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Today's Teams

Slimbridge AFC		Burnham FC
Lewis Adams	1	Sam Bunting
Tom Handley	2	Ryan Tackley
Will Peck	3	Harry Loakes
Dion Chamber	4	Tom Kemp
Christien Turner	5	Ashleigh James
Joel White	6	James Tripp
Jamie Martin	7	Aiden Higgs
Dean Turner (c)	8	George Weller
Rhys Sarson	9	Gavin James
Myron Turner	10	Dan Molloy
Leighton Tuodolo	11	Kian Duncan
Mike Ford	12	Aaron Berry
	13	
Ryan Beckinsale	14	Ryan Avery
Tyrone Tucker-Dixon	15	Matthew Ayres
Adam Bloomfield	16	Samuel Coles
Sol Wanjau-Smith	17	Joe Blount
	18	Benjamin Fraser

Managers:
Lee Driver-Dickerson
Alex Lumsden

Paul Shone
Geoff Warner

Physios:
Tony Woodward

Chris Ayres

Referee:
Guy Thrower

Assistants:
Michael Brayson
Nicholas Gray

Club Chat **With Rob Peck**

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

Today sees the return of the FA Cup, a welcome relief from our recent two league games where we have suffered heavy defeats away at Melksham and home to Highworth Town.

The lads in general have been playing some good football but with a number of key injuries and a few mistakes in crucial areas of the pitch have seen us concede too many goals.

However Rhys's goal at Melksham and Myron's goal on Wednesday night were both contenders for goal of the season.

Back to today's game see's us pitted against Hellenic league side Burnham who we have met twice before back in the 2015/2016 season. On both occasions the Swans winning 2-0, with Jamie Martin on the score sheet each time. With both prize money and pride at stake, let's hope we are able to turn things around and get ourselves in the hat for Tuesday's first qualifying round draw.

Should today's game end in a draw, a replay will take place at Burnham on Tuesday 3rd September with a 7:45pm kick off.

Get behind the lads and enjoy today's game,

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

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

Mon 26 Aug 19

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

Wed 28 Aug 19

19:45 Evesham United v Slimbridge

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 31 Aug 19

15:00 Barnstaple Town v AFC Totton

15:00 Cirencester Town v Bristol Manor Farm

15:00 Frome Town v Mangotsfield United

15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Bideford

15:00 Moneyfields v Cinderford Town

15:00 Paulton Rovers v Thatcham Town

15:00 Sholing v Evesham United

15:00 Slimbridge v Basingstoke Town

15:00 Willand Rovers v Highworth Town

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Our Visitors Today

Founded in 1878, Burnham FC is the second oldest club Buckinghamshire. We played in the early years, with considerable success, in various leagues, before joining the Great Western Combination in 1948.

The 2012-2013 season without doubt was the most successful in the football clubs history. The First Team won the Evo Stik League Southern Division One Central (Southern League) championship earning promotion to the newly sponsored Calor League Premier Division (Southern League) while our Reserves won the UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two East championship at the first time of asking and themselves earned promotion to Division One East where they will now come up against the First Teams of many of last seasons opposition.

We moved to the Wycombe Combination in 1964 and then spent one season (1970/71) in the Reading Combination.

In 1971 the club were elected to the Hellenic League winning both the Premier Division and League Cup in 1975/76. We were also twice beaten finalists in the League Cup.

In 1977 the club were elected to the Athenian League and were twice runners-up before the league folded in 1984.

We competed in the London Spartan League in 1984/85 winning both the Premier Division title and the League Cup.

The summer of 1985 bought about the amalgamation of the football club with Hillingdon Borough FC who had lost their ground and were about to fold.

Our Visitors Today

We played in the Southern League as Burnham & Hillingdon FC but reverted back to the former name of Burnham FC in 1987. Season 1994/95 saw us finish bottom, resulting in relegation to the Hellenic League.
After 3 seasons in the Hellenic League finishing fifth, third and again third in 1998/99 the club won both the Premier Division title and the League Cup, thus gaining promotion back to the Southern Football League where we have played since.

Season 2006/07 saw the club achieve their highest league position, finishing 3rd, thus qualifying for the end of season Promotion Play-Off semi-final, unfortunately losing to the eventual winners Swindon Supermarine.

In cup competitions Burnham reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase in 1977/78 and then went one better in reaching the Semi Final in 1982/83 losing over two legs to Halesowen Town by 4-2. In the home leg the clubs record attendance of 2400 was achieved.

We have twice reached the Third Qualifying round of the FA Cup and in 2005/06 reached the First Round Proper for the first time ever before losing at home to Aldershot Town.

In the F.A.Trophy we reached the Fourth Round (the last 16) in 1999/2000 before losing to Scarborough in a replay after a creditable 1-1 draw at The Gore.

