ryan Thwaite	3	Ian Oliver
Nick Grimes	4	Neil Williams
Rich Thwaite	5	Harry Medway
Adam Mace	6	Dave Allen
Lee Smith ©	7	Curtis Young
Jack Twyman	8	Charlie Gunson
Jack Sklenar	9	Nathaniel Sherborne
Brad Martin	10	Alfy Whittingham
Marley Thomas	11	Adam Wilde
Joe Stokes	12	Dylan Knight
Dean Turner	14	Liam Kimber
Johnny Cant	15	Harry Prisk
Mason Lewis	16	Sam Roberts
Freddy Ward	17	Oshea McDonald
Jamie Martin	18	
Michael Oakes	19	
Freddy Ward	Manager	Lewis Langdown
Johnny Cant	Asst Mgr	Adam Wilde
Tony Woodward	Physio	Josh Ward
Referee	Darren Wilding	
Assistants	Jonathan Price, Daniel Pattison	

Club Chat with Tim Blake

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park. I'd like to offer a warm welcome to players, official and fans from our visitors AFC Totton. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

My first job is to welcome our new members of the Swans' family – Marcus Beauchamp, Michael Oakes and Mason Lewis, all of whom made a contribution to last Saturday's superb result at Bishops Cleeve – in the case of Mason, netting the winner in the second minute of stoppage time. I must admit the League table looked a lot brighter on Saturday night that it seemed in midweek!

If you look at the playing records of both sides, they are almost identical, so everything points to a draw today, but as we know from last weekend, football is a funny old game…

As we move into the last throws of the season, after next weekend's trip to Didcot, we are back here on two consecutive Saturdays – when Paulton Rovers and then our good friends from Larkhall Athletic come to Thornhill Park. Amazingly, when those games are completed, we will be in the final month of the season – it seems like only yesterday that we were putting five past Winchester, how time flies!

A final reminder that we had four winners of last week's Predict the Score competition, who will share the £1000 payout, but because the top prize took so long to win, this week's competition starts at a very healthy £600, so, for a quid a shot, see Jackie behind the bar or John Ashplant for your tickets.

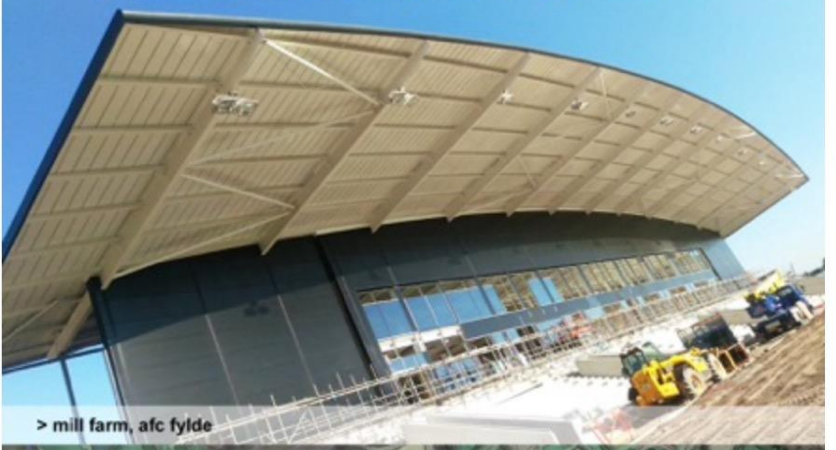
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Our Visitors

Totton Football Club was formed in 1886 and became one of the founder members of the Hampshire F.A. when it was inaugurated, and was also one of the founder members of the New Forest League, formed in 1904. After the 1914/18 War they entered the Southampton Senior League and the New Forest League, and in 1920/21 joined the Hampshire League West.

The early matches were played at South Testwood Park before Totton moved to Testwood Park, on 30th December 1933. In 1975 they amalgamated with Totton Athletic, installed floodlights and opened a Club Room and Bar at the ground.

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

Totton became one of the founder members of the Wessex League when it was formed in the 1986/87 season, finishing third. The Medisport Wessex League Cup was won in 1989/90 and the Club was runner-up to Southern League Bashley in the Russell Côtes Cup in 1990/91.

