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Ellis Parker (GK)	Chris Taylor
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George Neill	David Bampton
Harrison Reeves	Flynn Walters
Jack Smith	Harry Walters
James Holder (GK)	Jack Hobson McVeigh
Joe Hunt	Josh Timbrell
Kieran Bennett	Jowan Partridge
Marley Thomas	Kai Robinson
Myron Turner	Louis Spalding
Nathan Dennis	Luke Softley
Pele Kouisseoue	Robert Brown
Rudi McKinnon	Sam Packer
Sam Blackie	Scott Chilcott
Theo Clayson	Spencer Bowen
Will Hawes	Tommy Ouldridge

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Ben Cole

Uhlsport Hellenic League
Premier Division Fixtures

Saturday 10th February 2024

Hellenic League

Fairford Town v Roman Glass St George
Longlevens AFC v Westfields
Lydney Town v Pershore Town
Slimbridge v Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Wantage Town v Thornbury Town
Worcester Raiders v Hereford Pegasus

FA Vase

Highworth Town v Great Wakering Rovers
Stourport Swifts v Worcester City

Uhlsport Hellenic League

Premier Division - League Table

Pos		Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Worcester City	25	20	4	1	79	20	59	64
2	Corsham Town	29	19	7	3	64	24	40	64
3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	28	17	3	8	49	41	8	54
4	Slimbridge	29	15	5	9	64	50	14	50
5	Fairford Town	28	13	9	6	46	30	16	48
6	Roman Glass St George	28	15	2	11	54	41	13	47
7	Highworth Town	25	13	5	7	46	32	14	44
8	Mangotsfield United	30	13	5	12	53	46	7	44
9	Pershore Town	28	12	6	10	63	46	17	42
10	Cinderford Town	24	12	4	8	46	40	6	40
11	Worcester Raiders	28	11	6	11	45	46	-1	39
12	Hereford Pegasus	29	11	5	13	55	62	-7	38
13	Westfields	28	10	5	13	51	52	-1	35
14	Tuffley Rovers	29	9	6	14	38	50	-12	33
15	Hereford Lads Club	29	7	7	15	35	50	-15	28
16	Longlevens AFC	25	8	3	14	33	51	-18	27
17	Brimscombe & Thrupp	22	7	5	10	35	46	-11	26
18	Thornbury Town	28	6	4	18	36	67	-31	22
19	Lydney Town	28	5	2	21	48	85	-37	17
20	Wantage Town	26	3	1	22	25	86	-61	10

Season 2023-24

Fixtures

Sat 10 Feb 24	15:00	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	H	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Tue 13 Feb 24	19:45	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	H	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Sat 17 Feb 24	15:00	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	A	Roman Glass St George
Sat 24 Feb 24	15:00	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	A	Wantage Town
Sat 02 Mar 24	15:00	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	H	Mangotsfield United
Tue 05 Mar 24	19:45	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	A	Westfields
Sat 09 Mar 24	15:00	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	A	Corsham Town
Fri 15 Mar 24	19:45	Uhlsport Hellenic Premier League	H	Fairford Town

