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Season 2025-26

Fixtures

Date	Time	Fixture	H/A	Opponent
Sat 29 Nov 25	15:00	League	H	Mangotsfield United
Sat 06 Dec 25	15:00	FA Vase R3	H	Amesbury Town
Wed 10 Dec 25	19:45	County Cup	A	Longlevens AFC
Sat 13 Dec 25	15:00	Marsh Cup R4	H	Westfields
Sat 20 Dec 25	15:00	League	A	Cinderford Town
Sat 27 Dec 25	15:00	League	H	Lydney Town
Sat 03 Jan 26	15:00	League	H	Worcester Raiders
Sat 10 Jan 26	15:00	League	A	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Sat 17 Jan 26	15:00	League	H	Highworth Town
Sat 24 Jan 26	15:00	League	H	Fairford Town
Sat 31 Jan 26	15:00	League	A	Hallen
Sat 07 Feb 26	15:00	League	H	Royal Wootton Bassett Town
Sat 14 Feb 26	15:00	League	A	Pershore Town
Sat 21 Feb 26	15:00	League	H	Corsham Town
Sat 28 Feb 26	15:00	League	A	Hereford Pegasus
Sat 07 Mar 26	15:00	League	H	Droitwich Spa
Sat 14 Mar 26	15:00	League	A	Mangotsfield United
Sat 21 Mar 26	15:00	League	A	Thornbury Town
Sat 28 Mar 26	15:00	League	H	Cribbs FC
Fri 04 Apr 25	15:00	League	A	Cirencester Town
Mon 06 Apr 26	15:00	League	A	Tuffley Rovers
Sat 11 Apr 26	15:00	League	A	Roman Glass St George
Sat 18 Apr 26	15:00	League	H	Longlevens AFC

Season 2025-26

Results

Date	Match	H/A	Opposition	Result	Att
Tue 29 Jul 25	League	H	Cirencester Town	3-2	203
Sat 02 Aug 25	FA Cup Extra Prelim	A	Corsham Town	1-0	125
Tue 05 Aug 25	League	A	Fairford Town	1-1	148
Sat 09 Aug 25	League	H	Hallen	2-1	142
Tue 12 Aug 25	League	H	Cinderford Town	2-0	178
Sat 16 Aug 25	FA Cup Prelim	A	Portishead Town	6-2	260
Tue 19 Aug 25	League	A	Droitwich Spa	6-0	267
Sat 23 Aug 25	League	A	Lydney Town	1-0	87
Sat 30 Aug 25	FA Cup 1Q	H	Dorchester Town	0-1	287
Sat 06 Sept 25	League	H	Pershore Town	5-0	105
Sat 13 Sept 25	League	A	Highworth Town	4-1	102
Sat 20 Sept 25	FAV 2Q	A	Longlevens	4-4*	120
Tue 23 Sept 25	League	H	Westfields	3-4	143
Sat 27 Sept 25	League	H	Roman Glass St George	2-2	114
Sat 04 Oct 25	League	A	Cribbs	3-2	65
Fri 10 Oct 25	League	H	Thornbury Town	1-0	266
Tue 14 Oct 25	League	A	Worcester Raiders	1-0	80
Sat 18 Oct 25	FA Vase R1	H	Wells City	3-2	145
Sat 25 Oct 25	League	A	Corsham Town	2-3	137
Tue 28 Oct 25	League	H	Tuffley Rovers	3-0	174
Sat 01 Nov 25	Marsh Cup R3	H	Corsham Town	3-1	110
Sat 08 Nov 25	FA Vase R2	A	Ivybridge Town	5-0	236
Sat 15 Nov 25	League	A	Longlevens	0-1	128
Tue 18 Nov 25	Floodlit Cup R3	A	Westfields	2-3	79
Sat 22 Nov 25	League	H	Hereford Pegasus	3-1	82
Tue 25 Nov 25	League	A	Westfields	3-0	111

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A BRIEF HISTORY



The 2025/26 season will mark Mangotsfield's fourth year competing at step 5, following a total of 22 seasons as a Southern League club, which includes the annulled 2019/20 and 20/21 seasons. After spending thirteen seasons in the "Pitchin In" Southern Football League Division One South, the club previously achieved a 9th place finish in 2009/10, 3rd in 2010/11 (though they lost the play-off semi-final 1-3 to Frome Town), 14th in 2011/12, 13th in 2012/13, 11th in 2013/14, 10th in 2014/15, 14th in 2015/16, 8th in 2016/17, and 16th in both 2017/18 and 2018/19. After the two-year "Covid gap", Mangotsfield ended the 2021/22 season in 18th place (out of 19 teams) and were automatically relegated to the Hellenic League Premier Division.