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

Our Visitors

2005/06 saw many changes in Team personnel and with Stuart Ritchie now at the helm, 4th place was gained in the League, together with a fine run in the FA Cup and the winning of the Wessex League Cup for a third time.2006/07, proved to be the most memorable in the history of the Club. In the League the first Team had a season-long battle with Gosport, missing out on the title by one goal - a bitter disappointment after having led the table from October until the last week of the season, but the highlight of the season was the Final of the FA Carlsberg Vase at the new Wembley Stadium for the first time in the Club's history, sadly in front of a record 36,232 crowd for a Vase Final we had to settle for Runners-up spot after a thoroughly entertaining and skilful match against Truro City, losing 3-1.

After the achievements of the previous season, 2007/2008 was always going to be a challenge. A good early run in the FA Cup set the team up nicely for the season, and that momentum extended into a great run in the League. In what became a battle with any of five teams in with a chance, the team responded brilliantly, ultimately producing 27 points from 30 in March & April to seal our first ever Wessex League Championship, and promotion to the BGB Southern League. Certainly the past two seasons will linger long in the memories of those lucky enough to be part of the adventure, and a glowing tribute to a dedicated team and fantastic supporters. An exciting new adventure was about to begin!

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

Date	Opponent			Res	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	Lge Pos
06/08/16	Winchester City	H	League	5-3	Merchant	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne 1	Twyman	Lawson 2*	Mace	Payne 1	Oldham	Major	Martin 1	5
09/08/16	Bishops Cleeve	A	League	0-0	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne	Oldham	Lawson*	Major	Payne	Mace	Martin	Twyman	4
13/08/16	Yate Town	A	League	2-1	Kowalski	Turl	Mace*	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Haskayne	Oldham	Lawson	Major 1	Payne	Martin	Ward	Orchard 1	3
17/08/16	Swindon S'marine	H	League	1-1	Kowalski*	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite 1	Ward	Twyman	Oldham	Lawson	Cant	Major	Orchard	Martin	Haskayne	5
20/08/16	Bedfont Sports	H	FAC PR	3-0	Merchant	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Ry Thwaite	Twyman 2*	Haskayne	Oldham	Lawson 1	Cant	Major	Martin	Orchard	Ward	-
27/08/16	Wantage Town	H	League	2-2	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Ry Thwaite	Ward	Haskayne	Twyman	Lawson*	Cant 1	Orchard 1	Major	Oldham	Payne	7
03/09/16	Fleet Town	A	FAC 1Q	1-1	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Hoyle	Ry Thwaite	Twyman*	Turner	Oldham	Lawson	Cant	Major	Thomas	Orchard 1	Haskayne	-
07/09/16	Fleet Town	H	FAC 1QR	1-0	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle*	Rich Thwaite 1	Turner	Twyman	Orchard	Lawson	Cant	Major	Thomas	Haskayne	Mace	-
10/09/16	Wimborne Town	H	League	1-1	Kowalski	Turl*	Mace	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman 1	Haskayne	Major	Orchard	Thomas	Oldham	Ry Thwaite	Turner	10
17/09/16	Taunton Town	A	FAC 2Q	0-2	Merchant	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne	Twyman*	Major	Cant	Thomas	Mace	Ward	Orchard	-
20/09/16	Bridgwater Town	A	League	0-0	Merchant	Turl	Ry Thwaite*	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman	Haskayne	Martin	Mace	Orchard	Turner	Major	Thomas	11
24/09/16	North Leigh	H	League	0-2	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Hoyle	Rich Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Martin	Mace	Thomas	Ward	Major		12
27/09/16	Hereford	A	League	0-3	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Turner	Twyman*	Martin	Major	Thomas	Haskayne	Cant	Green	13
01/10/16	Larkhall Athletic	A	League	0-2	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Haskayne	Twyman	Major	Cant	Thomas	Martin			14
04/10/16	Bishops Cleeve	A	SFLCC 1R	0-1	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite*	Twyman	Green	Haskayne	Martin	Cant	Thomas	Turner	Major	Ward	-
08/10/16	Swindon S'Marine	H	FAT PR	1-3	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Oliver	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne*	Smith	Martin	Cant	Lawson 1	Thomas	Ward	14
11/10/16	Mangotsfield United	A	League	0-3	Kowalski	Ry Thwaite	Mace	Oliver*	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Thomas	Haskayne	Lawson	Smith	Cant	Turner	Martin	Green	14
15/10/16	Salisbury	H	League	2-1	Kowalski	Ward	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman 1	Haskayne	Smith 1	Sklenar	Cant	Thomas	Martin	Mason	13