Season 2023-24

Results

Date	Match	H/A	Opposition	Result	Att
Tue 01 Aug 2023	League	H	Highworth Town	0-0	132
Sat 05 Aug 2023	FA Cup Extra Prelim	H	Reading City	2-3	105
Sat 12 Aug 2023	League	A	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1-2	105
Fri 18 Aug 2023	League	H	Thornbury Town	5-2	168
Tue 22 Aug 2023	League	H	Wantage Town	2-0	121
Sat 26 Aug 2023	FA Vase 1Q	H	Lydney Town	4-3	105
Mon 28 Aug 2023	League	A	Brimscombe & Thrupp	2-0	253
Sat 02 Sep 2023	League	H	Roman Glass St George	1-6	126
Tue 05 Sep 2023	League	A	Mangotsfield United	2-1	158
Fri 08 Sep 2023	League	H	Westfields	3-2	210
Tue 19 Sep 2023	League	H	Corsham Town	1-3	138
Sat 23 Sep 2023	FA Vase 2Q	A	Highworth Town	1-3	93
Tue 26 Sep 2023	League	A	Fairford Town	1-1	71
Sat 30 Sep 2023	League	H	Tuffley Rovers	4-1	128
Fri 06 Oct 2023	League	A	Pershore Town	2-0	191
Tue 10 Oct 2023	League	A	Highworth Town	0-2	119
Sat 14 Oct 2023	League	H	Lydney Town	3-5	124
Tue 24 Oct 2023	Floodlit Cup	H	SC Inkberrow	2-0	92
Sat 04 Nov 2023	League	A	Hereford Lads Club	1-1	52
Tue 07 Nov 2023	GFA Challange Trophy	H	Lydney Town	2-1	105
Sat 11 Nov 2023	League	H	Cinderford Town	2-0	178
Sat 18 Nov 2023	League	H	Worcester Raiders	2-4	135
Sat 25 Nov 2023	League	A	Worcester City	1-1	784
Wed 29 Nov 2023	Marsh Challenge Cup	H	Hereford Pegasus	4-2	72
Sat 09 Dec 2023	League	A	Tuffley Rovers	3-2	112
Fri 15 Dec 2023	League	H	Pershore Town	3-3	138
Tue 19 Dec 2023	Floodlit Cup	A	Tuffley Rovers	2-1	81
Sat 23 Dec 2023	League	A	Lydney Town	1-2	157
Sat 30 Dec 2023	League	H	Longlevens	2-3	172
Mon 01 Jan 2024	League	A	Hereford Pegasus	5-3	125
Sat 06 Jan 2024	League	H	Hereford Lads Club	2-0	105
Tue 09 Jan 2024	Marsh Challenge Cup	A	Fairford Town	0-3	53
Sat 13 Jan 2024	League	A	Cinderford Town	2-0	135
Tue 16 Jan 2024	GFA Challenge Trophy	A	Moreton Rangers	3-0	-
Sat 20 Jan 2024	League	A	Worcester Raiders	3-2	202
Wed 24 Jan 2024	League	A	Longlevans	6-0	97
Sat 27 Jan 2024	League	H	Worcester City	0-4	340
Tue 30 Jan 2024	Floodlit Cup	H	Worcester City	0-2	165
Sat 03 Feb 2024	League	A	Thornbury Town	4-0	124

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Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Club History

Situated six miles from Swindon, Wootton Bassett Town Football Club was first established in 1882, making the club one of the oldest in Wiltshire. The club's early achievements came in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, making the final in both 1902-3 and 1903-4, although losing both. The club folded for a period pre-World War 1 before re-forming in the Calne & District League when it began playing at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground which had been donated by a local dignitary for sporting activities within the town and opened in 1930.

Early successes included winning the Calne & District League in the 1930-31 Season, having finished runners-up the previous season, and then again in 1934-35. Following a move up to the Wiltshire League Division 2 promotion was earned again the following season and the team then remained in the top division in the county until the outbreak of war. After the war Wootton Bassett Town F.C. recommenced in the County League with limited success until 1958-59 when they won their first Wiltshire League title. In 1987-88 the Wiltshire League Division 1 title was won, elevating the club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained ever since. The club finally won the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 1998-99 and repeated this achievement in 2000-01. The club have had three spells in the Hellenic Premier and the current spell in the topflight commenced after gaining promotion back in 2012-13. The highest finish so far was 10th spot in Season 2018-19 in Sam Collier's first full season in charge.

Since the onset of the new millennium the club has expanded significantly, with the establishment of a thriving Youth Section, a very successful Ladies Section and a Veteran's Section. The club now operates 28 teams from under 7s upwards. All now play their games at the relocated Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the name, Royal Wootton Bassett Town continues to thrive as a key part of the community of Royal Wootton Bassett. This growth led to the club being awarded Charter Standard Development Club status by the Football Association in 2008 before this was upgraded to Community Club status a year later, the first club in Wiltshire to achieve this.

International ties have also been established with Dutch amateur side FC 's-Gravenzande who sides from the club's Youth Section visit each year, although currently stopped due to Covid.