Football has been played in the village since 1888, and four years later, Mangotsfield FC became a founding member of the Bristol & District League (which later evolved into the Western Football League in 1895), but the club ceased operations after a decade. From 1898 until the 1950s, Mangotsfield FC was disbanded and reformed multiple times. In January 1951, the parent club eliminated the Reserve XI for financial reasons, leaving many local players without a team. These players chose to establish a new club in the village, and at the beginning of the 1951-52 season, the newly formed Mangotsfield United FC was entered into the Bristol & District League, Division VII. They achieved five consecutive promotions and gained entry to the Bristol & District Premier Combination in 1957.

The club remained in that league until the 1972-73 season when it was accepted into the Western League. During the 1970s, the club became established in the Western League, and despite being relegated to the first division in 1981-82, "The Field," as they were affectionately known, quickly bounced back the following season. Under the leadership of the charismatic Ralph Miller, who served as Chairman and took on the responsibility of enhancing the ground and its facilities, the club became a formidable presence in the Premier, frequently competing for top positions.

In 1991, the club, under the management of Harold Jarman and with the assistance of Terry Rowles, celebrated regional success by winning the (then) Great Mills League Premier Division title, finishing ahead of the runner-up, Torrington. Unfortunately, they were unable to gain promotion to the Southern League due to their ground not meeting the necessary grading standards, leading to several challenging seasons that resulted in the disbandment of the team.

However, with the election of Richard Davis as Chairman, improvements began to take shape off the pitch. In 1995, Terry Rowles returned to take over the management of the club and kept them in the public eye by consistently achieving top three or four finishes in the Great Mills/Screwfix League, along with a notable appearance in the FA Vase semi-final, where they were defeated by Clitheroe. Nevertheless, their aspirations for promotion and participation in Southern League football were persistently hindered by the ongoing successes of Taunton and Tiverton Town. It was deemed crucial to establish a solid operational foundation, enhance ground facilities, and secure a long-term lease on their Cossham Street ground.

A BRIEF HISTORY CONTINUED

In earlier years, the partnership between Roger Pullin and Richard Davis witnessed numerous enhancements, including the installation of Conference-style floodlights. By the conclusion of the 2003/04 season, the Cossham Street end of the ground was covered, alongside the addition of new toilet facilities and improvements to the social club. Former player Andy Black returned to the club as Manager in 1999, leading the team to promotion to the Dr. Martens Southern League and achieving three successful campaigns. However, the 2003/04 season did not unfold favorably, and just prior to Christmas, Black was succeeded by Martyn Grimshaw. Towards the end of the season, Nigel Webb joined as his Assistant, but the club could only secure a 13th place finish, which fell short of the expectations for the planned restructuring of the Pyramid.

The management duo prioritized promotion in the 2004/05 season, and the club led the table for the majority of the campaign, ultimately claiming the Division One West title with an impressive 21-match unbeaten streak. After 28 seasons at the Western League level, the club had only spent five seasons at the Southern League level before advancing to the Premier Division. In April/May 2005, Roger Pullin departed from the club, and Mike Richardson assumed the role of Chairman with a new Board.

Now sometimes referred to as 'The Mangos', the 2020/21 season commenced with Glyn Ashton at the helm. He had previously managed the U18s Floodlit Youth team but took on the role of temporary Manager in 2019/20 following the unexpected exit of Manager Ollie Price, bringing in nearly his entire U18s squad. Glyn resumed his position managing the U18/Reserves team at the start of the 2021/22 season, while Ray Johnston, along with assistant Terry Moore, took over the first team management responsibilities. However, Glyn returned to the managerial position after the departure of Ray and Terry due to some disappointing performances and results. The club regrettably could not "avoid the drop," concluding the season in 18th position out of 19 teams.

During the summer of 2022, Chairman Mike Richardson was succeeded by Steve Brown, a new committee was established, and with a fresh commercial team in place, the club embarked on an exhilarating new chapter in its history.

In the 2022/23 season, Glyn Ashton resumed his managerial role after a brief tenure by John Allen and Josh Bruton. "The Field" ultimately secured an 11th place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division during their inaugural season at that level, triumphing in the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup on their first attempt. In the 2023/24 season, the anticipated improvement in league standing was not realized as the team finished in 13th place; however, they achieved further cup success by winning the Gloucester Challenge Trophy.