22/10/16	AFC Totton	A	League	1-3	Kowalski	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite*	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Sklenar	Thomas 1	Smith	Martin	Cant	Ward	14
26/10/16	Evesham Utd	H	League	1-5	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Ward	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne*	Smith 1	Cant	Thomas	J Martin	B Martin		17
01/11/16	Taunton Town	A	League	0-0	Kowalski*	Grimes	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Smith	B Martin	Thomas	B Martin	Stokes		16
05/11/16	Didcot Town	H	League	2-3	Kowalski	Low	Turl	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Stokes	Haskayne	Smith 1	Mace 1	Thomas*	Harding	Ward			16
12/11/16	Paulton Rovers	A	League	3-1	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman*	Stokes	Smith 1	Mace 1	Thomas	Lawson 1	Mason	Martin	13
19/11/16	Yate Town	H	League	3-1	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Ward	Twyman	Stokes	Smith 1	Lawson	Mace 1	Martin	Haskayne 1	Harding	13
06/12/16	Bristol Rovers	A	GFA 1R	2-5	Kowalski	Grimes	Mace 1	Ry Thwaite*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Stokes 1	Smith	Harding	Lawson	Haskayne	Martin	Matondo	-
10/12/16	Barnstaple Town	H	League	0-1	Kowalski*	Ward	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Haskayne	Twyman	Stokes	Smith	Matondo	Lawson	Turner	Harding	Mace	15
14/12/16	Bishops Cleeve	H	League	0-1	Kowalski	Ward	Mace*	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne	Smith	Harding	Stokes	Thomas	Martin		16
17/12/16	Tiverton Town	A	League	1-2	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Stokes*	Twyman	Smith	Thomas	Mace 1	Lawson	Ward	Cant	16
21/12/16	Winchester City	A	League	0-7	Reed	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Haskayne*	Smith	Lawson	Thomas	Stokes	Ward		16
27/12/16	Bridgwater Town	H	League	1-2	Reed	Turl	Mace	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes	Haskayne*	Smith	Cant	Thomas 1	Turner	Ward		16
02/01/17	Shortwood United	A	League	4-4	Thomas	Turl	Mace 1	Ry Thwaite	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	B Martin 1	Thomas 1	Cant	Stokes 1	Grimes	J Martin	16
07/01/17	Mangotsfield United	H	League	0-3	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Mace	Twyman*	Smith	Cant	Thomas	Stokes	Matundo		17
10/01/17	Swindon S'Marine	A	League	0-2	Thomas	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	Mace	B Martin	Thomas	Stokes	Matundo	Sklenar	18
14/01/17	Bideford	A	League	0-1	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	Mace	Martin	Thomas	Stokes	Cant		19
28/01/17	North Leigh	A	League	1-3	Kowalski	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman*	Stokes	Harding	Smith 1	Thomas	Sklenar	Mace	Cant	19
04/02/17	Hereford	H	League	0-3	Thomas	Turl	Ry Thwaite*	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Stokes	Martin	Smith	Thomas	Mace	Cant	Sklenar	19
11/02/17	Salisbury	A	League	0-3	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes*	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Smith	Twyman	Sklenar	Martin	Mace	Thomas	Stokes		19
18/02/17	Taunton Town	H	League	0-7	Davies	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Mace	Twyman*	Sklenar	Smith	Thomas	J Martin	Stokes		20
25/02/17	Evesham United	A	League	2-1	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Twyman*	Stokes	Ward	Smith	B Martin	Sklenar 1	Oakes	Thomas	Lewis 1	19
01/03/17	Tiverton Town	H	League																
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11/03/17	Didcot Town	A	League																
18/03/17	Paulton Rovers	H	League																
25/03/17	Larkhall Athletic	H	League																
01/04/17	Barnstaple Town	A	League																
08/04/17	Bideford	H	League																
15/04/17	Wantage Town	H	League																
17/04/17	Shortwood United	H	League																
22/04/17	Wimborne Town	A	League																

Next First Team Game at Thornhill Park – Saturday 18th March v Paulton Rovers (3.00pm)

Our Visitors

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

2010/11 was one of the most successful seasons in the club's history, picking up not only the Hampshire Senior Cup for the second time but also retaining it from the 2009/10 season beating Sholing 3-1 at St. Marys Stadium. But this was eclipsed by the club being crowned Champions of the Southern League South and West Division, just pipping Sholing to the title by 2 points in a nail-biting finish to the season. The Club was named club of the season for the South and West division and also picked up the fair play award along with the Merit Cup for the most goals scored. The Club also celebrated a golden boot award for one of the crowd favourites Mike Gosney who scored 36 goals.