In the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup we have reached the Semi Final twice before losing on both occasions to Chesham United.

Our Visitors Today

The club has in recent years re-developed The Gore and now boast a fine stadium. The new complex has a new stand, modern dressing rooms, club bars and offices and an independently run Gym and a Nursery School all under the one roof.

The clubs reserve team play in the UHLSPORT Hellenic Football League and the under 18 youth team play in the Allied Counties Youth League.



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Sat 10 Aug 19	**15:00**	**Edgware Town**	**H**	**FAC EPr**	**W**	**1-0**
Sat 17 Aug 19	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League	L	3-6
Wed 21 Aug 19	**19:45**	**Highworth Town**	**H**	**League**	L	2-4
Sat 24 Aug 19	**15:00**	**Burnham**	**H**	**FAC Pr**		
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		

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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Match Reports

Slimbridge 2-4 Highworth Town

Wednesday 21st August 2019

Swans fall to second league defeat after another nightmare second half performance

Slimbridge lined up with a much changed backline after Saturdays game at Melksham, Logan Roach and Will Peck coming in to replace the injured Christien Turner and Aaron Nesbeth. Player coach Dion Chambers was preferred in midfield to Mike Ford who dropped to the bench. Also on the bench was new signing Tyrone Tucker-Dixon.

The home side very much dominated most of the first half, Leighton Tuodolo forcing Connor Johns into a save on the line after a pinpoint cross from Jamie Martin on the right. Then Tuodolo continuing to be a menace to the Highworth defence down the left flank gaining two consecutive corners from deflected shots as the Swans camped themselves in the opposition half.

With less than 20 minutes on the clock the home side were forced into a change with Rhys Sarson picking up an injury to be replaced by debutant Tucker-Dixon. Again it was Tuodolo that got in on the action in the Highworth penalty box forcing another corner but fired high from the corner kick.

Highworth's first attack of the game on 22 minutes resulted in former Swan Edjidja Mbunga firing a cross in from the right which was dealt with by Joel White putting the ball out corner. The corner ricocheted around the box before being cleared to safety up field.

Slimbridge made a breakthrough taking the lead on 25 minutes, a mix up at the back between keeper and centre half under pressure from Tyrone-Dixon saw the ball fall kindly to Chambers who rolled the ball into the net.

Match Reports

Highworth responded with Darren Jefferies forcing a save from Lewis Adams just past the half hour mark, a few minutes later Terence Bohane shot was deflected wide. With just less than five minutes of the half remaining the Swans extended their lead, Myron Turner on the left crossed the ball into the box over the head of Johns the ball hitting the inside of the post and bouncing into the net.

As the half ended the game continued at a pace, Highworth sending a free kick from the edge of the box into the wall with the home side clearing the danger. Slimbridge almost grabbed a third Martin raced through the middle rather than shoot passed right for Tucker-Dixon to run onto but his pass was too heavy allowing Johns to claim at the feet of Tucker-Dixon.

The second half was a completely different story to the first, Highworth getting back into the game with two quick goals. On 49 minutes a cross in from the right was not dealt with by the home defence allowing Bohane to chip the ball into the net. Two minutes later Stephen Robertson slammed the ball home in a crowded box again the Swans defence unable to clear to bring the score line level.

The home side missed a great chance soon after the restart, Jamie Martin in space down the right crossed to the far post with Tuodolo just inches from connecting with the ball. On the hour Adams made another great save this time from Jefferies. On 71 minutes it was Johns turn to make a save tipping Martins free kick over the bar.

However it was Highworth that got on the score sheet again taking the lead on 76 minutes a scramble in the box saw Jefferies poke the ball home. With two minutes of the game remaining the visitors extended their lead Mbunga breaking away leaving the home defence chasing back his cross fell into the path of substitute Toumani Sidibe who slammed home from close range to leave the Swans defeated.

Match Reports

With games coming thick and fast, the Swans need to regroup and recover for Saturdays FA Cup game at Thornhill Park where they entertain Burnham from the Hellenic League with a place in the first qualifying round and more prize money at stake.

Slimbridge: Adams, Handley, Roach (Wanjau-Smith 82, Chambers (Bloomfield 82), Peck, White, Martin, D Turner, Sarson (Tucker-Dixon 18), M Turner, Tuodolo

Unused Subs: Ford, Beckinsale

Highworth Town: Johns, Morris, Davidge, Morgan, Morrison, Taylor (Cheetham 88), Mbunga, Wood, Robertson (Sidibe 82), Bohane (Comer 82), Jefferies

Attendance: 126
Supporter's man of the match: Jamie Martin

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 where 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 a 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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Just Approach any Committee member on a Match day for more Information. You will be made Very Welcome

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	Barry Gay
	Colin Gay
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	Stuart Goddard
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	Linda Morgan
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	Ollie Smith
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