After several years of diligent efforts behind the scenes, planning permission for a 3G pitch at Cossham Street was finally approved. With deep appreciation to the Hellenic League, last season, "The Field" played all of their away matches (with the exception of one) during the first half of the season while construction was underway, and all their home games on the new 3G pitch at Cossham Street in the latter half of the season. The team finished the league in fourth place but fell short of promotion, losing to Sporting Inkberrow in the playoff semi-finals.

MANGOTSFIELD UNITED SQUAD 2025/26

1. GOALKEEPER



ELLIS PARKER

This will mark Ellis's third season with Mangotsfield after leaving Cinderford Town. He has a history of playing for Slimbridge AFC and the Chippenham Town Academy. Moreover, he was once a youth player at Bristol City. Before these experiences, he was a member of the Mangotsfield Juniors U10s and received training at the Bristol Inner City Academy.

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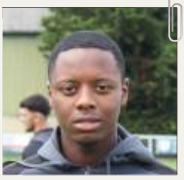
2. RIGHT BACK



STUART TOVEY

Stuart is an experienced defender with a rich background in the Southern League, having played for clubs such as Bristol Manor Farm, Paulton Rovers, Chippenham Town, and Larkhall Athletic. Renowned for his tenacious tackling style, he possesses inherent leadership qualities that will greatly benefit our younger players.

3. LEFT BACK



JEFFREY BARIMAH

This is his second stint at Mansfield United after gaining a short-term professional contract in Sweden. Jeff is a product of Bristol Inner City Academy and the SGS programme and is a talented young player who is strong, quick and good on the ball and has made a significant impact to the squad during the 2024-2025 season

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4. CENTRE MID



AIDAN SANFELICE

Aidan joins us for his first full season at the club having joined towards the end of last season from local rivals Roman Glass where he made 30 appearances. He has also played for local club Longwell Green. Aidan is a disciplined holding midfield player who has a great knack for being in the right place at the right time and makes the game look easy.

5. CENTRE BACK



JACOB SPENCE

Jacob joins us from Bristol Manor Farm, where he showcased his skills last season. Standing tall, he is a seasoned defender with experience from clubs like Cribbs. Spence has featured for Ashton & Backwell, and Bridgwater United

6. CENTER BACK



AARON PARSONS

An experienced defender who has competed at the Southern League level, Aaron has represented numerous local clubs, including Yate Town, Larkhall Athletic, Melksham, Swindon Super Marine, and Weston Super Mare. brings stability to the back line..

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7. WING BACK



KYREESE MORRISON

Has competed at the Southern League level with Mangotsfield, Cribbs, and Taunton Town. Additionally, he has played for Bath City. Known for his forward play, he excels in both assisting team mates and scoring goals.

8. MIDFIELDER

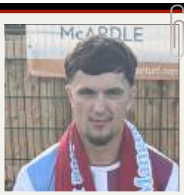


JOE PORTON

A 23-year-old Welshman is embarking on his third season with "The Mangos," having joined us from Melksham Town. He plays as a central midfielder and was previously registered with Bristol City. He competed for City at both the U18 and U21 levels and represented his country at the U17 level in 2019.

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9. CENTRE FORWARD



GEORGE NEILL

George has played for Mangotsfield at the Southern League level and spent some time with Slimbridge AFC before returning to our team last season. He also played at SGS College, where he achieved numerous awards during his college career.

10. MIDFIELDER



JAMES WHITE

"Jimmer" became part of the team two seasons ago and swiftly established himself as a key player in the starting XI. He is a midfield player with experience at this level of football. His previous clubs include Bristol Manor Farm, Hallen, and Almondsbury.

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11. WINGER



JOSH JENKINS

Josh joins us from Roman Glass where he has been for the last two seasons. Josh is an attacking player who can score and create goals and has an excellent first touch and control.

12. DEFENDER



ARCHIE MORRIS

Archie is a defender who joined us from Welton Rovers two seasons ago and brings valuable experience to the squad in spite of his young age. Archie is a brilliant player for the squad as he can play in a number of different positions across the back line and in midfield, and is a Born winner

14. WINGER



MICHAEL BARRY

Another member of our team who progressed through the SGS College setup. He joined us from Stoke Gifford in 2023. While he may be the smallest player on the team, he is probably the quickest. Extremely difficult to defend against, he isn't afraid to take on opponents directly, and has an accurate pass.

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15. CENTRE BACK



MIRCEA ILEA

1. Romanian born known as "Big Mike" is a tall and strong centre back who developed through the SGS college programme. He first joined Mangotsfield in the southern league as an 18 year-old and has also had time at Potton Rovers before returning to Mangotsfield two seasons ago. He is a leader and important member of the squad.