In Season 2020-21 the club had good cup runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase, as well as the Hellenic League end of season cup competition. In the FA Cup the club equalled their best performance in the prestigious competition, reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round, losing narrowly to a late winner against National League South side Oxford City. The club also equalled their best showing in the FA Vase making it through to the Second Round. In the Bluefin Insurance Cup competition, they safely progressed from the group stages and then won two knockout games to reach the semi-final but just fell short against eventual winners Kiddlington, going down 2-1 in the semi. Whilst doing well in the cup competitions the side never really got going in the league. It was a similar story in Season 2021-22 with the best form again being shown in the cups with Royal Wootton Bassett Town reaching the 3rd Round of the FA Vase for the first time in the club's history, eventually losing a tight game to Hamworthy who were to go on to reach the semi-final. Season 2022-23 saw Sam Collier in charge of the First Team for his fifth season with a new assistant in the shape of experienced striker Alan Griffin. It would prove to be a successful season with the team achieving their highest ever position in Non-League football, finishing in fifth place in the Premier Division. The management duo return for another season looking to build on that success last season.

Player	Biography	Sponsor
 **Rob Brown**	Keeper who recently signed for the club following the injury suffered by Harry Pickering against Longlevens. Experienced goalkeeper who joined Bassett in October 2023 from reigning Hellenic League Premier Division champions Cribbs. An all-round 'keeper, Brown is a great shotstopper who possesses superb reflexes, is commanding in the air and also has excellent distribution. After starring for Corsham Town as they finished fifth in the Hellenic League Premier Division and reached the Wiltshire Premier Shield final in 2021-22, Brown moved to Cribbs early last season and played a key role as they finished as champions while conceding just 15 times all season. Brown has prior title winning experience, lifting the Western League Premier Division crown with Melksham Town in 2017-18. With Forest Green Rovers as a youth, Brown also has gained Southern League experience with Paulton Rovers and Frome Town.	
 **Louis Spalding**	Highly talented full back entering his 2nd season with Bassett. Skilful, quick, an outstanding defender & a player who always looks to get forward. Was named Manager's & Players' Player of the Year following a standout debut season. Played 47 times, scoring a hugely impressive 10 goals, including a long range stunner in the FA Cup against Reading City, a last minute winner at home against Tuffley Rovers & a brace away at the same opponents. With Swindon Town as a youth, before joining Cirencester on loan in 17-18 making 11 appearances, before signing with the Centurions after his release from Swindon. With Cirencester in 18-19, featuring 38 times for the League runners-up in Southern League Div 1 South. He then joined Swindon Supermarine, appearing in 38 games in the curtailed 2019-20 Season, 10 matches a season later and 4 times in 21-22.	**John & Kath Fellows**
 **Harry Walters**	Full back who is quick, keen to get forward, impressive on the ball and a solid man-marker who made an impressive impact after making his First Team debut last season. Made his first appearance in senior football with Stratton Juniors in 2020-21, featuring 12 times for them in the Wiltshire League Premier Division. He started the subsequent campaign with Stratton before transferring to Bassett, playing 14 times as the Development team were crowned Wiltshire League champions. Continued to impress with the Dev side at the start of last season, and it wasn't long before Sam Collier drafted him into the First Team squad. Made his debut in a Floodlit Cup win against Cribbs and went on to make 19 appearances.	
 **Adam Corcoran**	Bassett's current longest serving player and captain, now entering his 12th season with the club, having reached the 300 appearance mark last season. An imposing central defender - with the ability to also play at full back when needed - who is composed on the ball and dominant in the air. A Cirencester Town Academy graduate, he initially joined Bassett in 2011-12 after brief spells with Fairford Town and Calne Town. He quickly established himself as a key part of Bassett's defence, and in 2012-13 helped the team to promotion from Division One West. After a brief spell with Shrivenham, he re-joined Bassett in the summer of 2015 and has been with the club since. He is a player whose performances have seemed to get better and better over time too. The 2021-22 campaign was without doubt his best in Bassett colours, with the defender going on to earn both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. A quality striker of the ball and danger at set pieces, he has also contributed 15 goals in his 316 Bassett appearances.	**Mark Smedley**
 **David Bampton**	Aggressive and tough in the tackle, yet elegant and composed in possession, highly experienced player who has played at the highest level of non-league. Capable of playing either in the centre of defence or midfield, entering his 4th season with Bassett, having played 85 times, scoring 4 goals since joining in 20-21. Started his career with Swindon Town, captaining their youth team before going on to make 4 First Team appearances in 2002-03. After his release in the summer of 2004, he joined Conference side Tamworth and during a 4-year spell at the club received a call-up to the England National C team. After spending 2008-09 with Worcester City he moved to Supermarine in the summer of 2009 and was part of their squad that reached the FA Cup 2nd round. Forced to stop playing due to a back injury during the 2014-15 campaign but he returned to action in 2017-18, splitting his time between Shrivenham and Supermarine over the course of 3 seasons before moving to Bassett.	
 **Jack Hobson-McVeigh**	Experienced, cultured central midfielder, entering his 2nd season with Bassett having joined from Malmesbury Vics. Cool in possession with excellent distribution skills, the midfielder is also a threat from set pieces and has the knack for producing spectacular goals. A New Zealand national who represented his country in the 2009 U17 World Cup in which he scored a spectacular goal against Turkey, helping the Kiwis reach the last 16. Has played at the highest level in his home country too. Moved to Germany in 2016 and played as high as the fifth tier with Dusseldorf West and SC Union Nettetal. He then moved to England, joining Malmesbury in 20-21 after a brief spell with Cirencester Town. In his first season with Bassett, Hobson-McVeigh scored 5 times in 36 games.	**Steve Green**
 **Scott Chilcott**	Dependable full back entering his 3rd season with Bassett after joining from Shrivenham. Consistent performer who is tough in the tackle and willing to get forward to help out in attack. Primarily a right back, but can also perform effectively at centre half, as well as centre forward when required. Player with plenty of Hellenic experience, initially beginning his career as a forward, featuring for Highworth Town Res before establishing himself as a first team regular with Malmesbury Vics in 2013-14. He spent the following 3 seasons with Fairford, featuring 30 times in their 2016-17 Div One West title winning campaign. After a year with Pewsey in 2017-18, he moved to Shrivenham where he played the next 3 years before joining Bassett. In his first season at Bassett, he played in 26 games. He then added 31 appearances last season, scoring three goals in a 4 game spell when plugged into a forward role.	**Mike Price**

