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TODAY'S TEAMS

SLIMBRIDGE AFC		SHORTWOOD UNITED
Marcus Beauchamp	1	Josh Langley
Sam Turl	2	Sonny Low
Ryan Thwaite	3	Matt Bennett
Nick Grimes	4	Nick Peare
Brad Martin	5	Andy Lewis
Adam Mace	6	Nick Hancock
Jack Twyman	7	Steve Davies
Dean Turner	8	Chris Withington
Lee Smith ©	9	Will Morford
Mason Lewis	10	Liam Meredith
Marley Thomas	11	Nick Humphreys
Joe Stokes	12	Jack Freeman
Dean Turner	14	Adam Price
Johnny Cant	15	Hayden Turner
Richard Thwaite	16	Bobby Humphreys
Michael Oakes	17	Andy Hoskins
Freddy Ward	Manager	Alex Sykes
Johnny Cant	Asst Mgr	Andy Hoskins
Tony Woodward	Physio	Liz Spratt
Referee	Neil Pratt	
Assistants	Craig Thompson, Kieran Dolphin	

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 from Shortwood United. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, and have a safe journey back home later on.

Well, if we get the same kind of game that we head earlier in the season at Meadowbank, we shall be in for a right treat today! If you remember, it was Freddy's first gamer in charge, the lead changed hands many times, and it all ended up 4-4. I'm not sure the Managers enjoyed it too much, but it was cracking game to watch!

So we reach the end of the second season of our club at Southern League level, and the fact we are looking forward to a third is a great tribute to many people, including, let's not forget Leon who was in charge over the first half of the season. Freddy and the boys have done a great job since Christmas, and we all have some great memories to look back on – our renaming ceremony of the ground during pre-season, our highest ever crowd in any competition at Edgar Street, our highest ever crowd at Thornhill Park, some fantastic wins, a couple of heavy defeats, but the bottom line is that as I write this we are nineteen points ahead of Wantage in the relegation places. It's a great achievement for our football club.

The close season will be especially interesting as we look to build for a season where FA planning for a major reshuffle in 2018-19 means that only one club will be relegated next season from our division. And of course, we will also have Cinderford Town and Bristol Manor Farm to contend with as they join the league, so there is lots to look forward to, and feel optimistic about.

Have a great Summer, and thanks again from all of us at SAFC

Tim

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Our Visitors



Shortwood United Football Club was formed in 1900 and since then have played at 4 different grounds, Nailsworth Playing Field, Table Land, Wallow Green and finally at our current ground, Meadowbank.

The club has been at Meadowbank since 1972, and includes an all weather training area opened by the late Ted Croker. Floodlights were installed in 1989 with a match versus Swindon Town commemorating their official launch. Gradual improvements over the years culminated in a major enhancement in 2009 to meet ground grading criteria for any future promotions. This included refurbishment of the main stand, the erection of a new 50 seat stand opposite, new dug outs and turnstiles and an overhaul of the dressing rooms. In 2010 a new pitch barrier was added giving Shortwood a ground to be proud of, befitting the level of football we play. In 2013 further supporters facilities were added including a new covered standing area. The pitch has been improved over the years with new drainage recently added. With the hard work of the current groundsman the pitch receives many accolades including recognition by the FA in 2009 and 2010 and for the 2012-13 season our groundsman collected two awards as Southern League groundsman and National groundsman (at Step 3 and 4) of the year .

League football was commenced in the Stroud League where following continued success during the 1970s promotion was gained to the Northern Senior and then the Gloucestershire County League. Promotion to the Hellenic league was achieved in 1981 only to be relegated in our first season but finishing runners up the following year ensured promotion straight back. In 1983 we won the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy and in the following year won the Hellenic League. It was a further six years until success was realised again when the treble of League winners, GFA Trophy and Stroud Charity Cup was completed.

Our Visitors

The 2007/08 season started a resurgence in Shortwood's fortunes in finishing 5th in the league and winning the supplementary cup, defeating Ardley 4-2 in the final. The subsequent season pushed our success even further when following a good run in the FA Cup and semi finalists in the League Cup, we pressed the eventual Champions Hungerford to the final day of the season where we lost out on goal difference after amassing 99 pts and scoring 99 goals. Shortwood's fine form continued into the next season when they again finished second in the league to Almondsbury, and runners up in the GFA Trophy again to Almondsbury, had good FA Cup and Vase runs and reached the final of the Floodlit cup. Having lost the away leg 3-0 to Reading Town they produced one of the most exciting comebacks and entertaining matches ever seen at Meadowbank where the score remained at 0-0 till the 67th minute when the deadlock was broken and Shortwood ran out 5-0 winners (AET).

Shortwood's league campaign in 2011 was a disappointment by their own high standards, but more silverware was added in the shape of the GFA Trophy after a 1-0 win over Tuffley Rovers in the final.