16. STRIKER



HARRISON KYTE

Last season, he played for Clevedon Town after signing from Oldland Abbotonians in July 2024. He began his junior football career at AEK Boco and has also competed in the Western League for Bitton. With substantial experience at this level, he has the talent to break through defenses with his creativity and imagination.

17. MIDFIELDER



BEN SHEPPARD

A robust player who like many of our squad has been with the club for many years through our youth setup. .Continually developing Ben has a great passing range and is good in the air. He has become an important member of the squad and has played lot of games since coming into the first team squad at the start of last season.

18. WINGER



WILL ASHTON

Son of manager Glyn Ashton, he missed a significant portion of last season due to injury but is poised to establish himself as a first-choice player for the upcoming season. He has progressed through the Mangotsfield youth program and the local SGS college system.

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19. MIDFIELDER

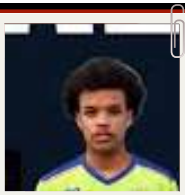


COSMO BROWNE

A standout young player who showcased his skills for England in the ECFA National Teams for 2024/25, scoring twice for his squad. Cos is a product of our youth development program and has also gained valuable experience at the local SGS College.

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20. STRIKER



ROMIAH NEVERS

An accomplished player recognized for his time with multiple clubs in the Western League, such as AEK Boco and Nailsea & Tickenham. He is a robust forward, adept at playing as a centre-forward, who aims to make runs behind the defense while effectively holding up the ball. He is also well-known for his goal-scoring ability.

21. DEFENDER



RUDY HILL

Rudy is a strong and disciplined defender that is equally comfortable playing wingback and also getting forward into attacking areas to create and score goals. He is a product of our youth system and has stepped up to this level of football having played for Stoke Gifford in the county league last season becoming one of their most important players

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MANAGER

In his third tenure managing the first team squad, many players have risen through the junior ranks under his guidance. He played a crucial role in securing funding for our pitch enhancements.

GLYN ASHTON

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ASSITANT MANAGER

Matt possesses an extensive amount of knowledge and has collaborated with Glyn for several years. He plays a crucial role on the management team and is instrumental in conducting post-match assessments.

MATT CURRY



COACH

Joined the management team at Mangotsfield at the start of last season after transitioning from Oldland Abbotonians. With extensive experience at Steps 5 and 6, Nic has become an integral member of Glyn Ashton's management team.

NIC MANN



COACH

Originating from our Youth Programme, Matt provides a Pathway between the U18s he manages, and our Senior Side. Into his 3rd year as part Glyn Ashton's backroom staff, his support has been a valuable asset.

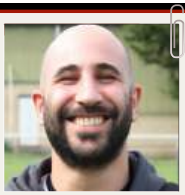
MATT DOE



KITMAN

John is a valuable member of the management team, and a true clubman. Helping on pitch preparation, kit, match-balls etc. He has been at the club for over twenty years. He played Western league football in his playing days and has appeared for Cadbury Heath & Oldland, amongst others

JOHN HOUSE



PHYSIO

Experienced Physio who joined us at the beginning of last season. Was introduced to us through our ladies football team where he was involved with the team at Oldland Abbotonians. Forever smiling and one of the nicest people you will ever meet.

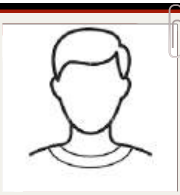
NIKOS AVANTINIS



22 WINGER

A product of the Bristol Inner city Academy, who joined the Bristol City Academy at the age of 14.A technically gifted player. George has matured on and off the pitch and improved the areas of his game which has aided his progression to the next level. Certainly a player to look out for.

GEORGE KILLICK



23 WINGER

Arron joins this season having played the whole of last season for Stoke Gifford in the county league. Arron joins a squad through our connection with SGS college and in preseason has proved himself to be a quick strong dynamic midfielder who shows a lot of enthusiasm and endeavour through his performances. He is definitely a player who will develop with the squad this season and will play an important role in our progress.

ARRON SWEETE



26 MIDFIELDER

Wardy is another product of our successful Youth Development Programme. He's gained valuable experience recently with Welton Rovers since returning from a serious injury.

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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.

Now in their third season in the Hellenic League, Tom Deakin has assumed the role of Team Manager following Adam Coyle's decision to step back from the position during the 2024-25 Season, with Mike Palmer confirmed as his new co-manager and Ben Powell as their assistant and Sam Prior as coach.

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