Player	Biography	Sponsor
 **Jowan Partridge**	Recent graduate of Bassett's U18 team. Extremely talented young defender who is comfortable at either centre half or half back. Calm and assured when in possession, an excellent distributor of the ball and his anticipation and ability to read the game make him an ultra-composed defender. Joined Bassett's U18 side in 2021-22 and quickly stood as a star player and his performances earned the attention of Men's First Team manager Sam Collier, making his debut as a substitute in an FA Vase win against Downton before appearing twice more. Last season saw him earn his first start in an away win at Mangotsfield and in all he featured 29 times and was named Bassett's Young Player of the Year, the defender also narrowly missed out on selection for English Schools FA U18 Schoolboys' squad, reaching the final trial.	
 **Kai Robinson**	An unsung hero of the team. An energetic, tough-tackling central midfielder who is entering his 7th year with Bassett. Initially joined the club at the start of the 17-18 season and was one of Bassett's leading appearance makers that year, playing 36 times and scoring once. His appearances were more limited over the nextt 4 seasons. However over the past 18 months Robinson has played a key role in the heart of midfield. His performances over 43 games in 22-23 earning him joint Manager's Player of the Year honours. Has played 132 times for Bassett, scoring twice. Initially joined Bassett from Wantage Town, with whom he gained Southern League experience during the Alfredians' difficult 16-17 campaign.	AARON OAKLEY UEFA LICENSED FOOTBALL COACHING
 **Chris Taylor**	A vastly experienced central midfielder who is entering his 4th season with Bassett. A classy operator, who is supremely confident on the ball, possesses excellent distribution and superb fitness, he has featured 81 times, scoring twice, since making his Bassett debut in 2020-21. Joined Bassett after 4 years at Highworth, during which he helped them achieve promotion to the Southern League. However, it is with Swindon Supermarine that he spent most of his career. An England U15 international in his youth, he featured 4 times for Swindon Town in 2002-03 before being released in 2006. He then joined Supermarine making 355 appearances over the course of 9 seasons. He has also played for Newport County, Maidenhead Utd, Cirencester Town, Hungerford Town and Australian side Dandenong Thunder.	
 **Spencer Bowen**	A talented young player who is aiming to break through and establish a regular place in the First Team this season. A left-sided player capable of playing either in defence or midfield, he possesses great skill and is a strong passer of the ball. Starred for Bassett's U18 side as they finished as Wiltshire League Floodlit Division runners-up last season. Earning both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards, he made 20 appearances, scoring one goal. He also featured twice for the Development team before making his First Team debut as a substitute in a 3-0 home win against Hereford Pegasus. Bowen went on to make another five appearances from the bench.	LOCAL LEASE LTD
 **Sam Packer**	Cultured midfielder with the ability to change the outcome of a game. Re-joins Bassett having moved back to the UK after a period abroad. A tenacious player with clever movement, an eye for a pass and a willingness to take opponents on, he is capable of turning the game from defence to attack very quickly. Initially joined Bassett in 2011 from Highworth, where he had been a key feature of their successful reserve team. After a strong start to the 2011/12 season, he left for then-Southern League Abingdon Utd. There he played a vital role in helping them survive relegation. In the summer of 2012 he moved to Cirencester Town. With the Centurions he featured 21 times, scoring 4 goals but returned to Bassett the following season, making 13 appearances and scoring once, before moving to Shrivenham for 2014/15. He was back with Bassett a season later, scoring 4 goals in 40 appearances before adding 6 in 32 games in 2016/17. In 2017/18 - his last full season with Bassett - he registered his best haul of goals yet, scoring ten times in 22 matches. Overall, Packer has played 159 times for Bassett, scoring 31 times.	
 **Flynn Walters**	Promising young forward who made his Men's First Team debut last season. Skillful, with good pace and an assured finisher, he was a part of the Under 18 Floodlit team who finished as Wiltshire League Floodlit Division runners-up in each of the last two seasons. He registered twice in 13 games for the U18s in 2021-22 before playing a more significant role in 2022-23 as he scored eight times in 21 games. His performances saw him earn a place in the club's senior Men's sides last season too. Walters featured five times for the Development team and made his First Team debut as a substitute against Chipping Sodbury Town, scoring the final goal to cap a 4-1 victory.	**Matt Paul**
 **Alfie Presley**	A hugely talented attacking midfielder who re-joins Bassett after very brief spells with Corsham Town and Abingdon United at the start of this season. Boasting skill, speed and strength, the willingness to take defenders on and expert delivery, his performances have seen him earn Player of the Year awards for Bassett in two different seasons. In 2019-20 Presley was crowned both Manager's Player and Players' Player of the Year, while in 2022-23 he earned Supporters' Player of the Year. Presley is a player who has the ability to play effectively across the entire front line - be that out wide or as a number nine or ten. He also has an eye for goal, netting 24 times in 80 appearances for Bassett, including 15 last season. Presley first played for Bassett in 2016-17, making a single appearance in a season in which he also briefly featured for Marlborough Town in the Wiltshire League. In blue and yellow last season he enjoyed his best year in front of goal to date.	