2011-12 season, however, was pivotal in the Club's history! Not only did they reach the quarter final of the FA Vase, they also reached the final of the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup and the GFA Trophy Final. Most important was their league position where they finished 2nd by 1 point behind Oxford City Nomads. With Nomad's not applying for promotion, and with Shortwood filling all the relevant criteria, they were promoted to the Southern League for the first time in their history! To round off the season the reserves were duly crowned champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League for the first time in their history.

The 2012-13 season was again a successful one. Following a disappointing early exit from the FA cup the club had a good run in the FA Trophy including a magnificent away victory at premier league side Weymouth on the way. In their first season in the Southern League they finished a creditable eighth position.

Not to be undone the reserves completed back to back promotions by winning the Hellenic Division two title and gain promotion to Hellenic Division One West.

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
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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
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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	5-2	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes 1	Ward 1	Thomas 1*	B Martin	Smith 2	Oakes	J Martin	Lewis	18
11/03/17	Didcot Town	A	League	0-1	Beauchamp *	Turl	Mace	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes	Ward	Smith	B Martin	Thomas	Ry Thwaite	Oakes	Lewis	20
18/03/17	Paulton Rovers	H	League	2-0	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace	Grimes*	Ry Thwaite	Twyman	Stokes	Oakes	J Martin	Smith 2	Thomas	Ward			19
25/03/17	Larkhall Athletic	H	League	1-5	Beauchamp	Ward	Mace	Turl	Ry Thwaite	Twyman	Smith	Stokes	J Martin	B Martin 1	Thomas*	Turner	Lewis		20
29/03/17	AFC Totton	H	League	2-0	Beauchamp	Turl	Prictor	Ry Thwaite	B Martin	Turner	Twyman 1	Stokes	Smith	Mace 1	Thomas*	Payne	Lewis	J Martin	19
01/04/17	Barnstaple Town	A	League	1-3	Beauchamp	Turl	Mace 1	Prictor	B Martin	Turner	Twyman	Ward	Lewis*	Orchard	Thomas				19
08/04/17	Bideford	H	League	2-0	Beauchamp	Turl*	Prictor	Grimes	Rich Thwaite	Turner	Twyman	Smith 1	B Martin	Mace	Thomas 1	J Martin	Lewis	Orchard	19
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Next First Team Game at Thornhill Park – That's your lot folks, see you next season!

Our Visitors

The 2013-14 season saw Shortwood progress further in the FA Cup than ever before! Early wins over Egham and Aylesbury put them up against Conference South outfit Dorchester and a 1-0 away win, and a further 1-0 win at Didcot put them into uncharted waters of the fourth qualifying round where they drew Conference side Aldershot at Meadowbank. A late, but deserved, equaliser gave them a replay and a heroic 2-1 win sparked wild celebrations. A home draw pitted Shortwood against League 1 side Port Vale in front of a record crowd of 1,247 plus a live television audience courtesy of BT Sport. Shortwood bowed out – but with the plaudits their cup run earned ringing in their ears.

The league season was also highly successful with a sixth placed finish, one point outside the play-off positions.

The cup success has brought much needed changes to the club off the field with floodlight enhancement, an improved frontage and entrance way into the club and the purchase of ground maintenance equipment which will all help to secure the infrastructure of the club for many years to come.

2014-15 failed to reach the heights of the previous season with many players moving on to higher things but for most of the season a play-off place looked possible until a decline in form towards the end of the season resulted in an 11th place finish. The FA Cup again produced great excitement for the club with a convincing win against high riding conference north side Oxford City and an impressive 2-2 draw away to Conference south side Bath City with Shortwood leading twice and hitting the post with the last kick of the match.

2015 -16 continued Shortwood's continued stability in the Southern League as they finished the season 7th in the table with 78 points and the end of the season saw the end of an era as joint Manager John Evans retired after 20 seasons involvement with Shortwood – and the club moves forward with Alex Sykes now in sole charge.

Everyone at Slimbridge AFC would like to thank our sponsors and fans for their support during our second season of Southern League football.

We hope you all have a great Summer and we all look forward to welcoming you back for another season in August.

Slimbridge 2-0 Bideford

Bideford had the best of the early play, with Kevin Squire and Billy Tucker off target, while the Swans best effort saw Bideford Keeper Joe Moore make a sharp stop from Adam Mace.

On ten minutes, Bideford were pressing, and a quick Slimbridge break saw Lee Smith notch the first of the afternoon, with a good finish past Moore to put the home side ahead.

Bideford continued to create chances, and Swans Keeper Marcus Beauchamp made a great stop from Ian Sampson's volley on the half hour, and then denied Sean Downing, who had a superb afternoon for the visitors, when the Robins' man was through one on one.