The Club were also very pleased to see another crowd favourite doing well and penning his first pro contract to secure a deal with Port Vale. The highlight of the 2011/12 season was AFC Totton reaching the 2nd round proper of the FA Cup for the first time in the Club's history. The match, televised live on ITV was against Bristol Rovers our visitors coming out on top in convincing style. Nevertheless, history was written and shall never be forgotten.

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This was not the only history making event of the season - Stefan Brown made his mark in the record books by scoring the fastest FA Cup hat-trick by a substitute, scoring all 3 goals in 15 second half minutes, AFC Totton also reached the Hampshire Senior Cup final for the 3rd season in succession, losing out to 2-0 Eastleigh.

The Club narrowly missed promotion to the Conference South, but lost 4-2 at Oxford City.in the play off final after only one season at Southern Premier League level.

Season 2012/2013 saw AFC Totton consolidate their position in the Southern Premier League, their 14th position coming after a mixed bag of results, with home results disappointingly not matched by performances away from the Testwood Stadium.

The Red Insure Cup saw an early exit at the hands of Sholing, but a better run in the Hants Senior Cup ended with the scores level at 90 minutes against a strong AFC Bournemouth side, with the Stags losing out 4-2 on penalties. Very worthy of mention is the tremendous effort of the Youth side who defeated AFC Bournemouth on their own patch, after an epic 11-10 penalty victory in FA Youth Cup. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the next round of the competition but the win at Bournemouth will remain in the memories of everyone who attended the match.

In the FA Cup progress was made to the 4th Qualifying Round where the Stags lost a close encounter 3-2 at home to Cambridge City, but on the way they recorded a remarkable result, defeating then Conference South side Truro City by the same score in Cornwall.

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In the FA Trophy, Totton were rewarded by three home draws, beating Bideford, Gosport Borough, and Conference South Basingstoke Town before giving a fine performance at Blue Square Premier side Forest Green Rovers, only losing by a solitary goal in time added on.

The 2013/14 season saw the Stags undergo major changes, caused by previous miss-management of the Club. Forced to field mainly inexperienced youngsters in the tough surroundings of the Southern Premier League, relegation was half expected, although as the players matured, performances improved, and the dreaded drop nearly avoided.

The Club was stabilised financially by the new Executive Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Andy Straker, whose previous enthusiasm as a staunch supporter carried over into his new role.

The club was relegated from the Southern League Premier Division in April 2014. Its first season in the South & West Division 1 league saw the continuation of the rebuilding of the team. The team eventually finished 15th in the league.

Just before the end of the 2014/15 season, manager Steve Riley departed from the club and Steve Hollick, the then goalkeeping coach took over the running of the team until the end of the season. Prior to the start of the 2015/16 season, Steve Hollick was made permanent manager of AFC Totton.

The rebuilding of the team continued and even though the squad was strengthened, the team could finish no higher than they had the previous season, with another 15th place finish.


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Alex Hoyle	Paul Mace Malcolm Carter	
Jack Twyman	Brenda Martin	
Leon Sterling	Tim Blake	

Bishops Cleeve 1-2 Slimbridge, Saturday 25th February 2017

Kicking against a strong headwind Evesham were unfortunate not to open the scoring in the first five minutes of the game with player manager Freddy Ward clearing a goal bound shot off the line. At the other end good work from Brad Martin and Joe Stoke ended with a firm Evesham defence blocking an effort from Jack Sklenar. A 30 yard free kick from Adam Mace was floated in on the wind but just missed the top corner by inches.

A crazy 3 minute spell on 30 minutes started with Evesham winning three consecutive corners, the third of which resulted in the home side taking the lead through Kennedy after the visiting defence failed to clear. Immediately from the kick-off Slimbridge equalised with Stokes playing in Sklenar who controlled the ball well to fire past keeper Kevin Sawyer. Evesham restarted and forced their way into the visitor's box, as the loose ball was being picked up by keeper Beauchamp, striker Lance Smith kicked out at the keeper in frustration earning him a straight red card..