Player		Biography	Sponsor
	**Tommy Ouldridge**	A mercurial attacking midfielder entering his 3rd full season with the club. Capable of playing on either wing or through the middle. Talented player who possesses great skill, the ability to pick out any pass, an excellent delivery and an eye for goal. Came through Swindon Town's youth system but never made a first team appearance. Released by Swindon after loan spells at Chippenham and Cirencester in 17-18. Started the 18-19 campaign with Hungerford before moving back to Cirencester where he spent the majority of the next 2 seasons. Played 6 times for Bassett in 20-21, scoring 3. A season later, he featured 41 times, scoring 7. Injuries frustrated him last season, but still made 30 appearances, contributing 5 goals.	**AFC Mannington**
	**Bailey Gallagher**	Graduate of Bassett's youth section. Highly skilful attacking midfielder who can play on either wing, he boasts a great turn of pace and is not afraid to take players on. With his trickery and pace, Gallagher is exceptionally difficult to defend against and he also has the knack for producing spectacular goals.impressed in his first full season playing at Hellenic Prem level. Bassett's leading outfield appearance maker in 2021-22, he featured 44 times, scoring 9 goals. Last season he added another 7 goals in 47 matches.	**Ethan Price**
	**Harry Pickering**	Pickering is a highly-rated young goalkeeper who joins Bassett this season from Melksham Town. A player who has represented Wiltshire at Under 18 level, his performances helped Melksham Under 18s finish as unbeaten winners of the Wiltshire League Floodlit Division in 2018-19. That year he also made his debut for Melksham Reserves in the Wiltshire Senior League Premier Division before serving as their first choice 'keeper in each of the last three seasons, as well as being backup for their first team in the Southern League.	
	**George Staten**	Returning to the club this year after being away at university, Staten is a talented player who is a product of Bassett's youth section. Possessing great pace and a great left foot, he is capable of playing either in midfield or at full back. Staten made his debut in senior football with Bassett in 2017-18. Spending the majority the season playing for the Development team, he scored three goals, while winning the Manager's Player of the Year award. His impressive displays were enough to earn a call-up to the first team towards the end of the campaign. In all he made five appearances, winning man of the match on his debut against Abingdon United. A year later he scored six goals in 17 Development team appearances and was again named as Manager's Player of the Year. Staten briefly appeared for the Development side in 2022-23 too, playing three times.	**Hello Loveli Photography**
	**Alan Griffin**	A high quality target man who enjoyed a distinguished playing career in non-league football. Now entering his 2nd season as Bassett's assistant manager. Initially joined for the 21-22 season as a player, scoring 16 times in 32 appearances before joining the coaching staff. While taking on his current role, Griffin has continued to play, featuring 38 times last season (34 appearances coming from the bench) and adding 5 goals. As a player, Griffin is an assured finisher, strong in the air and capable of effectively holding up the ball. He made a prolific start to his playing career with Corsham in the Western League, and soon moved onto Southern League football, plying his trade with Cirencester, Chippenham, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield Utd, S.Supermarine and Bristol Manor Farm. He spent most of his career with Chippenham and was part of their 16-17 promotion winning squad that saw the Bluebirds earn National League South status. In 18-19 he hit 26 goals for Cirencester as they finished runners-up in Southern League Division One South. Joined Bassett after splitting the 19-20 season between Melksham Town and Malmebsury Victoria. Griffin also has prior managerial experience having spent time in charge of Malmesbury.	**John & Kath Fellows**
	**Connor Waldon**	Waldon is a well-travelled forward with professional experience who joins Bassett this season. A player who came through the ranks at Swindon Town, Waldon made eight appearances for the Robins - including three starts - between 2013 and 2015. He also had numerous loan spells during his time at Swindon, including in the National League with Tamworth, Gloucester City and Brackley Town. Following his release, Waldon joined Swindon Supermarine (where he had also been on loan), and over the course of three spells with Marine he scored 34 goals in 73 matches. Waldon has also had spells with Mangotsfield United and North Leigh in the Southern League while he has featured for Highworth Town, Shrivenham and Chipping Sodbury Town in the Hellenic League.	**Phil Hall**
	**Sam Collier (Manager)**	Bassett manager since taking the role in January 2018. In 18-19, his first full season in charge, he guided the team to 10th in the Hellenic Premier Division - at that point, the club's highest ever finish. Bassett exceeded that record last season with a 5th place finish. Bassett have also set records in national cup competitions under his stewardship, with Collier's sides equalling the club's best FA Cup run in 20-21 and going further than ever before in the FA Vase, reaching the 3rd round in both 21-22 and 22-23. This is Collier's 2nd job in management after he served as Shrivenham player-manager from 2014 to 2015. As a player, he has made 159 appearances for Bassett, scoring 71, finishing as top scorer in 09-10, when Bassett earned promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, and 10-11. Collier has played in almost every other position for Bassett · including as goalkeeper, making a last minute penalty save in 22-23 to preserve a point against eventual champions Cribbs. During his playing career, he also featured for Purton, Abingdon Utd, Cirencester Town, Wantage T and Thatcham T among others.	**Phil Hall**
	**Lee Beavis (Coach)**	Beavis is a new addition to joins Bassett's Men's First Team management team for this season. A strong defender in his playing days, Beavis featured for Bassett during the first half of the 2006-07 season under then-manager Paul Burke. He also played for Devizes Town, Calne Town, Melskham Town and Malmesbury Victoria among others.	