The Swans went close to doubling their advantage just before the break, when good work from Marley Thomas saw a dangerous looking Smith effort block, leaving the hosts to go in a goal to the good at the half.

Bideford came out with a purpose after the break, and for about 15 minutes, it seemed like the game was reduced to a duel between Downing and Slimbridge, with three great efforts bringing good stops from Beauchamp to maintain the home side's lead.

On the hour though, it was two - Ben Prictor played a superb diagonal ball across the Bideford back line, and Thomas picked up the pass, rounded Moore and walked the ball into the net for the Swans' second of the afternoon.

Downing continued to pose a threat, with an overhead kick just after the goal again going close, but the game settled into a stalemate as it approached the final stages.

Squire saw a late effort cleared off the line as Bideford continued to press, and Downing brought another good stop from Beauchamp in stoppage time, but the Swans held on to record the victory.

Team: Beauchamp, Turl, Prictor, Grimes, Rich Thwaite, Turner, Twyman, Smith, Brad Martin (Jamie Martin 60), Mace (Lewis 77), Thomas (Orchard 80)

Supporters Man of the Match: Sam Turl

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Slimbridge 2-0 AFC Totton

Jack Twyman went close for the home side on 21 minutes, when his header from Thomas' cross was just off target, while Curtis Young was wide with an effort for the Stags just before the half hour mark.

The Swans then struck with two quick goals to take control of the game - firstly, a superb run from Adam Mace saw him cause problems down the Totton left flank, and his cross was steered home by Jack Twyman to put the home side ahead.

Two minutes later, Mace was left in far too much on the edge of the Totton box, and he drilled the ball across Keeper Patrick O'Flaherty and into the far corner to double the advantage for the Swans.

Slimbridge lost the influential Stokes to a hamstring injury at half time, and he was replaced by Nathan Payne.The Swans dominated the second period to a large extent, as they pressed for the third goal that would have sealed the deal, but Twyman, and then Thomas on two occasions were unable to deliver the killer blow.

Totton still looked dangerous going forward and their best chance of the game probably came with 20 minutes remaining, when Curtis Young put the ball over the bar when well placed, and could well have put the game back into the melting pot.

But Slimbridge held firm, and with a makeshift back four, superbly marshalled by Brad Martin and Ryan Thwaite, all Totton attacks were seen off.

With five minutes remaining, Price's great cross was met by a an equally good header from Jamie Martin, but his effort was just off target.

After six minutes of stoppage time played by Referee Simon Shaw, the final whistle saw scenes of great celebration among the home players and fans, as their survival was mathematically confirmed.

Team: Beauchamp, Turl, Prictor, Ryan Thwaite, Brad Martin, Turner, Twyman, Stokes (Payne 45), Smith, Mace (Lewis 70), Thomas (Jamie Martin 75)

Supporters Man of the Match: Marley Thomas


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Today's Fixtures

Barnstaple Town v Tiverton Town

Bishops Cleeve v Mangotsfield United

Didcot Town v North Leigh

Evesham United v Hereford

Paulton Rovers v Bridgwater Town

Salisbury v Wimborne Town

SLIMBRIDGE V SHORTWOOD UNITED

Swindon Supermarine v Wantage Town

Taunton Town v Bideford

Winchester City v AFC Totton

Yate Town v Larkhall Athletic

2016-2017 Season

Evo-Stik Southern League

Division One South & West

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hereford C	38	30	7	1	98	29	97
2	Taunton Town*	39	26	6	7	109	40	81
3	Salisbury	39	26	2	11	109	49	80
4	Tiverton Town	39	24	7	8	84	49	79
5	Evesham United	39	23	7	9	83	45	76
6	Swindon S'Marine	39	20	9	10	79	53	69
7	Mangotsfield United	39	21	6	12	68	61	69
8	North Leigh	38	19	8	11	79	63	65
9	Bideford	38	15	9	14	57	53	54
10	Wimborne Town	39	16	6	17	62	59	54
11	Winchester City	39	16	5	18	62	64	53
12	Shortwood United	39	16	5	18	61	76	53
13	Larkhall Athletic	39	12	13	14	64	65	49
14	Paulton Rovers	39	14	6	19	60	65	48
15	Didcot Town	38	12	11	15	64	66	47
16	Bishops Cleeve	39	13	7	19	62	80	46
17	Barnstaple Town	39	13	5	21	50	61	44
18	Yate Town	38	10	7	21	41	72	37
19	Slimbridge	39	10	7	22	45	83	37
20	AFC Totton	38	8	8	22	39	79	32
21	Wantage Town R	39	3	9	27	27	103	18
22	Bridgwater Town R	39	2	4	33	21	109	10

*Deducted 3 points. Table at April 9th 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.