Evesham failed to let the one man deficit hinder them as they continued to press the Slimbridge goal, Beauchamp growing in confidence pulled off a fingertip save from Mann destined for the top corner. As injury time approached the visitor's counter attacked with Lee Smith through ball saw Sklenar's shot well saved by Sawyer.

In the dying seconds, a long cross field ball by Smith caught the home sides defence napping allowing substitute Mason Lewis to run in from 30 yards out drilling the ball past a helpless Sawyer giving Slimbridge a much needed win.

Team: Beauchamp, Turl, Mace (Lewis), Grimes, Thwaite, Twyman, Stokes, Ward (Oakes), Smith, Martin (Thomas), Sklenar

Supporters Man of the Match: Jack Twyman

Today's Fixtures

Barnstaple Town v Salisbury

Didcot Town v Hereford

Larkhall Athletic v Evesham United

Paulton Rovers v Bideford

Shortwood United v Mangotsfield United

SLIMBRIDGE V AFC TOTTON

Swindon Supermarine v Bridgwater Town

Tiverton Town v North Leigh

Wimborne Town v Wantage Town

Winchester City v Taunton Town

Yate Town v Bishops Cleeve

2016-2017 Season

Evo-Stik Southern League

Division One South & West

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford	33	27	5	1	86	25	86
2	Tiverton Town	32	21	6	5	72	38	69
3	Taunton Town*	30	21	4	5	88	28	64
4	Salisbury	31	20	2	9	80	41	62
5	Evesham United	32	18	6	8	73	41	60
6	Mangotsfield Utd	31	17	5	9	56	47	56
7	Swindon S'Marine	31	15	7	9	60	46	52
8	Bideford	32	15	7	10	55	43	52
9	Winchester City	31	16	2	13	60	52	50
10	North Leigh	28	14	7	7	58	43	49
11	Wimborne Town	32	13	5	14	52	51	44
12	Shortwood United	29	13	5	11	51	52	44
13	Bishops Cleeve	30	11	7	12	50	63	40
14	Didcot Town	31	9	11	11	54	56	38
15	Larkhall Athletic	31	7	12	12	49	57	33
16	Barnstaple Town	31	9	5	17	34	45	32
17	Paulton Rovers	30	8	4	18	41	54	28
18	AFC Totton	32	7	6	19	34	72	27
19	Slimbridge	32	6	7	19	32	72	25
20	Yate Town	32	6	6	20	31	65	24
21	Wantage Town	32	2	7	23	23	86	13
22	Bridgwater Town	31	2	4	25	19	81	10

*Deducted 3 points. Table at February 27th 2017



HANDING over ceremony: In a ceremony at the White Lion Hotel, Cambridge on Wednesday the secretary of Slimbridge AFC (right) Mr. W. G. Prior, received the deeds of the playing field which was bequeathed to the club under the will of Mr. Evi Thornhill. Handing over the deeds is Mr. L. J. Hawkins of Messrs. Scott and Fowler, and also in the picture are members of the football club committee, and Mr. E. W. H. Thornhill, and Mr. A. Thornhill.

Handing Over Soccer Pitch

Slimbridge Bequest of Mr. E. Thornhill

Slimbridge Football Club, thanks to the generosity of its late president Mr. Evi Thornhill, now owns the playing field at The Cross Roads, Slimbridge.

Prior to his death Mr. Thornhill allowed the club to use the pitch, and bequeathed the ground to the club in 1957. Mr. Thornhill died on February 9, 1960, and the necessary legal work having been completed, the official "handing over" ceremony of the deeds took place at the club's headquarters, the White Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday evening.

Secretary of the club, Mr. W. G. Prior, received the deeds from Mr. L. J. Hawkins of Messrs Scott and Fowler (Gloucester), the solicitors handling the estate. Mr. E. W. H. Thornhill, joint-president, and Mr. A. Thornhill, vice-president, sons of the late Mr. Evi Thornhill were also present at the ceremony, together with Mr. B. A. Snow, Mr. C. Webb, Mr. G. Weaver, Mr. M. G. Tudor, Mr. E. Pearce of the football club.

To commemorate the gift the club have affixed a plaque to the changing rooms on the ground.