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Ellis Parker
Goalkeeper
Good young prospect that has returned to the club after a year away at Cinderford Town. Came through the Under 18s and reserve sides and now looking to establish himself as the clubs number 1.

Evan Coombs
Goalkeeper
Current U/18s keeper looking to gain experience working with the first team and has the potential to push Ellis for the number one spot this year.

Ben Hands
Defender
A strong lad at the heart of the defence also plays in a defensive midfield role and capable of chipping in a few goals returning for his third season with the Swans. Previous clubs include Longlevens and Cinderford Town.

Nathan Dennis
Defender
Has made a huge impact in the central defence in the last two seasons, big old school style defender who puts himself about at both ends of the pitch.

Charlie Hitchings
Defender
With over 400 games behind him at Southern and Western League level, will bring a huge amount of experience in the centre of defence.

Ben Prictor
Defender
Experienced Southern and Hellenic League defender in his third spell with the club, likes getting forward down the flanks.

Joe Hunt
Defender
Former Cheltenham Town youth player who likes getting forward down the flanks signed on dual registration with Malvern Town, also played for Evesham United and Worcester City.

Bogdan Mara
Defender
A comfortable young defender and a product of the very successful SGS college in Bristol.

Craig Mills
Defender
A strong powerful Centre back, who is good in the air. Previous clubs include Shortwood, Brimscombe and more recently Frampton United.

Myron Turner
Midfield
Brings a calmness and solid feel to the midfield, very popular and dependable member of the squad and among the supporters here at Thornhill Park. In his seventh season with the Swans having previously played for Longlevens.

Jack Smith
Midfield
Member of last season's successful U18/s team who has impressed during preseason and has a good future ahead of him with the Swans.

Marley Thomas
Midfield
In his third spell with the Swans having made over 150 appearances with the club . The pacy winger is another fans favourite and looking to continue his goal scoring touch after spells away at Evesham United and Cinderford Town.

Sam Blackie
Midfield
Vastly experienced at Hellenic and Southern League level rejoining the club from Bishops Cleeve. Sam is a skilful midfielder who is effective at both ends of the pitch, also played at local neighbours Brimscome and Thrupp.

Theo Clayson
Midfield
Another product of last year's successful U/18s team who broke through into the first team towards the end of the season. Going to play an important part in this season's team

Edjija Mbunga
Striker
Pacey striker who can be a real handful in and around the penalty area.

Tyler Jaggers
Striker
Young enthusiastic winger who has bags of pace, progressed from the U/18's and looking to progress further into the first team.

Rudi McKinnon

Striker

Talented young striker joined the club part way through last year and looking to establish himself as a regular in the team this season. Previous clubs include Longlevens, Tuffley, Yate Town and Cribbs

Will Hawes

Striker

Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player in his sixth season at Thornhill Park and is destined continue to score plenty more this season. Off the field Will is also the clubs Welfare Officer.

George Neill

Striker

Joined the Swans this season from Chipping Sodbury where he scored a hat full of goals last year. Another good young prospect that enhances the squad.

Romaine Campbell

Striker

Another former U18/s and reserve team player looking to break into the first team this season after returning from a long term injury after a good start playing for Thornbury Town last season

Slimbridge
Staff Profiles

Tom Deakin
Joint Manager
Deaks joined Slimbridge two seasons ago as first team coach and promoted to joint manager during last season. He arrived from Forest Green Rovers after 2 years with the academy and 14 years in total having also coached at Brimscombe and Thrupp working with both the first team and development sides.

Adam Coyle
Joint Manager
Adam is a long term servant with the club joining from the county youth scene to set up and manage the successful Under 18's youth team and more recently managing the reserve side. Has bags of coaching experience and brings a new dimension to the first team.

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.

Nathan Hartfield
Sports Therapist

Dave Bees
GK Coach / Kit Man

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Slimbridge
Club History

In The Beginning
The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for its Bird Sanctuary, but 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, when the team were 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.

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.
It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road (Now renamed as Thornhill Park) became the club's home, and it subsequently became the legal property of the club after former player, and ex-Chairman of the club, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed the land to the Club in his Will, with the Club becoming legal owners in 1960. It was to prove an incredibly valuable treasure in future years.

Point Of Collapse
By 1988, the club had fallen on hard times, 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. Paul Chappell was to remain a vital part of the club until his retirement from his duties in 2020.

Start Of A New Reign
As playing standards improved, 2000 saw the completion of the building of a long awaited Social Club in an area of the ground that in it's old life had housed a cowshed. John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, joined the club as Chairman, and he remains a committed supporter of the club to this day as Club President. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager, and the club began a period of upward momentum.

The team achieved a Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, and were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven point margin in 2002/03. A creditable fourth place finish was achieved in the Hellenic Premier League in 2003/04. In a marvellous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

Arrival Of Floodlights

Floodlights arrived at the ground in the summer of 2003. 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 game under lights at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground attendance 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. The club also made their first appearance in the F.A. Vase, which resulted in a run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at Western League side Backwell United.

In February 2005, 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. 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 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 achieved a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier, and 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

The Club's Reserve side were also making progress - After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005/06 saw them 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 to be 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.

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.

In the Hellenic Premier Division, bad weather, which led to a record number of postponements during the subsequently extended season, led to half a seasons fixtures being 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

As a result of winning the league after an inspiring final day victory, and the upgrade to the ground facilities at Wisloe Road, the club were promoted into the BGB Southern League Division One Midlands for Season 2007/08, however, there was a twist to come in the tale.

Return To A New Beginning

On July 10th 2007 the club decided not to take up the promotion, and effectively, the first team took over the position in the pyramid occupied by the reserve team, which was disbanded.

The First Team reverted back to the Gloucester Northern Senior League. This meant a severe upheaval in the club both on and off the field with the manager Doug Foxwell and several senior players moving on the pastures new.

However, a loyal band of players stayed on including James Cole, who over as player manager with assistance from long term club captain Leon Sterling to begin the next stage of the club's journey.

Climb Back Up The Ladder

Four promotions followed as the club regained their previous status. James Cole handed over to Leon Sterling, who moved into the Manager's role, with Leon joined as Assistant Manager by long time Slimbridge stalwart Freddy Ward. The two guided the side to three top six finishes in their first three seasons back in the Hellenic Premier.

Switching Leagues

After the completion of the 2012-13 season, the Swans applied for a transfer to the Toolstation Western Premier League in an effort to reduce prohibitive travelling costs, a move which was 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 in their first season, the highest level the club had ever achieved at that time in their history. Prior to the commencement of that campaign, John Mack had stepped back from Chairman duties and his position was taken up by Barry Gay.

Welcome To Thornhill Park

At the start of the 2016-17 season, and prior to our pre-season friendly fixture with neighbours Forest Green Rovers, the football ground in Wisloe Road was formally renamed to Thornhill Park in recognition of the marvellous gift we received from Evil Thornhill 46 years earlier.

Evi's son, Tony and his late 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.

Onwards and Upwards

A difficult two seasons of struggle at a higher level saw the eventual departure of Leon Sterling as Manager, with Freddy Ward stepping up to the plate, assisted by local footballing legend Lee Driver-Dickerson. With Freddy then stepping aside to concentrate on his last few years of playing having steadied the Swans' ship, 'Drive' took over the reins as Manager of the first team.

The Club's previous ground attendance record was smashed on 4th February 2017, when 898 fans saw the side suffer a 3-0 defeat to Hereford FC, who were working their way back up the league pyramid following their reformation after the collapse of Hereford United

Prior to the Covid suspension of football in March 2020, the Under 18s and the Reserves were top of their respective leagues, while the first team were sitting in 12th place in the Southern League Division One South, the highest placing in the history of the football club. Although the FA has made the season's results null and void, they have been officially added to club statistics and all appearances and goals will stand in our records as

a permanent tribute to all who represented the club in a fantastic season in the strangest of all campaigns.

The 2021-22 Season saw the departure of Driver-Dickerson, who decided to accept an opportunity to move to Evesham United, and the assistant team of former Swans' legend Tom Speers and Adam Coyle took over the reins, assisted by Tom Deakin and Tom Hitchens.

Return to the Hellenic League

The 2022-23 season was a very difficult one for the side resulting in the departure of Speers in February 2023 with the side having achieved only four victories at that point. Adam Coyle and Tom Deakin moved into the Management role, but the season resulted in relegation and a return to the Hellenic League for the 2023-24 Season.

On a brighter note, the Under 18s side had a historic Double winning season, winning the S.Tuier and Son Cup, beating Bishops Cleeve at Evesham United's ground, before clinching the Cheltenham Floodlit league title and the double on a memorable night a few days later at Tuffley Rovers.



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